



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MNGA 2023

June 3-4 2023

Meeting held Virtually over Zoom

Draft Agenda

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Time		Order of Business
Pacific	Mountain	
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Opening Prayer MNGA Clerk Confirms Quorum Meeting Called to Order Opening Remarks – President Smith
9:25 AM	10:25	ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES 1. Adopt Agenda for 2023 June MNGA 2. Review and Adopt Standing Rules for 2023 June MNGA
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES 1. 2023 March MNGA (March 3 to 5, 2023)
9:35 AM	10:35 AM	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT <i>At the March 2023, MNGA, the Assembly referred Resolution 7 to the MNGA Governance Committee for additional information and report back.</i> RR1. Recommendation for further Consultation with MWBC and MYBC Provincial and Regional Representatives and Women and Youth Citizens RR2. Recommendation for Governance Review of the MNBC RR. “Resolution 7” currently before the MNGA.
		UNFINISHED BUSINESS <i>Resolutions 1 to 6 were postponed from the March 2023, MNGA. Resolution 16 from the March 2023, MNGA, has been withdrawn at the request of the submitter.</i>
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Resolution 1: Electoral Act – Elector Outreach and Education <i>Note: this resolution has been modified</i>
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Health Break
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Reconvene and Quorum Call
10:50 AM	11:50 AM	Resolution 2: Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments
11:20 AM	12:20 PM	Resolution 3: Electoral Act: Regulatory Authority for Elections
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Reconvene and Quorum Call
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Resolution 4: Opportunity for Discussion: Term Limits for MNBC Board Members

Time		Order of Business
Pacific	Mountain	
1:45 PM	2:45 PM	Resolution 5: Opportunity for Discussion: Qualifications for MNBC Board Members
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Reconvene and Quorum Call
2:50 PM	3:50 PM	Resolution 6: Community Charter/Governance Agreement – MNBC
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Adjourn for Day 1

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Sunday, June 4, 2023

Time	
Pacific	Mountain
9:00 AM	10:00 AM
MNGA Reconvenes for Day 2 and Quorum Call	

NEW BUSINESS

The remaining resolutions on the agenda have been submitted for the June 2023, MNGA.

9:05 AM	10:05 AM	Resolution 7: Creation of an elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council <i>Note: this resolution replaces Resolution 16 from the March 2023 MNGA.</i>
10:05 AM	11:05 AM	Health Break
10:20 AM	11:20 AM	Reconvene and Quorum Call
10:25 AM	11:25 AM	Resolution 8: Extension of Voting Timelines
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Resolution 9: MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Adjourn the 2023 June MNGA

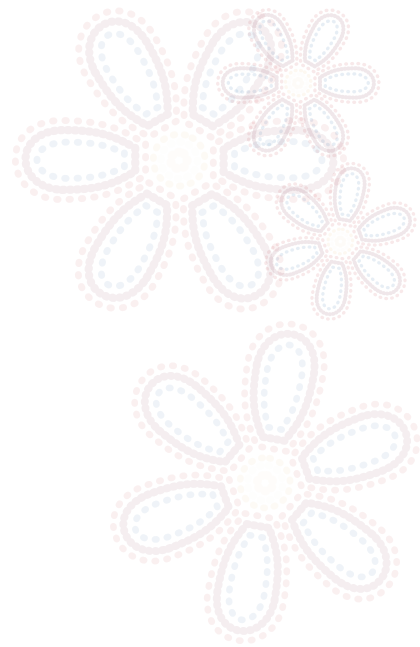
MNGA STANDING RULES

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and *MNGA Act*.
2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
3. On each issue or motion, a delegate is entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three minute time slot.
5. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
6. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
8. A motion to Amend a motion or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main motion, unless approved by unanimous consent.
9. Delegates must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.



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MNGA

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DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly, held March 3-5, 2023 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 5911 Minoru Road, Richmond, British Columbia.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

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

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Caitlin Bird, President, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association
Joy Bremner, President, Mid Island Métis Nation
Zevier Brewer, President, Métis Nation Powell River
Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association
June Graham, President, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association
Tyler Masee, President, North Island Métis Association
Richard Lewis, President, Cowichan Valley Métis Association
Christina Sample, Vice President Miki'siw Métis Association

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

Lee Fraser, President, Surrey/Delta Métis Association
Bryanna Pelletier, Secretary/Treasurer, Chilliwack Métis Association
Kelly Sears, President, Waceya Métis Society
Lisa Shepherd, Vice President, Golden Ears Métis Society
Greg Stanwood, President, North Fraser Métis Association
Pixie Wells, President, Fraser Valley Métis Society

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

David Allard, President, Salmon Arm Métis Association
Cheryl Dodman, President, Kelowna Métis Association
Jamie-Lee Keith, President, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Betty Ann McDonnell, President, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society
Melissa Kelm, Vice-President, Two Rivers Métis Society
Daina Shaw, President, Boundary Métis Community Association
Natasha Smith, President, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Nicole Courson, President, West Kootenay Métis Society
Jeff Crozier, President, Rocky Mountain Métis Association
Monica Fisher, President, Columbia Valley Métis Association
Travis Jobin, President, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Myrtle Servatius, President, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Sylvia Desrocher, President, Prince George Métis Community Association
Tony Goulet, President, North Cariboo Métis Association
Lana J. Olson, President, Métis Nation New Caledonia Society
Marlene Swears, President, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

Alicia Fernando, President, Tri-River Métis Association
Patricia Paulson, Interim President, Northwest BC Métis Association
Joy Sundin, President, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

Region 7 – Northeast

Curtis Belcourt, Vice President, Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake
Peggy Olanski, Vice President, Fort St. John Métis Society

ALSO PRESENT:

Victoria Pruden, MNGA Speaker
Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker
John Bieker, MNGA Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Deputy Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

DAY ONE – March 3, 2023

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) commenced with the Grand Entry procession, led by a fiddler, Métis Veterans, flag bearers, and other dignitaries. Attendees participated in singing “O Canada” and the “Métis Anthem”.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYERS

Senator Betty Hoogendorn and Senator Philip Gladue acknowledged the traditional lands on which the MNGA was being held and provided Opening Prayers.

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

The Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia *(a pre-recorded video message)*

Premier Eby recognized the MNBC's accomplishments and anticipated ongoing collaboration related to self-determination and reconciliation.

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations *(a pre-recorded video message)*

Minister Miller referred to discussions with MNBC leaders related to the recognition of Indigenous rights, and anticipated conversations to advance priorities and support future generations.

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister Responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario *(a pre-recorded video message)*

Minister Hajdu extended appreciation for the MNBC's achievements and acknowledged the importance of continuing to work together.

Audrey Poitras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) *(a pre-recorded video message)*

MNA President Poitras extended appreciation for the Opening Prayers, which reminded delegates to remain focused on the tasks to be accomplished. The MNA President commended the MNBC's ongoing journey to self-government, determination and recognition.

Hank Rowlinson, Chair of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

MNO Chair Rowlinson referenced recent discussions with federal leaders on advancing the priorities of the Métis Nation and confirmed the MNO's commitment to support integrity and good governance.

Lissa Smith, President of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)

MNBC President Smith welcomed delegates, and recognized the Veterans and others who led the Grand Entry, before acknowledging the traditional territories on which the MNGA was being held.

President Smith referenced some of the activities and events outlined in the "President's Report", provided with the agenda, and offered comments on:

- The MNBC's Central Registry which now includes more than 23,000 Registered Citizens.
- A Louis Riel Day campaign, coordinated by the MNBC's Intergovernmental Affairs team to raise the MNBC's profile.
- Ongoing meetings with Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to address the MNBC's priority issues.
- Efforts towards finalizing the Métis Justice Strategy, with support from the Province.
- The Board of Directors' priorities, including the delivery of programs and services for Métis citizens (e.g., the Métis Childcare Program).
- Progress pursued through the *Declaration Act Action Plan*, towards distinctions-based funding and programming for Métis Citizens.
- Efforts of the MNBC's volunteers and staff, to support the MNBC's continued progress and success.

The Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Minister Rankin extended appreciation for the Opening Prayers and the Grand Entry, and offered additional comments on:

- The *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, which recognized the distinct needs of Métis people in BC.

- The 2021 Letter of Intent signed by representatives of the MNBC and the Province of BC, affirming a commitment to a “whole of government” approach that respects Métis self-determination.
- Budget 2023-24, which included supports for housing, health care, climate change and childcare.
- Recognizing September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, to honour children who attended residential schools and to reflect on a better future.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that quorum was achieved with 42 official voting delegates in attendance.

NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MNGA SPEAKER / DEPUTY SPEAKER

The MNGA Clerk called for nominations for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the 2023 MNGA, which prompted the following:

1. Victoria Pruden was nominated as Speaker with David Peltier as Deputy Speaker, and both consented to the nominations; and
2. David Peltier was nominated as Speaker with Carmen Carriere as Deputy Speaker, and both consented to the nominations.

The MNGA Clerk called for further nominations and after the third call, with there being no further nominations, declared the nominations closed. The nominees each addressed the MNGA with respect to their candidacy. After a roll call vote, the MNGA Clerk declared that Victoria Pruden was selected as Speaker with David Peltier as Deputy Speaker, for the March 2023 MNGA.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2023 MNGA

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the MNGA. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered in the order reflected in the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2023 MNGA scheduled March 3-5, 2023, was called to order on March 3, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023 MNGA DRAFT AGENDA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the March 3-5, 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of providing an opportunity on the last day of future MNGA Agendas, for Community Presidents to provide updates.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 3-5, 2023, be accepted as presented with an amendment to correctly indicate: “Audrey Poitras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-01)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA STANDING RULES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Draft MNGA Standing Rules".

