



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 16, 2023	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Surrey HQ

Attendees

Participating Board of Directors: President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Debra Fisher, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond, Susie Hooper and Raynie Gervais (joined at 10:22 am)

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Barinder Lalli - Board Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Chris Tupy – Senior Director of Operations; Tanya Davoren – Senior Director – Ministry of Health/Mental Health and Addictions; Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer; Rajmeet Virk – Legislative and Policy Analyst; Melanie Walker – Director of Rights, Negotiations and Justice – Ministry of Justice; Russell Brewer – Chief Public Affairs Officer; Sasha Hobbs – Chief Strategy Officer

Regrets: Minister Shaughn Davoren

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

President Lissa Smith acknowledged that 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.

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 De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting agenda be approved with the following additions:



- LMO Housing – Emergent Issues (In-camera)
- BC Wildfires

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3 Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the April 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY – 1 abstention

1.4 Update on Action Items

Vice President Mineault provided an update on the action items and requested follow up if needed.

1. BC Federation of Parent Advisory Councils for the Kootenays and Northern **(IN PROGRESS)**

Ensure there is indigenous representation.

2. Financial Update – Provide Housing finances to the Board **(IN-PROGRESS)**

3. ELCC/Métis Family Service Contract **(IN PROGRESS)**

4. Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce Presentation **(IN-PROGRESS)**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will follow up with Minister Flamond to identify a suitable candidate for the Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce presentations as well as identifying a candidate for training. Follow up with Lisa Stephen and Brodie Douglas.

The Health Ministry has followed up to offer training.

5. Environmental and Youth Advisory Committee Vacancies **(IN-PROGRESS)**

Board members to put their names forward to join these communities – on today's agenda.

2. President's Update

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

- The Liberal Convention – MNBC hosted a suite that was successful and will send delegates to these events in the future.
- Prime Minister's Permanent Bi-Lateral Mechanism Summit – MNBC can send 6 delegates to the May 31-June 1, 2023 summit in Ottawa. President Smith, Vice President Mineault, Colette Trudeau and Minister Harriott and De Jaeger would like to attend. There will be further discussion at the May 17, 2023 Executive Committee meeting.
- MNC has asked for feedback on the UNDRIP Action plan, Minister Harriott will respond today.



3. CGO Update

3.1 Vacancies on Environmental and Youth Advisory Committees

Minister Hooper put her name forward to be a member of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Ministers Hooper, De Jaeger, Davoren and Gladue are current members of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT Minister Hooper be appointed as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Regional Reports – Website Discussion

The Board decided at the November 2022 Board meeting to not post Regional Reports to the MNBC website. Discussions included whether it should be mandatory to post these reports as some Board members prefer not to.

Board members agreed that it should not be mandatory and that those who wish to post their monthly reports can do so.

ACTIONS: The Chief Governance Officer (CGO) to follow up with Communications regarding posting Regional Reports on the website. The CEO will ensure monthly regional reports are forwarded to citizens. Regional directors can contact the CEO for a tailored approach for distribution of monthly reports.

4. Break

Recessed at 10:27 am - reconvened at 10:43 am

5. Housing Update (PRESENTATION)

The A/Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Support programs for May 2023 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- COVID-19 Emergency Housing Supports
- Ma Niki Renovation projects
- Rent Supplements



Updates were provided on projects underway in Chartered Communities across the province.

Discussions included:

- Eligibility requirements for Ma Niki
- Budgets for funding programs
- Current need for the COVID-19 funding program
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee
- New program – welcome home kits

5.1 Seed Funding Acceptance

M'akola Developments Services and MNBC have been successful in applying for, and receiving approval for, CMHC Seed Funding for three projects: Saanich, Terrace and Fort St. John. A fourth application for Campbell River was submitted later in the fall of 2022. It's expected that MNBC will receive a response from CMHC later this summer.

CMHC requires a motion from the MNBC Board of Directors accepting the funds before they are disbursed to MNBC.

The recommendation is that the MNBC Board of Directors approve the motions shown in Attachment B of the Briefing Note and accept the CMHC Seed funding in the amounts of \$41,600 for Terrace, \$39,300 for Saanich and \$34,700 for Fort St. John.

TERRACE

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS the Directors of the Corporation are authorized from time to time to borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation and it is in the best interests of the Corporation that the Directors exercise such authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Corporation approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 16, 2023, the execution a delivery by the Corporation of a Loan/Contribution Agreement dated ("**Agreement**") to be made between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("**CMHC**") and the Corporation providing for funding in the total principal amount of Forty-One Thousand Six Hundred (\$41,600) Dollars ("**Funding Amount**") for the project.
2. Any two directors or officers of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or any combination thereof, are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Corporation to execute or cause to be executed under its corporate seal or otherwise, amendments and deletions as may be approved by such persons executing the same who signature shall be conclusive of such authorization.
3. Such directors or officers of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, are hereby authorized for and in the name of the Corporation to execute and deliver under the corporate seal or otherwise all such other documents and to do all such acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution and to perform the obligations of the Corporation.



