

Special Meeting – April 13, 2024
Round Prairie Elder's Lodge – Saskatoon

Minutes Taken by: Misty Dawn Moran

In Attendance

Minister Kathie Pruden Nansel - WR2A Area Director

Shirley Isbister - Cumfi - Local 165

Penny Hurton - Victoria Racette - Local 11a

Jocelyn Ormerod - Gabriel Dumont Local 11

Adam McInnes - Saskatoon Local 126

Jeremy Desnomie - Allan Local - Absent

Barry Falcon - Biggar - Local 53

Barb Card - Darcy/Fiske - Local 85

Kim Fisher - Canada - Local 55

Chance Parenteau - Regrets

An emergency Special Meeting was called on April 13, 2024, after the Regional Council and Vice Presidents, reviewed the draft MN'S Local's act.

Notice was waved by all present.

Meeting called to order 2:30 pm

The Attached motion was carried Unanimously.

Note Take _____

WR2A Regional Director _____

April 13, 2024

MOTION:

1. **The Western Region 2A Regional Council, Elder and Les Filles de Madelaine - Saskatoon Chapter representative** – give our Regional Director – Kathie Pruden Nansel direction, to read into the record of the PMC meeting of April 19, 2024 the following WR2A Regional Council statement regarding the numerous MN-S proposed Acts, especially the Locals and Regions Draft acts.
 - Our regional council Local Presidents, Vice Presidents and Region Elder, held an entire day meeting on April 13th to review the proposed Acts.
 - We are aware these documents are intended to be tabled at the upcoming 2024 Spring MNLA.
 - During our review, we were only able to review part of the Locals Act due to the high number of concerns and the amount of discussion surrounding the Act.
 - Due to the importance of these documents and the suggested timeline that has been presented by MN-S staff and Ministers during the virtual Constitutional Reform meetings, the WR2A council do not support tabling these documents at the Spring 2024 MNLA due to the following reasons:
 - Tabling these documents implies the start of the adoption process. However, we do not feel as though our citizens have been informed, nor have they consented to these Acts. These documents should be presented at the MNLA without beginning any formal process for approval.
 - The Locals Act is attempting to remove all autonomy from Locals - the grassroots arm of our MN-S governance.
 - We want Locals to remain entrenched within the constitution and to be more clearly defined to include a purpose, roles and responsibilities of Locals.
 - Western Region 2A citizens are being rushed to make uninformed decisions due to the lack of meaningful consultation and communication. It took a whole day for elected officials to partially review one act, our citizens are going to need more than one evening engagement.
 - The MN-S has not included our historical ties to grassroots political organization and community driven governance within these documents.
 - The judicial body is referenced numerous times throughout both acts but yet we have not seen the proposed act, nor have MNLA members gotten any tangible information regarding how this body will be used for political disputes.

- Where is this information coming from - who is dictating the questions that are being asked and what goes into the proposed acts/ constitution?
- Why are we using the local commissioner's words when it wasn't passed and consensus that it did not contain any pertinent information about our current Locals status

The following are from Each Local President, Vice President and delegate that was present for our meeting April 13, 2024.

2. Kim Fisher – President Cando Local 55

Concerned about # of membership in the draft Locals act and the capacity of locals to do the work that is being mandated within the act.

3. Barry Falcon – President Biggar Local 53

Concerned about equal representation and function of locals within amalgamation - how many votes would an amalgamated local have at a MNLA

4. Shirley Isbister – CUMFI Local 165

Autonomy of decision making of Local Presidents and potential for asset control by the MN-S, we need clarification, as well everything goes to Judicial review and at the end of the day the judicial body's decision trumps everything else.

5. WR2A Elder – Dennis Falcon

We're talking about changing something we don't even honor now. Let's clean up what we have.

6. Penny Hurton – President - Victoria Racette Local11A

grandfathering of Locals, duties set out for Locals but nothing for Executives - lack of capacity currently but asking us to take on more with no \$\$\$\$. There is no transparency and accountability.

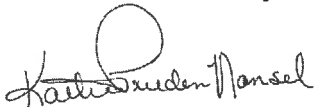
7. Beverly Laliberte – Delegate for Les Filles de Madelaine - Saskatoon Chapter

defining terms within the document - Historic communities, historic connection, special interest, etc.

8. **Barbara Card – President West Central Local 85**
Removing decision making powers from Locals
9. **Adam McInnes – President- Saskatoon Local 126**
Glad we are working on improving our governance structures and moving towards providing more structure for Locals and Regions however, I feel that this process has not engendered a sense of confidence and security from Local leadership and citizens.
10. **Wyatt Parker – VP – Cando Local**
Capacity - how do we get this information out to our members and citizens? More responsibility is being added onto Presidents and Locals
NOT ENOUGH TIME
11. **Shelly Biggar Local 53 delegate**
we need our people to have more interest in our politics – we need better engagement. We get little response to culture programming so how do we ensure that citizens are engaged in this important piece? Need support in engagement and capacity
12. **Evelyn Johnston – VP CUMFI**
The Locals have to stay in the constitution - concerned about membership in Locals having to align w/ citizenship of MN-S – especially our elders.
13. **Michelle Card – VP West Central**
transparency is lacking. MN-S needs to build trust.
14. **Jocelyn Ormerod – President – Gabriel Dumont Local 11**
We need better scenarios presented for the Judicial Act – such as a citizens or Locals appeal regarding MN-S Legislation or Constitution not being followed etc. not just harvesting scenarios.

Further, that a copy of our statement be provided to the Constitutional Reform Team for their records and reference.

Moved by: Shirley Isbister – President CUMFI Local 165
Seconded by: Kim Fisher – President Cando Local 55
Carried Unanimously



Read the MN-S PMC Meeting April 27, 2024