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OUR VISION

Métis Nation British Columbia will build a proud, self-governing, sustainable Nation in recognition of Inherent Rights for our Métis Citizens.

OUR VALUES

Métis Nation British Columbia develops and enhances opportunities for our Métis Chartered Communities and Métis people in British Columbia by providing culturally relevant social and economic programs and services.

OUR MISSION

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Dedication
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Professionalism



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ANTHEMS



MÉTIS ANTHEM

We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
In the forest, on the river, and across the western plain,
As the white man journeyed westward to the land of the Indian.
A new race was created, a new nation rose up strong.
Hardship as its destiny, and its curse to not belong.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
For this newest generation, and the future ones to come.
With the past to motivate us, it will help to keep us strong.
As we build the Métis Nation, as we watch it rise again,
Our past loss is motivation, to inspire our future gain.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.

O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

September 23–25, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).



Since it was established in 1996, Métis Nation British Columbia has been dedicated to advancing the well-being of British Columbia's Métis community. This Annual General Meeting offers an important forum to review MNBC's accomplishments over the past year, discuss issues of importance, and establish goals and priorities for the future.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would like to thank the dedicated organizers for offering this meeting in both in-person and virtual formats. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance to network, build relationships, and contribute to this important gathering.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



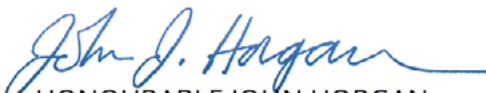
A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in Métis Nation BC's 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Our government remains committed to a distinction-based approach in our relationship with Métis people in British Columbia, which acknowledges the rights, interests, priorities and concerns of Métis people. Through the Letter of Intent and the action under the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, we have embarked on a new and exciting journey with you in a true partnership focused on creating a better future for all generations. We will continue to work with MNBC to ensure Métis people continue to benefit from social and economic opportunities that will help make life better for everyone.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of everyone at Métis Nation BC over the past year, and I thank you for your ongoing dedication to advancing the quality of life for all Métis people in British Columbia.

Please accept my best wishes for an uplifting and productive Annual General Meeting.


HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

PLATINUM



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE



DRAFT AGENDA



MNBC 2022 AGM AGENDA

Friday, September 23, 2022

Time (PT)	Time (MT)	
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies <i>Flag Party and Grand Entry</i> <i>Anthems (O Canada – Métis Ballad)</i> Opening Prayer – Senators Betty Hoogendorn and Philip Gladue
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Greetings and Opening Remarks/Videos Dignitaries: Musqueam First Nation – Land acknowledgement <i>Métis National Council – President Cassidy Caron</i> <i>Métis Nation of Alberta – Vice-President Dan Cardinal</i> <i>Métis Nation of Saskatchewan</i> <i>Métis Nation of Ontario – Chair Hank Rawlinson</i> <i>Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak</i> <i>Marc Dalton, Member of Parliament, Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge</i> <i>President Lissa Smith</i> Video Greetings
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum/Nomination of Chair Meeting called to Order
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	MOTION: Adopt Agenda for 2022 AGM
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	MOTION: Review and accept minutes from 2021 AGM
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Financial Statements Overview – Presentation by Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants Q+A Session to follow MOTION: Acceptance of Financial Statements MOTION: Appointment of Auditors for next fiscal year
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Adjourn for Day 1
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cabinet Town Hall
7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Welcome Reception

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MNBC 2022 AGM AGENDA

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Time (PT) Time (MT)

8:30 AM	9:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
8:35 AM	9:35 AM	PRESENTATION: Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia Q+A Session to follow
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	PRESENTATION: President's Report – President Lissa Smith Q+A Session to follow
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Health Break
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	PRESENTATION: CEO Report Q+A Session to follow
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	MOTION: Location of 2023 Annual General Meeting
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	SIGNING CEREMONY: MNBC/Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services Society Joint Commitment
11:45 AM	12:45 PM	SIGNING CEREMONY: MNBC/Provincial Health Services Authority Letter of Commitment
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum, Policy Resolutions continued
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Policy Resolutions Begin
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	RESOLUTION 1: Citizenship Act amendments
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	RESOLUTION 2: By-Elections – Current Board Members
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Health Break
3:15 PM	4:15 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum, Policy Resolutions continued
3:15 PM	4:15 PM	RESOLUTION 3: Elections – MNBC Staff Members [Constitutional Amendment]
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adjourn for Day 2
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	AGM Banquet

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MNBC 2022 AGM AGENDA

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Time (PT)	Time (MT)	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Policy Resolutions continued
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	RESOLUTION 4: Regional Governance Councils [Constitutional Amendment]
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Health Break
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum, Policy Resolutions continued
10:15 AM	11:15 PM	RESOLUTION 5: MNGA Meeting Frequency [Constitutional Amendment]
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Closing Remarks <i>President Lissa Smith</i>
11:40 AM	12:40 PM	Closing Prayer – Senator Philip Glaude
11:45 AM	12:45 AM	AGM Adjourned

2021 AGM MINUTES



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

September 24-25, 2021

Videoconference

MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held September 24-25, 2021 via videoconference.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lissa Smith, Acting President
Shaughn Davoren
Louis De Jaeger
Kate Elliot
Debra Fisher

Paulette Flamond
Raynie Gervais
Dean Gladue
Patrick Harriott
Susie Hooper

ALSO PRESENT:

John Bieker, AGM Deputy Clerk
Daniel Fontaine, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Christopher Gall, AGM Clerk

Eli Mina, Registered Parliamentarian
Dave Peltier, AGM Chair

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:

A total of 180 MNBC Registered Voting Delegates were in attendance.

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Christel Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

DAY ONE | Friday, September 24, 2021

OPENING PRAYERS

Christopher Gall, AGM Clerk, welcomed delegates to the meeting at approximately 12:03 p.m. Senators Phillip Gladue and Elizabeth Hoogendorn provided Opening Prayers. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of the children's graves found at residential schools.

OPENING CEREMONIES

O Canada and the Métis Ballad were provided through a video presentation.



GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS *(presented via pre-recorded messages)*

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) President Audrey Poitras

President Poitras offered virtual greetings on behalf of the MNA and welcomed delegates to the 2021 MNBC AGM. The President thanked the Elders for the opening prayers, which was a Métis tradition from the days of Louis Riel to open every event with prayer. It brought to focus the importance of the work to be done.

Annual gatherings were a time to reconnect, but the pandemic compelled delegates to meet virtually. It had been a trying year, and the MNBC, its Board of Directors and staff were commended on their work to advance Métis rights, culture and the well-being for all Métis families and communities. It was heartening to witness MNBC move forward and work together for the betterment of its citizens and nation. Citizens voices were the voice of the Métis Nation. The President looked forward to MNBC's continued partnership with MNA at the national level.

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) President Glen McCallum

President McCallum greeted the meeting in Michif. The President continued his greetings to the AGM, noting these meetings were a time to visit and receive information on what had been accomplished in the province and in the development of the relationship with the federal government. COVID-19 put Governing Members in a difficult situation to continue developing programs. Appreciation was expressed to staff and for MN-S's partnership with MNBC.

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President Margaret Froh

President Froh offered greetings to MNBC, guests and dignitaries in attendance at the AGM, and to the leadership and citizens of the MNBC. There was a lot to celebrate, and MNBC was commended on its efforts to ensure accountability and good governance, including livestreaming the AGM. The continued cooperation of senior officials created positive change in the lives of MNBC's citizens.

MNO recently held its own AGM, coinciding with Powley day, which provided opportunities to reflect on the sacrifice of that family for the benefit of all Métis people. MNO pledged to continue its efforts to fight for Métis rights, recognition and respect to realize the dream of the ancestors.

The past year presented opportunities to offer support and kindness to each other. We stand stronger together and can accomplish much when adhering to the values of democracy, justice, peace, and the commitments to integrity, transparency and good governance.

OPENING REMARKS – ACTING PRESIDENT LISSA SMITH

Acting President Smith thanked the Senators for their Opening Prayers, and Métis Veterans for their service. It was acknowledged that Métis Veterans traditionally participated in the flag party during the AGM.

Gratitude was expressed to all citizens for joining the AGM virtually. While this format was not ideal, Cabinet made the decision to hold a virtual AGM due to uncertainties around COVID-19 restrictions. It was anticipated that the 2022 AGM would be held in a hybrid format to continue participation by citizens unable to travel to an in-person gathering. Increased registrations were experienced with the virtual format, and numerous examples were given of individuals able to participate due to the virtual format.

The Acting President thanked MNBC volunteers, who were the lifeblood of the MNBC, during the trying year. From participating in multiple zoom meetings to responding to citizens in crisis, they rose to the challenge. Staff were recognized for their professionalism, commitment and dedication to the nation. MNBC grew to over 100 employees and remained committed to delivering programs and services.

Over the previous 15 months, \$3.5 million in funding was directed to MNBC Chartered Communities, and included:

- \$1.6 million to support five Métis service providers and other child and family programs
- Support for Métis artists with the provision of \$500 grants to continue Métis artist talks and culture sharing workshops
- \$500 grants to over 60 Métis Veterans to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19
- Over 750 Education Technology Support Grants to post-secondary students, and over 450 grants to families with school age children
- \$500,000 in funding to support Métis-owned businesses
- New innovative health programs to provide counselling for youth and adults
- Temporary utility and rental supports for over 715 citizens.

The majority of programs offered were new and delivered by staff while also delivering on existing programs.

On a historic note, MNBC completed the purchase of land in Kamloops, which would be used to build housing for Métis people, provide Métis-specific childcare, and offer office space for Chartered Communities and Lii Michif Otipemisiwak (LMO) Family and Community Services. This was the first of many purchases to be made, and MNBC was committed to securing property in each region in the province.

Acting President Smith informed that a new initiative was underway to ensure Métis community connections through the creation of three MNBC mobile community centres to deliver programs and services. These centres would ensure that all families had access to opportunities created by MNBC. Each centre would be customized to offer services such as Métis Early Years, education programs, health programs, training programs, housing, youth programs and registry application assistance. The mobile units would house onboard technology for use by Métis families and communities to receive assistance and service enrollment.

Ongoing work included the Wâhkôtowin Registry Renewal Project, which would replace the current registry database with up-to-date technology, digitize citizenship and harvesting files, improve customer service and processing times, allow for online citizen address updates and issue new citizenship cards, enabling MNBC to be the first Indigenous government to be paperless in five years. A province-wide recruitment strategy was developed to encourage Métis people to register with MNBC. The recent Election kicked off with a citizenship drive in Kelly Lake, which reached 25 citizens and allowed Kelly Lake to become a Chartered Community, subject to MNGA approval.

The Cabinet continued to advance Métis citizens' inherent rights under Section 35. Discussions, specific to self-government, with the federal government were put on hold due to the federal election but would pick up again with the re-elected government in the coming weeks. MNBC remained engaged throughout the election and sent questions to all major parties and candidates. Additionally, the Cabinet continued

to advocate with the province for recognition. MNBC submitted fulsome comments on the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) action plan, stressing the importance of recognizing the distinct rights of Métis people.

MNBC tabled a \$1 million submission to the BC Legislature, and the Finance Committee, along with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented its budget submission to the Budget Standing Committee. The submission included \$50 million for the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, with a focus on the acquisition of land, and \$12 million to provide stable and consistent long-term funding for Chartered Communities.

Some successes were achieved for long-term funding with the receipt of \$30 million for step skills training and post-secondary support. This funding would enable more Métis citizens to receive career education supports.

Concerns related to self-identifying Métis accessing similar services as citizens were heard, which created an unfair loophole that was susceptible to abuse. Cabinet instructed staff to develop Métis citizen-based funding initiatives this fall. Moving forward, unless explicitly stated in the contribution agreement, all programs and services would only be available to MNBC citizens, or those with a verified application in progress with the registry.

In an effort to increase accountability to all citizens and communities, the Board of Directors launched an openness and transparency initiative. This included posting Board expenses and minutes online, and scheduling Cabinet Town Halls, the third of which would be held that evening at 6:00 p.m. These Town Halls increased Cabinet's accessibility and accountability to citizens. Citizens would also be engaged and provide input into a formal budget consultation process.

The decision of the Board of Directors to remove President Clara Morin Dal Col was based on the report from an independent investigator and legal advice. Details could be found on the MNBC website.

AGM Clerk Gall, in response to questions from attendees, confirmed that all Métis governments were invited to provide opening remarks.

QUORUM ANNOUNCED

AGM Clerk Christopher Gall confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR THE 2021 AGM CHAIR

Nominations for the position of 2021 AGM Chair were welcomed.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That Dave Peltier be nominated as the MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM) Chair, at the AGM held September 24-25, 2021.

NOMINATION ACCEPTED

It was MOVED (Christopher Yates) and SECONDED (Leo Lavallee)

That Donald Courson be nominated as the MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM) Chair, at the AGM held September 24-25, 2021.

NOMINEE ABSENT

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Robin Lawson)

That Christopher Yates be nominated as the MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM) Chair, at the AGM held September 24-25, 2021.

NOMINATION ACCEPTED

There being no further nominations, a vote was conducted using an online voting system, the results of which were:

- 104 delegates voted in favour of Dave Peltier
- 43 delegates voted in favour of Christopher Yates.

AGM Clerk Gall confirmed Dave Peltier as AGM Chair. Christopher Yates was thanked for permitting his name to stand for AGM Chair.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied at the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

AGM Chair Dave Peltier acknowledged the importance of the AGM as a forum for governance and nation participation for citizens. While holding the AGM virtually was not ideal, it still provided an opportunity to meet new people and have fruitful discussions. It was anticipated that the 2022 AGM would be held in-person.

AGM Chair Peltier acknowledged technical difficulties and informed that staff was available to assist anyone experiencing issues logging into Zoom and the voting platform.

AGM Chair Peltier reviewed meeting protocols and the proposed standing rules that would guide the meeting, before calling the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 AGM AGENDA

Related information: "Draft Agenda of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021"

AGM Chair Peltier suggested that the Agenda be amended to consider the review and acceptance of the 2020 AGM Minutes on Day 2 to provide sufficient time for review by delegates.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Raynie Gervais) and SECONDED (Paulette Flamond)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021, be accepted with amendment to move Item 3, Review and Acceptance of the 2020 AGM Minutes, to Day 2 of the AGM.

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Addition of the acceptance of Kelly Lake as a Chartered Community
 - Consideration of this item would occur at a duly convened Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) meeting.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order on the proper procedure to amend the agenda, AGM Chair Peltier confirmed that the motion could be modified by the mover and seconder prior to consideration by the Assembly.

Motion to Close Debate

It was MOVED (Daleen Thomas) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That debate on the Main Motion be called to a close.

CARRIED (AGM2021-01)

(In Favour 127, Opposed 13, Abstain 5)

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-02)

(In Favour 120, Opposed 16, Abstain 2)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Clerk Christopher Gall confirmed that 133 registered voting delegates were in attendance.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DEPUTY MINISTER REPORT

Daniel Fontaine, CEO, informed that the presentation provided during the meeting would be available on the MNBC website. During review of a presentation titled “MNBC Annual General Meeting CEO presentation”, comments were offered regarding:

- Focus of the presentation on Métis women and girls issues
- What we know Métis women are navigating (areas we can focus on to improve the lives of Métis women)
- Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) highlights
- MNBC’s Strategic Plan commitment to women
 - The Strategic Plan was available to download and view on the MNBC website
- Review across all MNBC ministries on the responsibility for the wellbeing of Métis women was shared
- Statistics from the previous fiscal year
- Opportunities moving forward, including:
 - Increased engagement with the BC Office for Gender Equity, which focuses on actions from Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) National Action Plan
 - Intention of MNBC’s Ministry of Health to hire a provincial gender and sexual health coordinator

- Exploration of cervix check opportunities beyond services piloted in the northwest
- Continuing to listen and work with Métis women to learn more about their dreams and goals, as well as barriers and challenges, to offer programming that addresses their needs
- Commitment to fund and support a Métis Women Employment Coordinator, reporting to the Ministry of Women, to bridge the two ministries and ensure focus remained on this priority issue
- 2022-2023 BC provincial budget submission from MOWGE
- Challenges, including:
 - Capacity across the ministries is varied and limited
 - Capacity across Chartered Communities is limited
 - Capacity funding to ensure sustained action on issues facing Métis women and families
 - Equitable access to government funding, programs and services is an area of achievement still to be realized
 - Access to reliable data that can inform policy.

The CEO acknowledged Sheila Lewis, Senior Director, MOWGE, and Minister Kate Elliot, who were available to respond to the data points and issues identified in the presentation.

Minister Elliot acknowledged the hard work of MOWGE staff. In response to a question regarding the initial consultation of the Women's Strategic Plan, Minister Elliot informed that work was undertaken by previous leadership and conducted through regional engagement sessions. The full report was available on the website. There was still heavy work ahead and there were many passionate and strong Métis matriarchs working at the grassroots level to ensure that women and girls felt safe.

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion with the presenter, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were provided:

- Q/C: With the recent citizenship drive in Kelly Lake and the current backlog in the registry, can we have confidence that the process was not rushed for Kelly Lake citizens?
- R: *Each application is processed under the direction of the Registrar to ensure each applicant meets the requirements for citizenship. Cabinet recognized the need to assist Kelly Lake in becoming a Chartered Community to ensure funding was directed to assist residents for their basic needs, which were sorely lacking.*
- Q/C: Region 7 approved Kelly Lake's application to move forward to the MNGA to become an official Chartered Community. Kelly Lake encompasses Tumbler Ridge, which also accounts for the increase in numbers.
- Q/C: Citizens want transparency and confidence in the Registry.
- Q/C: Was the presentation intended to demonstrate that women are in higher need? What was the purpose of the statistics?
- R: *It was the intention to take a "snapshot" or "baseline" of programs to understand how MNBC is serving women. Not all numbers were celebratory, which demonstrates where the demand is to focus better on in the coming years.*

- R: Women have been impacted by COVID-19 and their needs are high. The presentation was to showcase MNBC's response and how Métis women are being served through various ministries.*
- R: In order to reduce numbers, MNBC wants to see women better connected to research and community to reduce insecurity (food and housing), childcare issues, and support women in their recovery journey.*
- Q/C: Many women lost employment and are represented in your numbers here as citizens. You are speaking to people that have suffered a number of traumas in the last year. Please do not objectify them.*
- Q/C: Was statistical data for women compared to non-Indigenous statistical data?*
- R: These statistics were not compared to non-Indigenous data but were indicative of MNBC women accessing supports from our various Ministries and departments.*
- Q/C: Regarding the MNBC housing program, what projects are underway and what related funds are committed to date? What is the strategy and plan going forward? How do regions get involved in those discussions?*
- R: Funding was identified in the budget in the previous two years; however, no investments in land purchases were made. MNBC does have funds in its government operating budget that need to be expended by March 2022. MNBC is in the land accumulation phase and was able to purchase land in Kamloops. It will be used to provide affordable housing for Métis families and individuals, childcare, office space, and a number of other activities on the site.*
- Cabinet provided direction to develop a large strategy to purchase land in all regions between now and the next fiscal year. We will be in more of a position to make an announcement before Christmas. The majority of the funding request to the Standing Committee was for the purchase of land and to examine the Cultural Land Transfer Program, transferring Crown land to MNBC for larger housing projects. A new entity or housing authority would be created to manage that land and housing on behalf of MNBC.*
- R: There are projects in progress across the province; however, MNBC is not in a position to discuss the details. These projects are in partnership with the Ministry of Education and provide funding for new daycare spaces.*
- There is a large initiative to ensure funds are allocated appropriately. The first goal is to work with provincial funds to leverage federal funds in the most effective ways possible. This will reduce housing needs and provide affordable, below market rents. A number of projects are along service delivery, including working with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to employ women homeless outreach workers across the province in the housing continuum to promote affordable home ownership and extend the Ma Nîki initiative.*
- Q/C: How do regions or communities get involved in project discussions that are being negotiated now or would be of interest within their region?*
- R: Reach out to housing staff to discuss your local priorities. This funding is just the beginning. We are requesting additional funding from Canada and BC to expand beyond purchasing one property per region.*

- Q/C: If 70% of women lost their jobs due to COVID-19, and only 65% of women received services, this is gender-based inequity. There seemed to be double messaging: the larger numbers indicated that women were in the majority in these statistics, but a gender analysis on the population pool was proposed.
- R: *There is a challenge in the lack of data and prepared statistics. There is still work to be done in the analysis of the data collected and how it is presented. We wanted Ministries to use a gender-based lens on their work and in data collection in order to be in the best position to report back as a government. There are shortfalls in data collection and reporting.*
- R: *It is easy to get lost in the numbers and not see the stories of the women and girls the statistics represent. Women live with inequity daily, whether in housing, employment, access to healthcare, the criminal justice system, etc. The data is important, but MOWGE will not let the lack of data prevent it from creating change. As identified through MMIWG and the Calls to Action, and the “Thanks for Listening” report, women are affected and MNBC cannot wait to act.*
- Q/C: Thank you to Minister Elliot, MNBC staff and regional representatives for looking after the women caring for Métis children.
- Q/C: There is a citizenship challenge before the MNBC Senate regarding the Vice President, and evidence brought forward by the Registrar that only one clerk has completed the training necessary. What is being done to ensure the reliability of the registry database? Is there enough qualified staff to process applications?
- R: *We have professional staff in the registry, and with the Wâhkôtowin Project to identify ways to expedite the application process and increase the number of MNBC citizens. The Registrar is working with the registry team to increase training and ensuring staff continues to have access to this training, especially around genealogy.*
- Q/C: Is MNBC purchasing clear land or land with structures? Are lands being purchased outright, or with mortgages?
- R: *MNBC strives to purchase open field land with no structures. If structures are located on the land, they will either be repurposed or raised. Properties will be purchased that can be used immediately.*
- MNBC will own the properties outright. There is funding within the operating budget to purchase properties that do not extend beyond the existing funding envelopes. The cultural land transfers would ideally be located adjacent to private land to be able to expand the base for larger projects.*
- Q/C: The Mid-Island Métis Nation presented a proposal to the previous President, the Justice Coordinator, and the CEO, which was denied three times. This proposal enabled the Mid-Island Métis Nation to purchase land for a dollar and included two major partners with major financial commitments. These denials devastated the community, and the partners have withdrawn and are hesitant to work with MNBC again. A better understanding of the proposal process and requirements would assist in the future. Each proposal included many volunteer hours over the course of a year to ensure the Mid-Island Métis could proceed.

R: The current Cabinet committed to expanding partnerships and purchasing land with Chartered Communities to build housing. A meeting with the CEO would be feasible to discuss opportunities for housing and to rebuild trust. MNBC is looking on Vancouver Island for land to purchase. Continued conversations can occur offline.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

Related information: “Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2021”

Jeffrey Hunt, Partner, Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants, reviewed the financial statements and confirmed they were fairly presented, in accordance with generally accepted Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion with the presenter, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were provided:

Q/C: Where do we find the disclosure on employees receiving remuneration in excess of \$75,000?

R: The BC Societies Act provides that employee salaries be disclosed over \$75,000. The disclosure for the Board of Directors is voluntary to promote transparency to citizens. Further specifics of remuneration may fall under privacy concerns.

R: MNBC met all requirements under the Societies Act. Disclosure of employee remuneration, resulting from the MNGA motion, is completed twice per year according to internal government policy.

R: More detailed financial statements were available and posted in the chat. These statements listed remuneration to Directors and employees in 2020.

Q/C: The “Emphasis of Matter” paragraph you referenced from the past two years was not included in this year’s audit. Was that a result of federal or provincial funding? Are there accumulated surpluses and deficits with the endowment? Do deficits cut into that endowment funding?

R: The “Emphasis of Matter” paragraph was not included for several reasons:

- MNBC received provincial and federal funding;*
- Good stewardship ensured there were continuous annual surpluses; and*
- The endowment was fully supported by segregated cash.*

Deficits do not cut into endowment funding.

Q/C: Will MNBC be able to acquire fee simple land and request the adjacent crown land?

R: Where possible, MNBC is looking at adjacent land for expansion and for access. The primary goal with the province is for fee simple land transferred to MNBC for operations. These negotiations would occur between MNBC, the Province of BC, and the landowner. MNBC’s budget submission details MNBC’s intention to purchase land for housing and childcare, along with land conservancy, which allows citizens access to the land as long as it is protected.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Thomas Spence) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting accepts, as presented, the “Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2021”.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-03)

(In Favour 117, Opposed 8, Abstained 5)

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting appoints Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as the Auditor for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-04)

(In Favour 105, Opposed 8, Abstained 6)

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021 adjourned on Day One – September 24, 2021 at 4:10 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Two – September 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

DAY TWO | Saturday, September 25, 2021

MEETING RECONVENED - CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021 reconvened on Day Two – September 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

6. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, Province of BC, acknowledged the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and the North Fraser Métis Association. Gratitude was expressed to Acting President Smith, Minister Hooper and the CEO for extending the invitation to speak at the AGM.

Minister Kang recognized the dedication and contribution of MNBC Directors and staff to provide programs and services to Métis citizens across BC during COVID-19. Indigenous communities were hard hit during the pandemic, which was true all over the world. It created challenges for Indigenous people, communities and organizations to participate in educational and training opportunities.

Despite these challenges, MNBC grew throughout the pandemic, which could only be achieved with a dedicated group that embodied the qualities of MNBC's Mission: teamwork, respect, dedication, accountability, integrity and professionalism. Collaboration between the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and MNBC ensured progress on all initiatives. For example, MNBC's valuable contribution to the development of the DRIPA Action Plan and revised Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education and Training Policy Framework. Once completed, the framework would include a comprehensive strategy that responded to and implemented the UNDRIP recommendations and responded to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action.

Minister Kang acknowledged additional collaborative initiatives with MNBC, which included:

- \$6 million to support Métis students receiving post-secondary education, including the Vancouver Island University program, which included the Mid-Island Métis Nation students
- Funding support to the University of Victoria, in partnership with the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, to offer a Knowledge Keepers program, bringing community youth and scholars together to share cultural ways of being
- A Thompson River University (TRU) Métis Youth Career Day, where post-secondary students learned what career paths were available and networked with the Métis community
- Updating the 13-year-old Aboriginal Service Plan Program to focus on the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP
 - This new program is slated to launch in April 2022 and would strengthen accountability from post-secondary institutions to students, communities, Métis learners, and Chartered Communities
- An Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund, helping Métis learners manage the impacts of the pandemic
 - \$1 million was used to support Indigenous learners, with \$3.6 million funded since 2017 and access by more than 4,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students
- Support and participation for the Indigenous Board Member gathering in July 2018; all 25 public post-secondary institutions had Indigenous representation on their Board of Governors
 - The Province of BC hosted an annual gathering of the Board with the purpose to bring together Indigenous Board Members to share common opportunities and challenges
 - A MNBC representative was part of the planning team, and board representation was increased at the second gathering in May 2021
 - The Province of BC sought to increase Métis representation on post-secondary boards, as their advice and guidance was critical to ensure the success of Métis learners
- \$7.1 million in skills training and education funding was provided to MNBC to support economic recovery by offering programs in communities, including construction, business certificate programs, first aid, healthcare care aide, occupational training, etc.
- Increased partnerships and furthering opportunities to access skills training and education in Métis communities.

Minister Kang expressed admiration of MNBC's dedication to its Chartered Communities and was grateful to work together to bring many opportunities to the nation. As programs continued to be built, the Minister looked forward to working closely with MNBC to improve program delivery and ensure that Métis people had full and equal opportunities to participate in the BC economy and workforce. Through the continued collaboration, the Province of BC would ensure that the

post-secondary and training system was responsive to the needs of Métis learners and supported them to find success in their path.

QUORUM ANNOUNCED

AGM Clerk Gall confirmed that 123 registered voting delegates were in attendance. Chair Peltier reviewed the meeting standing rules.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 AGM DRAFT MINUTES

Related information: "Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2020 Annual General Meeting held February 18-20, 2021"

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Dean Gladue) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2020 Annual General Meeting held February 18-20, 2021, be adopted as presented.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-05)

(In Favour 110, Opposed 11, Abstain 8)

6. LOCATION OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) MNBC 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held September 23-25, 2022;
- Subject to public health orders, the MNBC 2022 AGM be held in person in Kelowna, BC;
- If public health orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on this date, or there are significant restrictions on in person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; and
- A decision to hold the MNBC 2022 AGM virtually must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors 90 days prior to the AGM (June 25, 2022).

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Concern that the movers and seconders were predetermined in advance of the AGM, negating the ability for citizens to move or second a motion
- Choice of Kelowna for the 2022 AGM, as it was a carry forward suggestion from a previous year.

Point of Information

In response to a Point of Information, the Parliamentarian advised that abstentions did not count as a “yes” or “no” vote. A majority of votes cast in favour or against the motion were required. However, for Constitutional Amendments, abstentions would have the same effect as a negative vote.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-06)

(In Favour 108, Opposed 21, 5 Abstained)

7. POLICY RESOLUTIONS

7.1. Resolution #1 – *Natural Resources Act* – Housekeeping and Updates

Related information: “Resolution #1 – Natural Resources Act – Housekeeping and Updates

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is necessary to ensure that the wording of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) legislation withstands critical grammatical scrutiny, is unambiguous in language, and reflects current conditions; and
- B. The recent creation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Métis Rights requires certain clauses of the *Natural Resources Act* be modified to reflect current conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- C. The following changes be made to the *Natural Resources Act*:
 - Change “land-use” to “land use” throughout the Act;
 - 2.4: Change “seven voting regional Captain of Natural Resources” to “eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt”;
 - 2.5: Change “Captain of Natural Resources” to “Captain of the Hunt”;
 - 2.7: Change “Director of Natural Resources” to “Senior Director of Natural Resources”;
 - 2.12: Strike “by the President of the MNBC”;
 - 2.13: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources”, change “Minister of Natural Resources” to “Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources”, change “Director of Natural Resources” to “Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources.”;

Add the following definitions:

“Minister of Environmental Protection” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.

“Ministry of Environmental Protection” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental

Protection (technical) and BCMANR.

“Senior Director of Environmental Protection” means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.

Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 2 to be in alphabetical order, and re-number the definitions as needed.

4.0: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

4.3: Change clause to read “The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.”;

4.4: Change “Ministry of Natural Resources” to “Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

5.1: Change clause to read “BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.”;

Add “Purposes” to the end of the Article Six Header, so it reads “Harvesting for Profit and Commercial Purposes”;

8.9: Change “over-turned” to “overturned”;

9.1.9: Change “a member of a class of Métis Citizens” to “Métis Citizens”, change “lake, stream or area” to “lake, stream or area for special designated harvests”;

9.4: Strike the entire clause;

10.1: Change clause to “The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

10.3: Strike the entire clause;

11.1: Change “the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Natural Resources” to “the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection”;

11.2: Strike the entire clause;

11.5: Change clause to “The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.”;

11.6.2: Change “MNBC Ministry of Natural Resources” to “The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection”;

11.7.5: Change “legal precedents” to “existing case law”;

12.2 b: Change “for a period not to exceed five years, if the apprehension is recommended by the Captain’s Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Natural Resources must sanction the apprehension.” to “for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain’s Assembly to be greater than five years, the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection must sanction the apprehension.”;

Re-number clauses as required.

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Further clarification on amended terminology, additional Ministers within the *Natural Resource Act*, and changing the direction of BCMANR
- Need to receive the full *Act* rather than requested changes, including clauses that were to be struck (Clauses 9.4, 10.3, and 11.2)
- Input provided by BCMANR to correct errors within the *Natural Resources Act*
- Ability of BCMANR to acquire its own funding streams, with no input from MNBC on its budgets
- Provision of secretariat support by MNBC to BCMANR
- How Economic Development and Natural Resources worked together with environmental protection and consultation and ensured all concerns of MNBC citizens are addressed
- Impacts restructuring may have on MNBC's Section 35 rights for harvesting and BCMANR initiatives
- Further clarification needed on "existing case law", and whether the inclusion of tribunals would limit court proceedings going forward, thus not setting a court precedent; for example, with hunting infractions and asserting Section 35 rights
 - Article 11 of the *Natural Resources Act* appertains to MNBC consultation guidelines, an internal document, and informed BCMANR on its role to manage and determine the adequacy of consultation activity within the context of MNBC consultation policies where legal precedent applied; it pertained to the purpose and guidelines that framed consultation
 - Include "existing case law" within the definitions section to clarify that it did not include the power to set up a tribunal process
- Ensuring Captains of the Hunt are present during the AGM to answer related questions and to discuss impacts resolutions have on BCMANR
 - Changes within the *Natural Resources Act* were intended to better support BCMANR
- Consulting with citizens in the province to understand fishing and hunting issues
- Effect of words within legal documents, which could set its own precedent in other formal documents.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Daleen Thomas) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the Main Motion be amended as follows: remove "11.7.5: Change 'legal precedents' to 'existing case law'".

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Motion

During ensuing discussion, comments were offered regarding the potential to restrict governing internal agreements to only providing rights, which have been codified in BC case law.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-07)

(In Favour 76; Opposed 28; Abstain 11)

Discussion on the Main Motion as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the ability for the Senior Director of Economic Development to dialogue with both Ministries and proponents, and integrating harvesters into these dialogues.

Motion to Close Debate

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That debate on the Main Motion as Amended be called to a close.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order that a motion was raised prior to question being called, AGM Chair Peltier advised that question was called prior to the delegate's location in the queue. Should the vote fail, further opportunity would be provided for delegates to speak.

Question on the Motion to Close Debate

Question was called on the Motion to Close Debate. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-08)

(In Favour 103; Opposed 22; Abstain 3)

Question on the Main Motion as Amended

Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was

CARRIED (AGM2021-09)

(In Favour 81; Opposed 47; Abstain 2)

7.2. Resolution #2 – MNGA Speaker

Related information: "Resolution #2 – Speaker of the MNGA"

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Leann Saulter)

WHEREAS:

- A. The current requirements for the Speaker of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), as currently written in the *MNGA Act*, allow for any person, whether or not they are Métis, to be appointed as Speaker of the MNGA; and
- B. As a self-governing Nation, Métis Nation British Columbia has the right and responsibility to govern itself amongst its own members, and to be governed free from any external influence.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 5.2 of the *MNGA Act* be amended by:

Adding the following:

- A. At the end of the Article, the words “but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*.”, so the full article reads:

5.0: *The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall:*

5.2 *May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the Citizenship Act;.*

Discussion on the Main Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Supporting MNBC citizens and future leaders in participating in MNBC’s governing processes
 - MNBC’s interests and assertions are different than other Métis governments
 - MNBC’s voice does not carry similar weight as other Métis governments
 - MNBC citizens have a familiarity and respect for MNBC’s Constitution, with an interest in Métis rights
- Concerns that the MNGA Speaker could be biased, causing further division
- “We are one Métis Nation”; there is no division between provinces
- Common practice to invite an individual outside of the organization to chair the MNGA to eliminate bias
- Increasing attendance at AGM’s to make better decisions for all MNBC citizens.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was

CARRIED (AGM2021-10)

(In Favour 101; Opposed 33; Abstain 1)

7.3. Resolution #3 – MYBC Elected Offices Terms

Related information: “Resolution #3 – MYBC Elected Offices Terms”

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis Youth of British Columbia are a valuable resource for and on behalf of the Métis Citizens and people of British Columbia, an effective voice in the MNBC governance process, and an excellent model for the Canadian Métis and the Canadian population in general;
- B. The other provincially elected positions within MNBC are elected for 4 year terms; and
- C. For uniformity and simplicity, all provincially elected positions within Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) should be for the same term length.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 6.2 of the MNBC *Youth Act* be amended to have all Regional Youth Representatives elected for a four (4) year term by:

Replacing the existing Article 6.2 with the following:

- A. *“The MYBC Committee, including the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, shall be elected for*

a four (4) year term in conjunction with the MNBC Electoral Act and MNBC Guidelines.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The amended Article 6.2 does not take effect until the 2024 MNBC Provincial Election; and
- B. For further certainty, the positions of Regional Youth Representatives of the MYBC are subject to election in 2022 as currently legislated under the MNBC *Youth Act*.

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Preference of Youth Representatives to return to four-year terms
- Opportunity for Youth Representatives to move into a by-election without prejudice should circumstances prevent them from completing their term
- Respecting and supporting MNBC’s future leaders
- Expectation that Youth Representatives would resign from their position upon reaching the age of 31.

Question on the Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-11)

(In Favour 125; Opposed 3; Abstain 4)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

QUORUM ANNOUNCED

AGM Clerk Gall confirmed that 112 registered voting delegates were in attendance, and quorum had been met.

7.4. Resolution #4 – Senate Timelines

Related information: “Resolution #4 – Timeframe for Senate Appeals and Dispute Resolution Applications”

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Thomas Spence) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senate, as the independent, non-political judicial branch of the MNBC governance structure, is a vitally important part of MNBC Governance;
- B. MNBC Citizens have the right to submit appeals, apply for dispute resolution, and mediation sessions to the MNBC Senate; and
- C. While Citizens have a right to make applications to the Senate for the aforementioned issues, it is reasonable to have a defined time period where submissions to the Senate can be accepted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 9 of the *Senate Act* be amended to add a defined time frame for MNBC Citizens to apply for an appeal, where time frames are not currently existing in legislation:

A. Add the following:

9.2 *Where a time frame to submit an appeal is not otherwise legislated, any appeal by a MNBC Citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event.*

9.2.1 *The Senate will consider an application for an extension of time to appeal.*

B. Subsequent articles be re-numbered as required.

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Need for a clear definition for “the event” as stated in clause 9.2
 - If a decision is to be appealed, that decision would be the “event”
- Use of broad language within the resolution to ensure that “the event” captured a myriad of issues that could be brought before the Senate
- Confirmation that the resolution would not be retroactive to include current appeals before the Senate
- Effect that the resolution would ensure the *Senate Act* was in line with the *Election Act* and *Citizenship Act*.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Allison Hemmings-Cook) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)

That Article 9.2 of the Main Motion be amended by replacing “*any appeal by a MNBC citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event*” with “*subject to this Act, an appeal in respect of a decision of event must not be commenced more than sixty (60) days on which the decision or event is made*”.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order questioning why the wording of the amendment was being worked on during the AGM, the AGM Chair advised that the purpose of the exercise was to accurately word the proposed amendment.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding limiting or exempting complaints from moving forward to the Senate in the manner in which it was intended.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the motion was:

DEFEATED (AGM2021-12)

(In Favour 31; Opposed 84; Abstain 6)

Discussion on Main Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Beginning and end timing of the “event”; and whether the event was at the moment of decision, or upon receipt of the decision letter, which could be a significant delay in time
- Respect that the Senate provided input into the amendment.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2021-13)

(In Favour 94; Opposed 20; Abstain 6)

8. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS

The Parliamentarian reviewed the process and voting requirements for Constitutional amendments, which required 75% vote in favour, and discussed the effect of an abstention vote.

8.1. Resolution #5 – Constitutional Amendment – MNGA-AGM Timelines

Related information: "Resolution #5 – MNBC Constitution – MNGA/AGM Timelines"

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

WHEREAS:

- A. A constitution of a Nation represents the will of its people, and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a Nation have agreed to be governed, and is subject to the "living tree" doctrine which provides that a Nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time;
- B. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) *Constitution* is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and, from time to time, it is deemed necessary to review its provisions, and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required;
- C. It is good governance for the MNBC to have any rules and restrictions, specifically regarding the threshold of MNBC Citizens that must approve any further amendments to the *Constitution* transparently stated in the *Constitution*;
- D. The current COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the inflexibility of MNBC Legislation, leading to the 2020 AGM passing a motion to suspend an Article of the *Constitution* to allow flexibility in scheduling the dates of the MNGA and AGM; and
- E. MNBC legislation should be written to allow flexibility in extenuating circumstances, and any suspension or overriding of MNBC legislation should be altogether avoided.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following sections of the *Constitution* be amended as follows:

In Article 32:

Change the word "shall" to "must";

Add the text "Subject to extenuating circumstances" after the text "at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting.", so it reads:

Article 32: The Métis Nation Governing Assembly **must** meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days' notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting **must** be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, **subject to extenuating**

circumstances. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.

In Article 68:

Change the word “shall” to “must”; and

Strike the words “during the month of September”, so it reads:

Article 68: “An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia **must** be held annually. The precise dates and locations of an AGM **must** be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM.”

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Providing flexibility for the MNGA to sit less than five months in advance of an AGM
- Defining “extenuating circumstances” to ensure there is no room for interpretation
 - Intention that “extenuating” be broad.

Quorum Announced

AGM Clerk Gall confirmed that 127 registered voting delegates were in attendance, which meant 96 votes were required in favour in order for the Main Motion to be carried.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was

CARRIED (AGM2021-14)

(In Favour 103; Opposed 19; Abstain 2)

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order regarding the inability to consider Resolution #6 without providing the *Bylaws of the Métis Provisional Council of British Columbia* (the “Bylaws”), AGM Chair Peltier advised that the Bylaws were available upon request through the Registrar.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

8.2. Resolution #6 – Constitutional Amendment – Amending Formula

Related information: “Resolution #6 – MNBC Constitution – Amending Formula”

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Tim Low) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

WHEREAS:

- A. A constitution of a Nation represents the will of its people, and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a Nation have agreed to be governed, and is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a Nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time;
- B. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) *Constitution* is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and, from time to time, it is deemed necessary to review its provisions, and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times

and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required;

- C. It is good governance for the MNBC to have any rules and restrictions, specifically regarding the threshold of MNBC Citizens that must approve any further amendments to the *Constitution* transparently stated in the *Constitution*; and
- D. The *Constitution* does not specify an amending formula.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section “Amendment” of the *Constitution* be amended to mirror the amending formula that currently exists in the *Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia* by:

Adding the following:

- A. 73. *This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:*
 - 73.1 *Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the MNGA Act;*
 - 73.2 *Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.*
 - 73.3 *Ratification requires at least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast to be in favour of the proposed amendment.*

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Respecting the time delegates take in attending the AGM and having their voice heard
- Making the Bylaw documents available in advance of any amendments relating to them
 - MNBC staff would ensure Bylaws were available upon request by citizens
- Reviewing the agenda in advance of the meeting to ensure delegates were well-informed when voting on resolutions.

Motion to Close Debate

It was MOVED (Jan Ovans) and SECONDED (Thomas Spence)

That debate on the Main Motion be called to a close.

CARRIED (AGM2021-15)

(In Favour 115; Opposed 12; Abstain 2)

Quorum Announced

AGM Clerk Gall confirmed that 135 registered voting delegates were in attendance, which meant 102 votes were required in favour in order for the Main Motion to be carried .

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A vote was conducted using an online voting system. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was

CARRIED (AGM2021-16)

(In Favour 106; Opposed 16; Abstain 1)

9. CLOSING COMMENTS

AGM Chair Peltier expressed appreciation for the discussion and debate, and to staff for assisting with technical issues.

In response to a question, given technical challenges experienced by some citizens, whether Elders could vote on resolutions in advance for future AGMs, AGM Chair Peltier advised that the resolutions may differ during the AGM.

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Senator John Sayers offered a Closing Prayer.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Daleen Thomas) and SECONDED (Paul Ricard)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021, now conclude.

CARRIED (AGM2021-17)

(Time: September 25, 2021 at 3:17 p.m.)

