

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held June 3-4, 2023 by videoconference.

### **OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Board of Directors**

Lissa Smith, President

Walter Mineault, Vice-President (on June 4, 2023 only)

Shaughn Davoren, Chair, Métis Youth BC

Kate Elliott, Chair, Métis Women BC

Patrick Harriott, Regional Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer

Louis De Jaeger, Regional Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland) and Secretary

Dean Gladue, Regional Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)

Debra Fisher, Regional Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)

Raynie Gervais, Regional Director, Region 5 (North Central)

Susie Hooper, Regional Director, Region 6 (Northwest)

Paulette Flamond, Regional Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

### **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

#### **Region 1 – Vancouver Island**

Tom Adams, President, MIKI'SIW Métis Association

Caitlin Bird, President, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association

Joy Bremner, President, Mid Island Métis Nation

June Graham, President, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association

Shawn James, President, Métis Nation Powell River

Richard Lewis, President, Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Tyler Masee, President, North Island Métis Association

#### **Region 2 – Lower Mainland**

Anthony Krilow, Vice-President, Surrey Delta Métis Association

Peter Lang, President, Chilliwack Métis Association

Deni Paquette, Vice-President, North Fraser Métis Association

Kelly Sears, President, Waceya Métis Society

Pixie Wells, President, Fraser Valley Métis Society

#### **Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan**

David Allard, President, Salmon Arm Métis Association

Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association

Marc Dubord, President, Two Rivers Métis Society

Jamie-Lee Keith, President, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

David Lafontaine, Vice-President, Kelowna Métis Association

Betty Ann McDonnell, President, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society  
Daina Shaw, President, Boundary Métis Community Association  
Natasha Smith, President, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

**Region 4 – Kootenays**

Nicole Courson, President, West Kootenay Métis Society  
Jeff Crozier, President, Rocky Mountain Métis Association  
Monica Fisher, President, Columbia Valley Métis Association  
Travis Jobin, President, Métis Nation Columbia River Society  
Myrtle Servatius, President, Kootenay South Métis Society

**Region 5 – North Central**

Sylvia Desrocher, President, Prince George Métis Community Association  
Tony Goulet, President, North Cariboo Métis Association  
Alexander Norquay, Vice President, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

**Region 6 – Northwest**

Bernadette Chaboyer, Interim President, Northwest BC Métis Association  
Alicia Fernando, President, Tri-River Métis Association  
Joy Sundin, President, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

**Region 7 – Northeast**

Peggy Olanski, Vice President, Fort St. John Métis Society

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker  
John Bieker, MNGA Clerk  
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

**DAY ONE – June 3, 2023**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYERS**

Senator Arnold Lucier acknowledged the traditional territories attendees were joining from and provided an Opening Prayer.

**ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**MNGA SPEAKER / DEPUTY SPEAKER**

A Speaker and Deputy Speaker were duly selected on March 3, 2023, in accordance with Article 5 of the *MNGA Act*. As the Speaker had subsequently resigned, an election for the position of Speaker will be held at the December 2023, MNGA.

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2023 MNGA

### AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the MNGA. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered in the order reflected in the approved agenda.

### CALL TO ORDER

Dave Peltier, Deputy Speaker, called the June 3-4, 2023 MNGA to order at 9:10 a.m.

#### 1. OPENING REMARKS

MNBC President Lissa Smith welcomed attendees and highlighted some of the achievements of the MNBC including the Métis Childcare Benefit Program and growth of the MNBC Citizenship Registry to 24,000 members.

The Assembly was informed that the MNBC was committed to pursuing distinctions-based rights. As the high number of children in care remained a priority, the MNBC was seeking recognition as an Indigenous Governing Body through Indigenous Services Canada. The MNBC continued working towards a self-government agreement with Canada, and recently joined other Governing Members at a Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) Summit with the Prime Minister.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 MNGA DRAFT AGENDA

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the June 3-4, 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly*

During discussion, comments were offered on the process for submitting items to be included on MNGA agendas.

