



St. Albert Local 1904 meeting # 14	June 25, 2024
	<p>In attendance: Rev Darda, Vernon Hagen, Colleen Hilsen, Trishia Dhoedt, Dwayne Poitras, Garry Gagnon, Marc Parent, Lynn Martin, Archie Arcand, Raymond Nault, Jimmy Flett, Chester Perreault, Phyllis Kelly, Jules Triferis, Christian Adam, Joanne Ladouceur, Karyn Gagon</p> <p>Zoom: Corey,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes taken by Leanne Bourque
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm • Opening prayer and welcome by Archie • Minutes from May 2024 reviewed by meeting attendees. Edits made were to have Garry Gagnon added as an attendee, and this year is a full audit not a compliance, removal of compliance letter from the treasurer's report. Motion by Vernon they be accepted, Joanne Ladouceur seconded. Minutes passed for the May meeting. • Addition to agenda: Meeting with President Sandmeyer and City of St. Albert mayor (added to the president's update) • Review of agenda: Motion made by Reverdi to approve, seconded by Jim Fleet. Approved.
Item 1: Update	District Council (Otipemisiwak Métis Government / OMG)
Presenter - Reverdi Darda	<p>a) Transition Process – Legal Retainer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev, Vernon and Colleen attended all three (3) info sessions in Sherwood Park, St. Albert, and Leduc. Lynn and Leeann attended St. Albert. Best turn out in St. Albert • Meeting topics that were discussed: identified the timeline of transition process, update about moving to the constitution, role of the Local, by-laws that will be presented in a special resolution meeting soon, opportunity to speak to Chief Electoral Officer – he gave update on being able to run for Council seat and Captain • About half of the candidates that were elected in the previous election were acclaimed. The names of nominees were approved, but no one ran against them. This highlighted the need to have more individuals involved in running for these positions. • Metis Local was advised to have a arm's length Legal Advisor that was separate from the Legal team at the MNA. \$5000 of funding was provided to the Local to retain a Lawyer. Execs have been in contact with third-party legal support since June and have signed a retainer to be able to plan for next steps to be able to call a special resolution meeting.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on discussions, the election for the new District will be around January 2025 (roughly). • The new Bylaws for District 11 were approved in-principle by the Citizens Council in April 2024. This process will allow the Local to move forward with the Special Resolution meeting where the Local and its members will be able to pass these new By-laws. • NOTE: St. Albert – Sturgeon Metis Local 1904 is still a non-profit organization • Once the resolution is passed and preparation for the election has started, we will need to meet with the Chief Electoral Officer, Dell Graph and he will guide us through the election plan. The Local will decide on how votes can be completed. Example: Online, Mail, or In-Person • Background work on the election plan still need to be done • The Local received updates on amendments to the “District Boundary Act” and shared for information to those present at the meeting. <p>Member discussion (Question & Answers – Q&A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: Would the Local continue as it has been? (<i>rephrased</i>) • A: St. Albert – Sturgeon Metis Local 1904 will remain as a not-for-profit organization. As we move into the OMG Government there will be a review of institutions/assets of which will remain in the Local. • Q: Request to ask Region 4 for asset/financial statements of 2023 as regional members. • A: MNA hasn't contacted our members regarding any meetings regarding assets and financial ending of Region 4. • “District Boundary Act” is located on the MNA's website
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request financial statements for Region 4 • Invite Nicole Shepard to September 2024 Local meeting provide an update on transition process from Local to District
New Business	Trishia Dhoedt – Web Designer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a call out for volunteer web designer in May 2024. Trishia responded to the call and will be updating our website • Trishia asked Local community members for ideas for new website design • 6-week timeframe • Ideas: Committees/Programs Tab, MNA Updates, search bar, up-to-date pictures, links to resources, address to Local offices/meetings, links to our social media accounts, link to St. Albert / Sturgeon resources



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev and Leanne will continue to be the Administrators for the website • Not a complete website re-do but a refresh until District 11 comes into effect • NOTE: "Donation tab" will never be added to our Local website
	Lynn - Garden
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden is coming along great • Volunteers always needed
	Volunteer Appreciation Event
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner for volunteers. • Leeann still waiting estimates for event costs • No concrete budget to present at this time
	Local Contractors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda – Red Willow Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Off for 6 weeks. Ended current contract. – Good feedback from community member about Grain Elevator BBQ, Tea & Bannock, and all programs that Amanda supported. – What are our next steps for Red Willow will be discussed in the next 4 weeks. – Funding for position was under a grant from MNA and may not be available for extension. • Jaylene – Youville Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No changes at to current contract • Leanne – Admin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will now be working part time hours. 1 week on, 1 week off
Item 2: Reports	Reports by President/Treasurer/Red Willow
Update	President's Report: Rev
	<p>a) Meeting with Mayor Heron and President Sandmeyer (Update by Vernon & Phyllis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed that Districts core funding is not enough to hire contractors • Mayor did say she would support the Local in whatever we need (Youville Project) • Samantha Atkinson, Indigenous Relations Coordinator questioned "What is the standing of the River Lot Association?". Confirmation letter that the St. Albert- Sturgeon Metis local 1904 is the only local



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recognized by the MNA will be mailed to the City of St. Albert Mayor regarding this matter

- *Bill Fletcher (CEO) was present at the meeting as well*

*b) Great Blue Heron Community Economic Development Entity
(Update and presentation by Jim Flett)*

