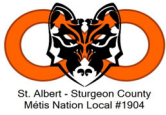


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	<p>In attendance: Rev Darda, Vernon Hagen, Colleen Hilsen, Lloyd Gwinn, Dwayne Poitras, Garry Gagnon, Archie Arcand, Jim Flett, Chester Perreault, Phyllis Kelly, Lynn Martin, Danielle Martin, Brad Martin, Gage Martin, Jarod Letendre, Marc Parent, Leeann Hilsen</p> <p>Zoom: Corey Nash; Jewel Tetreau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regrets: Leeann Hilsen, notes taken by Colleen Hilsen</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 7:00pm • Opening prayer and welcome by Lloyd • Motion made by Archie to approve Jan minutes, seconded by Colleen. All in favour. Approved as written. • Review of agenda: Corey Nash wanted to provide update on RCMP anti racism committee • November minutes are still outstanding.
Item 1: Business arising	District 11 bylaw review
Presenter	<p><i>Member discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much dialogue over the last several meetings. Items in blue are allowable edits. Bylaws reviewed in detail. Following amendments discussed. • 5.3 Gift of knowledge; skill matrix. After much dialogue about the pros and cons of building the district council (who will support and advise the captain) with diverse skills and how this can be assessed, matter went to vote. Majority voted to strike the need for a skills matrix • 5.8 District council elected by communities as defined by appendix B, no less than 6 and no more than 8 district councillors. Nicole will be sharing a boundary map. • 5.9: Term lengths for district council. The majority voted on 4 year terms. All in favor • 7.3: Elders on district council in advisory role. District council will decide on definition of an elder(s)-changed to plural. • 13.4: Time is 21 days. All in favor • 13.6: 25 citizens for quorum. All in favor • 14.3: Special resolutions: projects greater than 500G need to be brought to membership so that members can vote. All in favor • Next steps: please send edits via email. The draft bylaws will be sent to provincial citizen's council for sanction, once we get it back- we must provide 21 days for notice of Special meeting. We would like to do this asap. If passed at Special resolution meeting, we proceed to interim District council status
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a



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Item 2: Reports	Reports by President/Treasurer/Red Willow
Update	President's report: Rev
	<p>a) <i>Update re: transition to Otipemisiwak</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • see above; facilitated by Rev & Vernon <p>b) <i>Support of a community member; Rev</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev has been approached by Alex. Alex asking for our support to partner with her on a children's book based on being a new mother; concept is to have a children's book about Metis culture ad motherhood. She will be Integrating beadwork into the concept wants to support the local through bringing awareness to the book. She is working with MNA and rupertsland and book publisher, her request was 5G for the publishing costs; • Identified royalties that could come back to the local • Will ask Alex to come and present at a future meeting. <p>c) <i>City of SA and engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our representatives with the city are Samantha and Trevor • There are people who are approaching the city individually claiming to represent our local so we need to determine how we want to collectively consult with the city • Much dialogue about the kind of voice we want to have, what we want to represent as a local. • Determined a community advisory council of members would be useful. The council will be the contacts for the city around development projects, socio economic topics, projects (buffalo panels), etc. • We can invite the city to our meetings, but the advisory council can work more proactively and relationally on a regular basis. • Samantha and Trevor to be invited to March meeting; discussion that having them attend quarterly would be good. • People for the council; Jim Flett; Phyllis, Lloyd and Archie are willing to be on the advisory council. <p>d) <i>New Hire: Admin coordinator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interviews/ref checks completed, community member supported interviews • Have offered 6-month contract to an individual, joining us March 11, Leeann Bourke, Metis



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	<p>e) <i>Review of district policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to have policies in place since there are more contractors, programs running • Terms of reference for the council • Volunteer policy • If anyone wants more information around the policies we have been building please email, we will bring back in April • District bylaws supersede the policies <p>c) <i>Windbreakers running program-Update Vernon & Jarod</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couple years ago, had idea to put in a grant for a Metis running youth group. • St. Albert School board deputy superintendent found a grant, bridging classrooms to community; passed information to Jarod, and was submitted and approved. • 3 year running program, 50G/year- 150G total • Running program for indigenous, Metis, Inuit youth, SA public schools, Sturgeon, Catholic • Running program, no other sports activities included • Bringing in elders, knowledge keepers • Coaches are needed to train and support the kids in school work • Kids from 7-12 grades, 12-18yo • Running two different parts-April to June, Sept to October • Support for North American Indigenous games • Program starting in April- Has been in contact with Indigenous lead teachers at each school • Running shoes, running gear, if needed attendees can be picked up Jarod has a class 4 license • Advertising through newsletter • Local will be flow through for funds; admin percentage for local is 5%, local has to maintain the finances • Vision is to become its own non profit in a few years • District will manage the monies • Hoping to start with 20 youth • Any self-identified Metis, FN, Inuit
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Update	Treasurer's report: Colleen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33G invoiced to Epcor, 24G paid out • Monitoring: Marc • Colleen acknowledged and thank Marc for taking care of monitoring; very easy to work with



