



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	CABINET MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	January 17, 2023	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Attendees

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

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli - Cabinet Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Susan Gillette – Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator; Russell Brewer – Chief Public Affairs Officer; Kanad Pankaj – Manager of Research, Justice and Métis Rights; Melanie Walker – Director of Métis Rights, Negotiation and Justice; Rajmeet Virk – Legislative and Policy Analyst, Intergovernmental Affairs; Colleen Hodgson – Senior Director, Ministry of Children & Families; Leona Shaw – Senior Director, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources

Guests: Paul Ricard – Chair, Board of Directors, MFCBC, Evan Salter – CEO, MFCBC

Regrets: Minister Susie Hooper

1. Welcome

At 9:03 AM, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Fisher conducted an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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 39 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

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.

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the Cabinet meeting agenda of January 17, 2023 was approved with the addition of the meeting going in-camera at the beginning of the agenda:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Meeting moved in-camera at 9:15 am

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes in-camera at 9:15 am, pursuant to Board Policy D-1, Subsection C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting moved out-of-camera at 10:15 am

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes out-of-camera at 10:15 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gladue

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Cabinet Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Correspondence

1. January 12, 2023 – BC Ministry of Housing – Letter to President Smith
2. January 12, 2023 – BC Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport – Letter to President Smith

Copies of the correspondence was provided to attendees prior to the meeting.

The correspondence was adopted as presented.

3. President's Report

President Smith provided Cabinet with an update on her recent and upcoming activities, including:

- Meeting with Minister Miller on Saturday, Jan. 21
- 40th Anniversary of the MNC on Wednesday, Mar. 8



4. CEO Update

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, highlighted the ongoing engagements of the CEO's office, including updates from:

- The Province of BC
- Surrey Headquarters
- Departments and Ministries

Discussions included:

- Navigating the MNBC website, including developing online or You-Tube tutorials. Colette Trudeau will follow up with IT
- Suggestions for Indigenous candidates with lived experiences to provide workshops for staff including bullying/harassment, communication/trust, change/resiliency, psychological safety, and teamwork. Cabinet to forward their suggestions to HR Committee members: Colette Trudeau, Louis De Jaeger and Debra Fisher.

5. Financial Update

Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the FY2022-2023 MNBC Financial Report December 31, 2022.

Highlights included:

- Deposits in Bank
- Funding received
- Account and payroll liabilities
- Deferred revenue

6. Housing Update

The Ministry of Housing update was provided in writing, and distributed to Cabinet.

7. Lunch

Recessed at 12:00 pm - reconvened for a working lunch at 12:10 pm



8. Centralized Online Portal for Consultation Files

Leona Shaw provided an overview of a briefing note on modernizing and centralizing MNBC's consultation process. MNBC continues to receive consultation requests from proponents and government agencies, we have an opportunity to introduce an efficient, adaptive online system to store, track, and visualize consultation packages.

The recommendation is that MNBC invest in a centralized online portal to host consultation files and incorporate this into operational costs.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the proposal to invest in a centralized online portal to host consultation files.

CARRIED with five votes, two abstentions and one against.

The meeting goes in-camera at 12:38 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes in-camera at 12:38 pm, pursuant to Board Policy D-1, Subsection C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting goes out of camera at 1:09 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes out-of-camera at 1:09 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MFCBC Financials (Presentation)

Anna Maione, CFO, rejoined the meeting at 1:13 pm

Evan Salter, CEO, Métis Financial Corporation of BC provided an overview of the MFCBC Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2022.



10. Métis Credit Union (Presentation)

Paul Ricard, Chair, Board of Directors, MFCBC provided an overview of a proposal for a credit union. The credit union would be a member owned, non-profit organization owned by Métis citizens.

Credit unions offer more personalized services, greater flexibility in lending and return profits to their members. Credit unions are regulated by BC Financial Services Authority and deposits are guaranteed beyond the \$100,000 offered by banks.

With the help of a consultant, a full-fledged credit union could be operational in 1-1/2 to 2 years.

Forming a Métis financial corporation would be a great asset to BC.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves creating a committee to explore the options and feasibility of creating a Métis Credit Union; and

THAT the MNBC Finance and Audit Committee be tasked with drafting the Terms of Reference for this committee; and

THAT the Terms of Reference for this committee be drafted and brought to the MNBC Board of Directors at the March Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting went in-camera at 2:11 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes in-camera at 2:11 pm, pursuant to Board Policy D-1, Subsection I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting goes out-of-camera at 4:02 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes out-of-camera at 4:02 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



11. UNDRIP Priorities

Kanad Pankaj provided an overview of a briefing note outlining MNBC's ministerial priorities for UNDRIP-UNDA Action Plan. These priorities will feed into the co-development of a Métis-specific chapter within the Action Plan, inclusive of input from Métis Governments and organizations across Canada.

The recommendation is that the Board approves the priorities outlined in the briefing note and appendices.

Overarching priorities:

- Advancing self-governance and self-determination through Federal recognition of MNBC's Section 35 Rights leading to a self-sustaining and self-reliant Métis Nation.
- Consistent, predictable, and sustainable funding for necessary infrastructure, and capacity needed to help support the provision of programs and services to Métis citizens.
- Uphold Métis data governance standards and ensure the accurate identification of registered Métis Citizens and self-identified Métis people within Nationally held datasets and support national linkages to ensure a robust understanding of the Métis experience across Canada.
- Cultural Protection and Promotion: Federal recognition of historical and contemporary contributions of the Métis people in Canada.
- Require the Federal government to consult with Métis people in a 'distinctions-based approach' as defined by the Métis Nation and as underlined in the UNDRIP.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the proposed priorities in the UNDRIP-UNDA Action plan as presented; and THAT the Minister and Associate Minister of Rights provide amendments to these priorities as needed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MNGA Resolutions

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors endorses the following resolution for the 2023 MNGA:

Citizenship Act – Ministry Reorganization

Citizenship Act – Eliminating Challenges

MNGA Act – Voting Clarification

MNGA Act - Housekeeping

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The meeting went in-camera at 5:06 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes in-camera at 5:06 pm, pursuant to Board Policy D-1, Subsection F.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting went out-of-camera at 5:12 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting goes out-of-camera at 5:12 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Cabinet Operations Update

John Bieker provided updates on Cabinet Operations:

- The Board Retreat
 - Planning a dinner on Friday, February 3, 2023 with Mid-Island and Alberni Clayoquot Métis
- Cabinet meetings
 - Cabinet Operations will not have access to the 9th floor boardroom between May-October 2023
 - In-Person Cabinet meetings will be held off site
 - Special Cabinet Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2023, invitations will be sent out
 - Historical Research Project – Hiring Researcher – will be moved to the Jan. 23/23 agenda

14. Committee Meeting Minutes - INFORMATION

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- 2022-02-04 Finance and Audit Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-02-11 EPC Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-04-22 2SLGBTQQIA+ Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-06-14 GAP Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-07-06 2SLGBTQQIA+ Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-07-06 GAP Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-08-02 GAP Minutes – APPROVED
- 2022-08-04 EPC Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-08-30 GAP Minutes - APPROVED



- 2022-09-01 2SLGBTQIA+ Minutes – APPROVED
- 2022-09-13 GAP Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-10-11 GAP Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-11-08 GAP Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-11-22 GAP Minutes - APPROVED

15. Closing Prayer

Minister Gladue conducted the closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:18 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: February 13, 2023