



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	CABINET MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	September 22, 2022	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Susan Gillette	<b>Location:</b>	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, Tanya Davoren – Senior Director – Ministry of Health | Mental Health and Addictions, Nick Hosseinzadeh – Senior Director – Communications and Economic Development, Callum Robinson – Communications Manager, Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer, Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director – Ministry of Education-Early Learning | K-12.

**Guest:** Bilal Cheema, Cheema Strategies

**Regrets:** Kayla Brow – Executive Coordinator

### 1. Welcome

At 9:05 am, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was requested that opening and closing prayers be added to the meeting agendas going forward.

### 2. Draft Communications Plan/Strategy

Nick Hosseinzadeh provided an overview of the MNBC Communications Strategy including Communications Policies, Procedures and Best Practices.

Discussions included:

- The President being informed of all communications as the spokesperson for MNBC;
- The President works in conjunction with portfolio holders;
- UNDRIP needs to be incorporated into the strategy;
- Incorporating a calendar of events into the MNBC website;
- The ability for key messages to be communicated to Métis Chartered Communities;
- Re-affirmed that any external MNBC communications be sent to Cabinet for review before it is released to the public.

President Smith thanked Nick and the Communications team for their work.

### 3. Government Relations Contractor - Cheema Strategies

Colette Trudeau presented the Government Relations Proposal provided by Cheema Strategies. The proposed strategy consists of near and long-term goals:



- to strengthen awareness, appreciation and understanding;
- solidify and continue to build relationships;
- control narrative and agenda in support of agreement;
- AIP within 18 months at RIRSD table;
- Strong relationships – Ottawa;
- Robust and stable program funding.

The potential engagement plan will continue to Chair and steer the RRISD table. The engagement plan will also be evergreen and constantly adjust to shifting needs and priorities of the organization and changes of structure and personnel within governments. It will also adjust as intelligence is gathered and target opportunities are identified.

Colette Trudeau will meet with Bilal Cheema and report back to Cabinet.

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**Recessed for break at 10:45 am – reconvened at 11:01 am**

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#### **4. 2022 By-Election Statistics and Report**

John Bieker provided an overview of the 2022 By-Election statistical report.

Almost 70% of eligible voters voted online although mail-in ballots proved to be a viable option for some regions. Approximately 23% of online ballots were cast when polls opened on the first day. MNBC has gained 1000 electors since 2021, 300 more ballots were returned so the turnout was boosted by almost 10% across the board. All but one region had a greater gross number of vote caps versus 2021. Providing a 20-30 day cycle for mail out and return of ballots seems to provide enough time for electors to return the ballot.

Cabinet members can reach out to John with any questions or concerns.

#### **5. MNBC/PHSA Letter of Commitment Review**

Tanya Davoren presented a Letter of Commitment between Métis Nation BC and the Provincial Health Services.

The Provincial Health Services Authority (“PHSA”) has a unique role in BC’s health system: to ensure that BC residents have access to a coordinated provincial network of high-quality specialized health-care services. As mandated by the Province of BC, PHSA is expected to incorporate the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (“DRIPA”), the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (the “TRC”) and the recommendations of the In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous specific Racism and Discrimination in BC Health Care Report within the delivery of health-care services in the PHSA.

Therefore, in recognition of PHSA’s commitment to implement DRIPA, and the shared goals of MNBC and PHSA, both MNBC and PHSA will enter into this letter of commitment in order to increase the influence of MNBC leadership in decisions related to Health services that impact Métis individuals, families and communities in BC.



Cabinet thanked Tanya for her work.

## 6. Lunch Break

Cabinet held a working lunch and a visit with Tina House, Author and Journalist at APTN News and citizen of MNBC, and her mother Melba.

## 7. Financial Update

Anna Maione provided an overview of the FY 2022-2023 MNC Financial Report dated August 31, 2022.

Discussions included:

- Board travel – a reminder to seek President Smith’s approval prior to commencing travel;
- Budgets, coding and administrative support for Regional General Council meetings;

***ACTION ITEM: Anna Maione to provide Housing finances to Cabinet.***

## 8. Meeting moved in-camera at 1:53 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Vice President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the meeting goes in-camera at 1:53 pm

**CARRIED**

## 9. Meeting moved out-of-camera at 2:34 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the meeting goes out-of-camera at 2:34 pm

**CARRIED**



## 10. Métis Family Services - Childcare BC Funding Agreement

Sharlene Wedel provided cabinet with an overview of a proposed Grant Agreement between MNBC and Métis Family Services to provide \$1,200,000. In funding for the creation of new licensed child care spaces.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Cabinet approves the presented grant agreement with Métis Family Services, to develop Métis child care spaces; and **THAT** pursuant to this agreement, MNBC transfers Métis Family Services the sum of \$1,200,000.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11. Meeting moved in-camera at 3:05 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the meeting goes in-camera at 3:05 pm

**CARRIED**

## 12. Meeting moved out-of-camera at 3:49 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the meeting goes out-of-camera at 3:49 pm

**CARRIED**

## 13. Actions Released from In-Camera Session

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Cabinet approves the following salaries for board salary amounts, effective October 1, 2022:

MNBC President: \$150,000 annually

MNBC Vice President: \$105,000 annually

Cabinet Executive (Secretary and Treasurer): \$75,000 annually

Cabinet Members: \$65,0000 annually



Meeting Adjourned at 3:49 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT The meeting is adjourned.

Minister Gladue conducted a closing prayer

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### Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: October 17, 2022