#### **It was MOVED (Jeff Crozier) and SECONDED (Tyler Masee)**

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled June 3-4, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-01)**

(39 delegates voted in favour, 1 opposed)

In response to a question raised, it was confirmed that in accordance with Article 4 of the *MNGA Act*, roll call voting would be used for resolutions requiring more than a majority vote. The online voting system would be used for resolutions requiring a simple majority.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MNGA STANDING RULES

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Draft MNGA Standing Rules"*

#### **It was MOVED (Tyler Masee) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) adopt the "MNGA Standing Rules" as presented for the June 3-4, 2023 MNGA.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-02)**

#### **4. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Minutes of the 2023 March MNGA**

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 3-5, 2023*

##### **It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Monica Fisher)**

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 3-5, 2023, be accepted with the following revisions to the attendance list:

- Indicate Zevier Brewer as the “Vice President” of the Métis Nation Powell River; and
- Include “Ron Caron, President of the Vernon and District Métis Association”, in the Region 3 Section, rather than the Region 1 Section.

##### **ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-03)**

#### **5. MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The MNGA Clerk introduced two resolutions submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee for consideration.

##### **5.1 RESOLUTION RR1 – Recommendation for further Consultation with MWBC and MYBC Provincial and Regional Representatives and Women and Youth Citizens**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution RR1 – Recommendation for further Consultation with MWBC and MYBC Provincial and Regional Representatives and Women and Youth Citizens” submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated May 4, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

##### **It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Tyler Masee)**

##### **WHEREAS:**

1. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives” (“Resolution 7”) was referred to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee at the March 2023 MNGA for further study and a report and recommendations back at the June 2023 MNGA;
2. The MNGA Governance Committee undertook to provide a process to resolve this matter, and following discussion over several meetings, agreed that Resolution 7 will need some more work prior to implementation;
3. As a matter of procedure, the MNGA must deal with Resolution 7 in some manner; and,
4. The Métis Women’s Council and Métis Youth Council are both recognized in MNBC Legislation as having governance roles within the MNBC;

##### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives”, be withdrawn from current consideration, to allow MWBC and MYBC to

conduct further consultation, with the understanding that MWBC and MYBC provide updated resolutions for consideration; and

- B. MNBC support and resource the consultation referenced above.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-04)**

(31 delegates voted in favour, 2 opposed and 1 abstained)

## 5.2 RESOLUTION RR2 - Recommendation for a Governance Review of the MNBC

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution RR2 – Recommendation for a Governance Review of the MNBC" submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated May 4, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

**It was MOVED (Travis Jobin) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

### **WHEREAS:**

1. The resolution titled "MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives" ("Resolution 7") was referred to the Métis Nation General Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee at the March 2023 MNGA for further study and a report and recommendations back at the June 2023 MNGA;
2. In its discussions on Resolution 7, the MNGA Governance Committee realized that the current governance structure of the MNGA is two decades old and may not adequately serve current and future needs of the MNBC;

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The MNGA Governance Committee, with the assistance and support of the MNBC, undertake a review of the governance structure of the MNBC, including extensive consultations with Citizens;
- B. A report summarizing the consultation sessions, including suggested changes to the MNBC governance structure (if any), be provided to the MNGA Governance Committee by the end of 2024; and
- C. This report, with any recommendations from the MNGA Governance Committee, be presented at the March 2025 MNGA.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-05)**

### **Health Break**

The MNGA recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. RESOLUTION 1 - Elector Outreach and Education**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – Elector Outreach and Education" submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated April 17, 2023 (revised)*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, which was originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA, and then postponed to the June 2023 MNGA due to time constraints. In the interim, the Electoral Act Committee modified the resolution to add a new Bv. and renumber all subsequent clauses in B. It was noted that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

Discussion ensued on the revisions proposed in the resolution, which would expand the role of the Chief Electoral Officer, outlined in Article 5 of the *Electoral Act*.

