



**MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY**  
held March 23–25, 2018  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 23–25, 2018 in the Ellington Ballroom, Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 5911 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, BC.

### **OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Clara Morin-Dal Col, President  
Lissa Smith, Vice President  
Victoria Pruden, Métis Women BC Provincial Chair  
Cassidy Caron, Métis Youth BC Provincial Chair  
Michael Dumont, Region 1 Regional Director (Vancouver Island and Powell River)  
Gary Biggar, Region 2 Regional Director (Lower Mainland)  
Daniel Pitman, Region 3 Regional Director (Thompson Okanagan) and Treasurer  
Marilynn Taylor, Region 4 Regional Director (Kootenays)  
Raynie Gervais, Region 5 Regional Director (North Central)  
Susie Hooper, Region 6 Regional Director (Northwest) and Secretary  
Walter Mineault, Region 7 Regional Director (Northeast)

#### **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

##### **Region 1 – Vancouver Island**

Joy Bremner, President, Mid Island Métis Nation  
Russell Brewer, Powel River Métis Society  
Richard Lewis, President, Cowichan Valley Métis Association  
Bryce Mercredi, President, MIKI'SIW Métis Association  
June Graham, Int/President, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association  
Patrick Harriott, President, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association

##### **Region 2 – Lower Mainland**

William Lapointe, Vice-President, Waceya Métis Association  
Dawn Johnson, President, Fraser Valley Métis Society  
Anthony Krilow, President, North Fraser Métis Association

##### **Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan**

Sharon Bailey, President, Salmon Arm Métis Society  
Dean Gladue, President, Two Rivers Métis Association  
Debra Huber, Vice-President, Nicola Valley and District Métis Association  
Terry Kennedy, President, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association  
Myrna Logan, President, Boundary Métis Community Association

Don McBeth, Int/President, Vernon and District Métis Association  
June Neufeld, President, Kelowna Métis Society  
Trudi Turner, President, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

**Region 4 – Kootenays**

Terry Anonson, Vice-President, Elk Valley Métis Association  
Don Courson, President, Nelson and Area Métis Association  
Ed Delisle, Vice-President, Métis Nation Columbia River Society  
Debra Fisher, President, Columbia Valley Métis Association  
Marlin Ratch, Vice-President, Rocky Mountain Métis Association  
Myrtle Servatius, President, Kootenay South Métis Society

**Region 5 – North Central**

Richard Aubichon, President, Prince George Métis Community Association  
Tony Goulet, President, North Cariboo Métis Association  
Alex Norquay, Vice-President, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association  
Lana Olson, President, Métis Nation New Caledonia Society

**Region 6 – Northwest**

Kim Hodgson, President, Tri-River Métis Association  
Sid Peltier, President, North West BC Métis Association  
Joy Sundin, President, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

**Region 7 – Northeast**

Jacqueline Alderking, President, Fort St. John Métis Society  
Darlene Campbell, President, Moccasin Flats Métis Society

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dale Drown, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk  
David Peltier, Speaker

**RECORDING SECRETARIES:**

Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. (March 24–25, 2018)  
Carrie Peacock, Raincoast Ventures Ltd. (March 23, 2018)

**DAY 1 – MARCH 23, 2018**

- 1. GRAND ENTRY – FLAG PARTY AND MNGA MEMBERS**  
A Métis youth dancer, youth fiddlers, veterans, senators, and dignitaries formed part of the Grand Entry Flag Procession.
- 1.1. Canadian National Anthem**  
Madesyn Thompson led the singing of “O Canada”.
- 1.2. Métis National Anthem**  
Assembly attendees sang the Métis National Anthem.

## **2. OPENING PRAYER**

Senator/Elder Phillip Gladue provided an Opening Prayer.

## **3. WELCOMING AND OPENING COMMENTS**

### **3.1 MNBC President Clara Morin Dal Col**

President Morin Dal Col welcomed delegates and acknowledged the traditional lands on which the Assembly was being held.

She recalled some significant events that had occurred since the prior Assembly, including the signing of the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, and the announcement of Budget 2018, which would help make a difference in the lives of Métis children and families. Meetings had ensued between Métis Nation leaders and key representatives of Federal Government, at which a number of priorities were discussed and agreed to, affirming the importance of maintaining good relationships with government.

After a recent meeting with MNBC representatives, the Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation informed his provincial colleagues about the importance of working collaboratively with the MNBC.

In 2017, the Métis Nation BC Capital Corporation (MNBCCC) was established, with a five-member non-political Board of Directors and an experienced Chief Executive Officer. The MNBCCC will soon occupy space in the MNBC office and will likely be operational by June 2018.

She further acknowledged the first annual MNBC Chartered Community Awards intended to recognize key achievements of some Chartered Communities. Further information will soon be provided. The deadline for nominations for award recipients is August 15, 2018.

President Morin Dal Col concluded by recognizing the significant achievements of the MNBC and the Métis citizens of BC, which she had been honoured to serve.

### **3.2 MNBC Vice President Lissa Smith**

Vice President Smith extended thanks to the Veterans and the Senator for his Opening Prayer, and welcomed all attendees. MNBC staff members were commended for their efforts in coordinating the Assembly, particularly Tracey Thornhill.

She recognized that every grassroots citizen had a voice at the MNBC table through their MNBC representative. Vice President Smith affirmed that the self-determination of Métis people in BC, was leading the way towards Métis self-governance.

### **3.3 Métis National Council (MNC) President Clément Chartier**

MNC President Clément Chartier welcomed attendees and extended appreciation for the opportunity to address the Assembly. He reported that until recently, whenever governments announced programs and budgets for “Aboriginal peoples”, the Métis were typically excluded.

In December 2016, the Prime Minister met with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation leaders. He subsequently announced a permanent bilateral mechanism, and a process that included a Summit with the Prime Minister, and interim meetings with Cabinet Ministers responsible for priority agenda items. Notwithstanding these achievements, Budget 2017

provided Métis Nation governments with commitments that were considerably less than expected. In April 2017, the Prime Minister apologized for not reaching the budget objectives anticipated by the Métis Nation.

