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Métis Nation Local #1904

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening prayer and welcome by Archie • Additions to agenda: update on MNA election (Archie); Celina Loyer-Metis expressions of spirituality; Levi Wilde-Jim Flett; Office in Charge Diversity committee update-Corey Nash • Last local meeting was August BBQ. BBQ was successful with good attendance. No minutes at this meeting.
Item 1: Business arising	Updates on MNA; Every Child Matters Crosswalk Design
Presenter	Archie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on MNA election: Andrea Sandmaier has won the presidential role, Alfred L'Hirondelle voted in as citizen's rep for district 11 • Winner of crosswalk contest is Karliea Wood; presented with award
Item 2: Reports	Reports by President Treasurer, Red Willow/Youville/Communications
Update	President's report: Archie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 4 update; there is a lack of clarity about region 4's transfer of assets as we move into districts. There are bank account/companies/tmx trust fund, office building-lawyers need to give direction • Once Archie knows more he will share with the membership • Our local has assets as well; the money has been spoken for and we expect that money will stay in our new district • Membership has to vote on the transition-we need to get more information • Citizen's rep will be providing us with information • We will need to have an election for a captain for our new district which will be district 11 • Next steps are not clear; but as we get more information we will communicate this to the membership • The captain will need to know the bylaws and constitution; this is a paid position and is intended to be close to the community
Action	N/A
Update	Treasurer's report: Colleen



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red willow event planning committee received funding • RW, Local and Youville funds are kept separately • We are working on setting up policies and procedures/updating
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Flett: Offered some suggestions for possible consultants • We will take this information back to the executive
<p>Update</p>	<p>Monitoring update: Lynn</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have had problems getting monitors • September 27th @ 7pm will be hosting an onboarding and information session to try to recruit new monitors; @ 15 Rowland cr. • Marc will help Lynn with monitoring and scheduling
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to send out an email to members about the info session on September 27
<p>Update</p>	<p>Red Willow Committee: Vernon & Leeann</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an update on blanket exercise & community supper-activities identified as priorities and interests for the one year pilot. • Priorities are: Seniors: Monthly soup & Bannock for seniors, Bingo with prizes, crib tournament; Youth: culture camp, rec nights, art nights, life skills/financial literacy • Some of these activities can be both senior and youth
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise the soup and Bannock on Sept 27-Leeann
<p>Update</p>	<p>Youville Residential School Truthing Committee: Kerri Randolph via Archie</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted small pipe ceremony on August 2 • Held to be an acknowledgement of the land due to sensitive area of land • Summer 2024-timeline to start the digging • Some GPR testing on October 4th, in existing cemetery to test the ground and get baselines • Website created by treaty 6; will be live soon. Acts as a Hub for all the activities of the various treaty 6 nations and other affiliated organizations (ie. Youville) to share stories and information, anonymously or identified, as they want.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth and reconciliation-City of SA hosting activities on sept 30 at mission hill park from 9-3-walk to healing gardens, drumming, dancing and artists
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Item 6. New & Other business	Member agenda additions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celina Loyer: academics from UofA, UofR and UofM are hosting gatherings on the land to explore Métis expressions of spirituality; there is an opportunity to participate. October 14 & 15 gathering on the land, symposium at university and a dance on October 15 at SA Inn, from 7-10pm. Need to register. Celina will send the link and we can share to members • Jim Flett: There are Métis contestants on powwow pitch. Google powwow pitch, free to stream the grande finale on October 19 • Corey Nash: Sits on the diversity committee with the RCMP, about to have first meeting in 6 months. If members are having any concerns with policing, bring it to the executive and Corey will take it forward to the RCMP. There were no issues at the ceremony that Kerri held. <p>Suggestion: The mailchimp emails are going to spam. Not receiving all communication. Wanted to make us aware.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned @ 9:00pm.</p>
Next Local meeting	October 24, 2023 @ 7pm, #201, 15 Rowland Crescent
Next Red Willow meeting	September 26, 2023 @ 7pm, #201, 15 Rowland Crescent