





Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) Agenda

August 14, 2026 6:00 – 9:00 PM Delta Hotels Toronto Airport and Conference Centre, Toronto

1. 6:30 PM Call to Order (Establishment of Quorum) (June Smart)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Luanne Cunningham)
3. Opening Prayer (Tina-Marie Jameson)
4. Welcome from President Samantha Loney
5. Greetings from President Margaret Froh
6. Greetings from PCMNO Liaison Kate Stewart-McNeil
7. Four Agreements (Suzanne Fraser)
8. Review Métis Rules of Order (Kim Sanftenberg)
9. Chair's Remarks & Housekeeping (June Smart)
10. Motion 08/14/26-1 Approval of Agenda
11. Motion 08/14/26-2 Approval of Minutes from 2025 AGM
12. Motion 08/14/26-3 Approval of Financial Report as Presented
13. President, Regional Representatives & Elder Reports
14. MNOWC Terms of Reference (Samantha Loney)
15. General Discussion – Charter, Survey, Ordinary Resolution (Samantha Loney)
16. Motions from the Floor
17. Presentations - MNOWC Women Honouring Women Award
18. Closing Prayer (Tina-Marie Jameson)
19. Door Prize Draws (Luanne Cunningham)
20. Adjournment
21. Refreshments & Social Networking

Four Agreements

Agreement #1

Be impeccable with your word – Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

Agreement #2

Don't take anything personally – Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

Agreement #3

Don't make assumptions – Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

Agreement #4

Always do your best – Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret.

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MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO WOMEN'S COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING August 15, 2025

Minutes of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held August 15, 2025, at the Delta Hotels Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront, 208 St. Mary's River Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, prepared by Lampel Odeste, Recording Secretary.

MEETING ATTENDANCE (*joined by videoconference) MNOWC:

Lynne Gouliquer, President	Suzanne Fraser, Region 7 Representative**
Jennifer Rollins, Region 1 Representative	Luanne Cunningham, Region 8 Representative, Vice- Chair**
Nicole Taylor, Region 2 Representative*	Pandora Wilhelm, Region 9 Representative**
June Smart, Region 4 Representative, Chair	Tina-Marie Jameson, Elder
Kim Sanftenberg, Region 5 Representative, Treasurer	
Shannon Fitzgerald Smith, Region 6 Representative*	

ALSO PRESENT:

Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	Chelsea Smith, CR Graphics & Comms Specialist
Dale LeClair, Chief Executive Officer	Theresa Stenlund, PCMNO Region 1 Councilor and Co-Provincial Secretary for Métis Rights, Inter-Governmental Relations, and Communications
Melanie Brisson, Community Relations (CR) Resolution Specialist	Kate Stewart-McNeil, PCMNO Region 8 Councilor, PCMNO Liaison to the MNO Two Spirit+ Council and PCMNO Liaison to the MNOWC
Russell Ott, CR Technical Advisor, MNO	
Loma Rowlinson, CR Manager	

DELEGATES:

Claire Accettola	Dorothy Eastman	Debra La Rush	Lindsay Rogers
Sue Barnes	Liliane Ethier, Senator	Tanya La Rush	Roxanne Shank
Nancy Bouchier	Diane Foster	Debbie LeClair	Brenda Stewart
Angie Coture	Donna Grenier,	Morgyn McDonald	Amie Therrien
Lori VanWyck	Senator	Julia Mitchell	Rebecca Toman*
Fussold	Amanda Beaudry	Melodie Loney	Sandy Triskle
Julia Hazell	Norine Malloy	Elizabeth Campbell	Danika Warman
Sophie Gravelle	Carol Trotter	Lisa Kisom	Michelle Curtis
Carol Lacasse	Erin Sinclair	Carleigh Milburn	Danielle Curtis
Katherine Cole	Meghan Barnes	Crystal VanWyck	Trudy Bellamy
Patti Belanger	Sandra Nascimento	Paulette Steeues	Brandy Robbins
Melissa Buchanan	Wendy Houston	Tracey-Mae	Shirley Debassige
Anastasia Dufour	Melanie Brisson	Chambers	Morgan Macdonald**
Christina Gates	Kaitlyn Anderson-	Samantha Loney	Santana
Kelly Camacho	Mitchell	Vicki Jenkins	Sanftenburg**
		Karen Belcourt	

**not included in the sign-up sheet but presence was acknowledged during the meeting

AGENDA VARIED

Items in these minutes are presented in the order they were considered and numbered in accordance with the approved Agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Establishment of Quorum)

Chair June Smart, Region 4 Representative, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present.

