



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	April 20, 2023	Time:	11:28 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Participating Board Members: President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Louis De Jaeger, Debra Fisher, Paulette Flamond, Raynie Gervais and Susie Hooper

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Russell Brewer – Chief Public Affairs Officer; Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Josh Diemert – Acting Director – Ministry of Skills, Training, Employment and Post-Secondary; Derek Lacey – Regional Program Manager – Region 4 – Kootenays; Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director, Ministry of Education, Early Learning | K-12; Shyla Elgie – Administrative Assistant, R5 North Central

Guests: Bobbi Plecas – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Nicola Lemmer – Assistant Deputy Minister, Post-Secondary Policy and Programs, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Joanna White – Assistant Deputy Minister, Workforce Development and Division Responsible for Skills Training, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Fiona Cubitt – Executive Director, Indigenous Policy and Engagement Branch, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Sunjit Bains – Executive Director, Indigenous Skills Training and Partnerships; Rachel Franklin – Executive Director, Strategic Projects, Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Josipa Stojkovic – Ministerial Advisor to Minister of Post-Secondary Education

Regrets: Provincial Youth Chair Shaughn Davoren, Provincial Women’s Chair Dr. Kate Elliott and Minister Dean Gladue

1. Welcome

At 11:28 am, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Fisher 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 Dane-zaa 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 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 land politically designated as New York City to be the homeland of the Lenape (Lenapehoking) of which she 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 the meeting agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda approved with the addition of:

- First Time Homeowners Grant
- Rendezvous
- Gifting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the March 1 and 2, 2023 Cabinet Meetings and March 13, 2023 Special Cabinet Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



1.4 Update on Action Items

Minister De Jaeger provided an update on the action items and requested follow up if needed:

1. First Time Home Owners Grant – Colette Trudeau meeting with Evan Salter **(COMPLETE)**
Colette Trudeau will be meeting with Evan Salter of Métis Financial Corporation of BC.
2. BC Federation of Parent Advisory Councils for the Kootenays and Northern - Ensure there is Indigenous representation **(IN PROGRESS)**
Colette Trudeau is in preliminary stages of communication with PACs and hoping to move forward.
3. Financial Update - Provide Housing finances to the Board of Directors **(IN PROGRESS)**
4. MNC Annual General Assembly – Make amendments and submit to MNC **(COMPLETE)**
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – the minute template for multi-day meetings to be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting **(IN PROGRESS)**
Add to the Executive Committee agenda of April 26, 2023.
6. Housing – that the MNBC Board Social Infrastructure Development Committee meet with M’Akola Development Services at the earliest opportunity **(COMPLETE)**
7. ELCC/Métis Family Service Contract – Obtain Service providers list of Board of Directors **(IN PROGRESS)**

2. President’s Update

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

- NYC Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues – a report will be circulated to the Board as soon as possible
- Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Meetings (May 31 and June 1, 2023) - Waiting for updates on how many Board members will be able to attend
- Two World War 2 veterans’ widows are entitled to a \$20,000 compensation package

3. Lunch

Recessed at 12:00 pm - reconvened at 12:30 pm

4. Chief Governance Officer - Update

4.1 Terminology – Cabinet/Board

John Bieker raised concerns around the correct terminology for the MNBC Board of Directors and suggested that the term “Cabinet” be retired, and “Board of Directors” be used going forward.



MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors directs that the term “Cabinet” be no longer used to refer to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Updated Committee Terms of Reference

John Bieker reviewed a red-line version of changes proposed and approved by the Governance and Policy Committee and noted that most of the changes are housekeeping.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Vice President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the updated Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Environmental Advisory Committee Vacancy

There are currently vacancies on the Board Environmental Advisory and Youth Advisory Committees. Barinder Lalli provided a list of current members of the Board Environmental Advisory Committee.

Vice President Mineault and Minister Hooper put their names forward to join the Youth Advisory Committee. A Board member is still required to fill the vacancy on the Board Environmental Advisory Committee.

Actions: *Add to the April 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting agenda for discussion.*

Add to Action items for the May 16, 2023 Board meeting.

