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**Winnipeg Métis Association - 2024 Annual Regional Meeting Minutes**  
**Canad Inns – Club Regent - 1415 Regent Avenue West, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 3B2**  
**Date: June 9, 2024 - Meeting Called to Order: 9:30am**

Opening Prayer: Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric

**1.0 – Attendance**

**Regrets Received**

1. President David Chartrand
2. Minister Anita Campbell
3. Minister Jack Park
4. Minister Judy Mayer
5. Minister Will Goodon
6. Minister Shawn Nault
7. Minister Richard Genaille
8. Minister Joan Ledoux
9. Minister Mona Buors
10. Minister John Fleury
11. Red River Local Chairperson Shaun Rocan
12. Seven Oaks Métis Council Chairperson Janna Fowles-Joseph
13. Two-Spirit Michif Local Vice-Chairperson Nicki Ferland
14. LAC Board Member Kim Gray
15. RYAC Board Member Lydia Gork

**Vice-President and Regional Directors**

1. Vice-President Andrew Carrier
2. Regional Director JoAnne Remillard
3. Regional Director David Beaudin

**Cabinet**

1. Minister Marielle Gauthier
2. Minister Denise Thomas

**Departments and Affiliates**

1. Central Registry Office
2. Chief Electoral Office
3. Culture and Heritage
4. Early Learning and Child Care



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5. Economic and Community Development
6. Energy, Infrastructure, and Resource Management
7. Engagement and Consultation
8. Health and Wellness
9. Housing and Property Management
10. Human Resources
11. Infinity Women Secretariat
12. Louis Riel Capital Corporation
13. Métis Employment and Training
14. MMF Education
15. National Heritage Centre
16. Pemmican Publications
17. Red River Métis Community Resource Department
18. Youth Department

#### Special Guests:

1. Claire Riddle – Former Vice-President and Regional Director for the Winnipeg Region
2. Elder Linda St. Cyr – Saric
3. Manitoba Cabinet Minister, Bernadette Smith
4. MLA for St. Boniface, Robert Loiselle
5. Infinity Women Secretariat – Winnipeg Region Representative, Adrienne Carriere
6. Mr. David Gray – Chief Electoral Officer
7. MNP- Financial Report, Mr. Terryl Luhowy

#### Roll Call of Locals:

1. Bison
2. Bosco
3. Conseil Elzéar-Goulet
4. Heritage Proud
5. Keenleyside
6. Kinew Métis Council
7. Liberty
8. Lii Michif Otipemisiwak 2SLGBTQ+ & Allies
9. Métis Elders and Youth
10. New Horizons
11. Prairie Buffalo
12. Redboine
13. Red River
14. Seven Oaks Métis Council



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15. St. Norbert Parish La-Barrière Métis Council
16. Two Spirit Michif
17. Winnipeg North
18. Winnipeg West

**Quorum Met - Yes**

### **2.0 – Appointment of Chairperson and Co-Chairpersons**

**Motion #01-06-24**

**Motion to appoint Andrew Carrier as Chairperson and David Beaudin and JoAnne Remillard as Co-Chairs**

**Moved by: Shelley Moar – Red River Local**

**Seconded by: Gerald Barron – Redboine Local**

**Motion: CARRIED**

### **3.0 – Agenda**

Reading of Agenda by the Chairperson.

Amendments were made as follows:

1. Removed President Chartrand's as speaker for MMF Presidential Greetings and replaced with Andrew Carrier as speaker.
2. Removed Spokeswomen Anita Campbell as speaker from Infinity Women Secretariat and replaced with Adrienne Carriere as speaker.
3. Removed Kim Gray as speaker for Local Advisory Committee Selection and replaced with Kerry Smith as speaker.

**Motion #02-06-24**

**To accept the Meeting Agenda as presented with amendments as discussed.**

**Moved by: Kathryn Patenaude – Winnipeg North Local**

**Seconded by: Linda Schatkowsky – Métis Elders and Youth Local**

**Motion Carried**

### **4.0 – Previous Minutes**

Previous meeting minutes dated June 11, 2024, were read by the Minister David Beaudin.

**Motion #03-06-24**

**Motion to accept the June 11, 2023, minutes as read.**

**Moved by: Shelley Moar – Red River Local**

**Seconded by: Steele Pruden – Kinew Métis Council**



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## **Motion Carried**

### **5.0 – MMF Presidential Greetings**

Minister Andrew Carrier brought greetings on behalf of President David Chartrand.