The Chair introduced the newly elected Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council:

President: Lynne Gouliquer

Elder: Tina-Marie Jameson

Region 1: Jennifer Rollins

Region 2: Nicole Taylor

Region 3: Vacant

Region 4: June Smart (Chair)

Region 5: Kim Sanftenberg (Treasurer)

Region 6: Shannon Fitzgerald Smith

Region 7: Suzanne Fraser

Region 8: Luanne Cunningham (Vice-Chair)

Region 9: Pandora Wilhelm

Chair Smart acknowledged previous representatives Tina Nichol, Region 3 and Rebecca Toman, Region 6.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Luanne Cunningham, Region 8 Representative, offered the Land Acknowledgement.

3. OPENING PRAYER

Elder Tina-Marie Jameson offered an Opening Prayer.

4. WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT LYNNE GOULIQUER

MNOWC President Lynne Gouliquer provided remarks welcoming delegates to the meeting. President Gouliquer highlighted MNOWC's achievements and its continuous goal on seeking a dedicated position for women within the leadership.

5. GREETINGS FROM MNO PRESIDENT MARGARET FROH

President Margaret Froh thanked all delegates joining online and in person and acknowledged the strong turnout of attendees as a reflection of the MNOWC's engagement and dedication. President Froh emphasized the importance of continuous cultural preservation and encouraged delegates to continue promoting stories of Métis women by sharing personal and ancestral stories through journals and social media.

President Froh encouraged the MNOWC to discuss and define their vision, goals and desired outcomes to inform the Council's future planning and resource allocation. To support such efforts, President Froh commented on funding mechanisms established within the MNO including the recruitment of a dedicated grant writer who can assist with accessing gender-focused funding. Three additional staff were hired, including two full-time staff to support the MNOWC and an Advisory Coordinator.

President Froh introduced the MNO's new Chief Executive Officer Dale LeClair and commented on his longstanding contributions in the areas of education, childcare, housing and other core programs. President Froh also shared of the upcoming launch of the Powley Institute, as a platform to promote the voices and storytelling of Métis women.

6. GREETINGS FROM PCMNO LIAISON KATE STEWART-MCNEIL

Kate Stewart-McNeil, PCMNO Liaison, expressed appreciation to all delegates and commented on progress regarding the collaboration and alignment of the vision between the PCMNO and MNOWC. PCMNO Liaison Kate Stewart-McNeil shared that the two priorities established, to increase recognition and fostering meaningful partnerships can be achieved through collective commitment and dedication to safety and empowerment of women and youth.

7. FOUR AGREEMENTS

Suzanne Fraser, Region 7 Representative, reviewed the "Four Agreements" included in the MNOWC Code of Conduct.

8. REVIEW MÉTIS RULES OF ORDER

Kim Sanftenberg, Region 5 Representative, reviewed the six fundamental Principles for Debates from the Métis Rules of Order.

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED (Daniella Rush) and SECONDED (Susan Bart)

That the agenda for the August 15, 2025, Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council, be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNOWC-AGM-250815-01)

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2024 AGM

It was MOVED (Morgyn McDonald) and SECONDED (Dorothy Eastman)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council Annual General Meeting held August 16, 2024, be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNOWC-AGM-250815-02)

11. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair Smart referred to the distributed Treasurer's Report.

It was MOVED (Santana Sanftenburg) and SECONDED (Morgyn McDonald)

That the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNOWC-AGM-250815-03)

In response to questions, it was noted that:

- The distributed report covers the period August 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
- As the funds relating to pins were realized in May 2025, they were not included in the report.
- The MNOWC AGM meeting package was sent by MNO Communication via email in July and August 2025, printed copies of the meeting package are provided at each table along with a QR code should a delegate wish to access them online.
- The MNOWC currently maintains one bank account under the MNO Secretariat and a separate account (as the party seat) with the Royal Bank of Canada:
 - o While it is understood there was prior discussion and concern raised regarding keeping one single account, direction regarding closure of the MNOWC's independent account has not been recorded in any meeting minutes.
 - o Given that there are no further comments or objections, this matter is considered resolved.

12. APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES & ELDERS REPORT

Chair Smart referred to the distributed President and Regional Women Representatives Reports provided for information.

It was MOVED (Morgyn McDonald) and SECONDED (Melodie Loney)

That the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council President, Regional Representative and Elders Reports be accepted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNOWC-AGM-250815-04)

13. APPROVAL OF NEW PROPOSED MNOWC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Chair Smart reviewed the proposed MNOWC Terms of Reference (TOR) as distributed and a motion was tabled to approve the TOR.

