



Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.

NACC 53rd AGM & Tradeshow

Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park

AGM Day 1 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12th, 2025

1.0 Opening Ceremonies

Executive Director, Andrea Kwasnicki addressed Event Information, Housekeeping, Land Acknowledgement and introduces Pahan Pte San Win for the Opening Prayer.

2.0 Opening Greetings

President, Sheryl Matheson's opening remarks: Video of the Honorable Rebecca Chartrand, MP and Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs: welcomes Honorable Jamie Moses – Minister of Business, Mining Trade and Job Creation, followed by the introduction of Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Affairs, Kevin McPike

3.0 Appointment of Master of Ceremonies

3.1 President, Sheryl Matheson introduces Master of Ceremonies and Chairperson for AGM Michael McMullen.

3.2 MC Michael McMullen confirms with Helgi Einarsson that we do have a quorum.

3.3 Reviewed Robert's Rule of Order

4.0 MC Michael McMullen requested a mover and a seconder for approval of the agenda

4.1 Approval of Agenda. Motion was moved by Michelle Reimer and seconded Karen Kristiansson. Motion Carried.

4.2 Approval of Minutes from the August 2024, 52nd AGM. Motion was moved by Karen Kristiansson and seconded by Geraldine

Motion 4.2 tabled. To provide all delegates the opportunity to review the Minutes from 52nd AGM

The meeting Adjourned for Coffee Break from 10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Resumes

5.0 Board appointed CSO to accept Presidential nominations Karen Kristiansson --- Nominations close at noon Today August 12, 2025

5.1 Review of the 2023 and 2024 Annual General Conference Minutes to be voted on Thursday Aug. 25, 2025

6.0 Bylaws Review

6.1 MC Michael McMullen called upon President, Sheryl Matheson, Lawyer, Nick Solonsky, Karen Kristiansson, Lloyd Flett, and Diane Trumbula to participate in the by-laws review.

6.2 Karen Kristiansson reviews recommended changes to the by-laws.

6.3 Discussion of community questions about the by-law changes, followed by explanations from the lawyer.

6.4 We will be reviewing the Bylaws today only, and vote on them Thursday Aug. 14, 2025.



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The meeting Adjourned for Lunch Break from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. 1:00pm

Assigned rooms for regional meetings as follows:

- Northern Region - Meeting Room K
- Eastern Region - Meeting Room M
- Western Region - Meeting Room L

7.0 Regional Meetings Minutes to be provided separately

8.0 AGM Day 1 Meeting Wrap Up

8.1 Summary - Bylaws will be voted on Thursday Morning

8.2 50/50

Adjourned at 4:30 P.M.



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AGM Day 2 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

1.0 Tradeshow Opens to Delegates

2.0 Sign-In & Start of AGM Day 2

3.0 Day 2 Welcome & Day 1 Highlights

MC Michael McMullen addressed Day 1 Highlights

4.0 Greetings – Honorable Glen Simard

MC Michael McMullen introduces Honorable Glen Simard, Brandon East, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations as speaker for this presentation

4.1 Question and Answer

5.0 Sysco

MC Michael McMullen introduces Alan Zacharius, Business Development Manager, from Sysco as speaker for this presentation

5.1 Question and Answer

The meeting adjourned from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. to allow delegates to visit the tradeshow. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

6.0 Panel Discussion

MC Michael McMullen introduces Infrastructure and Transportation, ADM Blair McTavish, Dept. of Justice, ADM Owen Fergusson, Dept. Municipal and Northern Affairs, ADM Kevin McPike, Dept. Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, ADM Matt Conrod

6.1 ADM's Introduction

6.2 Question and Answer

The meeting Adjourned for Lunch Break and Visit Tradeshow from 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

7.0 Manitoba Housing

MC Michael McMullen introduces Pablito Agasino, Executive Director, from Community Housing as speaker for this presentation.

7.1 Question and Answer

8.0 Emergency Readiness

MC Michael McMullen introduces Shelley Napier, from Napier Emergency Consulting as speaker for this presentation.

8.1 Question and Answer

The meeting Adjourned for last chance to visit Tradeshow from 03:00 P.M. – 03:30 P.M.



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Meeting Resumes

9.0 NACC Website Launch

MC Michael McMullen introduces Carey Tarr, Web Content Strategist, from Carey Tarr Consulting as speaker for this presentation.

10.0 Panel Discussion

MC Michael McMullen introduces Department of Municipal and Northern Affairs Staff Panel:

- Stew Sabiston, North Central Region
- Tracy Grexton, North Region
- Ayorinde Job, Director,
- Paul Doolan, Executive Director

10.1 Panel's Introduction

10.2 Question and Answer

11.0 AGM Day 2 Updates

AGM Day 2 Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Social Evening Event from 6:30 P.M to 10:00 P.M



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AGM Day 3 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 14th, 2025

1.0 Registration AGM Day 3

2.0 Welcome Recap

3.0 Motions from Tuesday's Meeting for Vote

Non-voting delegates were asked to leave the meeting room prior to the voting process.

