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Winnipeg Métis Association - 2023 Annual Regional Meeting Minutes
Canad Inns – Club Regent - 1415 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 3B2
Date: June 11, 2023 - Meeting Called to Order: 9:30am

Opening Prayer: Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric

1.0 – Attendance

1) Vice-President and Regional Directors

- a) Minister Andrew Carrier
- b) Minister JoAnne Remillard
- c) Minister David Beaudin

2) Cabinet

- a) Minister Anita Campbell
- b) Minister John Fleury
- c) Minister Judy Mayer
- d) Minister Shawn Nault
- e) Minister Mona Buors
- f) Minister Richard Genaille
- g) Minister Jack Park
- h) Minister Denise Thomas

3) Departments and Affiliates

- a) Information and Technology (IT)
- b) Health and Wellness
- c) Economic and Community Development
- d) Red River Métis Veterans
- e) Human Resources
- f) Central Registry Office
- g) Louis Riel Capital Corporation
- h) Provincial Education
- i) Early Learning and Child Care
- j) Métis Employment and Training
- k) Métis Child and Family Services
- l) Communications



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4) Special Guests:

- a) MNP- Financial Report, Mr. Terryl Luhowy
- b) Elder- Mrs. Linda St. Cyr – Saric
- c) Infinity Women Secretariat – Winnipeg Region Rep Adrienne Carriere
- d) NDP Candidate for St. Boniface – Robert Loiselle
- e) NDP Candidate for Point Douglas – Bernadette Smith
- f) Mr. David Gray – Chief Electoral Officer

5) Roll Call of Locals:

- a) Bison
- b) Bosco
- c) Conseil Elzéar-Goulet
- d) Heritage Proud
- e) Keenleyside
- f) Kinew Métis Council
- g) Liberty
- h) Lii Michif Otipemisiwak 2SLGBTQ+ & Allies
- i) Métis Elders and Youth
- j) New Horizons
- k) Prairie Buffalo
- l) Redboine
- m) Red River
- n) Seven Oaks Métis Council
- o) St. Norbert Parish La-Barrière Métis Council
- p) Two Spirit Michif
- q) Winnipeg North
- r) Winnipeg West

Quorum Met - Yes

2.0 – Appointment of Chairperson

Motion #01-06-23

Motion to appoint Andrew Carrier as Chairperson

Moved by: Valerie Finney-Willim – Liberty Local

Seconded by: Shelley Moar – Red River Local

Motion: CARRIED



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3.0 – Agenda

Reading of Agenda by the Chairperson

Motion #02-06-23

To accept the Meeting Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Deborah Copple – Kinew Métis Council

Seconded by: Eric Chartrand – Redboine Local

Motion Carried

4.0 – Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes dated October 2, 2022, were read by the Chairperson. Multiple amendments were made.

Motion #03-06-23

Motion to accept the October 2, 2022, minutes as read, with amendments.

Moved by: Doreen Gallagher – Kinew Métis Council

Seconded by: Scott Rear – Bison Local

Motion Carried

5.0 – Greetings from the President

Minister Anita Campbell brought greetings on behalf of President David Chartrand.

- 1) EGA was historic and lots of tears were shed. This is not about cabinet but it's about our children and grandchildren and future generations.
- 2) Housing Programs
 - a) First Time Home Buyers program
 - b) MMF is investing 5.8 million is being invested to build and run the Infinity House of Hope
 - i) To help kids transitioning out of care
 - ii) 14 transitional housing units
- 3) Graduation – Congratulations to all graduates
- 4) Winnipeg Region had the highest number of attendees for the Extraordinary General Assembly
- 5) Winnipeg Region has the highest number of Métis Citizens
- 6) MMF is growing, more locations will be popping up
 - a) We don't have enough space for all staff
 - b) Renovations should be done in the Fall
- 7) President Chartrand has requested a review of all programs that were being run in respect to COVID-19. A multi-year report that will be shared with everyone at the MMF Annual General Assembly (AGA).



