



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	CABINET MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	September 21 2022	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport

Attendees

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

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO, John Bieker – Director of Cabinet Operations and Internal Governance, Susan Gillette - Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator, Moza Dole – Cabinet Committee Coordinator

Regrets: Kayla Brow – Executive Coordinator

Guests: John Corie, Colin Critch, Josh Burger and Keilyn Bussel-Aitkin of the Ballard Group; Evan Salter – Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia

1. Welcome

At 9:14 am, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Minister Gladue

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Today's meeting takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Musqueam First Nation. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial.

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the Cabinet meeting agenda of September 21, 2022 was adopted with the following amendments:

12. Golden Mural – Financing for lighting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Cabinet Meeting were approved as presented.



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2. Other Business – Golden, BC – Financing for Mural Lighting

The Métis Nation Columbia River Society has requested funding for art mural lighting in Golden, BC.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT Cabinet approves funding in the amount of \$1954.70 to the Columbia River Métis Society mural.

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3. Housing Contractor – Ballard Group

John Corie, Managing Partner of the Ballard Group provided an introduction and overview of Ballard Group's locations and operations in Alberta and potential growth into Saskatchewan and hopefully British Columbia. The initial phase would include a current state assessment, community engagement, housing strategy development and a housing business plan. The knowledge, experience and entrepreneurial nature of the Ballard Group could assist MNBC build relationships with BC First Nations.

Recessed for morning break at 10:30 am - reconvened at 10:45 am

Housing Contractor – Ballard Group

Discussion continued.

Cabinet thanked Mr. Corie and the Ballard Group for their presentation.

4. Lunch

Recessed for lunch at 12:04 pm - reconvened at 12:53 pm



5. BCMANR – Migratory Birds – Letter to MNBC Cabinet

British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources presented Cabinet with a letter regarding Section 35 harvesting rights of Citizens. Section 35 harvesting rights for Métis Citizens are currently in a “grey” or unresolved zone while negotiations with Canada on these matters are underway. For Métis harvesters, that means that they are not guaranteed to be covered. BCMANR is seeking support from Cabinet for MNBC to defend harvesters that meet the following criteria:

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Vice President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT Cabinet accepts the letter provided by BCMANR, and

THAT Cabinet will provide the legal supports as requested in the letter;

1. Harvester must be a MNBC Citizen with a current MNBC Membership Card;
2. Harvester must have a currently valid MNBC Harvesting card;
3. Harvester must be hunting within all other regulations set out in the migratory bird harvesting synopses (currently following BC regulations). and
4. Any other regulations that may be set by BCMANR.

THAT BCMANR will determine that a harvester has met the abovementioned criteria, and the legal supports that will be provided to the harvester.

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Recessed for break at 1:30 pm - reconvened at 1:40 pm

6. First Time Homeowner's Grant

Evan Salter provided an overview of the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia’s First Time Home Buyer’s Program in partnership with MNBC.

The first time home buyers’ program is an opportunity for MNBC citizens to purchase their own home, where they may not have otherwise been able to.

MNFCBC has established lending and funding operations which can easily be expanded and adapted to build the infrastructure of the program.



Senior programs have resulted in an increase in Métis home ownership in other provinces.

Through proper planning, implementation can occur relatively quickly and set the framework for long-term growth.

Cabinet discussed their concerns with the resolution and two amendments were made to the resolution.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF METIS NATION BRITISH
COLUMBIA
("MNBC")**

WHEREAS MNBC has received funding for, among other housing initiatives, the establishment of First-Time Home Buyer's Program (the "FTHBP");

AND WHEREAS MNBC wishes to use the services of its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Métis Financial Corporation of British Columbia ("MFCBC") to develop, operate and administer the FTHBP;

AND WHEREAS the board of directors of MNBC has determined that the development, operation and administration of the FTHBP by MFCBC is in the best interests of MNBC;

PURSUANT TO A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

- MNBC is authorized to enter into an arrangement whereby MFCBC will be retained to develop, operate and administer the FTHBP for a period of five years;
- MNBC's funding commitment to MFCBC is for a period of five years and \$1,000,000.00 will be made available by MNBC to MFCBC for the FTHBP for each of the five years;
- An administration fee of 15% of all funds advanced and, in addition, a reimbursement of start-up expenses of up to \$50,000.00 will also be paid to MFCBC as compensation for the services provided by MFCBC in connection with the development, operation and administration of the FTHBP;
- The negotiation and execution of any service or other agreement with a term of five years to give effect to these resolutions and the FTHBP, by any one officer of MNBC in such form as such officer or deems necessary or advisable, be and each is hereby authorized and approved. A deadline of December 31, 2022 is established for the completion and execution of contemplated agreement;
- It is anticipated that the agreement between MFCBC and MNBC will contain customary and commercially reasonable provisions in respect of the development and delivery of the FTHBP and it is acknowledged that the agreement will contain provisions in respect of funds payable to MFCBC (which may include a specific quantum amount) in the event of the termination, without grounds, by MNBC prior to the completion of the five-year term; and



- Any officer of MNBC is hereby authorized for, on behalf of, and in the name of MNBC to sign and deliver all such agreements, instruments, elections, certificates, directions, notices, acknowledgements, receipts and other documents and to perform and to do all other acts and things as such director or officer in his discretion may consider necessary, advisable or useful for the purpose of giving effect to these resolutions, execution as aforesaid to be conclusive evidence of this and such officer's approval.
- Cabinet directs MNBC staff to draft a formal agreement with MFCBC, to be reviewed and approved by Cabinet once completed.

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Recessed for break at 2:30 pm - reconvened at 2:35 pm

7. President's Update

President Smith provided the Cabinet with an update on her recent activities.

8. CEO Update

Colette Trudeau provided an update about ongoing engagements of the CEO's office, Finance, Human Resources, Central Registry, Administration and public affairs matters. Questions and answers followed the report.

9. Meeting Moved In-Camera at 4:34 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes in-camera at 4:34 pm.

10. Meeting Moved Out-of-Camera at 4:54 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes out-of-camera at 4:54 pm.



11. Whistleblower Policy – Amendments

John Bieker provided Cabinet with the updated MNBC Whistleblower Policy.

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT Cabinet approves the “MNBC Whistleblower Policy” as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 2023 Cabinet Calendar

The 2023 Cabinet Meeting Calendar was circulated to Cabinet.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT Cabinet approves the proposed 2023 Cabinet Calendar; and

THAT the 2023 MNBC MNGA be held March 3-5, 2023.

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Meeting Adjourned at 5:48 pm

The meeting adjourned by consensus.



Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: October 17, 2022