



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	CABINET MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	November 15, 2022	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Susan Gillette	<b>Location:</b>	Marriott Hotel - Victoria
<b>Attendees</b>			
<p><b>Participating Cabinet:</b> President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Louis De Jaeger, Shaughn Davoren, Dr. Kate Elliott, Debra Fisher, Paulette Flamond, Dean Gladue, and Susie Hooper.</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Colette Trudeau – CEO, John Bieker – Director of Cabinet Operations and Internal Governance, Susan Gillette - Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator, Kayla Brow – Executive Coordinator</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Sasha Hobbs – Chief Strategy Officer; Colleen Hodgson – Senior Director, Minister of Children and Families; Leona Shaw – Senior Director of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources – Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources; Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director, Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12; Ken Bourdeau – Acting Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness and Ministry of Sport</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Minister Raynie Gervais</p>			
<b>1. Welcome</b>			
At 9:03 am, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Minister Fisher.			
<b>2. Métis Justice Strategy – Children and Youth Recommendation</b>			
<p>Colleen Hodgson provided an overview of the Métis Justice Strategy – Children and Youth Recommendation. The proposal is to include a recommendation on Juvenile Criminality into the currently approved MNBC Justice Strategy, and allow MNBC staff to move forward with negotiations with the Province of BC.</p> <p>The inclusion of this recommendation will be a starting point for attaining jurisdiction over child and family services. This will consequently result in a reduction in the number of children in care and in the next few years and decades, a reduction of the number of homeless and incarcerated Métis people.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>MOVED:</b> Minister Fisher <b>SECONDED:</b> Minister Gladue <b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>THAT</b> the MNBC Board of Directors approved adding the section on “Juvenile Criminality” to the Métis Justice Strategy, as presented.</p> <p><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>			



### 3. Carbon Offsetting

Leona Shaw provided an overview of the Ministry of Environmental Protection – Carbon Offsetting: Measuring, Managing, and Mitigating Climate Change.

MNBC's Ministry of Environmental Protection and Métis Rights would like to see MNBC invest in carbon-offsetting and incorporate this into our travel budgets. Purchasing carbon-offsets is a relatively inexpensive and simple way MNBC can contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from transportation in a meaningful way.

As MNBC progresses along the path towards self-government, we have an opportunity to become a leader in environmentally conscious policies and procedures, like a commitment to operate on a net-zero, carbon-neutral basis.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Carbon Offsetting strategy as presented.

**CARRIED – 1 abstention**

Minister Davoren advised Cabinet about OceanHero, a search engine that helps to remove plastic from our oceans. For every five searches you do, one plastic bottle is recovered from the ocean.

### 4. COVID Wave 5 Plan

Leona Shaw advised that for the 22/23 fiscal, Wave 5 funding, provided through the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ISCF), is \$2,053,828.12. Ministries are encouraged to use the funds by March 31, 2023, but as this contribution agreement is flexible, there will be the ability to carry forward some funds into the 23/24 fiscal (Note: funds from all previous waves must be fully expended by March 31, 2023).

There is some urgency to release this funding to support communities to help them rebuild from the impacts of COVID-19, which include supporting initiatives around mental health, connection to culture, gathering, food security and PPE. Chartered Communities have continued to play a crucial role in delivering front-line assistance to Métis Citizens.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the MNBC Board of Directors approves the COVID-19 Wave 5 Funding Recommendations as presented, except for the Chartered Community Funding formula; and

**THAT** the COVID-19 Wave 5 Chartered Community Funding formula be referred to the Board Finance and Audit Committee, with recommendations to be returned to the Board of Directors no later than December 16, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Recessed for break at 11:13 am – reconvened at 11:30 am

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## 5. Mission Childcare Project

Sharlene Wedel provided an overview of a November 7, 2022 Briefing Note with the purpose of seeking Cabinet approval to proceed with the creation of new licensed child care spaces with FVMA and School District 75.

The recommendation is that Cabinet approve Option 1 Fully Integrated Child Care Services on School District Property. The Government of Canada and the Province are investing more than \$290 million to fund the creation of an estimated 8,400 new licensed childcare spaces in high-need areas throughout BC over the next year. MNBC needs to act swiftly to meet the current need for childcare for Métis families and children in Mission as there is a high demand for infant, toddler and after school care.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Vice President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the MNBC Board of Directors approves “Option 1 – Fully Integrated Child Care Services” on School District 75 Property.

Sasha Hobbs joined the meeting in person at 11:51 am

## 6. Lunch Break

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Recessed for break at 12:01 pm – reconvened at 12:27 pm

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## 7. Engagement on Housing – Draft Guidelines

Ken Bourdeau reviewed a Briefing Note requested by Cabinet on proposed guidelines for consultation of Chartered Communities when proposing real estate acquisition and developments projects.

Senior staff from the Ministries of Education and Housing and Homelessness considered multiple levels of engagement and have provided a recommended process for consistent engagement of Chartered Communities. Staff recommend Option 1: Standardized Engagement Process.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the MNBC Board of Directors recommends staff proceed with “Option 1 – Standardized Engagement Process”; and



**THAT** Staff finalize the Housing Charter Community Consultation Guidelines, for approval by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED – 1 abstention**

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**Recessed for break at 2:11 pm – reconvened at 2:30 pm**

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## 8. Cabinet Operations

### 8.1 2023 MNGA

John Bieker requested that Cabinet start preparing their reports for the MNGA booklet. A deadline for report completion and proposed resolutions will be circulated.

Proposed dates for 2023 virtual and in-person MNGA are being reviewed.

### 8.2 Standing Agenda Items

John Bieker reviewed page 27 of the Board Policy Manual regarding agendas for open meetings and requested feedback on the order of business. This section of the Board Policy Manual could be revised by the Board Governance Committee to streamline Cabinet meetings and accurately reflect decisions and action items.

Cabinet discussed the current process of preparing monthly reports:

- The need for standardized formatting
- Monthly vs. quarterly reporting
- Posting reports on the MNBC website
- Communication to Regional Directors and their communities

**Action: Monthly Regional Director's reports will no longer be posted to the MNBC website.**

#### Future Cabinet Meetings

December 12, 2022 – Virtual

January 16, 2023 – In Person – MNBC Headquarters (January 17, 2022 – FN Justice Strategy) **by consensus**

February 13, 2023 - Virtual

Minister Harriott thanked John Bieker for doing a great job.



## 8.3 Board Evaluation

John Bieker distributed a Board Evaluation Survey to be completed by Cabinet members as soon as possible. Results of the survey will be presented at the December Cabinet meeting.

### Meeting Adjourned at 4:02 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT The meeting is adjourned.

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### Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: December 12, 2022