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 24-25, 2021, and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Susie Hooper, Secretary

Lissa Smith, Acting President

2022 MNGA MINUTES



MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY held March 4-6, 2022 DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) held March 4-6, 2022 via videoconference

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lissa Smith, President
Kate Elliott, Métis Women BC Chair
Shaughn Davoren, Métis Youth BC Chair
Patrick Harriott, Region 1 Regional Director (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer
Louis De Jaeger, Region 2 Regional Director (Lower Mainland) and Acting Vice-President
Dean Gladue, Region 3 Regional Director (Thompson Okanagan)
Debra Fisher, Region 4 Regional Director (Kootenays)
Raynie Gervais, Region 5 Regional Director (North Central)
Susie Hooper, Region 6 Regional Director (Northwest) and Acting Secretary
Paulette Flamond, Region 7 Regional Director (Northeast)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Caitlin Bird, President, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association
Joy Bremner, President, Mid Island Métis Nation
Lauren Dean, President, Miki'siw Métis Association
June Graham, President, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association
Shawn James, Vice-President, Métis Nation Powell River
Charlotte Lever, Vice President, North Island Métis Association
Richard Lewis, President, Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

Lee Fraser, President, Surrey/Delta Métis Association (joined on Day 2)
Ryan Gervais, Vice President, Chilliwack Métis Association
Ken Isbister, Vice President, North Fraser Métis Association
Kelly Sears, President, Waceya Métis Society
Lisa Shepherd, Vice President, Golden Ears Métis Society
Pixie Wells, President, Fraser Valley Métis Society

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

David Allard, President, Salmon Arm Métis Association
Cheryl Dodman, President, Kelowna Métis Association
Betty Ann McDonnell, President, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society
Cindy Novakowsky, Vice President, Salmon Arm Métis Association
Trish Plant, President, Two Rivers Métis Society
Joanne Richardson, President, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association



Daina Shaw, President, Boundary Métis Community Association
Ed Vermette, Vice-President, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Don Courson, President, West Kootenay Métis Society
Monica Fisher, President, Columbia Valley Métis Association
Alex Ibbotson, President, Rocky Mountain Métis Association
Travis Jobin, President, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Myrtle Servatius, President, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Tony Goulet, President, North Cariboo Métis Association
Kelly Roberts, President, Prince George Métis Community Association
Marlene Swears, President, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

Bonnie Merlo, President, Tri-Rivers Métis Association
Darcie Petuh, President, Northwest BC Métis Association
Joy Sundin, President, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

Region 7 – Northeast

Jacqueline Alderking, President, Fort St. John Métis Society

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Peltier, MNGA Speaker
Chris Gall, MNGA Clerk
John Bieker, MNGA Deputy Clerk
Daniel Fontaine, MNBC Chief Executive Officer
Kamron Bajwa, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Christel Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. OPENING PRAYERS

Senators Gladue and Hoogendoorn provided an Opening Prayer earlier in the day, prior to the morning roundtable session.

2. ANTHEMS

O Canada and the Métis Ballad were provided through a video presentation.

3. OPENING REMARKS

Lissa Smith, President, welcomed delegates to the MNGA and provided an overview of activities that benefitted MNBC Citizens during the past year, including:

- Approval of \$70,000 for Regional Governance Council (RGC) meetings
- Commitment of \$70,000 in COVID-19 funding to Chartered Communities to provide cellphones with a preloaded two-year plan including data and voicemail
- Reforms to the Ministry of Citizenship, which saw an increase in applications processed per month and decreased wait times by six months

- Funding of 1,500 trainees in 2021
- Review of the Ministry of Health programs to ensure Citizens receive critical programs and services, including the mitigation of costs associated with childcare expenses
- Minimal references to Métis in the recent 2022 Provincial Budget; \$12 million was announced to establish a *Declaration Act* Secretariat to increase capacity of public servants to interact with Indigenous governments
 - No funding was allocated to increase the capacity of Indigenous governments to interact with Victoria, which was identified as a critical need
 - MNBC continues to advocate for resources to ensure it is a full partner in the process
 - While a distinctions-based approach was approved by the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, it was ignored in the budget
- Signing of a new letter of intent (LOI) between MNBC and the Province, which proposed a new government approach to Métis relations and a partnership that respected Métis self-determination
- Tabling of a \$100 million budget for 2022/2023 to support programs and services that aimed to close the gap for the quality of life for Métis
- Role of MNBC with the Métis National Council (MNC); the new administration was committed to openness, transparency and accountability.

4. ROLL CALL – QUORUM ANNOUNCED

MNGA Clerk Chris Gall read aloud the names of delegates and welcomed them to verbally indicate their presence. After concluding the Roll Call, it was confirmed that 36 official voting delegates were in attendance, which met quorum.

5. CALL TO ORDER

The Official Business of the 2022 MNGA scheduled March 4-6, 2022, was called to order on March 4, 2022, at approximately 2:05 p.m.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 MNGA DRAFT AGENDA

Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2022 Agenda package: Draft Agenda of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lauren Dean) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lauren Dean) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the main resolution be amended to strike “as presented” and insert “with the addition of Item 7, Livestreaming at MNGAs”.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Draft Agenda

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Feedback received by leadership and Elders through the livestream to those attending the MNGA
- Disappointment of Citizens regarding the inability to watch the MNGA livestream
- Value of informed Citizens

- Need for further clarification on the rationale for not livestreaming the MNGA
- Ability for Citizens to attend in-person MNGAs and observe the governance process.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-01)

(35 in favor, none opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Main Resolution as Amended

Voting was conducted via the poll function to accept the main resolution as amended, and it was:

CARRIED (MNGA 2202-02)

(35 in favor, none opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

7. RESOLUTION – LIVESTREAMING AT MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLIES

It was MOVED (Lauren Dean) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

WHEREAS

- A. It is essential for the governance process to be available to our Citizens;
- B. Community leadership values the feedback of our community members during and throughout the Governing Assembly to inform decision making;
- C. It is within the power of the MNGA to determine how our assemblies are conducted; and
- D. Pursuant to article 11.5 of the MNGA Act, resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature that may have implications for the Métis Nation if not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. A. Effective immediately, all Métis Nation Governing Assemblies be livestreamed.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Building capacity and mentorship opportunities for Citizens
- Ability for Elders and Citizens to ask questions to be brought forward
- Previous livestreaming statistics, which informed the decision to not livestream the 2022 MNGA
- Increasing transparency to MNBC Citizens.

Question on the Resolution

Question was called on the resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-03)

(36 in favor, none opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA STANDING RULES

MNGA Clerk Gall read aloud the MNGA Standing Rules, which were accepted as presented.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA MINUTES

9.1 Minutes from the 2021 MNGA

Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2022 Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 4-6, 2022.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held May 7-8, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-04)

9.2 Minutes from the 2021 Special MNGA

Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2022 Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly held September 26, 2021

It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2021 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held September 26, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-05)

10. ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2022 Agenda package: MNGA Reports 2022, Virtual Annual General Meeting, March 4-6, 2022

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Betty Ann McDonnell)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly receive for information the *MNGA Reports 2022, Virtual Annual General Meeting, March 4-6, 2022*, and the written reports therein.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, it was noted the agenda package was not received in sufficient time to review in advance of the MNGA.

Question on the Resolution

Question was called on the resolution. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-06)

(23 delegate in favor, six opposed, seven delegates abstained from the vote)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed that there was a quorum of delegates present, with 35 official voting delegates in attendance.

11. REPORTS

11.1 Electoral Act Committee Report

Tony Goulet, Region 5 Representative, *Electoral Act* Committee, reviewed a presentation titled "*Electoral Act* Committee – Roadmap for 2022", and highlighted the following:

- History and composition of the Committee
- Committee Terms of Reference and timeline for legislative changes to be in full effect prior to the 2024 General Election
- Main lenses/angles to consider within the legislation, including Citizens, candidates, Chief Electoral Officer and MNBC
- 2022 Workplan, including specific activities, deliverables, and estimated completion timelines.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Use of data from previous elections to understand the demographics of Citizens who voted, specifically by region and age, and their means of voting (electronic or mail-in ballots)
- Ability to target communications to encourage Citizens to vote in future elections
- Providing voting assistance to Elders.

Delegates were encouraged to forward further questions or concerns regarding the *Electoral Act* to the Committee. It was agreed to post the names of the *Electoral Act* Committee on MNBC's website.

11.2 Chief Executive Officer/Deputy Minister Report

CEO Daniel Fontaine reviewed a presentation titled "MNBC 2021 – A Year in Review", which provided details on MNBC monthly activities throughout MNBC.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Including a communication plan within MNBC's workplan; Chartered Community leadership is often surprised when new initiatives are rolled out
 - Efforts are ongoing within MNBC to disseminate information to all Chartered Communities
 - Suggestions were made to draft a weekly newsletter to circulate current information and inform of upcoming programs and services
- Difficulties experienced by many individuals in accessing online applications due to internet instability within remote regions
- Budgetary submission of \$4 million for funds to be transferred to Chartered Communities to support administrative operations
- Efforts to draft a Métis Nation Equity and Reconciliation Agreement with the Province
- Continued delays in processing harvester card renewals and new membership applications
 - The Central Registry continues to slowly improve processes and timeframes in processing applications; applications were processed in the order in which they were received
- Need for ongoing funding for regional health coordinators
 - Contracts terminating at the end of March 2022 were being extended
- Drafting Métis content for school districts to integrate within classrooms
- Status of the 2020 MNGA Resolution #5 regarding the *Citizenship Act* and timelines for applications
- Publishing department heads for leaders to know who to contact with specific concerns
- Perceived lack of respect and understanding by non-Métis staff in interactions with MNBC Citizens
 - MNBC makes every effort to hire qualified Métis Citizens; however, Métis applicants are not received for many positions

- The CEO would work with human resources staff to develop a robust training system that included cultural awareness and increased exposure to Elders
- Focusing on current programming rather than continuing to develop new programs
- Embedding harvester card renewal within the Citizenship renewal process
- Discrepancies occurring within MNBC financial management processes
- Potential improvements being made to communication processes, including website updates, Chartered Community/President portal, etc.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022 adjourned on Day One – March 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Two – March 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

DAY TWO – MARCH 5, 2022

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022 reconvened on Day Two – March 5, 2022 at 8:35 a.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 33 official voting delegates in attendance.

12. MÉTIS FINANCIAL CORPORATION OF BC REPORT

Paul Ricard, Chair, Métis Financial Corporation of BC (MFCBC), provided an update on the MFCBC, and offered the following comments:

- The Board of Directors for the MFCBC was appointed in June 2017, and consists of two directors from the MNBC Board and three Directors at Large
- MFCBC consulted with the Métis Nation of Ontario's Métis Voyageur Development Fund in its creation, including redrafting its policies and procedures, rules, and bylaws to BC standards
- A policy was adopted to fund all MFCBC applicant's business plans
- In 2017, Evan Salter was hired as CEO from a pool of 36 candidates
- MFCBC opened its doors August 1, 2018 to ensure funding was available to Métis entrepreneurs.

Evan Salter, CEO, MFCBC, reviewed a presentation titled "MFCBC 2022 Update", and highlighted the following:

- Mandate, mission and vision of the MFCBC
- Creation of the MFCBC
- MFCBC strategic priorities, including:
 - Strategic Priority 1 – grow the organization
 - Strategic Priority 2 – secure stable funding
 - Strategic Priority 3 – client services and success
 - Strategic Priority 4 – effective working relationships
 - Strategic Priority 5 – develop the MFCBC brand
- Building the MFCBC brand, which grew as a result of delivering numerous COVID-19 programs, becoming the fastest growing Aboriginal Financial Institution (AFI) in Canada

- MFCBC support by region
- Current MFCBC programming included business plan support, traditional loan and grant funding, micro-business, tourism and community COVID-19 grants, and small, medium and new business COVID-19 grants
- Upcoming MFCBC programming, including the Métis women's entrepreneurship program, which offered micro-loans to female Métis entrepreneurs.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Eligibility of every Métis community for COVID-19 grants
- Available programs to purchase businesses
- Opportunities created for Métis entrepreneurs to access funding through Métis AFIs.

13. RESOLUTIONS

13.1 Resolution A – Surrey/Delta Community Acceptance

It was MOVED (Ryan Gervais) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

WHEREAS:

- B. Article 56.1 of the MNBC *Constitution* provides for a Métis Community meeting certain requirements to seek interim Chartered designation, if they have at least 25 members who are Métis Citizens, which is required for full Chartered Community status;

56.1. If a group of Métis Citizens residing in a city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit in which there is no existing Chartered Community, that group of Citizens may apply to the applicable Regional Governance Council for interim Chartered Community designation (hereinafter referred to as an "Interim Chartered Community" or having "Interim Chartered Community Status" as the case may be) provided the application is signed by at least 15 Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.

- C. The Surrey/Delta Métis Association is legally registered with the BC Registrar of Societies, and now has more than 25 members, who are MNBC Citizens;
- D. Pursuant to Article 57 of the *Constitution*, the Surrey/Delta Métis Association has committed to enter into a Community Governance Charter with MNBC; and
- E. Pursuant to Article 55.1 of the *Constitution*, communities seeking any chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Applicable Regional Governance Council (RGC) members, and such motion be submitted to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) for final ratification; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly accepts the application by Surrey/Delta Métis Association to enter the Métis Nation British Columbia as a Full Chartered Community; and
- B. The geographic boundaries of the Surrey/Delta Métis Association shall include the municipalities of Delta and Surrey.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Previous association representing Métis Citizens in Surrey/Delta, which voted to leave the MNBC

- Process for informing MNBC Citizens in the Surrey/Delta region of the transition to the new association
 - As these Citizens were already MNBC Citizens, they were not required to reapply to MNBC
- Confirmation that the threshold to become a Chartered Community was met as outlined in MNBC's Constitution
- Intention for the Surrey/Delta Métis Association to hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 19, 2022.

Question on the Resolution

Question was called on the resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-07)

(36 in favor, one opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

The Surrey/Delta Métis Association was welcomed to the MNBC. It was noted that Lee Fraser would serve as President and Anthony Krilow as Vice President.

13.2 Resolution #1 – Housekeeping Terminology

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

WHEREAS:

- Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and
- In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A HOUSEKEEPING MATTER THAT:

The current references in MNBC legislation to “Fifty percent (50%) plus one”, or “Fifty (50) per cent plus one”, be changed to the correct phrase “simple majority” as follows:

- In Article 33 of the *Constitution*, strike “Fifty (50) per cent plus one” and insert “A simple majority”, so it shall read:

“A simple majority of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.”

- In Article 4.1 of the *MNGA Act*, strike “Fifty percent (50%) plus one” and insert “A simple majority”, so it shall read:

“A simple majority of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;”

- In Article 11.5 (a) of the *MNGA Act*, strike “50% plus one” and insert “a simple majority”, so it shall read:

“Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least a simple majority of the MNGA members in attendance agree.”

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Need for a definition for “simple majority”, which could be open to interpretation and may reduce the number of votes required to create quorum, changing the way the MNGA functioned
 - The word “simple” was not required as “majority” implied more than 50%
- Identification of quorum within the *Constitution*, ensuring that a majority of the MNGA would be present
- Concern that delegates experiencing technical difficulties may be excluded from the process
- Consistency throughout all MNBC legislation.

Vote to Determine Whether the Resolution was a Housekeeping Matter

A vote was conducted via the poll function on whether the main resolution was a housekeeping matter, requiring a higher threshold. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution was deemed to not be a housekeeping matter.

(12 in favor, 26 opposed, no abstentions)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the main resolution be amended to replace “*simple majority*” with “*majority*”; and to add the following to the end of the resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

A. The current references in MNBC legislation to “simple majority” be changed to “majority”

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the importance of consistency in language throughout all MNBC legislation.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA 2202-07)

(24 in favor, 13 opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, concerns were expressed regarding potential exclusion of MNGA delegates should the term “majority” not be defined within legislation.

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. It was noted that 75%, or 30 delegates, were required to vote in favour for the main resolution as amended to pass. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution as amended was:

DEFEATED

(25 in favor 12 opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

13.3 Resolution #2 – Kaniikaniit

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Betty Ann McDonnell) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is fundamental to who we are as Métis people to have our language and culture represented in everything we do, and
- B. How we name the representatives of our Citizens should be a reflection of who we are as Métis people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Métis Nation British Columbia Chartered Community leaders, formally known as Presidents, will now be referred to as Kaniikaniit (Caneé-Caneat) which means Leader in Michif.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Use of Michif in reference to Métis leaders rather than use of “President”, which was a colonial term
- Communities determining how to refer to its elected leaders, acknowledging the various dialects throughout BC
- Support to use the Michif language in all arenas.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Betty Ann McDonnell)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article A, of the Main Resolution be amended by inserting “*in a variety*” following “*which means Leader*”, and inserting “*or another word in our Michif languages, as chosen by our Communities*” following “*of Michif*”.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Support to encourage use of the Michif language, and its various dialects, in all communities
- Discretion of elected leaders in how they refer to themselves in public forums.

Motion to Refer the Resolution

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Marlene Swears)

THAT Resolution #2 – Kaniikaniit, be referred to committee, consisting of one Citizen appointee per Region, as determined by the respective Regional Governance Councils; and This committee review the resolution and provide a recommendation to the 2023 MNGA.

Discussion on the Motion to Refer the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Following the advice of Elders, who advised of the need to be respectful of individual languages

- Creating space for communities to have fulsome discussion and provide clarity on how to use Michif in reference to leaders
- Need for further developing Michif in communities, which could be flushed out in committee.

It was agreed to defer further discussion on the Motion to Refer the Resolution to later in the meeting, following Item 14.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 39 official voting delegates in attendance.

14. DISCUSSION ON MNGA/AGM ANTHEM

Patrick Harriott, Region 1 Director, commented on the need to have a Métis anthem that better reflected being Métis in BC.

A submission was received by Travis Jobin, who received a grant to record five songs, including a potential anthem for the Métis Nation. The song, “Métis Rising” reflected the historic Métis Nation up to modern times depicting the Métis as a vibrant society. A recording of the song was played for the Assembly.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Pride in being Métis and where we come from
- Impact of the line “I am not half, I am whole”; it resonates to generations often referred to as “Halfbreeds”
- Gathering input from Elders on the MNBC anthem
- Including Michif within the anthem
- Calling for additional contributions from the broader MNBC community
- Setting the tone for the future.

13. RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED

13.3 Resolution #2 – Kaniikaniit continued

Continued Discussion on the Motion to Refer

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Not prioritizing one Michif dialect over another
- Role of the Committee to forward options for each community to adopt a particular word for its leader.

Question on the Motion to Refer

Question was called on the motion to refer. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the motion was:

DEFEATED

(17 in favor, 21 opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Honouring all languages and dialects for the word “leader”
- Ensuring the Michif language remains alive for future generations
- Providing freedom to elected leaders to choose how they wished to be referred
- Engaging communities to gather feedback on how to refer to leaders.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA 2202-08)

(19 in favor, 15 opposed, five delegates abstained from the vote)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution as amended was:

DEFEATED

(14 in favor, 23 opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

13.4 Resolution #3 – Citizenship Act

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is essential to the integrity of the MNBC Registry that all Citizens meet the criteria for registration.
- B. It is good practice to review Citizenship files to ensure that no factual errors, omissions, or a change in eligibility after acceptance has occurred by seeking Status under the Indian Act.
- C. The Registrar must have all the tools necessary to maintain the MNBC Registry in good order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

Strike the current Article 2.6 and replace with:

"Appeal" or "Appeals" means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose Citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;

Insert the following at the end of Article Five:

Article Six – Removal from Registry due to Ineligibility

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis Citizenship:
- a) The Registrar will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis Citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore Citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore Citizenship status must be provided within thirty (30) days of the review notice being sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further sixty (60) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Registrar.
- 6.2 If the Registrar has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their Citizenship will be immediately removed.
- 6.3 If the Registrar has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis Citizenship, the Citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose Citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Registrar's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Registrar. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose Citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Maintaining the Registry's integrity by ensuring Citizens did not also hold First Nations' status
- Concerns that registry audits may determine prior Citizenship applications were ineligible and nullify those Citizens as a result of changing document requirements and call an individual's Citizenship into question
- Examples provided within legislation, which would trigger an audit or review.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Monica Fisher) and SECONDED (Richard Lewis)

That "BE IT RESOLVED", Article 6.1 (b), of the Main Resolution be amended by replacing "thirty (30) days" with "sixty (60) days"; and "sixty (60) days" with "ninety (90) days".

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main motion was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-09)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Advantages for Elders to apply for First Nations' status due to benefits provided
- Exploring ways to recognize Elders and Knowledge Keepers who were able to acquire First Nations' status
 - Communities can continue to embrace Elders and Knowledge Keepers and allow participation in events to not lose that knowledge
- Individuals' right to choose whether to apply for First Nations' status or MNBC Citizenship; however, they cannot hold both
- Informing communities, through its Regional Director, when an individual is removed from the MNBC registry
- Defining "extension" by detailing criteria in granting an extension
 - Work of the Registrar to coordinate with applicants on requesting and reviewing documents
- Approving extensions unless extenuating circumstances arose
- Providing timelines for a response to applicants on the results of the audit
- Broader discussions around individuals' ability to self-identify as Métis.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 39 official voting delegates in attendance.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)

That "BE IT RESOLVED THAT" of the Main Resolution be amended by inserting the following after the third paragraph:

"Insert the following after Article 2.31:

"Under Review" means a previously registered Citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Registrar following an audit or review of the Central Registry."

and insert the following after Article 6.5:

"6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Registrar is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their Citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.

(i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

Re-number subsequent Articles in the Citizenship Act as needed."

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Ensuring processes are in place to address impacts on those affected by decisions

- Including provisions within the Registry's policies and procedures as Item 6.6 was tied to administrative activities
- Adhering to contribution agreements, a number of which stipulate that service must be provided to those who self-identify as Métis.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-10)

Question on the Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. It was noted that 75%, or 30 delegates, were required to vote in favour for the main resolution as amended to pass. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution as amended was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-11)

(30 in favor, eight opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

13.5 Resolution #4 – Elections – Board Members/Salaried Employees

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is deemed appropriate and necessary to clarify if MNBC Board Members hold a salaried position in MNBC under Article 47 of the *MNBC Constitution*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Constitution* be amended to explicitly state that current MNBC Board Members are not considered salaried contractor or employees of MNBC, as follows:

- A. In Article 47 of the *Constitution*, add the following:

47.1 *No person who receives remuneration for being a MNBC Board Member is considered a salaried contractor or employee of MNBC.*

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Providing briefing notes in advance of MNGAs for delegates to better understand the context of resolutions
- Work of the Finance and Human Resources Departments to update processes
- Whether considerations were required for the Canada Revenue Agency or other taxation authorities; further information on these considerations were necessary prior to consideration of the resolution.

Resolution Withdrawn

Following discussion on the resolution it was:

WITHDRAWN

13.6 Resolution #5 – Elections – MNBC Staff Members

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Constitution* and *Electoral Act* be amended to allow MNBC staff members to be candidates in an election without resigning their position, as follows:

Amend Article 47 of the Constitution as follows:

- A. 47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA *must submit, in writing, notice of a leave of absence.*

Insert the following definition in Article 3 of the *Electoral Act*:

- A. **“Leave of Absence”** means an unpaid leave of absence for a MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Strike the current Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act* and replace with:

- A. 8.3 (g) If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
- Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;
- At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
- i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
 - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
 - iii. *If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.*

Insert the following after Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act*:

- B. 8.3 (h) If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.

Re-number sub-articles of Article 8.3 as needed.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Impacts of a MNBC contractor running in the election and the requirement to cancel any current contract
 - This requirement would discourage Métis entrepreneurs in seeking leadership positions
- Clarifying the difference between contractors and staff running in a general election
- Requirement for the CEO to grant leaves of absence for staff running in a general election
- Limited number of contractors impacted by the *Electoral Act*
- Further work required around contractors running in general elections.

Question on the Resolution

Question was called on the resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. It was noted that 75%, or 30 delegates, were required to vote in favour for the resolution to pass. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2202-11)

13.7 Resolution #6 – By-Election – Current Board Members

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Electoral Act* be amended to codify the rules and procedures around Board Members being active candidates in by-elections for the MNBC Board of Directors, as follows:

In the *Electoral Act*:

Insert in Article 3 a definition of “Board Member”:

- A. **“Board Member”** means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Amend Article 8.6 as follows:

Insert as sub-article (a) (select by majority vote):

- A. “A current Board Member may stand as a candidate in a by-election. If elected, they must resign their previous position on the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into their new office.”
- B. “A current Board Member may stand as a candidate in a by-election. Any candidate that is a current Board Member must take an unpaid leave of absence from their current Board position. If elected, they must resign their previous position on the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into their new office.”
- C. “If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the close of nominations.”

Point of Clarification

In response to a Point of Clarification raised regarding how the vote would proceed, whether digitally or publicly, MNGA Speaker Peltier noted that clarification would be reviewed and reported back to the Assembly.

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Reducing the number of by-elections following general elections
- Identifying a deadline in expressing interest in running in the general election
- Unintended consequences of Article 8.6, option “c”.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (June Graham) and SECONDED (President Lissa Smith)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, sub-article (a), option C, of the Main Resolution be amended by replacing “at the close of nominations” with “at the date the election is announced”.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Providing adequate notice of individuals' intention to run in the general election
- Providing time prior to the AGM to explore the implications of option C.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-12)

(29 in favor, five opposed, four delegates abstained from the vote)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 3:39 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 37 official voting delegates in attendance.

Point of Clarification

In response to the Point of Clarification raised earlier in the Assembly, MNGA Speaker Peltier confirmed that voting on options A, B, or C would be conducted via a roll call vote.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Louis De Jaeger, Region 2 Director, declared a conflict of interest regarding the resolution and abstained from discussion on the resolution.

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding impacts the main resolution as amended would have on Section 46 of MNBC's *Constitution*.

Vote to Determine Option for Directors Intending to Run in the General Election

MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote to indicate delegates' preference for option A, B, or C, as stated in Resolution 6. Results of the vote are indicated below:

- Option A – 0 delegates
- Option B – 15 delegates
- Option C – 21 delegates
- Two delegates abstained from the vote.

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. It was noted that 75%, or 29 delegates, were required to vote in favour for the main resolution as amended to pass. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution as amended was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-13)

(29 in favor, seven opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

MNGA Clerk Gall offered comments on the effects the resolution may have on the *Electoral Act*, noting complications with timelines and Board Members resigning towards the end of the resignation deadline, which could hinder the ability to include the positions within the general election.

Eli Mina offered further comments regarding potential interference with individuals' rights to attend meetings, propose and debate motions, and the right to be elected for office, particularly in the passing of Resolution A at the Special MNGA held February 3, 2022.

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Process identified in Section 46.3 of the MNBC *Constitution*, allowing Regional Governance Councils to replace Directors as needed to fill vacancies
- Ability for any individual to run in elections
- Addressing technical details at upcoming meetings
- Potential for additional by-elections to be held due to provisions within the resolution
- Additional information to be provided to the MNGA regarding procedures to reconsider a motion.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022 adjourned on Day Two – March 5, 2022 at 4:35 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Three – March 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

DAY THREE – MARCH 6, 2022

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022 reconvened on Day Three – March 6, 2022 at 9:02 a.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 39 official voting delegates in attendance.

13.8 Resolution #7 – Ballot Boxes

It was MOVED (Marlene Swears) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

ISSUE:

The rather restricted option of online or mail-in balloting at the recent special election for President of the Métis Nation BC had many Métis members in our and other local communities

expressing that they were not computer literate or didn't even have a computer therefore denying them of their right to vote. It should be noted that presently Section 18.1 states that a ballot box shall be provided to a Returning Officer indicating that this option was not allowed in the recent election. The present wording in the *Electoral Act* uses the wording of "may" in relation to how voting can be conducted. This wording is the main issue in causing this effect on the right to vote.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:

- 5.6 *The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Polling Station vote, by Mail-in Ballot, by Online Voting.*
- (a) *Polling Station votes will be mailed by the Returning Officer within a specified time period to a location designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (b) *Mail-in Ballots cast by the Electors will be sent by mail or courier within a specified time period to a location designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (c) *Online voting must be done within a specified time period thru an electronic site designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.*
 - (d) *Electors must have a choice of all three of the voting options noted in Article 5.6.*

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Difficulties experienced by many Citizens in voting in the previous by-election, and the inability to cast their votes electronically or through mail-in ballots
- Preference of Elders to cast their votes through ballot boxes
- Providing choices to Citizens on how they wish to cast their votes during elections.

Motion to Refer

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)

THAT Resolution 7 "Ballot Boxes" be referred to the *Electoral Act* Committee, with a report and recommendation on this resolution to be provided to the 2023 MNGA.

Discussion on the Motion to Refer

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Allowing the *Electoral Act* Committee to do its work, including provisions around voting options
- Sufficient time for the *Electoral Act* Committee to explore ballot boxes and offer recommendations to the MNGA prior the 2024 General Election
 - Ballot boxes could be placed regionally or within communities
- Availability of ballot boxes during the previous Federal Election, which occurred during COVID-19 restrictions.

Motion to Close Debate

It was MOVED (Kelly Roberts) and SECONDED (Betty Ann McDonnell)

That debate on the Motion to Refer be called to a close.

Voting was conducted via the poll function on whether to end debate on the Motion to Refer, which required 75% of the votes cast to be in favor.

DEFEATED

(20 in favor, 17 opposed, two delegates abstained from vote)

Continued Discussion on the Motion to Refer

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Not impeding individuals' ability to vote
- Capacity needed for electoral officers wherever ballot boxes were placed
 - Further decisions were required on whether electoral officers would be volunteers or remunerated
- Providing ballot boxes in the upcoming Youth Election
- Surveying Citizens on voting preferences to tailor voting services on the needs of communities
- Date of coming into force of the resolution, which would occur following the 2022 AGM
- Locating ballot stations within each Region
- Importance of respecting Elders' voices and ability to vote.

Question on the Motion to Refer

Question was called on the Motion to Refer. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the motion was:

CARRIED (MNGA2022-14)

(24 in favor, 13 opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

13.9 Resolution # 8 – Youth Election Chief Electoral Officer

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

WHEREAS:

- A. The last MNBC general election was held on September 21, 2020;
- B. The current Regional Representatives of the MYBC Committee, except the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, were elected for two year terms, with terms expiring in 2022;
- C. Article 3.7 of the *Electoral Act* provides for the appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer to be appointed by the MNGA;
- D. Lawrence Lewis of Victoria, and his business, One Feather, served as Chief Electoral Officer for MNBC in the 2020 MNBC Provincial Election and the 2021 MNBC By-Election, and is qualified to carry out the role.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Lawrence Lewis of Victoria be appointed Chief Electoral Officer to manage and conduct the MNBC 2022 Youth Election, to fill the positions of Regional Representatives of the MYBC Committee in all seven regions.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the need to begin the process to hire a different Chief Electoral Officer for upcoming elections.

Question on the Resolution

Question was called on the resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-15)

(27 in favor, none opposed, 12 delegates abstained from the vote)

13.10 Resolution #9 – Youth Election Date

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (June Graham)

WHEREAS:

- A. The last MNBC general election was held on September 21, 2020;
- B. The current Regional Representatives of the MYBC Committee, except the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, were elected for two year terms, with terms expiring in 2022;
- C. Article 3 of the *Electoral Act* defines “candidate” as “meaning a person nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the MNBC election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representatives of Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia”;
- D. Article 8.1 of the *Electoral Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to give 60 days’ notice of the elections, meaning that once the Chief Electoral Officer is appointed, the earliest time that a general election could be held is 60 days after the notice is given; and
- E. Article 4 of the *Electoral Act* states that the date of the election shall be established by the MNGA, in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. MNBC hold an election for Regional Representatives of the MYBC Committee in all seven regions; and
- B. The date of this election will be September 8, 2022.

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Consideration of the first day of school, which may limit students’ ability to run and vote in the Youth election
- Supporting youth in their decision regarding the date for the Youth Election.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Marlene Swears) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article B, of the Main Resolution be amended by replacing “September 8, 2022” with “August 25, 2022”.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Ensuring Youth Representatives had the opportunity to fulfill their two-year term
- Following youths' direction on the date that works best for them.

Amendment to the Main Resolution Withdrawn

Following discussion on the amendment to the main resolution it was:

WITHDRAWN

Question on the Main Resolution

Question was called on the main resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution was:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2202-16)

13.11 Resolution # 10 – Regional Governance Councils

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Lauren Dean)

WHEREAS:

- A. Healthy, supported, and growing Chartered Communities are the basis of a healthy and vibrant Métis Nation;
- B. Timely exchange of knowledge will help strengthen and improve the cohesion of efforts both provincially and locally;
- C. Local communities contribute many hours of their time in volunteer contributions to build local relationships and opportunities for Métis People, it is to the benefit of all MNBC Citizens for MNBC to work with Communities, exchange knowledge of successes and challenges, and prioritise finding resources to support their efforts; and
- D. MNBC needs effective, permanent, and regular communication between Chartered Communities and Ministries to capitalize on opportunities, inform the development of and maximize Citizen enrollment in programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC Constitution be amended to read:

- A. Add the following:

"60.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.

60.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities to ensure support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritising the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Communities of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-

informed Métis Citizenry, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts.

60.4. *Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.*

60.5. *Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.*

60.6. *Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting."*

B. Re-number existing article 60.2 to 60.7;

C. Amend Article 60.3 to read:

"60.8. If the President of a Community is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council meeting, that Community's Vice President *may participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.*"

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Ensuring all RGCs had equal opportunities and resources to operate within their Chartered Communities
- Sources of funding received by RGCs
- Attendance at local RGC meetings, including Vice Presidents who attended as observers
- Ability of Presidents and Vice Presidents to bring community feedback to RGCs.

Amendment #1 to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)

That "BE IT RESOLVED", Article A, Item 60.3, of the Main Resolution be amended to replace "to ensure" with "for the purpose of obtaining"; replacing "Communities" with "Community Leadership"; and replacing "Citizenry" with "Governance".

Question on Amendment #1 to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-17)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Importance of leaders provided opportunities to forward concerns on behalf of communities, and to be informed of new MNBC programs and services
- Reduction in costs with the availability of videoconferencing options
- Role of regional service coordinators.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 37 official voting delegates in attendance.

Amendment #2 to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Shawn James)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article A, Item 60.6, of the Main Resolution be amended to replace “five (5)” with “thirty (30)”; and to add the following to the end of Item 60.6: *“This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.”*

Discussion on Amendment #2 to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Use of the word “unanimous”, as one Director could deem that the meeting was not of an urgent or pressing matter
- Concerns regarding the length of time proposed
- Impacts of a Member being unavailable to respond to provide consent, and having the effect of providing consent
- Ability for RGCs to set out guidelines or principles in providing notice for meetings.

Amendment to Amendment #2 to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was unanimously agreed to accept an amendment to the amendment to the main resolution to revert the notice requirement back to five (5) days.

Question on Amendment #2 to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-18)

Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article C, of the Main Resolution be amended to replace “Community’s Vice President may” with “each Chartered Community Board may delegate a Board Member to”.

Discussion on Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding ensuring that an elected representative would be delegated to attend RGC meetings.

Amendment to Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Joy Bremner) and SECONDED (David Allard)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article C, of the Amendment to the Main Resolution be amended to insert “or Vice President” after “President”; and “an Elected” prior to “Board Member”.

Discussion on the Amendment to Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Option to reschedule meetings should the President or Vice President be unable to attend an RGC meeting
- Recognition that Métis Citizens were voting members without being elected
- Reflecting the current reality within Chartered Communities
- Consistency of language throughout the *Constitution* and *MNGA Act*.

Question on the Amendment to Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the amendment to the main resolution. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-19)

Discussion on Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Background information available to elected Board members, which was not available to general Métis Citizens
- Clarification that only the President and Vice President had voting privileges at RGC meetings
- Providing flexibility to Boards in accommodating time constraints of its President and Vice President
- Encouraging discussions within RGCs in advance of the 2022 AGM
- Training and mentorship opportunities for elected Board Members in attending RGCs.

Question on Amendment #3 to the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution as amended. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution as amended was:

CARRIED (MNGA2022-20)

(32 in favor, four opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Adding discussions regarding this item on RGC meeting agendas to propose further amendments during the 2022 AGM
- Ensuring that RGCs have a clear understanding of its roles and responsibilities.

Amendment #4 to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Alex Ibbotson) and SECONDED (David Allard)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article A, of the Main Resolution be amended to delete Item 60.3

Discussion on Amendment #4 to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Process of how to address Item 60.3 in advance of the 2022 AGM, including discussions at RGC meetings and proposed amendments regarding RGC roles and responsibilities
- Including RGC roles and responsibilities within policy manuals
- Receiving feedback from community members on the roles and responsibilities of the RGC.

Question on Amendment #4 to the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution as amended. Voting was conducted via the poll function. MNGA Clerk Gall announced the results of the poll. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution as amended was:

DEFEATED

(Seven in favor, 29 opposed, two delegates abstained from the vote)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the main resolution as amended was:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2202-21)

13.12 Resolution #11 – MNGA Governance Committee

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

WHEREAS:

- A. The legislation of the Nation is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a Nation should be vigilant to ensure that legislation is current, and adapted to the changes brought about through time;
- B. The MNGA recognizes the value and need for the Métis people residing in British Columbia to establish a self-governance model;
- C. It is essential to the furtherance of Métis democracy that our governance processes be fluid and regularly updated to stay current and represent Métis people in the best way possible; and
- D. Discussion on existing governance and decision-making structures allows for greater community consultation and input.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA directs that a standing committee be established to review governance and decision-making structures within MNBC and the MNGA.
- B. The Governance Committee consist of the following:
 - a) One appointee from each of the seven MNBC Regions, as determined by the respective Regional Governance Councils;
 - b) One appointee as determined by the MWBC Provincial Committee;
 - c) One appointee as determined by the MYBC Provincial Committee;
 - d) One appointee as determined by the MNBC Board of Directors; and
 - e) MNBC support staff as required, as non-voting participants.
- C. The Governance Committee, once formed, be responsible for creating its terms of reference and establishing priority discussion issues; and
- D. The Governance Committee publish its minutes on the MNBC website and report directly to members of the MNGA annually.
- E. This Governance Committee will be in place for two years, unless, by recommendation of the Committee further time is recommended and approved by the MNGA.

Discussion on the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Role of the MNBC Board of Directors Governance Committee to make recommendations regarding governing processes
- Supporting and building capacity in communities
- Including an Elder representative to be a voice of communities on the Governance Committee

- Selection process of an Elder representative; each RGC could forward names of Elders interested in serving on the Governance Committee
 - Senators could be provided the opportunity to put forward a representative
- Composition of the Governance Committee, which would include Métis Citizens with governance knowledge
- Formation of a provincial Elders Council
- Challenges in filling all regional positions of the Governance Committee
- Integration of the *Electoral Act* Committee with the Governance Committee.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lauren Dean) and SECONDED (Kelly Roberts)

That “BE IT RESOLVED”, Article E, of the Main Resolution be amended to replace *“This Governance Committee will be in place for two years, unless, by recommendation of the Committee further time is recommended and approved by the MNGA”* with *“The representative bodies can review and/or replace their representatives at the will of the representative body”*.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

MNGA Clerk Gall confirmed there was a quorum of delegates present, with 35 official voting delegates in attendance.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the amendment to the main resolution. Voting was conducted via the online poll function. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the amendment to the main resolution was:

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2202-22)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the main resolution as amended. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. MNGA Speaker Peltier declared that the main resolution as amended was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-23)

(32 in favor, three opposed, no delegates abstained from the vote)

13.13 Resolution #12 – MNGA Meeting Frequency

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis Nation is active and engaged in advancing Métis rights in British Columbia;
- B. A single annual meeting of the MNGA limits the capacity of members to discuss and amend proposed legislative and constitutional amendments amongst themselves and with the communities they represent;
- C. People are accustomed to virtual meetings as a means of conducting business;
- D. As per Article 29 of the *Constitution* and Article 3.1 and 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*, Communities can be represented by their President, or Vice-President; and

- E. More frequent meetings will allow the MNGA and MNBC to be more responsive to the needs of their communities and Métis people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 32 of the MNBC *Constitution* be amended from:

- A. "The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days' notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1."

To read:

- B. "The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least *three (3) times* per year in British Columbia at a meeting *on a date decided* upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly *at the previous meeting. The meetings shall be held at least three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.* The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1."

Question on the Resolution

Question was call on the resolution. MNGA Clerk Gall conducted a roll call vote. It was noted that 75%, or 31 delegates, were required to vote in favour for the resolution to pass. MNGA Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (MNGA2202-24)

(31 in favor, two opposed; one delegate abstained from the vote)

14. CLOSING PRAYER

An opportunity was provided for delegates to provide community updates.

Delegates observed a minute of silence for the people of the Ukraine.

Senators Gladue and Hoogendoorn provided a Closing Prayer.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2102-09)

(Time: March 6, 2022 at 2:39 p.m.)

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 4-6, 2022 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Susie Hooper, Secretary

Lissa Smith, President

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021-2022



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of
MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (the "Council") which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia as at March 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the British Columbia Societies Act, we report that, in our opinion, the Council's financial statements have been prepared following Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied on a consistent basis with that of the preceding year.