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- 8) Cabinet is going on a retreat – 4 days of work – Economic Development is the focus
- 9) Furs purchased – furs are for the artisans
 - a) MMF purchases beadwork from Métis Citizens
 - b) Contact MMF if you need fur
- 10) MMF AGA will be held October 15-17, 2023
- 11) Locals
 - a) Local Capacity Grants
 - i) Locals are encouraged to apply
 - ii) MMF is looking at increasing the amount
 - b) Minutes
 - i) Templates are available to make things easy for the Local Executives
 - c) Urban Planning for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)
 - d) Not many Locals are applying for the funding. Locals need to work with the Winnipeg Region to submit a proposal

Motion #04-06-23

Motion to accept the Presidential Report read by Minister Anita Campbell

Moved by: Lucille Bruce – Prairie Buffalo

Seconded by: Linda Schatkowsky – Métis Elders and Youth Local

Motion Carried

6.0 – Infinity Women's Secretariat (IWS)

Spokeswoman Anita Campbell

- 1) Winnipeg Region had the second largest number of attendees for the Extraordinary General Assembly and IWS came in second.
 - a) Majority of woman registered with IWS come from the Winnipeg Region
- 2) IWS purchases beadwork from Métis Citizens
- 3) IWS has a website, and they are rebuilding it
 - a) Work was given to a Local Métis woman
- 4) IWS encourages you to apply if you identify as a woman
- 5) Child Care Centres
 - a) Looking for a location in Winnipeg to open a childcare centre
 - b) We want to have this available for staff
 - c) Online registrations create barriers for citizens who want to apply for child care who don't have internet or means to travel across the city to a daycare that is not in their area.
- 6) Surveys are coming out, check your junk/spam mail
- 7) Meetings/Events will continue to be held hybrid style
- 8) Looking at developing an online consultation platform



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- a) What are the rules to attending online?
- b) What can we do better?
- 9) Currently working on three strategies:
 - a) Consultation
 - b) Engagement
 - c) Advocacy
- 10) Working with Engagement and Consultation Department to make sure IWS is aligning with what the MMF is doing.
- 11) July 13th and 14th – MMIWG – National Roundtable Event
- 12) Gender Based Violence (GBV)
 - a) 88% of IWS women noted they are facing GBV
- 13) Child Luring
 - a) This is becoming an increasing issue
 - b) We want to educate our woman on what child luring is because many do not know about it.
- 14) Land Based Education Camp
 - a) Participants love it
 - b) Children learned so much at the camp
- 15) IWS was created to advocate, support, and provide resources to Métis women, it didn't girls or 2SLGBTQ and we added them, we want to make sure no one is left out.
- 16) UNDRIP
 - a) Many IWS women provided important feedback and the action plan has been submitted.

Motion #05-06-23

Motion to accept the Infinity Women Secretariat's, Spokeswoman Anita Campbell's report

Moved by: Carolyn Partington – Bosco Local

Seconded by: Yvette Spence – Bosco Local

Motion Carried

Health Break – Cheque Distribution to Local Executives

7.0 – Vice-President and Regional Executive Report

Vice-President Andrew Carrier Report

- 1) Moved to 406 McGregor Street due to renovations at home office. We have now done renovations to add a kitchen area, reception area, and offices for our Regional Coordinator, Finance Officer, and Board of Directors. We have also installed a projector system.
- 2) Roxy Bowling Lanes
 - a) 55+ Senior complex

