



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL CABINET MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	October 31, 2022	Time:	2:00 pm
Minutes Prepared	Susan Gillette	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

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

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO, John Bieker – Director of Cabinet Operations and Internal Governance, Kayla Brow – Executive Coordinator, Susan Gillette - Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator, Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer, Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness and A/Senior Director of Sport, Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12, Darrin Brightman – Manager of Social Infrastructure - Ministry of Housing and Homelessness and Ministry of Sports

Regrets: Minister Debra Fisher

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Prayer

At 2:00 pm, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by at Minister Gervais.

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 traditional territory of the Agua Caliente Band of the Cahuilla (Palm Springs, California) of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from and the Two River Metis

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 traditional territory of the Secwepmc 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 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Davoren

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting agenda of the October 31, 2022 Special Cabinet meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Housing Update

Sasha Hobbs, Ken Bourdeau and Sharlene Wedel provided updates on a number of MNBC housing projects in Campbell River, Saanich, Surrey/Bridgeview, Surrey HQ, Kamloops, Cranbrook, Prince George, Terrace, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope and Kelly Lake.

2.1 Housing Project Progress Update

Region 1 – Campbell River – Housing and Childcare

- Funding consists of education, housing and office space funding;
- 100% education and office space funding confirmed;
- Housing funding in process.

Region 1 - Saanich – Housing, Childcare, Community Centre

- Consultation at 50% assumes consultation on November 14-15, 2022 goes ahead;
- Funding consists of education, housing and office space funding;
- Education and office/cultural gathering funding received;
- Housing funding in process.

Region 2 - Surrey/Bridgeview

- Funding consists of Education, Housing and Office Space funding;
- Some office space funding confirmed;
- Housing and education funding in process.



Region 2 – Kamloops – Housing, Childcare and Community Centre

- BC Housing build;
- Plan to commence construction in 12-15 months;
- Designs will be brought to the next Cabinet meeting;
- 100% confirmed funding consists of education, housing and office space.

Region 4 – Cranbrook – Métis Centre

- Property has not been acquired in Region 4;
- As this is a region wide project, a decision may be made to move to another town in Region 4.

Region 5 – Prince George – Métis Centre – Housing, Childcare, MNBC and Community Centre

- The proposed project is in the Downtown core, a high risk area for crime and homelessness.

Region 6 – Terrace – Housing and Daycare

- MNBC owns the property in Terrace;
- We are a little farther ahead on this project;
- Funding consists of education, housing and office space;
- 100% education and office space funding confirmed;
- Housing funding in progress.

Region 7 – Fort St. John – Métis Centre – Housing, Childcare and Community Centre

- RFP process to hire an architect;
- Funding consists of education, housing and office space;
- 100% education and office space funding confirmed.

Region 7 – Hudson’s Hope – Housing

- 100% funded, no additional funding required;
- Pending Cabinet approval.

Region 7 – Kelly Lake Land

- No additional funding sources required;
- Pending Cabinet approval.

While acknowledging staff shortages in the Ministry of Housing, Cabinet agreed that projects should be triaged and prioritized in order to move ahead as soon as possible.

Updates on these projects will be provided at monthly Cabinet meetings.



2.2 Terrace Property Discussion

The recommendation is that Cabinet approve Option 1 (Proceed with the Housing and Childcare project at 2812 Tetrault Street.

- On December 10, 2021 Cabinet approved the purchase of 2812 Tetrault Street, Terrace to build a housing and childcare project;
- On April 28, 2022 Cabinet approved a contract with M'akola Development Services Society to provide development consulting services for three properties, including the Terrace development;
- The Ministry of Education was awarded "new spaces" funding for the childcare facility;
- In September 2022, MNBC became aware that a Terrace based housing and non-profit social services agency, KSAN Society purchased property directly north of the property owned by MNBC. KSAN bought the property to build a shelter within the existing building;
- No concerns were identified about having childcare located at this property during past interactions ;
- The Métis way of being includes recognizing and accepting the needs of all individuals and providing wrap around supports needed including providing culturally belonging to all;
- Accessible and affordable childcare is a priority for Terrace residents and a vital component of young families to the city;
- If a new property for childcare facility is required, MNBC may be at risk of losing the funding already used to purchase the existing property.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves proceeding with the Housing and Childcare project at 2812 Tetrault Street in Terrace.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Prince George Property Discussion

The recommendation:

THAT Cabinet direct staff to continue with the purchase of 975 Brunswick Street, Prince George for housing, MNBC office space and Chartered Community space;

THAT Cabinet direct staff to continue to find another property in Prince George for daycare space.

- On August 15, 2022 Cabinet approved the purchase of 975 Brunswick Street, Prince George to a maximum of \$750,000 with the ability to negotiate with the City for a lesser amount based on an appraisal and City Council's decision under two options;
- In early July, Housing and Education met with a Métis Service provider, Nwikowin Métis Community Society who expressed concerns that the property was not in a desirable location;
- In late July, Nwikowin Métis Family Services confirmed that they do not want to pursue childcare at the proposed site in Prince George;



Cabinet discussed the recommended options and alternatives and decided they do not want to proceed with the purchase of 975 Brunswick Street due to the unsuitability of the neighbourhood for housing and daycare.

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors rescind the approval to buy 975 Brunswick Street, Prince George.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 Housing Engagements Update and Discussion

Housing engagements update and discussion will be brought forward to the November Cabinet meeting.

2.5 Housing Financials

Anna Maione provided an update on the Housing and Homelessness Ministry Financial Statement for Revenue and Expenditures – Budget to Year to Date Program Results for the Fiscal Period Ended September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

Cabinet thanked Anna and her staff for preparing and presenting the Financial Statements.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Vice President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting is adjourned.

A closing prayer was conducted by Minister Flamond.



Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: November 14, 2022