Manning Elliott LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Abbotsford, British Columbia
August 15, 2022

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA


STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 50,640,498	\$ 52,369,929
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	840,987	368,900
Prepaid expenses	429,258	352,301
Due from Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. (Note 4)	<u>6,385</u>	<u>6,385</u>
	51,917,128	53,097,515
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)	17,599,516	1,137,162
COLLECTIONS (Note 1(e))	<u>11,255</u>	<u>11,255</u>
	<u>\$ 70,777,951</u>	<u>\$ 55,495,984</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable (Note 8)	\$ 2,245,722	\$ 2,624,034
Deferred revenue (Note 9)	48,809,174	49,447,227
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 10)	<u>511,188</u>	<u>511,188</u>
	51,566,084	52,582,449
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 11)	2,859,403	1,148,417
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 10)	<u>798,868</u>	<u>1,243,888</u>
	55,224,355	54,974,754
COMMITMENTS (Note 12)		
CONTINGENCIES (Note 13)		
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
UNRESTRICTED	(447,772)	(728,770)
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)	<u>14,751,368</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,553,596</u>	<u>521,230</u>
	<u>\$ 70,777,951</u>	<u>\$ 55,495,984</u>

Approved by the Directors:



Lissa Dawn Smith, President



Patrick Harriott, Treasurer

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

2022

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	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Invested in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (728,770)	\$ -	\$ 521,230	\$ 105,330
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (Note 7)	-	-	14,751,368	14,751,368	-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	280,998	-	280,998	415,900
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,250,000</u>	<u>\$ (447,772)</u>	<u>\$ 14,751,368</u>	<u>\$ 15,553,596</u>	<u>\$ 521,230</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

2022

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	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
ISETP (Schedule 2)	\$ 9,288,035	\$ 9,288,035	\$ -	\$ 6,558,914	\$ 6,558,914	\$ -
ISC - PSE (Schedule 3)	7,689,264	7,689,264	-	3,357,724	3,357,724	-
AEST - SITEM-I (Schedule 4)	5,703,672	5,703,672	-	1,473,370	1,473,370	-
AEST - SITEM-II (Schedule 5)	440,853	440,853	-	-	-	-
AEST - MNBC Institute & Capacity (Schedule 6)	83,584	83,584	-	-	-	-
ISC - Core Governance (Schedule 7)	4,975,966	4,975,966	-	3,541,902	3,541,902	-
ISC - Basic Operational Capacity (Schedule 8)	484,195	484,195	-	358,754	358,754	-
ISC - Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Discussion Table (Schedule 9)	175,201	175,201	-	200,606	200,606	-
ISC - The Metis Nation Table on Climate Change (Schedule 10)	55,152	55,152	-	-	-	-
ISC/PHAC - Health Capacity (Schedule 11)	14,263	14,263	-	62,862	62,862	-
ISC - Metis Women of BC - Consultation, Leadership & Governance (Schedule 12)	76,818	76,818	-	57,333	57,333	-
ISC - Capacity Proposal for Metis Women's Consultation (Schedule 13)	19,627	19,627	-	-	-	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Schedule 14)	829,426	829,426	-	799,165	799,165	-
ISC - Housing Strategy and Implementation (Schedule 15)	2,979,794	2,979,794	-	1,539,276	1,539,276	-
ISC - Community Engagement and Policy Development on Child and Family Services (Schedule 16)	214,223	214,223	-	79,672	79,672	-
ISC Tobacco Control Strategy(Schedule 17)	33,313	33,313	-	21,151	21,151	-
ISC - Emergency COVID-19 Funding (Schedule 18)	6,544,219	6,544,219	-	4,526,537	4,526,537	-
ISC - COVID-19 Mental Wellness Surge and Adaption (Schedule 19)	409,593	409,593	-	527,907	527,907	-
ISC - Health Legislation Engagement (Schedule 20)	14,719	14,719	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>40,031,917</u>	<u>40,031,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,105,173</u>	<u>23,105,173</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	40,031,917	40,031,917	-	23,105,173	23,105,173	-
ISC - Supportive Care Assessment (Schedule 21)	174,586	174,586	-	-	-	-
ISC - Mental Health (Schedule 22)	54,479	54,479	-	-	-	-
ISC - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Schedule 23)	285,703	285,703	-	-	-	-
ISC - Metis Minor Infrastructure (Schedule 24)	1,919	1,919	-	-	-	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada Metis Women Empowerment (Schedule 25)	120,432	120,432	-	114,825	114,825	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada Metis Women in Leadership (Schedule 26)	80,106	80,106	-	5,160	5,160	-
ECCC - Canadian Wildlife Services (Schedule 27)	68,671	68,671	-	74,486	74,486	-
ECCC - Metis Guardians - Conserving Nature (Schedule 28)	113,802	113,802	-	73,377	73,377	-
ESDC - Canada Learning Bond (Schedule 29)	20,160	20,160	-	47,615	47,615	-
ESDC - Early Learning and Child Care (Schedule 30)	2,406,805	2,406,805	-	2,068,267	2,068,267	-
ESDC - Follow MY Lead (Schedule 31)	103,877	103,877	-	95,234	95,234	-
ESDC - Reaching Home (Schedule 32)	74,502	74,502	-	-	-	-
ELCC - COVID Emergency Response (Schedule 33)	3,473,828	3,473,828	-	6,970	6,970	-
Health Canada - Safe Restart (Schedule 34)	14,910	14,910	-	-	-	-
MHCC - Cannabis Grant (Schedule 35)	25,630	25,630	-	2,625	2,625	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Justice (Schedule 36)	31,500	31,500	-	10,975	10,975	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Anti-Racism (Schedule 37)	46,478	46,478	-	-	-	-
Parks Canada - Metis Exhibit Digital Expansion Project (Schedule 38)	26,064	26,064	-	84,546	84,546	-
Department of Canadian Heritage - Indigenous Language Component (Schedule 39)	7,431	7,431	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Core Governance (Schedule 40)	240,060	240,060	-	290,217	290,217	-
Subtotal	<u>47,402,860</u>	<u>47,402,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,979,470</u>	<u>25,979,470</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	47,402,860	47,402,860	-	25,979,470	25,979,470	-
MIRR - Youth Engagement (Schedule 41)	37,292	37,292	-	63,538	63,538	-
MCFD - Capacity Funding (Schedule 42)	105,288	105,288	-	103,688	103,688	-
MCFD - Permanency Planning for Children In Care (Schedule 43)	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	500,000	-
MCFD - Metis Early Years Navigators (Schedule 44)	588,651	588,651	-	719,190	719,190	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund (Schedule 45)	300,000	300,000	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Child Care Rapid Renovation Grant (Schedule 46)	617,036	617,036	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Metis Child Care Navigation and Support Program (Schedule 47)	83,634	83,634	-	-	-	-
MCFD Grant - ELCC Engagement (Schedule 48)	13,375	13,375	-	-	-	-
MOE - Core Operations K-12 (Schedule 49)	89,909	89,909	-	72,403	72,403	-
MOH - Capacity Funding (Schedule 50)	194,580	194,580	-	188,093	188,093	-
MOH - In Plain Sight (Schedule 51)	400,988	400,988	-	-	-	-
MoMHA - Engagement Sessions (Schedule 52)	372,509	372,509	-	375,000	375,000	-
MMHA - Metis Youth Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 53)	40,224	40,224	-	25,830	25,830	-
PHSA - Unintended Consequences (Unicorn) (Schedule 54)	50,643	50,643	-	14,803	14,803	-
PHSA - Youth Bursaries (Schedule 55)	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-
ASP - Thompson River University (Schedule 56)	22,845	22,845	-	15,618	15,618	-
BC Lung Grant (Schedule 57)	28,755	28,755	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Healing and Rebuilding (Schedule 58)	3,633	3,633	-	26,050	26,050	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Learn, Heal, Rebuild - Metis Speaker Series (Schedule 59)	14,400	14,400	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Sashing Our Warriors (Schedule 60)	29,081	29,081	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>50,900,703</u>	<u>50,900,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,083,683</u>	<u>28,083,683</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	50,900,703	50,900,703	-	28,083,683	28,083,683	-
CPAC - Métis Cancer Strategic Plans (Schedule 61)	228,993	228,993	-	226,924	226,924	-
Cultural Resource Development Partnership (Schedule 62)	59,213	59,213	-	30,787	30,787	-
Interior Health - Metis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 63)	93,554	93,554	-	104,655	104,655	-
Interior Health - Metis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 64)	71,246	71,246	-	283,981	283,981	-
Métis Nation's Aboriginal Health Initiative Committee (AHIC) (Schedule 65)	8,160	8,160	-	5,314	5,314	-
Canadian Heritage - Michif Language and Revitalization (Schedule 66)	243,494	243,494	-	6,506	6,506	-
Provincial Health Services Authority - Capacity Funding (Schedule 67)	17,588	17,588	-	162,412	162,412	-
University of Western Ontario - Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (Schedule 68)	59,728	59,728	-	-	-	-
RCMP Grant (Schedule 69)	5,455	5,455	-	1,590	1,590	-
UNBC - Cervix Cancer Strategy (Schedule 70)	27,112	27,112	-	39,216	39,216	-
Vancouver Coastal Health - Health Through Culture (Schedule 71)	8,295	8,295	-	9,490	9,490	-
Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak Funding (Schedule 72)	4,875	4,875	-	-	-	-
Port of Vancouver - Robert Banks Terminal 2 (Schedule 74)	500	-	500	500	-	500
Western Indigenous Pipeline Group Capacity Funding (Schedule 75)	3,597	3,597	-	-	-	-
Elders Assistance Program (Schedule 76)	358,405	358,405	-	-	-	-
Nakaatchihtow Grant (Schedule 77)	173,881	173,881	-	-	-	-
Emergency Preparedness Committee (Schedule 78)	9,500	9,500	-	-	-	-
Metis Language Institute (Schedule 79)	73,172	73,172	-	-	-	-
Merchandise Sales - Health (Schedule 80)	4,993	-	4,993	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>52,352,464</u>	<u>52,346,971</u>	<u>5,493</u>	<u>28,955,058</u>	<u>28,954,558</u>	<u>500</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

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2021

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	52,352,464	52,346,971	5,493	28,955,058	28,954,558	500
Annual General Meeting (Schedule 81)	88,739	88,739	-	4,528	4,528	-
MNGA (Schedule 82)	43,183	43,183	-	1,015	1,015	-
Administration (Schedule 83)	5,275,671	5,288,662	(12,991)	1,663,866	1,274,882	388,984
Culture Program - MNBC Store (Schedule 84)	151,585	92,848	58,737	5,364	5,364	-
ISC - Community Based Climate Monitoring Initiative	-	-	-	55,085	55,085	-
ISC - CIRNAC Capacity Building Proposal	-	-	-	340,000	340,000	-
ESDC - New Horizons for Seniors	-	-	-	21,073	21,073	-
ESDC - Summer Student Program	-	-	-	9,412	9,412	-
IACC - Policy and Guidance	-	-	-	36,500	36,500	-
CEAA - Bingay Mine Project	-	-	-	1,200	1,200	-
TMEP - Emergency Preparedness & Response	-	-	-	49,999	49,999	-
MAEST - MNBC Skills Training Initiative	-	-	-	140	140	-
MoMHA - Community Action Initiative	-	-	-	65,381	65,381	-
CAI - Alcohol Dialogue Grant	-	-	-	48,302	48,302	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Metis Youth Governance Forum	-	-	-	29,148	29,148	-
CFO Grant - Cultural Kinections	-	-	-	19,090	19,090	-
Minister of Canadian Heritage - ALI - Michif Language Preservation	-	-	-	105,500	105,500	-
IAAC - Indigenous Capacity Support	-	-	-	15,500	15,500	-
TC Energy - NGTL (Nova Gas) Project Review	-	-	-	188	188	-
Joint Ventures and Partnerships	-	-	-	88,018	-	88,018
Parks Canada - Metis Boat Display	-	-	-	9,200	9,200	-
Subtotal	<u>57,911,642</u>	<u>57,860,403</u>	<u>51,239</u>	<u>31,523,567</u>	<u>31,046,065</u>	<u>477,502</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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2022

2021

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	57,911,642	57,860,403	51,239	31,523,567	31,046,065	477,502
Internally allocated administration (Note 14)	<u>(5,255,526)</u>	<u>(5,255,526)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,574,585)</u>	<u>(1,574,585)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	52,656,116	52,604,877	51,239	29,948,982	29,471,480	477,502
OTHER ITEMS						
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 11)	328,922	-	328,922	50,058	-	50,058
Interest expense from loan financing (Note 10)	<u>-</u>	<u>99,163</u>	<u>(99,163)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,660</u>	<u>(111,660)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR (Schedule 1)	<u>\$ 52,985,038</u>	<u>\$ 52,704,040</u>	<u>\$ 280,998</u>	<u>\$ 29,999,040</u>	<u>\$ 29,583,140</u>	<u>\$ 415,900</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

2022

2021

CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR):

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 280,998	\$ 415,900
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	328,922	50,058
Interest expense from loan financing	99,163	111,660
Bad debts (recovery)	-	(96)
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	<u>(328,922)</u>	<u>(50,058)</u>
	380,161	527,464

Changes in non-cash working capital balances:

Accounts receivable	(472,087)	539,406
Prepaid expenses	(76,958)	(151,592)
Accounts payable	(378,312)	1,960,037
Deferred revenue	<u>(638,053)</u>	<u>22,979,960</u>
	<u>(1,185,249)</u>	<u>25,855,275</u>

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of loan payable	(544,183)	(270,005)
Due from Metis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	-	34,667
Deferred capital contributions received	<u>2,039,908</u>	<u>1,198,475</u>
	<u>1,495,725</u>	<u>963,137</u>

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of land	(14,751,368)	-
Purchase of other capital assets	<u>(2,039,907)</u>	<u>(1,198,475)</u>

**CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS
DURING THE YEAR**

(1,729,431) 25,619,937

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 52,369,929 26,749,992

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR \$ 50,640,498 \$52,369,929

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia ("the Council") was incorporated on October 23, 1996 under the British Columbia Society Act. The Council was established to represent and serve the needs of the Métis people and to deliver employment and training services to the Métis people of British Columbia. The Council is exempt from corporate income taxes pursuant to paragraph 149(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

As of April 1, 2019 the Council operated under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISETP). Prior to this, the Council operated under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS).

These financial statements present the schedules of operations for each program in addition to the combined statement of operations.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, which are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In management's opinion, these financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

a) Revenue recognition

The Council follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are amortized to revenue at the same rate as the related assets. Contributions restricted for the purchase of land are recognized as direct increases to net assets. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is defined as cash on hand, cash on deposit, short-term deposits with maturity dates of less than 90 days at the date of purchase and bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn. Cash subjected to restrictions that prevent its use for current purposes, including endowments, is excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

c) Amortization

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization which is recorded over the useful lives of the assets on a straight line basis over the following periods:

Building	20 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Computers	5 years
Software	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

d) Impairment of long-lived assets

The Council tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the undiscounted future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value. As at March 31, 2022, no impairment losses have been recognized.

e) Collections

Collections held by the Council include artwork. The Council records collections at cost. If cost is not determinable, collections are recorded at nominal value. The Council writes down the value of a collection if any events or changes in circumstances indicate that its net carrying value may exceed its fair value. As at March 31, 2022, no write-downs have been recognized.

f) Joint venture policy

Investments in companies subject to joint control are accounted for using the equity method. The Council's pro-rata share of the net income is recorded as an increase to the cost basis of the Joint Venture.

g) Investment in controlled enterprises

The Council holds a number of investments which are not consolidated; they are reported using the cost method of accounting for investments and by providing disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

h) Financial instruments

i) Measurement

The Council's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, due from Metis Financial Corporation, accounts payable and long-term debt.

The Council initially measures its financial instruments at fair value except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Council subsequently measures all of its financial instruments at amortized cost. Changes to financial instruments measured at fair value are recognized in the Council's statement of operations in the period incurred.

ii) Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down that is determined is recognized in the statement of operations. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period in which it is determined.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**g) Use of estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as at the end of or during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used are reasonable and prudent, however, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the valuation of accounts receivable, determination of the useful lives of assets for amortization, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities and measurement of deferred revenue.

2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISKS

The Company is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Company's risk exposure and concentration as of March 31, 2022, which remain unchanged from prior year except as disclosed in Note 15.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Council is exposed to credit risk from government agencies. The Council deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Company's accounts receivable includes amounts receivable from various government agencies which have minimal risk of default.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Company is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from government agencies, due from Metis Financial Corporation of BC Inc., accounts payable, and long term debt.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Council is exposed to this risk through its long-term debt. As the loan is non-interest bearing per Note 10, the Council's exposure to interest rate risk is minimal.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Council is not exposed to significant currency, market or other price risks arising from the financial instruments.

3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2022	2021
Accounts receivable	\$ 649,677	\$ 232,274
GST receivable	<u>191,310</u>	<u>136,626</u>
	<u>\$ 840,987</u>	<u>\$ 368,900</u>

4. DUE FROM METIS FINANCIAL CORPORATION OF BC INC.

The advances to Metis Financial Corporation of BC Inc., a subsidiary, are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and have no fixed terms of repayment.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022**

5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Council holds interests in a limited partnership, six joint ventures, and a wholly owned subsidiary:

	2022	2021
Williams Scotsman Joint Venture	\$ 51	\$ 51
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>\$ 52</u>	<u>\$ 52</u>

The Council holds 51% interest in the TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership and the remaining 49% interest is held by unrelated parties. The purpose of the limited partnership is to provide crane and lifting services in BC.

The Council holds 51% interest in the Williams Scotsman Joint Venture and the remaining 49% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide marketing in certain circumstances where it would have preferential access to opportunities for providing the services to clients in BC.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Ironwood Métis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related equipment to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide services to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide a variety of services such as construction and maintenance activities related to forestry, mining, oil and gas utility, infrastructure and renewable projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Iridia Medical Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide medical services contract associated with Cord project.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the MVS/MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. The purpose of the corporation is to provide supporting economic development of Metis Nation by providing financial assistance to Metis entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs through business loans and other funding mechanisms.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022**

5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Minimal income has been earned by the Council from the above investments for the current fiscal year. Additionally, the overall operations of the controlled entities, except for Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc., are immaterial and therefore have not been disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

A summary of assets, liabilities, operations and cash flows of Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. for the years ending March 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021	2020
Total assets	\$ 19,980,918	\$ 3,234,578
Total liabilities	<u>14,172,838</u>	<u>389,484</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 5,808,080</u>	<u>\$ 2,845,094</u>
Total revenue	\$ 802,180	\$ 425,240
Total expenses	<u>629,194</u>	<u>366,858</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 172,986</u>	<u>\$ 58,382</u>
Cash inflow (outflow) from:		
Operating activities	\$ 1,415,490	\$ (636,036)
Investing activities	(8,119,855)	(1,000,000)
Financing activities	10,861,020	696,385

6. ENDOWMENT

During the 2019 fiscal year the Council received \$1,250,000 from the Government of Canada for the purpose of establishing an Endowment Fund to support Métis students in the pursuit of post secondary education. Endowment contributions are presented as direct increases in net assets. The Council will maintain the capital amount of the Endowment Fund and income earned from the Endowment fund will be used to support activities per the fund agreement.

Investment income earned on endowment is accounted for as follows:

	2022	2021
Balance deferred, beginning of year	\$ 6,310	\$ -
Investment income earned during the year	10,492	6,310
Recognized into revenue during the year	<u>(16,802)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance deferred, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,310</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>2022 Net Book Value</u>	<u>2021 Net Book Value</u>
Land	\$ 14,751,368	\$ -	\$ 14,751,368	\$ -
Building	472,872	-	472,872	-
Furniture and equipment	682,204	44,110	638,094	200,000
Computers and software	1,088,306	236,495	851,811	425,069
Leasehold improvements	<u>983,745</u>	<u>98,374</u>	<u>885,371</u>	<u>512,093</u>
	<u>\$ 2,754,255</u>	<u>\$ 378,979</u>	<u>\$ 17,599,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,162</u>

The building is not available for use at March 31, 2022 and has not been amortized.

During the year, the Council received funding of \$14,751,368 (2021 - \$Nil) to meet its housing, and earling learning and child care objectives. This funding was used by the Council to purchase land and is recorded as direct increase in net assets.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 2,027,965	\$ 2,464,884
Vacation payable	<u>217,757</u>	<u>159,150</u>
	<u>\$ 2,245,722</u>	<u>\$ 2,624,034</u>

9. DEFERRED REVENUE

The continuity of the Council's deferred revenue is as follows:

Balance, beginning of year	\$49,447,227	\$26,467,266
Additions during the year	12,767,577	23,328,212
Recognized into revenue during the year	<u>(13,405,630)</u>	<u>(348,251)</u>
	<u>\$48,809,174</u>	<u>\$49,447,227</u>

Breakdown of deferred revenue by source of funding is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Central Services - Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding		
Federal Funding	\$ 1,230,931	\$ 1,370,876
Provincial Funding	450,689	45,797
Administration and Other	3,683,357	576,890
Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training		
Health	928,419	3,292,903
Federal - ESDC	3,548,274	2,043,033
Provincial Funding	6,793,566	3,172,050
Subtotal	<u>\$ 16,635,236</u>	<u>\$ 10,501,549</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

9. DEFERRED REVENUE (Continued)

Balance forward	\$16,635,236	\$10,501,549
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal - CIRNAC	9,361,526	16,074,775
Federal ESDC	1,027,264	-
Provincial Funding	300,000	300,000
Ministry of Women and Gender Equality		
Federal Funding	206,199	329,746
Other	6,044	5,455
Ministry of Youth		
Federal Funding	900,810	824,464
Provincial Funding	19,170	-
Other	37,532	20,240
Ministry of Health and Wellness		
Federal Funding	1,855,384	834,245
Provincial and Other Funding	1,367,989	471,421
Ministry of Children and Families		
Federal Funding	-	214,222
Provincial Funding	-	42,470
Ministry of Education and Early Childhood Learning		
Federal Funding	13,041,062	15,731,909
Provincial Funding	900,000	161,943
Ministries of Environmental Protection, Emergency, NR and Economic Development		
Federal Funding	2,852,761	3,774,626
Other	60,128	-
Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language		
Federal Funding	<u>238,069</u>	<u>160,162</u>
Total deferred revenue	<u>\$48,809,174</u>	<u>\$49,447,227</u>

10. LONG-TERM DEBT

	2022	2021
Royal Bank of Canada non-interest bearing loan, repayable in monthly payments of \$42,599, secured by a general security agreement, due February 1, 2025	\$ 1,755,817	\$ 2,300,001
Less: Interest free portion of the RBC long-term debt	445,761	544,925
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	<u>511,188</u>	<u>511,188</u>
	<u>\$ 798,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,243,888</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022**

10. LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Under the terms of the agreement, the Royal Bank of Canada loan balance is to be repaid on an interest-free basis. Management determined that the fair market value of a similar loan would bear interest at a rate of 6% per annum. As a result, the gain amortized and expensed into the statement of operations is \$99,163 (2021 - \$111,660).

Principal repayments for the Royal Bank of Canada loan over the next three are as follows:

2023	511,188
2024	511,188
2025	403,665

11. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The continuity of the Council's deferred capital contributions is as follows:

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,148,417	\$ -
Additions during the year	2,039,908	1,198,475
Amortization during the year	<u>(328,922)</u>	<u>(50,058)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,859,403</u>	<u>\$ 1,148,417</u>

12. COMMITMENTS

The Council leases various equipment and office space under agreements expiring December 2026. Minimum lease commitments during the next five fiscal years are as follows:

2023	\$ 1,411,400
2023	1,342,306
2024	1,289,872
2025	1,238,021
2026	<u>377,412</u>
	<u>\$ 5,659,011</u>

13. CONTINGENCIES

The Council has received claim for an alleged defamation. The Council has decided to defend the action. As at the time the financial statements are prepared, the final outcome is not determinable and no amount has been accrued in the financial statements.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

14. INTERNALLY ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Council has established a fund to track administration expenses within operating expenses. The Council's various programs are allocated a share of the direct administration expenses based upon an estimate of resources used. These allocations are eliminated from the Council's statement of operations.

In 2022 Employment and Training operating expenses were allocated between CRF and EI at 72% and 28% (2021 - 58% and 42%), respectively.

15. COVID RISK

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing significant financial and social dislocation. The situation is dynamic with various cities and countries around the world responding in different ways to address the outbreak. The Council continues to monitor and assess the impact COVID-19 will have on its business activities. As at March 31, 2022, the Council's financial position has not been significantly affected by the pandemic.

16. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

In accordance with the British Columbia Societies Act, a publicly funded society is to disclose remuneration paid by the Council in excess of \$75,000 to employees and contractors. Additionally, publicly funded societies must disclose any remuneration paid to directors.

	2022	2021
Employees - 26 people (2021- 11 people)	\$ 2,825,980	\$ 1,165,599
MNBC Directors' Remuneration		
President - 1 person (2021 - 1 person)	105,786	105,519
Vice President - 1 person (2021 - 1 person)	45,295	55,960
Provincial Women's Chairperson - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	54,802	34,464
Provincial Youth Chairperson - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	54,802	34,433
Director - Region One - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	61,244	29,542
Director - Region Two - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	32,354	29,683
Director - Region Three - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	54,655	29,599
Director - Region Four - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	54,655	29,542
Director - Region Five - 1 person (2021 - 1 person)	54,655	29,926
Director - Region Six - 1 person (2021 - 1 person)	60,680	29,967
Director - Region Seven - 1 person (2021 - 2 people)	54,655	23,770

17. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. This has no impact on the previously stated total assets, total liabilities, equity and net income.

RESOLUTIONS



RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Revocation of MNBC Citizenship due to Ineligibility
Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*
Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: January 14, 2022

WHEREAS:

- A. It is essential to the integrity of the MNBC Registry that all Citizens meet the criteria for registration.
- B. It is good practice to review citizenship files to ensure that no factual errors, omissions, or a change in eligibility after acceptance has occurred by seeking Status under the Indian Act.
- C. The Registrar must have all the tools necessary to maintain the MNBC Registry in good order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

Strike the current Article 2.6 and replace with:

"Appeal" or "Appeals" means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;

Insert the following after Article 2.31:

"Under Review" means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Registrar following an audit or review of the Central Registry;

Insert the following at the end of Article Five:

Article Six – Removal from Registry due to Ineligibility

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:
- a) The Registrar will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Registrar.
- 6.2 If the Registrar has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.
- 6.3 If the Registrar has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Registrar's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Registrar. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Registrar is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
- (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

Re-number subsequent Articles in the *Citizenship Act* as needed.



RESOLUTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: By-Elections – Current Board Members

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: *Electoral Act Committee*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 20, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Electoral Act* be amended to codify the rules and procedures around Board Members being active candidates in by-elections for the MNBC Board of Directors, as follows:

In the *Electoral Act*:

Insert in Article 3 a definition of “Board Member”:

- A. **“Board Member”** means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Amend Article 8.6 as follows:

Insert as sub-article (a) (select by majority vote):

- A. “If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the date the election is announced.”



RESOLUTION 3

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Elections – MNBC Staff Members

Legislation Affected: MNBC *Constitution, Electoral Act*

Submitted by: *Electoral Act Committee*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 20, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Constitution* and *Electoral Act* be amended to allow MNBC staff members to be candidates in an election without resigning their position, as follows:

Amend Article 47 of the Constitution as follows:

- A. 47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA *must submit, in writing, notice of a leave of absence.*

Insert the following definition in Article 3 of the *Electoral Act*:

- A. **“Leave of Absence”** means an unpaid leave of absence for a MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Strike the current Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act* and replace with:

- A. 8.3 (g) If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
- i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;
 - ii. At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
 - i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
 - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
 - iii. *If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.*

Insert the following after Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act*:

- A. 8.3 (h) If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.

Re-number sub-articles of Article 8.3 as needed.



RESOLUTION 4

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Regional Governance Councils

Legislation Affected: MNBC Constitution

Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 14, 2022

WHEREAS:

- A. Healthy, supported, and growing Chartered Communities are the basis of a healthy and vibrant Métis Nation;
- B. Timely exchange of knowledge will help strengthen and improve the cohesion of efforts both provincially and locally;
- C. Local communities contribute many hours of their time in volunteer contributions to build local relationships and opportunities for Métis People, it is to the benefit of all MNBC Citizens for MNBC to work with Communities, exchange knowledge of successes and challenges, and prioritize finding resources to support their efforts; and
- D. MNBC needs effective, permanent, and regular communication between Chartered Communities and Ministries to capitalize on opportunities, inform the development of and maximize Citizen enrollment in programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC Constitution be amended to read:

- A. Add the following:

“60.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.

60.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and

developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts.

60.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.

60.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.

60.6. Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.”

B. Re-number existing article 60.2 to 60.7;

C. Amend Article 60.3 to read:

“60.8. If the President or Vice-President of a Community is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.”



RESOLUTION 5

SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: MNGA Meeting Frequency
Offices Affected: MNBC and the MNGA
Submitted by: Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: January 22, 2022

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis Nation is active and engaged in advancing Métis rights in British Columbia;
- B. A single annual meeting of the MNGA limits the capacity of members to discuss and amend proposed legislative and constitutional amendments amongst themselves and with the communities they represent;
- C. People are accustomed to virtual meetings as a means of conducting business;
- D. As per Article 29 of the *Constitution* and Article 3.1 and 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*, Communities can be represented by their President, or Vice-President; and
- E. More frequent meetings will allow the MNGA and MNBC to be more responsive to the needs of their communities and Métis people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 32 of the MNBC *Constitution* be amended from:

- A. “The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days’ notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.”

To read:

- B. “The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least *three (3) times* per year in British Columbia at a meeting *on a date decided* upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly at *the previous meeting*. The meetings shall be held at least *three (3) months* prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.”

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CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

CONSTITUTION

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





Original Ratification - September 27, 2003

Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia

Whereas the Métis People in British Columbia assert their inherent right of self-government and hereby establish the Government of the Métis Nation British Columbia:

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

1. The Métis Nation is distinct within the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The Métis are distinct from First Nations and Inuit and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved as a people with a common political will and consciousness.
2. Having experienced physical and political conflict and being deprived of property in the late 1800's, we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our government and revive our cultural heritage and pride. As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-governance and self-government institutions. In order to achieve these objectives we are hereby re-establishing a strong and revitalized government within the province of British Columbia, which involves all sectors of Métis society.
3. In accordance with Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, the Métis people are an Aboriginal people within Canada whose existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MÉTIS PEOPLE

4. The Métis Nation has the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
5. The Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights without distinction of any kind such as sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other views.
6. Métis men and Métis women equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
7. Every Métis citizen has the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
8. No Métis Citizen shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion.
10. Every Métis Citizen has the right of association and to assemble and organize at the community level. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those



necessary to protect the peace and order of the Métis Nation as prescribed by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

11. Nothing in this Constitution abrogates or derogates from the rights Métis people have or may exercise under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)

12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the President and Vice-President for a total of eleven (11) Members.
13. The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that all requests for resources are unlikely to be met.
14. The MNBC shall provide a written Activity Report and a written Financial Report at each session of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
15. The Executive of the MNBC shall be comprised of four (4) Members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
16. The MNBC shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to the Executive from among its Members.
17. The MNBC shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the MNBC or the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. In appointing such bodies, the MNBC must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
18. The MNBC shall designate persons who may have signing authority for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall include the Treasurer.
19. The MNBC shall meet at least four (4) times per year at the call of the President or Vice-President in the absence of the President. The President or Vice-President as the case may be shall give two (2) days written notice of all MNBC meetings to all the Members of the MNBC. The two (2) day notice period may be waived by the Members in attendance at a meeting.
 - 19.1. A meeting of the MNBC can be called by a majority of the Board of Directors.
20. Quorum of the MNBC shall be the majority of the Board of Directors.
21. Decisions of the MNBC shall require a simple majority.
22. A person may not be a Member of the MNBC when they hold a salaried position directly with the Métis Nation Governing Assembly or the MNBC. This does not disqualify a person from



being a Member of the MNBC when that person receives an honorarium, salary or per diem for performing the duties of that elected office.

23. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC when:
 - 23.1. They die.
 - 23.2. They resign.
 - 23.3. They are no longer the President of the MNBC, or are no longer the Vice- President of the MNBC or are no longer a Regional Director.
 - 23.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia
 - 23.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 23.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - 23.7. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater. A person disqualified from being a member of the MNBC by this sub-section may appeal that disqualification to the Senate.
 - 23.8. They have clearly been identified as having breeched their fiduciary duty to the Members or to Métis citizens.
24. A member of the MNBC shall not be removed from the MNBC for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.
25. A person may be suspended from being a Board Member of the MNBC, with or without pay, by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNBC. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.
26. Should there no longer be a President of the MNBC pursuant to Article 23 and 25, the Vice-President shall fulfill the Office of the President until a by-election is held to elect a new President in accordance with Article 46.
27. The Secretary or the Treasurer may resign from the Executive without being disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC.

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (MNGA)

28. There shall be established a Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall be the governing legislative body of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
29. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 29.1. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.



30. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall review and ratify legislation, regulations, rules, resolutions and constitutional amendments for presentation and final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
31. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out their legislative duties. In appointing such bodies, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
32. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly must meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days' notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting must be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, subject to extenuating circumstances. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.
 - 32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council, at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.
33. Fifty (50) per cent plus one of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.
34. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly when:
 - 34.1. They die.
 - 34.2. They resign.
 - 34.3. They are no longer the President or Vice-President of a Community.
 - 34.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - 34.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 34.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age, except for the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 34.7. They have clearly breached their fiduciary duty to the Members or the Métis citizens.
35. A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.



ELECTIONS

36. Any Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
37. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
38. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
39. Any person seeking elected office must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to seek elected office as a Community President or Regional Director.
40. To vote in an election, a person must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to vote for a Community President or Regional Director. A person who wishes to vote for a Community President or Regional Director, but has not been a resident of a Region for six (6) months may vote for a Community President or Regional Director in the Region that they lived immediately prior to the election, provided that they meet the other voting requirements.
41. The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia and the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.
42. Elections for the MNBC shall be held once every four (4) years on any date within 6 months prior to the 4th year anniversary.
43. Elections for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly who are not also Members of the MNBC shall be held at least every two (2) years.
44. There shall be no limits on the number of terms that may be served by anyone elected to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
45. In order to run for elected office in the MNBC, a candidate must provide a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the Chief Electoral Officer with the filed nomination papers for the purpose of satisfying Article 23.7. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the candidate voluntarily consents in writing.
46. Subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the MNBC or of any elected position at the regional level. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the MNBC Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that position.
 - 46.1. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Women's Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on



the advice of the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.

46.2. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Youth Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MYBC Committee;

46.3. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.

47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA shall resign from that position.

SENATE

48. The Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.

49. The Senate shall be comprised of seven (7) Senators. Each of the seven (7) Regions shall appoint one (1) Senator in the manner and process as set out in the Senate Act.

50. In order to be considered for a Senate appointment, a Senate candidate must be a Métis citizen and must have provided a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the MNBC who will review the Criminal Record Check in confidence to ensure compliance with sub-section 54.3. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the Senate candidate voluntarily consents in writing.

51. No Senator may hold any elected or salaried position within the MNBC, MNGA, Community, or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia or the Métis Youth of British Columbia and must resign from any such position prior to appointment to the Senate.

52. Senators shall be appointed for a term and conditions as set out in the Senate Act.

53. A person ceases to be a Senator when:

53.1. They resign.

53.2. They die.

53.3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty over two (2) years (2) years or greater.

53.4. They take a salaried position prohibited by Article 51.



53.5. Or as outlined in the provisions of the Senate Act.

54. The MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the first term of the Senate. Thereafter, the MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the Senate, based on financial resources, which may be available for that purpose.

COMMUNITIES

55. Communities shall be the basic unit of the Métis Government. No community (city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit) shall have more than one (1) Community.
- 55.1 Communities seeking chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy five (75) percent of the Applicable Regional Governance Council members and such motion to be submitted to the MNGA;
- 55.2 Geographical boundaries of Community/Communities seeking Community Governance Charter shall be submitted as part of the motion to the MNGA;
- 55.3 Ratification by seventy five (75) percent of the MNGA is required.
56. A Community shall be made up of at least twenty-five (25) Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 56.1 If a group of Métis Citizens residing in a city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit in which there is no existing Chartered Community, that group of Citizens may apply to the applicable Regional Governance Council for interim Chartered Community designation (hereinafter referred to as an “Interim Chartered Community” or having “Interim Chartered Community Status” as the case may be) provided the application is signed by at least 15 Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 56.2 The process for seeking Interim Chartered Community Status must follow the process set out in Articles 55.1, 55.2 and 55.3 of this Constitution.
- 56.3 If the application is approved by the MNGA, Interim Chartered Community Status can be granted for a maximum two (2) year period from the date ratification is confirmed by the MNGA, or when the Interim Chartered Community achieves twenty-five (25) Members and then applies for Chartered Community status pursuant to the provisions of Article 55, and then is approved.
- 56.4 An Interim Chartered Community shall have observer status at an MNGA, and shall not have voting rights.
- 56.5 An Interim Chartered Community may receive benefits and services from MNBC at the sole discretion of the MNBC.
57. Métis communities recognized by the MNBC Constitution and Legislation are required to enter into Community Governance Charters that define an affiliated relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution. Hereinafter known as “Community Governance Charter”.



58. All Communities shall, as soon as possible, enact a Constitution that is consistent with this Constitution.

REGIONS

59. In the event that a Community is in contravention of the terms of its Community Governance Charter or of the provisions of the MNBC Constitution, the MNBC will do all within its ability to assist the community to come into compliance within the Community Governance Charter and/or MNBC Constitution as the case may be and, in the event the Community, in the discretion of the MNBC, remains or continues to be non-compliant, the MNBC shall make such recommendations to the MNGA as may be deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving that community's Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC.

- 59.1 There shall be seven (7) Regions as set out in the adjacent map:

Region 1 Vancouver Island
Region 2 Lower Mainland
Region 3 Thompson/Okanagan
Region 4 Kootenays
Region 5 North Central
Region 6 Northwest
Region 7 Northeast



60. There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, and the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the non-voting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.
- 60.1. All members of a Regional Governance Council must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry as MNBC Citizens.
- 60.2. If a member of the Regional Governance Council has been disqualified from being a member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly pursuant to any of the provisions under Article 34, or if they have suspended from being a member of the MNGA pursuant to the provisions of Article 35, such disqualification or suspension shall also apply to their membership and participation in the applicable Regional Governance Council.
- 60.3. If the President of a Community is unable to attend an RGC meeting, that Community's Vice President, being a Métis Citizen, may attend and participate, such participation to include voting rights.

CITIZENSHIP

61. Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.



- 61.1. “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- 61.2. “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-Breeds as they were then known.
- 61.3. “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.
- 61.4. “Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.
- 62. The MNBC has a unique citizenship card for citizens of the Métis Nation in BC. These cards are numbered and the numbers recorded in the central registry by the office of the registrar.
- 63. Citizenship cards shall be issued to all Métis upon a person presenting themselves for citizenship and satisfying the definition set out above.
- 64. Where there is a dispute as to citizenship, a ruling shall be made by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Act or the policies and procedures to be developed by the Senate, which ruling shall be final and binding.

MÉTIS INDEPENDENCE

- 65. The Métis Nation is seeking a third order of government within Canada, so the Métis Nation is non-partisan in respect of federal and provincial politics. This does not restrict the right of Métis individuals to hold Memberships in or to express personal opinions about federal, provincial, municipal partisan politics.
- 66. Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that he or she may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that he or she may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.
- 67. All Members of the MNBC, MNGA and Senate shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 68. An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia must be held annually. The precise dates and locations of an AGM must be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM. The agenda for each AGM shall include:
 - 68.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
 - 68.2. President’s Report for Previous Fiscal Year



68.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly

68.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.

68.5. Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.

69. Only persons who have registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, and are registered as a MNBC Citizen within the MNBC Central Registry, are entitled to speak and be issued voting credentials at a MNBC AGM or SGM.

SECRETARIAT

70. A Secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia shall be continued or created under the BC Society Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the MNBC, MNGA and the Senate.

71. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the Members of the MNBC.

AMENDMENT

72. All legislation, legislative amendments, constitutional amendments and resolutions shall be considered and given first reading by the MNGA in accordance with the provisions of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act.

73. This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:

73.1. Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the *MNGA Act*;

73.2. Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.

73.3. At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION CITIZENSHIP ACT

AS RATIFIED FEBRUARY 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Act:
- 2.2 **"Act"** means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 2.3 **"Adoption"** Act of transferring parental rights and duties to someone other than the adopted person's biological parents by means of a statutory adoption or a customary Métis adoption.
- 2.4 **"Adopted Métis Citizen"** A Métis Citizen that has acquired their Métis Citizenship as per Article 12 of the MNBC Citizenship Act.
- 2.5 **"Governance Chartered Community"** are those Métis Communities that have entered into Governance Charter agreements with the MNBC.
- 2.6 **"Appeal" or "Appeals"** means a written document submitted by an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry or submitted document by a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry.
- 2.7 **"Applicant"** means an individual who applies for a Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Registrar.
- 2.8 **"Application"** means the Provincial Citizenship Standardized Application Form.
- 2.9 **"Central Registry"** means the office of the Registrar and shall include the reception, research and storage facility of the Registrar.
- 2.10 **"Child"** means a child of a Métis citizen.
- 2.11 **"Citizenship Appeal Committee"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Appeal Committee as established and maintained by the Senate.
- 2.12 **"Community"** (collectively referred to as **"Communities"**) means those organizations or societies as defined as a Métis Community or Métis Communities in the Constitution.
- 2.13 **"Community Governance Charter"** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.14 **"Constitution"** means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as amended from time to time.



- 2.15 **“Customary Adoption”** An adoption that is consistent with the historical and customary practices of the Métis Nation which has occurred at an early age by an immediate or extended family member.
- 2.16 **“Extended Family Member”** Is a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew and/or niece that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.17 **“Genealogical Evidence”** means evidence which indicates proof that an Applicant’s parent is, or parents are, of Métis Ancestry and that the Applicant is Métis and which can be verified by an objective and valid process.
- 2.18 **“Historical and Customary Practices”** The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.
- 2.19 **“Immediate Family Member”** Is a parent (mother/father), child (son/daughter) or sibling (sister/brother) that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.20 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents or acts pursuant to which the administrative affairs and constitutional requirements of the MNBC shall be carried out.
- 2.21 **“Membership”** means citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.22 **“Métis”** or **“Citizen”** means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.23 **“Métis Community”** means a Community or Communities as defined in the *Constitution*.
- 2.24 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 2.25 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization previously known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia which represents and is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution* which is also the *Constitution* of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
- 2.26 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the governing body with the secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, which represents and is comprised of the Métis citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provision of the *Constitution*.
- 2.27 **“Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card”** means the identification card that shall be issued by the Registrar to all Métis Citizens who have had their Genealogy and supporting documentation validated and verified by the Office of the Registrar.



- 2.28 **“Statutory Adoption”** An adoption that is granted under the authority of provincial and/or territorial government legislation.
- 2.29 **“Supporting Documentation”** is defined as records used to support an application for Citizenship, including Vital events records, historical records, church records, archival records, and census records.
- 2.30 **“Registered”** means registered as a Métis Citizen under this Act.
- 2.31 **“Registrar”** means the Registrar appointed by the MNBC to administer the Central Registry.

ARTICLE THREE – MÉTIS NATION ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon Applicant providing to the Registrar a written application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Registrar, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Métis Community area or Métis community and the jurisdiction of the MNBC; and
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Métis Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC;
- 3.2 Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.
- 3.3 The Registrar shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month

ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Métis Community;
- 4.2 Upon application, the Registrar shall issue a Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as Métis if the Applicant meets the requirements of this Act and has submitted Genealogical evidence of Métis ancestry satisfactory to the Registrar;
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under sixteen (16) years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for



registration on behalf of that individual;

- 4.5 No individual is obliged to apply for registration;
- 4.6 In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Registrar with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;
- 4.7 The Registrar shall review applications for registration and shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if:
 - a) The Applicant is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
 - b) Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and
 - c) The application is properly made.
- 4.8 The Registrar shall establish and implement a process to seek out and encourage the application for registration of all qualified individuals who are entitled to be registered as Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY

- 5.1 A Métis Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Registry;
- 5.2 The Registrar shall remove a Métis Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be registered as a Métis Citizen;
- 5.3 A Métis Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.

ARTICLE SIX – CENTRAL REGISTRY

- 6.1 The Registrar shall maintain a uniform system for the Registration of Métis Citizens;
- 6.2 The following information about a Métis Citizen will be maintained in the Central Registry:
 - a) Citizen's name;
 - b) Address or place of residence;
 - c) Date of birth;
 - d) Marital status; (optional)
 - e) The name of any spouse of the Citizen; (optional)
 - f) The dates of any marriages of the Citizen; (optional)
 - g) The names and dates of birth of any children of the Citizen;
 - h) The Community under which the person has applied for registration;
 - i) The full name and date of birth of that Citizen's mother and father;



- j) The other information submitted by the Citizen in support of that Citizen's Application for registration; and
 - k) Such genealogical information about the Citizen as may exist.
 - l) Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) form;
- 6.3 The Registrar may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Registrar's sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 6.4 All information concerning Applicants or Métis Citizens located at the Central Registry is confidential and the Registrar shall adhere to or cause to be adhered to, all federal and provincial Privacy Laws;
- 6.5 The Registrar cause the Central Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical, and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;
- 6.6 The Registrar will, with the consent of the MNBC Board of Directors obtain permission from Citizens to release certain personal information of Citizens to the Provincial or Federal Governments for health and social determinants of health research purposes only, provided that each Citizen affected by that permission has been provided with an information document fully describing the information proposed by the Registrar to be released, including a release statement that provides that Citizen with an opportunity to decline or refuse to permit the release of the personal information proposed to be released.
- a) In the event a Citizen, having been provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the Registrar at the address provided, declines to give their consent for the information to be released, then that information will not be released.
- 6.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Métis Community, a regional registry clerk, or directly to the Métis Nation British Columbia registry;
- 6.8 Application shall be submitted by the Chartered Métis Community of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk to the Registrar for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 6.9 An Applicant whose application is not approved by the Registrar shall be notified, in writing of the decision;
- 6.10 An Applicant, having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and whose Application the Registrar approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 6.11 An Applicant, who has applied for MNBC Citizenship, where the application has been forwarded by a Chartered Métis Community or Regional Registry Clerk, and whose application the Provincial Registrar approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;



- 6.12 Each Provincial Citizenship Card shall bear a personal and individual registration number and clearly identify which MNBC Region the Citizens resides;
- 6.13 Provincial Citizenship Cards issued pursuant this Act shall constitute the only legitimate and valid proof of Métis Citizenship to the exclusion of all other cards and/or documents of any nature;
- 6.14 Except as may be otherwise provided by this Act, the MNBC shall be solely responsible for the development and distribution of the Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and the Provincial Citizenship Card.

ARTICLE SEVEN - REGISTRY OFFICE

- 7.1 The MNBC shall establish a Registry Office based on fiscal resources that may be available to the MNBC;
- 7.2 The Registry Office shall consist of:
 - a) A Registrar; and
 - b) Registry Office staff.
- 7.3 The Registry Office shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Métis Communities when consent to Release of Personal Information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant to the MNBC Central Registry.