The following were adopted by unanimous consent:

- The Standing Rules as presented for the March 3-5, 2023, MNGA; and
- The MNGA Clerk will call roll call votes in alternating alphabetical and reverse alphabetical order for the March 3-5, 2023, MNGA.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

4. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the 2022 Special MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held February 3, 2022.

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held February 3, 2022, be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2301-02)

4.2 Minutes of the 2022 MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 4-6, 2022

It was MOVED (Tyler Massee) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 4-6, 2022, be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2301-03)

5. ACCEPTANCE OF WRITTEN REPORTS

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "MNGA Reports 2023", including reports submitted by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Directors, Ministries, the Chief Executive Officer, Senate and Chartered Communities.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Marlene Swears)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) accept the "MNGA Reports 2023", as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2301-04)

6. RESOLUTION 1 - Upcoming MNGA Meetings

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – Upcoming MNGA Meetings" submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated January 17, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and rationale.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Potentially rescheduling the “December 2 to 3, 2023” MNGA to “November 25 to 26, 2023”
- Recognizing that in-person MNGAs, required more coordination than virtual MNGAs.

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

WHEREAS:

The *Métis Nation British Columbia - Constitution* (the “*Constitution*”) requires that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) meet at least three times per year, once in person and twice virtually; and

The *Constitution* further requires that the MNGA determine the dates for the next MNGA at a previous MNGA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. The MNGA meet on the dates indicated below:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Meeting Type</i>
June 3-4, 2023	Virtual
December 2-3, 2023	Virtual
March 1-3, 2024	In person

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lee Fraser) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

That the Main Resolution be amended by changing the “December 2 to 3, 2023” virtual MNGA to “November 3 to 4, 2023”.

Secondary Amendment

That the words “November 3 to 4” be struck and “November 25 to 26” inserted in their place.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2301-05)

Question on the Amendment as Amended

That the amendment be amended by changing the “November 3 to 4, 2023” virtual MNGA to “November 25 to 26, 2023”.

DEFEATED

(13 in favour, 27 opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Question on the Resolution

The question was called on the resolution and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-06)

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The MNBC MNGA scheduled March 3-5, 2023, adjourned on March 3, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on March 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY TWO – March 4, 2023

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC MNGA scheduled March 3-5, 2023, reconvened on March 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 45 official voting delegates in attendance.

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Cassidy Caron, President of the Métis National Council (MNC) *(a pre-recorded video message)*

MNC President Caron commended the growth of the MNBC and the development of programs and services, which aimed to close gaps between Métis citizens and non-Métis citizens. Best wishes were extended for the MNGA's deliberations, and for serving the best interest of future generations.

OPENING COMMENTS

Elder Philip Gladue provided opening comments and recognized the MNBC's accomplishments.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Discussion Session

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, extended appreciation for the Community Presidents, and offered comments on:

- Advocating for the recognition of Section 35 rights, at meetings with MPs and others
- Ongoing efforts to rebuild and maintain the MNBC's relationships
- Setting dates for MNBC leaders to visit communities and citizens, to gather feedback
- A new symbol designed to reflect the Métis citizens in BC with elements including the dogwood, sash and infinity symbol, which will soon be available on a variety of items.

In response to delegates questions, comments were offered on:

- The importance of gathering feedback from communities
- Appreciation for the support provided to Métis communities impacted by natural disasters
- Recognizing the history and experience of some of the MNBC's current leaders, which reflected successful "nation-building"
- Progress on the development of a portal on the MNBC website, which could safely and securely store accessible information uploaded by the MNBC office.

8. RESOLUTION 2 – Communication Policy with Charter Communities

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): "Resolution 2 – Communication Policy with Charter Communities" submitted by the President of the North Cariboo Métis Association and dated January 29, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and rationale.

During discussion, comments were offered on the importance of establishing a Communications Policy and Procedures, to guide the consistent and secure gathering and storage of information (in accordance with relevant privacy regulations).

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) work with the seven regions in consultation with Chartered Communities, on Communication Policy and Procedures, that are equitable and transparent; and
- B. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly requests that the MNBC fully fund the development of the above-noted policy and procedures, as a high priority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-07)

9. RESOLUTION 3 – Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 3 – Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship”, submitted by MNBC Directors and dated January 17, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

Colleen Hodgson, Executive Director, Citizenship, introduced members of the Ministry of Citizenship and offered comments on:

- Efficiencies to the citizenship application process, including assigning an initial intake assessment team and developing a quality assurance model
- Following national criteria to confirm eligibility for citizenship.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Anticipated reductions to the citizenship application processing time
- Application delays due to missing information; applicants are notified when information is required.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Ministry of Citizenship has undergone, and continues to undergo substantial changes to provide better service to Citizens;
2. Many current practices do not align with the language in the *MNBC Citizenship Act* (the “*Citizenship Act*”);
3. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and
4. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered, the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes to the *Citizenship Act* be made:

- A. Strike definition 2.5, because it is not used in any current MNBC Legislation;

- B.** Strike definition 2.9 and insert the following in its place:
- 2.29 “**Registry**” means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens;
- C.** Strike definition 2.12 and insert the following in its place:
- 2.12 A “Chartered Community” is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC;
- D.** Strike definition 2.21, and insert the following in its place:
- “**Registration**” means citizenship in the MNBC” and strike all instances of the word “**Membership**” and insert “**Registration**” in its place throughout the *Citizenship Act*;
- E.** Strike definition 2.23, and replace all instances of “Métis Community” in the *Citizenship Act* with “Chartered Community”;
- F.** Strike the word “Standardized” from definition 2.27, so that the title is “**Provincial Citizenship Card**”;
- G.** Strike definition 2.31, and insert the following in its place:
- “**Citizenship Authority**” (the “Authority”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
- The Executive Director of Citizenship
 - The Director of Citizenship
 - The Citizenship Assessment Manager
- H.** Subject to approval of **A** to **G** above, reorder and renumber all definitions so that they are in alphabetical and numerical order;
- I.** Subject to approval of **C** above, replace all instances of “Community” and “Chartered Métis Community” with “Chartered Community”;
- J.** Strike the words “as a Métis Citizen” and the second instance of the words “is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry” in Article 3.1, because these phrases are redundant;
- K.** Subject to approval of **F** and **G** above, delete the current Article 4.2 and insert the following in its place:
- 4.2 Upon approval of registration, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen
- L.** Subject to approval of **G** above, replace all instances of “Registrar” with “Citizenship Authority” in the other definitions, and Articles 3 to 6, 7.10, 7.11, 8, and 10 to 13 inclusively;
- M.** Strike “sixteen (16)” in Article 4.3 and insert “nineteen (19)” in its place;
- N.** Replace all instances of “Registrar” with “Ministry of Citizenship” in Articles 7.1 to 7.9 inclusively, 7.12 and 7.13 and Nine;
- O.** Strike the current Article 7.2 and insert the following in its place:
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.

- P. Subject to approval of N above, insert the word “shall” following the words: “Ministry of Citizenship”, and strike the word “Central” before the word “Registry” in Article 7.5 so that it will read:
- The Ministry of Citizenship shall cause the Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;
- Q. Subject to approval of G above, strike Articles 8.1 to 8.3 and insert the following as a new Article 8.0 in their place:
- 8.0 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant.
- R. Subject to approval of N above, in Article 9.1, strike the phrase “retained and/or employed by the MNBC”, so that it will read as follows:
- 9.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
- S. Strike the word “that” in Article 11.4 and insert “than” in its place, so that the first sentence reads:
- 11.4 The parties shall be provided no less than two (2) weeks notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard;
- T. Subject to approval of G above, in Article 12.0, replace the first instance of “Registry Office” with “Ministry of Citizenship”, and the second instance with “Citizenship Authority”, so that Article 12.0 will read:
- 12.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Ministry of Citizenship including the remuneration for the office of the Citizenship Authority and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.

CARRIED (MNGA2301-08)

(43 in favour, one delegate voted in opposition, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 45 official voting delegates in attendance.

10. RESOLUTION 4 – Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 4 – Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process”, submitted by the MNBC Board of Directors and dated January 17, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Potential implications of questioning a person's Métis citizenship
- Article 6 of the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, which provides the authority to revoke the citizenship of someone who does not meet the criteria for Métis citizenship.

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

WHEREAS:

1. The *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) - Constitution (the "Constitution")* defines Métis as "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";
2. The *MNBC Citizenship Act* (the "*Citizenship Act*") authorizes the Registrar to determine whether a person is entitled to be registered as a Citizen, and to determine whether a registered Citizen is found to be ineligible during an audit or review; and
3. Challenges to a person's Métis citizenship by someone other than the Registrar, is contrary to the provisions of self-identification essential to citizenship and the role of the Registrar;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Article Eleven be struck from the *Citizenship Act*;
- B. Current articles Twelve and Thirteen in the *Citizenship Act* be renumbered accordingly;
- C. In the new Article 12.4 (previously Article 13.4) of the *Citizenship Act*, change the words "Article 12.0" to "Article 11.0"; and
- D. Subject to approval of A above, Item 8.1(k) be struck from the *MNBC Senate Act*.

CARRIED (MNGA2301-09)

(42 in favour, one opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

11. RESOLUTION 5 – Stipend for Volunteer Community Elected Members

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda was verbally revised by the original submitter when the resolution was moved): "Resolution 5 – Stipend for Volunteer Community Elected Members", submitted by the Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and dated January 31, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Providing stipends for Community Elected Members, to support their volunteer efforts
- The feasibility of amending the resolution to direct the MNBC to resource administrative and operational capacity funding for *all* Chartered Communities
- Recognizing the achievements and ongoing workload of the Board of Directors and Chartered Communities (including during the COVID-19 pandemic).