The Next Board meeting will be in-person at Surrey HQ on May 16, 2023. It was requested that Board members send their travel requirements to Susan Gillette as soon as possible.

5. Presentation to Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce

Minister Flamond requested a candidate to provide a Métis 101 presentation to the Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce. Discussions included hiring and training from within MNBC to provide these types of presentations to communities and organizations or contracting outside the organization.

Action: *Colette Trudeau will follow up with Minister Flamond to identify a suitable candidate for the Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce presentation as well as identifying potential candidates for training. Follow up with Lisa Stephen and Brodie Douglas.*



6. Terms of Reference – Métis Credit Union Exploratory Committee

Anna Maione reviewed the Exploratory Committee of the Métis Credit Union Terms of Reference including membership, appointments, Ministry/Departments responsible, meetings, quorum, purpose, reporting mechanism, expenses and terms of reference. There is funding approved for this initiative.

Colette Trudeau has connected with Doug Eveneshen, a credit union specialist, and Ballad Group.

Discussions included:

- Potential committee members should include: Minister De Jaeger; Paul Ricard–Chair, MFCBC; Tyler Thompson–Manager of External Finances and President Smith
- President Smith as an ex-officio member of the committee
- Quorum should be the majority in alignment with other Board Committee TORs

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Vice President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Terms of Reference for the Métis Credit Union Exploratory Committee, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Travel Policy – Regional Director Travel Budgets

Discussions included streamlining the budget process to enable Regional Directors to be responsible for managing their own hosting budgets. This would lessen the pre-approval process. Regional Directors could potentially submit monthly or quarterly reports outlining expenditures.

Staff could create an updated policy to provide Regional Directors with the option to manage their own travel budgets as opposed to continuing with the current system.

8. Creation of two new Ministries: Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Russell Brewer provided an overview with respect to the creation of two new Ministries: Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Board may want to consider incorporating tourism and agriculture as focus areas within existing ministries. Five recommended options and alternatives were presented and discussed.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors includes agriculture and food sovereignty as a focus area in the existing Ministry of Environmental Protection; and



THAT this Ministry be re-named to the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Agriculture, and Food Sovereignty.

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors include tourism as a focus area in the existing Ministry of Economic Development;
and

THAT this Ministry be re-named to the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism.

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9. LMO Internal Funding Request

Sharlene Wedel provided an overview of the LMO Internal funding request.

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak (LMO's) Michif Early Years Centre of Excellence is currently only funded to June 2023. LMO is requesting interim funding in the amount of \$179,685.44 in order to maintain this service.

Approval of interim funding (financial support) for LMO's Michif Early Years Centre of Excellence is to avoid a gap in services while waiting for the response to their application for 2023 Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Quality Improvement Funding, or in the event that their application is not successful, maintain their current service in the Centre for the next fiscal year.

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves providing LMO with interim funding in the amount of \$179,685.44 to maintain their current services for the Michif Early Years Centre of Excellence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Break

Recessed at 2:46 - reconvened at 3:00 pm

11. The Board meeting moved in-camera at 3:02 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting moves in-camera at 3:02 pm pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, sub-section I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



12. The Board meeting moved out-of-camera at 3:56 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting moves out-of-camera at 3:56 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Correspondence

2023-03-02 Letter from David Lametti, Canada

2023-03-07 Letter from Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

2023-03-20 PM Summit - MNC

2023-03-21 Greetings from Selina Robinson

14. Committee Meeting Minutes

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- 2023-02-17 Rights Committee Minutes - APPROVED
- 2023-02-21 GAP Committee Minutes - APPROVED
- 2023-02-23 SIDC Minutes - APPROVED
- 2023-03-21 GAP Committee Minutes - APPROVED
- 2023-03-23 SIDC Minutes - APPROVED
- 2022-02-22 EAC Minutes – APPROVED
- 2022-07-28 EAC Meeting Notes - RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION
- 2023-01-26 SIDC Minutes - APPROVED

15. Record of Decisions

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais


RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: May 16, 2023