In Budget 2018 however, for the first time, a federal budget specifically allocated funding to Métis governments for Métis people, for housing, childcare and other services. Additionally, the Minister of Veterans Affairs announced his intent to engage with the Métis Nation and honour obligations owed to Métis Veterans from WWII.

Despite funding improvements in some areas, further progress was required related to health. In August 2017, the Prime Minister announced the dissolution of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and a plan to create two new departments: “Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)” and “Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)”. It was hoped that the change would enable greater attention to be paid to the deficiencies in what Métis people were receiving with respect to health services.

President Chartier added that on February 14, 2018, the Prime Minister announced that Federal Government would develop, in full partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation, a new Indigenous rights framework, which would include ways to recognize and implement Indigenous rights.

The Minister of Canadian Heritage was continuing to work on an approach, towards distinctions-based language. If new language legislation proceeded, the MNC could move towards introducing Métis language in schools. Additionally, at a recent MNC Education Conference, the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, offered her assurances that there would be a provision for Métis citizens in an upcoming post-secondary education review.

President Chartier further acknowledged MOUs and framework agreements achieved by Governing Members with Federal Government, and on-going negotiations towards self-government. He recalled some important decisions made by MNC leaders, including recognition of key priorities including: WWII Veterans, health, education and justice. Some upcoming events were noted, including a March 26-28, 2018 Métis Nation Summit on Child and Family Services in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and, an April 5-6, 2018 National Conference on Community-Based Monitoring and the Affects of Climate Change.

He commended the many achievements of the Métis Nation, noting that further strides were anticipated over the year-and-a-half ahead with the support of Métis citizens. MNBC President Morin and CEO Drown were thanked for their participation at the recent Métis Rights Panel in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Attendees participated in a moment of silence to acknowledge Métis friends and family who had passed away since the previous Assembly.

#### **Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

#### **4. ROLL CALL – QUORUM ANNOUNCED**

MNGA Clerk Drown read aloud the names of delegates alphabetically, and welcomed them to verbally indicate their presence. After concluding the Roll Call, he confirmed that 39 official voting delegates were in attendance, which set quorum at 21.

**5. NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA SPEAKER**

Nominations for 2018 MNGA Speaker, were welcomed. Dave Peltier was nominated and consented to the nomination. After calling three times for further nominations and hearing none, Mr. Peltier was acclaimed to the position of MNGA Speaker.

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

The Official Business of the 2018 MNGA scheduled March 23–25, 2018 was called to order on Day One – March 23, 2018 at 2:50 p.m. Speaker Peltier outlined the rules of conduct that would apply to debates during the MNGA, and confirmed that the procedures of the MNGA Act would guide the order of business.

**7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA 2018 DRAFT AGENDA**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Draft Agenda of the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018.*

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

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) scheduled March 23–25, 2018 be accepted, with the following amendments:

- Consider “Resolution (A) – Proposed Princeton Chartered Community” immediately following “Acceptance of the MNGA 2018 Draft Agenda”; and
- Consider “Resolution 12 – Natural Resource Act” immediately following “Resolution (D) – Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer for By-Election”.

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-01)**

**Agenda Varied**

In accordance with Item 7, the agenda was varied to now consider Resolution (A).

**11. RESOLUTIONS**

**11.1 MNBC Resolution (A) – Proposed Princeton Chartered Community**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution (A) submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading, Motion Subject: Métis Community Seeking Chartered Designation, submitted March 19, 2018.*

**It was MOVED (Terry Kennedy) and SECONDED (Daniel Pitman)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Article 55 of the MNBC Constitution provides for a Métis Community meeting certain requirements to seek chartered designation;
- B. Vermillion Forks Métis Association is legally registered with the Registrar of Societies, and has more than 25 members who are MNBC Citizens;
- C. The Regional Governance Council in Region 3 has approved the application of Vermillion Forks Métis Association to gain chartered designation;
- D. Geographical boundaries for the Vermillion Forks Métis Association have been defined as that area of Princeton & District extending to Hedley in the east, to Coalmont and

Tulameen in the north west, to East Gate in the west, and includes all communities in between, including Princeton; and

- E. Pursuant to Article 57 of the MNBC Constitution, Vermillion Forks Métis Association has committed to enter into a Community Governance Charter with MNBC;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly accept the application by the Vermillion Forks Métis Association to enter into the Métis Nation British Columbia as a new Chartered Métis Community.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-02)**

**Change in Quorum**

CEO Drown confirmed that with the attendance of a representative from the newly accepted Vermillion Flats Métis Association, there were now 40 official voting delegates in attendance, which increased quorum to 22.

**Agenda Resumed**

The order of the Agenda now resumed.

**8. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2017 MNGA DRAFT MINUTES**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 24–26, 2017.*

Delegates agreed that a reading of the minutes by MNGA Clerk Drown was not required.

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Suzie Hooper)**

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) held March 24-26, 2017 be accepted, with the following amendments:

- Correct the spelling of “Patrick Harriott” throughout the minutes;
- Indicate Michael Dumont, Region 1 Director, as a representative of Vancouver Island;
- Indicate for Resolution MNGA1701-20, “Two delegates opposed; one delegate abstained from the vote”;
- Replace references to “Jean Schulz” with “Jean Sulzer”; and
- Add the following comment to the list of bulleted items, under “Item 17 – Closing Comments”: “The Senate has been unable to operate for the past two years, due to a lack of funding”.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-03)**

**9. TABLING OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

*Related materials:*

- Booklet titled “Reports, MNBC Board, Executive, Ministry and Senate”
- Booklet titled “Reports MNBC Chartered Communities”
- Folder titled “MNBC Supplemental Reports”.

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Daniel Pitman)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) receive for information, the materials and reports provided with the 2018 MNGA Agenda package.

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-04)**

(One delegate opposed)

**11. RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**11.2 MNBC Resolution (B) – Interim Appointment for Northeast MW-BC Regional Representative**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution (B) submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading, Motion Subject: Appointment of Interim Regional Métis Women’s Representative in Region 7, submitted March 2, 2018.*

In consideration of Resolution (B), it was confirmed that further information would be provided on participation in the pending by-election.