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

WHEREAS:

1. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) elected members receive compensation for a position held as an elected member, supporting the future of all registered MNBC Members;

2. MNBC elected members recently received an increase in remuneration to recognize the position as being a full time position;
3. MNBC elected members receiving the increase in pay are the President, Vice-President, Directors and other elected members; and
4. MNBC elected members receive remuneration for expenses and costs associated with the position they hold;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA directs MNBC to resource administrative and operational capacity funding for all Chartered Communities.

Amendment to the Main Resolution (WITHDRAWN)

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

That the Main Resolution be amended by replacing the entire “BE IT RESOLVED THAT” section of the resolution, to read: “The Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs the MNBC to negotiate resources for administrative and operational capacity funding for all Chartered Communities”.

WITHDRAWN

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 44 official voting delegates in attendance.

11. RESOLUTION 5 – Stipend for Volunteer Community Elected Members (Continued)

During continued discussion, additional comments were offered on the varying levels of support needed by Chartered Communities, which required consideration of location, population and other factors.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the Main Resolution be amended by adding the following as “B” to the “BE IT RESOLVED THAT:” section of the resolution: “The MNBC will include the MNGA Governance Committee to participate in the process that will determine the details of resourcing noted in A above.”

CARRIED (MNGA2301-10)

(32 in favour, ten opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-11)

RESOLUTION 5 AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) elected members receive compensation for a position held as an elected member, supporting the future of all registered MNBC Members;
2. MNBC elected members recently received an increase in remuneration to recognize the position as being a full time position;
3. MNBC elected members receiving the increase in pay are the President, Vice-President, Directors and other elected members; and
4. MNBC elected members receive remuneration for expenses and costs associated with the position they hold;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA directs MNBC to resource administrative and operational capacity funding for all Chartered Communities.
- B. The MNBC will include the MNGA Governance Committee to participate in the process that will determine the details of resourcing noted in **A** above.

12. RESOLUTION 6 – Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 6 – Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members”, submitted by the MNBC Board of Directors and dated January 17, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

It was MOVED (Kate Elliott) and SECONDED (Dean Gladue)

WHEREAS:

1. A principle in any deliberative assembly is that each member is entitled to one vote; and
2. While Community Presidents may also hold a second post as a Regional Representative, there is a mechanism in the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Act* (the “*MNGA Act*”) for the Vice-President to attend MNGA meetings if the President is unable to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes be made to the *MNGA Act*:

- A. Insert the following as Article 3.1.1:
 - 3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1 above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling.

B. Insert the following as Article 4.2.1a):

4.2.1a) Each member of the MNGA is entitled to one vote per motion at meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-12)

- 13. RESOLUTION 7 – MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives**
Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 7 – MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives”, submitted by the MWBC and MYBC Chair and dated January 9, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Amending the *MNGA Act* to include regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC), in the MNGA
- Expanding the composition of the MNGA to be reflective of the MNBC’s membership
- Referring Resolution 7 to the Governance Committee, to consider the feasibility of expanding the composition of the MNGA (e.g., to include representatives of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community, British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources, Métis Veterans BC Committee, etc.) and to consider how alternates should be appointed.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order raised regarding the need to discuss a matter that may already be included on the agenda for consideration (i.e., “Resolution 16: Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQIA+ MNBC Representative”), the MNGA Deputy Speaker ruled that the current discussion could continue and may preclude the need for consideration of Resolution 16.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Kate Elliott) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

WHEREAS:

1. All Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) duly elected representatives shall comprise the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. The other provincially elected positions within MNBC comprise the MNGA;
3. For uniformity and simplicity, all provincially elected positions within MNBC should comprise the MNGA; and
4. The Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) 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;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The composition of the MNGA be amended to include the regional women’s and youth representatives, as voting members of the MNGA by amending the following legislation:

In the *MNGA Act*:

- A. Strike “and” at the end of Article 3.1 a)
- B. Add the following in Article 3.1:
 - b) The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia; and

Re-number the existing sub-articles in Article 3.1, so it shall now read:

- 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 Métis Youth of British Columbia Chairperson;
 - b) The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia; and
 - c) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

In the *MNBC - Constitution*:

- C. Strike out the current Article 29, and insert the following:
 - 29. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of:
 - 29.1 The Elected Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Communities;
 - 29.2 The elected President, Vice-President, and Regional Directors of the MNBC;
 - 29.3 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia;
 - 29.4 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia; and
 - 29.5 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that community.

Postponement (WITHDRAWN)

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

That consideration of Resolution 7 be postponed to the June MNGA.

WITHDRAWN

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the “BE IT RESOLVED” portion of the Main Resolution be amended by adding the following:

Add to Section B:

- 3.4 A representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Community; and

Add to Section C:

29.5 A representative of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community.

DEFEATED

(13 in favour, 24 opposed, four delegates abstained from the vote)

Referral to the MNGA Governance Committee

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Patricia Paulson)

That “Resolution #7 - MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives”, be referred to the MNGA Governance Committee, for a report and recommendations back at the June 3-4, 2023 MNGA.

CARRIED (MNGA2301-13)

(25 in favour, 18 opposed)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 43 official voting delegates in attendance.

14. RESOLUTION 8 – MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 8 – MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments”, submitted by MNBC Board of Directors and dated January 17, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the MNGA Act, a roll call vote was required.

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

WHEREAS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes be made to the *Métis Nation General Assembly Act* (the “MNGA Act”):

- A. In definition 2.17, add an “s” to the word “order” so that the phrase being defined is “Orders of the Day”;
- B. Subject to approval of A above, replace all instances of “Order of the day” with “Orders of the Day”, so that the phrase matches definition 2.17 throughout the MNGA Act;
- C. Strike the word “General” in definition 2.10 and insert “Governing” in its place, so that the phrase being defined is “Governing Assembly”;
- D. Strike definition 2.11 and renumber all subsequent definitions accordingly; and

- E. Subject to approval of C above, strike the word “General” from Article 3.2 and insert the word “Governing” in its place, so that Article 3.2 will read:

3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that Community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-14)

15. RESOLUTION 9 – Changes to the Veterans Act

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): “Resolution 9 – Changes to the Veterans Act”, submitted by MNBC Minister of Veterans and dated January 17, 2023.

David Armitt, Chair, MVBC, addressed the MNGA and responded to questions related to Resolution 9.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of an alternate attending meetings with Federal or Provincial representatives, in the event the MNBC Minister of Veterans is unavailable, to ensure Métis Veterans are consistently represented at nation-to-nation and government-to-government discussions.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) Committee has undergone some changes, and the *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Veterans Act* (the “Veterans Act”) needs to be updated to reflect these changes;
2. The relationship of the MVBC to the MNBC, and the qualifications for membership and associate membership in MVBC should be stated clearly and succinctly;
3. The role of the Minister of Veterans to the MVBC needs to be clearly defined and understandable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Veterans Act* be amended as follows:

- A.** Remove the second instance of “of” in Section 2.1 so that it will read:

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

- B.** Strike Section 3.2 and insert the following in its place:

The spouses and children of MVBC Members who wish to join MVBC may apply for associate membership of MVBC and may be accepted as an associate member (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be) of MVBC. The MVBC Committee will assess and accept or deny applications for Associate Membership.

- C. Strike Section 3.3 and insert the following in its place:
The MVBC Committee may, at their sole discretion, revoke a person's associate membership.

- D. Insert new Section 3.5 as follows:

A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.

- E. Insert the acronym "BC" following the word "Veterans" in the title of Article Four, so that the new title will be:

ARTICLE FOUR – MÉTIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE

- F. Strike existing Sections 4.1 to 4.6 and insert the following new Sections 4.1 to 4.12 in their place:

- 4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (the "MVBC Committee") shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the "Regional Representatives"), a Woman Veteran Representative, and a Service Officer, all being MVBC members.
- 4.2 The MVBC Membership shall elect from among themselves the Chairperson, Women's Representative, and Service Officer. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.
- 4.3 The term of office for all MVBC Committee members shall be no more than four (4) years. Elections and appointments shall be held at a MVBC General Meeting, in the year on which the term for those MVBC Committee members shall expire.
- 4.4 The MNBC Minister of Veterans will notify the relevant Regional Director no less than ninety (90) days before their MVBC Regional Representative term will expire, and an appointment must be made by the Regional Governance Council, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.5 No Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson, Women's Representative, or Service Officer, without the approval of the MNBC Minister of Veterans.
- 4.6 At least one member of the MVBC Committee shall be a serving or retired member of the RCMP, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.7 A Treasurer and Membership Clerk will be appointed by the MVBC Committee from the MVBC Committee, who, together with the Chairperson, Women's Representative, and Service Officer, shall collectively act and be known as the "Executive Committee".
- 4.8 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:
- a.) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) 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, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;

- d.) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time, and other duties as required;
 - f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
 - h.) Represent themselves as Métis veterans at municipal, provincial, federal, commemorative, or other events.
- 4.9 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 a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.
- 4.11 No less than seven (7) days' notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.
- 4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, 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.
- G. Strike the current title of Article Five of the *Veterans Act* and insert the following in its place:
ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS
- H. Strike existing Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Veterans Act* and insert new Sections 5.1 to 5.3 in their place:
- 5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.
- 5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.
- 5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Joy Sundin) and SECONDED (Dean Gladue)

That Article 5.2 of the Main Resolution be amended by inserting the words “an alternate member of the MNBC Board of Directors and” before the words “the Chairperson of the MVBC, so that article 5.2 will read as follows:

“The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate member of the MNBC Board of Directors and the Chairperson of the MVBC, attend in their place”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-15)

Question on the Main Resolution

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-16)

RESOLUTION 9 AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) Committee has undergone some changes, and the *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Veterans Act* (the “Veterans Act”) needs to be updated to reflect these changes;
2. The relationship of the MVBC to the MNBC, and the qualifications for membership and associate membership in MVBC should be stated clearly and succinctly;
3. The role of the Minister of Veterans to the MVBC needs to be clearly defined and understandable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Veterans Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Remove the second instance of “of” in Section 2.1 so that it will read:

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

- B. Strike Section 3.2 and insert the following in its place:

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 - c.) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;
 - d.) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time, and other duties as required;
 - f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
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the MNBC Annual General Meeting or a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.