3.1 Motion to approve the 2023 AGM Minutes as presented.

- Moved by: Harold Fleming
- Seconded by: Ken Spence
- Result: Motion carried with 47 in favour, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3.2 Motion to approve the 2024 AGM Minutes as presented.

- Moved by: Diane Trumbla
- Seconded by: Brian Shapka
- Note: It was noted that the Chair should also ask for any abstentions when conducting future votes.
- Result: Motion carried with 47 in favour, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3.3 Motion to approve the Bylaws as submitted.

- Moved by: Dave Olson
- Seconded by: Diane Trumbla

Amendment 1 – Per Diem for Delegates

Proposed Amendment:

To provide:

- A per diem of **\$40 per day**, for a maximum of **five (5) days**, for **two delegates per community**; and
- A per diem of **\$40 per day**, for a maximum of **five (5) days**, for **one delegate from each contact community**,

provided the **Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC)** is in a financial position to do so. The NACC Executive Board and Executive Director will review the Association's financial status annually and notify member communities at least **four (4) months prior to the Annual General Conference** whether per diems will be provided.

Vote on Amendment:

- **43** in favour
- **4** opposed
- **1** abstention



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Discussion:

- It was estimated that the amendment would have an annual financial impact of approximately **\$20,000**.
- Harold Fleming, speaking on behalf of the NACC Board, noted that the Association's funding has not increased in the past **15 years**.
- Karen Kristiansson stated that the Board had estimated the cost at approximately **\$26,000** and noted that NACC had not yet received its 2025–2026 funding allocation.
- Reg asked when the bylaw had been changed to remove per diems. He also inquired whether he could leave the meeting and designate another person to vote on his behalf. He expressed the view that only elected officials should be permitted to vote.
- Dale Einarson proposed an amendment that NACC determine annually whether per diems would be paid.
- Karen Kristiansson further amended the proposal to require NACC to notify member communities at least **four months in advance** whether the budget would allow for per diems.
- Harold Fleming suggested that NACC follow the Department's practice and not provide per diems.
- Brian Shapka asked whether the proposal meant that per diems would be eliminated entirely or whether the responsibility for paying them would shift to individual communities.

Amendment 2 – Bylaw 4(d)(iv)(1)

Proposed Amendment:

Bylaw 4(d)(iv)(1) to read:

Only elected officials of a Community Council, an incorporated community, or an appointed Settlement Contact Person shall have the right to:

1. Be a voting delegate.
2. Be elected to hold an elected office in the Association.

A motion was made to remove the proposed bylaw amendment from discussion and voting.

- Motioned by: Diane Trumbla
- Seconded by: Dave Olson

The motion was tabled by the Chair (MC).

Vote:

- **51** in favour
- **3** opposed
- **1** abstention



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The meeting Adjourned for Break

5.0 Years of Service Awards

President, Sheryl Matheson announces the recipients of the Years of Service Awards

6.0 Greetings and Presentation of Service of Excellence Awards

MC Michael McMullen introduces Honorable Mike Moyes, Minister of Environment and Climate Change as speaker and presenter of Service of Excellence Awards

6.1 Honorable Mike Moyes presented the Service of Excellence Awards

7.0 Association of Manitoba Municipalities and NACC Fireside Chat

MC Michael McMullen introduces AMM Executive Director, Denys Volkov, and AMM President, Katherine Valentino as speakers for this presentation. Joined by President, Sheryl Matheson and Eastern Chairperson, Eric Olson

7.1 Question and Answer

8.0 Community Safety and Crime Prevention

MC Michael McMullen introduces Inspector Brent Lemieux and Corporal Matt Valcourt (Division D - RCMP) as speakers for this presentation

8.1 Question and Answer

9.0 Motivational Message on Collaboration, Partnerships, and Sustainability

MC Michael McMullen introduces President MMF David Chartrand as speaker for this presentation

9.1 Question and Answer

The meeting Adjourned for Lunch Break from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Resumes

10.0 Auditor Report presented by Cindy Alexander

11.0 Acceptance of Auditor for 2024/2025 – Motioned by Eric Olson and Seconded by John Shewchuck

12.0 Evaluation Collection

13.0 2024-2025 NACC Member Community Resolution

Dianne Trumbla presented the following resolutions from the Regional Meetings:

13.1 Northern Region

Resolution #	Moved by:	WHEREAS	RESOLVED
	Leonard Budd (Norway House)	Whereas: the Northern Region has identified the increase of drugs and alcohol coming into the	Be it resolved: that the Northern Region advocate for the Community



