



Medicine Hat Métis District Council – Minutes, September 22, 2025

MEDICINE HAT MÉTIS DISTRICT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

****Date:**** September 22, 2025

****Location:**** 15 Taylor Court SE, Medicine Hat AB

****Attendees:****

In Person: Heather Seale, Pat Aaker, April Aaker, Laurie Oullette

Via Teams:

Guest: Cathy Schnell

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:50 PM by Heather Seale.

2. Opening Prayer

Led by Laurie Oullette.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by April Aaker, seconded by Laurie Oullette. Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by April Aaker to adopt August 25, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections (spelling corrected to Aaker), seconded by Laurie Oullette. Carried.

5. Financial Report

General: \$22,123.52

Casino: \$15,991.79

Moved by Laurie Oullette, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Apeetogosan: Motion to move educational seminar to Spring 2026. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

- Battle River Métis Fest: Motion to buy 20 crib boards and 25 decks of cards. Moved by April Aaker, seconded by Pat Aaker. Carried.



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- Motion to pay board rooms Friday night with Casino funds. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

- Medicine Hat Métis Week: November 17–21, 2025.

Métis Week Schedule:

- Monday: Stories with Cucum Marie via Zoom in Saratoga Park (6:30–8:30 pm). Proclamation and flag raising at 11 am. Proclamation signing is October 28th at 3 pm at the Mayor's office.

- Tuesday: Bannock tasting at the Esplanade.

- Wednesday: Craft circle (4:30–6:30 pm), followed by jigging lessons.

- Thursday: Elders banquet.

- Friday & Saturday: Market at the College (10 am–4 pm).

- Waiting for approved funding from OMG (pending).

- Booking movers and renting container for office supplies.

- Selected Medicine Hat Métis logo.

- Kahsketakihk: Selected two elders Jeanette Hanson and Patricia Aaker; revised that anyone may submit their bio.

- Emailed Council MOU for review (pending).

- Decided laptop/office purchases with Casino operating funds. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

7. Motion re: Memorandum of Understanding

Motion for Captain, Secretary/Treasurer to execute MOU to obtain District Citizenship list. Moved by April Aaker, seconded by Pat Aaker. Carried.

8. Chamber of Commerce & Financial Amendments

- Motion to join Chamber of Commerce at \$231 annually (first-time members). Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

- Motion to amend financial spending for Métis Week from \$5,000 to \$8,500. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.

- Motion for Cathy Schnell to apply for Heritage Canada Grant 2026 for Battle River Métis Festival 2026. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.



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New Business

- St. Mary School proposed as new building purchase (for sale in 2 years).
- Proposal went to Valerie with OMG Government.
- Future plan to bring Yvonne Chartrand to Medicine Hat to teach Jigging with Laurie Ouellette.
- Laptops limited to executive board members.
- Motion: Heather Seale to look into website and Facebook for Medicine Hat Métis District 2. Moved by Pat Aaker, seconded by April Aaker. Carried.
- Once website and email established, board can purchase albertabusinessgrants.ca/grants-gazette.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM,

15 Taylor Court SE Medicine Hat AB (Chambers Board room was booked for this date)

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM by Heather Seale.