- 4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.
 - 4.11 No less than seven (7) days' notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.
 - 4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, 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.
- G. Strike the current title of Article Five of the *Veterans Act* and insert the following in its place:
- ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS**
- H. Strike existing Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Veterans Act* and insert new Sections 5.1 to 5.3 in their place:
- 5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.
 - 5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate member of the MNBC Board of Directors the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.
 - 5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.

16. RESOLUTION 10 – Dissolving of a Community (Suspension of Funding Actions)

Related information (provided with the agenda and displayed): "Resolution 10 – Dissolving of a Community (Suspension of Funding Actions)", submitted by West Kootenay Métis Society and dated February 1, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on the feasibility of extending the timeline for resolving issues referred by the MNBC to the Regional Governance Council, from 60 to 90 days.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Nicole Courson) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Section 59 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) – Constitution* (the "*Constitution*") provides the MNBC at its own discretion shall make recommendations to the Métis Nation

Governing Assembly (MNGA) as deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving a Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC;

2. The present MNBC Board of Directors has in the past two years, taken action of “full suspension of funding” to several MNBC Communities without any representation or notification to the MNGA, in effect removing support for community services to MNBC Citizens within those communities;
3. The present use of “Funding Suspensions” is contrary to the MNBC mandate of providing access to services without any recommendations from or intervention with the MNGA or Regional Governance Council (RGC);
4. The removal / suspension of funding is “not” described or noted in Section 59.1 and is in contravention of the principles of Métis Justice and Fundamental Rights, particularly Articles 10 and 11 of the *Constitution*;
5. The removal or suspension of any “Community Governance Charter Agreement” will result in those MNBC Community Members being without services, until they are provided services from another willing and acceptable MNBC Community; and
6. The involvement of the RGC members (Presidents) to communicate and connect with the affected community members and Community Board is paramount in providing services to those members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Where a contravention of the “Community Governance Charter” is determined by the MNBC with any Chartered Community, the Chartered Community Board must be advised of the specific concern in writing; and
- B. The MNBC shall also refer the concern to the RGC, through the Regional Director, who shall support the concern with the intent to resolve the issue within 60 days.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lisa Shepherd) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)

That the number “60” in part B of the Main Resolution be struck and the number “90” inserted in its place, so that Part B will read as follows:

- B. The MNBC shall also refer the concern to the RGC, through the Regional Director, who shall support the concern with the intent to resolve the issue within 90 days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-17)

Referring the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Monica Fisher) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Main Resolution as amended, be referred to the MNGA Governance Committee for consideration, as part of their upcoming work on updating Chartered Community Agreements.

DEFEATED

(16 in favour, 27 opposed, one delegate abstained from the vote)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-18)

RESOLUTION 10 AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. Section 59 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) – Constitution* (the “*Constitution*”) provides the MNBC at its own discretion shall make recommendations to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) as deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving a Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC;
2. The present MNBC Board of Directors has in the past two years, taken action of “full suspension of funding” to several MNBC Communities without any representation or notification to the MNGA, in effect removing support for community services to MNBC Citizens within those communities;
3. The present use of “Funding Suspensions” is contrary to the MNBC mandate of providing access to services without any recommendations from or intervention with the MNGA or Regional Governance Council (RGC);
4. The removal / suspension of funding is “not” described or noted in Section 59.1 and is in contravention of the principles of Métis Justice and Fundamental Rights, particularly Articles 10 and 11 of the *Constitution*;
5. The removal or suspension of any “Community Governance Charter Agreement” will result in those MNBC Community Members being without services, until they are provided services from another willing and acceptable MNBC Community; and
6. The involvement of the RGC members (Presidents) to communicate and connect with the affected community members and Community Board is paramount in providing services to those members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Where a contravention of the “Community Governance Charter” is determined by the MNBC with any Chartered Community, the Chartered Community Board must be advised of the specific concern in writing; and
- B. The MNBC shall also refer the concern to the RGC, through the Regional Director, who shall support the concern with the intent to resolve the issue within 90 days.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The MNBC MNGA scheduled March 3-5, 2023, adjourned on March 4, 2023 at 4:35 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on March 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY THREE – March 5, 2023

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC MNGA scheduled March 3-5, 2023, reconvened on March 5, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

17. Royal BC Museum - Presentation

Janet Hanuse, Vice President, Engagement and UNDRIP Implementation, and Alicia Dubois, Chief Executive Officer, Royal BC Museum, reported on the evolution of the Royal BC Museum, and the intent to facilitate storytelling through communications with Indigenous communities.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- A timeline on display at another museum, summarizing the history of Métis people
- Appreciation for the Royal BC Museum's commitment to improve the public understanding of Métis history, and the impacts of Indigenous racism
- The Royal BC Museum's Curator, who will be contacting the MNBC and others, to discuss the Métis content in the museum
- Communicating with MNBC representatives, to coordinate some virtual conversations.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 40 official voting delegates in attendance.

18. RESOLUTION 11 – Increasing Opportunities for Voting

Related information (displayed and provided with the agenda): "Resolution 11 – Increasing Opportunities for Voting", submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated January 23, 2023.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour for the resolution to be duly ratified. Pursuant to Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, a roll call vote was required.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The two "BE IT RESOLVED" options presented for consideration (i.e., to approve "Section A" or to approve "Sections B-E")
- Challenges related to holding elections by mail-in ballots, ballot-boxes in communities, and mobile polling (e.g., inaccurate mailing addresses)
- Efforts to recognize and reduce barriers that deter some citizens from voting
- Future consideration of alternative voting processes, including "voting by text".

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

WHEREAS:

1. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people vote as possible in elections;
2. It is often difficult for people to access a ballot box, particularly in large, rural areas of the province;
3. Métis Citizens expressed interest in having more opportunities to cast ballots in elections; and
4. Not all Citizens are comfortable casting votes online, or are able to vote online.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section A

The *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and insert the following in its place:

- 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 through an electronic site designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - d. Electors must have a choice of all three of the above-noted voting options.

Sections B-E

The *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

B. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:

- 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.
- a. An MNBC Chartered Community may, via written request to the Chief Electoral Officer, request a secured ballot box to the Community, for the deposit of mail-in ballots.
 - i. The ballot box will be secured through the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act, and
 - (a) The person appointed as Returning Officer pursuant to Section 14.1 of the *MNBC Electoral Act* shall be responsible for the security of the above-noted ballot box.
 - ii. The ballot box shall be placed in an accessible location pursuant to the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act.
 - iii. The Returning Officer shall send, by mail or courier, Mail-in Ballots deposited by Electors in a secured ballot box in a Community to the location and by the date designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - iv. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the date that the secured ballot box will be closed, and when the ballots must be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.

C. Insert the following definition as number 3.23:

“Mobile Polling Station” means an advance poll consisting of a team of election officials who visit Communities, and have two secure ballot boxes: one to collect Mail-in Ballots, and one to collect ballots issued by the team to electors who have not previously received a Mail-in Ballot.

AND renumber the remaining definitions accordingly.

D. Insert the following as (a) to Article 15.1:

- (a) Advance polls shall be open for at least four (4) consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled.

E. Strike Article 26 and replace with the following:

26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish at least one advance poll to accommodate electors. Such a poll may take place at a location of a Community which has requested and received a secure ballot box, or may be a mobile polling station, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. The dates, times, and locations of advance polls will be scheduled to provide reasonable access to as many electors as possible.

26.2 Advance Poll(s) shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.

- (a) The days and times of a Mobile Polling Station in Communities shall be included in the list of polling stations referenced in Section 16.4 of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

26.3 Any person on the list of electors and in possession of a mail ballot who attends an advance poll may mark their ballot and deposit it at that advance poll, in the ballot box reserved for Mail Ballots.

26.4 Any person who meets the criteria set out in Article 6 of this Act and:

- Has not received a mail-in ballot, and
- Has not voted online, and
- Signs a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person,

May receive a ballot from the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person.

26.5 Any person who has received a mail ballot and has spoiled it:

- i. May exchange the spoiled ballot for a replacement ballot, or
- ii. If not in possession of the spoiled ballot, may receive a replacement ballot after signing a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person.

The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept.

The MNGA Clerk explained that as a first matter, the Assembly would decide whether to consider “A” or “B to E” and once that had been decided, a vote would be taken to approve to not approve the remaining articles. He also noted that the first vote did not require a roll call vote, and suggested a show of hands be used to decide on whether to consider “A” or “B to E”.

A vote was taken with no votes for “Section A” and 33 votes for “Section B”.

Question on the Main Resolution (B to E)

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED (MNGA2301-19)

(one delegate abstained from the vote)

RESOLUTION 11 AS ADOPTED

Note: the resolved clauses have been renumbered to start with the letter "A".

WHEREAS:

1. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people vote as possible in elections;
2. It is often difficult for people to access a ballot box, particularly in large, rural areas of the province;
3. Métis Citizens expressed interest in having more opportunities to cast ballots in elections; and
4. Not all Citizens are comfortable casting votes online, or are able to vote online.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:

5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.

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AND renumber the remaining definitions accordingly.

