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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 7:06pm • Opening prayer and welcome by Archie • Review of agenda: Motion made by Colleen to approve, seconded by Chester. Approved. • Minutes from November meeting unavailable currently due to difficulty in transcription and employee leaving
Item 1: Business arising	Millenium park engagement
Presenter	Member discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that there was a lack of consultation with Metis local; the city is taking trees out at millennial park • The city is working towards an Indigenous advisory council and had some challenges; there are concerns that we are not listed as an external stakeholder, we need to flag to city need for inclusion; not sure where we fit around their entire engagement • Rev did some research, and we were not listed as an external stakeholder re: project engagement of millennial • Suggestion: we should have Trevor (government relations coordinator with the city) and/or Samantha (Indigenous relations coordinator) to attend our meetings on a regular basis • Rev and Vernon will clarify roles and will make enquiries about this at January meeting with the city
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Archie to send a letter to the mayor and copy in government relations representative (Trevor Dooley) and Indigenous relations advisor (Samantha Atkinson) regarding lack of consultation with Metis re: millennial park. Letter to include an invite to future meetings, and acknowledge the evolution of our relationship, and include the name of the local. Seconded by Gary Gardiner. All in favour.
Item 2: Reports	Reports by President/Treasurer/Red Willow
Update	President's report: Rev
	a)City engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an update; Rev and Vernon are meeting with the city of SA in January; representatives are Trevor and Samantha. They already met



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	<p>once with these folks and are continuing to build relationships with the city on behalf of the local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the city on the transition of MNA and also updated the city on the board changes <p>b) Board changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev & Vernon provided a summary of events over the past 6 months: • Red willow got grant and project coordinator was hired • Youville-needed to make some decisions; project needed to move forward with full time staff. • There was some fragmentation on board, but this was been resolved in a collective way by the board. Archie and Becky have resigned. • Much dialogue around the need to prioritize moving forward with the transition plan and community engagement in the communities, to move toward ratifying the constitution and implementing Otipemisiwak Metis government • Member concern: website has errors that need to be fixed; transparency in hiring; encouraged member to reach out to any member of executive to more fully share concerns • January meeting will be focused on transition and process <p>c) Region 4: no update</p> <p>d) Youville</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant update submitted to federal government • Change to volunteer support has been communicated to federal funders
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to hire project coordinator and research lead
Update	Treasurer's report: Colleen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer provided detailed statement of financial position • Going to do a reconciliation report: can provide monthly report to the local • Suggestion that we have a projection for cash flow/month-Jimmy Flett-for employees
Action	N/A
Update	Red Willow Committee: Leeann



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda unable to attend tonight • Summary: had our Christmas gathering on December 17th • Had 200 people registered but just over half showed up; we need to think about how to improve attendance for events as this is not good for non-attendance • We would like to have more Metis focused activities if we do this next year • Positive comments with some attendees from surrounding communities • Plan to have Rupertsland attend in February; Amanda has already started to reach out to the local high schools; Billie Jo suggested we invite the success coaches from the schools
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm Rupertsland; consider circle for elders and women
<p>Item 6. New & Other business</p>	<p>Member agenda additions: Transition/Chamber of commerce presence</p>
	<p>a) Transition to opetmisewak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNA transition team has scheduled a transition meeting for Jan 8-MNA, with one on ones after Jan 11. • District 11: Vernon and Rev able to speak with Nicole Shepherd, MNA transition manager and strategic governance lead • Nicole oversees the transition with the different locals, as they shift to districts. They also informed President Sandmeyer and Nicole via email; re: board changes • We have hired a consultant on governance; Anna Marie Fuchs-there were some gaps in policy and accountability measures; hiring policies, financial controls, how we operate and work together and we need to put policies in place • Anna Marie: presented via zoom: gave an overview of her work and update on pertinent considerations • Nicole has shared the MNA model bylaws; there is a template we can use for bylaws; we can't change some bylaws but there are several that we can adapt better fit our community. The law group will come out and help us work through the model bylaws, we can identify where we want to adapt the bylaws to better fit district 11. • Anna Marie: presented via zoom: gave an overview of her work and update on pertinent considerations



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- The community needs to be consulted and then the bylaws must be presented to and approved by the provincial citizens council
 - Once the bylaws are approved, we hold a special resolution to hold an election, after this occurs, we have 21 days to call an election.
 - Law group will support us all along the way, come to our meetings
 - The resources for the district don't come until the captain is elected, there is not a good sense of how much budget will be, support for admin, staff, building costs, etc.
 - Some of the documents Anna Marie has completed for review/developed in consultation with the executive are: Financial delegation, skills matrix, volunteer policy, board member role designations, still need to develop HR policies, fair business practices that are contextualized to the Metis local.
 - We need to consider how to incorporate engagement with expanded communities as the district boundaries are larger than the local; need ideas on how to expand the council to integrate and still respect geographic communities
 - Model bylaws that we can tweak are on the MNA website, there will be a meeting with the citizen's council that are set in Feb, so we should try to build the bylaws asap
 - There are 11/22 districts that are already on the process to move to interim district
 - Action: We will send out the bylaws. Rev will send out updated model bylaws in the newsletter. **Encouraged membership to read the bylaws on the MNA website. If in blue the bylaw can be changed, anything in a black box is an explainer.**
 - **Next local meeting: plan to review bylaws-January 24th**
 - **Invited members to provide input of draft bylaws**
 - Role of citizen's council: There are 3 citizen's representatives; 1 representative for women; 1 for youth and one for our district
 - Captain=mayor; Citizen=MLA/MP
 - We will be asking the 3 representatives to advocate and act on our behalf and to represent us
 - We will be reaching out to the women, youth and citizen rep to invite them all to our meetings
- b) Chamber of commerce:
- Jim Flett: Metis settlement development corporation-used in name only-Amanda needs to continue to attend the chamber of commerce, and someone from the executive or local to ensure a



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	<p>presence in the city commerce community; this may counter organizations that are appropriating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of local members that are interested in attending the chamber of commerce luncheons with Amanda; sign up sheet sent around. Following would like to attend: Archie Arcand, Jimmy Flett, Gary Gairdner, Vernon Hagen, Marc Parent
	<p>Rev motioned meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm; Gary Gagnon seconded. All in favor.</p>
<p>Next Local meeting</p>	<p>January 24, 2024 7pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent</p>
<p>Next Red Willow meeting</p>	<p>January 24th, 2024 6pm @15 Rowland Crescent</p>

APPROVED