



St. Albert - Sturgeon County  
Métis Nation Local #1904

<b>St. Albert Local 1904 meeting #11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 20, 2024</li> </ul>
	<p>In attendance: Rev Darda, Vernon Hagen, Colleen Hilsen, Lloyd Gwinn, Dwayne Poitras, Garry Gagnon, Joanne Ladouceur, Archie Arcand, Jim Flett, Chester Perreault, Phyllis Kelly, Lynn Martin, Jarod Letendre, Leeann Hilsen, Gwen Thiele; Amanda Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zoom: Millie Picotte</li> <li>Guests: Trevor Dooley: Sr manager indigenous &amp; government relations, environment</li> <li>Samantha Atkinson: Indigenous relations; started last June</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 7:06pm</li> <li>Opening prayer and welcome by Garry Gagnon</li> <li>Motion made by Rev to approve Feb minutes, seconded by Phyllis. All in favour, approved as written.</li> <li>New business: economic committee (Rev)/update on Métis festival (Garry)</li> </ul>
<b>Item 1: Business arising</b>	<b>New business updates</b>
Presenter	<p><i>Economic Committee: Rev</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Flett thinks comprehensive economic development plan and subcommittee for our community; re: employment is important. Members concur. Need a separate meeting outside the local meeting as it is comprehensive topic.</li> </ul> <p><i>Update on Métis festival: Garry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colleen and Florence has been planning and is appreciative of our support, everything is a go</li> <li>Talent show is a go, on Friday. At Servus. Free admission. There is a poster that will be coming out to the membership. Florence is coordinated. May 17, 18, 19. We are using the banner we have already created and will have a presence there</li> <li>Amanda will have a table there, representing the local and red willow; if there are any suggestions Amanda is more than happy to take suggestions</li> </ul>
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Item 2: Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reports by President/Treasurer/Red Willow</b></li> </ul>
<b>Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President's report: Rev</li> </ul>
	<p>a) Update re: transition to Otipemisiwak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District council bylaws and sub districts:</li> <li>There was good feedback, edits made; laws group have reviewed our suggestions and made some formatting changes; bylaws were submitted to the provincial citizens council for review.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The provincial citizens council met yesterday; we have not been contacted to indicate any issue; likely will be passed.</li><li>• If approved in principal then we need to call a special resolution meeting (21 days' notice) and have the special resolution meeting to approve the changes</li><li>• No date chosen, we want to advertise and pick a date; need to give 21 days' notice</li><li>• People can put people forward for council nominees from sub districts, map.</li><li>• Gwen-pockets of population, want representation to be connected to population pockets.</li><li>• Brought up the subdistricts map on the tv; there is representation of the members in each of the areas; where you live is where you are eligible to run for a seat on council; once we are interim district, we can revisit the sub districts and also revisit a name change; but as of now it is St. Albert sturgeon.</li><li>• Gwen-need to have a lot of consultation if we change the name</li><li>• Possible special resolution meeting at end of April and pull local meetings at same time/AGM but because bylaws changing, we can merge the meetings.</li></ul> <p><i>b) Member dialogue with City of SA representatives: Samatha &amp; Trevor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We created a local advisory council/subcommittee where a few individuals (or more) would come together where the city of SA could engage with us; to be able to start to meet with the city to consult with us, and engage in relationship with the subcommittee (as our representatives)</li><li>• <i>Projects:</i></li><li>• National day for truth and reconciliation</li><li>• Metis week</li><li>• Little buffalo exhibit</li><li>• Capital city projects-red willow west; SA NE servicing design project; Millenium</li><li>• Marketing &amp; communications plan with city of SA</li><li>• Trevor will clarify with other city departments to clarify that we represent the Metis in SA; the city will only deal with the sanctioned Metis Local for projects and consultation; some dialogue about this with members of the local</li><li>• RE: Naming: there is a new process by which individuals can submit request for neighborhood name change.</li><li>• City council meetings: is it important to have representation at city council; are agendas sent out ahead of time? City council meetings are always public; they are posted Friday afternoon before hand;</li></ul>