**It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Historically, only about 10 percent of Métis have voted in past elections in British Columbia; and,
2. For many people, voting can be a confusing and intimidating experience; and
3. Democratic best practices include outreach to electors to inform them of when, where, and how to vote, along with the candidates who are running to represent their interests.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The following changes be made to the *Electoral Act*:

- A. In Article 5.2, strike the word "may" and insert "shall" in its place.
- B. Add the following to the end of Article 5.2a:  
"activities may include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voters guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;
  - ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);
  - iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;
  - iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;
  - v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;
  - vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
  - vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for all or for a specific region or Community.

- C. Add the following as a new Article 5.2b and renumber the existing Article 5.2b as Article 5.2c:  
“b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments.”
- D. Insert the following as a new Article 8.1b:  
“b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment”  
and renumber the remaining sub-sections in Article 8.1 accordingly.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-06)**

**7. RESOLUTION 2 - MNBC Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 2 – MNBC Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments” submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated January 23, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, which was originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA, and then postponed to the June 2023 MNGA.

**It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Alexander Norquay)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and
2. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike the words “Returning Clerk” in existing Section 14.1f. and insert “Returning Officer” in their place;
- B. Renumber parts c to f of Article 14.1 so that they are subsections of part b, as follows:
  - “b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
    31. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
    - ii. A member of the MNBC Senate;
    - iii. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate’s representative;
    - iv. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location”.

- C. In Article 31.2, strike the second instance of the word “in” and insert “is” in its place so that 31.2 will read:

“31.2 An individual other than an Election Officer must not act to assist more than one Elector in an Election to mark a ballot unless the individual is assisting more than one member of their family.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-07)**

**8. RESOLUTION 3 - Regulatory Authority for Elections**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 3 – Regulatory Authority for Elections” submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated January 23, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, which was originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA, and then postponed to the June 2023. It was noted that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Betty Ann McDonnell) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. After an election is called, there may be an urgent need for additional or amended rules specific to the election;
2. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Citizens meet once, annually, at the Annual General Meeting and urgent changes to the rules for an election may not be dealt with in a timely fashion; and
3. The Métis Nation General Assembly (MNGA) is the legislative body of the MNBC as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and it is well within the MNGA mandate to provide additional guidance to the MNBC’s democratic processes.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The following be added to the *MNBC Electoral Act* as Section 45:

**“REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.”

- B. The following be added as Article 4.8 to the *MNGA Act*:

“4.8 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.”



### **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

#### **It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Tom Adams)**

That the main resolution be amended by appending the following to Section A and Section B presented in the “Be It Resolved” portion of the resolution:

“Upon the conclusion of an election where the MNGA approves additional rules as noted above, there may be an independent review of the decisions made and their potential impacts on the election.”

**DEFEATED**

(9 delegates voted in favour, 23 opposed and 4 abstained)

### **Question on the Main Resolution**

The question was called on the Main Resolution and it was

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2302-08)**

### **Health Break**

The MNGA recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **9. RESOLUTION 4 - Opportunity for Discussion at the MNGA: Term Limits for MNBC Board Members**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 4 – Opportunity for Discussion at the MNGA: Term Limits for MNBC Board Members” submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated February 1, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, which was originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA, and then postponed to the June 2023.

#### **It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Tyler Massee)**

##### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Electoral Act Committee was created to provide input on elections and the *Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Electoral Act*; and
2. The Métis Nation General Assembly (MNGA) may wish to discuss matters relating to the tenure of the Board Members.

##### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The MNGA engage in a discussion regarding term limits for MNBC Board Members, to inform the Electoral Act Committee on this topic for potential legislation.

### **Postponement**

#### **It was MOVED (Alicia Fernando) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)**

That Resolution 4 and Resolution 5, presented for consideration at the June 3-4, 2023 Métis Nation General Assembly, be postponed for consideration on June 4, 2023, if time allows.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-09)**

(34 delegates voted in favour, 2 opposed and 0 abstained)

