

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #5
SUBMITTED TO THE 2019 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY
FOR FIRST READING
March 22-24, 2019

Motion Subject: MNBC Electoral Act

Primary Offices Affected: MNBC

Submitted by: Metis Nation of Greater Victoria

Submitted to: The Office of the MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: February 20, 2019

Whereas: The purpose of electing a representative is to give that person a mandate to speak on behalf of the entire electorate

Whereas: Since there is no official opposition in the democratic structure of MNBC, it is essential for elected representatives to have a strong mandate supported by a majority of the electors

Whereas: To unify behind elected leadership, it is best practices of all political parties in both Canadian Federal political parties, and in British Columbia political parties, as well as in trade unions and other organizations, to only consider a candidate elected after receiving over 50% of the popular vote

Whereas: Ranked ballot voting ensures representatives receive over 50% of popular support for their mandates without incurring significant extra cost to the electoral process

THEREFORE be it resolved that:

The MNBC Electoral Act be amended to include:

19.5 The method of voting for all MNBC elections shall be by ranked ballot. Electors may choose to numerically rank each of the candidates according to their preference. If the Elector chooses not to rank all candidates, that person's ballot still remains valid. After each round of vote counting, if there is no candidate who has received over 50% of votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated. The ballots cast in favour of the eliminated candidate are added to the candidate ranked next highest on each ballot. A candidate shall have been successfully elected once they have received over 50% of the total votes cast.

I SO MOVE.