**It was MOVED (Suzie Hooper) and SECONDED (Victoria Pruden)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Regional Métis Women’s Representative in Region 7 stepped down from her position in January 2018;
- B. Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution provides for such a vacancy to be filled by a by-election within 120 days of the date of any vacancy occurring;
- C. Article 46.3 of the MNBC Constitution provides that such a vacancy can be filled on an interim basis based on a recommendation from the Regional Governance Council to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly; and
- D. The Regional Governance Council in Region 7 is recommending that Carol Laliberte Paynter of Fort St. John be appointed the Interim Regional Métis Women’s Representative in that Region;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

That Carol Laliberte Paynter be appointed the Interim Regional Métis Women’s Representative in Region 7 and that her term last until a by-election for the position is held and a Regional Métis Women’s Representative is elected.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-05)**

(Five delegates abstained from the vote)

**11.3 MNBC Resolution (C) - By-Election date for Northeast MW-BC Regional Representative**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution (C) submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading, Motion Subject: By-Election to fill vacancy in the position of Regional Métis Women's Representative in Region 7, submitted March 2, 2018.*

**It was MOVED (Victoria Pruden) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Regional Métis Women's Representative in Region 7 stepped down from her position in January 2018; and
- B. Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution provides for such a vacancy to be filled by a by-election within 120 days of the date of any vacancy occurring;
- C. With the time required to serve notice of an election being 60 days, it is impossible to meet the 120-day deadline of holding an election and as a result the election should be held within 150 days instead of the 120 days;
- D. Article 4 of the Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act provides for the date of any election to be set by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

That the 120-day timeline for holding a by-election to fill a vacancy be waived in this instance only and that a by-election to fill the position of Interim Regional Métis Women's Representative in Region 7 be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-06)**

**11.4 MNBC Resolution (D) - Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer for By-Election**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution (D) submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading, Motion Subject: Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer for By-Election in Region 7, submitted March 2, 2018.*

**It was MOVED (Victoria Pruden) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Regional Métis Women's Representative in Region 7 stepped down from her position in January 2018; and
- B. A by-election date to fill the vacancy has now been set by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly;
- C. Article 5.1 of the Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act provides for the Chief Electoral Officer to be appointed by the MNGA; and
- D. Lewis N. Villegas of Vancouver has been the Chief Electoral Officer for MNBC in the past and is qualified to carry out the role;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Lewis N. Villegas of Vancouver be appointed the Chief Electoral Officer to manage and conduct the by-election set for Saturday, June 23, 2018 to fill the vacancy in the position of Regional Métis Women's Representative in Region 7.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-07)**

**Agenda Varied**

In accordance with Item 7, the agenda was varied to now consider Resolution 12.

**11.6 Resolution 12 – Natural Resource Act**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 12 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: National Resource Act, submitted February 14, 2017.*

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Anthony Krilow)**

That "Resolution 12 – Natural Resource Act", tabled at the 2017 Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly, be lifted from the table for consideration.

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-08)**

(Four delegates abstained from the vote)

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Anthony Krilow)**

That the order of the Agenda be varied to consider "Resolution 01 - Natural Resources Act and the MNBC Consultation Guide Book" prior to "Resolution 12 – Natural Resource Act".

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-09)**

(One delegate abstained from the vote)

**Agenda Resumed**

The order of the Agenda now resumed.

**11.5 MNBC Resolution 01 – Natural Resources Act and the MNBC Consultation Guide Book**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 01 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading, Motion Subject: Natural Resources Act and the MNBC Consultation Guide Book, submitted February 2, 2018.*

***Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)**

**WHEREAS:**

As a constitutional entity, the Métis Nation British Columbia ("MNBC") governs the Métis citizens of British Columbia through its constitution, legislation and the ministerial authority provided therein;

- A. In recognition of the cultural and traditional use of the natural resources of British Columbia, the Annual General Meeting of the MNBC approved the Natural Resources Act in 2008 to authorize, guide and carry on the principles of traditional and environmentally sound harvest management of the natural resources by the Métis

Citizens of British Columbia;

- B. Sub-Articles 3.1 to and including 3.4 of the Act establishes, among other things, “natural resource regulations, policies and guidelines; sound conservation practices and measures; protects the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens; and ensures adequate consultation on all natural resource issues”;
- C. Resolution 12 was introduced to the 2017 Métis Nation Governing Assembly proposing amendments to the Natural Resources Act but the Resolution was tabled at the MNGA to enable the proposed changes to be reviewed, along with a general review of the Act to take place by British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (“BCMANR”);
- D. The BCMANR met in Prince George on June 10 and 11 of 2017 to review the Act, as well as review the BCMANR Policies and Procedures and MNBC Consultation Guidebook (the “Guidebook”) which was adopted by MNBC in February of 2009;
- E. The political and legal landscapes at both the provincial and federal levels have changed since 2009, the Guidebook does neither accurately reflect current government policy nor the current body of case law;
- F. The National Energy Board Act, Fisheries Act, Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and Navigable Waters Act are currently undergoing proposed changes by the federal government which may have implications for the Natural Resources Act and the Guidebook; and
- G. The MNBC Board of Directors is committed to ensuring meaningful engagement with Métis citizens on any proposed changes to the Natural Resources Act and the Guidebook.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Subject to funding being available, MNBC will establish a committee to consult with MNBC communities and citizens between April and August of 2018 regarding the Guidebook and the *Natural Resources Act*, and table a report to the Annual General Meeting in September of 2018 with proposed changes and recommendations to ensure meaningful engagement with Métis Communities and citizens going forward. The committee will be comprised of: the Minister of Natural Resources, the Director of Natural Resources, the BCMANR Chair, two BCMANR Captains, and 3 Community Presidents. The Committee will be co-chaired by the Minister of Natural Resources and the BCMANR Chair.

***Amendment to the Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Anthony Krilow)**

That the main motion be amended by:

- a) Replacing “Subject to funding being available, MNBC will establish a committee”, with “MNBC will establish a MNGA Resource Act and Consultation Committee”; and
- b) Replacing “3 Community Presidents” with “a representative from each region chosen by each of the seven Regional Governance Councils”.