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The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

It was MOVED (Patricia Paulson) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation General Assembly (MNGA):

- Postpone consideration of Resolutions #12 to #18 to the June 3-4, 2023, MNGA due to time constraints; and

- Allow for amendments to be made to these Resolutions, prior to their consideration at the June 3-4, 2023 MNGA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-20)

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Sylvia Desrocher)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation General Assembly scheduled March 3-5, 2023, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2301-21)

(Time: March 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.)

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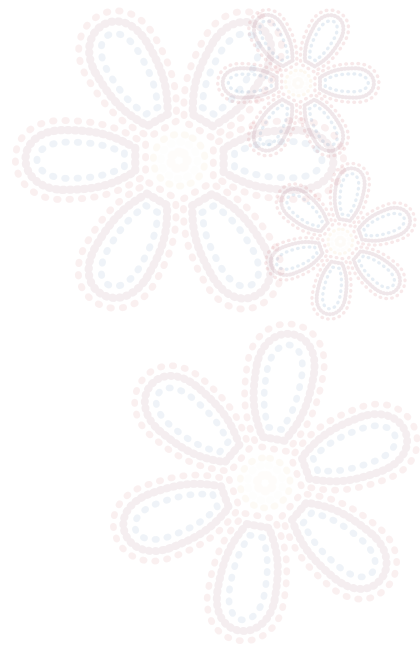
This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 3-5, 2023 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Victoria Pruden, Speaker

John Bieker, Clerk



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MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS



MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RR1A. SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Recommendation for further Consultation with MWBC and MYBC
Provincial and Regional Representatives and Women and Youth
Citizens

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: MNGA Governance Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: May 4, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives” (“Resolution 7”) was referred to the MNGA Governance Committee at the March 2023 MNGA for further study and a report and recommendations back at the June 2023 MNGA; and,
2. The MNGA Governance Committee undertook to provide a process to resolve this matter, and following discussion over several meetings, agreed that Resolution 7 will need some more work prior to implementation; and,
3. As a matter of procedure, the MNGA must deal with Resolution 7 in some manner; and,
4. The Métis Women’s Council and Métis Youth Council are both recognized in MNBC Legislation as having governance role within the MNBC;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives”, be withdrawn from current consideration, to allow MWBC and MYBC to conduct further consultation, with the understanding that MWBC and MYBC provide updated resolutions for consideration; and
- B. MNBC support and resource the consultation referenced above.



MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RR1B. SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Recommendation for a Governance Review of the MNBC

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: MNGA Governance Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: May 4, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives” (“Resolution 7”) was referred to the MNGA Governance Committee at the March 2023 MNGA for further study and a report and recommendations back at the June 2023 MNGA;
2. In its discussions on Resolution 7, the MNGA Governance Committee realized that the current governance structure of the MNGA is two decades old and may not adequately serve current and future needs of the MNBC;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The MNGA Governance Committee, with the assistance and support of the MNBC, undertake a review of the governance structure of the MNBC, including extensive consultations with Citizens; and
- B. A report summarizing the consultation sessions, including suggested changes to the MNBC governance structure (if any), be provided to the MNGA Governance Committee by the end of 2024; and
- C. This report, with any recommendations from the MNGA Governance Committee, be presented at the March 2025 MNGA.



MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RR. "RESOLUTION 7" REFERRED TO THE MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AT MARCH 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives

Legislation Affected: *MNGA Act, Constitution*

Submitted by: MWBC and MYBC Chair

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 9, 2023

Vote Required for Adoption: 75%

WHEREAS:

1. All Métis Nation British Columbia duly elected representatives shall comprise the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA); and,
2. The other provincially elected positions within MNBC comprise the MNGA; and,
3. For uniformity and simplicity, all provincially elected positions within MNBC should comprise the MNGA; and,
4. The Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) 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.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The composition of the MNGA be amended to include the regional women's and youth representatives, as voting members of the MNGA by amending the following legislation:

In the *MNGA Act*:

- A. Strike "and" at the end of Article 3.1 a)
- B. Add the following in Article 3.1:
 - b) The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and

Re-number the existing sub-articles in Article 3.1, so it shall read:

- 3.0 The MNGA shall be composed of:
 - 3.1 The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President,

Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and Métis Youth of British Columbia Chairperson;

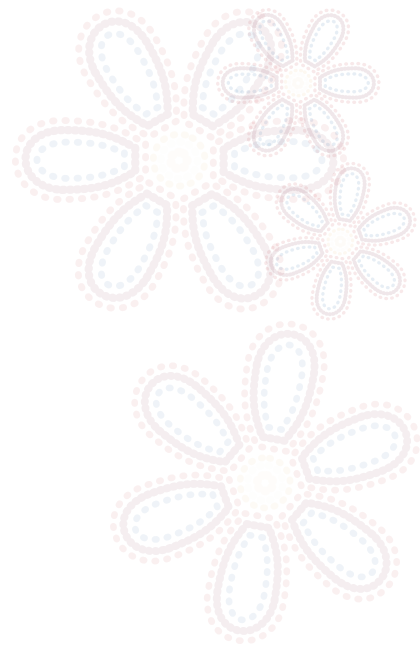
- 3.2 *The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and*
- 3.3 The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

In the *Constitution*:

- C. Strike out the current Article 29, and insert the following:
- 29. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of:
 - 29.1 The Elected Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Communities;
 - 29.2 The elected President, Vice-President, and Regional Directors of the MNBC;
 - 29.3 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia; and
 - 29.4 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 29.5 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that community.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS



RESOLUTION 1

POSTPONED MARCH 2023 TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (REVISED)

Subject: Elector Outreach and Education

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: Electoral Act Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 23, 2023 (original)
April 17, 2023 (revised)

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

BACKGROUND

This resolution was originally submitted to the March 2023, MNGA, and postponed to the June 2023, MNGA due to time constraints. In the interim, the *Electoral Act* Committee modified the resolution as indicated by the underlined parts in the resolution.

WHEREAS

1. Historically, only about 10 percent of Métis have voted in past elections in British Columbia; and,
2. For many people, voting can be a confusing and intimidating experience; and,
3. Democratic best practices include outreach to electors to inform them of when, where, and how to vote, along with the candidates who are running to represent their interests.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The following changes be made to the *Electoral Act*

- A. In Article 5.2, strike the word “may” and insert “shall” in its place.
- B. Add the following to the end of Article 5.2a: “activities may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voters guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;
 - ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);
 - iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;
 - iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;

- v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;
 - vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
 - vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for all or for a specific region or Community.
- C. Add the following as a new Article 5.2b and renumber existing 5.2b to 5.2c:
- b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments.
- D. Insert the following in section 8.1 as a new part b:
- b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment.

AND renumber the remaining subsections in 8.1 accordingly.



RESOLUTION 2

POSTPONED MARCH 2023
TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: *MNBC Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments*

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: Electoral Act Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 23, 2023

Vote required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The MNBC Electoral Act be amended as follows:

- A. Strike the words “Returning Clerk” in existing Section 14.1f. and insert “Returning Officer” in their place;
- B. Renumber parts c to f of Article 14.1 so that they are subsections of part b, as follows:
 - b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - i. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - ii. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - iii. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate’s representative;
 - iv. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location.
- C. In Article 31.2, strike the second instance of the word “in” and insert “is” in its place so that 31.2 will read:

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 is assisting more than one member of their family.



RESOLUTION 3

POSTPONED MARCH 2023
TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Regulatory Authority for Elections

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act, MNGA Act*

Submitted by: Electoral Act Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 23, 2023

Vote Required for Approval 75%

WHEREAS

1. After an election is called, there may be an urgent need for additional or amended rules specific to the election; and
2. MNBC Citizens meet once, annually, at the AGM and urgent changes to the rules for an election may not be dealt with in a timely fashion; and
3. The MNGA is the legislative body of the MNBC as set out in the *Constitution* and it is well within the MNGA mandate to provide additional guidance to the MNBC's democratic processes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added to the *Electoral Act* as Section 45:

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.

- B. The following be added as article 4.8 to the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*:
- 4.8 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.



RESOLUTION 4

POSTPONED MARCH 2023
TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Opportunity for Discussion at the MNGA: Term Limits for MNBC Board Members

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: *Electoral Act Committee*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 1, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The Electoral Act Committee was created to provide input on elections and the *Electoral Act*; and,
2. The MNGA may wish to discuss matters relating to the tenure of Board members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The MNGA engage in a discussion regarding term limits for MNBC Board Members, to inform the *Electoral Act Committee* on this topic for potential legislation.



RESOLUTION 5

POSTPONED MARCH 2023
TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Opportunity for Discussion at the MNGA: Qualifications for MNBC Board Candidates

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: *Electoral Act* Committee

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 1, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The Electoral Act Committee was created to provide input on elections and the *Electoral Act*; and
2. The MNGA may wish to discuss matters relating to the qualifications of Board members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. In order to inform the work of the *Electoral Act* Committee regarding potential legislation, the MNGA engage in a discussion regarding pre-qualifications for MNBC Board candidates beyond what is currently included in Sections 8.3 to 8.5 of the *Electoral Act*, an extract of which is attached as Appendix 1.

- 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. 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.
 - 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.
 - i. 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;
 - j. 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
 - k. 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.



