



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	June 12, 2023	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Participating Board of Directors: President Lissa Smith, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Shaughn Davoren, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond and Raynie Gervais

Staff: Colette Trudeau – CEO; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli - Board Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Jillian Jones – Director - Mental Health and Harm Reduction; Stephen Thomson – Director of Health Governance; Ghazal Tohidi – Interim Senior Director, People and Culture/Human Resources; Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer; Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12; Denise Jager – Director of Citizenship

Regrets: Vice-President Walter Mineault

1. Welcome

At 9:00 AM, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Gladue conducted an opening prayer.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation, the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples of which she 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 Ts'elxweyeqw Tribe of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc 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 and the Prince George Métis Nation 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 Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za 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 home of the Vernon District Métis Association and the Syilx territory 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 Fisher

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Directors meeting agenda of June 12, 2023 be approved with the following addition:

- Update on 2 New Ministries

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED with one abstention.

1.4 Action Items

1. BC Federation of Parent Advisory (**IN PROGRESS**)
2. Financial Update (**IN PROGRESS**)
3. ELCC/Metis Family Service Contract (**COMPLETE**)
4. Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce (**COMPLETE**)
5. Environmental and Youth Advisory Committee Vacancies (**COMPLETE**)
6. Regional Reports – Website discussion (**IN PROGRESS**)
7. June 12, 2023 - UNDA Action Plan – a technical briefing meeting will be set up for the Board (**IN PROGRESS**)
8. First Nations Relationships Strategic Plan – moving towards completion (**IN-PROGRESS**)
9. June 12, 2023 - Emergency Updates on MNBC Websites – Colette Trudeau will follow up with Communications. (**IN-PROGRESS**)



2. President's Report

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

- A recent gala honouring Audrey Poitras, President of Métis Nation Alberta
- Two Veterans' presentations held recently in Prince George
- Batoche, July 19 – 24, 2023 and planning for a meeting with Cassidy Caron and the MNC Board of Directors in MNBC's pavilion. Colette Trudeau will arrange the meeting.

3. CGO Presentation

Audited Financial Statements will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee on Monday, June 26, 2023.

A Special Board meeting has been scheduled for July 4, 2023 from 2-4 pm to review the Audited Financial Statements.

3.1 Board Manual Changes (D-0, D-1, F-0, G-2 & G-3)

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of five amendments to the Board Policy Manual for Board approval.

Under Policy D-0, an amendment was requested to include a new section 2.2 which reads:

If the President or vice-President is not present at a Board Meeting, the Directors present, upon confirming quorum, appoint a Director from among them to be the chairperson for the meeting.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves Section D-0, D-1, F-0, G-2, and G-3 of the MNBC Board Policy Manual, as AMENDED

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: *The topic of roll call voting to be referred to the Governance and Policy Committee.*

4. Financial Update (Presentation)

The Chief Financial Officer provided an update of the FY2023-2024 MNBC Financial Report for the period ending May 2023.

Highlights included:

- Deposits in bank
- Investments in GIC's
- Funding Received



- Deferred Revenue
- New Finance Divisions – Internal Audit and Compliance and External Financial Services
- Chartered Community Financial Distributions

5. Employee Handbook – Policies for Adoption (Approval)

The Senior Director of People and Culture provided an overview of the Employee Handbook policies for adoption. These policies have been extensively reviewed through an HR Policy Consultant, the MNBC Policy Review Committee and the MNBC People and Culture Committee:

- Discrimination, Bullying, Harassment and Violence in the Workplace Policy
- Probation and Evaluation Periods Policy

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the following People and Culture policies, as presented:

- Discrimination, Bullying, Harassment and Violence in the Workplace
- Probation and Evaluation Periods

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Break

Recessed for break at 10:18 am – reconvened at 10:35 am

7. Housing Update

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:

- Housing and Homelessness Support Programs 2023 – will be bringing these programs to the Committee for review regarding eligibility criteria, particularly around sustainability
- COVID-19 Emergency Housing Supports program is winding down
- Welcome Home kits – launched in May 2023
- A citizen testimonial regarding the Ma Niki Seniors home renovation program
- Housing Development projects:
 - R1 – Campbell River – North Island Métis Association; Saanich – Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
 - R2 – Surrey Bridgeview – Surrey/Delta Métis Association
 - R3 – Kamloops – Two Rivers Métis Society
 - R4 – Invermere – Columbia Valley Métis Association
 - R6 – Terrace – Northwest BC Métis Association



- R7 – Fort St. John – Fort St. John Métis Society
- R7 – Hudson’s Hope – River of the Peace Métis Society – preparation for the CMHC Housing Acceleratory Fund (HAF) funding stream opening Summer 2023
- R7 – Kelly Lake – Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake

- Expressions of Interest (EOI) in Process for Regions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

7.1 CMHC Seed Funding Acceptance Request (Approval)

MNBC has successfully applied for and received approval from CMHC Seed Funding for a fourth project, Campbell River in the amount of \$48,100.00.