- b) Main Floor will be dedicated to the Winnipeg Region including the CRO and MET staff
- 3) Louis Riel Child Care Centre
 - a) Infant and preschool centre
 - b) Purchased the property and have started renovations
 - c) The space will create 40 new child care spaces in the city
 - d) The space will create 15 new jobs
 - e) Located at 561 St. Jean Baptiste in St. Boniface
 - f) Tentative January 2024 - Grand opening
 - g) We are training ECE I and ECE II
- 4) Locals
 - a) Pushing Locals to apply for LCG and UPIP funding
 - b) Has attended numerous Local meetings and oversaw the election for eighteen Locals
 - c) Locals are holding cultural programming and the region is proud of it
 - d) Regional staff and summer students have been busy calling members from eleven inactive Locals. Once all of the inactive Locals are empty, we will take the list of inactive Local to Cabinet and request that they are delimited.
 - e) We went from 11 to eighteen active locals in the last 4 years.
- 5) Regional Consultations - Modern Day Treaty
 - a) Over 400 citizens attended on June 3rd and 4th
- 6) Métis Cost of Living Supplement
 - a) Launched in October 2022
 - b) Over 1755 Winnipeg Citizens and families applied and are receiving groceries which serve a total of 2569 Métis Citizens which included 1034 Elders, 915 Adults, and 620 Children.
 - c) Province of Manitoba was hounding MMF for information regarding this program and President Chartrand told them “no”.
 - d) Those that haven’t applied can still get retroactive supplement back to October 2022
- 7) Minister of Agriculture purchased bison for the MMF
 - a) Winnipeg Region received 425 pounds of ground bison
 - i) 110 elders feeding approximately 456 people
 - ii) 2 to 4 pounds per elder
- 8) Winnipeg Region Staff
 - a) Ayleen Santander – Regional Assistant
 - b) Anna Desmarais – Finance Officer
 - c) Dean Mason – Economic Development Officer
 - d) VACANT – Regional Youth Worker
- 9) Individual Youth Sponsorship (IYS)
 - a) Provides \$350 per child, per year, to attend physical and cultural programs
 - b) Winnipeg Region receives 20-50 applications per week



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10) UPIP

- a) Local partners with the Region and provides cultural events

Minister JoAnne Remillard Report

- 1) In 2018, we held our ARM at the St. Louis Centre in St. Boniface and had an attendance of 60-70 Local Representative and guests.
 - a) Today, we have 158 present and 14 online, this is progress
- 2) We want to have someone from the Fur Trade company to speak with artisans on how they can incorporate fur into their artwork.

Minister David Beaudin Report

- 1) Agriculture
 - a) On Farm Climate Action Fund
 - b) Funding available to farmers
 - c) 425 pounds of bison per region
- 2) Regional Directors
 - a) We are very busy, signing applications, hanging signs, answering phones
 - b) Lots of running back and forth
- 3) Portfolios
 - a) Language and strategic planning for Michif Language
 - b) Education
- 4) Louis Riel Institute – 1600 students applied for funding
 - a) In the future we will have a K-12 department
- 5) Regional Executive meets on ZOOM every second or third day
- 6) Events Attended:
 - a) Indigenous day in Selkirk
 - b) Ste. Madeleine Days is in July
 - c) Treaty Consultation in Brandon
 - d) Selica Sand Consultations in St. Malo
 - e) NDP Leadership Convention
- 7) WMA 2023 Annual prep
- 8) LRVC had their grad last night at Canad Inn Polo Park
- 9) Questions:
 - a) Dr. Laura Forsythe – Bison Local
 - i) Cancellation of tutoring program as of June 16th, dozens of people reached out with amazing feedback.
 - ii) Families cannot afford tutoring

- iii) Worried about children in care accessing tutoring program
- iv) No consultation was made with the families
- v) Research shows many children are struggling in schools with a 49% graduation rate among Indigenous people compared to 82% among non-Indigenous people.
- b) Response by Minister Campbell:
 - i) This was a COVID program and was used with COVID funding
 - ii) The number of participants went down 84%
 - iii) 14-15 staff were there with very little students
 - iv) Tutoring numbers dropped and we are looking to see if we can bring it back
 - v) LRI was asked to go look for funding for the program. Nothing came of it, MMF kept asking them to find funding
 - vi) MMF can't keep this program with no funding
 - vii) Homeschool programming looks like it won't come back based on the numbers and stats.
 - viii) Winnipeg has resources, it affects the smaller northern communities
 - ix) MMF knows tutoring is important to our children but it's a challenge to sustain it.