RESOLUTION 6

POSTPONED MARCH 2023
TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Community Charter/Governance Agreement - MNBC

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: West Kootenay Métis Society

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 1, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

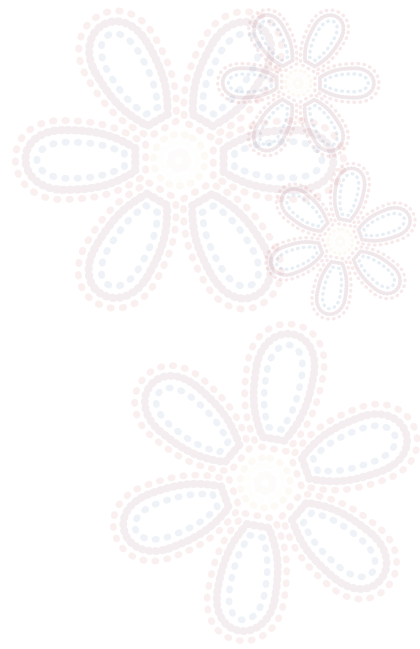
WHEREAS:

1. The MNBC *Constitution* provides for a mutually agreed Community Governance Charter which defines the relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution, known as the “Community Governance Charter”; and,
2. This Community Governance Charter has not been updated since 2006 in many cases; and
3. There may be other versions which have been used and not presently signed off by the MNBC or the numerous communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC prioritize a committee of recommended members from the MNBC Directors and each Regional Governance Committee or a recommended MNBC member from the Region to review and provide a current and reflective “Community Governance Agreement” for the MNBC.
- B. This committee will have representation from the Regions (7) and maximum of two (2) Directors from the MNBC Board or as determined by the MNBC MNGA members.
- C. The committee should be struck as soon as possible, and hopefully resolve the present outdated agreement prior to the following MNGA of 2024 or by acceptance at a Special MNGA for such purpose.

NOTE: a briefing note for information should be provided to the assembly of the MNBC AGM of 2023. The recommended Draft of the Revised Community Governance Agreement should be approved and accepted by each RGC prior to the MNGA of 2024, by consensus or majority vote.



NEW BUSINESS



RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Creation of an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council

Legislation Affected: *Constitution, Electoral Act, MPCBC Bylaws, MNGA Act*

Submitted by: Métis Nation of Greater Victoria

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: April 19, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. The vision of Métis Nation of British Columbia is to build a proud, self-governing, sustainable Nation in recognition of Inherent Rights for our Métis Citizens; and,
2. The Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution states that the *FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MÉTIS PEOPLE* include:
 - Sec. 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.
 - Sec. 9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion; and,
3. 2SLGBTQQIA+ people have, as a byproduct of colonization, historically been unduly excluded from engagement, decision making, and Métis systems of governance; and
4. 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people are an integral part of the Métis Nation and seek recognition of their place within the governance structure of the Métis Nation of British Columbia; and,
5. There is a marked absence of understanding around the lived experiences, needs, and strengths of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people; and,
6. Preliminary research around the lived experiences, needs, and strengths of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people in BC indicates that:

- a) Over 60% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been discriminated against during a hiring process on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;
 - b) Nearly 25% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people are living below the poverty line in BC, and 39% make less than \$40K per year;
 - c) 57% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been discriminated against when accessing housing on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity, and 28% have moved specifically due to their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;
 - d) 34% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced homelessness;
 - e) Less than 50% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people feel confident that they will receive good care when entering health care services in the province, and nearly 88% have avoided seeking medical care in the past;
 - f) 74% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been diagnosed or treated for a mental health condition, and 24% have struggled with substance use;
 - g) 49% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have had a negative interaction with law enforcement or the legal system, and 37% had been the victim of a crime specifically on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;
 - h) Only 15% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people who have been the victim of a crime have reported it;
 - i) 58% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced intimate partner violence; only 6% ever reported it;
 - j) And 100% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis seniors and older adults had to hide their 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity growing up; and,
7. The needs of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people cannot be adequately serviced under the umbrella of “women and gender diversity,” as:
- a) Many 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis do not identify as women or gender diverse;
 - b) Homosexual men and transgender people have been specifically targeted by colonial law and police violence in Canada;
 - c) Métis Women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have diverse needs that cannot be adequately addressed by a single representative;
 - d) A representative for “women and gender diversity” may not identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+; and
8. 2SLGBTQQIA+ people have long contributed to the Métis Nation, including as educators, caregivers, mediators, healers, and spiritual leaders;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Metis Nation of British Columbia region.

- B. The attached *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in A, above, for the Métis Nation of British Columbia.
- C. Métis Nation British Columbia will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- D. The Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution be amended as follows:

a. In Article 12:

- Insert the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”;
- Change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and
- Strike the words “eleven (11)” and insert the words “twelve (12)” in its place,

So that Article 12 will read:

Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.

b. Insert a new Article 23.6 as follows:

23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

c. In Article 29, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

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, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

d. Insert a new article 34.7 as follows:

34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- e. Add new Article 39 as follows:

39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- f. In Article 41, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert the words “and the Chairperson for that 2sLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation of British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.

- g. Add the following as Article 46.3:

46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- h. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

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, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.

- i. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they 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 they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.

j. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the *Constitution* accordingly.

E. The Métis Nation British Columbia *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 3.4, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**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, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- b. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**By-Election**” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council 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;

- c. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**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, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- d. In Article 3.11 strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**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, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the

2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.

- e. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“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. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.

- f. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the Constitution.

- g. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:

h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

i. Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

- (i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.

h. Add the following as Article 6.3e:

- e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

i. Add the following as Article 6.4e:

- e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

j. In Article 7.3

- Strike the word “and” following the phrase “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, insert a comma in its place, and add “, Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”
- Strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place: “Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

So that Article 7.3 will read:

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, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.

k. Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:

The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- l. In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

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, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council 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.

- m. Add the following after Article 8.3d:

- e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- n. In Article 8.3e, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;

- o. In Article 8.3 f, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;

- p. In Article 8.4, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the follow” at the end of the Article, and insert “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the

words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:

q. Add the following as Article 8.4e.:

e. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

r. In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:

s. Add the following as 8.5d:

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 in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated.

t. In Article 8.6, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

u. In Article 8.7, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or

2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

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, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council 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.

- v. In Article 13.1, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.

- w. In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.

- x. In Article 19.2:

- Strike the word “or” following both instances the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and
- Add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat- British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance

So that Article 19.2 will read:

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, Chairperson of the Métis Women's Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council 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, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women's Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.

- y. In Article 38.2a, strike the word "or" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and add "or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article, so that it will read:

The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- z. In Article 38.2 b, strike the word "or" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and add "or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article", so that it will read:

The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- aa. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly.

F. The Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 1, Add "the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson" following the words "Métis Youth Provincial Representative" to the definition "Board or Board of Directors", so that it will read:

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the "MNBC") which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women's Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.

- b. In Article 4.8 c), Insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- G. That the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 2.16:

- Strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” and
- Strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place, and
- Add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the current acronym “BCMUYC” (revised to “MYBC”, above)

So that Article 2.16 will read:

"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 , Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council, and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.

- b. In Article 3.1 a), strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson”, and insert a comma in its place, and add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “MYBC Chairperson”, so that it will read:

The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, MYBC Chairperson, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governing Council; and

- c. Add the following as Article 9.1.9

9.1.9 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governing Council Report;

- d. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”, and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

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, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

METIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

METIS NATION 2SLGBTQQIA+ ACT

PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission statement of the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia:

“We, the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of B.C. vow to walk with integrity as the proud Otipemisiwak (people who govern themselves) our ancestors prayed for; to elevate and center the voices of our people in the decisions that impact our nation; to foster a culture of wahkohtowin (kinship/interconnectedness) within our Nation; and to build a future where 2SLGBTQQIA+ can thrive alongside niwahnkōmāk, anak (our relatives).”

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (“the “Act”)

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this act is to entrench Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

2.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the MNBC Constitution as the law governing the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and agrees to comply with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation

2.2 The objective of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is to advance and enhance Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ perspectives, and to acknowledge the contributions of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people for the benefit of Métis people and the Métis Nation.

2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

3.0 In this Act:

3.1 **“2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”** means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson also known as the Minister responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

- 3.2 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.3 **“Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual”** means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.
- 3.4 **“M2SBC”** Means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia
- 3.4 **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.5 **“MNBC Assembly”** means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

- 4.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be the representative body of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia, comprised of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson and the seven (7) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives
- 4.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be chaired by a person elected through the Electoral Act as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Minister Responsible for Metis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia will be the person elected as MNBC Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the MNBC Electoral Act, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives will be elected by Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in their respective region in accordance with the provision of the MNBC Electoral Act.
- 4.5 The Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity will be an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ to support and further Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia.

ARTICLE FIVE - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- 5.0 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall,

- 5.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson will serve as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.5 The regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.6 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 5.7 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.7 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes”).
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support equity for, and the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well being of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives.

ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

6.0 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council electoral processes are,

- 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution*, the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and the MNBC guidelines.
- 6.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

MNGA June 2023: Explanation Chart for Resolution 7

Creation of an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council

Note: Housekeeping changes are not addressed.

Resolved #	Rationale
A.	Establishing a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council supports equitable representation for Métis Nation of British Columbia citizens, and creates an avenue for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people to have their voices heard. The proposed representation (a provincial chairperson, and one representative for each region) is proportional to the MWBC and MYBC.
B.	The adoption of an Act is in line with MWBC and MYBC.
C.	Facilitates staff to apply for funding to support initiatives, gatherings, and priorities set out by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council in alignment with the MWBC and MYBC Acts.
D. Amendments to the Métis Nation of British Columbia <i>Constitution</i>	
a.	Amends Article 12 to add the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the MNBC. Ensures the elected Chairperson has the ability to cast votes at the MNGA as a voice for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people. This also ensures there is 2SLGBTQQIA+ representation that would not have potentially conflicting obligations within another role.
b.	Amends Article 23.6 to align the disqualification of former Chairperson(s) of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council from the MNBC with the other elected positions.
c.	Amends Article 29 to include the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the MNGA as a voting member, thereby ensuring 2SLGBTQQIA+ have a voice and a vote in governance matters. This is in alignment with both the MWBC and MYBC.
d.	Amends Article 34.7 to align the disqualification of former Chairperson(s) of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council from the MNGA with the other elected positions.
e.	Adds Article 39 to establish eligibility for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis voters. Voters must be over the age of 18+, in alignment with MWBC and general MNBC elections, with the exception of MYBC. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council would allow registered Métis citizens to self-identity as 2SLGBTQQIA+, as there is no ethical screening process for determining or recording if one qualifies as 2SLBTQQIA+.
f.	Amends Article 41 to include the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council on the nation-wide ballot, in alignment with the election practices of MNBC.