**10. RESOLUTION 6 - Community Charter / Governance Agreement (MNBC)**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 6 – Community Charter / Governance Agreement (MNBC)" submitted by the West Kootenay Métis Society and dated February 1, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The proposed timeline in the resolution which may be insufficient for adequate consultation
- The feasibility of including MWBC and MYBC representatives in the proposed committee.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Raynie Gervais) and SECONDED (Paulette Flamond)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* provides for a mutually agreed upon Community Governance Charter which defines the relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution, known as the "Community Governance Charter";
2. This Community Governance Charter has not been updated since 2006 in many cases; and
3. There may be other versions which have been used and not presently signed off by the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) or the numerous communities.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The MNBC prioritize a committee of recommended members from the MNBC Directors and each Regional Governance Committee or a recommended MNBC member from the Region to review and provide a current and reflective "Community Governance Agreement" for the MNBC;
- B. This committee will have representation from the seven (7) Regions and a maximum of two (2) Directors from the MNBC Board or as determined by the MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) members; and
- C. The committee should be struck as soon as possible, and hopefully resolve the present outdated agreement prior to the following MNGA of 2024 or by acceptance at a Special MNGA for such purpose.

**Referral to the Governance Committee**

**It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)**

That the Main Resolution be referred to the MNGA Governance Committee for consideration.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-10)**

(36 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstained)

## NEW BUSINESS

### 11. RESOLUTION 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 7 – Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council" submitted by the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and dated April 19, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. It was noted that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

#### **It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The vision of the Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC) is to build a proud, self-governing, sustainable Nation in recognition of the Inherent Rights for our Métis Citizens;
2. The *MNBC Constitution* states that the fundamental rights of Métis people include:  
  
Sec. 5. The Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights without distinction of any kind such as sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other views.  
  
Sec. 9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion;
3. 2SLGBTQQA+ people have, as a by-product of colonization, historically been unduly excluded from engagement, decision making, and Métis systems of governance;
4. 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people are an integral part of the Métis Nation and seek recognition of their place within the governance structure of the MNBC;
5. There is a marked absence of understanding around the lived experiences, needs, and strengths of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people;
6. Preliminary research around the lived experiences, needs, and strengths of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people in BC indicates that:
  - a) Over 60% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people have been discriminated against during a hiring process on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis identity;
  - b) Nearly 25% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people are living below the poverty line in BC, and 39% make less than \$40K per year;
  - c) 57% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people have been discriminated against when accessing housing on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis identity, and 28% have moved specifically due to their 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis identity;
  - d) 34% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people have experienced homelessness;
  - e) Less than 50% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people feel confident that they will receive good care when entering health care services in the province, and nearly 88% have avoided seeking medical care in the past;
  - f) 74% of 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis people have been diagnosed or treated for a mental health

condition, and 24% have struggled with substance use;

- g) 49% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have had a negative interaction with law enforcement or the legal system, and 37% had been the victim of a crime specifically on the basis of their 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis identity;
  - h) Only 15% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people who have been the victim of a crime have reported it;
  - i) 58% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have experienced intimate partner violence; only 6% ever reported it; and
  - j) 100% of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis seniors and older adults had to hide their 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity growing up; and
7. The needs of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people cannot be adequately serviced under the umbrella of “women and gender diversity,” as:
- a) Many 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis do not identify as women or gender diverse;
  - b) Homosexual men and transgender people have been specifically targeted by colonial law and police violence in Canada;
  - c) Métis Women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people have diverse needs that cannot be adequately addressed by a single representative;
  - d) A representative for “women and gender diversity” may not identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+; and
8. 2SLGBTQQIA+ people have long contributed to the Métis Nation, including as educators, caregivers, mediators, healers, and spiritual leaders;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative for each MNBC region;
- B. The attached 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (attached as “Appendix A”) as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in “A”, above, for the MNBC;
- C. The MNBC will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
- D. The ***MNBC Constitution*** (the “*Constitution*”) be amended as follows:
  - a. In Article 12:
    - Insert the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”;
    - Change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and
    - Strike the words “eleven (11)” and insert the words “twelve (12)” in its place, so that Article 12 will read:

“Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected

Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.”

**b.** Insert a new Article 23.6 as follows:

“23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**c.** In Article 29, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**d.** Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows:

“34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**e.** Add a new Article 39 as follows:

“39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**f.** In Article 41, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert the words “and the Chairperson for that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation of British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.”

**g.** Add the following as Article 46.3:

“46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”

**h.** In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

“There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.”

