

**Regional Indigenous People's  
Circle Gathering Minutes  
May 20, 2025**

Attendance:

Janette Husak – 40195  
Rhonda Henry – 40195 (Secretary)  
Kelsey Churchill – 40027 (Chair)  
Vivian Merasty – 40027  
Prudence McKenzie – 40027 (Vice Chair)  
Beatrisha Cheechoo – 40195  
Kim Cardinal – 30168 (Guest)  
Jacqueline Maurice – Staff

Regrets:

Steven Whiteman – 40195 (Treasurer)

Chair, Kelsey C called the meeting to order at 6:38

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer offered by Prudence

Harassment Policy was reviewed and Jacqueline was acknowledged as the Anti-Harassment Resource Person for tonight's meeting

Review and Adoption of Agenda – Rhonda moved the Agenda be accepted as presented;  
Seconded by Prudence CARRIED

Kelsey read the review of our last meeting. Prudence moved we accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Janette CARRIED

Chair, Kelsey read the Grandfather's teaching for today's meeting. The teaching was the Bear – Courage and Bravery

**Chairperson Report** – Kelsey attended the All Committee Summit in Calgary at the end of April. Finances and building budget requests was the focus. This will help us to ensure our reports and budget requests are submitted correctly. As with our group, lack of engagement seems to be a common issue with other areas. Kelsey's desire is that we focus on member engagement.

It is requested that we return to the Rules of Order for our meetings and no longer use consensus when moving items.

We are required to provide a receipt or acknowledgement that an Elder has received a stipend. It can be as simple as the person's name and signature.

As a committee we should determine our priorities for the coming year. Kelsey asked that we put some thought into it and offer suggestions for RIPC - Options are: Red Dress Day; Thirsty for Justice; Treaty rights in AB/SK with separation talks currently happening; Succession planning and Terms of Reference which will be sent to us from REVP this fall.

Kelsey acknowledged those of us who were selected to go to the PSAC Prairies Indigenous Gathering in Smoky Lake from June 19-21.

**Vice Chair Report** – Prudence gave a brief report. She attended the viewing of Sugarcane that we hosted at the Library. It was a small and mighty crowd. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, she was unable to attend the All Committee Summit in Calgary. She is looking forward to the upcoming PSAC Prairies Indigenous Gathering in June.

**Secretary's Report** - Rhonda had nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report** – We have a balance of \$883.04 in our bank account. We haven't had any activities since our last meeting.

**PRC Indigenous Peoples Rep, Janette Husak's Report (briefly)**– NIPC is working on mapping Indigenous members for the prairie region. A chart would make it much easier for us to connect to our membership. Attendees participated in an exercise to strategize what our barriers are and how to move forward towards those goals.

Janette attended a Moosehide Campaign workshop on May 15. Janette will be attending the All Committee Summit in June as well.

Motion by Rhonda, Seconded by Prudence to accept the reports as presented-

CARRIED

**RIPC Discussion** – Discussion held regarding the steps we need to take to get into good standing and have our funding request approved. 2025 Allocations Summary: We neglected to post a meeting notice for our Dec 3, 2024 meeting. We must ensure notices are posted for all meetings; Co-op Gift Cards – We must use these gift cards within the year for approved activities and show the costs in the notes section of the 2025 FS. An expense form and receipts should be included in next year's reporting pkg. The decision was made to purchase refreshments for our upcoming activities. An expense form will be submitted at our next regular meeting; Oath of Office should be administered to all incoming executive at the AGM. Jacqueline will send out the oath via email for us to sign and return to her at our earliest opportunity. We neglected to make a motion to approved the 2024 financial statement at the AGM - We advised Jacqueline the financial statement was presented at the AGM as requested. Budget Items must be approved by the committee prior to submitting them to REVP – We must provide the REVP office with the minutes of the meeting where the budget request was approved by the committee. We discussed several

questions presented to us regarding our budget – see attached Schedule A. Once we have completed these tasks, we submit them to Janette as well as

**Round Table** – Vivian Merasty addressed the meeting regarding the time of our meetings. She finds lunchtime meetings much more convenient as she tries to maintain her evenings for non-work activities. She also made a suggestion that we offer an evening activity such as storytelling. She suggested Francine Merasty or August Merasty as possible guests. She also suggested a paint night.

We held a brief discussion about changing the name of our meetings. A suggestion was Prince Albert Regional Indigenous Peoples Circle Gathering. This received a favorable response but no decision was made

RIPC flag – Once we have the logo approved we must ensure that we hire a fully indigenous print shop to create it.

We brainstormed venues for our events that aren't the workplace. Library, Friendship Center.

We discussed whether our events would be for all members or just indigenous members. It was felt that the majority should be just for indigenous members.

We will check with the Prince Albert Area Council to co-ordinate care package campaigns so we won't both be doing it at the same time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40