ARTICLE EIGHT - THE REGISTRAR

- 8.1 The Registrar retained and/or employed by the MNBC, shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
 - 8.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the Provincial Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act;
 - 8.3 Be and is authorized to request and obtain Genealogical evidence and/or any other documentation and information which may be relevant to an application and the proper discharge of the Registrar's duties;
 - 8.4 Provide a report in writing to MNGA and the MNBC upon their reasonable request;
 - 8.5 Maintain the Central Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
 - 8.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant and/or the Métis Community, as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;
 - 8.7 Include with any written decision, written instruction on the procedure for commencing an appeal from a decision of the Registrar;



- 8.8 Be authorized to render decisions on the voluntary removal of Métis Citizens from the Central Registry;
- 8.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship by the Central Registry may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- 8.10 Ensure that all documentation and information in the possession of the Registrar with respect to the application under appeal is provided, together with the Registrar's report, to the Senate prior to the date upon which the appeal is to be heard;
- 8.11 Comply with any reasonable request of the Senate or of the Citizens' Appeal Committee or other appropriate Senate Tribunal for information or material concerning the Application or an appeal;
- 8.12 Supervise the staff and operation of the Registry Office;
- 8.13 Respond to any reasonable request for information from an Applicant, the appropriate Métis Community or the MNBC concerning an application.

ARTICLE NINE - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL

- 9.0 An Applicant, Métis Community or the MNBC may appeal a decision of the Registrar concerning the application of an Applicant for Citizenship to the Senate pursuant to the provisions of this Act or the Senate Act.

ARTICLE TEN – CHALLENGES TO PERSONS CURRENTLY REGISTERED

- 10.1 Challenges concerning the Métis ancestry of Citizens currently on MNBC citizenship /membership list(s) may be made by Métis Citizens, Métis Communities, or on behalf of the MNBC by written notice to the Registrar. The challenge must include the full name of the Citizen or other individual or person making the challenge and of the Citizen being challenged, the Métis Community at which that Citizen is registered and the grounds for the challenge including any documentation in evidence in support of the challenge. The Citizen subject to the challenge shall be notified by the Registrar in writing and shall have the right to refute the challenge by providing evidence of Métis ancestry to the satisfaction of the Registrar.
- 10.2 The Registrar shall render a written decision on the Challenge which shall be forwarded by registered mail to all parties to the Challenge.
- 10.3 Registrar shall inform the parties of their right to appeal the Registrar's decision within thirty (30) days to the Senate and shall provide instructions to the parties on the form and procedure to commence the appeal.
- 10.4 The parties shall be provided no less than two (2) weeks notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard. The parties and/or their representatives shall be entitled to attend and make representations to the Appeal Tribunal in such manner as may be determined by that Tribunal or the Senate on notice to the parties.



- 10.5 The MNBC, on the recommendation of the Registrar, may require the Citizen, individual or person instituting the challenge to pay the costs and other charges associated with a failed challenge in appropriate circumstances.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Registry Office including the remuneration for the office of the Registrar and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.

ARTICLE TWELVE - ADOPTION

- 12.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon applicant providing to the Registrar objectively verifiable proof of an adoption which, if accepted by the Registrar, proves that the Applicant has been adopted by a Métis Citizen or is eligible for citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 12.2 The adopted Métis Citizen's citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;
- 12.3 The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.
- 12.4 An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per *Article 12.0*.

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MÉTIS NATION ELECTORAL ACT

AS RATIFIED FEBRUARY 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – NAME

- 1.0 This *Electoral Act* of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be cited as the "*MNBC Electoral Act*" and hereinafter be referred to as the "*Electoral Act*".

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE, SEAL AND NAME

- 2.0 The purpose of the *Electoral Act* is to establish fair, open and democratic procedures and rules for the Elections of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

ARTICLE THREE – DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this document:
- 3.1 **“Advance Poll”** means a vote held prior to the designated Election Day so as to allow those voters who may be unable to attend a Polling Station the ability to vote either by voting at a Polling Station or by Mail-in Ballot;
 - 3.2 **“Board of Directors”** means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - 3.3 **“Ballot”** or **“ballot”** means a paper or document representing a vote by an Elector and means vote where the context so dictates;
 - 3.4 **“By-Election”** means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia and/or the Métis Youth of British Columbia when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in *Article 23* of the *Constitution*;
 - 3.5 **“Campaign Period”** means that period of time from the date that the MNBC Election is called and the date at which the Chief Electoral Officer declares the successful Candidates elected;
 - 3.6 **“Candidate”** means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia;
 - 3.7 **“Chief Electoral Officer”** means a contractor appointed in writing after final approval of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors is charged with developing a call for proposals and short listing potential contractors to operate Elections for the Métis Nation British Columbia. This short list will be presented to the MNGA for final approval of the successful Chief Electoral Officer;



- 3.8 “**Conflict of Interest**” means the circumstances in which there is a real, potential or apparent conflict between the private interests of a person and the interests of the Métis Nation. This also includes circumstances in which a person represents or is a director/officer of an organization, association or party whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC;
- 3.9 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as adopted by the Métis citizens at the Annual General Meeting September 2003 and revised from time to time thereafter;
- 3.10 “**Election(s)**” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.
- 3.11 “**Election Day**” means the official day when the votes cast by Electors at an Election are counted;
- 3.12 “**Election Voting Period**” means, in the case of a Polling Station vote, that period of time as designated by the Chief Electoral Officer and in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or online voting Election, that period of time as set by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2 of this *Electoral Act*.
- 3.13 “**Election Officer**” means the Chief Electoral Officer, Returning Officers and Poll Clerks appointed for a particular Election or by-Election;
- 3.14 “**Elector**” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia’s *Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia *Citizenship Act*, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 3.15 “**Interim Appointee**” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.
- 3.16 “**List of Electors**” means a list made pursuant to this *Electoral Act* and prepared by the MNBC Central Registry of individuals entitled to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election;
- 3.17 “**Mail-in ballot**” means a vote that is cast by an Elector and delivered by mail or courier to the location or individual designated by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with Sub- Article 5.6 herein;
- 3.18 “**Métis Citizen**” is a Métis person as defined in the *Constitution* and listed in the



central registry;

- 3.19 **“Métis Community”** shall mean the Métis Nation British Columbia communities as set out in the *Constitution*;
- 3.20 **“Métis Nation British Columbia Senate”** means the judicial arm of the of the Métis Nation British Columbia and in accordance with *Senate Act*;
- 3.21 **“Online Voting”** means a vote that is cast by an Elector using a web-based voting system;
- 3.22 **“Ordinarily Resident”** means a Métis citizen who actually lives and has lived continuously in British Columbia for at least twelve (12) full months prior to the date of the Election. In making such determination, temporary absences from British Columbia for reasons such as travel, education, medical treatment, military service or incarceration shall be considered periods of residence provided the person was ordinarily resident prior to such temporary absences. A person can have only one place of Ordinarily Residence;
- 3.23 **“Poll Book”** means a list of names of persons who have received ballots at an Election pursuant to the *Electoral Act*;
- 3.24 **“Poll Clerk”** means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to assist a Returning Officer at the polls pursuant to this *Electoral Act*;
- 3.25 **“Polling Station”** means a place established by the Election Officers where Electors cast their vote or send their ballots by Mail-In Ballots in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein and which is set up pursuant to the *MNBC Electoral Act*;
- 3.26 **“Region or Electoral Region”** means one of the seven (7) regions of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
- 3.27 **“Regional Director”** means a person who holds the position of Regional Director of one of the seven (7) Métis Nation British Columbia regions after being elected pursuant to the *Electoral Act* or after a By-Election pursuant to *Section 47* of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*;
- 3.28 **“Returning Officer”** means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the *Electoral Act*; and
- 3.29 **“Scrutineer”** means a person appointed in writing who is authorized to represent a Candidate’s interests at a Polling Station pursuant to the *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FOUR – DATE OF ELECTION

- 4.0 The date of the Election shall be established by the MNGA in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*.



ARTICLE FIVE – CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

5.0 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be appointed by the MNGA to hold office for each Election. This individual shall manage and conduct an Election. The Chief Electoral Officer shall also have the responsibility of conducting any necessary By-Elections while their appointment remains in effect. The Chief Electoral Officer shall:

5.1 Provide guidance and supervision respecting the conduct of the Election:

- a. Create all electoral notifications, forms, ballots and documents as may be required;
- b. Decide the eligibility of all Candidates seeking office in an Election;
- c. Prepare the List of Electors;
- d. Appoint Returning Officers and Poll Clerks;
- e. Ensure that all Election Officers are in compliance with this *Electoral Act* and use the guiding principles of fairness and impartiality when conducting an Election;
- f. Issue to Election Officers any information and guidance they consider necessary for the administration of the *Electoral Act*;
- g. Reconcile all ballots and prepare an official Election report for the Métis Communities and Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors; and
- h. Perform all duties assigned pursuant to this *Electoral Act*.

5.2 In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer may:

- a. Implement public education and information activities to make the electoral process better known to the public, particularly to those persons most likely to experience difficulties in exercising their democratic rights;
- b. Remove from office and replace Election Officers upon being satisfied that the officers:
 - i. Refuse, neglect or have an inability to act;
 - ii. Have failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of their office; or
 - iii. Is engaging in partisan political activities.

5.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall consult with the Solicitor for the MNBC, when and if necessary with respect to issues that may arise from time to time concerning the Election process.

5.4 If during the course of an Election, it transpires that insufficient time has been allowed, or insufficient Election Officers or Polling Stations have been provided, for the execution of any of the purposes of the *Electoral Act*, by reason of the operation of any provision of this *Electoral Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer, notwithstanding anything in the *Electoral Act* may:

- a. Increase the number of Election Officers (subject to financial resources);
- b. Increase the number of Polling Stations (subject to financial resources);

5.5 However, the Chief Electoral Officer may not extend the hour for the opening or



closing of an ordinary or advance polling station, or for accepting nomination packages on nomination day or change the date of ordinary polling day.

- 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer may conduct an Election by Polling Station vote or by Mail-in Ballot in which each Elector casts their vote by sending in their ballot by mail or courier within a specified time period to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer, or by online voting, or by any combination of the three voting procedures.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORS

- 6.1 Any Métis Citizen of the MNBC who is Ordinarily Resident in British Columbia is eligible to be an Elector subject to *Article 6.2* herein.
- 6.2 An Elector is entitled to cast one (1) vote for the each of the following offices:
- a. President;
 - b. Vice President;
 - c. Regional Director;
 - d. Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia for the Region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being 15 years of age to 30;
 - e. Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia 15 years of age to 30.
 - f. Regional Women's representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being female 18 years of age and older.
 - g. Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia being female eighteen (18) years of age and older
- 6.3 Any person is eligible to vote if:
- a. A Métis person, pursuant to the *MNBC's Constitution*;
 - b. No less than 18 years of age of the date of the Election;
 - c. No less than 15 years of age and no more than 30 years of age for the MYBC;
 - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. Registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*; and
 - f. Ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
- 6.4 The following individuals are not eligible to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election:
- a. Individuals who are not registered on the MNBC Central Registry;
 - b. Individuals who are not 18 years of age on Election Day; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Individuals who are not 15 years of age and older than 30 on Election Day for the MYBC;
 - d. Individuals who are not female 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the MWBC; and
 - e. The Chief Electoral Officer;



- 6.5. Each Elector shall, before voting, affirm that they are a Métis Citizen of British Columbia and identify as such. In addition, electors must affirm that they are not registered under either the Indian Act or the Inuit Registry.
- 6.6. In the case of Online Voting, an elector shall have the option of voting by a Mail-in Ballot or at a Polling Station designated by the Chief Electoral Officer on Election day, if they are not able to vote online.

ARTICLE SEVEN – LIST OF ELECTORS

- 7.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall obtain from the MNBC Central Registry a final listing of registered voters no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight time on or before the 45th day. Subject only to the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer as set out in *Article 7.7* herein, no individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on or before the 45th day.
- 7.2 Upon receipt of the final lists as stated herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, from the Central registry listing, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- 7.3 On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also a list for each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia a copy of the applicable Regional List of Electors. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.
- 7.4 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot shall send their ballot by mail or courier to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period, or, in the case of Online Voting, within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period.
- 7.5 In the event an Elector, who, being on the List of Electors, attends a Polling Station other than the Polling Station at which their name is included on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer at that Polling Station shall deal with that Elector’s ballot as set out in *Article 28* herein.
- 7.6 No individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after the 45-day timeline. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then, from the list of registered electors, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of



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- the provincial List of Electors. Also this will be submitted to each of the nominated and official Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of the applicable regional List of Electors;
- b. The List of Electors referred to in *Article 7.3* herein shall be provided to the Candidates no less than 39 days prior to the date of the Election;
 - c. The Chief Electoral Officer may amend the List of Electors as necessary; and
 - d. The Chief Electoral Officer shall place a copy of the List of Electors with each Métis community.
- 7.7 Upon provision of evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief Electoral Officer, of a legitimate error or omission, a Métis citizen can have their name added to, or removed from the List of Electors at any time up to fourteen (14) days prior to the Election.
- 7.8 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident. In the event of any discrepancy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the determination as to which Polling Station is deemed closest. Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the List of Electors of another polling station and such determinations shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 7.9 No Métis citizens shall:
- a. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors in a name that is not their own; and
 - b. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors for a region that they are not qualified or entitled to vote as an Elector.

ARTICLE EIGHT – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- 8.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, 60 days before the date of the Election, through a mail-out to all Electors and a posting on the MNBC website, provide notice of the Election and the applicable rules surrounding the Election and the preparation of the List of Electors:
- a. The place and hours fixed for the nomination of Candidates and the date fixed for closing nominations;
 - b. The nomination papers required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer; and
 - c. The address, email and phone number of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.2 Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.



- 8.3 Any Métis Citizen is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if, on the day their nomination papers are filed:
- a. They are an ordinarily resident in British Columbia
 - b. Is 18 years of age or older; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;
 - f. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia has been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;
 - g. At the close of nomination has provided a letter of resignation to the CEO for any salaried (contractor or employment) position held within the MNBC;
 - h. In accordance with *Article 23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*, has provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with *Articles 45* and *23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*; and
 - i. Is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central registry pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 8.4 All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the follow:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of twenty (20) original signatures of Electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the position of President and Vice President;
 - c. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of female electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia;
- 8.5 All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis



Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the following:

- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidate's Nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for Regional Director seeks to be nominated;
 - c. A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia seeks to be nominated.
 - d. A minimum of five (5) signatures of female electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 8.6 A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 8.7 No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Métis Women of British Columbia if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.
- 8.8 Candidates who use malicious or objectionable practice or conduct themselves in a malicious or objectionable manner during the Campaign Period shall be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.9 Candidates shall not be permitted to use the offices or equipment of the MNBC or any program delivery offices for the purposes of presenting or advancing their campaign at any time during the campaign period.

ARTICLE NINE – ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

- 9.1. If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall immediately declare that Candidate acclaimed to office.



ARTICLE TEN – NO CANDIDATES NOMINATED

- 10.1. If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for an Election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – POSTING OF NOTICE OF POLL & CANDIDATES

- 11.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, within seven (7) days after the close of nominations, post on the MNBC website a notice indicating the names of the Candidates, the voting method options, and the date and time for voting.
- 11.2 Candidates whose nominations are accepted by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be entitled to receive a copy of the applicable List of Electors, a copy of the *Electoral Act* and other materials as deemed appropriate by the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE TWELVE – WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE

- 12.1. A Candidate may withdraw at any time up to twenty-one (21) days prior to Election Day by filing with the Chief Electoral Officer a written, signed and witnessed declaration to that effect.
- 12.2. When a Candidate has withdrawn, the Chief Electoral Officer shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Electors are advised when receiving a ballot.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – DEATH OF CANDIDATE

- 13.1. If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.
- 13.2. If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND POLL CLERK

- 14.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and a Poll Clerk for each location where a Polling Station is to be established in the electoral region, or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and Poll Clerks for the location designated to receive ballots.



- a. The Returning Officer with assistance from a Poll Clerk is responsible for the conduct at a Polling Station in an electoral region.
 - b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - c. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - d. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - e. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate's representative.
 - f. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or who lives with either a Returning Clerk or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location.
- 14.2 A person appointed, as either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall hold office from the time appointed until thirty (30) days after the Election Day.
- 14.3 The Chief Electoral Officer may remove from office any Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who:
- a. Is incapable, by reason of illness, of satisfactorily performing their duties under the *Electoral Act*;
 - b. Fails to discharge competently their duties as Returning Officer or Poll Clerk so as to comply with an instruction of the Chief Electoral Officer;
 - c. Knowingly makes a contribution to a Candidate's campaign whether or not the contravention occurs in the exercise of his or her duties under the Act.
- 14.4 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, the Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – POLLING HOURS

- 15.1. Polling shall begin at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time in accordance with the particular time zone on the date of the Election and close at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time on that same day.
- 15.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, Electors shall be able to mail or deliver their ballots to the location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days.
- 15.3 In the case of an Election by Online Voting System, Voters shall be able to vote within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than 14 calendar days.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN – LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS

- 16.1. A Polling Station shall be in a location that in the determination of the Chief Electoral Officer is convenient for the Electors.



- 16.2. In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot there shall be a location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of receiving Mail-In Ballots.
- 16.3. In the case of online voting, the system used shall be secure.
- 16.4. A final List of the Polling Stations will be listed twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election Date.
- 16.5. Best efforts will be made to ensure that every Polling Station will be accessible to persons who have a disability that could affect their ability to vote on the Election date.
- 16.6. No Polling Station may be located in the following places:
 - a. Premises where alcohol or spirits are served; or
 - b. Premises in which a Candidate has an interest.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – SCRUTINEERS

- 17.1. Each Candidate may appoint Scrutineers in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer to represent them at each Polling Station, and to observe the Election procedures on their behalf.
 - a. A Candidate may appoint more than one Scrutineer to attend a particular Polling Station while voting is in progress but only one Scrutineer per Candidate may be present in the polling area at any one time.
 - b. A Candidate shall supply their scrutineer with a form approved for such use by the Chief Electoral Officer, appointing them as a scrutineer. If scrutineers are only present for part of a day and are replaced by another scrutineer, the replacement scrutineer must have their own form to show the Returning Officer.
- 17.2. Scrutineers may observe the operation of the Polling Station and observe the counting of the ballots.
- 17.3. In the case of a Mail-in Ballot Election a Candidate may appoint up to 2 scrutineers to be present at the designated location or locations during the opening of the ballot boxes and the counting of the ballots.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – BALLOT BOXES

- 18.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide each Returning Officer with a ballot box to conduct the Election in his or her region. The ballot box shall be made of durable non-see-through material and accompanied by a sufficient number of appropriate seals. The ballot box shall permit the deposit of ballots but not permit their removal without breaking the seals after they have been attached.



ARTICLE NINETEEN – CONTENTS OF BALLOTS

- 19.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of ballots are prepared for an Election.
- 19.2 Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice- President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.
- 19.3 If two (2) or more Candidates for the same office have the same surnames, their names shall be listed in alphabetical order according to their given names.
- 19.4 Ballots shall be printed on one side only.

ARTICLE TWENTY – POLLING BOOTHS

- 20.1. Each Polling Station shall contain one or more polling booths arranged so that when an Elector is in the polling booth they are screened from observation and may mark their ballot without interference.
- 20.2. In each polling booth, Electors will be provided with a suitable table, desk or shelf and a suitable marking instrument for marking their ballots. These materials shall be properly maintained during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE – MATERIAL AT POLLING STATION

- 21.1 The Returning Officer shall before the opening of the Poll ensure the following are available:
- a. An area where Electors can mark their ballots in private;
 - b. A document providing voting instructions for Electors;
 - c. A Poll Book where the names of all Electors who vote are to be entered;
 - d. A copy of the final List of Electors;
 - e. A ballot box or ballot boxes as required;
 - f. Tape to secure the ballot box or ballot boxes until the ballots are ready to be counted;
 - g. A sufficient number of ballot papers;
 - h. The material necessary to enable Electors to mark the ballot papers;
 - i. Instructions for the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks; and
 - j. Such other forms, office stationery and materials as may be required to enable the Returning Officer to perform their duties.



ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO – PERSONS ENTITLED TO REMAIN IN POLLING AREA

- 22.1 Only the following individuals may remain in a polling area during polling hours:
- a. Returning Officer;
 - b. Poll Clerk;
 - c. Chief Electoral Officer;
 - d. One Scrutineer per Candidate; and
 - e. Interpreters.
- 22.2 Nothing in this *Electoral Act* restricts a Candidate from briefly visiting a Polling Station during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE – SECRET BALLOT

- 23.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot and in the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, a double envelope system as defined by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be used by Electors to send their ballots to the designated location or locations for receiving ballots.
- 23.2 In the case of online voting, the voter shall be required to authenticate their identity. Their identity and the personal authenticity information of the voter shall remain confidential.
- 23.3 No person in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of votes shall fail to maintain or fail to aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR – SECRECY OF VOTING

- 24.1 Each Returning Officer, Poll Clerk, Candidate and/or Scrutineer in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of the ballots shall assist in maintaining the secrecy of the voting process and they shall not communicate or attempt to communicate any information obtained at the Polling Station regarding which Candidate an Elector has voted for or is about to vote for.
- 24.2 Returning Officers and Poll Clerks shall not communicate any information obtained at the counting of the ballots to any person other than the Chief Electoral Officer or those in their office.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE – OPENING OF POLLING STATION - DISPLAY OF BALLOT BOX

- 25.1 Each Returning Officer shall attend the Polling Station at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of his or her Polling Station.
- 25.2 During the 30 minutes immediately prior to the opening of the Polling Station, the Returning Officer shall show the ballot box to Candidates, Scrutineers and other persons entitled to be present so that they may see that the ballot box is empty.
- 25.3 After the ballot box has been shown, it shall be locked or sealed for receipt of ballots



and at all times during the hours of voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX – ADVANCE POLLS

- 26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish an advance poll to accommodate Electors.
- 26.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot and/or Online Voting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall establish an Advance Poll by Mail-In Ballot to accommodate those Electors who believe they will not be able to send in their ballot during the prescribed voting period pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2.
- 26.3 Individuals who may vote at an Advance Poll are those Electors who have reason to believe that they will not be in British Columbia when voting in an Election takes place.
- 26.4 The Advance Poll shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 26.5 Electors wanting to vote in the Advance Poll by mail must make a request for a ballot in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer, and such request shall be signed by the Elector.
 - a. No person shall be allowed to request a mail-in ballot on behalf of any other Elector.
 - b. The Chief Electoral Officer will establish the close of date, time and location for which to receive the requests for mail-in ballots.
- 26.6 When Mail-in Ballots have been forwarded to an Elector for the purposes of Advance Poll voting, the Poll Book will be marked indicating that the Elector has voted by submitting a Mail-in Ballot and they may not vote on Election Day or during the Election Period in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or by Online Voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN – POLL BOOKS

- 27.1 Each Returning Officer shall be provided with a Poll Book in which the Returning Officer or the Poll Clerk shall enter the names of all Electors who attend the Polling Station and apply to vote unless those names are previously printed therein. The Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall record whether those Electors are objected to or vouched for and by whom and if objected to whether the Elector voted or not.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT – GENERAL PROCEDURES AT POLLING STATION

- 28.1 Where an Elector presents themselves at the Polling Station for the purpose of voting, the voting process shall proceed as follows:
 - a. Each Elector shall present their MNBC Citizenship Card for the purpose of proving their identity and Métis citizenship to the Returning Officer.
 - b. The Returning Officer shall ascertain whether the name of the person applying to vote (the “Applicant”) is on the List of Electors and, if it is,



- c. Each eligible Elector shall be given a ballot to be marked clearly, in secret, for the Candidate of that Elector's choice which thereafter shall be placed in a ballot box as instructed by the Returning Officer.
- d. If the Applicant's name is not on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer shall not permit that person to vote unless the Applicant can present a valid MNBC Citizenship Card that can be verified by the Returning Officer as being the MNBC Citizenship Card of the Applicant.
- e. In the event that the Applicant can produce a valid MNBC Citizenship Card, the Returning Officer shall record, in the proper column of the Poll Book, the Applicant's name, address and MNBC Citizenship number and shall provide that Applicant with a ballot paper on which the Applicant shall clearly mark, in secret, the Applicant's choice of Candidate.
- f. Upon being presented with a completed ballot by a person who is not on the List of Electors at the Polling Station where the Applicant has attended to vote and was permitted to vote by the Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall:
 - i. Place the Applicant's ballot in an envelope with the Applicant's name, the date and time noted;
 - ii. Place that envelope into another envelope that shall be kept separate from the ballots cast by Electors (whose names were located on the List of Electors for that Polling Station) and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer for verification of the eligibility of the Applicant.
- g. If verified as eligible by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Applicant's vote shall be counted.
- h. Any Candidate or their scrutineer may object to the eligibility of any Métis citizen requesting a ballot. If in the opinion of the Returning Officer such objection is reasonable, it shall be noted in the Poll Book and shall include the reason for the objection along with the name of the Candidate on whose behalf the objection is being made. The Returning Officer may then give the Métis Citizen a ballot paper so that the Métis Citizen may cast their ballot. In the event of an objection to the Métis Citizen, the Returning Officer shall follow the procedure under *Article 36.7* of this *Electoral Act*.
- i. The Returning Officer shall record the names and obtain the signatures of all persons who, although deemed ineligible to vote, attended at the Polling Station and requested a ballot."

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE – CONDUCT AT POLLING STATION

- 29.1. No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an Elector who is marking their ballot or casting their vote or otherwise make any attempt to obtain, at the Polling Station, information as to the Candidate or Candidates for whom an Elector at that Polling Station is about to vote or has voted.
 - a. No individual shall, directly or indirectly, threaten to inflict injury, damage, harm or loss on or against an Elector so as to persuade or compel the Elector to vote or refrain from voting, or because the Elector voted or refrained from voting.



- 29.2. No person shall, having voted, apply at the same Election for a ballot paper in the Elector's own name, or vote more than once at the same Election.
- 29.3. No individual shall vote knowing that they have no right to vote, or induce or persuade any other individual to vote knowing that the other individual has no right to vote.
- 29.4. No person shall apply at an Election for a ballot paper in the name of another person, whether living or dead, or a fictitious person.
- 29.5. The campaign office of a Candidate must not be within one (1) kilometer of a Polling Station.
- 29.6. There shall be no campaigning in or in the vicinity of a Polling Station on Election Day.
- 29.7. Every Returning Officer and Poll Clerk is responsible for maintaining peace and order in their Polling Station during an Election.
- 29.8. During an Election, no Candidate or other person on behalf of a Candidate shall, directly or indirectly, or as an accessory, give or cause to be given any alcohol or spirits to or for any person, for the purpose of persuading that person to vote for the Candidate or for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting at an Election.
- 29.9. No Candidate shall make or take a share or interest in a bet or wager based on the result of the Election.
- 29.10. Any person in breach of *Article 29* of this *Electoral Act* will be removed from the Polling Station and will not be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE THIRTY – EXPLANATION OF VOTING

- 30.1 The Returning Officer may and upon request shall, either personally or through their Poll Clerk explain to the Elector as concisely as possible the way in which voting is to be performed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE – VOTING BY A DISABLED PERSON

- 31.1. Where an Elector on the List of Electors comes to a Polling Station to vote and is unable to mark a ballot due to an inability to read or has a physical or mental disability, the Returning Officer shall:
 - a. Have a friend or relative complete an Elector Assistance Form indicating the name of the Elector, their own name and the reason the person is incapable of voting alone;
 - b. Permit that person to accompany the Elector into the polling area to mark the ballot in accordance with the Elector's instructions;
 - c. Receive the completed ballot, check their initials and place the ballot in the ballot box; and



- d. Enter the reason the Elector was permitted to vote in this manner, and the name of the person who assisted the Elector, in the Poll Book.
- 31.2. An individual other than an Election Officer must not act to assist more than one Elector in an Election to mark a ballot unless the individual in assisting more than one member of their family.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO – APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER

- 32.1 Where the Returning Officer has been given thirty (30) days advance notice by a Métis Community or an Elector in that Métis Community, that an Elector or Electors who are unable to speak or read the English Language may present themselves at a Polling Station, subject always to availability, an interpreter may be provided by the Returning Officer for the purpose of explaining to those Electors, questions and answers concerning voting in the following languages: Michif, French or Cree.
- 32.2. The interpreter must make a solemn declaration that they are able to make the translation and will do so to the best of their abilities.
- 32.3. Every interpreter shall make a declaration of secrecy.

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE – REMOVAL OF BALLOT FROM POLLING STATION

- 33.1. Except in the case of a Mail-in Ballot an Elector who has received a ballot paper shall not take it out of the Polling Station.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR – FORFEITURE OF VOTING RIGHTS

- 34.1. Where an Elector leaves the Polling Station without first delivering their ballot paper to the Returning Officer or returns it after declining to vote, they forfeit their right to vote and the Returning Officer shall make an entry in the Poll Book in the column for remarks to the effect that the Elector received the ballot paper, but took it out of the Polling Station or returned it declining to vote.
- 34.2. Where an Elector returns their ballot paper declining to vote, the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “declined” upon it and preserve the ballot paper.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE – SPOILED BALLOT

- 35.1. An Elector, who upon voting, has inadvertently spoiled their ballot paper may on returning it to the Returning Officer obtain another ballot paper and the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “spoiled” upon the returned ballot paper and preserve it as set out in this Article.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX – PROCEDURE ON CLOSE OF POLL

- 36.1. After the closing of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the Poll Clerk and any Candidate and/or Scrutineers who may be present, immediately:



- a. Count the number of spoiled and declined ballots and record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and then seal it; and comply with the procedures as set out in Article 28 herein.
- 36.2. On complying with subsection 36.1, the Returning Officer shall count the number of Electors whose name appears on the List of Electors and the number of Electors recorded in the Poll Book as having voted and those persons who having attended were deemed ineligible to vote and shall draw a line immediately under the last name in the Poll Book and affix their initials to the list.
- 36.3. On complying with *Subsection 36.2*, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box and proceed with a count of vote and record the result.
- 36.4. The Returning Officer shall endorse with the words “not initialed” any ballot paper that does not have their initials or the initials of such person acting on their behalf on the back thereof and any such ballot shall be counted with the other ballots but immediately upon the conclusion of the count, the Returning Officer shall:
 - a. Count the number of “not initialed” ballots, and
 - b. Record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and seal it.
- 36.5. In counting votes, the Returning Officer shall reject any ballot that:
 - a. Was not supplied by them;
 - b. Does not indicate any vote for any Candidate;
 - c. Contains votes for more Candidates than are to be elected;
 - d. Is so marked, that it is uncertain for which Candidate the vote was cast; and
 - e. Contains any writing or mark enabling the Elector to be readily identified.
- 36.6. Notwithstanding *Subsection 36.5*, a ballot shall not be rejected:
 - a. By reason of any writing, numbering or mark omitted by the Returning Officer; or
 - b. When the vote, though incorrectly made on the ballot, clearly indicates the Elector’s intention to vote for one particular Candidate.
- 36.7. In the event the Returning Officer determines that an Elector’s right to vote has been reasonably disputed pursuant to *Article 28*, the Returning Officer shall make a note in the Poll Book of every objection and the name of any Candidate on whose behalf such objection was made. The Returning Officer shall place such ballot in a special envelope that shall, on its cover, contain the name of the Elector, their MNBC Citizenship number, the name of the Polling Station and the Returning Officer initials. Such envelopes shall be preserved by the Returning Officer and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer. The Returning Officer shall also forward the specific objection to such Elector, as noted in the Poll Book. The Chief Electoral Officer shall investigate the objection of such Elector and in the event the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is valid, the ballot shall be placed in a separate envelope and shall not be counted. If the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is without merit, the envelope shall be opened and the Chief Electoral Officer shall count the



vote(s).

- 36.8 The Returning Officer at the conclusion of the count shall complete a statement of poll, indicating the number of votes for each Candidate, which shall be signed by the Returning Officer and Poll Clerk. The Returning Officer shall then immediately inform the Chief Electoral Officer, by phone or by fax, as to the number of votes for each Candidate, the number of spoiled ballots and any disputed Electors.
- 36.9 A copy of the statement of poll shall be attached to the Poll Book and one page shall be retained by the Returning Officer to be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 36.10 Upon completion of the statement of poll, the Returning Officer shall in presence of the persons authorized to be present, place into separate packets the:
- a. Statement of poll;
 - b. The ballots objected to but counted;
 - c. The ballots objected to but not counted;
 - d. The rejected ballots not objected to;
 - e. The rejected ballots objected to;
 - f. The spoiled and declined ballots;
 - g. The discarded ballots;
 - h. The unused ballots;
 - i. The envelopes containing the ballots of those persons who voted in accordance with *Article 28* herein;
 - j. The Poll Book with the declaration of the Returning Officer therein;
 - k. The List of Electors used at the poll;
 - l. The declaration of Electors;
 - m. The statement of the number of Electors as marked by the Returning Officer as “Voter assistance”;
 - n. The notes taken of objections to ballot papers found in the ballot box; and
 - o. All other documents that were completed prepared or used at the Election.
- 36.11 The Returning Officer shall seal each of the envelopes mentioned in *Section 36.10* with their own seal and initial the outside of the envelopes.
- 36.12 The Returning Officer shall mark on the outside of each of the envelopes a short statement of the contents of the envelopes, the date and name of the Election and their name.
- 36.13 The Returning Officer shall then return all envelopes and relevant documents to the Chief Electoral Officer as directed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE

- 37.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly announce the results of the Election and declare elected the Candidates who received the largest number of votes.
- 37.2 When the original reports and ballots have been received from the Returning Officers, the Chief Electoral Officer shall check the reports, but not the ballots, and verify or



confirm the results.

ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT – RECOUNT

- 38.1 Subject to *Article 37.2* herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall recount the ballots where applicable if the Chief Electoral Officer decides that there is a need for a recount or if they receive a written request to recount from a Candidate within seven (7) days from the date of the Election;
- 38.2 A Candidate shall be entitled to require a recount if:
- a. The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - b. The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) or Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - c. There are no more than fifteen (15) votes difference between the Candidate who has the most votes for that position and the Candidate requesting a recount; and
 - d. Two (2) or more Candidates for the same position have an equal number of votes, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare a tie and conduct a recount.

ARTICLE THIRTY-NINE – RECOUNT PROCEDURE AND TIE BREAKING VOTE

- 39.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall give written notice to each Candidate of the place, date and hour of the recount
- 39.2 The recount shall, if possible, be held within the next seven (7) days from receipt of a Candidate's written request for a recount.
- 39.3 No person may be allowed in the room where the recount is being conducted except the following:
- a. The Chief Electoral Officer;
 - b. The Returning Officer (at the CEO recommendation);
 - c. The Candidates or an Elector appointed in writing to be present on behalf of each of the Candidates.
- 39.4 In recounting the ballots, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the same counting rules that a Returning Officer is required to follow under this *Electoral Act*.
- 39.5 The Chief Electoral Officer will be required to set another Election Day in the event of a tie between two or more Candidates receiving the most votes for the same position. The Election in that event would be conducted solely for the purpose of filling the subject position and only the tied Candidates would be eligible to run. Such Election shall be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the process and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.



ARTICLE FORTY – ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOUNT RESULTS

- 40.1 Upon the completion of any and all recounts, the Chief Electoral Officer shall certify the final results of the Election publicly announce the results of the recount and declare the names of the successful Candidate who received the largest number of votes.

ARTICLE FORTY-ONE – DESTROYING BALLOTS

- 41.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall destroy all ballots ninety (90) days from the date of the Election unless:
- Directed by an order of a Court; or
 - Directed by an order of the Senate; or
 - A request for a recount is received in which case the ballots shall be destroyed after ninety (90) days from the date of the recount unless otherwise ordered.

ARTICLE FORTY-TWO – ELECTION APPEAL

- 42.1 Decisions of the Chief Electoral Officer during an Election may be appealed to the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- The Chief Electoral Officer will have the authority to refuse Candidates and voters who do not meet the required eligibility pre-requisites and deadlines set out in the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - All Candidates or electors refused will have the option to file a written Election appeal before the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 42.2 A Candidate or elector will have fourteen (14) days from the date of the Election or fourteen Days from the date of the recount to file a written Election appeal before the MNBC Senate.
- The written appeal sent to the MNBC Senate should outline the rationale of the Election appeal, along with any documents or other materials that should assist the appeal.
 - As part of filing an Election appeal, the Candidate or elector shall deposit with the MNBC Finance Department the sum of \$150.00 in cash or money order. This deposit is non-refundable and serves as security for administrative costs in connection with carrying out the appeal process.
- 42.3 The Chief Electoral Officer will provide information at the request of the MNBC Senate during the Election appeals process so as to deliver a fair and balanced decision.
- The Chief Electoral Officer will be responsible in providing reasons for refusal as supported by the Articles in the *Electoral Act*.
 - The MNBC Senate reserves the right to set a date when the Candidate or elector who filed the Election appeal may present their arguments in person. The onus to prove the appeal to the satisfaction of the MNBC is upon the individual who filed the Election appeal.



ARTICLE FORTY-THREE – GENERAL

- 43.1 The appeal will not be successful if it is shown that the Election was conducted in accordance with this *Election Act* and that the irregularity, failure, non-compliance or mistake did not materially affect the result of the Election, and no Election is void by reason of:
- a. Failure to publish, late distribution or non-receipt of the Métis communities;
 - b. A failure to hold a poll at any place appointed for holding a poll;
 - c. A non-compliance with the provisions of this *Electoral Act* relating to the counting of the votes or with regard to limitations of time; or
 - d. Any mistake in the use of the prescribed forms.

ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR – INTERPRETATION

- 44.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural number, as the case may be, and vice-versa.

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MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY ACT

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ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.0 In this Act:

- 2.1. **"Act"** shall mean the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.
- 2.2 **"Chartered Community"** are those Métis Communities that have entered in a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.3 **"Constitution"** shall mean the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the "MNBC") as amended from time to time.
- 2.4 **"Clerk"** shall mean the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 2.5 **"Community Governance Charter"** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.6 **"Conflict of Interest"** shall exist when an immediate family member of a member of the MNGA or a person or individual has an interest in a matter being dealt with by the MNGA. An immediate family member is defined as father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent, brother, sister, spouse (including a common law spouse), child (including a child with a common law spouse), ward, father-in-law, mother-in-law or relative permanently residing with a member or any close personal or business associate. An interest in a matter will arise when a person or individual may benefit financially or otherwise as a result of a matter being dealt with by the MNGA.
- A conflict of interest shall also exist when a member of the MNGA is or has become a director or officer, whether elected, appointed or otherwise, of a Métis provincial organization, association or group whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC in that their activities could negatively affect MNBC's ability or authority to operate, negotiate on behalf of and represent the Métis people in British Columbia.
- 2.7 **"Deputy Speaker"** shall mean the Deputy Speaker of the MNGA.
- 2.8 **"Executive"** shall mean the Executive members of the MNBC who are elected province-wide and which includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 2.9 **"Gabriel Dumont Scout" or "Dumont Scouts"** shall mean the individual or individuals appointed and responsible for the keeping of the peace at the MNGA, named in honor of Gabriel Dumont's peacemakers historically called 'Scouts.'
- 2.10 **"General Assembly"** shall mean a meeting of the MNGA as set out in the Constitution.



- 2.11 **“General Meetings”** to be defined as meetings of the MNGA held in accordance with Article 32.1 of the MNBC Constitution.
- 2.12 **“Housekeeping Matters”** in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislations of the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning of intent of the Article of the subject Legislation of the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation of the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter.”
- 2.13 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
- 2.14 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.15 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.16 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives (“Directors”), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the BCMUYC and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
- 2.17 **“Order of the Day”** shall mean the compilation of documentation for members of the MNGA including the Agenda, Reports, Minutes, Draft Legislation, Motions and Constitutional Amendments to be tabled at a General Assembly of the MNGA.
- 2.18 **“Regions”** shall mean the MNBC regions as are defined by the Constitution.
- 2.19 **“Roll Call”** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance.
- 2.20 **“Senate”** shall mean the MNBC Senate.
- 2.21 **“Speaker”** shall mean the Speaker of the MNGA.

ARTICLE THREE - COMPOSITION OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 3.0 In this Act:
- 3.1 The MNGA shall be composed of:



- a) The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and MYBC Chairperson; and
 - b) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.
- 3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
- 3.3 All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.
- 3.4 No member of the MNGA shall be allowed to be in conflict of interest. If found to be in a conflict of interest by a majority of the MNGA, that member shall be subject to a permanent or temporary suspension from being a Member of the MNGA by a majority vote of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and finding.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING AND QUORUM

4.0 In this Act:

- 4.1. Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;
- 4.2.1 Roll call voting shall be the method of voting for the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for ratification or amendments to the MNBC Constitution or Legislative Acts.
- 4.2.2 The procedure for taking roll call votes is to call the names of the representatives or delegates alphabetically, and to have each person indicate orally their vote. All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say, "Yes" as their names are called. Those opposed will say "No". Those who wish to abstain will say, "Abstain". The MNGA Clerk will call the roll.
- 4.2.3 All resolutions submitted as housekeeping as determined by the MNGA shall not require the roll call voting process as described in article 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 and shall be determined by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a General Assembly.
- 4.3. Resolutions and ratifications other than Legislation or amendments to the Constitution and the ratification or approval of any appointments shall be made by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.4. The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for first reading, also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special



Meeting;

- 4.5. Ratification of Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that are properly before a Governing Assembly shall require majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.6. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ratification by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.7. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

ARTICLE FIVE - SPEAKER OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall:
 - 5.1 Be appointed by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
 - 5.2 May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;
 - 5.3 Be for a term of two (2) years subject to re-appointment;
 - 5.4 Be responsible for the procedures, rules, debates and decorum of the Governing Assembly;
 - 5.5 Receive the list of members and seating arrangements of the Governing Assembly from the Clerk as established by the Roll Call;
 - 5.6 Approve all participation in debates and voting;
 - 5.7 Secure a written record of the Governing Assembly and certify the minutes;
 - 5.8 Require Gabriel Dumont Scouts to expel for the remainder of the day any MNGA member or any observer from the Governing Assembly for failing to follow the ruling of the Speaker;
 - 5.9 Ensure that only MNGA members are seated in the designated Assembly area with all other individuals or observers seated outside of the designated Assembly area;
 - 5.10 Approve all documentation to be circulated to MNGA members.



ARTICLE SIX - CLERK

- 6.0 The Clerk of the MNGA shall:
- 6.1 Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia;
 - 6.2 Be responsible for compiling the necessary documentation for the Order of the Day;
 - 6.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC;
 - 6.4 Obtain and retain a certified copy of the minutes from the Speaker;
 - 6.5 Provide the certified minutes of the MNGA to the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.6 Secure, by contract, an independent person or agency to duly record the minutes and procedures of the MNGA;
 - 6.7 Ensure that the necessary staff are in place for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.8 Also hold the seat as Clerk at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC; and
 - 6.9 Be authorized to appoint or designate a Deputy Clerk to assist in carrying out their duties.

ARTICLE SEVEN - SENATE

- 7.0 The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA:
- 7.1 Maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by:
 - a) Being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers;
 - b) Swearing-In any new members.

ARTICLE EIGHT- GABRIEL DUMONT SCOUTS

- 8.0 In this Act:
- 8.1 Gabriel Dumont Scouts will be appointed by the MNBC to maintain order and ensure proper procedure during a Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE NINE - REPORTING

- 9.0 Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the MNGA and shall be included in the Order of the Day:



- 9.1 Executive Reports;
 - 9.1.1 President
 - 9.1.2 Vice-President
 - 9.1.3 Secretary
 - 9.1.4 Treasurer
 - 9.1.5 Regional Director Reports;
 - 9.1.6 Métis Women of British Columbia Report;
 - 9.1.7 Ministerial Reports, including, where applicable, program reports and audits;
 - 9.1.8 Senate Report;
 - 9.1.9 Métis Youth of British Columbia Report; and
 - 9.1.10 Any other reports required by the Constitution or Legislation.
- 9.2 Expenditure Report
 - 9.2.1 An interim Expenditure Report for the period between April 1st and December 31st of the current fiscal year shall be given, which shall contain all spending by MNBC elected members and the Executive Director/CEO including but not limited to: remuneration, travel costs, accommodation costs, per diems, honoraria, legal and professional fees, consultant and contractor fees and reimbursed expenses. Each year the Expenditure Report of the entire previous fiscal year's expenditures of MNBC elected members and executive staff shall be posted on the MNBC website by June 1st.