- i. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”

- j. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the *Constitution* accordingly.

**E. The *MNBC Electoral Act* (the “*Electoral Act*”) be amended as follows:**

- a. In Article 3.4, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“Board of Directors” means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- b. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“By-Election” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the *Constitution*;

- c. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“Candidate” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice- President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;

- d. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Election(s)” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson

and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*.”

- e. In Article 3.15, add the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“Elector” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia’s Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”

- f. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the Constitution.”

- g. Add the following to Article 6.2 (after the existing sub-articles), as indicated:

- “h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

- i. Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

- (i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by the MNBC, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.”

- h. Add the following as Article 6.3e.:

- “e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- i. Add the following as Article 6.4e.:

- “e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

j. In Article 7.3:

- Strike the word “and” following the phrase “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, insert a comma in its place, and add “, Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”; and
- Strike the second sentence in its entirety and insert the following in its place: “Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

so that Article 7.3 will read:

“On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.”

k. Strike Article 7.6a. and insert the following in its place:

“The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

l. In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.”



**m.** Add the following after Article 8.3d.:

“e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**n.** In Article 8.3e., strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;”

**o.** In Article 8.3f., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;”

**p.** In Article 8.4, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the follow” at the end of the Article, and insert “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”

**q.** Add the following as Article 8.4e.:

“e. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQIA+ electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate’s nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**r.** In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”

- s. Add the following as Article 8.5d.:

“A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated.”

- t. In Article 8.6, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” to the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- u. In Article 8.7, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.”

- v. In Article 13.1, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”

- w. In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”

x. In Article 19.2:

- Strike the word “or” following both instances the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article; and
- Add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat- British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance;

so that Article 19.2 will read:

“Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.”

y. In Article 38.2a., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice- President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

z. In Article 38.2b., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

aa. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly;

F. The ***Bylaws of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia*** be amended as follows:

a. In Article 1, Add “the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/ Chairperson” following the words “Métis Youth Provincial Representative” to the definition “Board or Board of Directors”, so that it will read:

“Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.

- b. In Article 4.8 c), insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- G. That the **MNGA Act** be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 2.16:

- Strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”;
- Strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place;
- Add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the current acronym “BCMUYC” (revised to “MYBC”, above)

so that Article 2.16 will read:

“Métis Nation British Columbia” (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives (“Directors”), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia , Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.”

- b. In Article 3.1 a), strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson”, and insert a comma in its place, and add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “MYBC Chairperson”, so that it will read:

“The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, MYBC Chairperson, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council; and”

- c. Add the following as Article 9.1.9:

“9.1.9 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Report;”

- d. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”, and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

### Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Angel Robinson reviewed a presentation titled “2SLGBTQQIA+ Representation in the Métis Nation” and offered additional comments on the structure and objectives of the proposed “2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council”.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Including the voices of citizens who were not represented in the MNBC’s current governance
- A lack of Métis-specific data on the percentage of the population identifying as 2SLGBTQQIA+
- Benefits of postponing consideration of the resolution to provide time for further consideration.

#### **ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED**

The MNBC MNGA scheduled June 3-4, 2023, adjourned on June 3, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on June 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

### **DAY TWO – June 4, 2023**

#### **ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER**

The MNBC MNGA scheduled June 3-4, 2023, reconvened on June 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

#### **11. RESOLUTION 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council (*Continued*)**

##### **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

##### **It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)**

That the BE IT RESOLVED sections of the Main Resolution be amended to read:

- A.** A 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation of British Columbia region.
- B.** The attached 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (attached as “Appendix B”) as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in “A”, above, for the Métis Nation of British Columbia.
- C.** Métis Nation British Columbia will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- D.** The ***Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*** (the “*Constitution*”) be amended as follows:
  - a.** In Article 29, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- b. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows:

“34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- c. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

“There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.”

- d. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”

- e. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the Constitution accordingly.

- E. The ***Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act*** (the “*Electoral Act*”) be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“By-Election” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the Constitution;

- b. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Candidate” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British

Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- c. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Election(s)” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.”