Motion #06-06-23

Motion to accept the Vice-President and Regional Executive report.

Moved by: Lucy Fowler – Two Spirit Michif Local

Seconded by: Cory Boucher – Keenleyside Local

Motion Carried

Lunch Break – Cheque Distribution to Local Executives

8.0 – Métis Employment and Training Update and Local Advisory Committee (L.A.C) – Minister John Fleury

Minister John Fleury, Minister of Métis Employment and Training

- 1) Canada provides approximately \$15.6 million for Human Resource development to the MMF which is then split with the regions and regions do funding through the LAC's. There will be a minor change to the LAC structure in Winnipeg Region. Because of the status of Friendship centres there will not be a friendship centre seat as it will be filled with a Winnipeg region rep.
- 2) 2022-2023 Report – Surpassed annual results
 - a) Combination of LAC targets (MET) and HRD committee served 1942 clients
 - i) 1279 – Funded programs
 - ii) 485 – Certificates diploma and final year university programs
 - iii) 774 – employed

- iv) 428 – returned to school to further education and training
- b) Summer Student Employment Activity
 - i) 305 – Student positions
 - ii) 119 – Employer partners
 - iii) \$1,421,598.00 – Funding expense
- c) 2023-2024 – Summer Student Employment
 - i) 394 – Student positions
 - ii) 161 – Employer partners
 - iii) \$3,250,916.00 – Funding commitment
- d) Graduation celebrations are ongoing
 - i) LRVC – well over 100 graduates through 5 different programs
 - ii) PSE and Regions are hosting graduations across the province
 - (1) 486 - MET
 - (2) 107 – PSE
 - (3) ACC and LRVC – ECE II and ECE III and planning a new program to start in the fall – ECE III is done online.
 - iii) Project based training cohorts
 - (1) ECE III, II, II workplace
 - (a) Cohorts – 12 to 15 students and up to 20 sometimes
 - (b) Digital Marketing bootcamp
 - (c) Security Training – 2 cohorts
 - (d) Heavy Equipment Operator
 - (e) Energy Advisory Training – 2 cohorts
 - (f) Class 1 Driver Training – 2 cohorts
- 3) Winnipeg Region LAC Board
- 4) Budget for the Winnipeg LAC Board - \$2.4 Million and they spent \$2.5 million
 - a) Skills Development – single seats sponsorships - \$1.3 million
 - b) University degree granting – \$1.465 million
 - c) Project based training – \$28,000.00
- 5) 2022 LAC Board Statistics
 - a) Interventions – Target was 660 and result was 1060
 - b) Employed – Target was 220 results 294
 - c) Return to school - Target was 54 – results 53
- 6) LAC Board Selection
- 7) Two positions available – three years each
- 8) Acknowledge LAC Committee
 - a) Kim Gray
 - b) Jennifer Ledoux
 - c) Dorothy Rokovetsky
 - d) Sharon Hunt