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	<p>listed in the SA gazette. Samantha able to work with local before it gets onto an agenda at city council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Alberta Incubator; no indigenous member on the board and no businesses in the incubator; Jim Flett; how come there is no indigenous people being recruited on the board, and why is there no recruitment-Trevor is not sure of city relationship to NABI</li> <li>• Trevor will connect with economic development folks re: including Métis voice in economic development.</li> <li>• We need a seniors home, in SA; explore the possibility of getting some land in trust from the city; Garry Gagnon; we need housing; Trevor there is some ideas unfolding within the municipal regional table; we can look at it together</li> <li>• Once we get our subcommittee up and going we will ask Samantha and Trevor to come back every quarter</li> <li>• Environment portfolio-hanging prints-will reach out around that.</li> <li>• Millenium-petition to not cut down the trees; project team will come and speak to the advisory council; can come to a meeting or have a separate night to discuss with the community; just need to have a date-Sam</li> <li>• Magpie river: has designation as a live entity; Joanne Ladoceur is proposing that the land be protected and given rights; those trees are our relatives-we should not be taking those trees down; Metis millennium park in recognition of the people that lived here; you want to talk truth and reconciliation-you need to recognize the people that exist here</li> <li>• No concern for indigenous traditional existence in this area</li> <li>• The original Metis families of this city are never talked about, the Francophone families of the community are recognized but not the original Metis families</li> <li>• Will be there an opportunity for interlocutors to come in and have input-Gwen</li> <li>• There is a petition out; against it-there are amendments required to the municipal development plan; anyone can speak to it at that time-Trevor</li> <li>• Need to have the project team to come, and this will be done through the engagement mechanism; the advisory council</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Update</b>	<b>Treasurer's report: Colleen</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided updates on all funds in all accounts</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>



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<b>Update</b>	<b>Youville: Rev</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconnected with federal gov't and representatives will be visiting next Tues</li> <li>• Hired Jaylene Martel; as Project lead and still recruiting for a research lead and research assistants</li> <li>• Jaylene will be presenting at the next local meeting</li> <li>• We have to report on funds for provincial government</li> <li>• Setting up a community advisory council; Jaylene is working to build a council</li> <li>• We also want folks that are engaged in this work thus far to continue to be engaged</li> <li>• Lloyd has been instrumental in helping with the interviews and is supporting the interview process</li> <li>• Leeann-we need to consider data security; potentially getting own server</li> <li>• Hiring for a research lead right now; Rev and Vernon are interviewing and vetting; Leeann unable to assist right now due to time demands</li> </ul>
<b>Update</b>	<b>Red Willow Committee: Amanda</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda-Métis jigging with Luc Gauthier; consistently 9 people and also drop ins, once class had 35 people; we are going to put a call out to the youth for jigging, April 2, Tuesday to get ready to do a performance at Métis fest</li> <li>• Soup and bannock still going on-April 24 and SAIF will come and do a presentation on fraud and scams with seniors but everyone is welcome</li> <li>• Ribbon skirts workshops-3 done with Veronica McRae-excellent workshops for beginners, every class had a waitlist</li> <li>• Rupertsland; has come to present to students; working on post secondary session</li> <li>• Metis dot workshop-april 13</li> <li>• June-fathers day BBQ and tour of riverlot homes; June 15</li> <li>• Mothers day- no plans yet</li> <li>• Financial consumer agency of Canada; Suzette Argo-they pay for workshops to prepare people how to prepare for phishing, fraud, etc</li> <li>• Shelley-works at the bank- BMO-uptick in frauds and scams; lots of customers are targeted; little book of scams from the government of Canada</li> <li>• Shelley estate accounts-Shelley may be able to come to a session; different programs for financing for indigenous folks,</li> <li>• Bare trust-tax implication-need to fill out forms</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly chamber meetings-missed January; February Dwayne and Amanda went; talked about business and economic development; Phyllis attended in March international women's day; people are noticing we are having a presence</li> <li>• Building connections; space with continuing ed</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Update</b>	<b>Community Garden: Lynn</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no update; just waiting for garden to open</li> <li>• may have 2 plots</li> </ul>
<b>Update</b>	<b>Operations update: Rev, Colleen</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev and Colleen are supporting new admin; talking about IT support; exploring that this month</li> <li>• Colleen-Have a couple quotes; possible we need a server; 18G</li> <li>• Salt media-she has a server; she is Metis; Angie Saltman-Jim Flett; Colleen will contact Angie for a quote</li> <li>• Gwen-district 11-what are our expectations for the MNA; may be able to get a cheaper option because they have an IT person</li> <li>• We also want to support our local community and members as well, so we can expand this to include Metis members</li> <li>• We need to ensure MNA is a part of our plan, but we don't know if we have funding</li> <li>• Ensure that we get to keep the capital asset afterward; if funded through grant financing</li> </ul>
<b>Item 6. New &amp; Other business</b>	<b>Member agenda additions:</b>
	<p>a) <i>Indigenous professionals of Edmonton</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Flett is a part of this group and will be meeting with epcor; will emphasize that the local is sanctioned by MNA</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleen will f/u with Salt media regarding the IT quote</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm</li> <li>• Closed by Gwen</li> </ul>
<b>Next Local meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 23, 2024</li> <li>• 7pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent</li> </ul>



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<b>Next Red Willow meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TBD</li><li>• 6pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent</li></ul>

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