ARTICLE TEN- MINUTES

- 10.0 The Minutes of a Governing Assembly shall:
 - 10.1 Be received and prepared by an independent individual or person;
 - 10.2 Be forwarded to the Clerk; and
 - 10.3 Refer to the Minutes of the previous Governing Assembly, which shall be included in the Order of the Day.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS

- 11.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:
 - a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
 - c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be



distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held, and

- d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.

11.2 Constitutional Amendments

- a) Shall only be tabled by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
- c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.

11.3 Other Matters

- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- c) Notice of the matters, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented to the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be considered at the MNGA.

11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors

- a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held, and shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature



- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.

11.6 Notice of the MNGA

- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

ARTICLE TWELVE - APPLICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS

- 12.0 The MNGA shall be authorized to receive and determine applications for Métis Community Governance Charter from applications in accordance with the requirement as outlined in Article 56.1 of the MNBC Constitution. The application terms of the Métis Community Governance Charter shall consider any special circumstances that may affect the status on an existing or prospective Métis Community Governance Charters.

12.1 The MNGA shall proclaim:

- a) The date of the next MNBC election, as set out in the Constitution; and
- b) Holidays and days of commemoration, such as Louis Riel Day.

- 12.2 The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors and the position MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - FINANCING

- 13.0 Fiscal resources for the institution and maintenance of the MNGA shall be provided by the MNBC if available, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the MNGA as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

- 13.1 The fiscal resources allocated by the MNBC for the purposes in 13.1 shall be those fiscal resources that are within the means available to the MNBC for those purposes.
- 13.2 The Speaker shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the MNGA.
- 13.3 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the MNGA.
- 13.4 The MNBC will be responsible for the expenses and any remuneration for the



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MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

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ARTICLE ONE

- 1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for a Veteran, being a current member or, a former member of, the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserve Forces), that was released with an honourable discharge and, who successfully underwent basic training is considered to be a Métis Veteran. A Métis Veteran shall also include those still serving or retired RCMP members. The “Veterans” shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).
- 3.2 The spouses and children of MNBC Veterans shall, upon acceptance and approval of an application submitted to the MVBC, shall become an associate member of the MVBC (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be).
- 3.3 A Veteran member of a chartered community whose citizenship to MNBC is pending can apply to MVBC as an associate member.
- 3.4 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Métis Veterans Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), and a Woman Veteran Representative being a MVBC member. The MVBC Committee shall elect from among the MVBC Membership a Chairperson and Women’s Representative. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.
- 4.2 A Secretary, and Treasurer will be appointed by the MVBC committee from the MVBC Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson and the Women’s Representative, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”
- 4.3 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:



- a.) the creation and maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) the creation and maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
 - c.) prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting;
 - d.) co-ordinate and organize the policies and procedures of the *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e.) appoint a sergeant at arms to co-ordinate and organize flag processions as may be requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
 - f.) conduct promotions and other activities for the purpose of enhancing the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia.
- 4.4 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 4.5 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called, or in the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting or by any three MVBC Committee members, on no less than fourteen days' notice to all of the MVBC Committee members.
- 4.6 A Veteran shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia Veteran.

ARTICLE FIVE – MVBC MINISTER

- 5.1 The Minister shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and be accountable to the MVBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.2 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the Métis Veterans in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the Minister at the direction of the MVBC Committee.

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MÉTIS NATION WOMEN'S ACT

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PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission Statement of the Métis Women of British Columbia:

*“We the Métis women of B.C. have an agenda of an open heart and we respect and trust in the process.
We are encouraging appropriate relationships, principles and procedures.”*

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the *MNBC Women’s Act* (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Women of British Columbia (the “MWBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Women are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 **“MWBC Provincial Governance Council”** means the seven elected Métis Women’s representatives, one from each Region and the Métis Women’s Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women.
- 3.3 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 **“MWBC”** means the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 3.5 **“Minister Responsible for Métis Women”** means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 3.6 **“The Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson”** the MNBC Métis Women’s representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 **“Regional Métis Women’s Representative”** means the MNBC Métis Women’s Representative elected to represent the Métis Women of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 **“Métis Women”** means those Métis Women residing in British Columbia, 18 years of age and older.
- 3.9 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.



- 3.10 “**MNBC Assembly**” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MWBC shall:
- 4.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the MWBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.
- 4.3 The objective of MWBC is to listen to Métis Women, to voice Métis Women’s perspectives, and to acknowledge the past and present contributions of Métis Women for the benefit of Métis People and the Métis Nation.
- 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MWBC Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE – MWBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MWBC shall:
- 5.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.3 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.5 The seven Regional Women’s Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 All Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Women of British Columbia representatives.
- 5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.
- 5.8 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Women or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Women is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair.
- 5.9 MWBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference



calls (the “MWBC Minutes”).

- 5.10 MWBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.11 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MWBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional well being Métis Women or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.1 MWBC electoral processes are:
- 6.2 Métis Women seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a 4-year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

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MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

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ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This act may be cited as the Youth Act (the “Act”).

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- 3.2 “**MYBC Committee**” means the seven elected youth representatives, one from each Region and the Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Youth.
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- 4.1 MYBC shall:
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MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



MÉTIS NATION
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MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



MÉTIS NATION
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MÉTIS NATION NATURAL RESOURCES ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

- 1.0 This Act is cited as “Métis Nation British Columbia - Natural Resource Act.”

ARTICLE TWO – INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.0 In this Act and subsequent Addendums and Regulations:
- 2.1 “**Act**” means the *MNBC Natural Resource Act*.
 - 2.2 “**Addendums**” are Ministerial approved supplements to the *Natural Resource Act* that enables the development of annually renewed, low-level legislation.
 - 2.3 “**BCMANR**” means the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources which is a non-political committee that manages the natural resources on behalf of the MNBC.
 - 2.4 “**Captain’s Assembly**” consists of the eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt.
 - 2.5 “**Captain of the Hunt**” means a MNBC citizen who has been selected, through the BCMANR Policies and Procedures, and endorsed by the Regional Governance Council of their respective region.
 - 2.6 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the MNBC as amended from time to time.
 - 2.7 “**Issuer**” means a person that is delegated the authority by BCMANR to issue licensing, tags and permits.
 - 2.8 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
 - 2.9 “**MNBC**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution*.
 - 2.10 “**Métis Citizen**” as defined by the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
 - 2.11 “**Minister of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.
 - 2.12 “**Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry.
 - 2.13 “**Ministry of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental Protection (technical) and BCMANR.



- 2.14 **“Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all natural resource issues under the authority of the Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources (political), Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources (technical) and BCMANR.
- 2.15 **“Parties”** for the purpose of consultation means government, proponents, regulatory agencies and other external entities whose mandate includes Aboriginal consultation.
- 2.16 **“Region”** means a MNBC Region as determined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.17 **“Regulation”** is the annually renewed provincial and regional rules that manage the Métis harvest.
- 2.18 **“Senate”** means the MNBC Senate.
- 2.19 **“Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat and has expertise and experience in the natural resource section.
- 2.20 **“Senior Director of Environmental Protection”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.
- 2.21 **“Youth”** for the purpose of harvesting under the authority of this *Act* and to provide consistency with existing provincial and federal government legislation (i.e. *B.C. Wildlife Act*) means a Métis Citizen between the ages of 10-18 years of age.

ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 3.0 The purpose of this Act is to provide Métis specific legislative authority for the regulated management of all natural resources in British Columbia which are utilized by the Métis Citizens, thus;
 - 3.1 Establish natural resource regulation, policy and guidelines by combining both Métis traditional knowledge and western-based science management principles;
 - 3.2 Institute sound conservation practices and measures;
 - 3.3 Protect the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia;
 - 3.4 Ensure adequate consultation on all natural resource issues.

ARTICLE FOUR – FINANCES

- 4.0 The financial requirements for MNBC’s Ministry of Environmental Protection shall be satisfied as follows:
 - 4.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to BCMANR as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of



this Act.

- 4.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
- 4.3 The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.
- 4.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue financial resources for the functions of BCMANR and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
- 4.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for BCMANR while conducting official BCMANR business, pursuant to this Act.

ARTICLE FIVE – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

5.0 In this Act:

- 5.1 BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
- 5.2 All decisions of BCMANR shall be recorded and a report provided to the Citizens at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 5.3 The MNBC's Minister responsible for Natural Resources will be required to report all updates to the MNBC Board of the Directors.

ARTICLE SIX – HARVESTING FOR PROFIT AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

6.0 In this Act the harvesting of wildlife and fish for profit or commercial purposes;

- 6.1 Is not authorized, and;
- 6.2 Only permits harvesting by Métis Citizens for food, social, ceremonial and traditional purposes.

ARTICLE SEVEN – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

7.0 Management agreements;

- 7.1 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with Canada or British Columbia pertaining to management, perpetuation or rehabilitation of wildlife or fish populations or the ecosystems of which those populations are a part.
- 7.2 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with aboriginal nations, non-government organizations and stakeholder groups that pertain or contribute to natural resource management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats.
- 7.3 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with the owners of lands



respecting the management of the lands for the purposes mentioned in *Article 3.0*, and such agreements may authorize BCMANR to carry out habitat improvement work, protective measures, stocking programs, fencing, erection of signs, harvesting activities and any other management practice.

- 7.4 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements, for the purpose of consultation, as per *Article 11.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE EIGHT – MNBC HARVESTING CARDS

- 8.0 In this Act:

8.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards

8.1.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards may be issued to Métis Citizens who submit applications and meet requirements for approval. This Act applies only to those persons who have chosen to harvest under the authority of the Act.

8.1.2 A MNBC Citizen cannot harvest a wildlife and fish quota (or bag limit) under multiple licensing authorities (i.e. MNBC Harvesting Card and a Province of British Columbia *Wildlife Act* hunting license).

8.1.3 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions for use of the card as outlined in this Act and any subsequent regulations created under the authority of Article 9.0.

8.1.4 Contravention of terms is an Offence.

8.1.5 No person shall contravene the terms or conditions of the person's MNBC Harvesting Card.

8.2 Transfer of MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag;

8.2.1 Except as provided in the regulations, no MNBC Harvesting Card shall be transferred and no person shall buy, sell, exchange or in anyway be a party to the transfer of a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, or in any way use or attempt to use a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, issued to any other person.

8.3 MNBC Harvesting Cards apply only to those species, areas and times described by regulations developed under the authority of *Article 9.0*.

8.4 Cancellation of MNBC Harvesting Card in event of error;

8.4.1 BCMANR may cancel any MNBC Harvesting Card where an error has been made from any cause when issuing it, and the holder has no claim for indemnity or compensation with respect to it other than the adjustment or refund of any fee collected.

8.5 MNBC Harvesting Card is to be carried and produced upon demand;



- 8.5.1 No holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall hunt, fish, trap or collect natural resources unless at that time they have a valid MNBC Harvesting Card on their person;
- 8.5.2 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall produce the card to any enforcement officer whenever requested.
- 8.6 MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by misrepresentation;
 - 8.6.1 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by any false or misleading statement made in respect of any information required for the issue of the MNBC Harvesting Card shall be deemed to be the holder of a void MNBC Harvesting Card and the holder will be prosecuted under this Act.
- 8.7 Refusal of MNBC Harvesting Card;
 - 8.7.1 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is due to failure to verify MNBC Citizenship for the applicant or,
 - 8.7.2 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is reasonably necessary for the achievement of the purpose and intent of this Act as per *Article 3.0*.
- 8.8 Notice of refusal
 - 8.8.1 Where an issuer of MNBC Harvesting Card refuses to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card, BCMANR shall serve notice of the refusal on the application for the MNBC Harvesting Card.
- 8.9 A person, who has not complied with terms of any BCMANR Captain's Assembly decisions related to offences under the Act, will not be eligible to apply for a MNBC Harvesting Card, unless the offence has been overturned by a successful MNBC Senate appeal.

ARTICLE NINE – REGULATIONS BY BCMANR

- 9.0 BCMANR will make regulations that are consistent with *Article 3.0* and develop regulations based on the principles of existing case law, and whereas;
 - a. An agreement (as per *Article 7.0*) that has been endorsed between the MNBC and a provincial and/or federal government partner, or;
 - b. Legislative or political direction has been provided by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, MNBC Annual General Assembly or a ratified motion of the MNBC Board of Directors, however;
 - c. If neither *Articles 9.0 a.* nor *9.0 b.* are present, then provincial and federal government legislation and regulation will be sanctioned.



- 9.1 BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
- 9.1.1 Respecting threatened species or endangered species;
 - 9.1.2 Application for MNBC Harvesting Cards and permits as per *Article 8.0*;
 - 9.1.3 Prescribing the conditions of a MNBC Harvesting Card and conditions that the Issuer may attach to a MNBC Harvesting Card when they issue it to a Métis Citizen;
 - 9.1.4 Limiting the number and types of tags and permits that may be held by a person;
 - 9.1.5 Prescribing fees;
 - 9.1.6 Prescribing the maximum number of a species of wildlife, by sex and age, that a person may kill or possess in a period of time and the circumstances in which a person may kill or possess wildlife;
 - 9.1.7 Designating no shooting and/or no harvesting areas;
 - 9.1.8 Providing for cancellation or suspension of, periods of ineligibility for and periods of suspension of MNBC Harvesting Cards for specified offences or combinations of offences, and specifying what a second or subsequent offence is, consistent with *Article 12.0*;
 - 9.1.9 Specifying lakes, streams or areas of British Columbia for the purpose of requiring Métis Citizens to hold a MNBC Harvesting Card issued under the authority of this Act to engage in angling in that lake, stream or area for special designated harvests;
 - 9.1.10 Respecting how decision for appeal may be supplied for the purposes of *Article 13.0*;
 - 9.1.11 Prohibiting or regulating methods and devices for hunting or taking wildlife and respecting safety in those activities;
 - 9.1.12 Providing for the reporting and recording;
 - 9.1.13 Requiring wildlife or a part of wildlife to be permanently or temporarily marked or tagged;
 - 9.1.14 Requiring that a person who kills wildlife, take that wildlife or a part of it to a place and report to a person specified by BCMANR;
- 9.2 Without limiting *Article 9.1*, BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
- 9.2.1 Specifying open seasons or closed seasons, or both, for a sex, age or species of wildlife;



- 9.2.2 Prescribing the hours of the day or night during which the hunting of wildlife is prohibited or allowed;
- 9.2.3 Prescribing restrictions on the manner in which fish caught by angling may be dressed or packed and limits on the amount of fish or fish parts possessed by a person at a place other than at a private residence;
- 9.2.4 Prescribing MNBC Harvesting Cards or permits that must be held to angle for or to catch and retain a designated species of fish or to angle in a designated area of British Columbia, including tidal waters;
- 9.2.5 Prescribing tags that must be attached in the prescribed manner to fish caught by angling;
- 9.2.6 Prescribing an offence under a specified provision of this Act, or a regulation under this Act, as an offence.
- 9.3 BCMANR, despite anything in this Act, may make regulations respecting the issue of permits.
- 9.4 Regulations must assure public safety and public health.
- 9.5 This Act authorizes the creation of a BCMANR Policy and Procedure section pertaining to the process for regulation development.
- 9.6 All regulation must be approved, via motion, by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.

ARTICLE TEN – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 10.0 This Act authorizes the development of Environmental Protection Policy.
- 10.1 The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection.
- 10.2 BCMANR will be responsible for all Environmental Protection regulations developed under the authority of this Act.
- 10.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Environmental Protection Policy.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – CONSULTATION

- 11.0 This Act authorizes the development of an MNBC Consultation Guidelines and supporting procedures.
- 11.1 The development of MNBC's Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. The policy will be revised from time to time to reflect MNBC's position with respect to consultation within context of current Supreme Court of Canada rulings and associated regulatory requirements as they apply to Métis rights and interests;



- 11.2 The Consultation Guidelines will include a definition of traditional knowledge, written by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly, to ensure adherence to purpose of this Act in *Article 3.0*.
 - 11.2.1 Traditional knowledge protocol and procedure in the Consultation Guidelines will be established by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.
- 11.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Consultation Guidelines.
- 11.4 The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.
- 11.5 Consultation Guidelines will address the following principles;
 - 11.5.1 Promote the adherence of government, proponent and regulatory agencies to the implementation of Aboriginal consultation in a manner that respects and addresses the unique culture, heritage by:
 - 11.5.1.1 Increasing awareness of the Métis in British Columbia including the cultural, heritage and land use issues of concern to Métis;
 - 11.5.1.2 Strive to ensure the timely and effective avoidance, mitigation, accommodation and/or compensation of potentially adverse impacts to Métis rights and interests in keeping with current MNBC mandates related to consultation;
 - 11.5.2 The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection will endeavor to keep apprised of and inform the MNBC's Board of Directors of current case law, regulatory requirements, government policies and other matters that may influence Métis rights and interests and have bearing on the MNBC's Consultation Guidelines;
 - 11.5.3 Establish appropriate, efficient practices that will fulfill MNBC consultation principles in accordance with MNBC Board direction for all natural resource matters.
 - 11.5.4 Promote and facilitate the protection of traditional land use locations and other historical resources of significance to Métis within British Columbia;
 - 11.5.5 Guide Parties in fulfilling their consultation duties and objectives in a spirit of reconciliation and transparency and will meet each party's goal of fairness and certainty; and,
 - 11.5.6 Guide MNBC's decision-making processes regarding consultation as it relates to all natural resource matters including resource development and land management practices.
- 11.6 Consultation Guidelines will require the MNBC to;



- 11.6.1 Represent and advocate for consultation of British Columbia Métis Citizens with governments, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies;
- 11.6.2 Provide direction and support to the Chartered Métis Communities;
- 11.6.3 Work with BCMANR to ensure traditional and contemporary land use information is employed to support consultation where such information is available; or,
 - 11.6.3.1 If absent, advocate for resources to compliment the consultation project with adequate traditional and contemporary land use information.
- 11.6.4 Provide information to government and industry to facilitate consultation activities;
- 11.6.5 Manage and determine the adequacy of consultation activities within the context of MNBC consultation policies, legal precedents and regulatory requirements;
- 11.6.6 Report to the Chartered Métis Communities, government, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies regarding decisions concerning consultation as related to their respective mandates; and,
- 11.6.7 Consider any other issue or take any other action the MNBC deems necessary to ensure consultation adequately protects the rights and interests of British Columbia Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE TWELVE – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 12.0 This Act authorizes the BCMANR Captain's Assembly to function in the following compliance and enforcement capacities;
 - 12.1 To operate in the capacity of the initial judiciary in relation to offences against this Act or any regulations empowered by this Act.
 - 12.2 Powers available to the Captain's Assembly for offences against this Act are;
 - a. Suspension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed two years, offences greater than two years are considered an apprehension.
 - b. Apprehension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain's Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection Resources must sanction the apprehension.
 - c. Community service hours
 - d. Reparations or mitigated measures



- 12.3 Determine the policies and procedures for the compliance and enforcement authorities assigned under this Act.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – APPEAL MECHANISM

- 13.0 The MNBC Senate has the authority to hear appeals for;
- 13.1 Any decisions established under the authority of this Act, or;
- 13.2 Any offences established by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly under the authority of *Article 12.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – BCMANR NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

- 14.0 BCMANR Natural Resource fund is established to fund projects and activities related to natural resource management, protection, enhancement, education and legal challenges and that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund policy is developed to ensure management of the fund by BCMANR is strategic, effective and transparent.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION SENATE ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.0 In this Act:
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 - 2.4 **"Métis Nation British Columbia"** means the organization which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which are governed by the provisions of the Constitution.
 - 2.5 **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia, as set out in the Constitution.
 - 2.6 **"Ordinarily Resident"** means the Region to which the person is registered as a member and the Region of the member's fixed home address to which whenever they are absent they have the intention of returning.
 - 2.7 **"Region"** means Region as determined by the Constitution.
 - 2.8 **"Registrar"** means the individual who fulfils the office of Registrar as defined in the *Citizenship Act*.
 - 2.9 **"Senate"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
 - 2.10 **"Senator"** means a member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.

ARTICLE THREE - MANDATE AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

- 3.0 The Senate shall:
- 3.1 Act as the judicial arm of the Métis Nation British Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - 3.2 Consist of seven (7) Senators, one Senator per Region; and
 - 3.3 Determine and abide by guidelines for protocol, policy and procedure and to provide to the MNBC a written copy of those guidelines (the "Protocol Guidelines").



- 3.4 A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, suit of prosecution as a result of any things done or not done in relations to the performance of their duties as Senators.

ARTICLE FOUR - QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SENATOR

- 4.0 A person is eligible for appointment to the Senate if they:
- 4.1 Are a Citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
 - 4.2 Are appointed by the Regional Governance Council by a motion at a Regional meeting;
 - 4.3 Are ordinarily resident in the Region from which they were appointed;
 - 4.4 Are non-partisan and non-political, including non-affiliation except as members only of Federal, Provincial and Métis organizations;
 - 4.5 Are at least fifty-five (55) years of age; and
 - 4.6 They have not been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater.
 - 4.7 They are registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

ARTICLE FIVE - APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF SENATORS

- 5.0 Notice of Senate appointments shall be forwarded to the MNBC and the Senate Chairperson, when appointed, by the official charged with recording the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment was made. The submission will include a copy of the minutes of the meeting, indicating the motion and shall be accompanied by a resume and biography of the appointed Senator.
- 5.1 A call for application for Senators will be issued by the MNBC 120 days prior to the Senators term.
 - 5.2 The application package must contain:
 - a) Biography of the Applicant.
 - b) Proof of age.
 - c) Copy of the MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
 - d) A Criminal Record Check in accordance with the MNBC Constitution and Senate Act.
 - e) Nomination in writing by a Métis Citizen that holds a MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.



- f) Application package must be submitted to the MNBC Regional Director 30 days prior to the end of the Senator's term.
- 5.3 The Regional Governance Council shall review the Applicant's submissions and will reject applications that do not contain the items listed in 5.2.
- 5.4 All or any candidates shall not participate in the Regional Governance Council meeting or when Senator deliberations are being carried out.
- 5.5 The Regional Governance Council will deliberate until the appointment of their Regional Senator is reached by simple majority.
- 5.6 The successful Applicant will upon notification of their appointment, immediately resign any and all positions held within the MNBC, MNGA, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE SIX - TERM AND REMOVAL OF OFFICE

- 6.0 In this Act:
 - 6.1 The term of office for a Senator shall be four (4) years;
 - 6.2 Notwithstanding Article 6.1, the term of office of a Senator shall terminate if a Senator is:
 - a) Disqualified for violating any part of this Act; or
 - b) Is unable to fulfill their duties on a permanent basis.
 - 6.3 A Senator shall be removed or suspended from office by the Senate:
 - a) For being convicted of an indictable offence and all appeals are exhausted;
 - b) If they take up residency outside of the Province of British Columbia;
 - c) For actions unbecoming the stature of a Senator while holding office;
 - d) By voluntarily resigning in writing to the Chairperson of the Senate;
 - 6.4 A Senator shall take a leave of absence from the office of the Senate upon being charged with an indictable offence and pending final determination of the allegations forming the basis for the charge;
 - 6.5 A Senator may be suspended by a seventy five percent (75%) majority of the Senate. The suspension may be with or without remuneration at the sole discretion of the Senate and shall be effective immediately upon that Senator being notified of their suspension;



- 6.6 A Senator may appeal their suspension to the MNGA by written notice to the MNGA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of his suspension.

ARTICLE SEVEN – GUIDELINES FOR PROTOCOL, CODE OF ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 7.0 Within four (4) months of the final ratification of this Act, the Senate shall prepare, compile and deliver to the MNGA a copy of guidelines, in writing, setting out the Protocol, Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct pursuant to which the Senate shall conduct its affairs and manage and administer the duties and functions of the Senate in accordance with this Act and the Senator's fiduciary duty to the MNGA, the MNBC and Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE EIGHT - COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

- 8.0 Pursuant to this Act the Senate shall establish any such committees as are required by the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution or Legislation and as required to carry out the following duties:
- a. Mediation;
 - b. Citizenship and Central Registry Appeals;
 - c. Election Appeals;
 - d. Regional and Community Disputes;
 - e. Ceremonial Activities and Exchanges;
 - f. Conducting Opening / Closing Prayers;
 - g. Directing Swearing-In Ceremonies and Oaths;
 - h. Presenting Awards and Gifts of Recognition where applicable;
 - i. Displaying Métis Flags and Sashes; and
 - j. Natural Resources Appeals;
 - k. Citizenship Challenges.
- 8.1 Each committee established pursuant to Article 8.1 shall appoint an individual from among its members to serve as the spokesperson for that committee.

ARTICLE NINE - APPEALS

- 9.0 Members of the Senate conducting appeals shall:
- a) Hear and provide written decisions on all matters and appeals properly before the Senate;
 - b) Have such powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary in regards to attendance, swearing in and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents, the enforcement of its orders and other matters necessary or proper for the due exercise of its jurisdiction.



- c) The Senate shall determine the tribunal or committees required for the jurisdictions supplied under Article 8.0 of this Act.
- d) Consider and determine issues with a majority of members in attendance; and
- e) May appoint an individual(s) to inquire into and report on any matter before making a decision on it.
- 9.1 In all matters concerning appeals, be bound by the rules of natural justice;
- 9.2 Where a time frame to submit an appeal is not otherwise legislated, any appeal by a MNBC Citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event.
 - 9.2.1. The Senate will consider an application for an extension of time to appeal.
- 9.3 All decisions of the Senate must be in writing and sealed, then forwarded to the affected parties within thirty (30) days of its decision.
- 9.4 The decisions of the Senate shall be in writing and forwarded to the Métis Nation British Columbia for its review and such action as necessary by the Métis Nation British Columbia.

ARTICLE TEN - QUORUM AND VOTING

- 10.0 To conduct official Senate business:
 - 10.1 A simple majority of the Senators will constitute a quorum for a full Senate sitting and/or a simple majority of the composition of a Senate committee and/or tribunal.
 - 10.2 Decisions made by a quorum of the Senate shall be deemed to be a decision of the Senate.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The Financial requirements for the institution and operation Senate shall be satisfied as follows:
 - 11.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the Senate as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
 - 11.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
 - 11.3 The Chairperson of the Senate shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the Senate.
 - 11.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the Senate.
 - 11.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for the Senate



while conducting official Senate business, pursuant to this Act.

- 11.6 In the absence of timely Senate resources, the Senate will be provided full consideration for required resources on a case-by-case basis through mutual consultation between the Senate and MNBC.

ARTICLE TWELVE - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

12.0 In this Act:

- 12.1 The Senate shall keep written minutes of all meetings and shall issue such reports to those persons or individuals as may be required.
- 12.2 All decisions of the Senate shall be recorded and a report and posted on the MNBC website for general Citizenship to view.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – CLERK OF THE SENATE

13.0 The Clerk of the Senate shall:

- 13.1 Operate independent of MNBC;
- 13.2 Operate under the authority and direction of the MNBC Senate;
- 13.3 Shall be remunerated by the MNBC;
- 13.4 Shall hold no other seat as MNGA/AGM Clerk or administrator/staff personnel within MNBC.

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CABINET REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT



Respectfully Submitted: Lissa Dawn Smith



I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the delegates joining us for this year's AGM. We appreciate and value your participation.

It has been my honour to serve our Nation for the past 15 years. In addition to serving as President and Minister of Justice, my new portfolios are Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Veterans.

I take every opportunity to express my sincere, heart-felt thank you to all our veterans – past, present and future. We must not take our freedom for granted. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Métis Veterans of BC (MVBC) committee for all their volunteer work. Our MVBC Chair Dave Armitt has been busy ensuring that the names of our veterans will be included in the second inscribing on the Veterans Monument at Batoche, as well as attending meetings with the MNC. I'm proud to say we are the only MNC Governing Member with a Veterans Act. Their sacrifices must never be forgotten.

I also have the pleasure of sitting on a wide range of other committees, which are: Métis Rights and Self-Government, Awards and Recognition, Emergency Preparedness, Finance and Audit, Governance and Policy, Youth Engagement, and Métis Nation BC Justice Council, which I chair.

As you know, the pandemic has impacted our ability to meet in person. Our digital government team has adapted at every turn through the use of technology to ensure the important business of our cabinet carries on. We are using a hybrid model to maximize participation at this year's AGM.

Our government is growing steadily, with more than 180 staff members now serving our Nation west of the Rockies. We are proud to advocate for about 90,000 self-identified Métis people living throughout British Columbia – a number that represents approximately one-third of the province's Indigenous population.

It's an exciting time to be Métis in BC. After centuries of feeling shame about our heritage, Métis people are embracing their culture and language. Hundreds of Métis are signing up to our Central Registry every month to become Citizens. We are finally emerging from the shadows of Canada's cultural fabric.

We recently sent a delegation to Alberta to participate in the papal apology for crimes committed at Residential Schools. It's important for the public to know that Residential Schools and the Sixties Scoop affected all Indigenous Peoples – including our Nation. Métis children were taken from their families alongside First Nations, but this aspect of the Residential School system is still in the dark. The scars remain. The impact on our nation needs to be acknowledged before we can heal.

We also sent a delegation to Saskatchewan to celebrate our history at the 50th anniversary *Back to Batoche* festival, which saw the largest attendance ever. We will continue to participate in this annual cultural event, which provides a welcome boost to our collective sense of identity.

The DRIPA Action Plan recognizes our status as a distinct, rights-bearing Nation. Our Cabinet is pleased to see British Columbia acknowledging our interests and concerns, while respecting that Métis people have a unique culture and history, and our own government. A Letter of Intent signed last year provides a roadmap for a new relationship agreement that will cover a board range of pressing subject matter areas – from economic development and cultural protection to health and education. The BC Government is proving to be a good partner in the reconciliation process. Updates on the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs and other Ministerial files are included in this booklet.

We are also making progress on our efforts to achieve a self-government agreement with Canada. We had several meetings with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations this year, and recently hosted the minister at our head office. We are undertaking Section 35 research to prove that we have historical Métis communities in BC. After feeling stalled, negotiations at our rights table are moving forward in a positive direction.

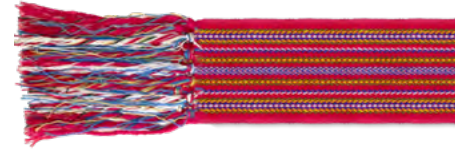
As another strategic priority, our Ministry of Housing and Homelessness held an all-day visioning session with stakeholders that included BC Housing. We are charting a new path forward to ensure affordable housing is within reach for all of our Citizens.

Sadly, the health outcomes of Métis are significantly worse than those of non-Indigenous British Columbians. The prevalence of diabetes and COPD is higher for our people. Métis youth are less likely than non-Métis youth to eat three meals a day. We are pushing for long-term funding to support preventative health measures so we can get on top of this shameful reality.

Looking ahead, my vision is to build a proud, self-governing nation where all Métis people have access to affordable housing, and their health needs are met. I want to see our children raised with their culture. They should never again feel ashamed of their heritage. We remain steadfast in our pursuit of Indigenous Governing Body status with the federal government to support this work.

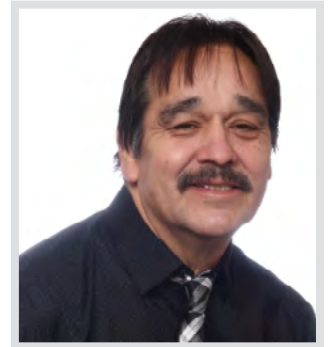
We are doing more than ever before to support our Citizens. I appreciate the hard work of our staff and elected leadership to move our Nation forward in a positive way.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT



Respectfully Submitted: Walter Mineault

I am proud to follow in my father's footsteps by advocating for Métis rights as MNBC's Vice President – a role he filled in the 1980s. I am also honoured to hold the portfolios of Métis Rights, and Housing and Homelessness.



We have a clear mandate from our more than 22,000 Citizens to pursue a self-government agreement with Canada. I'm pleased to report that our Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination table is gaining momentum. I have confidence in the team we've put together to move this process forward in a productive manner. We are also working closely with external legal counsel with specific expertise in self-government constitutional rights negotiations. The pace has really picked up, and our dynamic with the federal government is healthier than in the past. We have filed a judicial review to challenge the denial of our Indigenous Governing Body status by Indigenous Services Canada, and also advocated to Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations on this issue of critical importance to our children and families.

On the provincial front, we are in regular discussions with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to develop a new relationship agreement and implement the DRIPA Action Plan. We recently hosted Minister Rankin for a half-day meeting at our head office to discuss pressing matters like hunting and fishing rights, and affordable housing. I have the pleasure of sitting on the Métis Financial Corporation of BC's Board of Directors to support our entrepreneurs across the province.

I have also been busy meeting with Chartered Communities. I believe it's so important to understand the challenges our people are facing on the ground. We will continue pushing for capacity at the local level to administer social services that are so desperately needed with today's cost of living. Our community fundraisers were a big success, thanks to fun events like barbecues and talent shows. I look forward to meeting with more communities over the coming years.

Our Ministry of Housing and Homelessness held a full-day visioning session with stakeholders – including BC Housing, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association – to develop a new strategic vision. We are determined to develop affordable housing stock around the province. A new project in Hudson's Hope in northeast BC is just one example.

I will continue to fight for our constitution rights on behalf of every MNBC Citizen to bring pride back to our Nation.

REGION 1



VANCOUVER ISLAND AND POWELL RIVER

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Harriott



Tawnshi kiyawow,

I am very pleased to be reporting to you on all the initiatives and progress that has been made since the spring of 2022.

It is exciting to see the Vancouver Island Rendezvous back after a two-year absence due to COVID-19. I have been advocating for MNBC to take a 'culture first' approach to the work we do. I look forward to MNBC supporting more cultural events around the province as we look to gather again and celebrate our culture together in community. Our Culture, Language, and Heritage team has been working with the MNC to unlock the promised long-term funding for language revitalization. The Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) is set to have a physical presence in Surrey once the office space has been suitably updated to accommodate the planned activities. ADI will tell the story of the history of Métis in British Columbia, celebrate our living culture, and help better inform the public of who we are.

It has been an exciting time for the relationship between MNBC and government partners. We have not only had several meetings on Métis Nation priority topics, but the BC Government has recently provided significant funding to us for this purpose. This will allow us to increase the pace of dialogue and ensure MNBC has the capacity to fully engage at the table. The Government of Canada discussions have been renewed with vigor, and they have committed a large amount of funding for research. Over the years MNBC has not kept pace with other Métis Governments in doing the essential work to push our rights recognition as one of the Indigenous People of Canada. That is top of mind for me, and the work is moving forward.

My work on the *In Plain Sight* Task Team has been large and ongoing. As part of the Legislative Working Group, I have inserted a Métis voice into changes for legislation such as the *Health Professions Act* and *Health Information Management Act*, to name two. It is important to be at these tables to remind government that we need a distinctions-based lens to be applied, while still working with First Nations on essential issues of common concern and importance.

The Digital Government portfolio has been an exciting new undertaking. While we are well underway with the MNBC Intranet project, it is a massive undertaking and there is still much work to be done. It is essential that our internal digital systems are conducive to good workflow, and that all Ministries have timely access to accurate information. I have also met with several times with BC Citizen Services, as well as Statistics Canada. We are exploring ways of ensuring Métis anonymized data is identified and collected accurately. There have also been continuing

discussions on data sovereignty and making certain your Métis Government has the information we need to effect positive changes for our Citizens.

I am pleased with the movement on many files and issues of importance MNBC is advocating for on behalf of our Citizens; however, there are still many challenges ahead. The roll out of the DRIPA Action Plan in particular will take a sustained effort in relationship building across all ministries of the BC Government, and a reminder of the distinctions-based approach with Métis people that they have committed to.

While this is only a snapshot of the work being done over the last six months since my MNGA report, I have also included my appointment schedule for transparency. I thank you all for the many emails and phone call discussions, and I look forward to our dialogues over the months to come.

Respectfully submitted with a big maarsii.

Harriott Calendar 2022

Subject	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
Discussion: Shipping / Partnership with MNBC	3/1/2022	1:30:00 PM	3/1/2022	2:00:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	3/1/2022	1:30:00 PM	3/1/2022	3:00:00 PM
Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	3/1/2022	5:00:00 PM	3/1/2022	8:00:00 PM
Meeting with President of MNGV	3/2/2022	4:30:00 PM	3/2/2022	5:30:00 PM
Travel to Nanaimo	3/3/2022	2:00:00 PM	3/3/2022	5:00:00 PM
Metis Nation Governing Assembly	3/4/2022	12:00:00 AM	3/7/2022	12:00:00 AM
Human Resources/Legal - Executive In-Camera Meeting	3/6/2022	4:30:00 PM	3/6/2022	5:30:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	3/7/2022	9:00:00 AM	3/7/2022	10:00:00 AM
Connecting MIRR TAC MNBC	3/7/2022	2:30:00 PM	3/7/2022	3:30:00 PM
Emergent Cabinet Meeting (In-Camera)	3/8/2022	4:00:00 PM	3/8/2022	7:00:00 PM
Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	3/9/2022	5:00:00 PM	3/9/2022	8:00:00 PM
MNBC Update	3/9/2022	4:00:00 PM	3/9/2022	4:30:00 PM
Task Team Meeting	3/9/2022	10:00:00 AM	3/9/2022	3:00:00 PM
All-Staff Meeting	3/10/2022	9:30:00 AM	3/10/2022	10:00:00 AM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	3/10/2022	9:30:00 AM	3/10/2022	10:30:00 AM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	3/10/2022	10:30:00 AM	3/10/2022	12:30:00 PM
Meet with Raj	3/10/2022	10:00:00 AM	3/10/2022	11:00:00 AM
Hlth Professions Act	3/11/2022	8:00:00 AM	3/11/2022	9:00:00 AM
Public Affairs Committee Meeting	3/14/2022	11:00:00 AM	3/14/2022	12:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	3/15/2022	1:30:00 PM	3/15/2022	3:00:00 PM
Mountview Colquitz meet and greet	3/15/2022	7:00:00 PM	3/15/2022	9:00:00 PM
R1 RGC	3/15/2022	6:00:00 PM	3/15/2022	6:30:00 PM
Meeting with Arash & Minister Harriott	3/16/2022	11:00:00 AM	3/16/2022	12:00:00 PM
Cabinet Special Meeting	3/17/2022	2:00:00 PM	3/17/2022	4:30:00 PM
Check in	3/18/2022	10:00:00 AM	3/18/2022	11:00:00 AM
Emergent Executive meeting - Friday, March 18, 2022	3/18/2022	4:00:00 PM	3/18/2022	5:00:00 PM
Finance Meeting	3/18/2022	2:00:00 PM	3/18/2022	3:30:00 PM
MNGV Meeting	3/18/2022	3:00:00 PM	3/18/2022	4:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - Approval 2022-2023 Operating Budget	3/21/2022	10:00:00 AM	3/21/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNC Language Plan Project	3/21/2022	2:00:00 PM	3/21/2022	3:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	3/23/2022	1:00:00 PM	3/23/2022	3:00:00 PM
Cabinet meeting (in-person)	3/24/2022	8:30:00 AM	3/25/2022	4:30:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee	3/24/2022	5:00:00 PM	3/24/2022	6:15:00 PM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	3/24/2022	10:30:00 AM	3/24/2022	12:30:00 PM
Global Interview	3/27/2022	9:15:00 AM	3/27/2022	10:15:00 AM
Language Workplan Proposal to MNC	3/28/2022	1:30:00 PM	3/28/2022	2:30:00 PM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	3/28/2022	10:30:00 AM	3/28/2022	12:30:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - Approval 2022-2023 Operating Budget	3/29/2022	3:30:00 PM	3/29/2022	4:30:00 PM
Finance Meeting	3/29/2022	9:00:00 AM	3/29/2022	9:30:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	3/29/2022	1:30:00 PM	3/29/2022	3:00:00 PM

Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	3/29/2022	5:00:00 PM	3/29/2022	8:00:00 PM
Inaugural Declaration Act Action Plan Meeting	3/30/2022	12:30:00 PM	3/30/2022	1:30:00 PM
AoR Program - Metis Culture and History	3/31/2022	7:00:00 PM	3/31/2022	8:30:00 PM
Debbie Douez art talk	3/31/2022	7:00:00 PM	3/31/2022	8:00:00 PM
Metis History/Culture for AOR - zoom link	3/31/2022	6:45:00 PM	3/31/2022	8:00:00 PM
Meeting with Dr. Heather Bliss	4/1/2022	3:00:00 PM	4/1/2022	3:30:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	4/4/2022	9:00:00 AM	4/4/2022	10:00:00 AM
Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	4/5/2022	5:00:00 PM	4/5/2022	8:00:00 PM
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Metis Learning: NTC-SD70-Metis-Metis Nation BC	4/6/2022	10:00:00 AM	4/6/2022	11:00:00 AM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	4/7/2022	9:30:00 AM	4/7/2022	10:30:00 AM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	4/7/2022	10:30:00 AM	4/7/2022	12:30:00 PM
MNBC Supportive Care Assessment Interview	4/8/2022	10:45:00 AM	4/8/2022	11:30:00 AM
Best way to meet with Metis Leadership	4/11/2022	3:00:00 PM	4/11/2022	3:30:00 PM
MNBC Design Workshop for the new St. Paul's hospital	4/11/2022	10:00:00 AM	4/11/2022	11:30:00 AM
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Victoria Indigenous Leadership Circle	4/11/2022	1:30:00 PM	4/11/2022	4:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	4/12/2022	1:30:00 PM	4/12/2022	3:00:00 PM
Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	4/12/2022	5:00:00 PM	4/12/2022	8:00:00 PM
ADI Logo Review (Round 3)	4/13/2022	1:30:00 PM	4/13/2022	2:30:00 PM
Meeting with MLA Lee (MIRR critic)	4/13/2022	10:00:00 AM	4/13/2022	11:00:00 AM
A/CEO - check in with Board of Directors	4/14/2022	3:00:00 PM	4/14/2022	3:30:00 PM
Health Professions Act Consultation meeting	4/14/2022	10:30:00 AM	4/14/2022	11:30:00 AM
Information Session on Anti-Racism Data Legislation	4/14/2022	9:00:00 AM	4/14/2022	10:30:00 AM
Hosting Norman Fleury	4/15/2022	8:00:00 AM	4/15/2022	9:00:00 AM
Métis Sr. Leadership Program - UBC Sauder/MNBC Class	4/19/2022	5:00:00 PM	4/19/2022	8:00:00 PM
ADI Bylaws - Review and Feedback	4/20/2022	3:00:00 PM	4/20/2022	4:00:00 PM
VI Rendezvous planning	4/20/2022	6:30:00 PM	4/20/2022	7:30:00 PM
Connection and Sharing Knowledge	4/21/2022	1:30:00 PM	4/21/2022	2:30:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	4/21/2022	9:30:00 AM	4/21/2022	10:30:00 AM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	4/21/2022	10:30:00 AM	4/21/2022	12:30:00 PM
Metis/Island Health conversation continued	4/22/2022	10:00:00 AM	4/22/2022	11:00:00 AM
P & M Meeting	4/22/2022	11:00:00 AM	4/22/2022	11:30:00 AM
Electoral Act Committee	4/25/2022	5:00:00 PM	4/25/2022	6:15:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	4/26/2022	1:30:00 PM	4/26/2022	3:00:00 PM
Art of Reconciliation Partnership Meeting	4/27/2022	3:30:00 PM	4/27/2022	4:30:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting	4/28/2022	1:00:00 PM	4/28/2022	5:00:00 PM
IPS Check-in	4/29/2022	10:00:00 AM	4/29/2022	10:30:00 AM
New Saint Paul Hospital - Sheri (PHC) & Patrick (MNBC)	4/29/2022	9:00:00 AM	4/29/2022	10:00:00 AM
Nanaimo Museum	5/1/2022	1:00:00 PM	5/1/2022	3:00:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	5/2/2022	9:00:00 AM	5/2/2022	10:00:00 AM
Advisory Council Meeting #5	5/3/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/3/2022	7:00:00 PM
Walter Mineault - VP Oath Swearing in Ceremony	5/4/2022	10:00:00 AM	5/4/2022	11:00:00 AM
ADI Branding Project - Logo Review	5/5/2022	3:00:00 PM	5/5/2022	4:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	5/5/2022	9:30:00 AM	5/5/2022	10:30:00 AM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Working Group	5/5/2022	10:30:00 AM	5/5/2022	12:30:00 PM
Prep for May 26 MNERA meeting with the Province	5/5/2022	2:00:00 PM	5/5/2022	3:00:00 PM
Langford Indigenous housing	5/6/2022	11:00:00 AM	5/6/2022	1:00:00 PM
Métis Distinctions-based Language Revitalization	5/6/2022	1:00:00 PM	5/6/2022	2:00:00 PM
MIRR Jutland Melles	5/6/2022	1:00:00 PM	5/6/2022	3:00:00 PM
Relationship Strategy (federal)	5/6/2022	4:00:00 PM	5/6/2022	5:00:00 PM
Michelle Brown feast	5/7/2022	11:30:00 AM	5/7/2022	3:00:00 PM
ADI Bylaws - Review and Feedback 2	5/10/2022	9:00:00 AM	5/10/2022	10:00:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	5/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	5/10/2022	3:00:00 PM
RCG collaborative planning	5/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	5/10/2022	4:00:00 PM
Senior staff meeti g	5/10/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/11/2022	5:00:00 PM
Reaching Home Indigenous Community Advisory Board	5/12/2022	1:00:00 PM	5/12/2022	4:00:00 PM
Cabinet meeting	5/16/2022	9:00:00 AM	5/16/2022	4:00:00 PM
DPD/MNBC prep meeting for Minister Beare	5/17/2022	3:00:00 PM	5/17/2022	3:30:00 PM
MEETING: MIRR & MNBC	5/17/2022	1:30:00 PM	5/17/2022	2:30:00 PM
Prep for meeting with Minister Beare	5/17/2022	9:30:00 AM	5/17/2022	10:00:00 AM
Region 1 RGC	5/17/2022	6:00:00 PM	5/17/2022	6:30:00 PM
Debrief - Doug Caul Meeting	5/20/2022	11:00:00 AM	5/20/2022	11:30:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	5/24/2022	9:30:00 AM	5/24/2022	11:00:00 AM
Information Board meeting	5/24/2022	4:00:00 PM	5/24/2022	5:00:00 PM
Metis Rights and Self Government Committee	5/24/2022	2:00:00 PM	5/24/2022	4:00:00 PM
MNERA CHL Presentation Review	5/24/2022	11:00:00 AM	5/24/2022	12:00:00 PM
MY Parliamentary Forum - Training with Eli Mina	5/25/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/25/2022	7:00:00 PM
Hold - Save the date - MNBC-MIRR	5/26/2022	9:30:00 AM	5/26/2022	4:45:00 PM
MNBC-BC Sub-meeting: Culture, Heritage, Language	5/26/2022	3:45:00 PM	5/26/2022	4:45:00 PM
Powell River AGM (In Person)	5/28/2022	2:00:00 PM	5/28/2022	5:00:00 PM
City of Victoria reconciliation talk	5/30/2022	6:00:00 PM	5/30/2022	8:30:00 PM