- d. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Elector” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia’s Constitution, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”

- e. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the Constitution.”

- f. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:

“h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

(i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.”

- g.** Add the following as Article 6.3e:

“e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- h.** Add the following as Article 6.4e:

“e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- i.** In Article 7.3, strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place:

“Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

so that Article 7.3 will read:

“On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.”

- j.** Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:

“The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- k.** In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.”



- l.** Add the following after Article 8.3d:
- “e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
- m.** In Article 8.3f., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:
- “If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months”
- n.** In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:
- “All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”
- o.** Add the following as 8.5d:
- “A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated.”
- p.** In Article 8.7, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:
- “No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.”
- q.** In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”

r. In Article 19.2:

- Strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and
- Add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat-British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance

so that Article 19.2 will read:

"Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.”

- s. In Article 38.2 b, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- t. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly.

F. That the **MNGA Act** be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 2.16, strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place so that Article 2.16 will read:

"Métis Nation British Columbia" (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the MYBC and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.

- b. Add the following as Article 9.1.9:

“9.1.9 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Report”

- c. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”, and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the *MNBC Constitution*, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

**DEFEATED**

(14 delegates voted in favour, 22 opposed and 1 abstained)

### **Health Break**

The MNGA recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

### **11. RESOLUTION 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council (*Continued*)**

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates (29) were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

#### **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

#### **It was MOVED (Marc Dubord) and SECONDED (Alexander Norquay)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by adding thereto:

“THAT Article 21 of the *Constitution* be struck and replaced with the following:

21. For decisions of the MNBC, the President, Vice-President and elected Regional Directors will have one vote weighted at 1.5 per person. The MWBC, MYBC and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairpersons will have one vote weighted at 1.0 per person. Decisions of the MNBC will require a majority.

21.1 The President, Vice President, and Regional Directors will maintain their proportion of votes as listed above.”

**DEFEATED**

(3 delegates voted in favour, 32 opposed and 2 abstained)

#### **Question on the Main Resolution**

The question was called on the Main Resolution and it was

**DEFEATED**

(22 delegates voted in favour, 8 opposed and 8 abstained)

**12. RESOLUTION 8 - Extension of Voting Timelines**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 8 – Extension of Voting Timelines" submitted by the Electoral Act Committee and dated February 1, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

**It was MOVED (Tyler Masee) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Mail-in ballot voting is one of the options for Métis Citizens to cast their votes and the length of time for receipt and return of mail ballots can be affected by a variety of issues, many of which are beyond the control of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC);
- B. Citizens have expressed concerns regarding the tight turnaround time for mail-in ballots to be received and returned;
- C. It is in MNBC's interest to have as many Citizens vote as possible, and short timelines to return mail-in ballots may deter people from voting; and
- D. Approval of this resolution will give Electors an additional week to return their mail-in ballots;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. In Article 8.2, strike the number "40" and insert "45" in its place;
- B. In Article 9.1, strike the word "immediately", and insert "the day after the close of nominations" at the end so that the Article will read:  

"9.1 If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office, at the close of nominations, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office the day following the close of nominations."
- C. In Article 11.1, strike the number "seven (7)" and insert "five (5)" in its place.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-11)**

(1 delegate voted in opposition and 0 abstained)

**13. RESOLUTION 9 - MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 9 – MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province" submitted by the Cowichan Valley Métis Association and dated April 24, 2023*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Current MNBC processes related to MNBC Citizens who move out-of-province
- A friendly amendment (accepted by the Mover and Seconder) to include the following as the last bulleted item in Section A: "Does not hold a Métis citizenship card in a province that is not recognized by the Métis National Council".

