



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	April 8, 2024	Time:	9:00 AM
Minutes Prepared By:	Barinder Lalli	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Participating Board of Directors: President Lissa Smith, Vice-President Mineault, Ministers Shaughn Davoren, Louis De Jaeger, Debra Fisher, Paulette Flamond, Raynie Gervais, Dean Gladue, Patrick Harriott, and Susie Hooper

Staff: Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer; Sasha Hobbs – Chief Strategy Officer; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Peter Csicsai – Chief Relations Officer, Marc Riddell – Director of Communications; Tanya Davoren – Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction; Colleen Hodgson - Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry and Children and Families; Stuart Dixon – Director of Economic Development; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Kahla Bassett – Executive Assistant to the Vice-President; Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; and Shawna Savoie – Administrative Assistant to Ministers Harriott and De Jaeger

Regrets: Minister Kate Elliott

1. Welcome

President Lissa Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Flamond provided an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples and the home of the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria of which she was calling from.

Vice President Mineault acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which he was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Tsartlip and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo people of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and traditional territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.



Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the traditional territory of the Musqueam peoples of which she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Davoren acknowledged the Secwepemc Nation of which they were calling from.

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 40 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of March 25, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved with the following additions:

- Moccasin Flats (In-Camera)
- Fort Nelson (In-Camera)
- Planning for Elk Valley (In-Camera)
- MFCBC Update (In-Camera)
- Executive Communication (In-Camera)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Updates on Action Items

The Board reviewed the Action Item List, updates were noted as follows:

- Housing Update Presentation – this item is in the process of being scheduled
- Introduction to Gender Diversity Course – five Board members have completed the course, reminders will continue to be sent until all Board members have completed it
- Breakdown of 2nd Stage Housing Budget – this item was provided in the “Information” section of the Board Meeting package and can be marked as complete

Vice-President Mineault and Minister Gladue joined the meeting at 9:08 AM.



2. Harm Reduction Sash Mural

The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction provided an overview of the Briefing Note regarding the proposed Harm Reduction Sash Mural.

In response to a query, it was noted that should the Board endorse the recommendation, staff would consult and seek approval from the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association (SOSMA) on the proposed mural. Should SOSMA not approve, then staff would advise the person making the request that MNBC is not in favour of the mural.

Discussion ensued and a Board member raised concerns that a decision was being made at the Board level without prior consultation with SOSMA.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gladue

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the use of the MNBC Harm Reduction Sash for use in a community mural in Keremeos, BC, pending consultation and approval with the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association.

CARRIED with Minister Gladue opposed and one abstention.

3. Community Health Center – Miki'siw Letter of Interest Submission

The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction provided an overview of the Briefing Note regarding the letter of interest submission from Miki'siw Métis Association.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors supports the MIKI'SIW Métis Association's Letter of Intent, to become the Host Agency of Métis Specific and Urban Indigenous PCN resources; and

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors endorse the Ministry of Health in exploring partnership opportunities with the MIKI'SIW Métis Association in this initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Essential Medical Transportation and Accommodation Program

The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction provided an overview of the Essential Medical Transportation and Accommodation Program. It was highlighted that this program is for regular medical procedures (e.g., dialysis) and not meant for emergency medical transportation.

In response to a query, it was noted that the program creates a system which is fair and open to all citizens.



MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Essential Medical Travel Assistance Program as presented, as a pilot program for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. June 2024 MNGA – *Citizenship Act* Amendments

The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry and Children and Families provided an overview of the proposed changes to the *Citizenship Act*, noting that it provides language that is in alignment with the work being done in the Ministry.

In response to a query, it was noted that there is little to no impact on not proceeding with the amendment at this time as the proposed changes include updating terms that are no longer in use.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors endorses the *Citizenship Act* Amendments resolution for the June 2024 MNGA, as presented.

REFERRAL MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the *Citizenship Act* Amendments item be referred to the Governance and Policy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Meeting Moves In-Camera

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting move in-camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting moved in-camera at 9:51 AM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 11:08 AM with Minister Davoren having joined the meeting during the in-camera session.



7. Strategic Plan – Annual Ministry/Department Plans

The Chief Strategy Officer provided an overview of the remaining Annual Ministry/Department plans for the Strategic Plan. The following Ministry/Department plans were reviewed by the relevant Senior Leadership Team member and Minister/portfolio holder:

- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Skills, Training, Employment and Post-Secondary
- Ministry of Sport and Active Living
- Ministry of Veterans
- Ministry of Women and Gender Equity
- Ministry of Youth
- Ministry of Rights

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors endorses the Annual Ministry/Department plans, as presented by staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Economic Development Internal Ministry Strategy

The Director of Economic Development provided a PowerPoint giving an overview of Part 1 of the Strategic Cycle, themes for the 24/25 fiscal year, internal and external strategy update, Nation-building pillars, the Ministry blueprint, and a diagram for transforming the business model, economic development pipeline report, MNC Economic Development Forum, and Point Ellice House.

In response to a query, it was noted that the Economic Development Strategic Plan will be a living document.

Discussion ensued, and a Board member noted that one of the Ministry of Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation (MIRR) commitments involves funds for community economic development. A subsidiary structure should be created within MNBC to support this.

9. Response to Action Item – 2nd Stage Housing Expenses (Information)

In response to an Action Item from the March 25, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, a PowerPoint titled “2nd Stage Housing Expenses” was circulated to the Board.

12. Correspondence (Information)

The following correspondence was circulated to the Board for their information:

- Correspondence to Minister St. Onge from MNC President Cassidy Caron



13. Record of Decisions (Information)

A Record of Decisions was distributed to the Board for information.

Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM. Minister Fisher provided a closing prayer.

Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: April 22, 2024