During discussion on the resolution and proposed TOR, comments were offered on:

- Objection to approving the proposed TOR given that some Regions may not have been consulted on the draft and that they were not also brought forward to the Provincial Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) for consideration.
- The proposed TOR having been thoroughly reviewed and being developed based on several current MNO Community Council Charters and By-Laws.
- The proposed TOR were distributed in advance of the meeting.
- There is a need for delegates to ensure their email addresses/contact details are up-to-date in the MNO Registry.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m. and resumed at 7:40 p.m.

During continued discussion, comments were offered on suggestions to check the ability of MNO's Nation Builder to send an email distribution and ensure in the future, all communications from Nation Builder include a clear subject line indicating the importance of material.

It was MOVED (Anastasia Dufour) and SECONDED (Vicki Jenkins)

That the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

RESOLVED (MNOWC-AGM-250815-05)

(29 in favour; 21 opposed; 5 abstentions)

14. MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

No motions were received from the floor.

15. MNOWC WOMEN HONOURING WOMEN AWARD PRESENTATION

Chair Smart announced that Carleigh Candice Milburn, from Region 6, was the recipient of the 2025 Métis Women Honouring Women Award. Chair Smart shared that Carleigh Candice Milburn is an artist, an educator and a founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting women across Canada, and is a PhD candidate specializing in Indigenous studies, art education, and artificial intelligence.

16. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair Smart invited feedback on the Special Business Resolution being presented at the 2025 MNO AGA, for the creation of a Women's Council Representative Position on the PCMNO seeking one dedicated position to address ongoing inequities faced by Métis women and the need for a formal voice to advocate for cultural representation and systemic change, which prompted the following comments:

- Concerns regarding the impact on existing roles, lack of consultation, accountability in core issues and inclusive representation across Councils.
- A shared commitment to gender equity and continued engagement and refinement of the resolution through collaborative discussion.

In response to question regarding outstanding funds for the missing paddles from Region 9 the Chair confirmed that the MNOWC complaint process should be utilized. The MNOWC will follow up with this concern.

17. CLOSING PRAYER

Elder Tina-Marie Jameson offered a Closing Prayer.

18. CONCLUSION

The Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council Annual General Meeting, held August 16, 2025, concluded at 8.47 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council Annual General Meeting held August 16, 2024 and incorporates any and all amendments made at the time of adoption.

June Smart, MNOWC Chair

LIST OF INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information at the meeting:

1. Draft Agenda for the August 15, 2025, MNOWC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
2. Draft Minutes of the August 16, 2024 MNOWC AGM
3. Four Agreements
4. MNOWC 2024-2025 Financial Report
5. President and Regional Women Representative Reports 2025
6. MNOWC 2022 Terms of Reference
7. MNOWC New Proposed Terms of Reference



MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO WOMEN'S COUNCIL

2025-2026 Financial Report

AUGUST 1, 2025 - MARCH 31, 2026

MNOWC Account: Silent Auction at AGA 2025	\$2,685.00	
MNOWC Account: Food Security Funding 2025/2026	\$2,000.00	
MNOWC Account: Food Security Funding (over budget reimbursement 2024/2025)	\$293.99	
MNO Account: PCMNO Support Fund	\$5,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>\$9,978.99</u>
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	\$60.65	
WHWA Recipient Ribbon Skirt Gift Motion #04/14/24-4	\$150.00	
WHWA Recipient Engraving Plaque Motion #06/22/25-11	\$10.17	
Kim Sanftenberg Expenses to AGM/AGA 2025 Motion #07/31/25-1	\$616.83	
Tina Marie Jameson Expenses to AGM/AGA 2025 Motion #07/31/25-1	\$1,852.40	
Luanne Cunningham Expenses to AGM/AGA 2025 Motion #07/31/25-1	\$2,007.13	
Luanne Cunningham Expenses (Luggage) to AGM/AGA 2025 Motion #11/24/25-8	\$197.75	
Luanne Cunningham Expenses (Uber) to AGM/AGA 2025 Motion #7/31/25-1	\$17.30	
Purolator Courier to ship Paddles from Region 9 to June Smart Motion #11/24/25-9	\$100.58	
Flowers sent to June Smart Motion #1/19/26-5	\$130.46	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - Christine Vien Motion #03/30/26-9	\$223.60	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - June Smart Motion #03/30/26-9	\$226.84	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - Kim Sanftenberg Motion #03/30/26-9	\$756.01	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - Alison Billings Motion #03/30/26-9	\$247.96	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - Suzanne Fraser Motion #03/30/26-9	\$235.17	
Food Security Funding Reimbursement - Luanne Cunningham Motion #03/30/26-9	\$249.87	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$7,082.72</u>
SURPLUS		<u>\$2,896.27</u>

