



## Press Release

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**Richmond, BC** - Saturday March 20th and Sunday March 21st, 2010 marked another successful meeting of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) gathered over this past weekend for the sitting of the 2010 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA). MNBC President Bruce Dumont, Vice President Dave Hodgson, MNBC Board of Directors, Métis community leadership, as well MNBC staff, guests, Veterans, Youth, Elders, Women and observers gathered at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond BC.

MNBC President Dumont stated “The Métis community leadership has worked extremely hard to assist in our collective goals to achieve Métis self governance. Together we continue to build a strong and proud Nation for our citizens.”

Bob Trumbley, Minister responsible for Natural Resources stated “This past weekend truly demonstrated our Nations ability to govern responsibly by adhering to our institutions of governance.”

During the MNGA Métis leadership from across the province addressed twenty-seven (27) resolutions. The successful resolutions will proceed for second and final reading at the MNBC AGM in Abbotsford BC set for September 2010. The Interpretation and Assembly Procedures Acts have been tabled until next years MNGA.

The Ad Hoc Adoption Committee Chair, Mr. Sid Peltier presented a very thorough report to the assembly during the MNGA. The Ad Hoc Adoption Committee submitted a resolution in which “Article 12-Adoption” will be added to the Citizenship Act whereas adopted children will assume full rights and responsibilities of their adopted Métis Citizen’s parents. This resolution has passed first reading, and will be presented at the AGM in September 2010.

The Métis Youth (MYBC) Representatives from across the province observed the proceedings of the MNGA over the two days. Minister responsible for Youth, Stephanie Albiston stated “This weekend our youth were able to see the first reading of the Youth Act pass, and see just how important our Governance and Legislative processes are to the future of our Nation. We have a strong voice, and a bright future ahead of us.”

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The Veterans Act submitted to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans (MVBC) also passed first reading and marks a significant accomplishment for the Métis Veterans in British Columbia. Minister responsible for Veterans and Children and Families, Lissa Smith stated “Today is an exciting day for our Veterans who were in attendance at the MNGA, and as well for those across the province. As the Minister I am proud to continue to support and promote Métis Veteran awareness and education.”

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