



MEETING MINUTES			
<b>Meeting:</b>	MNGA Governance Committee		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday, June 22, 2023	<b>Time:</b>	5:35 PM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Nicole Ludwig	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams Meeting
<b>Attendance</b>			
<p><b>Participating Members:</b> Dave Allard; Carmen Carriere; Patrick Harriott; Travis Jobin; Jamie-Lee Keith; Trish Paulson; Marlene Swears; Pixie Wells</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Jesse Gervais</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance</p>			
<b>1. Welcome</b>			
Jamie-Lee Keith assumed the chair at 5:35 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
<b>1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda</b>			
<p><b>Motion:</b> MOVED: Jamie-Lee Keith SECONDED: Patrick Harriott <b>RESOLVED:</b> THAT the MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Thursday, June 22, 2023 be approved as circulated.</p> <p><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>			
<b>1.2 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>			
<p><b>Motion:</b> MOVED: Patrick Harriott SECONDED: Travis Jobin <b>RESOLVED:</b> THAT the minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of Thursday, May 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.</p> <p><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>			
<b>2. Community Charter/Governance Agreement MNBC</b>			
John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, noted that the current request for feedback is for the kind of agreement that should exist between MNBC and Chartered Communities, explaining it should start with mutual recognition between the parties and outline certain responsibilities. He noted that under the <i>Societies Act</i> , each Community is a separate legal entity with			



unique needs, and as such, matters outside the scope of the Charter Agreement could be considered in separate agreements.

*Note: Trish Paulson and Pixie Wells joined the meeting at 5:45 PM.*

In discussion, members noted the following:

- Clear direction on roles and responsibilities for both parties;
- Respect and recognition for local connections built and work done by Communities in the past;
- A need to ensure Communities maintain their autonomy in their geographic areas, by MNBC supporting the work done to the level identified and needed by the Community.

A detailed summary of the discussion is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

### 3. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

MOVED: Jamie-Lee Keith

SECONDED: David Allard

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

### Next Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2023 - Confirmed

Chairs Schedule:

Meeting	Chair
27-Jul-23	Patrick Harriott
24-Aug-23	Trish Paulson
14-Sep-23	Marlene Swears
26-Oct-23	Pixie Wells
23-Nov-23	Dave Allard

## Appendix A

The following is a detailed summary of comments and concerns made by MNGA Governance Committee members and participating staff at the June 22, 2023, meeting regarding possible changes to Chartered Community Agreements (CCAs):

- Update information sharing, privacy handling/information protection, and fiscal agreements;
- Possibly eliminate partnering with another Métis organization in BC;
- Concerns with replacing CCAs with legislation, loss of Community autonomy, and impacts on existing relationships with local authorities;
- General agreement on mutual recognition;
- MNBC needs to be aware of what Communities are doing in terms of their own growth, and support that;
- Clarify roles of MNBC and staff vs. roles of Communities;
- MNBC is offering additional support for RGCs and Leadership meetings to level them up so that Community needs are better met;
- Different Communities will need different levels of support, and MNBC should support each Community as
- Regional Coordinators are there to provide a point of contact for Communities but if a Community has a contact in a specific department they require assistance from, they can contact the department directly;
- Requiring all contact to go through Regional Community Coordinators is somewhat arduous, and seems like Communities are being monitored;
- It is not incumbent on Communities to help MNBC with internal communications; MNBC staff are responsible for that and working on it but there may be some missteps along the way;
- Would like to see a discussion about requirements for citizenship forms and the process to be followed;
- More details on the types of reports required by Communities, along with what is owed to Communities by Directors and their general responsibilities;
- Need more options other than resolving by consensus or terminating the agreement in the event of a disagreement;
- Split municipal/local involvement from national and provincial;
- Clarify what consultation means around “agreements impacting citizens”, since most agreements considered by MNBC affect Citizens;
- Most Communities and Committees are volunteer-run and -led and their time should be valued; would like to see capacity built to support people taking time away from their lives to participate;
- Would like to ensure that MNBC advises Communities when they are coming in for an event;
- Regardless of what is in the agreement, there needs to be a shared, core belief in what it represents (the Métis Nation);
- MNBC needs to support, not dominate, Communities, and help Communities according to their unique needs.