In consideration of the Amendment to the Main Motion, comments were offered regarding:

- Completion of the Acts, required prior to completion of the Policies and Procedures
- Financial and other challenges associated with increasing the size of the committee
- The historical process of consulting with Captains of the Hunt
- Potentially involving a knowledge keeper from each region

- Trusting the Captains of the Hunt to bring their expert opinions to the Assembly
- Involvement of BCMANR members at upcoming Community Consultation Sessions
- A prior resolution presented to the Assembly intended to ensure communities had a voice and that meaningful consultation occurred.

**Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion**

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**DEFEATED**

(27 delegates opposed; five delegates abstained from the vote)

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Daniel Pitman)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23-25, 2018, now adjourn due to time constraints.

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-10)**

**ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018 adjourned on Day One – March 23, 2018 at 4:50 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Two – March 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**DAY 2 – MARCH 24, 2018**

**ASSEMBLY RECONVENED**

Speaker Peltier reconvened the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018 on Day Two – March 24, 2018 at 9:04 a.m.

**10. ROLL CALL – MNGA CLERK (QUORUM ANNOUNCED)**

MNGA Clerk Drown confirmed that there was a quorum of delegates present.

**11. RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

**11.5 MNBC Resolution 01 – Natural Resources Act and the MNBC Consultation Guide Book (Continued)**

***Amendment to the Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)**

That the main motion be amended by:

- a) Deleting “Subject to funding being available”;
- b) Replacing “MNBC will establish a committee” with “MNBC will establish a MNGA Resource Act Consultation Committee”; and
- c) Replacing “Chair, two BCMANR Captains, and 3 Community Presidents” with “and the BCMANR Captains”.

### **Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion**

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-11)**

(Two delegates abstained from the vote)

### ***Main Motion as Amended:***

### **It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

As a constitutional entity, the Métis Nation British Columbia (“MNBC”) governs the Métis citizens of British Columbia through its constitution, legislation and the ministerial authority provided therein;

- A. In recognition of the cultural and traditional use of the natural resources of British Columbia, the Annual General Meeting of the MNBC approved the Natural Resources Act in 2008 to authorize, guide and carry on the principles of traditional and environmentally sound harvest management of the natural resources by the Métis Citizens of British Columbia;
- B. Sub-Articles 3.1 to and including 3.4 of the Act establishes, among other things, “natural resource regulations, policies and guidelines; sound conservation practices and measures; protects the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens; and ensures adequate consultation on all natural resource issues”;
- C. Resolution 12 was introduced to the 2017 Métis Nation Governing Assembly proposing amendments to the Natural Resources Act but the Resolution was tabled at the MNGA to enable the proposed changes to be reviewed, along with a general review of the Act to take place by British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (“BCMANR”);
- D. The BCMANR met in Prince George on June 10 and 11 of 2017 to review the Act, as well as review the BCMANR Policies and Procedures and MNBC Consultation Guidebook (the “Guidebook”) which was adopted by MNBC in February of 2009;
- E. The political and legal landscapes at both the provincial and federal levels have changed since 2009, the Guidebook does neither accurately reflect current government policy nor the current body of case law;
- F. The National Energy Board Act, Fisheries Act, Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and Navigable Waters Act are currently undergoing proposed changes by the federal government which may have implications for the Natural Resources Act and the Guidebook; and
- G. The MNBC Board of Directors is committed to ensuring meaningful engagement with Métis citizens on any proposed changes to the Natural Resources Act and the Guidebook.

#### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

MNBC will establish an MNGA Resources Act Consultation Committee to consult with MNBC communities and citizens between April and August of 2018 regarding the Guidebook and the *Natural Resources Act*, and table a report to the Annual General Meeting in September of 2018 with proposed changes and recommendations to ensure meaningful engagement with Métis Communities and citizens going forward. The Committee will be comprised of: the

Minister of Natural Resources, the Director of Natural Resources, and the BCMANR Captains. The Committee will be co-chaired by the Minister of Natural Resources and the BCMANR Chair.

**Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

The question was called on the main motion as amended. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-12)**

(One delegate abstained from the vote)

**Agenda Varied**

In accordance with Item 7, the agenda was varied to now consider Resolution 12.

**11.6 Resolution 12 – Natural Resource Act (Continued)**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 12 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: National Resource Act, submitted February 14, 2017.*

Consideration of Resolution 12 did not proceed, as the amendment to Resolution 01 addressed the issue presented in Resolution 12.

**Agenda Resumed**

The order of the Agenda was now resumed.

**11.7 Resolution 02 – MNBC Constitution**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 02 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: The MNBC Constitution, submitted February 2, 2018.*

***Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Marilynn Taylor)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. A constitution of a nation represents the will of its people and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a nation have agreed to be governed and is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time.
- B. The MNBC Constitution is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and from time to time it is deemed necessary to review its provisions and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required.
- C. It is expedient for certain provisions of the MNBC Constitution to be amended to provide clarity where there may be ambiguous wording or to reflect changing needs of good governance.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Article 24 be amended to correct the words used regarding the removal of a Member of the MNBC Board of Directors by deleting the words:

“by any process”

and replacing them with the words:

“for any reason”

so that Article 24 shall read as follows:

*“A member of the MNBC shall not be removed from the MNBC for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.”*

2. Article 32 be amended to change the minimum notice for the calling of an MNGA from thirty (30) days to forty-five (45) days by deleting the words:

“with no less than thirty (30) days’ notice

and replacing them with the words:

“with no less than forty-five (45) days’ notice”

so that Article 32 shall read as follows:

*“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than forty-five (45) days’ notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting.”*

***Amendment to the Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Anthony Krilow) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

That Item 2 of the Main Motion be amended to increase the notice requirement by deleting the words:

“with no less than forty-five (45) days notice”

and replacing them with the words:

“with no less than sixty (60) days’ notice”

so that Article 32 shall read as follows:

*“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days’ notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting.”*

In consideration of the amendment to Resolution 02, discussion ensued on:

- The need for volunteer Community Presidents to have more time to consider constitutional amendments
- Need for sufficient time for Community Presidents to engage Board members and community members, where required
- The date of the MNGA is typically set in September of each year, immediately following the Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA)

- There have not been issues raised in the past with the previous notice period of forty days
- The MNBC Board will work to provide adequate notice of the MNGA following the establishment of the date in September of each year.

**Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion**

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-13)**

(Six delegates opposed; two delegates abstained from the vote)

***Amendment to the Main Motion:***

**Point of Order**

In response to a Point of Order regarding the relevance of an additional proposed amendment to the main motion, the Speaker advised that it would be necessary to vote on the Main Motion as amended, prior to considering an additional proposed amendment.

**Point of Order**

In response to a Point of Order questioning the requirement for the additional amendment, the Mover requested a legal opinion. Following consultation with legal counsel, Speaker Peltier reported that it would be beneficial to include the proposed amendment.

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Russell Brewer)**

That Item 2 of the Main Motion be further amended to clarify the application of the notice period by adding the words:

*“The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1”, to the end of Item 2*

so that Article 32 shall read as follows:

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

**Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion**

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-14)**

(Two delegates abstained from the vote)

***Main Motion as Amended:***

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Marilynn Taylor)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A constitution of a nation represents the will of its people and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a nation have agreed to be governed and is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time.

- B. The MNBC Constitution is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and from time to time it is deemed necessary to review its provisions and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required.
- C. It is expedient for certain provisions of the MNBC Constitution to be amended to provide clarity where there may be ambiguous wording or to reflect changing needs of good governance.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Article 24 be amended to correct the words used regarding the removal of a Member of the MNBC Board of Directors by deleting the words:

“by any process”

and replacing them with the words:

“for any reason”

so that Article 24 shall read as follows:

*“A member of the MNBC shall not be removed from the MNBC for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.”; and*

2. Article 32 be amended to change the minimum notice for the calling of an MNGA from thirty (30) days to sixty (60) days by deleting the words:

“with no less than thirty (30) days’ notice

and replacing them with the words:

“with no less than sixty (60) days’ notice”

so that Article 32 shall read as follows:

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

**Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

The question was called on the main motion as amended. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-15)**

(Three delegates opposed; two delegates abstained from the vote)

### **11.8 Resolution 03 – MNBC Citizenship Act**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 03 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: MNBC Citizenship Act, submitted February 2, 2018.*

In consideration of Resolution 03, it was noted that:

- Elimination of the requirement for Community Acceptance minimizes communities' relevance
- Community Presidents could develop a standard Community Acceptance program
- Communities experiencing continuous growth should be respected by the MNBC
- Continue the requirement for Community Acceptance while ensuring that there are no undue delays in accepting new Citizens
- Recognize that Community Presidents are volunteers and that they are making their best efforts to expedite the Community Acceptance process
- The individual rights to be recognized as a Métis Citizen cannot be limited or denied to an individual who meets the citizenship test
- Community Acceptance is an administrative process and does not impact Citizenship
- The delay in Community Acceptance is often the result of the new Citizen disregarding the requirement to contact the Community President.

#### **It was MOVED (Marilynn Taylor) and SECONDED (Gary Biggar)**

##### **WHEREAS:**

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) has a Citizenship registry process in place so that self-identified Métis people resident in British Columbia can apply for Citizenship and be approved for Citizenship if they meet certain criteria;
- B. One of the existing criteria is Community acceptance which is in some cases taking an extraordinary long time to obtain from a Community, or is not being considered at all;
- C. There is a growing concern that such delays may prompt some applicants in the future to consider legal action if they are denied benefits for Métis Citizens because they have not been given Community Acceptance in a timely manner even after the MNBC Registrar has confirmed that they have met all the other criteria including genealogy;
- D. The Supreme Court of Canada in the *Daniels* decision of April 2016 indicated that Community Acceptance is no longer required for purposes of s.91.24 of the Constitution Act, 1867;
- E. Article 61 of the MNBC Constitution states that “Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.

##### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Article Three of the MNBC Citizenship Act be amended as follows:

1. That the title of the Article be changed from “Community Acceptance” to “Métis Nation Acceptance”;
2. That Article 3.0 be amended by removing the words:  
“is accepted by a Métis Community”

which follow the words:

“is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry”;

3. That Articles 3.0, 3.1 and 3.2 be renumbered to read 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 respectively;
4. That Article 3.3 be removed;
5. That a new Article 3.2 be added to read as follows:

*“Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”; and*

6. That a new Article 3.3 be added to read as follows:

*“The Registrar shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month.”*

so that Article Three shall read as follows:

**“ARTICLE THREE – METIS NATION ACCEPTANCE**

3.1 *The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon Applicant providing to the Registrar a written application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Registrar, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:*

3.1.1 *The Applicant normally resides within the Métis Community area or Métis community and the jurisdiction of the MNBC; and*

3.1.2 *The Applicant expressly held him/herself out to be Métis in the Métis Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC;*

3.2 *Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.*

3.3 *The Registrar shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month.”*

7. That Article 4.7.b) be amended by removing the word:

“...community...” in the Article that reads “Upon completion of the community and replacing the word “community” with “Métis Nation”

so that Article 4.7.b) shall read as follows:

*“4.7.b) Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and”*

***Motion to Table:***

**It was MOVED (Marlin Ratch) and SECONDED (Myrna Logan)**

That “Resolution 03 – *MNBC Citizenship Act*” be tabled to the next Métis Nation General Assembly.

**Question on the Motion to Table**

The question was called on the motion to table. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-16)**

(Five delegates opposed; five delegates abstained from the vote)

**Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

**11.9 Resolution 04 – Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act**

*Related materials distributed at the MNGA: Resolution 04 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act, submitted February 2, 2018.*

By consensus, the MNGA agreed to consider the revised Resolution 04 that was distributed at the meeting.

***Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Ed Delisle)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act lacks certain notice provisions regarding the submission of proposed resolutions to the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly for consideration of the Assembly; and
- B. It is in the interests of good governance for the Métis Nation to provide for proper notice to all members of the MNGA of all matters to be considered at an MNGA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Article Eleven of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act be amended as follows:

1. That the title of the Article be changed from “Legislation and Constitutional Amendments” to “*Notice of Legislation and Constitutional Amendments, and Notice of Other Matters*”;
2. That Article 11.0 be renumbered 11.1 and be amended by adding the words:  
“*or amendments to Legislation*”  
following the word “Legislation”, so that Article 11.1 would read:  
“*Legislation or amendments to Legislation*”;
3. That Article 11.a) be amended by removing all the existing words and that new wording be added in 11.1.a) so that it shall read:  
“*Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;*”;

4. That Article 11.1.b) be amended to read:

*“Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation”;*
5. That existing Article 11.0.c) be deleted, and replaced with a new Article 11.1.c) with the following wording:

*“Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and”;*
6. That a new Article 11.1.d) be added with the following wording:

*“Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.”;*
7. That a new Article 11.2 with four sub-Articles be added with the following wording:

*“Constitutional Amendments:*

  - a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;*
  - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution ;*
  - c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and*
  - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.”;*
8. That a new Article 11.3 with four sub-Articles be added with the following wording:

*“Other Matters:*

  - a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;*
  - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the matters;*
  - c) Notice of the matters shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and*
  - d) Shall be considered at the MNGA.”;*
9. That a new Article 11.4 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional Amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors:*

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

10. That a new Article 11.5 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature:*

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

11. That a new Article 11.6 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Notice of the MNGA:*

- a) *Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.”*

so that Article Eleven shall read as follows:

**“ARTICLE ELEVEN – NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS**

11.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:

- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation;
- c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.

11.2 Constitutional Amendments:

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

11.3 Other Matters:

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

- 11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors:
- a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional Amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held, and shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.
- 11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature:
- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.
- 11.6 Notice of the MNGA:
- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held."

***Amendment to the Main Motion:***

**It was MOVED (Anthony Krilow) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

1. That Article 11.3.c) be amended to stipulate the matters to be distributed to the members of the MNGA by inserting the words:

*“, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented at the MNGA”*

following the words:

*“Notice of the matters”, so that Article 11.3.c) shall read as follows:*

*“Notice of the matters, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented to the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and”; and*

2. That Article 11.6.a) be amended to ensure consistency with the amendment to Article 32 of the MNBC Constitution by removing the words:

*“45 days”*

and inserting the words:

*“60 days”*

so that Article 11.6 shall read as follows:

*“Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.”*

**Question on the Amendment to the Main Motion**

The question was called on the amendment to the main motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-17)**

***Main Motion as Amended:***

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Ed Delisle)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act lacks certain notice provisions regarding the submission of proposed resolutions to the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly for consideration of the Assembly; and
- B. It is in the interests of good governance for the Métis Nation to provide for proper notice to all members of the MNGA of all matters to be considered at an MNGA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Article Eleven of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act be amended as follows:

1. That the title of the Article be changed from “Legislation and Constitutional Amendments” to “*Notice of Legislation and Constitutional Amendments, and Notice of Other Matters*”;
2. That Article 11.0 be renumbered 11.1 and be amended by adding the words:  
*“or amendments to Legislation”*  
following the word “Legislation”, so that Article 11.1 would read:  
*“Legislation or amendments to Legislation”;*
3. That Article 11.a) be amended by removing all the existing words and that new wording be added in 11.1.a) so that it shall read:  
*“Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;”;*
4. That Article 11.1.b) be amended to read:  
*“Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation”;*
5. That existing Article 11.0.c) be deleted, and replaced with a new Article 11.1.c) with the following wording:  
*“Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and”;*
6. That a new Article 11.1.d) be added with the following wording:  
*“Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.”;*
7. That a new Article 11.2 with four sub-Articles be added with the following wording:  
*“Constitutional Amendments:*  
*a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;*  
*b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed amendments*

- to the Constitution;*
- c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and*
  - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.”;*

8. That a new Article 11.3 with four sub-Articles be added with the following wording:

*“Other Matters:*

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

9. That a new Article 11.4 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional Amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors:*

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

10. That a new Article 11.5 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature:*

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

11. That a new Article 11.6 with one sub-Article be added with the following wording:

*“Notice of the MNGA*

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

so that Article Eleven shall read as follows:

**“ARTICLE ELEVEN – NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS**

11.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:

- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the

- Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation;
- c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
  - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.
- 11.2 Constitutional Amendments:
- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
  - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
  - c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
  - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.
- 11.3 Other Matters:
- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
  - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be and included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA which shall consider the matters;
  - c) Notice of the matters, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented to the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
  - d) Be considered at the MNGA.
- 11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors:
- a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional Amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held, and shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.
- 11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature:
- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.
- 11.6 Notice of the MNGA:
- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.”

### **Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

The question was called on the main motion as amended. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-18)**

### **11.10 Resolution 05 – Community Governance Charter**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 05 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: Community Governance Charter, submitted February 2, 2018.*

On behalf of the MNBC Board of Directors, Vice-President Lissa Smith withdrew the resolution, as consultation will be undertaken over the summer months with respect to the content of the Community Governance Charter.

### **Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **11.11 Resolution 06 – MPCBC (Bylaw Amendment)**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 06 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for Third Reading Motion Subject: The Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, submitted February 21, 2018.*

In consideration of Resolution 06, discussion ensued on:

- Membership of the Métis Provincial Council of BC (MPCBC)
- Whether the Bylaw Amendment requires the approval of the MNGA, given that the MPCBC was established as an arms-length organization from the MNBC
- Similarities between the proposed Bylaws and the template provided under the new British Columbia *Societies Act*
- The requirement to comply with the new British Columbia *Societies Act*
- The MNBC Constitution and Legislative Acts' precedence over the Bylaws (through Article 5.2)
- The requirement for MPCBC to comply with the British Columbia *Societies Act*, which will cease upon completion of the negotiations for self-government
- The deadline for MPCBC and Communities to comply with the British Columbia *Societies Act* (November 2018)
- MPCBC being the legal authority to sign funding agreements on behalf of the MNBC
- Friendly "housekeeping" amendments to Addendum "A"
- Confirmation that the MPCBC Bylaws can be amended at a future Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **It was MOVED (Daniel Pitman) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. The MNBC operates contractually through its secretariat, the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (the "MPCBC").
- B. The MPCBC is a legal entity incorporated in 1996 as a British Columbia Society under the British Columbia *Society Act*.

