



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	SPECIAL CABINET MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	January 23, 2023	<b>Time:</b>	4:00 pm
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Susan Gillette	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

### Attendees

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

**Staff:** John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli - Cabinet Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Susan Gillette – Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator; Kanad Pankaj – Manager of Research; Melanie Walker – Director of Métis Rights, Negotiations & Justice, Ministry of Justice

**Guests:** Emilie Lahaie – Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP; Emilie Cox – Associate, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

**Regrets:** Colette Trudeau – CEO

### 1. Welcome

At 4:08 pm, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister De Jaeger conducted an opening prayer.

#### 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 Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo people of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth Nation of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and traditional shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.

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 traditional territory of the Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth Nation 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 De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** President Smith

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Cabinet meeting agenda of January 23, 2023 be approved as presented.

## 2. Historical Research Project – Hiring Researcher

Melanie Walker and Kanad Pankaj presented provided an overview of a briefing note seeking approval to enter into a contract with Kwusen Research and Media.

The recommendation is that the Board of Directors approves entering into a contract with Kwusen Research and Media for the purposes of conducting Section 35 research to be funded by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

The selection of the researcher for the Indigenous History Project was a multistage process that started in September 2022 with their shortlisting by Cassels. Due to the limitation of time and resources in conducting interviews, the researchers were pre-evaluated based on their qualifications, experience, and expertise available in the public domain.

Kwusen Research Media was selected since they have solid experience working on these projects, are well versed in the methodology and have the appropriate capacity to be dedicated on a full-time basis. They are located in Victoria and are a sincere yet easy-going friendly team.

The Board of Director's will forward any research information to the contact at Kwusen as soon as possible.



**MOVED:** Vice President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT The MNBC Board of Directors approves contracting Kwusen Research and Media for the purposes of conducting Section 35 research, for a Not to Exceed amount of \$300,000 in FY 2022-2023 and \$750,000 in FY 2023-2024, subject to funding being available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 pm**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Davoren

**SECONDED:** Vice President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: February 13, 2023