Electoral Act Committee Meeting	5/30/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/30/2022	6:15:00 PM
ISLAND METIS DAYCARE DAY	5/30/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/31/2022	5:00:00 PM
MY Parliament - touch base	5/30/2022	11:00:00 AM	5/30/2022	12:00:00 PM
Culture & Heritage Working Group Meeting	5/31/2022	5:00:00 PM	5/31/2022	7:00:00 PM
Meeting with Minister Beare	5/31/2022	3:00:00 PM	5/31/2022	4:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	6/2/2022	9:30:00 AM	6/2/2022	10:30:00 AM
Ops and Digital Govt Discussion	6/2/2022	2:00:00 PM	6/2/2022	3:00:00 PM
YOUTH PARLIAMENT	6/2/2022	5:00:00 PM	6/5/2022	5:00:00 PM
Ministry of Housing - Visioning PreEvent	6/3/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/3/2022	11:00:00 AM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	6/6/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/6/2022	10:00:00 AM
Discuss draft of Health Professionals & Occupations Act	6/7/2022	5:30:00 PM	6/7/2022	6:30:00 PM
Cabinet Session with Dan George (in-person)	6/8/2022	8:30:00 AM	6/8/2022	2:00:00 PM
Legal Presentation	6/8/2022	2:30:00 PM	6/8/2022	3:30:00 PM
Community Services Meeting	6/9/2022	6:00:00 PM	6/9/2022	8:00:00 PM
Ministry of Housing Visioning (in-person)	6/9/2022	8:30:00 AM	6/9/2022	4:30:00 PM
Touch base with Patrick	6/10/2022	3:00:00 PM	6/10/2022	3:30:00 PM
Royal roads canoe protocol practice	6/12/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/12/2022	11:00:00 AM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting - June 13 - 5-6:15 PM PT	6/13/2022	5:00:00 PM	6/13/2022	6:15:00 PM
Métis Partnership Table meeting	6/13/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/13/2022	12:00:00 PM
MNBC/Island Health next steps	6/13/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/13/2022	10:00:00 AM
MNERA debrief: IGA and Exec	6/13/2022	3:00:00 PM	6/13/2022	4:00:00 PM
Métis Partnership Table / Task Team	6/13/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/13/2022	12:00:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	6/14/2022	2:00:00 PM	6/14/2022	3:30:00 PM
HPA Meeting with Patrick	6/14/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/14/2022	11:00:00 AM
MNBC Cabinet Meeting w/ MNC President Caron	6/14/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/14/2022	10:00:00 AM
MNBC Decriminalization Townhall	6/14/2022	4:00:00 PM	6/14/2022	5:30:00 PM
MNERA Culture Meeting Debrief	6/14/2022	1:00:00 PM	6/14/2022	2:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	6/16/2022	9:30:00 AM	6/16/2022	10:30:00 AM
School District Cultural Humility Guide	6/16/2022	2:45:00 PM	6/16/2022	3:30:00 PM
Culture discussion with Patrick	6/17/2022	3:30:00 PM	6/17/2022	4:30:00 PM
Task Team Meeting	6/17/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/17/2022	12:00:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting (online)	6/20/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/20/2022	4:00:00 PM
Nanaimo-Indigenous peoples day	6/21/2022	5:00:00 PM	6/21/2022	8:00:00 PM
CSF Brodeur Graduation Esquimalt Big House	6/22/2022	11:00:00 AM	6/22/2022	12:30:00 PM
FPCC Discussion	6/22/2022	9:15:00 AM	6/22/2022	9:30:00 AM
MNBC Culture, Heritage, Language Overview	6/22/2022	1:00:00 PM	6/22/2022	2:00:00 PM
MNBC I ANIAN - Introductory Discussion	6/22/2022	9:30:00 AM	6/22/2022	10:00:00 AM
MNC Language Group	6/22/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/22/2022	10:30:00 AM
Pre - Meeting for June RIRSD Meeting	6/22/2022	3:30:00 PM	6/22/2022	4:30:00 PM
Rendezvous planning	6/22/2022	6:30:00 PM	6/22/2022	8:00:00 PM
June RIRSD Debrief	6/23/2022	12:00:00 PM	6/23/2022	1:00:00 PM
MNBC RIRSD Table Meeting	6/23/2022	9:00:00 AM	6/23/2022	12:00:00 PM
Stats Can Storylines for September Census Release	6/24/2022	10:00:00 AM	6/24/2022	11:00:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	6/27/2022	4:00:00 PM	6/27/2022	5:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting (Ad Hoc)	6/29/2022	1:00:00 PM	6/29/2022	2:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	6/30/2022	9:30:00 AM	6/30/2022	10:30:00 AM
Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) - Inaugural AGM	7/4/2022	1:00:00 PM	7/4/2022	3:00:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	7/4/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/4/2022	10:00:00 AM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting - July 4 - 5-6:15 PM PT	7/4/2022	5:00:00 PM	7/4/2022	6:15:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	7/4/2022	4:00:00 PM	7/4/2022	5:30:00 PM
B.C. Intellectual Property Strategy Engagement Session	7/5/2022	1:30:00 PM	7/5/2022	3:00:00 PM
Pre-Meeting for Minister Miller Visit	7/5/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/5/2022	9:45:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	7/6/2022	5:00:00 PM	7/6/2022	6:00:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	7/6/2022	10:00:00 AM	7/6/2022	11:30:00 AM
Métis Nation Ministers - Pay Transparency Roundtable	7/6/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/6/2022	10:00:00 AM
Finance and Audit Committee	7/8/2022	10:00:00 AM	7/8/2022	11:00:00 AM
Minister Miller Visit to MNBC	7/10/2022	1:30:00 PM	7/10/2022	4:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	7/12/2022	4:00:00 PM	7/12/2022	5:00:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership meeting	7/12/2022	6:00:00 PM	7/12/2022	7:00:00 PM
MNGV x MNBC meeting (rescheduled)	7/13/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/13/2022	10:00:00 AM
Batoche	7/21/2022	12:00:00 PM	7/26/2022	12:30:00 PM
Urgent - Hlth Professions Act Draft Review	7/21/2022	11:00:00 AM	7/21/2022	12:00:00 PM
Meeting with Minister Miller	7/23/2022	10:30:00 AM	7/23/2022	11:15:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	7/25/2022	4:00:00 PM	7/25/2022	5:30:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	7/26/2022	4:00:00 PM	7/26/2022	4:30:00 PM
Pre-Meeting for July RIRSD Meeting	7/27/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/27/2022	10:00:00 AM
July RIRSD Debrief	7/28/2022	12:00:00 PM	7/28/2022	1:00:00 PM
MNBC - RIRSD Table Meeting	7/28/2022	9:00:00 AM	7/28/2022	12:00:00 PM
Call with Leader of MidIslandMetis	8/1/2022	9:00:00 AM	8/1/2022	10:00:00 AM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	8/1/2022	4:00:00 PM	8/1/2022	5:30:00 PM

REGION 2



LOWER MAINLAND

Respectfully Submitted: Louis de Jaeger, MBA



Ey Sweyel, Tansi, Bonjour and Welcome to the 2022 MNBC AGM!

It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to be with you in person. I want to first thank all the Region 2 Presidents and volunteer boards for their endless commitment to their communities and their dedication to the needs of their Citizens that live in their communities. I would like to thank my respective board colleagues for all the great work that they have done in their respective Ministries and Regions as well. These last two years have not been easy. Many communities are struggling post-COVID-19 in re-booting their programs and re-engaging with their volunteer base is challenging. It has been a year of change and challenges but I honestly feel that many of the roadblocks are no longer in our way. MNBC and our governing Provincial partners are back at the table with a voice at the MNC. The re-building of our Nation must be a respectful, inclusive, and transparent process. I look forward to contributing to that work ahead. We now have permanent and regular meetings with the BC Government through the Ministry of Recognition and Reconciliation (MIRR). I have personally met with the Minister of Indigenous Services, Mark Miller, three times this year advocating for my Ministries and supports for our Métis businesses and entrepreneurs. Here are some of the accomplishments that I am extremely proud of:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia (MFCBC) - Board Member - We have a separate table with the BC Government that meets monthly on economic issues related to the DRIPA Action Plan. Many other Métis Governing Members receive separate funding through their Capital Corporations to help Métis businesses and entrepreneurs grow their companies and to specifically target the supports that they need, i.e. financial literacy and procurement. I have been advocating for the development of this relationship for the last couple of years. MFCBC is offering specific grants helping 'Women in Business', and has completed our first loan to a 100% owned Métis entrepreneur!

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/ministries/indigenous-relations-reconciliation/declaration_act_action_plan.pdf

As you know, I have been advocating for a first-time homeowner's grant since I was elected in September of 2020. This program has been successful with all of our Regional Métis partners putting hundreds of Métis people in housing. I am hoping that a partnership can be finalized between

MNBC and MFCBC and we can start to see Métis families become homeowners right across British Columbia by years end. This program will create generational wealth across all demographics. In May 2022, the MFCBC Board Members met in Harrison Hot Springs and developed a new Strategic Plan going forward post-COVID-19. Our focus will be supports for business to pivot in a new and growing economy.

Business Advisory Committee - Committee Chair - Reorganizing MNBC's Business Directory is our current task at hand, including branding and making it easier for potential clients to contact Métis Businesses in every region of our province. One of our goals is to form our own Métis Business Association of BC with member benefits and educational opportunities for new entrepreneurs. These goals are the focus of our current talks with the Ministry of Recognition and Reconciliation. The Committee will re-convene in the fall of 2022.



Western Indigenous Pipeline Group (WIPG) - Board Member - WIPG is the only Indigenous ownership entity which will distribute equity to, and has the support of, the legal rights and title holders on the Trans Mountain pipeline route. WIPG is a wholly owned Indigenous company led by Chiefs and community leaders, which represents the 129 communities directly impacted by Trans Mountain Pipeline and Expansion (collectively, Trans Mountain) in BC and Alberta. WIPG was formed to acquire a major stake in Trans Mountain for the benefit of Indigenous communities who live along the pipeline. By purchasing Trans Mountain, Indigenous communities will ensure their environmental, community, and economic goals are met. WIPG is a local organization with real ties to the people and the lands around Trans Mountain. Trans Mountain currently generates millions of dollars in contracts to Métis Businesses. MNBC's participation with WIPG has the potential to earn \$1.2 M a year to the Economic Development of MNBC.

Presidential Economic Development Task Force Committee - Committee Chair - This newly formed special committee is in response to the urgent need to spur Métis Economic Development in BC. The objective of the Committee is to create growth, progress, and positive change for the physical, economic, environmental, social, and demographic well-being of Métis Citizens in BC through expanding local and regional economies and by increasing employment opportunities. Revenues for our Joint-Venture projects continue to increase while we continue to expand our exposure to market-share and participation in the BC economy. Talks continue with the BC Government on gaming revenue sharing while building capacity for our economic related Departments and Ministries.

GOVERNANCE:

Governance and Policy Committee - Committee Member - The committee reviewed MNBC policy manuals and Terms of References for committees. The committee updates policy to line with legislation as well.

Métis Rights and Self-Government - Committee Member - This committee has been a priority as everything hinges on our recognition and moving forward on many priority files. We have met face to face on several occasions with Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations for Canada, Mark Miller and the provincial Minister of Indigenous Recognition and Relations Murray Rankin. We meet monthly to discuss several files. The work and the progress have been excellent. This has never been done in the history of MNBC. Our team includes Cabinet members, BCMANR, our team of lawyers and staff and Elder Barb Hume. The biggest lesson for me has been that it is not just about rights, it is about recognition. Telling our story has to become a priority.

Finance and Audit - Committee Member - With the support of all of your Cabinet members, we are constantly advocating for more money going directly to communities. The committee is about oversight and making sure that your priorities are financed properly. We are committed to building in sustainability while building for our future.

Emergency Preparedness - Committee Co-Chair - Advocating for regular consistent funding for flooding and fires and developing an Emergency Preparedness framework that is funded and sustainable. We are advocating for inclusion at Regional District boards and at the MIRR Emergency Preparedness table.

COMMUNITY:

Aboriginal Health Steering Committee - MNBC Regional Representative - This is the first time that MNBC, First Nations Health Authority, Salish Health, Stó:lō Health, and Fraser Health have ever shared a table. This table is about to approve the new Terms of Reference which include our Ministry of Health. This partnership has behind it years of good relationships with Stó:lō leadership in Region 2. We have come together for the betterment of our local communities. We are negotiating for a fair and equitable seat at the table including capacity funding from Fraser Health. Our hope is that this can be a model for moving forward in better delivery of services to Métis people across all of our Regions in BC.

In Plain Sight Task Team - Task Team Member - Widespread racism has long been known by many within the health care system, including those in positions of authority, and is widely acknowledged by many who work in the system. Systemic racism requires systemic action to address it, including to address deficiencies in governance, leadership, education, policy, transparency regulation, complaints processes and accountability. The Review Recommendations stress the need for immediate, principled, and comprehensive efforts to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against Indigenous peoples. This is essential if we aspire to an accessible and effective health care system. It is also required in order to reach a state of substantive equality in health care and outcomes for Indigenous peoples that adequately address the legacy of colonialism in health care, and enable the expression and enjoyment of Indigenous human rights, consistent with the *Declaration Act*.

University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) Senate Committee on Indigenization - Métis

Representative - I have been advocating for Métis specific content, Métis Nation citizenship and Métis identity even before I was elected in this position in 2020. I am currently following the lead

by President McCallum on November 27, 2021, to come to an agreement with UFV that MNBC will assess if individuals meet the criteria for Métis citizenship when applying for Métis based opportunities at UFV.

Stó:lō Community Futures - Director - I continue on my 9th and final year at Stó:lō Community Futures. Working with this well-established Aboriginal Funding Institution (AFI) has helped me as a board director on our own AFI, the Métis Financial Corporation of BC.

2SLGTBQQIA+ Committee - Chair - This committee has already made so much progress since its formation. We have initiated an option for pronouns on MNBC letterhead and business card signatures. (i.e. he/him/his she/her/they) We participated in the 2022 Vancouver Pride Parade on July 31, and we partnered with the Fraser Valley Métis Association, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, the Canadian Institute of Health Research and MNBC to host the first 2SLGTBQQIA+ data conference called “Two Worlds, Two Spirits” in Victoria on August 19-21. The data will give us a benchmark on providing and creating services that meets the needs of our 2SLGTBQQIA+ Citizens.



REGION 2 INITIATIVES:

Restarting programming in Region 2 has been difficult. We are all pulling together to get some youth events planned. Region 2 Presidents and Vice-Presidents meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month for our Regional Governance Council meetings. We invite our Community co-ordinators, Regional Health Representative, Women's Regional Representative, BCMANR, Regional Youth Representative and often invite guests to speak with the leadership in Region 2. This frequency of communication between all of us helps us stay on top of emerging issues and we are able to share best practices between our communities. We have developed a sustainability template for programming (a sort of profit/loss sheet) to help us with being able to offer programs year after year. With the success of Children of the Fur Trade at the Surrey Museum we are looking at making this a regular Regional event. Genealogy Day events are popping up right across all of our communities and of course we couldn't do any of this without the support of our dedicated volunteers.

REGION 3



THOMPSON AND OKANAGAN

Respectfully Submitted: Dean Gladue



First of all, I would like to say welcome to our annual MNBC AGM and it most certainly has been a few challenging years to host an in-person AGM due to a global pandemic. We Métis enjoy meeting face to face, as this strengthens our Métis Nation and builds stronger ties among one another - Spiritually, Emotionally, Physically, and Mentally. Our Métis Nation throughout Canada has gone through a tremendous change and many challenges like many other Canadians throughout Canada and the world.

Our new MNBC Cabinet was sworn in October 2020 and from that very day it has been an incredible ride for our newly elected MNBC Cabinet Members and staff, including myself as the Region 3 Director. This journey I'm on is a big change from my previous career as a police officer, as I served with the RCMP for 26 years of distinguished service. As a police officer, I have learned and experienced many important leadership skills that have helped me to become a strong Métis leader for our Nation both nationally and provincially. I hope to continue leading and contributing to a better future for our entire Métis Nation.

I have served as the Minister of Employment and Skills training, Minister of Sports, and Minister of Housing and Homelessness. I was given the portfolio of Minister of Housing and Homelessness upon the departure of our former MNBC President, as she held this Ministry until May 2020. Our Cabinet recently had a portfolio shuffle, and I'm now the Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Sports, and Associate Minister of Justice. I'm very excited about this change, as I know I personally bring a lot of professional and personal experience to all three of these noted Ministries. It was a real pleasure to serve as Minister of Employment and Skills Training, as well as Minister of Housing and Homelessness. I would like to wish Minister Flamond of Region 7 and Vice-President Mineault the best of luck as they take over my former two Ministries and I know they will do an amazing job with their new portfolios.

I would like to highlight a few things that have been accomplished by both our amazing staff and Cabinet to date.

MNBC has been more successful in the last two then in previous years in regards to the advancement and success of solidifying millions of dollars for MNBC by both the Federal and Provincial Governments. This is directly related to our strong working Cabinet and the incredible staff at MNBC. Our President Lissa Smith and Acting CEO Colette Trudeau have demonstrated the importance of working together as a team and not in silos, as was with our past leadership. With

our current leadership, we will continue to see tremendous growth and success for MNBC, as we know that it “takes a whole community to raise a child.”

I’m very proud of my deep Métis roots from both sides of parents and as I continue work tirelessly for the advancement of my Métis people in BC, I will always ensure I keep in mind the sacrifices and struggles our Métis Ancestors that have endured since the Resistance of 1885 as well as my 5th Great Grandfather Cuthbert Grant and his children. Knowing this inspires me to do as much as I can, while I walk on Mother Earth. Many Canadians do not know our history with Canada and it is vital, that we as the Métis Nation continue to share all our stories. I was born as a “roadside allowance Métis”, and son of a Residential School Survivor, I truly and fully understand the tribulations and pain of our past. We must never forget the past, but we as Métis must embrace our future with confidence and pride as well.

As my Mooshum, Louis Gladue, would say to me as a child growing up in Northeastern BC, “Ustum napese (come here my boy); Never forget who you are and where you come from, always be proud of who are”. I never truly understood these important words until later in my life and I now have my Mooshum’s words engrained into my heart and soul.

I had the privilege to attend the 50th Annual Back to Batoche Days and this was truly an amazing experience and I would strongly recommend all Métis Citizens no matter their age, to attend this annual event that celebrates our true Métis culture and heritage.

As you know, we also had the Pope visit to our country from July 24-30, 2022. Witnessing this historic event is just another step in our healing journey as Métis people. I was disappointed in the Pope’s apology, but having personally witnessing this event in person, has helped me to move forward in my personal healing journey. We have a long way to go and as a Métis leader, I will continue stand proud and stand up for my Nation.

I leave you with this recommendation if you would like to learn more about who we are. Please read the book that was written by Métis author, Jean Teillet; “The Northwest is our Mother”. There is also a video you can find on YouTube. Type in, “Moccassin Flats 1972 Eagleeye pictures”. This is documentary of my family and tells the story of being a road allowance Métis. My Métis parents continue to reside in this housing project since 1972.

Long live the Métis and proud to be Métis!



REGION 4



KOOTENAY

Respectfully Submitted: Debra Fisher

Appointed:

Provincial Task Force Team *In Plain Sight* (Racism in Health)

Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Children and Families Services Board of Directors

Committees:

Métis Nation Human Resources (HR)

Emergency Preparedness

Social Policy and Equity (SPEC)

Youth Engagement

Tables:

Interior Health Leadership Table (MILT)

Métis Partnership Table

This past quarter has been the busiest thus far and by far the most rewarding because we have a clear mandate from Citizens and going strong in that direction. As Regional Director every meeting I attend is advocating to the best of my ability and with passion for my Region and Nation. We are at the table with provincial and federal ministers advocating for our Métis rights and that starts with our children whether it is about Children and Families, Education, Housing, or Health etc. Every discussion begins with putting a Métis child in the center of the room and striving to meet the needs of that child. By meeting the needs of that child, we meet the needs of the family and that creates stronger families. With stronger families we have stronger communities and a stronger Nation. Nation building is not easy, especially after 137 years of historical systemic financial racism and dirty politics. Breaking down barriers is a long and hard process especially when you are an Indigenous government, but I continue to be up for the task. Why? Because our children and grandchildren are worth it! Every child matters and it is Métis time!

We have not been able to gather and do culture activities for over two years and this has created gaps, stalled some relationship building for sure. Even my Regional Governance Council in person and virtual meetings have taken a hit, getting people together has been like herding cats... everyone is so busy with life, family, and community. Unsettling Métis political interference has happened however, we hear from you Citizens to stay the course and we will continue to do so. I appreciate the support, please keep it coming. I am faithful to MNBC more than ever. We must



have democracy in our government, not self-appointed dictatorship with no accountability. The truth will always rise to the top... it just takes more time than what we want sometimes.

COVID-19 and its legacy has affected families, communities, and even our Nation in so many ways and yet shown the best that we can be as Métis people. We have a huge Canadian crisis due to opioids, mental illness, and homelessness and it effects each of our hard-working presidents and boards daily. They have taken the brunt of this, and I am so grateful that we have so many strong, dedicated, and hardworking presidents and boards. I dream of the day we will have capacity dollars so our boards can be boards and our Chartered Communities will have offices and staff to do the heavy lifting. Dreams can and do come true! Hopefully we are in recovery mode, rebuilding and a sense of normalcy will return. We all deserve this peace of mind after this world crisis.

My two Ministries have been more successful than ever in the history of MNBC! I am truly excited about what we have accomplished in such a short time. I am a firm believer that it is the front-line workers who have the expertise and wisdom and together we dream big and continue to work to bring historical changes to MNBC. We love hearing from our families and those successes! I am eternally grateful and humbled to work alongside Colleen Hodgson, Senior Director of Children and Families, Sharlene Wedel, Senior Director of Education, and their incredible team that work so hard for our Nation. Colleen and Sharlene have incredible reports on what our two ministries have been working on please read them and take the time to read **all** our Senior Director's reports.

We have the most dedicated, professional, and committed staff at MNBC, and it just keeps getting stronger. I am so proud to work with all the staff at MNBC because they are professionals to the core. They have my upmost respect as they constantly go above and beyond to make our Nation greater. Thank you staff at MNBC!



REGION 5



NORTH CENTRAL

Respectfully Submitted: Raynie Gervais



Tansi, bonjour, hello everyone. Here are some of my highlights and activities from March to August in my role of Region 5 Director, leading up to our AGM from the five Committees I sit on and the two Ministries I represent. I hope you're having a great year so far and another exciting one for MNBC.

- Governance and Policy Committee
- Awards and Recognition Committee
- Business Advisory Committee
- Youth Committee
- Environment Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Elders
- Associate Minister of Culture, Heritage, and Language

March 4-6/2022: Attended our yearly MNGA for our Community Presidents of MNBC. The MNGA turned out to be a great success. Many thanks to the Regional Presidents for attending and to our awesome MNBC staff for their hard work to make this happen.

March 7/2022: Attended a Business Advisory Committee meeting.

March 16/2022: Attended an Awards and Recognition Committee meeting.

March 17/2022: Attended a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

March 24-25/2022: Attended a face-to-face meeting with the full Cabinet in Richmond.

March 29/2022: Attended the approval of our 2022-2023 MNBC final operating budget meeting with the full Cabinet.

April 7/2022: Attended a virtual MNBC supportive care assessment interview hosted by the firelight group in the development and supportive care of programs and services for the Métis Elders.

April 11/2022: Attended one of the first of many meetings to follow with acting Director Gaby Campbell of the Ministry of Elders.

April 20/2022: Attended first of many weekly check-in meetings with our acting CEO Colette Trudeau and the Cabinet.

April 26/2022: Business Advisory Committee Meeting

May 4/2022: Attended a virtual swearing in of the oath of our new Vice-President Walter Mineault.

May 16/2022: Attended a virtual Cabinet meeting.

May 18/2022: Attended a healing circle with two distinguished Elders of MNBC and the full MNBC Cabinet. It was a good experience for all and a good way of moving forward.

May 24/2022: Attended a virtual MNBC Northern Health Leadership meeting with Cabinet and health representatives.

June 3/2022: Attend a virtual Housing Strategy Vision session with our senior Housing staff of MNBC.

June 6-7/2022: Attended a Supportive Care Assessment Forum in Kelowna. I was part of the opening remarks along with our MNBC health team and many Métis Elders that attended from across the province. This gathering of elders was the first in a long time and covered many topics regarding supportive care for seniors and day to day health concerns for our Elders.

June 8-9 /2022: Attended a face-to-face meeting with Cabinet and Dan George as guest speaker and another day of meetings with our Housing senior staff in discussions regarding our vision moving forward with housing and homelessness.

June 22/2022: Attended the first of monthly gatherings of our elders with special guests Gaby Campbell and Katina Pollard, from our senior Elders and Northern Health staff.

June 14/2022: Attended a virtual meeting with Cabinet and our MNC President Cassidy Caron.

June 30/2022: Attended a virtual meeting regarding our new Amelia Douglas Institute with the full Cabinet.

July 2/2022: Attended Williams Lake Stampede downtown food fair and celebration with MNBC Vice-President Walter Mineault and the host Chartered Community, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Society as part of the festivities. A great time for all. Awesome food and entertainment as well.

July 21-24/2022: Attended the annual Back to Batoche Days with Cabinet. We celebrated BC day with our own entertainment on the 21st and later celebrated with the other provinces for the remainder of the four-day cultural event. It was a pleasure to be able to meet on the 23rd with Marc Miller – Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and members of Cabinet in our BC pavilion booth.

August 15/2022: Attended a face-to-face meeting with Cabinet in Surrey. It was a full agenda that lasted one full day. It was also a treat to meet with Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

This concludes my highlights and activities as Region 5 Director for now. I hope you all enjoy your attendance at our upcoming AGM and hope to see you all again.

Sincerely, in the spirit of learning and governance.

REGION 6



NORTHWEST

Respectfully Submitted: Susie Hooper

Hello from the Northwest Region!

I hope everyone has enjoyed summer, as the nights are starting to cool off nicely (at least here in Region 6) the smell of fall is in the air. So far, our Region has not been affected too much by fires, or smokey skies. We have had amazing thunder and lightning storms with lots of rain to follow.

It has been a busy seven months since I last reported. Our communities are just coming out of 2 ½ years of COVID-19 and are having some struggles getting reconnected and being comfortable with in-person gatherings. We held an in-person Regional Governance Council in Terrace mid-February, where we were able to check out the property that was purchased near the Terrace Hospital. We also got to see where the New STEPS/Regional office will be moving later this fall. Prince Rupert & District, Northwest Métis and Tri River, all three communities joined together and put together Carving Workshops with Gayton Nabess. Gayton is an amazing Métis Artist who lives in Terrace with great carving skills. We have held two in-person workshops so far with a few more happening this fall. Laura Chan our Regional Women's representative and family moved out of the Region which left a vacancy. Trish Paulson (Seal) stepped up and was acclaimed in the last by-election. Thanks Trish and we are happy to have you aboard. We have also had Jayden Rogers step up and has been appointed our Regional Youth rep, welcome Jayden. Our Senator Sandra Colon will be stepping down soon, so we are on the search for someone to fill the Senate position. Reach out to me if you may be interested or know of someone who may be interested.



Tri River community hosted four in-person BBQ'S and gathering, Smithers, Burns Lake, Hazelton and Houston. As they have many Citizens spread out in a large geographical area, their board wanted to bring the events to them. The elders in each community were gifted with either a flower or tomato basket and bison burgers with Bannock was served at all four events. Hats off to Bonnie, Marilyn, and Arlene, (sorry if I missed anyone) who did all the heavy lifting for these very successful. Tri Rivers AGM will be held October 2 in Houston this year. I would like to give Bonnie Merlo a big thank you for holding the community together and doing so much work for the community this past year. You are leaving big shoes to fill.

Northwest Métis community will be holding their AGM September 10 at the Happy Gang Centre. Hope to see lots of folks out. It's been quite a while since there has been an in-person AGM in Terrace. A big thank you to Darcie for organizing the Elders supper, I know they all enjoyed it. I came up to Terrace in July and we had a meeting at the Training office where the staff gave us updates on all the great things happening through the STEPS programs.

Prince Rupert will be holding their AGM in October. I was unable to make it to help with SEAFEST in June. The community sold many Bison burgers and had a float in the parade with Andy Goulet and group getting the crowds going with many great Métis fiddle tunes. They also sold bison burgers at Indigenous Day on June 21. Joy does a great job in ensuring our Citizens in Haida Gwaii stay connected with her community. Hats off to Joy and her small but mighty team for all they do.

I have had a change in portfolios recently. I am so lucky to continue with Environmental Protection along with Citizenship and Community Services. It is a very busy time for all of us. My new portfolios are a bit of a learning curve for me but with the great staff I get to work with I have a greater understanding of all the work that continues to happen. We are now working Cabinet of 11, with Walter Mineault coming aboard as our Vice-President. Cabinet continues to work well together. I have and will continue to work with Region 6 Citizens and with their direction be their voice on the board. I continue to strive for transparency and better communication. There is so much good work that is happening. It is a very exciting time for the Métis in BC.

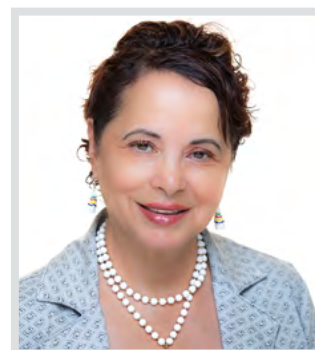


REGION 7



NORTHEAST

Respectfully Submitted: Paulette Flamond



February was filled with many meetings from housing to food security. On February 7 I was able to present on food security to a Climate Action forum that was hosted by MNBC. Food security is a passion of mine and, with the high cost of living in the North, it is vital for MNBC to continue programs to help our Citizens across BC to plant seeds and to learn more about issues surrounding access to healthy foods. We are working on a plan to get a community garden at the Passive House in Fort St. John for the Spring/Summer months. Stay tuned!

This month was also the start of our leadership training at the Sauder School of Business, this is training for both staff and leadership from within MNBC. I look forward to this training and the project that we are working on with our senior leadership at MNBC.

Housing has been another focus this month at MNBC. We are planning on having a two-day housing planning workshop on March 24-25 in Richmond, BC to plan strategies. Housing projects will eventually be built across BC. Land has been purchased in many areas across BC and I look forward to the creation of a Housing Plan and the development of these properties.

Work has continued this month to assist Kelly Lake and its MNBC Citizens. We are in the beginning phases of this new community and have more work to do to ensure its success. I have also been working on the establishment of a new Charter Community in Fort Nelson with our Community Services Ministry. Again, there is much work to be done but I see this as very important work for our approximately 92 Citizens who live in that Region.

Leadership training at the Sauder School of Business was the primary focus in March. Effective leadership skills were studied, and I really enjoyed the cultural



content that opened our class. This month I also held an RGC on the 22nd of the month. Lots of news to catch up from the communities and unfortunately because of COVID-19 meetings are still being held virtually.

During April, our leadership training at the Sauder School of Business continued, this is training for both staff and leadership from within MNBC. We have also started Cabinet check-in meetings on Mondays as well as CEO updates on Friday. These meetings are vital for Cabinet to catch up on all the activities at MNBC. The meetings are also extremely helpful in understanding the workflow at MNBC; the Acting CEO does a great job of keeping us informed. I also attended a Cabinet meeting on April 28 and travelled to Dawson Creek for its AGM on April 23. Unfortunately, there wasn't a big turnout, so NEMA is arranging another meeting in May.

Work continues on the Business Advisory Committee, where topics like procurement are underway. We are creating ideas on how our Métis businesses can be more involved in government and industry work. I look forward to the upcoming meetings on agriculture and tourism. I attended two virtual Métis Financial Corporation meetings in April and our Métis entrepreneurs across BC continue to be supported.

Work has continued in April to assist MNBC Citizens with requests for support, these supports are mainly health related and I look forward to helping to navigate services for our Seniors and other members. I also attended a tri-ministry meeting in Surrey on April 20-21. This meeting was a strategic plan meeting with the ministries of Health, Elders, and Mental Health and Addictions Ministries. It was a great opportunity to meet in person for the first time with our staff from these three ministries. I enjoyed the discussions and the opportunity to participate. I continue my weekly meetings with our Health Director on Tuesdays.

May is going to be a busy month with many meetings scheduled, I look forward to Spring in the North as I look out of my window May 1, the land is still covered in snow. Happy Spring, everyone and remember to plant some seeds.

May was a memorable month for me. I was appointed the Minister of STEPS (Skills Training Employment and Post-Secondary). I am extremely honored to be in this Ministry, as I have spent my entire career in employment/entrepreneurial training, coaching, and negotiating funding for programming.

I started my career many years ago in Edmonton working for the John Howard Society in a program where I assisted federal offenders back into the job



market by teaching basic job readiness training and life skills. This position opened the doors to my lifelong career of helping others achieve their goals. Prior to being elected to our government, I spent 20 years working for an organization in Fort St. John that assists Indigenous clients in starting and expanding businesses, I did countless coaching, in fact just today I met with a young Métis woman who wants to start her own catering company. I still love helping others and my passion as a Servant-Leader will be ongoing. The move to the STEPS Ministry aligns with my lifelong pursuit of learning and living my life with PASSION. Thank you to both Lissa Smith and Walter Mineault for seeing my worth and ability with this new role portfolio.

I hosted an RGC on May 17th and I'm pleased to announce that for the first time I had representation from all the communities in the Northeast. This was such an amazing meeting where several topics were discussed. We are planning our next meeting in-person and it will be hosted by Brenda House from our Dawson Creek local. (NEMA).

Cabinet has implemented Monday afternoon meetings for Cabinet to catch up on all the activity happening at MNBC. These informal meetings are loaded with information about the work that each Minister is doing in their roles, it a great forum for discussing issues in a supported way.

Thanks to go Debra Fisher for suggesting this as part of our leadership.

At the end of the month, I travelled to Harrison for a two-day strategic planning session with the Métis Financial Corporation. It was a powerful two days where we aligned our strategic mission to better serve Métis entrepreneurs in BC. A new staff person has joined the team to take the lead on a new Women's Entrepreneurial Program. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and with Walter being elected to Vice President of MNBC, we are looking for a new Board Member to fill his role on the financial corporation. On my drive I stopped by the Métis House in Chilliwack, and I was amazed at this Community Centre. I'm thinking we need a Métis House in every community to better serve our Citizens. I love to DREAM big!

A big part of my role is to help our Citizens in the Northeast navigate programs and services and this month I had more calls than usual. I am always available for a discussion with Citizens to assist in any way I can.

From June 8-10 the Cabinet hosted a retreat at its Surrey office. Topics included First Nation Relationship Building, Housing and a Legal Presentation. It was an invigorating meeting with lots of solutions and discussions.

On June 13, MNBC hosted a community gathering in Fort St. John. 25 people attended the event where they were able to voice their opinions on housing and childcare. Staff from both the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness and Ministry of Children and



Families were there to talk about upcoming programs and to answer questions from Citizens. I travelled with staff from Housing to Hudson Hope to visit with River of the Peace Métis Society and to look at land for a potential housing development. We also met with Mayor Ackerman from Fort St. John to give her an update on the Métis House in Fort St John and to update her on the development of the land that MNBC owns in the city of Fort St. John.

I also celebrated Aboriginal Day on June 21, with hundreds of people on the site of a future Urban Reserve in Fort St John.

July highlights were attending Batoche. Prior to the long drive back to my homeland of Saskatchewan I came down with COVID-19 and was unable to accomplish much in the first two weeks of July.

I was very concerned that I would not be able to attend the 50th year celebration. I rested and took great care of myself using our traditional medicines as well as western medicine. I was happy when the day prior to leaving I tested negative. Batoche is one of my favorite events to attend. The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan does an amazing job of welcoming people. When I arrived at our campsite, they had left a ration box of camp food. It was a pleasure making fried bannock on the open fire. The entertainment was top notch and the people that I met along the way were wonderful. My energy levels were still very low, but I was able to fall asleep each night listening to the entertainment from the main stage. It was a long drive back home but I'm so pleased that I was able to attend this memorable event.

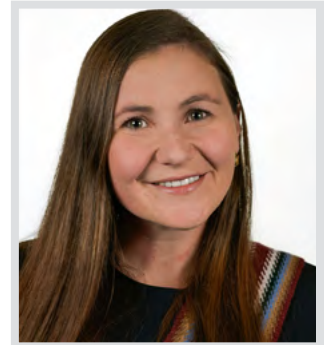
Another highlight this month was the Amelia Douglas Institute Inaugural meeting. I am excited about all the cultural programs that this institute will eventually host. As evident in Batoche our Métis history, culture, language, and music is a way to bring our people together to learn and share.

Other highlights in July were learning more about my new ministry and establishing a work relationship with our acting Director-Katie Trace. The STEPS Ministry is doing great work in helping our Métis Citizens in BC to get educated and to find employment.



PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S CHAIR REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Kate Elliott



Ministry Mandate:

MNBC's Ministry of Women and Gender Equity uses an intersectional approach to elevate Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ by creating resources, programing and services that promote wellness, security, and safety. The Ministry identifies legal imperatives and inequities and holds space for truth telling. The Ministry creates opportunities for Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ to connect and build relationship with culture. The Ministry works along side and provides support to the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC).

MWBC Regional Representatives:

Region 1- Fleurette Borsboom

Home Community: Alberni Clayoquot Métis Community

Region 2- Carmen Carriere

Home Community: Delta

Region 3- Cheryl Dodman

Home Community: Kelowna Métis Association

Region 4- Jana Schulz

Home Community: Rocky Mountain Métis

Region 5- Laurie Todd

Home Community: Prince George Métis Community Association

Region 6- Trish Paulson

Home Community: Northwest Bc Métis Association

Region 7- Carol Paynter

Home Community: Fort St. John Métis Society

Chairperson- Kate Elliott

Home Community: Métis Nation Of Greater Victoria



2021 - 2022 Ministry Highlights:

Métis Women British Columbia - Governance and Leadership Annual Women's Gathering

MOWGE successfully delivered the first Annual Métis Women's Gathering for the MWBC Provincial Governance Council on March 11, 2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the gathering was held virtually with 26 Regional and Community Women's Representatives in attendance.

The theme of the gathering was Governance and Leadership. Elder Stella opened and closed the event in a good way, and keynote speaker MNC President Cassidy Caron shared her journey as a Métis woman to governance and leadership. Jana Schulz, MMIWG2S+ Family and Survivor, and Region 4 Women's Representative provided a high-level overview of the MMIWG2S+ 231 Calls for Justice. The Regional and Community Women's Representatives were able to enhance connection and strengthen leadership, while reviewing the MWBC Strategic Plan.

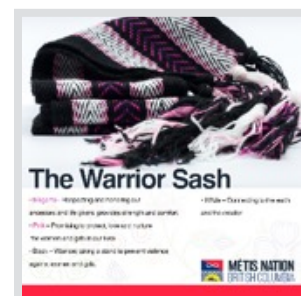
2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee

July 2022 marked the one-year anniversary of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee. Through their guidance and labour, MNBC was able to increase 2SLGBTQQIA+ awareness campaigns and begin work to create spaces of belonging and supports which have been long overdue. MNBC celebrated 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people and allies with a float in Vancouver's 44th Annual Pride Parade. MNBC was also in collaboration with Métis Nation Greater Victoria, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, and Fraser Valley Métis Association for the Two Worlds, Two Spirits Gathering in BC.



Sashing Our Warriors Campaign

MOWGE, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, expanded the Sashing our Warriors campaign. The expansion provided small community seed funding to host Sashing Our Warrior Events, along with a 125 Sashing Our Warriors cards for each of the 39 Chartered Communities and community dialogue kits to support event facilitation. MOWGE was recently awarded the Canadian Women's Foundation – Shockproofing Communities grant to support the continued delivery of the Sashing Our Warriors Project and support community connections with regional and community supports and services for people who are at risk of violence.



Communications and Awareness

MOWGE has successfully collaborated with several MNBC Ministries to bring awareness to International Women's Day, Transgender Day of Visibility, International Day Against Victim Blaming, Lesbian Visibility Day, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Pansexual Visibility



Day, Pride Month, and International Non-Binary People's Day.