- Paper handout was given to members displaying update
- Ec. Dev. has no funds currently
- The project that includes 7 & 9 St. Anne Street building can be an asset to the Local and its members. Currently the building is off the market
- BDO will be selling the building
- Recent submission for grant – this funding would cover legal fees
Grant includes: \$32K Lawyer Fees, \$27K funding for Accounting Fees and a review of current leases
- \$20K Application Fees – will be at the cost of the Local
- We can lease building to others
- This is a big project. The Exec. Team are very mindful of the size of this project.
- Ec. Dev. needs to have 3 volunteer directors / positions appointed to the board
- Renovations at the building can be financed
- Building maintenance report will need to be completed
- The building can be fully leased for \$285k.
- Next steps: Exec. Board to create an entity and to identify / appoint the three (3) directors to that entity. Draft terms of reference have been created
- Opportunity to have a vertical garden program within the building for revenue
- Opportunity for more programs will be developed

c) Community Engagement

(Update and presentation by Phyllis Kelly)

City Development Projects

- St Albert West Area Structure Plan passed first reading. This is for development west of Ray Gibbons from Cherot to Lois Hole Park
- Walked the Northwest development that will extend sewer lines and utilities from Old Cold Mine Road, down Old Bellerose Road, under the river and through Kingswood Park to the utility station currently at Sir Winston Churchill and Sturgeon Road.
- Discussed the extension of Red Willow Park system from the train trestle on the north side of the river to Grey Nuns Spruce Park. They are looking for stories and history from the area.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three development projects are in effect; the city will communicate more as to when developments in the city will begin. • In process of development digging east of Ray Gibbons – Phyllis will enquire about this and request for an Indigenous Monitor to be present • (Marc) is working with the City team and inquired as to “What happens when you do find an artifact?” No one replied to this email. If process steps are not completed prior to digging, there will be no use for a monitor to be present. Marc will send the process to Phyllis for information. <u>City of St. Albert Meetings</u> • Pre-budget 2025 planning meeting with Colleen and Gary Gagnon. 82% of the budget is set services. Prioritizing Economic Prosperity, Downtown Vibrancy, Community Well-Being, Adapting to a Changing Natural Environment and Financial Stability. • Moving Together Workshop on Mobility Strategies for the next 5 years and 10 years. Issues impacting how you move around the city are environmental, congestion, seniors, density, urban sprawl and infrastructure. • Supported Jim as he presented to the City Economic Group. • Informal meeting with Samantha Atkinson (Indigenous Relations Coordinator) to review requests and emails. <u>Other Meetings/Events</u> • Hosted a table with Lynn at National Indigenous Peoples Day held by the City of St Albert and the Public Library. People requesting River Lot maps. Martin at the museum will provide a copy of River Lot map for the Local. • Jan Reimer Park Restoration project with the City of Edmonton. Phyllis was offered and honorarium and will donate honorarium to the Local • Meet and Greet with President Sandmeier and Mayor Heron. Vernon, Bill Fletcher, Samantha Atkinson and two members of the Governance Group also attended. • Reviewed next steps for renaming of the Grandin area with Counselor Killick and gathering signatures. Possible Metis name suggestions can be made online. • Discussed with Father Les, the Oblate representative for Lacombe District, the possibility of a donation. Formal request is next step. <u>Moving Forward</u> • Requests for Monitors made for Mount Royal Drive construction, Bore Holes in the Cherot area, and upcoming needs at the St Albert Catholic Schools office expansion and we will request monitors for the development at the river's edge (near Mercato) • Requests for Elders to attend the Elders' Conference in Edmonton.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for a date to view Crosswalk design implementation. • Protocol – Phyllis will accept and donate any protocol to the Local • Request to continue with tea and bannock and Chamber Luncheons to amplify the presence of the Metis Local in the City Community. These are great opportunities to expand relationships through out the City of St. Albert • Tea & Bannock is the last Tuesday of each month. Local pays \$200 every 2nd month. <p>d) <i>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation</i> <i>(Update by Lynn, Jaylene, Leanne, Phyllis)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates. Planning meetings continue.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision and approach to honorariums and protocol • Approval for monthly Tea & Bannock and Chamber Luncheons to continue • Ask Trevor to waive the membership fee for Chamber of Commerce membership
Update	Youville Residential School Truthing Project: Jaylene
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Handout provided) • Community Advisory Group/ meeting was on June 17, 2024 • Request by Vernon for more local members to attend meeting for Youville Project initiatives • Next meeting – August 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Action	n/a
Update	Windbreakers Running: `Vernon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last run tomorrow • Wrapping up • Starting in September (Cross country season) • Enoch has a lot of youth that will be joining
Action	n/a
Update	Red Willow Committee:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda has taken time off • Decide on next steps for Red Willow
Action	n/a
Update	Treasurer's report: Colleen



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared two (2) documents and reviewed trial balance and Audit overview. • Expenses, staffing and supplies all listed • Donation was given to Metis Fest of \$20k • In depth audit has been conducted • Difference between 2023 and 2024 (assets, income, prepaid expenses, etc.) • Need to do work on policies and processes • In the last six (6) months, the Exec. Team has implemented a high level Delegation of Financial Authority Policy. This documents outlines who does what and what are the limits. • No reimbursements will be given to individuals going forward. If you need to buy anything, please reach out to Colleen to use company Mastercard or the Treasurer can issue a cheque. • Local has been in operation since 2016. There were ten (10) members / four (4) pillars. It was developed to rejuvenate the Metis Culture • (Phyllis) Opportunity to attend how to write grants in October 2024. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Phyllis or Rev.
Action	n/a
Item 6. New & Other business	Member agenda additions:
	a) did not occur due to timing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Prayer - • Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm
Next Local Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 2024 – TBA (Special Resolution/AGM Meeting) ○ Request by Exec. Team for no monthly Local meeting for July 2024 (All in favor - <u>Approved</u>) ○ Tentative monthly Local meeting in August 2024 (All in favor)