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- e) Laura Forsythe – up for reselection
- f) Tamara Cardinal – up for reselection
- g) Appointed IWS Member – Deborah Copple
- 9) In order to be eligible as a nominee
 - a) 18 years old
 - b) Valid MMF Citizenship card or letter from CRO confirming application is being processed
 - c) Cannot be an employee or Director on Cabinet
 - d) Must be a person of sound mind
 - e) Must be an undischarged banker
- 10) Thank you to Laura Forsythe and Tamara Cardinal for commitment and dedication to the Winnipeg LAC
- 11) Nominations - Two individuals for a three-year term
 - a) Shelley Moar – Red River Local nominated Krista Lee – Red River Local
 - i) Seconded by: Shandra Bast – No Local Stated
 - b) Dorothy Rokovetsky – Redboine Local nominated Tamara Cardinal – No Local stated
 - i) Seconded by: Laura Forsythe – Bison Local
 - c) Jolene Stoyko – Bosco Local nominated Jordan Jackson – Bosco Local
 - i) Seconded by: Yvette Spence – Bosco Local
 - d) Jordan Jackson – Bosco Local nominated Carolyn Partington – Bosco Local
 - i) Seconded by: Lucille Wilson – No Local Stated
 - e) Deborah Copple – Kinew Métis Council nominated Laura Forsythe – Bison Local
 - i) Seconded by: April Dale – Winnipeg West Local
- 12) All five nominees accepted nomination and spoke about why they should be chosen.
- 13) Voting was opened and ballots were handed out by MMF staff
- 14) Jordan Jackson requested a scrutineer – Raymond Buors
- 15) Caryolyn Partington requested a scrutineer – Name not mentioned on the microphone
- 16) Voting was then closed and counting began
- 17) Winners were Laura Forsythe and Jordan Jackson
 - a) 136 Ballots casted
 - b) 3 spoiled
 - c) 133 counted
 - i) Included 9 online ballots

Motion #07-06-23

Motion to destroy ballots.

Moved by: Lucy Fowler – Two Spirit Michif Local

Seconded by: Deborah Copple – Kinew Métis Council

Motion Carried



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9.0 – Financial Report

The 2022-2023 Notice to Reader covering WMA and WMA Land Holdings was reviewed by MNP TerryL Luhowy followed by a question-and-answer period.

- 1) TerryL Luhowy presented the March 31, 2023, financial statement. This is a consolidated statement which contains both WMA as well as its subsidiary Land Holdings Inc. Companies. These are a compilation statement and have not been audited.
- 2) Questions:
 - a) Mohamed Crossman-Serb – Bison Local
 - i) Salaries are half of what they were before and there is a concern the Region is not being staffed properly as the biggest Region.
 - ii) Vice-President Carrier responded about vacancy positions and the Region operating at half capacity.

Motion #08-06-23

Motion to accept the 2022-2023 - Notice to Reader (NTR)

Moved by: Casandra Woolever – Seven Oaks Métis Council

Seconded by: James Lavallee – Bison Local

Motion Carried

9.2 – Appointment of Auditor for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year.

Motion #09-06-23

To appoint the 2023-2024 Auditor, TerryL Luhowy from MNP, for the Winnipeg Region.

Moved by: John Lee – Red River Local

Seconded by: April Dale – Winnipeg West Local

Motion Carried

10.0 – Minister Richard Genaille

- 1) ISETS and UPIP to create new projects, cultural learning and growth for Métis Youth.
- 2) Individual Youth Sponsorships
 - a) 2021-2022 - 815 IYS applications
 - b) 2022-2023 – 1433 applications across the province
 - c) 380 processed for Winnipeg Youth
- 3) Believe Program
 - a) Supports RRM athletes
 - b) 2021-2022 - 26 Métis Youth took part in Hockey event
 - c) Boys won Gold
 - d) Girls won Silver



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- e) 2022-2023 – 144 Youth supported
- 4) Youth Leadership Camps
 - a) July 30th starts
 - b) One-week sessions throughout the summer
 - c) Partnered with LRI
 - d) Ages 10-20 at SOC Centre
- 5) Overnight camp – duck mountain
 - a) One week
 - b) Land based cultural learning activities
 - c) Hoping it opens August 1st or later in the fall or next year it will be running full swing
- 6) Youth and Elders Gathering
 - a) Funded by UPIP
 - b) 85 youth and elders attended
 - c) In Selkirk – Dates TBD
- 7) RYAC
 - a) Selection will take place in July one evening
- 8) Ste. Madeleine Days
 - a) Youth 15-29 are encouraged to join
 - b) 18+ can camp at the camp site and camping supplies will be provided to those that need.