- C. British Columbia has adopted new legislation, called the *Societies Act*, which provides for certain changes to be made to the bylaws of existing British Columbia societies. The Societies Act was effective on November 28, 2016 and requires that the existing bylaws be amended within a prescribed period of time.
- D. It is expedient for the bylaws of the MPCBC to be amended to accommodate and comply with the provisions of the new *Societies Act* and to permit the MNBC to correct or revise the bylaws and/or constitution of the MPCBC to respond to and comply with the requests of the Registrar of Societies on items that can be defined as housekeeping matters.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Bylaws of the MPCBC be amended in accordance with Bylaws attached as Addendum "A" hereto and be submitted for registration at British Columbia Corporate Registry.
2. The MNBC Board of Directors shall be permitted to make such corrections or revisions to the bylaws or the constitution of the MPCBC as may be required by the Registrar of Societies limited to those items that are Housekeeping Matters as defined in the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act.
3. Upon registration at British Columbia Corporate Registry the Bylaws, as registered, be lodged in the minute book for the MPCBC.

**Question on the Motion**

The question was called on the motion. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-19)**

(Two delegates abstained from the vote)

**Agenda Varied**

The agenda was varied to now conduct a Swearing-In Ceremony for the new Regional Métis Women's Representative for Region 7.

**11.2 MNBC Resolution (B) – Interim Appointment for Northeast MW-BC Regional Representative (Continued)**

Senator Allen Edkins read aloud the "Oath of Office", which was agreed to by Carol Laliberte Paynter, Regional Métis Women's Representative for Region 7.

**Agenda Resumed**

The order of the Agenda was now resumed.

**11.12 Resolution 07 – Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act**

*Related materials distributed in the MNGVA 2018 Agenda package: Resolution 07 submitted to the 2018 Métis Nation Governing Assembly for First Reading Motion Subject: Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act, submitted February 16, 2018.*

In consideration of Resolution 07, discussion ensued on:

- The MNGA's ability to vote on a deficit budget by way of a roll call vote, rather than a secret ballot
- Potential to engage Communities on the proposed *Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act* during the summer consultation sessions

- Difficulties associated with developing provisional budgets, given that the MNBC is in the process of negotiating contribution agreements with funders
- Requirements related to the expenditure of funds provided through contribution agreements.

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Russell Brewer)**

**WHEREAS:**

- Passing a budget by an elected legislative body is one of the internationally recognized key markers of a democratic government.
- A budget must be based on sound fiscal management using the best information available; importantly, it is also an aspirational document taking into account a nation's vision of the future, its culture, and community needs.
- The creation of priorities, involving community representatives' direct knowledge of local needs as well as MNBC's knowledge of the nation's relationship with other partners and inter- governmental agreements, engenders a well-informed budget, which is transparent and responsible to its citizens.
- The Métis Nation British Columbia's vision statement is to "...build a proud, self-governing, sustainable Nation in recognition of Inherent Rights for our Métis citizens"; consequently, in order to take up the responsibilities that will be devolved to it, MNBC must develop the mechanisms, procedures, and capacity to do so.
- It is expedient to adopt the Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act so as to prepare the nation for recognition as an autonomous level of government, which operates using international best practices of democratic accountability.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act**

**ARTICLE ONE - NAME**

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

**ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE**

- 2.0** The purpose of the Budget Act is to establish accountable, transparent and democratic procedures and rules for the passing of a Budget by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly for the operations of the Métis Nation British Columbia.

**ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS**

- 3.0** In this act:
  - 3.1** "**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**" (**MNGA**) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
  - 3.2** "**Métis Nation British Columbia**" means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
  - 3.3** "**Métis Nation British Columbia**" (**MNBC**) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia and which,

represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.

- 3.4 **“Budget”** means a budget proposed by Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors that is put before the Métis Nation Governing Assembly for debate, amendment, and ratification.
- 3.5 **“Provisional Budget”** means a potential budget plan passed by the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors.
- 3.6 **“Citizen”** refers to a Citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR – VOTING AND QUORUM**

4.0 In this Act:

- 4.1 Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the passing of a Budget. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;
- 4.2.1 Roll call voting shall be the method of voting for the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for the adoption of an MNBC budget, except in the case of a deficit Budget that must be passed in accordance with section 4.2.2.
- 4.2.2 Where a deficit is proposed in the Budget by the MNBC, the MNGA shall vote by secret ballot on whether or not to approve the proposed deficit.
- 4.2.3 The procedure for taking roll call votes is to call the names of the representatives or delegates alphabetically, and to have each person indicate orally his/her vote. All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say, “Yes” as their names are called. Those opposed will say “No”. Those who wish to abstain will say, “Abstain”. The MNGA Clerk will call the roll.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE – BUDGETARY PROCESS**

- 5.0 The budget year for the Métis Nation British Columbia shall begin on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.
- 5.1 MNBC shall adopt a Provisional Budget and Budget for each budget year.
- 5.2 The Provisional Budget and Budget shall describe all operations of the Métis Nation British Columbia for which MNBC is responsible and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) all proposed expenditures; (b) all sources of revenue; (c) transfers between Departments; and (d) repayment on account of debt.
- 5.3 The Budget shall be based on the principle of a balanced budget with no deficit, provided that where a deficit is anticipated in the Budget approval for the deficit must be approved in accordance with section 4.2.2.
- 5.4 MNBC shall, by Resolution, no later than January 31 of each year, adopt a Provisional Budget for the next budget year.
- 5.5 MNBC shall, on or before March 1 of each year and at least twenty (20) days before a meeting of the MNGA convened for the purpose of passing a Budget, provide a copy of the Provisional Budget and any proposed changes, to the members of the MNGA.
- 5.6 At a meeting of the MNGA convened for the purpose of passing a Budget, copies of the Provisional Budget and proposed changes shall be made available to the MNGA members in attendance.