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SAANICH

MOTION:

Moved: Minister Mineault

Seconded: Minister Fisher

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FORT ST. JOHN

MOTION

MOVED: Vice President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

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total principal amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred (\$ 34,700) Dollars (“**Funding Amount**”) for the Project.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Lunch

Recessed at 11:40 am - reconvened at 12:15 pm

7. KG Hub

The Senior Director of Operations provided an overview of the May 8, 2023 Briefing Notes recommending that the Board approve the sublease of KG Hub; and the MNBC Board of Directors no longer requires the 10th floor lease feasibility assessment requested at the February 2022 Board meeting.

MNBC continues to commit and outlay financial resources to sustain the currently unoccupied lease within King George Hub (KG Hub) located at 203-9900 King George Boulevard, Surrey BC.

MNBC entered negotiations with Thoughtswin Inc. for a proposed thirty-three (33) month sublease agreement. The “Offer to Sublease” (OTSL) has been fully executed by both parties.

The proposed sublease does present itself with drawbacks, notably in the lower base rent (cost per square foot) offer, as well as the fact the lease would end 1 year before the end of MNBC’s legal lease obligations to the landlord. These drawbacks are mitigated by the potential for a 6-month extension with ample notice period.

Additionally, MNBC would like to remove the previous recommendation to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the tenth floor at Station Tower and continue with the existing space at HQ. Given all of the forthcoming improvements being made at HQ, this approach would allow further time to properly plan future space requirements. Discussions included how to better use the 17th floor.



MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the sublease of KGHub.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors no longer requires the 10th floor lease feasibility assessment requested at the February Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vice President Mineault was absent for the vote.

8. Letter of Understanding – MNBC-PHSA

The Senior Director, Ministry of Health/Mental Health and Addictions, provided an overview of the Letter of Understanding between MNBC and PHSA and suggested that the letter be signed as soon as possible. The letter could be signed in-person at the Provincial Health Services Authority offices.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the MNBC-PHSA Letter of Understanding as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. UNDA Action Plan

Vice President Mineault rejoined the meeting at 1:00 pm

Melanie Walker, Rajmeet Virk and Russell Brewer presented the final Draft UNDA Action Plan to the Board of Directors.

The completed federal Action Plan must go to Cabinet within 2 years of Royal Assent of the United Nations Declaration Act (Royal Assent was given on June 21, 2021). The Statutory deadline for the Action Plan is May/June 2023.

MNBC has been sitting on three tables, tasked with the co-development of the federal UNDA Action Plan: Bilateral, Multilateral and internal; these tables come out of our greater PBM.



MNBC also started a table with CIRNA that is further co-developing an Action Plan measure that mandates a government-to-government agreement with Canada.

MNBC specific priorities were developed following consultation with relevant MNBC ministries and presented to the Board for approval on January 19, 2023

MNBC Cross-Comparison of MNBC UNDRIP Priorities and the Draft Action Plan version 1 and 2 provided clear shortfalls and areas for MNBC to successfully negotiate further changes.

Rajmeet Virk and Melanie Walker will forward to the statement to Tanya Davoren and then to President Smith for final review and approval prior to submitting to the Government of Canada.

ACTION: Continue discussions regarding more board member involvement on the Rights Committee.

10. Break

Recessed at 2:02 pm - reconvened at 2:17 pm

11. Planning for Batoche 2023

The CEO provided an update on Batoche 2023. MNBC has been assigned to Thursday evening and Friday for its performers. The main stage will be comprised of old-time performers whereas the secondary stage will be for more contemporary music.

Discussions included:

- Budget allocated for performers
- Suggestions for performers

Board members to provide names of potential performers to Minister Gervais.

12. Wildfires

Minister De Jaeger suggested MNBC provide information and updates on our website regarding wildfires. Colette Trudeau will ask Communications to provide updates for assistance in the event of an evacuation on the home page of MNBC's website.

Discussions included:

- Funding for evacuees of Northern Chartered Communities
- Potential use of COVID-19 emergency funds
- The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources could provide this funding on a as needed basis.



13. First Nations Relationships Strategic Plan

The Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) provided an update on the First Nations Relationships Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan focuses on restoring First Nations relationships in a good way. It is centered on four high level goals: spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional. Keys messages that open and close the document intend to address MNBC's current situation. The Strategic Plan is a critical path in restoring First Nations relations.

Right now, the Strategic Plan is an internal planning document. Once it is approved, it is critical to align MNBC's key documents and community agreements.

Action: The CEO, CGO, and CSO will meet for a technical briefing to discuss the Strategy. A half-day meeting will be set up for the Board to review.

Action: Board members to forward names of First Nations chiefs to the CEO.

14. Correspondence (INFORMATION)

2023-04-20 Enbridge – Westcoast Energy Project

15. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Presidential Economic Development Task Force Committee [2023-04-24]
- Emergency Preparedness Committee [2023-05-08]
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee [2023-04-25]
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee [2023-04-27]
- Youth Engagement Committee [2023-04-13]
- People and Culture Committee [2023-05-08]

16. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:34 pm

MOTION: Minister Flamond
SECONDED: Minister Hooper
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Next meeting date: June 12, 2023

Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: June 12, 2023