MWBC and MNBC committed to bringing awareness to the epidemic of MMIWG2S+, which included May 5th [Red Dress Awareness Day](#) and June 3rd National Action Plan One Year Anniversary and highlighted [231 Calls for Justice](#) from the [National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+](#) report. Finally, as a MNBC wide commitment to the 231 Calls for Justice, staff participated in a Red Dress Day presentation.

Comfort Kits

MOWGE received funding from Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak and successfully distributed 494 comfort kits to 39 Chartered Communities. Contents of the kits included: shampoo and conditioner; soap, deodorant, pads, toothbrush and toothpaste, mending kit, laundry strips, hand sanitizer, tissues, chapstick, nail clippers, comb, notebook, banner pen, MWBC flashlight/whistle combo, pocket first aid kit, and a Sashing Our Warriors lapel kit.

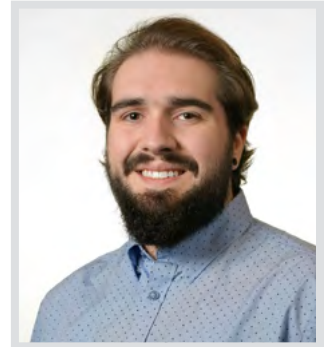


Please look for the MWBC banner pens in your region. These great pens roll out to display the Métis Women BC Logo on one side, and on the other side, contact information for the 24-Hour Métis Crisis Line, Métis Elder Line, Métis Nation BC Website, Métis Nation BC Toll-Free, and VictimLink BC.



PROVINCIAL YOUTH CHAIR REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Shaughn Davoren



Hello everyone, I'm so happy to be together in person after so long!

I am really looking forward to getting back into the normal swing of things with in-person events happening more frequently. I know it has been a long time since we were all able to meet in person, but I think that it is a testament to the strength of our people that we are all still here. Some of the great things that the previous MYBC committee was able to do was putting on a MYBC leadership conference which was the first in person event that MYBC did in two years due to COVID-19, and we also were able to do the first annual MY Parliamentary Forum. I am really so proud of the last MYBC committee, they really rose to the occasion and stuck it out through some really difficult time and while not getting to meet in person. I want to personally thank Taylor Devine, Matthew Lindsay, Jamie-Lee Keith, Drew Nagao, Sam Goulet, stepping up and doing all they could to keep youth engaged throughout the pandemic.

Our biggest success and something that we were really proud of was the first annual MY Parliamentary Forum. The MY Parliamentary Forum was an amazing opportunity to bring youth together from not only across our province but across Turtle Island as well. MYBC has really been working on building national connections with the other provincial bodies in Canada. I am very proud to say that we were able to have full representation from all provinces at the event and there were many new relationships made. The event took place over an initial virtual call where we learned about parliaments customs and began to familiarize ourselves with Roberts Rules and then in the Legislature in Victoria and youth were able to bring up resolutions that they wrote and have them debated, amended (and those amendments amended in some cases), and voted on by youth from across Canada. The next MY Parliamentary Forum is currently planned to be held by MNO and they will be extending invitations to us as soon as they are able to!



Looking forward I am excited to meet with the new MYBC committee this weekend and learn what their priorities are and what events they are interested in as well as just meet them. I truly believe that youth are capable of anything they set their mind to and want to know where they have their minds set!

There are currently vacancies in Region 4 and Region 7 so if you are from those regions and are interested in getting involved with MYBC or know someone who is interested please reach out to me and I love to have a conversation with you!



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Colette Trudeau



I am honoured to welcome everyone to MNBC's first in-person AGM since 2019. The AGM is an important part of our governance structure, which ensures the voices of our Métis Citizens are heard. Further, this gathering acts as a pathway to reconnect through our kinship ties. We will use our time together to celebrate our culture, reconnect with one another, and continue to build our Nation in unity.

I am incredibly humbled to be the MNBC CEO. I have grown personally, professionally, and culturally as a direct result of my time with the Nation. I am proud of the work of our Cabinet, countless volunteers, staff, and Chartered Communities, and consistently seek out opportunities to increase capacity and awareness. We have shifted our focus to relationship building locally, provincially, and federally. This is critical as we ensure the voices of Métis people in the province are represented and heard.

Our ongoing work has focused on the sustainability of MNBC. We have dedicated our efforts to the creation of key strategies, including updating MNBC's Strategic Plan, developing a First Nations relationship strategy, and cementing key partnerships. We know we have a long way to go and will continue to seek pathways to ensure the direction of MNBC is guided by the voices of our Citizens.

We have seen great strides in the work we have been doing with the BC Government through the signing of a new Letter of Intent, which replaces the Métis Nation Relationship Accord II. This renewed commitment has resulted in tangible outcomes, including capacity funding and regular meetings to advance mutual priorities.

MNBC has also seen some great improvement in our relationship at the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination (RIRSD) negotiating table. We have seen progress through funding to support research and continued capacity to negotiate our Citizen mandated self-governing agreement. Through strategic action, we are working hard to ensure the recognition of our Section 35 rights in BC.

While you review the reports from our various Ministries, you will see the incredible work that has been accomplished by our diverse staff team. I am so proud of the work that has been done, the culture we are building, and the care our staff provide with each interaction. We have grown to a team of over 180 dedicated staff. Further, we have added key leadership positions that will support our strategic direction as we continue to Nation build.

We are on a positive and progressive path at MNBC. Your attendance and participation this weekend will continue to guide our collective work. I wish all AGM delegates a wonderful weekend.

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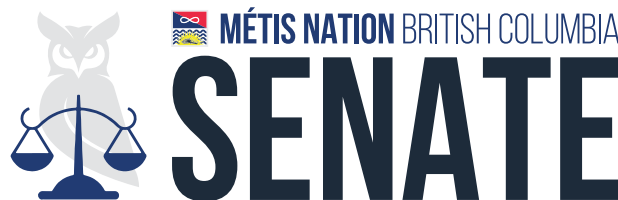
SENATE REPORT



It is with pleasure that the Senate provides this report on its activities.

Responsibilities:

- The MNBC *Constitution* states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the *Senate Act*.
- The *Senate Act* mandates the Senate to act as the judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution*.
- The Senate *Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices* ensure that Senator/ Elders are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, procedures, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system; and legislative requirements.



Senate priorities include:

- Education of Métis Citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;
- Update and refine the *Senate Act* as well as related *Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices*;
- Define the powers and authorities of Senate as judicial arm of the Métis Nation; and
- Pursue establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis.

Aside from their judicial roles, the Senators, as elders and statespersons, contribute in a number of significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation some examples of which include:

- Attendance at numerous community AGM's
- Focussing attention and awareness with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at indigenous women, children and families.
- Blanketing and Métis cultural education events in school districts.
- Participation in various Orange Shirt and Remembrance Day events.
- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver education and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Participation in Louis Riel Day events and flag raising ceremonies.

- Attendance at Regional Governance Council meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers, and use the opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate.
- Continue important role as Elder in Residence at Justice Institute of BC for delivery of Métis cultural training to law enforcement, fire, and other first responder trainees.
- Interact with First Nations elders to develop respectful relationships and attend aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with view to development of a similar model for the Métis.
- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis Citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk.

Senate Judicial Role:

During the past year the Senate has accepted a number of appeals. More recently the Senate heard two significant appeals. All Senate decisions may be found at the following link: <https://www.mnbc.ca/about/senate/>

Your Métis Senators are available and eagerly look forward to hearing from all Métis Citizens whether it be for elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, feedback and advice related to MNBC legislation.

- Region 1 – Senate Chairman - Senator Alan Edkins – Joined Senate in 2005
 - Contact: 250 710-9757
- Region 2 – Senator Phillip Gladue - Joined Senate in 2006
 - Contact: 778 828-8640
- Region 3 – Senator John Sayers - Joined Senate in 2018
 - Contact: 250 485-7806
- Region 4 – Senate Secretary Senator Elizabeth Hoogendoorn – Joined Senate in 2009
 - Contact: 250 344-1216
- Region 5 – Senator Arnold Lucier – Joined Senate in 2017
 - Contact: 778 349-1094
- Region 6 – Senator Sandra Conlon – Joined Senate in 2018
 - Contact: 250 615-2241
- Region 7 – Administrative Senator Gerald Pope – Joined Senate in 2008
 - Contact: 250 262-6565

This past year, a number of individuals have contacted the Senate Clerk or surfaced through file reviews who were seeking information about Métis Citizenship, their genealogy and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review of their particulars and consultation between the Registry and follow-up reference checks with the St. Boniface Historical

Society it was determined that all of these individuals had been treated fairly by the MNBC Registry. This exercise did, however, serve as an opportunity for the Senate Clerk to educate these individuals, and point them in the right genealogical direction.

Senate Clerk Responsibilities:

The Senate Clerk is charged with the performance of various clerical duties involved in processing requests for Senate documents and preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the *MNBC Senate Act* and the *Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices*. Further, the Senate Clerk provides expert advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policies, and procedures, and works with the Administrative Senator/Elder in negotiations, on behalf of the Senate, with federal and government partners.

The Senate Clerk may be contacted as follows:

- E-mail: senateclerk@mNBC.ca
- Cellular: 250 488-1509

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Senate by Senate Clerk Bill Bresser.



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MINISTRY REPORTS



MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Debra Fisher

Senior Director – Colleen Hodgson

The Ministry of Children and Families continues to transform to meet the needs of Métis families better. The vision for the Ministry is based on the traditional Métis social structure practiced by Métis society, where the children and Elders are at the centre of the circle. The turtle structure below is a symbol of the Métis social structure. Métis artist Leah Dorion created this image for the Ministry. As we continue our transformation, our children and our Elders will be at the centre.

The new operational framework created in early 2022 has enabled the Ministry to develop programs and services while making significant advances in policy and legislation nationally and provincially.



Policy and Legislation

Jurisdiction on Métis Children and Family Services

MNBC continues to pursue jurisdiction as the Indigenous Governing Body (IGB) in relation to child and family services and affirm our inherent right as a Métis government. The Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth, and families (the Act) came into force on January 1, 2020. Here is a timeline of events since that date.

- February 14, 2020 - MNBC provides Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) with notice of its intention to exercise jurisdiction in relation to child and family services for Métis children, youth, and families as the IGB in BC.
**An IGB is defined as a council, government, or other entity that is authorized to act on behalf of an Indigenous group, community, or people that holds rights recognized and affirmed by S.35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. This authority is given to MNBC as part of the Citizenship process.*
- March 23, 2022 – The Ministry submitted a funding request and a comprehensive plan to ISC

to support the development of a child and family services model that reflects the Métis values and traditions under the Act.

- May 9, 2022 – MNBC received a response from ISC indicating that “...there is currently insufficient evidence to demonstrate it has been authorized by any communities that hold rights recognized and affirmed by S.35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982.”
- May 24, 2022 – MNBC sends ISC a letter stating that MNBC is a signatory of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord dated April 13, 2017, which recognizes that:
“The Governing Members, through their registries and democratically elected governance structures at the local, regional, and provincial levels, are mandated and authorized to represent the Citizens who comprise the Métis Nation, including dealing with collectively held Métis rights, interests, and outstanding claims against the Crown.”
- July 28, 2022 – With no response forthcoming from ISC, MNBC submits a request to the Federal Court seeking a Judicial Review of ISC’s decision.

Métis National Council and the Ministry of Children and Families

Renewed leadership at MNC has provided the support that children and families have needed for some time. These supports include:

- A new National Senior Director of Children and Families (Marcel St. Onge);
- A National Working Group (MNO/MNS/MNA/MNBC); and
- A draft strategic plan for children and families.

Governing members are sharing resources and information at regular in-person and virtual meetings. This is the first time there has been this level of collaboration and sharing, and our children and families will benefit directly from these efforts.

Programs and Services

MNBC has implemented the Citizenship Based Funding Initiative. To be eligible to apply for MNBC programs and services, you must be either a Citizen or have an active application with the registry. It is often challenging for families to complete the application process, and the Ministry recognizes that children and youth in the child welfare system face many obstacles.

The Ministry has hired a “Métis Kinship Connections Coordinator” to work with children and youth in the child welfare system that are being cared for by:

- Guardians;
- Social workers;
- Foster parents;
- Grandparents;
- Métis Chartered Communities; and
- Children and Family Agencies (Métis, First Nations, and non-Indigenous)

The Métis Kinship Connections Coordinator is a Métis Citizen and registered social worker that

has worked with Métis Chartered Communities on Citizenship. The Métis Kinship Connections Program will create a network of support for Métis children and youth in the child welfare system.

Métis Children and Families Service Providers

The Métis Children and Family Service providers are part of the Métis community and have provided programs and services to Métis families for many years. Supporting and building a strong relationship with them will benefit our Métis families. Some of these supports include:

- Coordinating funding from MNBC Ministries;
- Developing materials and resources;
- Advocating with the provincial Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and ISC on Indigenous children, youth, and families policy and legislation;
- Supporting them in recruiting staff and providing direct support from Ministry staff;
- Including them in all MNBC communications; and
- Collaborating on engagement with Chartered Communities and families (Métis Family Gatherings and Métis Kitchen Parties)

The Métis children and families agencies are:

- Island Métis Family and Community Services Society (Victoria) <https://Métis.ca>
- Métis Family Services (Surrey) <https://www.Métisfamilyservices.ca>
- Métis Community Services Society of BC (Kelowna) <https://mcsbc.org>
- Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (Kamloops) <https://lmofcs.ca>
- Niwîkôwin Métis Family Services (Prince George) <https://niwikowin.ca>
- Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association (Williams Lake) cariboochilcotincc@mnbc.ca
- North Cariboo Métis Association (Quesnel) northcariboocc@mnbc.ca

Supporting these service providers and establishing others across the province is a priority for MNBC. Creating a network of community-based programs and services for Métis families is part of our Métis family structure.

Ministry of Children and Families Team

The Ministry's transformation includes building capacity and hiring staff to directly support Métis children and families and create a family services system for all Métis children, youth and families. These people are foundational to the family structure represented in the turtle image.

Anna Sallah - Anna is the Social Policy Analyst for children and families. She is critical in advancing all policy initiatives with the federal and provincial governments.

Autumn Moreno-Jimenez - Autumn is a Métis Citizen and the Métis Family Support Specialist. She works with families needing services and programs, and families can contact her directly at 778-229-8226 or amorenोजimenez@mnbc.ca.

Corrine Thunderchild - Corrine (Cori) is a Métis Citizen and the Family Programs Manager. Cori is working with many of the MNBC Ministries and developing programs and service delivery models that everyone is a part of, creating “a one-stop shop” for Métis families.

Carly Hale - Carly is a Métis Citizen and the new Métis Kinship Connections Coordinator. She has worked with many Chartered Communities and families and is creating the Métis Kinship Connections Program, which includes building a Métis foster family system.

Bernadette Borres - Bernadette is the Administrative Assistant for the Ministry of Children and Families and supports the Ministry team, the Métis children and family service providers and our Métis families daily.

Transforming the Ministry to one that supports all Métis children, youth and families is a shared vision. Minister Debra Fisher and Senior Director Colleen Hodgson encourage Métis families to connect. The Michif word Kaa-wiichihik (ka-wee-chi-hik) means “we take care of them.” Caring for our families is a shared responsibility.

Contact the Ministry of Children and Families directly at childrenandfamilies@mnbc.ca.



MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Susie Hooper

Acting Registrar and Senior Director – Colleen Hodgson

The Ministry has been very busy with over 3,900 new applications being processed year over year, (June 2021 to June 2022 inclusive). This number continues to grow monthly.

We have welcomed over 3,300 new Citizens year over year, (June 2021 to June 2022 inclusive), and we have a total of 3,945 new Citizens approved from June, 2021 to August 16, 2022 inclusive.

The Kinship application stream was introduced in September 2021. This initiative has been very popular, with 590 Citizens approved since inception

The Ministry is still experiencing staffing challenges. We have experienced a significant increase in the number of applications coming in, as more Métis people are wanting to get in touch with their culture; however, even with the increase in applications, Ministry staff have been able to decrease wait times for approval decisions by a further 20% this year. This speaks to a very cohesive team working diligently to ensure they provision information as timely as possible.

A new initiative launching for the Ministry this year is a partnership program where we will be moving forward with a project to register our K-12 students and newborns, working with schools and hospitals.

The Ministry has gladly taken part in many activities this year including Indigenous People's Day, Métis Children of Fur Trade, and five genealogy days.



MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Susie Hooper

Director – Celina Moore

With the intent of increasing collaboration and communication within MNBC, as well as with Chartered Communities, MNBC recognized the need for Community Services to be its own Ministry. As of August 2, 2022, the Ministry of Community Services is another pillar to the foundation of the strong, sustainable, and leading Métis government of MNBC. Moving forward, the Ministry will work tirelessly to build trusted and reliable relationships with Chartered Communities and to identify the unique needs of each community.

As the Ministry grows, it will strive for unified communication and collaboration with all MNBC Ministries, Chartered Communities, and stakeholders to support Métis communities in further becoming prosperous and self-sustaining. The Ministry team will reach out to all Communities to seek in-person meetings to collaborate on your community's needs.





MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Patrick Harriott

Senior Director – Mallory Blondeau

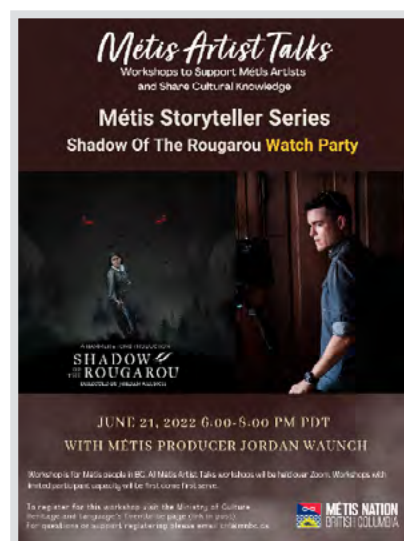
Ministry Mandate:

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage, and Language works to preserve and promote Métis culture, heritage, and languages in BC through programming, events, grant opportunities, research, and advocacy. The Ministry works closely with Métis Elders, knowledge carriers, historians, and artists to support the continuation of Métis culture and languages in BC.

2022-2023 Ministry Highlights

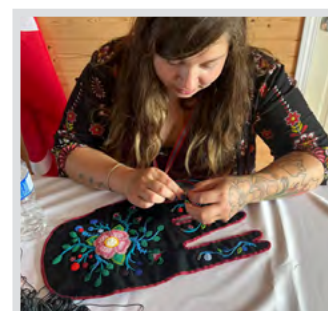
Métis Artist Talks

In 2022, the Ministry brought back the popular Métis Artist Talks workshops, which celebrate the diversity of both contemporary and heritage Métis arts. The Métis Artist Talks Storyteller Series ran at the beginning of the year and covered different aspects of storytelling including poetry, theatre, family histories, and contemporary music – taught by a variety of Métis creatives. The ongoing Métis Heritage Arts series features workshops that teach Métis heritage arts including beading, quillwork, and embroidery. All workshops have increased the accessibility of learning about Métis culture and promoted Métis artists and arts in BC.



Métis Octopus Bag Workshop Series

The Ministry was pleased to partner with Métis artist and material arts expert Gregory Scofield to offer the Métis Octopus Bag Workshop series this year. Over the course of four months, participants learned how to create an octopus bag. The workshop will culminate in an octopus bag exhibition at MNBC's Métis Art Wall at Head Office, featuring the final pieces from the workshop participants.



MNBC Presence at the 2022 Back to Batoche Celebration

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, Back to Batoche was held in person in Batoche, Saskatchewan. Alongside MNBC's communications team, the Ministry brought eight Métis performers from BC to perform at Back to Batoche and ran an educational display about Métis harvesting, hide tanning, and heritage arts in the MNBC pavilion.



Métis Art Wall Exhibitions

The Métis Art Wall at MNBC's Headquarters has continued to showcase contemporary Métis artists in BC this year with two new installments. The Métis Now: Elders, Artists, and Activists exhibition by Nevada Christianson was launched in the spring – showcasing 27 portraits of Métis community members from across the homelands. This summer, we were pleased to welcome the "Otipemisewak" exhibition by Métis artist Erin Stagg. Both art exhibitions are also available for viewing as digitized exhibitions online and were funded by the Ministry's Nakaatchihitow Grant.

Ministry Capacity Building

Since its creation in 2020, the Ministry continues to grow. In the spring of 2022, we've brought on a third coordinator to expand our current programming scope. We are excited to be growing our Ministry and look forward to continuing to grow both our team and programming in the future with the development of the Amelia Douglas Institute.



Cultural Supports for MNBC Staff

In 2022, the Ministry has begun working on new programs that will provide cultural support and education to all MNBC staff. This includes expanding existing programs such as the Elders in Residence program to regional offices, developing a Métis 101 presentation for new staff, and providing access to medicines.

Development of Language Resources and Partnerships

This year, the Ministry has worked towards building capacity and partnerships with new Michif speakers to promote all three of the Michif variations. In 2022, the Ministry started to develop new recordings to be shared online as part of the Amelia Douglas Institute's language resources. In addition, the Ministry is working towards creating new educational awareness resources about the three Michif variations and language learning strategies.



MINISTRY OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister - Patrick Harriott

Chief Operating Officer - Brent Weberg

2022-2023 Ministry Highlights

The Ministry of Digital Government is focused on modernizing and adapting the way we work to make MNBC more responsive when serving Métis people and helping advance the ongoing digital transformation at MNBC. The Ministry continues to drive MNBC's digital transformation agenda and ensures continued alignment across MNBC's Ministries, Departments, leadership, and functions, providing digital services that are secure, reliable, and easy to use.

Achievement Highlights:

The Ministry has drafted a digital transformation plan and has selected key enterprise platforms that will play a pivotal role in centralizing and safeguarding Citizen data.

- Creating policies to support data retention periods and digital governance.
- Reviewing and adjusting digital investment opportunities to enhance efficiencies:
 - Reviewing operational processes and finding opportunities to enhance efficiencies with new digital tools and workflow automation.
 - Selecting key enterprise systems that will centralize all Citizen data into a single platform.
 - Considerable progress has been made towards the implementation of the Laserfiche platform to streamline applications for programs and services.
- Supporting various Ministries and Departments, such as Human Resources, Finance, Education, Culture, Heritage, and Language, and Skills, Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary, mapping out new opportunities to build efficiencies.
- Supporting MNBC to be a paperless government by 2025 to reduce waste, save costs and increase efficiency.
- Developing an Information Management and Information Technology governance committee to ensure that digital deployments strategically align across MNBC.
- Creating a roadmap to include new digital avenues for Citizens to access MNBC programs and services, such as the ability to access chat boxes and concierge services from a mobile application/website.

- Developing a coordinated strategy to work with Ministries and Departments to define, support, and prioritize digital programs and prepare recommendations for operational planning.
- Continually reinforce alignment around MNBC's digital strategy and strategic priorities.
- Seeking out and creating data sharing opportunities with external organizations and other key stakeholders.

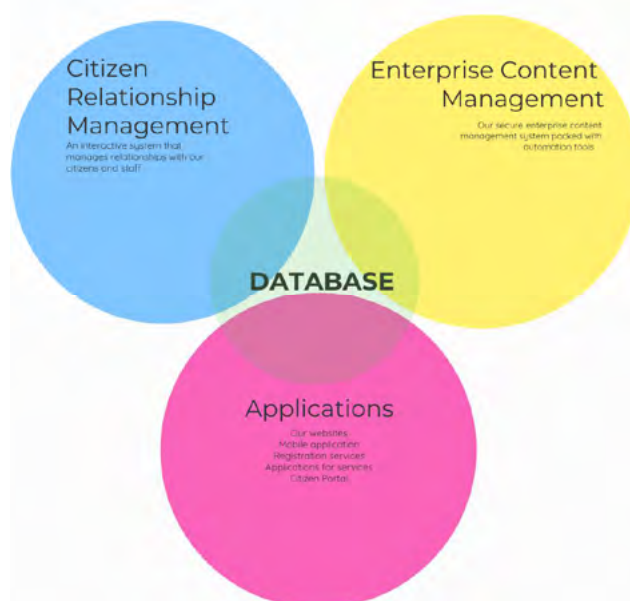


MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ministry of Digital Government
MNBC Digital Transformation Plan 2022/25

Digital Vision

To rethink and adapt our digital tools to deliver citizen-centred services that are user-friendly, connected, and inclusive, and where staff are empowered by modern technology and modern ways of working in the delivery of services, collection of data, and forming partnerships.



Our Priorities

Actions

Objectives

Service Delivery

- Deploying enterprise systems to store and manage citizen data
- Creating a log in portal where citizens can access all of their programs, services, and information
- Digitally transforming the application process for all programs and services

- Expediting processing times for citizenship applications
- Streamlining processing times for applications for programs and services
- Providing a better citizen experience

Centralizing citizen data

- Centralizing citizen data onto one database

- Providing a single source of truth for citizen record keeping
- Provide a historical record of our interactions with each individual citizen

Guiding Policies

- Creating guiding policies for data governance

- Defining data retention periods, availability, and security of data on our enterprise systems
- Deploying systems and procedures that enforce data governance policies

Partnerships

- Forming partnerships with governments, ministries, and other indigenous nations

- Advance MNBC's agenda in facilitating data sharing agreements, and to participate in shared services models to operate more efficiently





MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Louis De Jaeger

Acting Senior Director – Nick Hosseinzadeh

The Ministry of Economic Development, in partnership with Minister Louis De Jaeger, is doing a comprehensive review of the Ministries operations, with a focus on providing as much support and opportunity to Métis-owned businesses in BC as well as exploring sustainable revenue sources to ensure the long-term prosperity of the Nation.

Staff have met with the members of our MNBC Business Directory over the last few weeks, and will continue doing so over the coming months. A unique logo was created, as well as clings, offering business directory members to promote that they are Métis. Providing support and finding avenues to enhance the success of our Métis-owned business is a critical focus of the Ministry.

MNBC's new website will feature a searchable business directory so that our businesses are easy to find for all our partners, stakeholders, and Citizens. We are finding more funding opportunities, especially those geared for Indigenous-owned businesses, and providing support in helping business owners access funds.

The Ministry has been engaging with our joint venture partners to gain a stronger understanding of the partnerships that MNBC has developed over the years. MNBC is also gaining a strong understanding of the needs of industry around BC, to either promote and create new opportunities for business directory members, or to sign new joint venture agreements that will help bring in more sustainable, unrestricted, revenues for MNBC. The Métis Trading Post continues to be a strong source of funds for MNBC.

The Ministry will also explore economic opportunities to create and bring in more sustainable revenues for MNBC, long-term, as well as create employment opportunities for Métis Citizens.

Lastly, the Ministry is working with the Ministry of Skills, Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary to help create more opportunities for Métis-owned businesses to provide training to Métis Citizens.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Debra Fisher

Senior Director – Sharlene Wedel

The Ministry of Education includes early years and kindergarten to Grade 12. A team of 31 dedicated staff collaborates on education policy, legislation, research, partnerships, curriculum, resources, and programs and services. Some staff are located at MNBC Headquarters, some are in community offices that the Ministry has developed partnerships with, and others work remotely across the province.

Métis Early Years

Métis early years includes Métis families with children birth to eight years old. The Ministry receives funding from the Government of Canada and BC Government to support early learning programs and services for Métis families. These investments from government support the Ministry to advance the vision for Métis children in British Columbia, support Chartered Communities, and Métis children and family service providers.

Métis Children and Family Service Providers

MNBC has invested in Métis children and family agencies across BC to provide support to deliver early learning programs and services for Métis children birth to eight years old. These agencies include:

Island Métis Family and Community Services Society (Victoria) <https://Métis.ca>

Métis Family Services (Surrey) <https://www.Métisfamilyservices.ca>

Métis Community Services Society of BC (Kelowna) <https://mcsbc.org>

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (Kamloops) <https://lmofcs.ca>

Niwiôwin Métis Family Services (Prince George) <https://niwikowin.ca>



MNBC Child Care Plan

MNBC has developed a child care plan that supports Métis families with children birth to eight years old. The plan includes partnerships with Métis Children and Family Service Providers and Chartered Communities.

Island Métis Family and Community Services opened a child care centre in Saanich in partnership with MNBC. A building in Saanich was renovated to provide 41 spaces for Métis children.



MNBC has purchased land in Kamloops that will include housing and child care. Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services is scheduled to open in June 2024. This will include a 108-space child care centre for Métis families with children birth to eight years old and include a space for Two River Métis Society.

We were successful in receiving funding for four additional applications for Child Care BC New Spaces Funding.

Plans have begun in the creation of child care spaces in the communities of Surrey (two programs), Fort St. John, and Campbell River for a total increase of 240 child care spaces for children birth to age 12 within these four communities, beginning to open in late 2023 and 2024. These projects include collaborations with the City of Surrey, Métis Family Services, the Fort St. John Métis Society, the North Island Métis Association and Kwantlen Polytechnic University where additionally, a KPU Early Childhood Education (ECE) program will provide opportunities for integrated learning practicums that will help contribute to the recruitment of retention of Early Childhood Educators in British Columbia. Additionally, land acquisitions were made with the MNBC's Ministry of Housing for child care and Housing Projects in Terrace and Victoria.

Métis Family Connections Program

The Métis Family Connections Program has continued to assist families with children birth to eight years old in building a network of support that provides children with early learning and early childhood development opportunities while connecting them to their community and culture and identifying barriers in early learning opportunities across the province.

As of March 31, 2022, there are 1012 children enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program, an increase of 250 children or 25% since October 2021. This is an overall growth of 54% for this fiscal year.

Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program

The Miyoopimatishihk program continues to support Métis families removing barriers by providing funding through MNBC to offset the costs of early years supports. As of March 31, 2022, there were 131 children accessing the program, with supports ranging from assessments to therapies to assist them with successful learning opportunities in the early years.

Imagination Library Program

The Imagination Library has been providing monthly books to Métis children for over 15 years providing early learning opportunities to our Métis families with children under the age of five. As of March 2022, the program has 449 active children. Between April 2021 and March 2022 there were a total of 4,834 books mailed to Métis children.

Growing Our Children - Creation of Métis Family Child Care

We launched our Growing Our Children program to support Métis families to open small in-home child care businesses, referred to as Registered Licensed Not Required child care. By delivering The Good Beginnings Professional Development program, participants will explore areas of child care and be guided through the steps to create the policies and procedures necessary to develop their business, introduce them to a network of Family Child Care Providers, and provide them with cultural resources and connections to the Métis community.



Taashkinikayen Sharing with Our Families

MNBC provided Métis Chartered Communities with funding to support early learning programs and services that meet the needs of their families with Métis children birth to eight years old. The funding supports Métis Chartered Communities to provide programming and services essential to addressing the impacts of the pandemic and begin the journey to recovery.

Métis Child Care Benefit Program

On March 1, 2022, the Ministry of Education Early Years launched the Métis Child Care Benefit Program, to meet the needs of Métis families accessing licensed child care. Our Child Care Coordinators support families to access and apply for the Provincial Affordable Child Care Benefit Program (ACCB) and then provide access to the Métis Child Care Benefit program if ACCB does not cover the costs of child care. As of March 31, there were 63 families accessing this benefit for a total of \$16,187 going towards April 2022 child care fees.

Cultural workshop - 2-hour presentation Maachi Kashkihtow Mamawii (Learning together, Sharing Métis Culture)

The Ministry presents a workshop in understanding, identifying, and supporting Métis children and culture in early years programming. Through interactive workshops, facilitators share information on Métis history and culture in Canada. Through cultural resources, facilitators demonstrate how to incorporate cultural items into early years programs and activities. This year we provided 16 workshops to over 330 ECE Professionals through these workshop sessions.

Métis Early Years Cultural and Language Program

The Education team alongside Métis parents, children, Elders, early childhood educators, teachers, and Métis artists and authors have developed Métis cultural resources and kits that reflect and integrate content about Indigenous people (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit), for children

birth to eight years old. These resources were developed to support Métis children by promoting learning environments in which their Métis culture is recognized and celebrated. This will lead to increased awareness of Métis identity and culture amongst all young children, their families, and early childhood educators.

Cultural Kits

When a child enrolls in the Métis Family Connections program, they receive a cultural kit by mail.

The cultural kit includes: a Tote Bag, Adult Sash, Colouring Book, Info Sheets, ABC Book, Giving Tree by Leah Dorian, Child Sash, Handheld Flag, Tattoos (infinity flag and buffalo), Red River Cart Puzzle, and a Louis (Buffalo) Puppet.



Funding for Métis Early Childhood Educators

Métis people acknowledge that our children are sacred gifts from our ancestors. We strive to honour the traditional concept Takaki Awasisiwin, which means a good childhood for the future of our people. The Ministry, and the Ministry of Skills, Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary have partnered to support Métis Citizens in BC that are interested in exploring a career in ECE.

Métis Early Childhood Connection

In May, the Ministry recognized and honored 38 Métis Early Childhood Educators. These Métis Child Care Professionals are incorporating Métis culture into their environment to create a culturally safe spaces for Métis children. Their passion for Métis culture and sharing their knowledge with children creates Métis Citizens who have a strong self-identity.

Métis Family Connections Virtual Events

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, 21 virtual events, reaching over 630 families were offered to continue to connect our families to their culture. These events include parenting workshops, jigging, ribbon skirt making, Métis art, Métis stories, and Little Métis Sing with me, Elder Storytime, to name a few.

Early Learning and Child Care Engagement

A comprehensive four phase engagement implementation plan is in place to gather Métis specific provincial data to inform how to improve access to early learning and child care programs and services that meet the needs of Métis children and families.

Métis Pedagogists

In partnership with the Early Childhood Pedagogy Network, our Métis pedagogists support early learning programs, tailoring their approach to regional characteristics and distinct needs of local families and communities. Their goal is to work with Métis Elders, educators, children, and families on pedagogical projects, thinking together and collaborating about curriculum development through a Métis lens.

Kindergarten to Grade 12

Funding was provided to the Ministry for the fiscal year 2021-22 from the provincial Ministry of Education and Child Care. A total amount of \$60,000 to ensure educational resources and supports for K-12 Education was made available and advance Métis partnerships and capacity in BC's education system.

In addition to providing essential resources to provincial and education partners, this funding was used to continue MNBC's work on the educational priorities identified in the Métis Nation Relationship Accord II and the MNBC Strategic Plan 2021-24.

This funding supported Métis knowledge carriers participating in Indigenous education meetings and events with the provincial Ministry of Education and school districts. This created opportunities for learners to experience Métis' world views and knowledge and provided openings and closings with Elders, learners witnessing work, and Métis cultural protocols.

K-12 COVID-19 Recovery Family Survey

Métis families, Métis Chartered Communities, and Indigenous Education leads from public school districts were surveyed to identify and report on Métis student enrollment, Métis champions, Métis specific programs that exist, and any service gaps and barriers for Métis learners, as well as any concerns regarding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Métis community.

MNBC received 623 responses to our Family survey, providing valuable insight into how families across our seven regions navigated the social, cultural, financial, and educational barriers brought on and/or exasperated by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Respectfully Submitted:
Minister – Raynie Gervais
Acting Director – Gaby Campbell

Gaby Campbell has been working alongside our Elders portfolio since the launch of Elders programming, she identifies as Métis and has been with MNBC since November of 2020 as the Ministry of Health Administrative Assistant. She then moved into the Elders Wellness Program Coordinator role for 10 months. During this time, Gaby has engaged and built relationships with the Elders and seniors within the Chartered Communities. Ashley Ford has since joined the Ministry of Elders as the new Elders Wellness Program Coordinator to facilitate connections with Métis Elders, Métis Chartered Communities, and other MNBC program staff. This will allow Elders to identify health promotion and education opportunities that are Elder-led and meet the needs of Métis Elders in BC.

Supportive Care Dialogues

The dialogues identified a gap for Métis Elders and seniors around supportive care and undertook an assessment of what is required to address these gaps and implement culturally-relevant supportive care programs and services. Through this assessment, we aimed to gain a better understanding of needs, barriers, and opportunities for Métis-specific supportive care services, which includes, but is not limited to assisted living, respite, extended care, palliation, and hospice.

The Supportive Care Assessment team conducted engagements with Métis Elders and seniors, caregivers, healthcare workers, and Métis leadership, to discuss and identify regional needs and priorities with respect to providing supportive care to Métis Elders and seniors in BC, and to provide recommendations to help improve culturally relevant service delivery. The team also engaged with existing programs and services who are doing innovative work in this area, to learn from these promising practices.



Elder Virtual Healing Circle

The Ministry held its first Healing Circle in July 2021 shortly after the finding of the unmarked graves in Kamloops. The healing circle brought together Elders and seniors and was conducted in a culturally safe space where Elders could share their journeys and support each other during each person's personal journey. We have heard and seen the need of Elders' engagement throughout the circle. Although the pandemic has shown a decrease in cases, many of Elders and seniors are cautious and are not ready to meet in person and the virtual circle has provided them a space to reduce isolation. Since July 2021, there have been five healing circles hosted with future plans to continue to host in 2022.

Residential School Survivors

On June 24, 2022, the Ministry hosted a virtual gathering for residential school survivors and intergenerational trauma survivors to gather to start the planning of a forum for survivors. The 1-hour call displayed a number of individuals ready to share their story for their healing journey and to educate others, ideas of books being made with stories, audio stories to be recorded. Tentative date for the forum is October 2022.

Papal Visit

On July 24-27, 2022, forty Residential School Survivors and those who have been affected by the Intergenerational Trauma, MNBC Community Leadership, and staff joined the Métis National Council, Governing Members, and the rest of Canada to be present at the Papal apology to Indigenous peoples at Maskwacis and at Lac St. Anne, Alberta. The journey to Alberta with our survivors had many emotions, many of us gathered and supported our Elders through this process and tears, laughs, hugs, and food was shared.

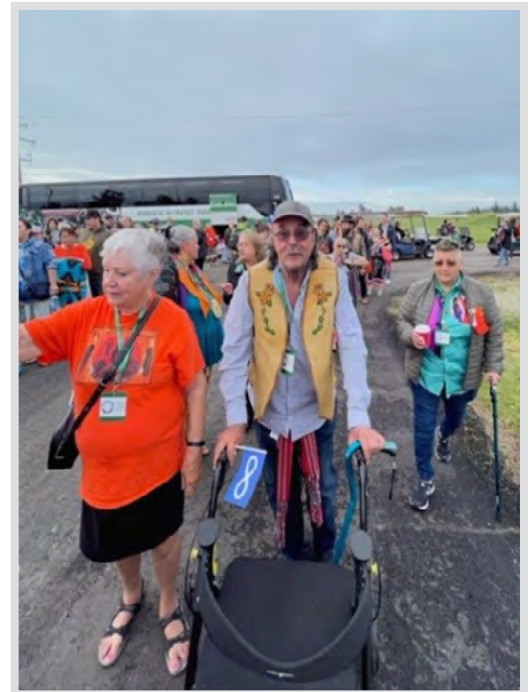
- *"Hello Gaby, I just wanted to say thanks to you and MNBC for all that you did for me and others this past week and all the planning leading up to it"*
 - *"The trip was very difficult but so rewarding for me and though I had no expectations of what I would get out of it I actually got so much more than I thought I might"*
 - *"There was a great sense of community and everyone made me feel so welcomed and supported. Our nation and otherwise"*
 - *"It definitely added a very worthwhile piece or two to the puzzle that has been my personal healing."*
- I was not one who was dependent on the pope's apology to move forward, but I believe the*



whole experience of being there and with others on their own journey of sorting through their personal healing and healing as families and communities has certainly contributed to help bring things full circle for me.

It's all appreciated more than I can truly express and an experience I will always remember and be able to share with others. Thank you again for your kindness and dedication. Lots of love and gratitude to you!"

- *"Hello Gaby, I just wanted to express my deepest gratitude to you and your team at MNBC for leading, organizing and coordinating the papal event. We are so grateful for the opportunity and it was a very meaningful experience for me and my family. We also really enjoyed getting to know others of the Métis Nation of BC. We wish to thank MNBC for their gracious support"*



Elder Programs:

Elders Temporary Financial Assistance: MNBC supported over six waves of funding to our Elders since the implementation of the funding. \$250,000 has been granted to our Elders, with over 600 Elders in BC accessing the funds. Grants were increased to \$500 for single applicants or \$750 for a couple. The increase was decided as many Elders and seniors were experiencing barriers and hardship with the price of fuel and goods increasing. Additionally, many of our Elders and Seniors were removed for their supplements from accessing the Canada Emergency Response Benefit during the pandemic, leaving our many without the means to purchase firewood or medication.

Métis Elders and Seniors Assistant Program (MESAP): This program will grant \$4,000 to low-income Elders that are require any health-related assistance, as we know that is ever a great need in our Nation. This grant will assist on the financial burden our Elders are experiencing when seeking out dental/dentures, hearing-aids, eyewear/eye examination, etc. Since launching the program, the Minister has granted over \$515,000 to support low-income Elders and seniors with over 230 applicants. Currently, there are over 50 individuals on a waitlist to access the program. Further funding amounting to \$200,000 have been added to support those families who cannot access the program. The program has shown significant needs for Elders and seniors for eyewear, eye exams, wheelchair, scooters, hearing aids, dentures, and many other services and equipment that our Elders just cannot afford to get with their fixed income. We continue to hear the needs of accessibility to health benefits and insurance not only for our Elders, but for their families and low-income families.

Northern Elders Program: Hosted on Lheidli T'enneh territory, which is also the home to the Prince George Métis Community Association (PGMCA), this program allows the MNBC Ministry of Elders, Ministry of Veterans, and PGMCA opportunities to celebrate with Métis Elders and seniors

who reside in the Prince George and surrounding communities. In June 2022, 35 Métis Elders, along with a few members of the MNBC team gathered, shared stories, and enjoyed a musical performance at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. The MNBC Ministry of Health was also present to share resources including the Northern Health Virtual Clinic, Cancer Care, and other services available to Elders and Seniors in the Northern Health Authority region.





MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Susie Hooper

Senior Director – Leona Shaw

Ministry Mandate:

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources is mandated to promote the conservation and protection of the land, environment, and natural resources in BC through responsible stewardship guided by Métis values and traditional knowledge.

The Ministry is responsible for overseeing initiatives related to natural resources, land, and Métis traditional knowledge across all MNBC Departments and Ministries. Current priorities include, but are

not limited to, climate change, emergency preparedness and response, harvesting and land use, migratory bird management and conservation, and species at risk. This Ministry works closely with the British Columbia Métis of Natural Resources (BCMANR).

This past year, this Ministry managed the large COVID-19 special project, funded through ISC. The goal was to support Chartered Communities directly and to provide programs that were effective in helping Métis people throughout BC to alleviate some of the pressures and challenges faced during the pandemic. Senior Staff from all MNBC Ministries were consulted with, and provided feedback, to build this plan. The recommendations and plans were then approved by the Cabinet.

Highlights since March 2022:

- BCMANR and Harvesting
 - Annual online Harvester Survey closed June 30 with approximately 800 surveys completed.
 - Annual harvesting maps created demonstrating extensive land use throughout the province.
 - Recruited and on-boarded three new BCMANR Captains of the Hunt (Region 1, 5, and 7a).
 - Had a face-to-face meeting in May 2022, where we filmed the BCMANR Guardians video. The video was released in July 2022.



- o Supporting BCMANR to participate in the Jasper National Park Caribou recovery programming and discussions.

- o The modernized Migratory Birds Regulations, 2022, were released and came into force on July 30, 2022. Originally implemented in 1918, the regulations were first developed to address the overharvesting and unregulated commerce of migratory birds.



This is the first time that the Migratory Birds Regulations have been comprehensively updated or revised. BCMANR and MNBC submitted feedback and comments throughout the entire process requesting inclusive language.

- In order to ensure that Indigenous peoples are accurately represented, the updated regulations, 2022, remove references to specific groups/Nations, and instead refer to "a person exercising a right recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*." This is inclusive of Métis in BC.
- o Supporting BCMANR to participate in the Cabinet Rights and Self-Government Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, and the RIRSD table.
- Wilderness Awareness Course and Certificate (ongoing)
 - o The Ministry has continued the work with WildSafeBC to bring the Wildlife Awareness and Safety Course to community members. This course provides an overview of key species that can pose a safety concern to people in BC. It reviews the risk factors that lead to conflict and ways to minimize these risks. Each community that registers to take the course and passes the exam will earn a certificate. The course is completed online.
- MNBC Wellness Retreat (August 2022)
 - o Ministry staff are supporting the MNBC Ministry of Sports in the development and implementation of the retreat.
- Emergency Management
 - o Continued work on the Co-Development of the Emergency Program Act with Emergency Management BC (EMBC).
 - The Emergency Program Act was enacted in 1993.
 - Climate change is driving more frequent and severe events.
 - There are critical gaps in current legislation.
 - Minister Hooper has met with BC Minister of Public Safety, Mike Farnworth, twice to discuss the progress of the co-development process.

- MNBC staff have met four times with EMBC technical staff to discuss the legislation and provide feedback.
 - o Heat Alert Response System (HARS) project from Interior Health
 - Supported nine communities with small grants.
 - Hosted one workshop to discuss project and best practices.
 - o Promoting up-to-date emergency resources
 - Heat wave, wildfire, preparedness, etc.
 - Participated in National Emergency Preparedness week (May 2022).
 - o Special project – COVID-19 wave 4b is ongoing.
- Committees:
 - o Environmental Advisory Committee
 - This committee is made up of four Cabinet members, a BCMANR representative, and five Chartered Community members.
 - Met with Province to discuss the Watershed Security Strategy.
 - o Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - This committee continues to meet to advocate for Emergency Preparedness Plans and internal capacity to best support Métis communities within BC.
 - o Métis National Council Environment Committee
 - The technical members meet biweekly and advocate on a federal level for Métis specific funding for conservation, climate change, and other environmental related programing.
 - Terms of Reference for new Joint Table with Canada being created, which will be focused on climate change.
 - Capacity Building:
 - o The Ministry is building internal capacity to participate in programs more meaningfully, such as:
 - Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas.
 - Natural Resources initiatives, including consultation and engagement.
 - Parks programming (corridors and urban parks).



Some agreements are already in place, and some are being finalized.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Louis De Jaeger

Senior Director – Tanya Davoren

Ministry Highlights

Relationship Building

The Ministry has a long-standing relationship with the Office of Indigenous Health and Reconciliation in the provincial Ministry of Health. This year, we received funding from the BC Government to expand our Ministry to expand our regional staff and work more closely with Health Authorities and Métis Chartered Communities. Continued funding from the BC Government has enabled our participation at the province's Task Team for *In Plain Sight* and ensured the Métis voice is heard in the work.

Addressing Racism Investigation

In the year leading up to the release of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond's report *In Plain Sight* in the fall of 2020, our health team was engaged, and initial insight was given to our future work. Throughout 2021 and 2022 MNBC elected officials and staff have participated in the provincial Task Team. We are working to ensure Métis people's experiences in healthcare are accurately reflected in this table's work. Separately, MNBC has established a Métis Partnership Table which will help inform Cabinet and allows us to set strategic direction for the Nation's work with Task Team and to seek input from our Métis Elders and subject matter experts.

Working groups have been established, including elected officials and staff, for participation in the Legislation and Complaints process to date. The evolving work of Task Team is evident at these more manageable sized and more frequent working group meetings and group cohesiveness is building with each meeting.

The report can be found here and an *In Plain Sight* Year in Review report will be coming soon: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/613/2020/11/In-Plain-Sight-Summary-Report.pdf>

The final report, *In Plain Sight*, included early data from our baseline survey, and shows that Métis Citizens had significantly higher rates of hypertension, diabetes, depression, ischemic heart disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) as well as rheumatoid arthritis and chronic kidney disease when compared to other residents in BC.

COVID-19

MNBC health staff have worked extremely hard throughout the pandemic to ensure Métis people

are kept apprised of COVID-19 updates as the information becomes available. The constantly evolving restrictions and safety measures has been a challenge, but we have done our best to provide up to date and current information as COVID-19 and the variants of concern continue to evolve.

MNBC wants to remind all our Citizens and their families and friends that they should get their booster vaccination as soon as possible. If you need any assistance in finding a clinic near you for your third or fourth (booster), or even your first dose, please reach out to health@mnbc.ca and we'll be sure to help connect you to clinics within your Health Authority. A fall booster program is planned, and Ministry staff will ensure updates are shared with Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens in a safe and effective manner. We also note and recognize that all those who have received previous COVID-19 doses will be contacted by email or text from the province with booster dose information.

Community Support

Our Regional Health Coordinators (RHC) have worked closely with Métis Chartered Communities and their Citizens to support them in navigating their regional health systems. The coordinators work hard advocating for Métis people within healthcare and connecting folks to relevant resources and funding opportunities available through MNBC, their Chartered Communities, and the province. The team of RHC's has been expanded, with an additional position in the North to support the diverse needs of our people. Contact health@mnbc.ca to be connected to your local Regional Health Coordinator.

Letters of Understanding

MNBC's Ministry of Health continues to advocate at the health authority level for Letters of Understanding (LOU) to ensure Métis people are included in health authority health plans and initiatives. Interior Health Authority, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority, and Northern Health Authority all have active LOU's in place and we are excited to announce that the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) will be signing a Letter of Commitment with MNBC at the AGM. These Letters of Understanding have created leadership tables where Métis Cabinet members and staff meet on a quarterly basis with Health Authority leadership and lead staff. This increased level of engagement is ensuring Métis people are included in the planning and delivery of current and future Indigenous focused programs and services.

An LOU with Vancouver Coastal Health is also being prepared and is intended to be signed by the end of 2022, ensuring Métis across BC are afforded the same recognition and engagement at every health authority.

Métis Public Health Surveillance Program (MPHSP)

MNBC Citizens have shown they are committed to improving the health of the Métis population by participating in this program. Having baseline information from the Métis Citizen client file



will increase our ability to negotiate with the provincial and federal government on new and increased services for Métis people. The long-awaited baseline health report entitled “Taanishi Kiiya” was released on February 3, 2022 in a virtual launch. This allowed MNBC, in conjunction with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), to set recommendations, goals, and benchmarks to improve and monitor Métis health for the first time in BC. This is the first report of a 10-year commitment to surveillance with the OPHO. Although COVID-19 significantly impacted the timing of this report, which was originally targeted for 2020, we are thrilled to have it finally released.

Taanishi Kiiya is only the beginning of this program, with additional data around the impact of the drug poisoning crisis and the Métis cancer journey being developed and analyzed. These additional sources of data will enable the Ministry to better advocate for the needs of our Citizens and to further the health and wellness programming we already deliver.

OPHO Engagement

MNBC’s Senior Director of Health and Director of Health Governance meet bi-weekly with Dr Danièle Behn-Smith and Dr Martin Lavoie from the OPHO. This ensures that we are apprised of the messaging by the BC Government and that we are wired into their work on other healthcare issues as well, like the opioid overdose and other urgent and emerging issues. It was through this table that Dr. Danièle Behn-Smith reiterated the ongoing collaboration and dedication the OPHO had with MNBC regarding COVID-19 reporting and ensured the Nation’s ability to access vaccines at an accelerated timeline - fifteen years earlier than the general population. These talented doctors have also dedicated time to the Nation in various townhalls for the Métis Nation and our staff when they had questions about the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, the drug poisoning crisis, and decriminalization.

Minister Louis De Jaeger and Senior Director Davoren would like to thank MNBC’s Ministry of Health staff for the many hours of dedication and hard work put in during this past year, working through an ongoing pandemic, transitioning back to in-person meetings and gatherings, and seeing the rapid growth of our Ministry into Ministries supporting Mental Health and Harm Reduction, and Elders and Veterans Wellness. The broader team’s day to day work and bi-weekly Health and Wellness newsletters keep the Nation informed and lend optimism to brighter days ahead.

For more information on the Ministry of Health please email health@mNBC.ca. Thank you to all of our Métis Chartered Communities for their time and support!





MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

Respectfully Submitted:
Minister – Dr. Kate Elliott
Director – Jillian Jones

The Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction advocates for culturally appropriate mental health, substance use, and harm reduction programs and services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. The mental health and harm reduction team provides support, education, and advocacy to Métis people and the Métis Chartered Communities on all mental health and wellness related and harm reduction initiatives in BC. The Ministry's goal is to improve mental health and harm reduction services and increase access to programs to meet the needs of the Métis Nation. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed at the Health Authority level for the Métis Nation to have better mental health and wellness outcomes.

Regional Mental Health Navigators

The Ministry's mental health team has rapidly expanded, to now include four Regional Mental Health Navigators. The Navigators support Métis individuals to navigate mental health and substance use resources. They will also be working with local community and health authority partners to hold space and advocate for the inclusion of Métis in all work.

Regional Mental Health Navigation team:

- Vancouver Island: Kelsey Todd (ktodd@mnhbc.ca)
- Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley: Selena Jensen (sjensen@mnhbc.ca)
- Northern BC: Sheri Gee (sgee@mnhbc.ca)
- Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays: Michelle Padley (mpadley@mnhbc.ca)

Each team member brings a rich, unique, and important lens to this work. It is exciting to see how this new capacity will serve the Métis community in a good way.

Ooma la Michinn (Here is Medicine): Life Promotion for Métis Youth

The Ministry has been working to create a series of free



Pictured: members of MNBC's Mental Health Navigation team wearing the mental wellness and harm reduction sash

online modules that focus on life promotion as a means of suicide prevention for Métis youth. Led by the wisdom of a Métis advisory group, the ongoing development of these modules has been driven and grounded in Métis voices and perspectives - developed by and for Métis populations. Once completed, these modules will be offered for free online and will be made accessible for Métis individuals across BC. Modules will focus on the following themes: connection to wellness; connection to culture; connection to community; connection to self; and connection to land/nature. The tentative, targeted public launch for the modules is December 2022.

Living Life to the Full Métis Adaptation

Beginning in early 2021, the Ministry has been working with the Canadian Mental Health Association to develop a Métis adaptation guide for the Living Life to the Full program. Living Life to the Full (LLTFF) is an eight-week, group based, mental health promotion course. Since launching this pilot project in March 2021, ten cohorts of LLTFF have been delivered by nine Métis facilitators to Métis participants across BC, including seven adult cohorts and three youth cohorts.

This is part of a larger pilot project that the Ministry is working on in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division. MNBC will be working with interested Métis participants and facilitators to guide the development of a Métis adaptation guide, and to create materials that will support the LLTFF program to be better delivered to Métis individuals.

Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative

The Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative (MY Initiative) is comprised of ten core members of Métis youth. Together, the MY Initiative works to raise awareness, to empower Métis youth and communities, and to make a difference in mental health within the Métis community through actioning projects, fostering education, reducing stigma, and providing opportunity for community discussion and engagement.

Resilient Roots: Métis Mental Health and Wellness Magazine

Resilient Roots: Métis Mental Health and Wellness Magazine is the cornerstone project of the Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative.

Since April 2020, three issues of *Resilient Roots* have been published, with issues releasing yearly in spring – with the most recent third issue published in May 2022.

As shared by Minister Kate Elliott, *"this magazine hopes to be a testament to the shining strength and resilience of the Métis community. Every part of this magazine – from the stories, to the art, to the poetry - comes from the powerful voices of our Métis contributors. To our readers, we hope that what you find within these pages will bring you inspiration, connection, and act as a reminder of the deep resilience that lives within us all."*

Since publication began in 2020, several thousand



the program, Citizens are asked to login to MNBC's website's [Program Portal](#). Approved applicants will receive a letter authorizing mental health care practitioners to invoice MNBC directly for the sessions. As of June 2022, over 400 Métis individuals were utilizing the Métis Counselling Connection program.

Awareness Campaigns

The Ministry works to plan, lead, develop, and distribute various Métis-focused, public mental health, anti-stigma, and harm reduction campaigns throughout the year, including Mental Health Awareness Week, World Suicide Prevention Day, Mental Illness Awareness Week, and National Addictions Awareness Week. Many of these campaigns have utilized the approach of contact-based education. Contact-based education is known to be a successful a way of working to reduce stigma and build understanding and is led through people with lived-experience sharing their stories and experiences with mental illness. The goal of this is to work to promote understanding and reduce stigma through sharing lived-experience stories. These stories and campaigns have been featured across MNBC's various platforms.

Métis Perspectives of Cannabis Use: A Community-Based Research Study

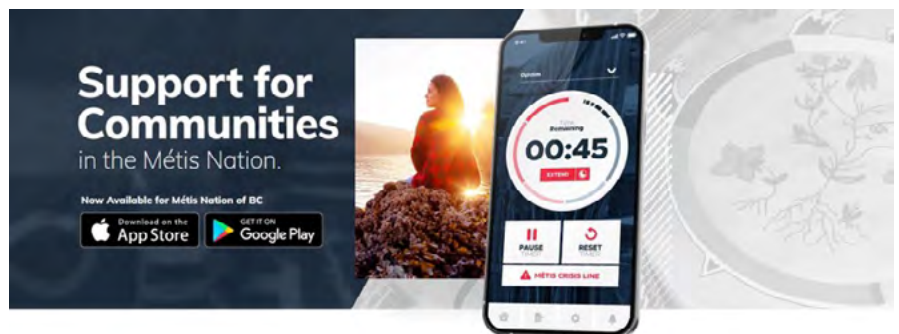
Led by MNBC's harm reduction team, this community driven research project is working to better understand Métis patterns of cannabis use, as well as barriers that exist to using cannabis for therapeutic reasons. Furthermore, the work will endeavor to reduce stigma around cannabis use and help inform the development of a Métis Harm Reduction Framework. Additionally, working with Elders, an emphasis will be placed on Métis culture and traditions and connection of Métis history to the participants. As part of this work, community-led dialogue sessions ran from January through April 2022. A final report on this work is aimed for publication in late 2022.

This project was highlighted as part of a panel of Indigenous-led research in a presentation at the Issues of Substances Conference held by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction in November 2021.

Métis-Specific Lifeguard App

The Ministry worked closely with the Lifeguard Digital Health to adapt the Lifeguard App to resonate exclusively with the Métis community – the first Indigenous Nation in Canada to do so. Lifeguard's goal is to reduce harm and prevent unintentional deaths for people of all ages. With culturally sensitive imagery and language, the Métis-specific Lifeguard app provides instant access to Métis crisis lines, resources for mental health and addiction treatments and direct links to prevent drug-related deaths.

This app works to Métis individuals with life-saving information for their communities to help each other, providing the right care at the right time. When a drug overdose occurs, the customized app signals to first



responders in the community. It also helps avoid medical crises by providing unprecedented access to the following services:

- Dedicated Métis Crisis line
- Notifications on bad drugs in the area
- Naloxone and CPR instructions
- Prevention and Detox Services
- Locations of localized support services

Nasal Naloxone Program

In June 2021, MNBC partnered with St. John Ambulance to utilize the Nasal Naloxone program. St. John Ambulance provided training to MNBC's Provincial Harm Reduction Coordinator to become a trainer for nasal Naloxone. St. John Ambulance is also providing Nasal Naloxone kits to MNBC for the community members, Regional Coordinators, and staff who become trained in administering nasal Naloxone. This is an ongoing partnership with an initial commitment of three years and will incorporate staff training in Nasal Naloxone in addition to community members.



Weaving the Thread Video

Led by MNBC's Harm Reduction team, this is a video project comprising of a short, animated story focused on the relationship alcohol has within the Métis community from a historical, traditional, cultural, and contemporary point of view. Project to be completed and shared in 2022.

International Overdose Awareness Day

MNBC provided outreach support and harm reduction supplies on August 31, 2021, in Surrey, BC and Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day.

Provincial Tobacco Cessation Program

MNBC's Provincial Tobacco Cessation Specialist, Lloyd Main, has led a busy year setting up the smoking/vaping program. This program has evolved to include chronic cannabis use, as a need has arisen. In this role, Lloyd has supported seven individuals on their journey to smoke-free and eight individuals who have successfully quit.



Pictured: Members of MNBC'S Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction team on International Overdose Awareness Day

Lloyd has completed the CAMH TEACH program - an intensive education program for smoking and vaping cessation, as well as multiple other addiction seminars. This role also works to continue to strengthen working relationships with BC Lung/Quit Now, as well as Health Authority Tobacco and Vapour Product Reduction Council.

This year also saw the "Smoking Cessation Challenge" to bring in the new year smoke free, which is now also running again for the summer.

Lloyd's work has evolved to include other addictions support, such as alcohol and system navigation to find resources for the enrolled community members. As shared by Lloyd, *"It has been a pleasure to work with community member to assist them in making healthy choices and practicing harm reduction. A strong Nation is a healthy Nation."*

For more information on the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, please contact:
mentalhealth@mnbc.ca



MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Walter Mineault

Senior Director – Ken Bourdeau

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness receives funding through various federal funding agreements, including the Canada-Métis Housing Sub-Accord, to provide homelessness and housing supports that address housing needs across the housing continuum, including homeless supports, rental supports and homeowner supports. The overall goal of the Ministry is to reduce core housing need among Métis in British Columbia by 50% by the end of 2027.

To achieve our goal, the Ministry has implemented projects and initiatives in the last year in the following areas:

1. Housing Support programs;
2. Homeless Support programs;
3. Land Purchases to facilitate the development of Housing and Social Infrastructure development; and
4. Long Range Planning, Special Projects and Initiatives.

Housing Support Programs

COVID-19 Emergency Shelter and Crisis Support Program: This program provides financial assistance to people impacted by COVID-19 and as a result need help with paying housing related costs. This program continues to operate and to date has helped 69 people since it was launched in April 2022.

Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program: This program helps MNBC Citizens who are low-income renters and need financial assistance paying their rent. If they meet program eligibility



criteria, they could receive a monthly payment equal to 30% of their monthly rent to a maximum of \$475 per month. This program continues to operate and to date has helped 284 people since it was launched in the fall of 2021.

Ma Nîki Home Renovation Program: This program helps MNBC Citizens who are low-income seniors over the age of 60 and need financial assistance to renovate their home. If they meet program eligibility criteria, they could receive a one-time grant up to \$20,000. This program continues to operate and to date has helped 42 Métis Citizens with their home renovations and repairs.

Homeless Support Programs

Reaching Home Homeless Services Program:

This program helps MNBC Citizens and self-identified Métis who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness due to a precarious housing situation. This program provides access to a Homeless Services Navigator to help navigate the homeless, addictions, shelter, and mental health supports system. Since its launch in May 2022, Reaching Home has assisted 10 people and supported one Chartered Community with funding for cultural programming for homeless and precariously housed Citizens.

For Social Change Research Partnership: This is a research partnership with UBC that involves providing cash transfers to people experiencing homelessness to determine the impact this could have on their lives and the future social policy. In August 2022, MNBC became the first partner to actively participate in this study.

Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) partnership: With phones provided by SPARC-BC, this program distributes free Wi-Fi-enabled cellphones preloaded with a \$10 network card to homeless individuals. With this basic technology, vulnerable people are better able to access basic services and can participate more fully in their communities and the broader society. Since this partnership was launched March 2022, the program has distributed five cellphones through the homeless services stream.

Land Purchases to facilitate the development of Housing and Social Infrastructure Development

In partnership with the MNBC's Ministry of Education and other partners, the Ministry purchased properties across BC over the past year. The purpose of these property purchases is to develop a land base to build housing and social infrastructure projects for Métis across BC. These projects include:



Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River:

- **Saanich (3656 Raymond Street South):**
In partnership with Greater Victoria Métis Association and M'akola Development Services, this project includes affordable rental housing, daycare, and community office/gathering space.
- **Campbell River (834 South Island Highway):**
In partnership with North Island Métis Association and M'akola Development Services, this project includes affordable rental housing, daycare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 2 Lower Mainland:

- **Surrey (11479 125A Street):** Housing is working on an action plan on how to move forward with the development of this property for a new MNBC headquarters and housing across the housing continuum.

Region 3 Thompson / Okanagan:

- **Kamloops (800 Victoria Street):** In partnership with Two Rivers Métis Society, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (LMO) and M'akola Development Services this project includes affordable rental housing, office space for LMO, a daycare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 4 Kootenay:

- Housing continues to look for suitable properties to purchase and develop in Region 4.

Region 5 North Central:

- Housing continues to look for suitable properties to purchase and develop in Region 5.

Region 6 Northwest:

- **Terrace (2822 Tetrault Street):** In partnership with North West Métis Association and M'akola Development Services, this project includes affordable rental housing, a daycare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 7 Northeast:

- **Fort St John (9904 94 Street):** Last year, MNBC purchased this property and has subsequently transferred responsibility to Operations who continues to operationalize it for use as MNBC's Region 7 office space.
- **Fort St John Vacant (9912 94 Street):** In partnership with Fort St. John Métis Society and M'akola Development Services, this project includes affordable rental housing and a daycare.



Long Range Planning, Special Projects and Initiatives

Housing Visioning Session: On June 3 and June 9, The Ministry held a Housing Visioning Session with Cabinet, a strategic planning consultant, senior staff, BC Housing and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The purpose of this session was to give direction on the best path forward for our Housing programs and Housing Development. The Housing Visioning Findings Report was presented to Cabinet in August 2022.

CMHC Funding Housing Research: Understanding the Main Drivers of Métis Core Housing Need in BC and Reducing Métis Core Housing Need and Cost Study: The Ministry has received funding approval from CMHC to move forward with this research project.

Social Infrastructure Engagement Strategy, Needs Analysis and Facility Master Plan: In August 2022, Cabinet approved the hire of a consultant to undertake a 'Social Infrastructure Engagement Strategy and Facilities Master Plan' for MNBC and its Chartered Communities. Over a six month period from the fall of 2022 to spring of 2023, MNBC and the consultant will engage with Cabinet, Chartered Communities, and Citizens on the Social Infrastructure and Facilities needs of MNBC and its communities.

Along with the progress made in the above programs and initiatives, the Ministry has experienced substantial growth over the past year. To date, our team consists of the following roles:

- Senior Director of Housing and Homelessness
- Manager of Social Infrastructure Development
- Program Coordinator – Homeless Services, Reaching Home, and Poverty Reduction
- Project Coordinator – Housing Support Programs
- Two Housing Support Navigators
- Three Homeless Services Navigator
- Three Project Coordinator – Housing Development
- Administrative Coordinator

Over the coming year, we hope to add more Housing professionals to our team as our housing and homeless support programs and housing development portfolio programs expand.



MINISTRY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/MÉTIS RIGHTS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Lissa Smith (Intergovernmental Affairs)

Minister – Walter Mineault (Métis Rights)

Director – Jeremy Twigg

MNBC's relationship with the Crown is paramount for securing the support needed to strengthen our Nation. Since the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs was formed last winter, a regular cadence of engagement has been taking place – with approximately 40 high-level government meetings being held on a broad range of topics.

On the provincial level, examples of government engagement include meetings with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing; Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training, Ministry of Transportation; Emergency Management BC; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Citizen's Services, the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives; the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity; plus Official Opposition critics for the ministries of Health and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

A Grand Table meeting with senior representatives from both parties was held on May 26 to provide political oversight to the new relationship agreement process that will replace the Métis Nation Relationship Accord II. A Senior Leadership Table meeting was held on August 10 to continue momentum. Two working tables have been formally kicked off: Economic Development, and Culture, Heritage, and Language. We then welcomed Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, to our headquarters on August 15 to discuss priorities for the new agreement.

Our CEO presented MNBC's \$84.2 M submission for Budget 2023 to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on June 15 at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue. The submission was well-received by the panel. The Ministry is following up on this presentation by sending printed versions of the new submission to every MLA in the province.



MNBC presented its 2023 Provincial Budget Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in June to advocate for \$84.2 million in new funding.

Additional work undertaken at the provincial level includes:

- Advocating to the Trans Mountain Pipeline's Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee to seek a full Métis seat;
- Engaging with provincial ministries to co-develop legislation for DRIPA alignment (e.g.: Emergency Management BC, Attorney General's office);
- Arranging an initial discussion with Doug Caul, Deputy Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, to open talks on a potential gaming revenue sharing agreement;
- Meeting with Municipal Affairs to discuss community gaming grant applications to support MNBC Chartered Communities;
- Developing an engagement report for the Province's COVID-19 *Lessons Learned* review, which included survey feedback from MNBC Citizens;
- Providing a tour of our Surrey headquarters to local NDP MLAs on July 29; and
- Gearing up for another Louis Riel Day commemoration, in tandem with the MNBC Annual Awards ceremony in Victoria this winter.

On the federal side, significant progress has been made at the RIRSD table negotiations with Canada. In addition to requesting a new lead negotiator, MNBC is submitting a proposal for \$3.3 M in constitutional research funding to identify historical Métis communities in BC.

We worked with our external legal counsel to file a Judicial Review to challenge Indigenous Services Canada's denial of our Indigenous Governing Body status, and hosted Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, at our head office on July 10 to advocate on this important issue.

The Ministry team also arranged in-person meetings in Ottawa with senior staff from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services Canada, plus senior staff from Women and Gender Equity; and Innovation, Science and Economic Development to identify funding pathways.

Additional activities at the federal level include:

- Meeting with the Pacific Caucus Chair to create champions in Ottawa;
- Engaging with Justice Canada to develop an Action Plan to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act;
- Working through the Métis National Council to make progress on Canada-Métis Nation Accord priority topics, such as justice, the environment, health, economic development, and social policy;



The complex dynamic between the Métis Nation and First Nations remains a barrier to reconciliation. A comprehensive strategy is being developed with an external advisor. A delegation from MNBC attended the Assembly of First Nations in Vancouver from July 5-7 to build relationships and successfully advocate against a resolution concerning Métis land claims in Ontario.

Municipalities will become increasingly important stakeholders as we develop Métis centres in each of the seven electoral regions. For this reason, a delegation will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Whistler in September to build relationships at the local level.

Finally, the Ministry is hiring a project coordinator and policy analyst to increase capacity to help support every MNBC Ministry.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Lissa Smith

Justice Coordinator: Kimberly Ross

2022 Ministry Highlights:

- MNBC was advised in January that the proposal submitted in response to the Department of Justice Canada's call for proposals was successful. In June, MNBC was provided funding in support of the proposed project entitled "*Métis 101 for Justice System Professionals*". The funding covers this project from April 2022 to March 2024.
- MNBC attended the virtual Grand Opening of new Indigenous Justice Centres on January 26, 2022.
- MNBC assisted in the BC Human Rights Commission's Inquiry into hate in the pandemic, by being a Community Liaison. We attended numerous consultations, orientations, and engagement sessions. MNBC assisting in providing insight and recommendations in the development of the questions used for information gathering in the inquiry.
- Continuing collaboration and consultation with the First Nations Justice Council and the BC Government in effecting strategic alignment of the final embargoed *Métis Justice Strategy*, in anticipation of the Strategy's Cabinet endorsement and implementation.
- In consultation with the province, a work plan was prepared, to submit to Cabinet with the Strategy for endorsement of the *Métis Justice Strategy*. The work plan set out the following:
 - o Implementation Plan;
 - o A Timeline by fiscal year for each of the eleven recommendations set out in the *Métis Justice Strategy*;
 - o Key partners involved in each of the eleven recommendations of the Strategy;
 - o Estimated incremental costs for each of the eleven recommendations of the Strategy;
 - o Areas of Alignment with the First Nations Justice Strategy, and timelines regarding same; and
 - o Recommendations and MNBC Ministries
- Continued ongoing consultations with First Nations Justice Council regarding Gladue Reports for Métis Peoples.

- MNBC attends ongoing meetings with the Advisory Committee on Provincial Policing Standards (ACOPPS). MNBC assists in review of Standards under development, work related to existing Standards, compliance monitoring and evaluation on a bi-monthly basis.
- The Ministry is in ongoing consultations with Gladue writers in developing information packages to assist in writing Gladue Reports for Métis Peoples.
- The MNBC Justice Council attended consultations in the recommendations put forward to the Legislative Assembly, in transforming Policing and Community Safety in BC.
- Attended further engagement sessions and Town Hall meetings on the proposed decriminalization of simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use.
- The Ministry is having ongoing discussions and consultations with the Law Society of BC's Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Task Force Matters and their strategic planning.
- The Ministry has provided insight into the "Gladue Submission Assistant" application, developed by Four Justice Services at Thompson Rivers University.
- The Ministry continues to assist MNBC Citizens in providing available resources and access to justice.
- The Ministry attended engagement sessions on the draft legislative amendments to the *Mental Health Act* on the Mental Health Act Rights Advice Service.



MINISTRY OF SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Paulette Flamond

Acting Senior Director – Katie Trace

MNBC staff, under the leadership of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and the Minister of Employment and Skills Training, jointly deliver MNBC's Skills Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary (STEPS) programs, to support Métis learners and those seeking employment residing in BC. We advocate for policy and legislative amendments that lead to favorable outcomes for Métis in BC, and more resources for Métis skills training, employment, and post-secondary programs, all while collaborating with our stakeholders to deliver Métis culturally appropriate programming.



2021-22 Ministry Highlights:

Rebranding

In the fall of 2021, we rebranded from the Métis Employment Training Program (METP) and SITEM Skills Training to one program delivery arm branded under STEPS. To date we have received great feedback from Citizens on the new name and how it speaks to them on many levels of taking "STEPS" forward in their learning and career journeys. Of course, with a new name also came a new logo, which is highlighted below.

Funding

STEPS had a very busy and exciting fiscal year in 2021-2022. We received a record amount of funding which allowed us to fund more Métis learners than ever before! Our annual operating budget for 2021-22 was \$25.1 M, including \$3.8 M carried forward, an increase of more than 49 percent from the previous year. For the year 2022-23, it is \$21 M, with aspirational funding of \$7.1 M still to be confirmed. Our advocacy work with the province continues to pay dividends as funding committed to MNBC for skills training programs increased to over \$11.9 M for the

2021-22 fiscal year, with another \$7.1 M contract currently in negotiation for 2022-23.

Programming and Staffing

With increased funding, we also saw an increase in the number of students we were able to support. In 2021-2022 we funded over 2080 students! Between the dates of April 1 to July 31, we have already funded over 1450 students, which exceeds this same period in 2021-22. We are currently on track to hit another record year and it would not be possible without the incredible STEPS team that works so hard to support our Métis learners and those seeking employment, every single day.

We also did a human resources restructure in October 2021 where all staff received new job titles, duties, and responsibilities. We hired additional staff for every regional office in the province. The current team is 31 employees with an anticipated five more individuals joining the team by fall 2022.

The team has focused the past year on learning the new policies and standards of practice as well as building community relationships within their regions. We have also completed a number of professional development trainings with Social Development and Poverty Reduction and Employment and Social Development Canada to strengthen our working relationships and to better serve the needs of our Citizens and help them navigate complex government systems.

Program Efficiency and Updates

STEPS has recently completed its programs review and guidelines renewal that went into effect April 1, 2022. To provide transparency and improve Citizen access to program information, we have included the new standards of practice on our [website](#).

We strive to improve Citizens' experience through streamlining the application processes and refocusing our efforts in a client-centric environment. From securing more resources for client support - leading to the increase of the lifetime support limit to \$50,000, to the revamping of STEPS' wrap-around support program which makes it easier for Citizens to focus on their training and studies, we are confident of the improvement to STEPS.

We are also in the initial stages of building an online content management system led by the Ministry of Digital Government. This will allow Citizens to access their applications, forms, and all signed documents and correspondence on an online platform. The new system will increase the processing speed and efficiency for both staff and Citizens.

COVID-19 Pandemic Supports

STEPS continued to support Métis learners during the pandemic with access to one time grant of \$3,000 that helped students in full-time post-secondary school with the increased cost of tuition,



books, and mandatory fees. From October 2021 to July 2022, we were able to support 920 full time post-secondary students.

As the pandemic continued to evolve, we responded to the need for technology supports for learners by providing them with a laptop from BestBuy or the equivalent in cash towards the laptop of their choice.

From October 2021 to May 2022, we supported 310 full time students.

Policy initiatives

We have continued to work closely with the Provincial Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST) on the policy front to ensure Métis voice and inclusion is at the front and center of that work. STEPS staff, with the addition of a new policy analyst position in fall 2021, is concurrently managing and engaging in various initiatives, including a new Aboriginal Service Plan which was revealed to all 25 public post-secondary institutions in summer 2022, as well as amendments to the Tuition Waiver Program. We have also been heavily involved with the new Skilled Trades Certification legislation and the development of the comprehensive workforce readiness plan titled “Future Ready: Skills for the Jobs of Tomorrow.”

Community Engagement

For the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff were able to resume visits to Chartered Communities across the province to listen to Citizens’ concerns and answer questions. The resulting feedback guided staff recommendations leading to the allocation of \$2 M in direct funding to Chartered Communities in the fall of 2021.

STEPS staff also met with Chartered Communities, school districts, post-secondary institutions, and community groups to promote and increase awareness of the STEPS programs and services. We look forward to continuing this work and will be adding an outreach team dedicated to these important relationship building aspects in fall of 2022.

Employer Relations

In October 2021, we welcomed a new team member to STEPS as the Provincial Employer Relations Manager. He has traveled across the province, meeting with Chartered Communities and local employers in an effort to encourage the use of the wage subsidy and paid practicum programs STEPS offers, and increase Métis representation in the workforce. He has also hosted a number of virtual career fairs and information sessions for employers and those looking for employment or pathways to join certain industries. We look forward to building more connections with employers as well as Métis businesses across the province in the year to come.

Métis-dedicated University College

The feasibility and business plan development work for a MNBC-controlled university college is now complete. The goal is to create a sustainable and Métis-centric source of skills training and post-secondary education to be operational by 2025. After review and direction from the MNBC Cabinet in Winter 2022, we have now hired consultants to complete the next phase of the planning and operations development and have been supported by AEST with \$250,000 to continue with the activities identified in the business plan.



MINISTRY OF SPORT

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Dean Gladue

Acting Senior Director – Ken Bourdeau

The Ministry of Sport works to ensure that Métis people have access to sports and active living opportunities. Informed and supported by the Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Strategy (ASRPA Strategy) and the *Declaration Act*, we aim to implement programs that will increase the overall wellbeing of Métis Citizens.

To support our sports, wellness and active living initiatives, the Ministry aims to do the following:

- Launch various sports programming and grants;
- Provide start-up funds for Métis people wanting to expand their wellness (self-directed);
- Create programming specifically related to:
 - Mental health and active living (children and adult focused)
 - Nutrition
 - Traditional Métis sport and culturally relevant activities
- Sport equipment grants;
- Funds to participate in the North American Indigenous Games;
- Create a scholarship fund related to sports;
- Facilitate on-going sport and wellness camps.



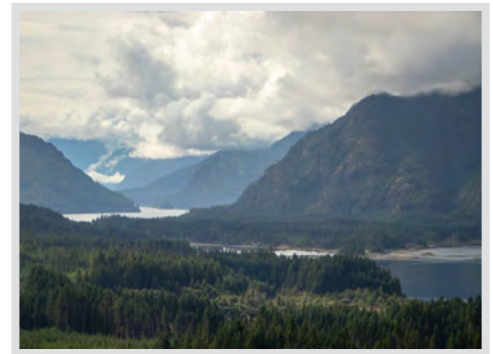
Since its inception, the Ministry has launched various programs and grants:

COVID-19 Sports Grant: To support Métis children and youth who wish to rejoin sports as per the BC reopening plan, this program offered a one-time grant of \$150 per child to go towards a sporting activity. This program was completed in April and helped 400 Métis families.

Hockey Gear Giveaway: Implemented in March in partnership with I-SPARC and Bauer, we launched a youth hockey equipment giveaway. Equipment included hockey sticks, gloves, helmets, and skates in various youth sizes. After completing in April, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our Citizens.

WALE (Wellness and Active Living Event): Presented together with the Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Environmental Protection, and Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language, this event focused on increasing the wellbeing of Métis Citizens through a cultural wellness and active living lens. It was held in late August at Strathcona Park Lodge in Campbell River. Activities included paddle carving, tree climbing, ziplining, waterfront boating activities and a nature bog walk.

Active Living Recovery Fund: Supported by the Ministry of Health, this program will provide a one-time \$150 grant per applicant to be used towards accessing any sport/active living opportunity. Whereas the COVID-19 Sports Grant was created to support children and youth, this program be for all Métis Citizens who have struggled to access and afford sport/active living opportunities. This program will be implemented in fall 2022.





MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Dr. Kate Elliott

Senior Director – Mallory Blondeau

Ministry Mandate:

MNBC's MOWGE uses an intersectional approach to elevate Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ by creating resources, programing and services that promote wellness, security, and safety. The Ministry identifies legal imperatives and inequities and holds space for truth telling. The Ministry creates opportunities for Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ to connect and build relationship with culture. The Ministry works along side and provides support to the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC).

2021 - 2022 Ministry Highlights:

Métis Women British Columbia - Governance and Leadership

Annual Women's Gathering

MOWGE successfully delivered the first Annual Métis Women's Gathering for the MWBC Provincial Governance Council on March 11, 2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the gathering was held virtually with 26 Regional and Community Women's Representatives in attendance.

The theme of the gathering was Governance and Leadership. Elder Stella opened and closed the event in a good way, and keynote speaker MNC President Cassidy Caron shared her journey as a Métis woman to governance and leadership. Jana Schulz, MMIWG2S+ Family and Survivor, and Region 4 Women's Representative provided a high-level overview of the MMIWG2S+ 231 Calls for Justice. The Regional and Community Women's Representatives were able to enhance connection and strengthen leadership, while reviewing the MWBC Strategic Plan.

2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee

July 2022 marked the one-year anniversary of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee. Through their guidance and labour, MNBC was able to increase 2SLGBTQQIA+ awareness campaigns and begin work to create spaces of belonging and supports which have been long overdue. MNBC celebrated 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people and allies with a float in Vancouver's 44th Annual Pride Parade. MNBC was also in



collaboration with Métis Nation Greater Victoria, Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, and Fraser Valley Métis Association for the Two Worlds, Two Spirits Gathering in BC.

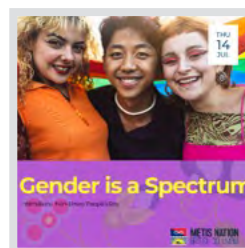
Sashing Our Warriors Campaign

MOWGE, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, expanded the Sashing our Warriors campaign. The expansion provided small community seed funding to host Sashing Our Warrior Events, along with a 125 Sashing Our Warriors cards for each of the 39 Chartered Communities and community dialogue kits to support event facilitation. MOWGE was recently awarded the Canadian Women's Foundation – Shockproofing Communities grant to support the continued delivery of the Sashing Our Warriors Project and support community connections with regional and community supports and services for people who are at risk of violence.



Communications and Awareness

MOWGE has successfully collaborated with several MNBC Ministries to bring awareness to International Women's Day, Transgender Day of Visibility, International Day Against Victim Blaming, Lesbian Visibility Day, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, Pansexual Visibility Day, Pride Month, and International Non-Binary People's Day.



MWBC and MNBC committed to bringing awareness to the epidemic of MMIWG2S+, which included May 5th [Red Dress Awareness Day](#) and June 3rd National Action Plan One Year Anniversary and highlighted [231 Calls for Justice](#) from the [National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+](#) report. Finally, as a MNBC wide commitment to the 231 Calls for Justice, staff participated in a Red Dress Day presentation.

Comfort Kits

MOWGE received funding from Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak and successfully distributed 494 comfort kits to 39 Chartered Communities. Contents of the kits included: shampoo and conditioner; soap, deodorant, pads, toothbrush and toothpaste, mending kit, laundry strips, hand sanitizer, tissues, chapstick, nail clippers, comb, notebook, banner pen, MWBC flashlight/whistle combo, pocket first aid kit, and a Sashing Our Warriors lapel kit.



Please look for the MWBC banner pens in your region. These great pens roll out to display the Métis Women BC Logo on one side, and on the other side, contact information for the 24-Hour Métis Crisis Line, Métis Elder Line, Métis Nation BC Website, Métis Nation BC Toll-Free, and VictimLink BC.



MINISTRY OF YOUTH

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister – Shaughn Davoren

Acting Senior Director – Mallory Blondeau

Ministry Mandate:

The Ministry of Youth provides Métis youth in British Columbia with culturally relevant life skill programs and events in order to revitalize and foster connection to Métis culture and community. The Ministry works alongside and provides support to the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC).

2021 - 2022 Ministry Highlights:

MY Eco Action

MY Eco Action, funded by Canada Service Corps, is a unique program to MNBC. This program is open to all youth 15 to 30 years of age, and is a platform where everyone can come together and learn about Métis culture, land stewardship, mental health, and reconciliation.

The youth must complete 120 self-directed volunteer hours. Upon completion of their volunteer service, they are eligible to attend a celebration trip. The last cohort was able to go to Tofino to experience whale watching, cultural circle led by two Elders, nature hike, and fish scale art.

This year we hope to take successful participants to Métis Crossing and have youth from Métis Nation Alberta host us, as we build connection to Métis youth across Canada.

Youth Employment and Training Initiative

The Ministry, in collaboration with STEPS launched a **pilot employment program** for Métis youth - Youth Employment and Training Initiative (YETI). First cohort recruited 15 participants and 13 youth successfully completed the program. The program is set to continue for cohort two this August and future cohorts are in the works. This unique three-week program supports Métis youth (ages 15-30) to build confidence, gain skills for life and work, and be better prepared for employment in today's labour market. Over the course of three weeks, youth plunge into interactive career exploration activities, learn about safety in the workplace, acquire tips to make smarter financial decisions and connect to Métis culture and community, all in a safe and fun virtual setting.



Métis Youth (MY) Parliamentary Forum

The Ministry and MYBC Committee hosted the first-ever MY Parliamentary Forum, which took place at the Provincial Legislature in Victoria, BC, on June 3-5, 2022.

Like-minded Métis youth exchanged ideas, debated issues of importance to them and learned how to confidently bring those issues forward to leaders in government and within the Métis Nation. The MY Parliamentary Forum provided Métis youth with the opportunity to receive governance training, experience the atmosphere of the provincial Legislature, learned about parliamentary etiquette, procedures and protocols, drafted resolutions, practiced mock debates of legislation, and develop their public speaking skills. In attendance was five Ontario, three Alberta, six Saskatchewan, three Manitoba, and 31 BC Métis youth leaders.

Métis youth feedback:

- *"I finally saw people who were like me. Before this experience I had never felt like I belonged anywhere and now I feel I belong everywhere."* – Métis youth
- *"My favorite part of the MY BC Parliamentary Forum was getting to connect and learn from other Métis youth across the country. I feel like we have learned so much from each other and I am so lucky to have all these new connections."* – Métis youth

MY TRU Experience

The Ministry, in close collaboration with Indigenous Education at Thompson Rivers University (TRU), and funding from the Aboriginal Service Plan, delivered our annual three-day long campus tour event that included a tour of TRU in Kamloops, information sessions with the departments of Nursing, Business, Health Care/ Social Services, Education, Horticulture, Culinary Arts, and Power Engineering. The event featured hands-on workshop in the Makerspace, library tour and cultural activities like Métis beadwork painting, jigging, beading, and drumming. Nine youth from across BC joined the event and gained insight into the different career and education pathways at TRU, as well as networked with the Métis community.





REMEMBRANCE DAY

On behalf of the MNBC Veterans Committee and Minister of Veterans Lissa Smith, we would like to remind all Métis Chartered Communities that now is the time to order your ribbon and wreath from the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion for Remembrance Day.

Communities that would like to participate should connect with their local Legion to place an order.

This will ensure that your Métis Community name is on the wreath's ribbon and that your Community is also on the list to be called upon during the wreath laying portion of your City's Remembrance Day ceremony.

If you know of a Veteran in your Community, please honour and encourage them to be part of the wreath laying and Remembrance Day ceremony.

Métis Nation British Columbia has seven wreaths for our Regional Veteran Representatives to present at the Community of their choosing on behalf of all our Métis Veterans past and present.

Each Legion sets their own price, but generally the cost is \$50-\$75.

For more information please e-mail: info@legion.ca or website: www.legion.ca

MNBC will work with Métis Chartered Communities to reimburse the cost of wreath



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MV-BC at AGM in Dawson Creek, BC





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