- 5.7 At a meeting of the MNGA, the Budget shall be presented by MNBC or its designate and MNGA members may ask questions and provide comments.
- 5.8 Where the vote by members of the MNGA held under section 4.2.2 does not approve the proposed deficit, the budget shall be amended, to not include a deficit.
- 5.9 MNBC shall take into consideration the comments received from MNGA members, who having pre- read the Provisional Budget, may forward to MNBC through their Regional Director the needs of their community and other relevant matters in amending the Proposed Budget.
- 5.10 The MNGA shall, by Resolution, no later than March 31 of each year adopt a Budget for the next budget year.
- 5.11 Where there is a substantial change in forecasted revenues, the Budget may be amended by Resolution to the MNGA at any time prior to June 30 of each year provided that any amendment of the Budget must be identified and explained. The MNGA may vote on the Budget amendment resolution by electronic voting.
- 5.12 Where a proposed amendment to the Budget would create or increase a deficit in the Budget the amendment must be approved by the MNGA in the same manner as under sections 4.2.2.
- 5.13 The Provisional Budget and Budget shall be made available during regular working hours for inspection by any Citizen, and copies shall be provided to any member of the MNGA upon written request to the Department of Finance.

***Motion to Table:***

**It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)**

That "Resolution 07 – Métis Nation British Columbia Budget Act" be tabled to the next Métis Nation General Assembly.

**Question on the Motion to Table**

The question was called on the motion to table. MNGA Clerk Drown conducted a roll call vote. Speaker Peltier then declared that the resolution was:

**CARRIED (MNGA1801-20)**  
(One delegate opposed)

**Recess**

The Assembly recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

**12. MNBC CHARTERED COMMUNITY UPDATES**

*Related materials distributed in the booklet titled "Reports, MNBC Chartered Communities" and "MNBC Supplemental Reports".*

Speaker Peltier invited Chartered Communities to provide supplementary information to the written updates. The following comments were offered:

- **Mid Island Métis Nation (Joy Bremner):**
  - A video from a community wellness event focusing on Elders was viewed:
    - Attended by all Vancouver Island Métis communities
    - Funding provided by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

- Suggestion that leaders consider acknowledging the home of the Métis when acknowledging the First Nations' territory
- **Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association (Alex Norquay):**
  - The Chemical Addiction Program is a two-year certificate program offered by the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- **Two Rivers Métis Association (Dean Gladue):**
  - Membership growth since the new Board was elected in November 2017
  - Strong partnership created with the Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services to support children and families
- **Nelson and Area Métis Association (Don Courson):**
  - Focus on teaching youth about the place of the Métis within the Indigenous context
  - Encouragement that Chartered Community Presidents participate in every opportunity to raise public awareness of the Métis
- **MIKI'SIW Métis Association (Bryce Mercredi):**
  - Initiating Elders in Residence Programs in schools
- **Fraser Valley Métis Society (Dawn Johnson):**
  - Initiated Elder-Youth Luncheons
  - Archery and shooting program
- **South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association (Terry Kennedy):**
  - Discovering the Métis Program is being presented to Grade 2 students in Penticton schools
- **Vernon and District Métis Association (Don McBeth):**
  - Métis recognized in Lumby through the placing of a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day and the Métis flag being flown over Lumby municipal hall for a week as part of Louis Riel Day
- **The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria (Patrick Harriott):**
  - Encouraged Chartered Communities to work together to utilize Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding to organize regional gatherings
- **North Cariboo Métis Association (Tony Goulet):**
  - City of Quesnel resolution to work with the local Métis association to promote the Métis culture
  - Federal funding received from the Justice Department to support families dealing with domestic violence
  - Development of social enterprises to achieve financial independence
- **Rocky Mountain Métis Association (Marlin Ratch):**
  - Métis flags flown at schools
  - Work with the Street Angels to serve the homeless in Cranbrook
  - Judge Murray Sinclair will be speaking at the Cranbrook Humanity Network event in May 2018
- **Kootenay South Métis Society (Myrtle Servatius):**
  - Canada Day 2017 celebrations.

MNGA delegates commended MNBC Board, staff and community volunteers for their efforts.

### 13. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

## **ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018 adjourned on Day Two – March 24, 2018 at 4:05 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Three – March 25, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

## **DAY 3 – MARCH 25, 2018**

## **ASSEMBLY RECONVENED**

Speaker Peltier reconvened the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018 on Day Three – March 25, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

### **14. CLOSING COMMENTS**

President Morin Dal Col expressed gratitude to the Speaker, Veterans and members of the Governing Assembly for their efforts during the MNGA, which are undertaken on behalf of all Métis people in BC.

The President reviewed the accomplishments during the MNGA noting that the work has been done in a respectful and constructive way.

There was special acknowledgement of the number of Métis youth present to witness the MNGA and who participated in a mock MNGA on the evening of March 24, 2018. The global youth-led protest against gun violence in the United States demonstrates the power of future leaders.

President Morin Dal Col thanked MNBC staff for their efforts that contributed to the success of the MNGA.

Discussion ensued on:

- A request for information regarding the MNBC Senate
- A request to report overdose deaths that occur in communities, to the Director of Health
- Language used in the description of the \$50,000 First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) Indigenous Harm Reduction grants, which was unclear regarding MNBC's eligibility
- Ensuring that drug and treatment programs were available when a Métis person indicates that they are willing to enter treatment
- Suggestion that future consideration be given to establishing a Métis specific drug and alcohol treatment program
- A lack of support provided to Métis people participating in the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Inquiry)
- The Métis Nation's non-participation in the Vancouver Inquiry hearing
- An opportunity for the Métis Nation to apply for funding to provide trauma care to families and loved ones of Métis women and girls who have been the victims of violence.

### **15. CLOSING PRAYER**

Senator Edkins offered a Closing Prayer.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Victoria Pruden)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018, now conclude.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA1801-21)**

(Time: March 25, 2018 at 10:02 a.m.)

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 23–25, 2018, and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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Susie Hooper, Secretary

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Clara Morin Dal Col, President

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