- Discussed current Issues facing the National Government of the Red River Métis
- Discussed a variety of past events
- D-Day - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Business Awards Gala Annual Event - Held May 30. 2024
- Renaming of Winnipeg Street
- Discussed the MMF Expanding their Footprint
- Shared current projects in the works
- Shared information about the First Time Home Buyers Program statistics within the Winnipeg Region.

## **Motion #04-06-24**

**Motion to accept the MMF Presidential Greetings read by Andrew Carrier.**

**Moved by: Jonathan Boisvert – Conseil Elzéar Goulet Local**

**Seconded by: Michael Martel – Seven Oaks Métis Council**

**Motion Carried**

### **6.0 – Infinity Women Secretariat (IWS)**

Winnipeg Region Representative, Adrienne Carriere

## **Accomplishments:**

- Continue to surge in overall growth from 1400 in 2022-2023 to nearly 2000 members which is an increase of 36% growth therefore staff has increased to 14.
- Moved to Winnipeg Region's old office – open house will be in July 2024
- Shared updates regarding current and future programs and services
- More exciting projects coming soon but are currently under embargo and are waiting for contribution agreements to arrive before these can be announced.

## **Motion #05-06-24**

**Motion to accept the Infinity Women Secretariat, Spokeswoman Anita Campbell's report read by Adrienne Carriere.**

**Moved by: Lucille Bruce – Prairie Buffalo Local**

**Seconded by: Dorothy Rokovetsky – Redboine Local**

**Motion Carried**



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## Health Break

Youth from Kinew Métis Council spoke about some of the harvesting and tanning being done.

Glorian Chartrand shared some words from President Chartrand

## 7.0 – Vice-President and Regional Executive Report

### **Vice-President Andrew Carrier Report**

#### Growth in Winnipeg Region

- Discussed the growth within Winnipeg Region in the last 5 years as a total, and the breakdown per Local, geographical area of Winnipeg, and Postal Code.
- Beyond Border (BB) Citizens
- Total registered BB Citizenship in Winnipeg Region is 2623.
- Shared the Locals who have BB Citizens and which Province they live in.
- There is currently no funding to bring BB Citizens to Annual Regional Meetings.
- WMA/MMF Landholdings
- Shared a list of 21 property investments that WMA and MMF has in the Winnipeg Region.
- Questions received and answered

#### Regional Director JoAnne Remillard Report

- Provided greetings and brief overview on the Environment and Climate Change portfolio.

#### Regional Director David Beaudin Report

- Provided greetings and brief overview on the Agriculture and Education portfolio.

### **Motion #06-06-24**

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

**Moved by: Tristen Miller – Seven Oaks Métis Council**

**Seconded by: Joanne Anderson – Winnipeg West Local**

**Motion Carried**

## 8.0 –Local Advisory Committee (L.A.C) Selection:

**Mr. David Gray – Chief Electoral Officer**

Introduced the current seven L.A.C Board members



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- Two positions are up for selection:
  - Dorothy Rokovetsky
  - Sharon Hunt
- Election Counting Committee appointed
  - Minister Marielle Gauthier
  - Minister Denise Thomas

#### **Motion #07-06-24**

**Motion to appoint Minister Marielle Gauthier and Minister Denise Thomas as the Election Counting Officers.**

**Moved by: Adrienne Carriere – St. Norbert Parish-La Barrière Métis Council**

**Seconded by: Shelley Moar – Red River Local**

**Motion Carried**

Reviewed L.A.C Committee member eligibility requirements

- Floor opened to Nominations:
  - Nominator: Casandra Woolever – Seven Oaks Métis Council nominates Sharon Hunt
    - ♣ Seconded by Santanna Tate – Seven Oaks Métis Council
  - Nominator: Laura Forsythe – Bison Local nominates Dorothy Rokovetsky
    - ♣ Seconded by Debi Copple – Kinew Métis Council
  - Both Sharon Hunt and Dorothy Rokovetsky accepted nominations and declared elected to LAC for a three-year term beginning June 9, 2024.
  - Both Dorothy and Sharon provided acceptance speeches.

#### **Kerry Smith - Senior Director of Métis Employment and Training**

- Just celebrated 25 years of their labour market agreement
- 11 Cabinet members sat as LAC Board Members
- L.A.C report was provided to attendees via their attendance kits.

#### **Lunch Break – Cheque Distribution to Local Executives**

#### **Performance by Kinew Youth Dancers**

#### **9.0 – Regional Youth Advisory Committee (RYAC)**

**Meghan Young, Vice-Chairperson**

- Discussed previous elections held August 3, 2023, and the role of the RYAC in the Winnipeg Region.