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Penetrating Radar: • Have spent 15G on Ground Penetrating radar-Youville funds • Report is preliminary • Would be good to have a Youville presentation in the future • SIN numbers: • People not giving SIN numbers, accountant will deal with CRA, all T4's are out-if you did not give a SIN number T4 still issued to you • Having a SIN number is best practice and we will support best practice to ensure that money is being accounted for according to taxation rules; if anyone has information indicating that there should not be T4 given for monitoring please send relevant information to Colleen • If you make 500\$ from Metis local, regardless of if an honorarium, you get a T4
Action	n/a
Update	Monitoring: Marc
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc has agreed to continue and support monitoring • 2 individuals have returned and 5 new people • Marc matches new people with someone that has experience. • High visibility pants-can we get them returned if they are not monitoring; 80/pants-take an 80 deposit • Colleen can take care of the pants • We have hard hats and vests that can be used
Update	Red Willow Committee: Leeann
	<p>a) St. Albert Metis festival-Metis festival was being put on by Metis child and family services with Pound Maker treatment centre donating; they are not funding so we were approached to sponsor. Florence Gauthier said she could plan it, May 18 & 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florence is also approaching MNA and Poundmakers • We would like to support given this brings culture to the community and is a popular event for members; also good opportunity for youth to get involved and volunteer; need to clarify terms if she doesn't get funding • We can put up a banner to advertise our district • Banner-Morinville printmaking • Mark, Lynn, Colleen, Phyllis, Amanda will liase with Florence and help with this event



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Metis women's group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided overview of women's group; just in talks; likely start in March; request for sanction of costs for group and materials up to 10G • Community member asked about a men's group; requested any ideas to be emailed to red willow
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Approve contribution Red Willow program to the Metis festival; Vernon seconded. No one opposed. Passed. • Motion: Approve 10G to be spent on Metis women's group costs and associated material costs. Motion by Rev, seconded by Lynn.
Update	Community Garden: Lynn
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden-twice as big this year • Archie and Lynn are leading • Looking for volunteers, not starting until the middle of May • Produce is given to everyone and any of the members can take it, • Water was charged for a tank, and 45\$/plot • Contact Lynn if interested, if need support or funds from the local let us know and we will share
Update	Youville: Rev & Leeann
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reorganizing our approach and the postings that we had, research lead and research assistants • Interview process, community member Lloyd, Leeann and Rev interviewed for research lead. Realized the complexity of the work for Youville requires unique skills sets, needs a community advisory council • Research-data that has come from the federal govt, need to build a database • Determined role to be broken into 2 positions: Community engagement lead & Research lead: another interview tomorrow • We have a strong candidate for Community engagement lead; offer out to hire as contractor in process. Research assistants to be hired as well. We have received a report from UofA that the GPR report is ready we are waiting to bring individuals on board • Thursday: Rev and Vernon are meeting with a new manager with the federal govt and clarify grant timelines and provide update



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Item 6. New & Other business	Member agenda additions: Diversity committee update
	<p>a) Diversity committee update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • did not occur due to timing; Corey Nash signed off at 8:15pm <p>b) Previous resignation of executive members (October)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle wanted to executive members to explain why they resigned and what occurred • Archie and Vernon indicated they updated the membership in November; the resignations were not accepted, we had a sharing circle to heal some dissension. Legal has been consulted and the current executive is legitimate and sanctioned by the MNA.
Action	<p>Motion by Danielle: "Executive to explain what happened from the resignation that there was from the president not accepting the resignation of the vice president, treasurer and secretary and how we tried a different situation from the healing circle and how it was resolved". Archie seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archie indicated he has spoken to it a number of times, and it has been addressed a number of times. • Archie said he decided to resign, no interest in discussing it, received legal opinion we are okay to move on • Jim Flett, has notes from November 22, Archie spoke to the situation immediately, it is posted online and you can find it on the website. Garry: there was non acceptance of the resignation, members said this in November. Skill set being required was reason that the resignations were not accepted. • 4 opposed and 2 in favour, abstained 7; including members that the motion was in reference to • Motion to have the executive explain further did not pass
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm Closed by Archie</p>
Next Local meeting	March 20, 2024 7pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent
Next Red Willow meeting	March 20, 2024 6pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent