



St. Albert Local 1904 meeting #12	May 22,2024
	<p><i>In attendance: Rev Darda, Vernon Hagen, Colleen Hilsen, Dwayne Poitras, Garry Gagnon, Archie Arcand, Jim Flett, Lynn Martin, Jarod Letendre, Leeann Hilsen, Trisha, Darcy, Matt; regrets: Amanda Patrick</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zoom: Millie Picott, Jessie Fiddler, Jewell Tetreau, Phyllis Kelly</i> • <i>Guest: Morgan Bamford, Epcor, Sr. Manager of Indigenous relations</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 7:07pm • Opening prayer and welcome by Archie Arcand • Motion made by Rev to approve March minutes, seconded by Lynn. All in favour, approved as written. • Motion made by Rev to approve April minutes, seconded by Gary Gagnon.
Item 1: Business arising	New business updates
Presenter	<p><i>Epcor; Morgan Bamford</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan: There is a ceremonial feast/pipe ceremony to honor those laid to rest at rossdale station. June 5, begins at noon-pipe ceremony & feast-notice will be sent out to members, shared at meeting as well. Bert Bull from Louis Bull; Maskwacis nations are leading the ceremony • Epcor tries to ensure that ceremony is prioritized; monitors have an opportunity to lay tobacco, smudge, • Intend to do a ceremony at the beginning of digging season; thanks given to the trees when trees need to be cut down • Wood donated to sweat in the city • Cultural training could be included for contractors who are on site and don't understand protocols • There was prominent Metis families who were part of the rossdale land (nice to acknowledge these families) • The water infrastructure needs to updated to better protect the water facilities, multi year project-at both of the sites • There is a recognition that there are many Indigenous groups that have significant historical and cultural connection to the land; particularly when there is ground disturbance • Hx worked with Metis region 2 & 4, as well as a year or 2 with the local • Still figuring out who to work with; prioritize consultation with Indigenous rights holders (FN & OMG) • Many projects upcoming • Monitoring-do engage with monitors when there is ground disturbance in the river valley; when there is a chance of finding archeological, cultural, historical significance monitors are brought in • New to monitoring-archeological finds plan-developed over the last yr, it outlines a procedure when something is found, based on



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	<p>feedback, everyone on the site has a role to play (ie. construction workers, epcor, archeologist, monitors, etc). Defines the roles when something is found.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy elevates the monitor voice to the same level as the archeologist; they can halt the dig • Indigenous monitoring guidelines; outlines the role of the monitor • Monitoring-highlighting by membership that our local is the only Metis group sanctioned by OMG; our membership is legitimate and we encourage epcor to work with district 11, there are people who are representative of our community; and people who are not and it is important to be cautious about who working with • There is a cancellation fee now; if there is a cancellation within 2 days or less then epcor will pay a fee as well as an administration fee; want to recognize that people take time off work etc. • Relational; strong track record working with the MNA • Work with the local and the citizens rep which represents district 11/local 1904. <p><i>Economic development: Jim Flett</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim gave a presentation on the possibility of an economic arms length entity for economic development, steady source of income for the local/district • Possible economic ideas shared and brainstormed • Some dialogue around options • Economic development board would be a separate entity, with an economic charter-accountable to Metis local but not directed on a day to day basis by the local; guided by its own board
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
Item 2: Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports by President/Treasurer/Red Willow
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's report: Rev
	<p>a) <i>Update re: District council bylaws and sub districts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the transition process; our bylaws have been approved in principle by our provincial citizens council; we are now setting up a series of engagement sessions. OMG is advertising to the communities; June 4-sherwood park; Sandman inn; une 5-doors open at 630-St. Albert inn; June 6-Leduc-coast nisku inn & conference centre • Bylaws can be sent out again; and they will be at the sessions as well



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNA distribution list, SA distribution list will be used to advertise the engagement sessions • Query as to why Fort Sask was not included as it is a large Metis community; Alfred-our citizen's rep, and our local executive suggested these locations; Alfred has not been to any of the local meetings • OMG/MNA will hold the elections this fall; they require us to have adopted and have the bylaws in place by July 31, 2024. After the info sessions we will call a special resolution meeting close to the end of June, no dates flagged yet. • Funding, based on existing budget the OMG will provide 80G/fiscal year for each district council for its core operations • This is in addition to the captain funding; the captain will be elected and have a salary. • Bank accounts cannot be established until the district is incorporated; the OMG will be establishing an internal account and make available up to 20G to support us in the transition activities; this is in addition to their support in setting up the meetings • There is an opportunity to have legal support as we navigate the path to becoming a district; we have utilized the laws group as well • Digital copy-Garry Gagnon would like a copy of the memorandum.
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
<p>Update</p>	<p>Treasurer's report: Colleen</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided updates on all funds in all accounts • 120G general funds • 91G-red willow • 44-windbreakers • 617 savings youville • 300G-youville business • 20g to metis fest • Compliance letter will be in soon; because audit was done last year
<p>Action</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
<p>Update</p>	<p>Youville: Rev</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youville Update: 17 responses to the CAC; Jaylene unable to attend tonight



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We just put in our first year end report, federal government is supportive
Update	Red Willow Committee: Amanda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 15-BBQ Women's group running, well attended in person
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
Update	Community Garden: Lynn
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynn-needs volunteers for the garden; Leanne will send out a request for volunteers on the volunteer list & have it in the newsletter
Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windbreakers Running Club: Jarod Letendre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normally have 8 runners Have the gear Gary Gagnon shared some teachings; Metis, Inuit and Cree teachings Twice/week 5 km run wild race Another race to be done on June 1st Will go to the end of June and start again beginning of September Did a CBC radio interview/CTV news will also be coming out Windspeaker-CFWE also going to interview Grant funding; engaging youth, culture and running
Update	Operations update: Rev, Colleen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Update	City engagement council: Phyllis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada day event; send an email to admin; we are looking for volunteers as per the invite from the city of SA



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous day; Lynn, Leanne and Amanda are involved; singing group from the kids, Samantha has been with the fires, Lynn-looking for ideas • Coordinated through the city of SA; we are to give ideas-they are footing the bill; June 21st in Lion's Park • City of SA is also working on National Day of Truth and Reconciliation; planning for Sept; the city received a grant; we supported them in getting the grant, we are helping to design and plan, coordinate the event; Phyllis is also on the board; Sept 30 <p>Phyllis-city advisory committee-update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use bylaw information session; preserving natural space around big lake • West side of ray gibbons • City bylaws update, nothing alarming • Subcommittee-passed out names for people to sign to rename the grandin area; and the city properties that are named Grandin • Letters of support as to why renaming is important to you-if you have input into this please consider writing a letter of support, especially if you have significant connection to area • June 13 Phyllis is meeting with councillor kellick • Phyllis-Bellerose walk, spearheading to start process and make connections, wants to do a walk along this area; NE service end and old Bellerose road on Monday; invited any members interested to participate • Met with city marketing and communications team; expressed that we wanted a Metis voice to be heard & represented locally-they heard this • In process of setting up meeting with the oblates; Garry Gagnon will be going with Phyllis • Phyllis is the point person for city dialogue • Engagement at St. Albert Metis local1904.org
Item 6. New & Other business	Member agenda additions:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm • Closed by Garry Gagnon
Next Local meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 25



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7pm @ 15 Rowland Crescent
Next Red Willow meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD

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