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- Shared the various events the RYAC members have been attending and the things they have been learning.
- Discussed plans for future programming they are working as well as solutions to current funding delays.

#### **Motion #8-06-24**

**Motion to accept the Regional Youth Advisory Committee report presented by Meghan Young.**

**Moved by: Casandra Woolever – Seven Oaks Métis Council**

**Seconded by: Lucy Fowler – Two Spirit Michif Local**

**Motion Carried**

#### **10.0 – Constitutional Review and Resolutions**

**Mr. David Gray – Chief Electoral Officer**

Reviewed and discussed Draft Local Executive Orientation Package

This will soon be available to all Local Executives and future Local Executives who sign their Code of Ethics.

Discussed Resolution 3 passed at the 2023 AGA regarding Beyond Borders Citizens

Local Code of Ethics was briefly discussed

#### **11.0 – Local Election Changes and Recruitment**

**Mr. David Gray – Chief Electoral Officer**

- Reviewed MMF Elections Website for confirming Region and Local information for Citizens
- Discussed the Local election process changes
- All Local Executives are asked to take a photo for Local manuals and election websites
- Discussed requirements and recruitment of the Regional Returning Officer for Winnipeg Region
- Discussed there will be changes coming to the voting process

#### **Motion #9-06-24**

**Motion to accept the Constitutional Review and Resolutions report as presented by David Gray**

**Moved by: Gary Rieger – Red River Local**

**Seconded by: Ron Poirier – Liberty Local**

**Motion Carried**



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#### **Motion #10-06-24**

**Motion to accept the Local Election Changes and Recruitment report presented by David**

**Gray**

**Moved by: Marcel Allard – Winnipeg North Local**

**Seconded by: Esther Ducharme – Redboine Local**

**Motion Carried**

#### **12.0 – Sixties Scoop Report**

**Minister Denise Thomas**

Discussed the goals and duties of the Sixties Scoop department to the survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

Discussed the National Survivors Symposiums and the report that is coming forward from it.

#### **Motion #11-06-24**

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

**Moved by: Val Finney-Willim – Liberty Local**

**Seconded by: Shelley Moar – Red River Local**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Health Break – Cheque Distribution to Local Executives**

#### **13.0 – Local Executive Reports**

Reports were here from the following Locals:

- Prairie Buffalo Local – Lucille Bruce
- Bosco Local – Yvette Spence
- Kinew Métis Council – Debi Copple
- Bison Local – Laura Forsythe
- Seven Oaks Métis Council – Melanie Lalonde
- Two Spirit Michif Local – Lucy Fowler
- Winnipeg North Local – Kathryn Patenaude
- Winnipeg West Local – Joanne Desjarlais-Anderson
- Red River Local – Tiffany Monkman
- Conseil Elzéar-Goulet – Jonathon Boisvert

#### **Motion #12-06-24**

**Motion to accept the Local Executive Reports as presented.**



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**Moved by:** Cheryl Lee – Red River Local  
**Seconded by:** Shirley Langan – Seven Oaks Métis Council  
**Motion Carried**

#### 14.0 – Financial Report

The 2023-2024 Notice to Reader covering WMA and WMA Land Holdings was reviewed by MNP Terryl Luhowy followed by a lengthy question-and-answer period regarding

Terryl Luhowy presented the March 31, 2024, 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.

#### **Motion #13-06-24**

**Motion to switch to an official audit process as part of the Regions report back to the membership for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.**

**Moved by:** Lucy Fowler – Two Spirit Michif Local

**Seconded by:** Sonia Stone – Two Spirit Michif Local

**In Favour – 13**

**Opposed – 218**

**Abstentions - 0**

**Motion Denied**

#### **Motion #14-06-24**

**Motion to accept the 2023-2024 Notice to Reader (NTR) report presented by Terryl Luhowy**

**Moved by:** Jeff Rohne – Prairie Buffalo Local

**Seconded by:** Heather Johnston – Winnipeg North Local

**Motion Carried**

Appointment of Auditor for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year.

#### **Motion #15-06-24**

**Motion to appoint the 2024-2025 Auditor, Terryl Luhowy from MNP, for the Winnipeg Region.**

**Moved by:** Jesse Gair – Winnipeg North Local

**Seconded by:** Angie Antonio – Keenleyside Local

**Motion Carried**

Closing Prayer by Elder Linda St. Cyr-Saric



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### Attendance Draws

**Motion #16-06-24**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by:**

**Carole Dupuis – Liberty Local**

**Seconded by:**

**Adrienne Carriere – Prairie Buffalo Local**