

## THE VOICE OF MÉTIS IN BC

## **MNGA STANDING RULES**

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

- 1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the MNBC *Constitution* and *MNGA* Act.
- 2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
- 3. On each issue or motion, a delegate is entitled to speak <u>up to two (2) times</u>, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
- 4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three minute time slot.
- 5. To speak a <u>second time</u> on the same motion or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the <u>first time</u> have done so.
- 6. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
- 7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
- 8. A motion to Amend a motion or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main motion, unless approved by unanimous consent.
- Delegates must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.