



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	CABINET MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 16, 2022	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Aimee Patino	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

Participating Cabinet: President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Louis De Jaeger, Patrick Harriott, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, Raynie Gervais, Paulette Flamond, Dean Gladue, Kate Elliott and Shaughn Davoren

Staff: Colette Trudeau – Acting CEO | Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Assistant Deputy Minister, Aimee Patino – Cabinet Committee Coordinator

Guest staff: John Bieker – Legislative and Policy Analyst, Nick Hosseinzadeh – Senior Director for Communications, Ken Bourdeau – Director for Housing and Sports

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 9:02 m, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Minister Gladue.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples of which she was calling from.

Vice President Mineault acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which he was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo people of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and traditional shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.

Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the Tri-River Métis Community traditional territory of the Gidimt'en of which she was calling from.

Region 7 - Minister Flamond acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which she was calling from.

BC Women Chair - Minister Elliott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and the traditional territory of the Lekwungen of which she was calling from.



BC Youth Chair - Minister Davoren acknowledged the Vernon District Métis Association and traditional territory of the Syeelhwh Nation of which he was calling from.

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 38 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

1.2. Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED by (Minister Hooper) and SECONDED by (Minister Harriott) THAT the meeting agenda be approved with the following amendments

- removed Registry Update
- moved to items 1 & 2, the Ministerial Portfolios and Executive Committee Composition

CARRIED

1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Minister De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Minister Davoren) THAT the minutes of April 28, 2022, Cabinet meeting be approved with the following correction –

- Item 2 – add the word "Minister" to Fisher

CARRIED with one abstention

1.4. Action Items

Minister De Jaeger provided a general update on the action items and requested follow-up if needed.

2. Ministerial Portfolios

President Smith thanked everyone for sending their preferences and provided the list of assignments that she and Vice President Mineault had agreed.

It was MOVED BY (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED BY (Minister Gervais)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cabinet approves the new ministerial portfolios as follows:

- Shaughn Davoren – Chair MYBC
- Dr. Kate Elliott – Chair MWBC, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions (Mental Wellness and Harm Reduction)
- Patrick Harriott – Minister of Culture Language and Heritage, Minister of Digital Governance & Assistant Minister Metis Rights
- Louis De Jaeger- Minister of Economic Development & Minister of Health
- Dean Gladue - Minister of Sports, Natural Resources & Assistant Minister of Justice
- Debra Fisher – Minister of Children and Families & Minister of Education-K12 and Early Years
- Susie Hooper – Minister of Registry and Community Services & Minister of Environmental Protection
- Paulette Flamond – Minister of Employment and Training & Minister of Post-secondary Education
- Raynie Gervais – Minister of Elders, Assistant Minister of Culture Language and Heritage
- Walter Mineault – Minister of Metis Rights & Minister of Housing and Homelessness
- Lissa Smith – Minister of Justice, Veteran & Intergovernmental Affairs

CARRIED

It was agreed that new portfolios are effective immediately and that the turnover process should be done in 2 weeks.



2. Executive Committee Composition

It was MOVED BY (Vice President Mineault) and SECONDED BY (Minister Harriott)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT President Smith, Vice President Mineault, Minister De Jaeger as Secretary and Minister Harriott as Treasurer be the new composition of the Executive Committee.

CARRIED with eight votes, one abstention and one against.

3. AGM 2022

John Bieker and Nick Hosseinzadeh joined the meeting to present the plan for AGM 2022 with regional hubs; the main event will be in Kelowna, with smaller venues booked in each MNBC region.

It was MOVED BY (Vice President Mineault) and SECONDED BY (Minister De Jaeger)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2022 AGM to be held as an in-person event in Kelowna, with no MNBC Organized regional hubs, with Citizens able to participate virtually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Cabinet directs staff to canvass communities/regions if they are going to self-organize hubs and provide technical support.

CARRIED

Recessed at 11:15 am and reconvened at 11:28 am.

4. Communications Update

Nick Hosseinzadeh stayed to present the Communication update, highlighting the following: communications strategy, website project, media projects, campaigns, and trading post.

It was suggested that the community should be informed first before the communications will be made in public and the community events should be included on the website.

6. First Time Home Buyer's Program

Ken Bourdeau joined to present the MNBC First Time Home Buyer's program and answered the questions after the presentation.

It was MOVED BY (Vice President Mineault) and SECONDED BY (Minister Harriott) to table and decide this matter after the housing visioning.

CARRIED

- Ken Bourdeau left the meeting at 12:56 pm.

With the clarification on the rule on how it is included back to the agenda and on further discussion with MNBC's capacity to provide grants and loans, it was agreed to invite the Metis Financial Corporation of BC to present and revisit their First Time Home Buyers program proposal.



7. Housing Financial Update

Ken Bourdeau rejoined the meeting to answer the Ministry of Housing finance questions and left after the Q&A.

The Cabinet further discussed on

- agreement between the West Kootenay Metis Society and MNBC and the funding/money spent
- the 100,000 funding in Cranbrook was not only to start the housing society but to look at the purchase of land
- clarity on Sam Sullivan's video, which was part of the research for Global Civic policy.
- finalization of the finance manual to oversee the spending vis-a-vis decreasing the spending limit of the CEO

It was noted the CEO Colette Trudeau to work with finance and benchmark with similar government and organizations and present it to the Cabinet.

Recessed at 2:02 pm and reconvened at 2:33 pm

President Smith welcomed everyone and made a roll call to ensure everyone was back.

It was MOVED BY (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED BY (Minister De Jaeger) that the Cabinet goes in-camera at 2:45 pm.

CARRIED

Discussions on Children and Families, MFF, RGC Funding 2022-2023 and Correspondence – Federal and Provincial government have transpired.

Minister Gervais conducted a closing prayer.

It was MOVED BY (Minister De Jaeger) and SECOND by (VICE PRESIDENT Mineault) that the Cabinet goes-out-of-camera at 3:32 pm

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 3:34 pm

It was MOVED by (VICE PRESIDENT Mineault) and SECONDED by (Minister De Jaeger) to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED



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Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: June 20, 2022