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		communities. And whereas: communities have an increase in crime rates.	Safety Officer Program be re-initiated for the MNR communities. And be it resolved: that NACC advocate to Justice and MNR to bring this program back to our communities due to the increase of the drugs, alcohol and crime escalating in the MNR communities.
	Michelle Riemer (Sherridon)	Whereas: the Northern Region Communities has dealt with Wildfires within their communities.	Be it resolved: that the Northern Region advocate for the Community Safety Officer Program be re-initiated for the MNR communities. And be it resolved: that NACC advocate to Justice and MNR to bring this program back to our communities due to the increase of the drugs, alcohol and crime escalating in the MNR communities. Be it resolved: that the Northern Region requests NACC advocates to Natural Resources and the Government of Manitoba for the MNR Communities. To have fires actioned immediately when the fire is spotted.
	Leonard Budd (Norway House)	Whereas: the increasing threat of Global warming is causing unprecedented episodes of wildfires and disasters. And whereas: Our communities are faced with increased responsibilities of the safety and protection of our community and citizens.	Be it resolved: that the Northern Region requests NACC advocates for our community councils for funding to establish to have full time Fire Department Personnel (6) hired for the spring, summer, fall term (6) months for the purpose of increased community

13.2 Eastern Region

Resolution #	Moved by:	WHEREAS	RESOLVED
#8.25/26	David Olsen (Homebrook - Peonon Point)	Whereas: the Eastern Region of NACC has accepted a petition from Manigotagan Council, signed by residents of the community and	Be it resolved: that the Eastern Region supports the petition and agrees to have the NACC Board lobby on behalf of the Eastern Region communities.



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		surrounding area, requesting mobile service. And whereas: other communities in the Eastern Region are dealing with similar connectivity issues.	
#9.25/26	Ken Webb (Harwill)	Whereas: the Eastern Region wages for staff that work the community councils are lower than industry standards. And whereas: community councils lose staff or cannot retain staff due to low wages, no benefits and lack of proper training. And whereas: Municipal Development Consultants are not trained adequately on Sage 50 or do not have time to spend with CAO's to accomplish tasks in the program.	Be it resolved: that the Eastern Region and NACC lobby the department to have wage parity and benefit packages for all the community employees along with better training for all employees.
#10.25/26	Dale Einarsson (Dauphin River)	Whereas: Per Diems paid to council when travelling outside the Community for meetings are topped at \$120.00 per day according to the Northern Affairs Act.	Be it resolved: that NACC Lobby to have the Council Per Diems reviewed in the The Northern Affairs Act to cover average daily wage or higher while travelling out of the community-on-community business.

13.3 Western Region

Resolution #	Moved by:	WHERAS	RESOLVED
# 7-25-26	Lorraine Chartrand (Baden)	Whereas the Western Region requests that the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) lobby Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure regarding urgent road maintenance, repairs, and restorations within the Western Region;	Be it resolved that the Western Region requests the replacement of culverts along Highway 328 due to increased flooding of adjacent lands; Be it further resolved that the Western Region requests road restoration from the junction of PR #276 on PR #269 to Highway 20 (Fork River), which directly impacts the communities of Waterhen, Mallard, Rock Ridge, Meadow Portage, Spence Lake, Crane River, Salt Point, and Skownan First Nation; Be it further resolved that the Western Region requests the restoration and repair



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			of Highway 77, which serves the communities of Baden, Barrows, Red Deer Lake, and Westgate; Be it further resolved that the Western Region requests that PR #481 be paved from the junction of PR #276 through the community OF Crane River; Be it further resolved that the Western Region requests that the junction of PR #276 and PR #269 be regularly sanded during the winter months to ensure safe travel conditions.
# 8-25-26		Whereas MNR has cut the funding to the Northern Healthy Food Initiative (NHFI) Program, which has reduced the budget by one-third;	Be it resolved that the Western Region requests that the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) lobby the Manitoba Government and MNR to restore full funding to the NHFI Program to ensure the continued support of food security, community gardens, and healthy living initiatives for all 18 NACC Community involved in the program.
# 9-25-26		Whereas Cellular Service is vital to our communities. Without service causes safety concerns for travel living in the north.	Be it resolved that the Western Region lobbies NACC to advocate on their behalf to obtain cell service for our communities.
# 10 -25-26		Whereas the communities in the Western Region are fighting fires and wildfires with outdated equipment and limited resources.	Be it resolved that the Communities of the Western Region requests NACC to lobby MNR and the Manitoba Government for additional funds to support the acquisition of new firefighting apparatuses, updated protective gear, training programs and improvements to existing facilities

14.0 Election Results

15.0 Closing Speech

President Sheryl Matheson for closing remarks

16.0 AGM Day 3 Updates, 50/50 Draw, Survey Draw, Silent Auction Draw and WestJet Draw

AGM Day 3 Meeting Adjourned.