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g.	Adds Article 46.3 to include the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the existing provision describing the process to fill vacancies in elected positions within MNBC.
h.	Amends Article 60 to include a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative on each Regional Governance Council. Having 2SLGBTQQIA+ voices represented in every region facilitates greater capacity to meet the diverse needs of each region, and would bring the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance council in alignment with the MWBC, MYBC, and MNBC general practices.
i.	Amends Article 66 to replace the gendered language “she/he” with gender neutral language “they” to be inclusive of individuals who are not represented by binary genders. This ensures that nonbinary individuals are not exempt from taking a leave of absence under the prescribed conditions.
j.	Renumbers all Sections and subsections in accordance with the proposed changes to the Constitution.
E. Amendments to the Métis Nation of British Columbia Electoral Act	
a.	Amends Article 3.4 to include the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as a member of the Board of Directors for MNBC. This aligns with the proposed amendments to the constitution, and supports 2SLGBTQQIA+ people having a voice and a vote for 2SLGBTQQIA+ MNBC citizens.
b.	Amends Article 3.5 to include the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council in the by-election process, which allows vacancies to be filled in alignment with MNBC practices for elected positions.
c.	Amends Article 3.7 to add the Chairperson and Regional Representatives for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council in the definition of “candidate,” which provides that an individual can be a candidate for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council in alignment with MNBC practices for elected positions.
d.	Amends Article 3.11 to add the Chairperson and Regional Representatives for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the definition of “elections,” in alignment with MNBC practices for elected positions.
e.	Amends Article 3.15 to indicate that any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis who are 18 years or older may vote or seek election within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, in alignment with MWBC and general MNBC elections, with the exception of MYBC. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council would allow registered Métis citizens to self-identity as 2SLGBTQQIA+, as there is no ethical screening process for determining or recording if one qualifies as 2SLBTQQIA+.
f.	Amends Article 3.16 to add the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the definition of an “Interim Appointee” in alignment with MNBC practices for elected

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	positions.
g.	<p>Adds h. And i. to Article 6.2, including the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as offices eligible voters may cast a vote or run for, and reiterates that eligible voters for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is any MNBC citizen who self identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and who is 18 years or older.</p> <p>This also establishes that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council ballots will be distributed to all MNBC citizens to respond to if they self-identify. Those who do not or do not wish to self-identity can discard the ballot.</p> <p>Ballots will not be kept after the election, ensuring that 2SLGBTQQIA+ identities are not entered into a database, and that the procedure is in keeping with MNBC practices for elected positions.</p>
h.	Adds e. to Article 6.3, affirming that eligible voters for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council includes any MNBC citizen who self identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and who is 18 years or older.
i.	Adds e. to Article 6.4, affirming that anyone who is not a MNBC citizens, who does not self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+, and who is not 18 years or older, is ineligible to vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
j.	Amend Article 7.3 to add provisions for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council regarding the responsibilities of the Chief Electoral Officer in alignment with MNBC practices for elected positions.
k.	Replaces Article 7.6 to add provisions for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council regarding responsibilities of the Chief Electoral Officer, and clarifies wording regarding distribution of regional voter's lists.
l.	Amends Article 8.2 to add the Chairperson and Regional Representatives for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the deadline for candidate nominations in alignment with MNBC practices for other elected positions.
m.	Adds 8.3 e to provide that any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Metis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
n.	Amends Article 8.3 e to add the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council to the requirement of having been a resident of a Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
o.	Amends Article 8.3 f to add Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council to the requirement of having been a resident of a Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than 6 months in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
p.	Amends Article 8.4 to add the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial

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	Governance Council to the requirements for nominations in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
q.	Adds Article 8.4 e to add the requirements for individuals seeking election to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson position in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
r.	Amends Article 8.5 to add the Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the nomination requirements in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
s.	Adds Article 8.5 e to add the requirements for individuals seeking election to a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative position in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
t.	Amends Article 8.6 to add the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the requirement that other Candidates not accept nominations for more than one positions on the MNBC Board of Directors in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
u.	Amends Article 8.7 to add the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Government Council to the requirement that no MNBC Citizens place or accept a nomination that could be perceived a real or potential conflict of interest in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
v.	Amends Article 13.1 to add the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the holding of an election if a candidate dies in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within the MNBC.
w.	Amends Article 13.2 to add Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the holding of an election if a candidate dies in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within the MNBC.
x.	Amends Article 19.2 to add the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the positions to which the standards for ballots apply in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
y.	Amends Article 38.2 a to add candidates for the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to recount entitlements in alignment with provisions set out for other elected offices within MNBC.
z.	Amends Article 38.2 b to add candidates for the Regional Representatives for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to recount entitlements in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
aa.	Provides for renumbering of all articles in the <i>Electoral Act</i> .
F. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia	
a.	Amends Article 1 to include the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council

Resolved #	Rationale
	Chairperson and Representatives to the definition of “Board” or “Board of Directors”, supporting equality within the MNBC.
b.	Amends Article 4.8 to add the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the conditions by which one ceases to be a Director in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
G. Amendments to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act	
a.	Amends Article 2.16 to correct BCMUYC to MYBC, as the Métis Youth of British Columbia are referenced elsewhere. Adds the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the composition of the MNBC in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
b.	Amends Article 3.1a to add the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the MNBC Executive, supporting equality within the MNBC by ensuring 2SLGBTQQIA+ citizens have a voice and a vote independent of other elected positions. Aligns with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
c.	Adds Article 9.1.9 to add the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Report to the reports required at the MNGA in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.
d.	Amends Article 12.2 to add the Regional Representatives for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to nominations that can be received by the MNGA upon request of the MNBC to fill vacancies in alignment with provisions set out for other elected positions within MNBC.

Resolution 7: Creation of an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council

Questions and Answers

1. What is the Métis Nation 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act asking for?

The Métis Nation 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act was modelled after pre existing Acts, namely the Métis Nation Women's Act and Métis Nation Youth Act. Like these Acts, the purpose of the Métis Nation 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act is to form a provincial governance council comprised of one elected chairperson and an elected regional representative from each MNBC region.

The Métis Nation 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act would establish the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.

2. Who is encompassed in the Act?

The Métis Nation 2SLGBTQQIA+ would encompass any Métis individual living in BC who identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+.

3. What does 2SLGBTQQIA+ stand for?

2SLGBTQQIA+ represents anyone who exists outside of the cisgendered (someone whose gender identity corresponds with the sex registered for them at birth) heterosexual (someone who is romantically attracted exclusively to people of the opposite sex) norm.

Each letter of the acronym stands for a corresponding identity

2S = Two-Spirit. Two-Spirit is commonly used as a placeholder for Indigenous gender identities and sexualities whether defined or not in English. It holds a different meaning for the individuals that identify; but it is not used by all Indigenous 2SLGBTQQIA+ folx.

L = Lesbian. Females who are attracted to other females.

G = Gay. Males who are attracted to other males.

B = Bisexual. Refers to someone who is attracted to others of both the same gender and other genders. This is commonly misunderstood as attraction to only members of binary genders, but it may also be used interchangeably with pansexual depending on the individual.

T = Transgender. Someone whose gender is different from their sex assigned at birth.

Q = Queer. An umbrella term used in place of other 2SLGBTQQIA+ labels; the term Indigiqueer is a growing alternative to the term Two-Spirit for Indigenous folx.

Q = Questioning. Someone in the process of exploring and discovering their identity.

I = Intersex. Someone whose anatomy or chromosomes do not fit the traditional gender binary.

A = Asexual. Someone who does not feel sexual attraction to any group of people.

+ = Other gender identities and sexualities not captured in 2SLGBTQQIA, including, but not limited to,

- Demisexual = someone who experiences sexual feelings and attraction only after developing a close emotional relationship
- Pansexual = someone who is sexually or romantically attracted to people regardless of their sex or gender.
- Nonbinary = an umbrella term for individuals who are neither male or female.
- Agender = someone who does not have a gender.
- Genderfluid = someone whose gender fluctuates over time or depending on the situation.

While 2SLGBTQQIA+ encompasses a diverse range of genders and sexualities, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are connected through shared experiences of discrimination and prosecution.

4. What is the difference between gender and sexuality?

Gender refers to one's socially constructed concept of self and the meaning they attach to it.

Sexuality refers to one's physical, emotional, and/or romantic attraction to others.

Gender is who you are.

Sexuality is who you're attracted to.

Neither is a choice.

5. Why does representation matter?

2SLGBTQQIA+ representation in governance matters because 2SLGBTQQIA+ have existed since the beginning of time, and in the Nations of our grandmothers, held sacred roles as leaders, mediators, caregivers, medicine people, and much more. Globally, 2SLGBTQQIA+ have held unique social roles, and yet 2SLGBTQQIA+ folx have experienced a long history of discrimination, persecution, and erasure spanning back to the beginning of the Judeo-Christian traditions.

Although 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights have improved in Canada over the last decade, the legacy of colonization continues to have a devastating impact on 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including members of our own Nation, who experience compound barriers and systemic injustice formed at the intersection of their indigeneity, Métis ancestry, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity: none of which they chose.