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

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gervais

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the motion shown in Attachment 2 of this Briefing Note:

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of

Métis Provincial Council of BC

(the “[Corporation]1”)

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 June 12, 2023, the execution and delivery by the Corporation of a Loan/Contribution Agreement dated June 13, 2023 (“**Agreement**”) to be made between Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (“**CMHC**”) and the Corporation providing for funding in the total principal amount of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred (\$ 48,100) 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, the Agreement and such other documentation as required by the Agreement, with such alterations, additions, amendments and deletions as may be approved by such persons executing the same whose 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 other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution and to perform the obligations of the Corporation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. UNICON Food (IN)Security (Presentation)

The Director of Health Governance – Ministry of Health | Mental Health and Harm Reduction, provided an overview of the Notice of Publication – UNICON Métis Food (IN)Security & Food Sovereignty Report.

MNBC participated in the Unintended Consequences of the Response to a COVID-19 Project (UniCon) with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) and the BC Centre of Disease Control (BCCDC) to provide a Métis lens on reports that monitor and measure indicators of population health and wellness, and socio-economic determinants of health and wellness.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves release of the UNICON Métis Food (IN)Security & Food Sovereignty Report.

CARRIED with two opposed.

9. October 2023 Métis Health & Wellness Gathering – Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort Venue (Approval)

The Director, Mental Health and Harm Reduction – Ministry of Health | Mental Health and Harm Reduction, provided an overview of a briefing note requesting venue rental approval for the October 16-21, 2023, Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering. MNBC's Mental Health and Wellness Budget (code 654) is funded through the federal government of Canada.

Discussions included:

- The use of Métis elders and facilitators
- Developing a MNBC meeting space
- Remoteness of venues, importance of being out on the land versus urban locations
- Smaller, regionally based gatherings to facilitate ease of travel for participants
- Quotes from various venues around the province provided to the Board prior to booking

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Directors approves the use of \$215,000 from Budget 654 for our venue rental October 16-21, 2023, at Tigh-Na Mara Seaside Spa Resort in Parksville, BC, for the Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering Venue on October 16-21, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



10. Lunch

Recessed for lunch at 11:44 am – reconvened 12:15 pm

11. Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. – Shareholder Resolution 2023

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF
METIS FINANCIAL CORPORATION OF BC INC.
(the “Company”)**

The undersigned, being the sole shareholder of the Company, HEREBY CONSENTS in writing, pursuant to Section 182 of the *Business Corporations Act (British Columbia)* to the following resolutions:

WHEREAS:

- A. The terms of the certain members of the board of directors of the Company are coming to an end on July 1, 2023; and
- B. The shareholder of the Company may, by unanimous resolution, appoint directors of the Company;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Consent to act as a director of the Company having been received from Paul Ricard, that Paul Ricard be elected as director of the Company for an additional term of four years, such term commencing on July 1, 2023 and ending on July 1, 2027 or until his successor is elected or appointed.
- 2. Consent to act as a director of the Company having been received from Gil Malfair, that Gil Malfair be elected as director of the Company for the for an additional term of four years, such term commencing on July 1, 2023 and ending on July 1, 2027 or until his successor is elected or appointed.
- 3. It is confirmed that the terms of each of Louis De Jaeger and Paulette Flamond as directors of the Company will coincide with their terms as directors of the shareholder.
- 4. It is confirmed that the term of Sid Peltier is until July 1, 2026.
- 5. An executed copy of these resolutions may be delivered by electronic transmission and it shall not be necessary to confirm execution by delivery of the originally executed documents.

DATED effective as of the _____ day of June, 2023.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the motion presented from the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Incorporated.



CARRIED with one abstention

12. Transfer of Childcare BC New Spaces Funds to the City of Surrey

The Senior Director, Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12, provided an overview of a Briefing Note on the Transfer of Childcare BC New Spaces Funds to the City of Surrey.

MNBC entered into a provincial funding agreement with the province for the creation of new childcare spaces with the City of Surrey and Métis Family Services (MFS) as partners and operators of this childcare project.

The initial advance was transferred to MFS however the decision has been made with MFS that it is best for MNBC to enter into the transfer of funds agreement with the City of Surrey with MFS continuing as being the operator.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Elliott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the transfer of \$1,200,000 to the City of Surrey, for the expansion of culturally relevant childcare space for Métis children at the Chuck Bailey Community Center.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Ministry of Citizenship Active Application Process

The Director of Citizenship provided an overview of the Ministry of Citizenship Active Application Process.

When the “Citizenship Based Funding Initiative” was implemented, it was done without any collaboration or input from ministries providing programs and services. This created a sudden shift in who could apply for programs and services and MNBC responded by creating the “Application process” criteria to alleviate the pushback.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors amends the Citizen Based Funding Initiative approved on October 28, 2021, so it shall now read:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Unless specified otherwise in funding and/or contribution agreements, eligibility to apply to all MNBC programs is limited to MNBC Citizens registered within the MNBC Central Registry and currently residing in British Columbia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



14. Two New Ministries

The CEO provided an update on two new ministries: Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Once a Director of Economic Development and Tourism is hired, there is the potential to move the Ministry of Natural Resources under the Ministry of Economic Development. As part of strategic development, work will commence with each ministry and department to ensure ministry and departmental goals are created.

15. Committee Meeting Minutes (Information)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee [2023-05-19]
- Governance and Policy Committee [2023-05-12]
- 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory Committee [2023-06-01]
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee [2023-05-18]
- People and Culture Committee [2023-05-18]
- Métis Business Advisory Committee [2023-05-25]

16. Record of Decisions (Information)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

17. Closing Prayer

Minister Gladue conducted a closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Hooper


RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: July 10, 2023