Motion #10-06-23

Motion to accept Minister Richard Genaille's report.

Moved by: Scott Rear – Bison Local

Seconded by: Miguel Derosiers – Conseil Elzéar-Goulet

Motion Carried

9.0 – Constitutional Review

Minister Judy Mayer

- 1) Commitments
 - a) Working on the Treaty and making some upgrades to the Constitution regarding Local Executive Bylaws
 - i) Will no longer be called bylaws
 - ii) Want to add more information as it is currently quite bare.
 - b) Local Orientation Package
 - i) What minutes, motions, and financial statements should look like
 - ii) It is being worked on and will be vetted by Cabinet then it can be shared with the Regions.
- 2) Resolution from Redboine Local



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- a) Mover: Bernice Einarson – Redboine Local
- b) Seconder: Terry Schofield – Redboine Local
 - i) The resolution was reviewed by Cabinet
 - ii) It was sent back down to the Region with notes on clarifications which had not answered to date.
 - (1) Where is the money coming from to support this?
 - (2) Is this a monthly or quarterly fee?
 - (3) Are each positions paid the same or different?
 - (4) Want to be considered staff. How does this look for those that work full time.
 - iii) It will be reviewed at a Local Executive Meeting
 - iv) Resolution can be discussed but without clarification will be considered dead if the clarifications are not made.
 - v) The questions were not formally given to the mover and seconder and will be sent to mover and seconder.
 - vi) Differed until the questions are answered.

Motion #11-06-23

Motion to accept the Constitution Review Report as presented by Minister Judy Mayer

Moved by: Angie Antonio – Keenleyside Local

Seconded by: Linda St. Cyr-Saric – Seven Oaks Métis Council

Motion Carried

***Two opposed and two obtentions**

Health Break – Cheque Distribution to Local Executives

10.0 – Sixties Scoop and Residential Schools Department Update

Minister Andrew Carrier

- 1) Minister Andrew Carrier and Minister Denise Thomas are partnered on the in the Sixties Scoop and Residential Schools portfolios that have merged into one department
 - a) The Director of this Department is Albert Beck
 - b) Tentative on September 30th will be the Survivors Conference
 - i) Save the Date
 - ii) Will have a SSRS Sash ceremony.

Motion #12-06-23

Motion to accept the joint Sixties Scoop and Residential School Report.

Moved by: Kevin Hourie – No Local Stated

Seconded by: Esther Ducharme – Redboine Local

Motion Carried



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11.0 – Local Executive Reports

Reports were here from the following Locals:

- 1) Bosco Local – Yvette Spence
- 2) Two Spirit Michif Local - Lucy Fowler
- 3) Bison Local – Laura Forsythe
- 4) Seven Oaks Métis Council – Melanie Lalonde
- 5) Prairie Buffalo Local – Lucille Bruce
- 6) Kinew Métis Council – Deborah Copple
- 7) Winnipeg West Local – April Dale
- 8) St. Norbert Parish-La Barrière Métis Council – Kaitlyn Clarke
- 9) Heritage Proud Local – James Topp
- 10) Redboine Local – Eric Chartrand
- 11) Conseil Elzéar-Goulet – Jonathan Boisvert
- 12) Red River Local – Cheryl Lee
- 13) Liberty Local – Eugene Martel
- 14) Métis Elders and Youth Local – Linda Schatkowsky
 - a) Leslie Varga sent a report that was read by Minister JoAnne Remillard

Motion #13-06-23

Motion to accept the Local Executive Reports as presented.

Moved by: Annette Paquin – New Horizons Local

Seconded by: Nicki Ferland – Two Spirit Michif Local

Motion Carried

Attendance Draws

Closing Prayer by Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric

Motion #14-06-23

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Melanie Lalonde – Seven Oaks Métis Council

Seconded by: Mohamed Crossman-Serb – Bison Local

Motion Carried