



Medicine Hat Métis District 2 Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:12 p.m.

Location: 413 6th Ave SE (Chamber of Commerce)

In Attendance :

Heather Seale, Pat Aaker, April Aaker, Laurie Oulette (via Teams)

Guest: Catherine Schnell

1. Opening

- Prayer: Led by Laurie Oulette
- Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. by Heather Seale

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda: Pat Aaker
- Seconded: April Aaker
- Carried

3. Adoption of Minutes for October 15, 2025

- Motion moved by April Aaker
- Seconded: Laurie Oulette
- Carried

• 4. Old Business

- Remembrance Day Wreath laying attending Citizens Representative Schnell, Captain Seale and citizen, Wally Garrioch
- 2025 Métis Week – signed proclamation with Mayor Clark



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- Engagement with City of Medicine Hat Indigenous Relations coordinator, Kelly Grace
- Motion passed appointing Laurie Oulette as Casino Secretary
- Policy and Procedure for Board Communication and Representation approved and signed
- Financial support for Children's Christmas Party and gift cards approved
- Financial documents and name change information mailed to CRA in progress
- Schwab's & Co. T2 and tax filing in progress
- Website launched

5. Motions

5.1 Motion to gift van to Miywasin, if solution to Insurance/Registration cannot be resolved sell the van.

- Motion by Pat Aaker
- Seconded: Laurie Oulette
- Carried

5.2 Motion to obtain Directors & Officers Liability Insurance

- Motion by April Aaker
- Seconded: Pat Aaker
- Carried

5.3 Motion to approve payment of transportation expenses for volunteers for district-approved activities and events with receipts.

- Motion by Pat Aaker
- Seconded: April Aaker
- Carried

5.4 Motion to purchase District-branded merchandise



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- Motion by Pat Aaker
- Seconded: Laurie Oulette
- Carried

5.5 Motion to approve payment to Carl Gerome for delivery of the Kiskihkeyimowin program day rate, travel, and accommodation

- Motion by Pat Aaker
- Seconded: April Aaker
- Carried

5.6 Motion to obtain a business no-fee MasterCard

- Motion by April Aaker
- Seconded: Laurie Oulette
- Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Business Mixer with Apeetogosan proposed for September

6.2 Kiskihkeyimowin event with School Board

6.3 Schwab's & Co, determine if Van's value can be Zeroed for taxes

7. New Business

7.1 Consultation Phase 2 participation – February 9, 2026

7.2 Battle River Métis Fest – awaiting budget

7.3 District AGA proposed date March 28, 2026 – MH Stampede tentatively booked

7.4 District hoodies to be available to order on District website

7.5 Invitation to “Kids Passport to the World” – conflict with Indigenous Women's Day on March 7, 2026

7.6 Métis Language Bundles – council implementation planning to bring programming to district citizens



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8. Other Business

- Exploring infrastructure funding opportunities
- Determining District funding protocol waiting to hear from OMG
- Gathering information on Medicine Hat Métis housing (Funding promised from MNA for Seniors housing)
- Website corrections
- Find if city is providing land for Metis housing still
- Emails for council members with gmail or Think Launch Grow (with cost)
- Tabled: Artist call for Orange Shirt Day logo art

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Pat Aaker
- Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

10. Next Meeting

Date: February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: 413 6th Ave SE (Chamber of Commerce)