2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people are one of the least understood demographic groups in Canada. There is only one study that speaks specifically to the lived experiences of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people. This preliminary study, which occurred in BC, uncovered devastating statistics around the lived experience of our people, including that:

- Over 60% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been discriminated against during a hiring process on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;

- Nearly 25% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people are living below the poverty line in BC, and 39% make less than 40K per year;
- 57% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been discriminated against when accessing housing on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity, and 28% have moved specifically due to their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;
- 34% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced being unhoused;
- Less than 50% feel confident that they will receive good care when entering health care services in the province, and nearly 88% have avoided seeking medical care in the past;
- 74% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have been diagnosed or treated for a mental health condition, and 24% have struggled with substance use;
- 49% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have had a negative interaction with law enforcement or the legal system, and 37% had been the victim of a crime specifically on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity. Only 15% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people who have been the victim of a crime had reported it;
- 58% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced intimate partner violence; only 6% ever reported it;
- 82% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced suicide ideation; and
- 100% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis seniors and older adults had to hide their 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity growing up.

While these statistics are troubling, the findings of the research was not all negative. The study also found that:

- Over 60% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis have a bachelor's degree or higher; and
- 59.8% work in a helping profession

Demonstrating that, despite the profound struggles that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people face, they are both highly motivated and continue to gravitate toward leadership, mediation, caregiving, and healing.

One of the key recommendations produced by the “Two Worlds, Two Spirits: It’s Time for Two-Spirit Reconciliation,” report was the creation of elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representation in Métis governance.

The creation of elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives would bring 2SLGBTQQIA+ voices into Métis governance, facilitate an avenue for greater advocacy and resource procurement to support better outcomes for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis, and show 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis that they are wanted, welcome, and honoured by their people.

6. Do 2SLGBTQQIA+ Want Representation in Governance?

The short answer: yes.

One of the key recommendations to come out of the “Two Worlds, Two Spirits: It’s time for Two-Spirit Reconciliation,” report was for the creation of elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ seats at the political level. This research attracted survey responses from over 60 respondents across BC, and interviewed 22 participants at the first 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Gathering in BC.

An additional survey, entitled “Pulse Survey: 2SLGBTQQIA+ Elected Representation at MNBC,” gathered 44 responses from across the Province as of April 30, 2023, found that 97.7% (all but one) of respondents believed it’s important to have 2SLGBTQQIA+ elected representation in Métis Nation British Columbia’s leadership.

7. Can 2SLGBTQQIA+ be Represented under the umbrella of Women or Youth?

No. Though some women and youth identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+, not all 2SLGBTQQIA+ are women or youth, nor is safety for 2SLGBTQQIA+ people guaranteed within MWBC or MYBC. The mandate of the MWBC, for example, is to be the elected voice for all the Métis women in British Columbia, to enhance and empower the rights of Métis women, and to ensure that Métis women’s aspirations are included at the community, regional, provincial and national level to prompt their social, economic, cultural, and political-wellbeing. This is not inclusive of male or gender diverse people. On the other hand, while youth may support youth who happen to be 2SLGBTQQIA+, there are 2SLGBTQQIA+ of all ages; one does not age out of being 2SLGBTQQIA+, nor out of the challenges that 2SLGBTQQIA+ experience.

2SLGBTQQIA+ people are connected through shared experiences of discrimination and persecution that neither women nor youth can speak to. Moreover, even if the Women and Youth representatives of today are allies of 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, there is no promise that the representatives of tomorrow will be the same.

Most importantly, 2SLGBTQQIA+ people need to have their own voices, and their own avenue for advocacy. It is not appropriate, nor ethical to allow others to speak for 2SLGBTQQIA+ folx, in the same sense that it would not be appropriate nor ethical to allow men to speak for women. “Nothing about us, without us” means that no policy should be decided by any representative without the full and direct participation of members of the group(s) affected by that policy.

8. Aren’t 2SLGBTQQIA+ People Already Represented in Métis Leadership?

While there may be 2SLGBTQQIA+ people who happen to currently occupy elected leadership roles, there is no guarantee that 2SLGBTQQIA+ in the future will be elected in positions that are not specifically reserved for them, especially in a climate where right-wing conservatism is on the rise. Representatives who are 2SLGBTQQIA+ must also prioritize the will of the people who elected them: a woman’s representative is beholden to women, a youth’s representative is beholden to youth, regional representatives are beholden to their region, and community leaders are beholden to their community. In the event that the will of 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and the body which a representative was elected by were in conflict, the representative would be required to advocate for the members of the community who elected them.

Having specific 2SLGBTQQIA+ elected representation guarantees that 2SLGBTQQIA+ people will always have a seat at the table, will always have an avenue for self-advocacy, and will always have a voice.

9. Are there enough 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People to Represent?

It is generally thought that 2SLGBTQQIA+ represent around 10% of the general population, and 20% of the Indigenous population. Given the stigma, and lack of safety and understanding around 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity, this number is likely much higher.

The Two Worlds, Two Spirits research, for example, saw 66 respondents to the survey. The average MNBC survey sees approximately 200 responses. If MNBC has 22,000 registered citizens, about 0.9% of registered citizens respond to surveys. By the same standard, 66 would be 0.9% of 7,333, which would account for 33% of MNBC citizens.

Regardless of the numbers, 2SLGBTQQIA+ are worthy of and desperately need elected representation.

10. Why is there a need for both a Chairperson and Regional Representatives?

While provincial representation is important, the needs and priorities of 2SLGBTQQIA+ may differ from region to region. Having regional representatives ensures that the diverse voices of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis are captured and carried forward to the Chairperson.

One representative is insufficient to undertake the significant work that needs to be done to engage 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis in the province, and to plan initiatives that would improve the lived experience of 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

11. Are there resources to finance a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and a paid member of staff?

Yes. As of August 2022, Canada released the [Federal 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan](#). Aiming to advance rights, improve social, economic, and health outcomes for 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, the Action Plan establishes supporting Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ resilience and resurgence as a priority. [GBA+](#) has also been identified as a priority in the mandate letters for all Federal Ministers.

Having a paid member of staff not only allows the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson and Regional Representatives to focus on the political issues that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis face, but will support the capacity to support 2SLGBTQQIA+ priorities and initiatives, and handle the administrative needs of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. Based on the needs identified in the “Two Worlds, Two Spirits” research project, funding may also be acquired on a needs basis, including to address mental health, health, justice, and housing. Data already gathered could be used to advocate for funding to support a variety of 2SLGBTQQIA+ programming and initiatives.

12. Who would be eligible to run and vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council?

The Act proposes that any MNBC citizen over the age of 18 who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ may run for or vote for elected positions on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. Unlike with the MWBC or MYBC, there is no ethical identifier for 2SLGBTQQIA+ people; utilizing an honour system of self-identification is the most practical way of facilitating a vote.

All registered voters would be distributed a ballot in the same manner as the general election; anyone who chooses to self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+ would then cast a vote. Those who do not self-identify would simply not vote.

13. Would holding an election put 2SLGBTQQIA+ people at risk of being outed?

The proposed Act includes provisions around the keeping and disposing of ballots. In keeping with MNBC’s general election practices, all ballots are disposed of after the election, so ballots voting for the

2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council would not be kept. Likewise, the self-identification system of voting ensures there is no database of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis created for the purposes of an election.

14. Would the creation of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council force people to come out?

No. 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis are not required to cast a ballot, nor run for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. Only those who run for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council would be required to identify publicly, though the specifics of their identity would not need to be known.

The self-identification policy for voting is intentionally designed to protect the security of 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals.

15. Can 2SLGBTQQIA+ people still run for other elected positions?

Yes. Just like women can run for positions outside of MWBC, and youth for positions outside of MYBC, 2SLGBTQQIA+ would be permitted to run for positions outside of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.



RESOLUTION 8

SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Extension of Voting Timelines

Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*

Submitted by: *Electoral Act Committee*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 1, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS:

- A. Mail-in ballot voting is one of the options for Métis Citizens to cast their votes and the length of time for receipt and return of mail ballots can be affected by a variety of issues, many of which are beyond the control of MNBC;
- B. Citizens have expressed concerns regarding the tight turnaround time for mail-in ballots to be received and returned;
- C. It is in MNBC's interest to have as many Citizens vote as possible, and short timelines to return mail-in ballots may deter people from voting;
- D. Approval of this resolution will give Electors an additional week to return their mail-in ballots;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. In Article 8.2, strike the number "40" and insert "45" in its place;
- B. In article 9.1, strike the word "immediately", and insert "the day after the close of nominations" at the end so that the article will read:
 - 9.1 If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office the day following the close of nominations.
- C. In Article 11.1, strike the number "seven (7)" and insert "five (5)" in its place.



RESOLUTION 9

SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province

Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*

Submitted by: Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: April 24, 2023

Vote Required for Approval 75%

WHEREAS

1. All BC Métis need to be provided access to benefits and resources that are provided by Métis Nation British Columbia; and
2. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC; and
3. All Métis persons should have the inherited right to have representation from the Province that they were born in and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Member resides; and
4. Not all Provinces are recognized by Métis Nation Canada in which MNBC is a member.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as a new 3.2 to the *Citizenship Act*

Any person who submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:

- resides outside of British Columbia, and
- can demonstrate historical or family ties to British Columbia, including a link to a Chartered Community

is eligible for MNBC Citizenship.

- B. In current Article 3.2:

- a. Strike the word “and” following the number 3.1.1 and insert a comma in its place;
- b. Add the words “or 3.2” following the number 3.1.1 so that the article will read:

“Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, or 3.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

- C. Renumber the remaining sub-Articles in Article 3 as required.