**It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Tom Adams)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. All BC Métis need to be provided access to benefits and resources that are provided by Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC);
2. It is in the interests of the MNBC and its citizens to have as many people with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC;
3. All Métis persons should have the inherited right to have representation from the Province that they were born in and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Member resides; and
4. Not all Provinces are recognized by the Métis National Council, which MNBC is a member of;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A.** The following be added as a new Article 3.2 to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*:

“Any person who submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *MNBC Constitution*, and:

- Resides outside of British Columbia;
- Can demonstrate historical or family ties to British Columbia, including a link to a Chartered Community; and
- Does not hold a Métis citizenship card in a province that is not recognized by the Métis National Council;

is eligible for MNBC Citizenship; and

- B.** In current Article 3.2:

- a. Strike the word “and” following the number 3.1.1 and insert a comma in its place;
- b. Add the words “or 3.2” following the number 3.1.1 so that the Article will read:

“Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, or 3.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

- C.** Renumber the remaining sub-Articles in Article 3 as required.

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by replacing: “Does not hold a Métis citizenship card in a province that is not recognized by the Métis National Council” with “Does not hold a Métis citizenship card from other representative Métis governments or organizations”.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-12)**

(28 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed and 4 abstained)

## Postponement

### **It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Tyler Masee)**

That the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) postpone consideration of Resolution 9 (as amended) to the December 2023 MNGA due to time constraints; and allow for amendments to be made to this Resolution prior to its consideration at the December 2023 MNGA.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-13)**

(32 delegates voted in favour, 1 opposed and 1 abstained)

Resolution 9 as amended and postponed, now reads:

#### **“WHEREAS:**

1. All BC Métis need to be provided access to benefits and resources that are provided by Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC);
2. It is in the interests of the MNBC and its citizens to have as many people with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC;
3. All Métis persons should have the inherited right to have representation from the Province that they were born in and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Member resides; and
4. Not all Provinces are recognized by the Métis National Council, which MNBC is a member of;

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A.** The following be added as a new Article 3.2 to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*:

“Any person who submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *MNBC Constitution*, and:

- Resides outside of British Columbia;
- Can demonstrate historical or family ties to British Columbia, including a link to a Chartered Community; and
- Does not hold a Métis citizenship card from other representative Métis governments or organizations;

is eligible for MNBC Citizenship; and

- B.** In current Article 3.2:

- a. Strike the word “and” following the number 3.1.1 and insert a comma in its place;
- b. Add the words “or 3.2” following the number 3.1.1 so that the Article will read:

“Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, or 3.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

- C.** Renumber the remaining sub-Articles in Article 3 as required.”

**11. RESOLUTION 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council (Continued)**

In response to a concern raised that a delegate's vote may have been missed during the roll call vote on Resolution 7, it was confirmed that a resolution to reconsider Resolution 7, could now be introduced.

**Reconsideration**

**It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)**

That "Resolution 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council" now be reconsidered, and that delegates be reminded that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be ratified.

**CARRIED (MNGA2302-14)**

(22 delegates voted in favour, 14 opposed and 1 abstained)

**ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 39 voting delegates in attendance. At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates (30) were required to vote in favour for "Resolution 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council" to pass.

**Question on Resolution 7**

The question was called on "Resolution 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Nation of British Columbia Governing Council" and it was

**DEFEATED**

(27 delegates voted in favour, 6 opposed and 6 abstained)

**CONCLUSION**

The June 3-4, 2023 MNBC 2023 MNGA concluded on June 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., with a Closing Prayer offered by Senator Arnold Lucier.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the MNBC 2023 MNGA held June 3-4, 2023 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker

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John Bieker, MNGA Clerk

**LIST OF APPENDICES**

*The following items are referenced in these minutes and may be requested through the MNGA Clerk:*

Appendix A: "2SLGBTQIA+ Act" referenced in "Resolution 7"

Appendix B: "2SLGBTQIA+ Act" referenced in an Amendment to "Resolution 7"

APPENDIX A

**MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY**

*held June 3-4, 2023*

**Draft “2SLGBTQQIA+ Act”**

*Referenced in “Resolution 7 - Creation of an Elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governing Council”*

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**METIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**METIS NATION 2SLGBTQQIA+ ACT**



## **PREAMBLE**

0.0 Mission statement of the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia:

*“We, the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of B.C. vow to walk with integrity as the proud Otipemisiwak (people who govern themselves) our ancestors prayed for; to elevate and center the voices of our people in the decisions that impact our nation; to foster a culture of wahkohtowin (kinship/interconnectedness) within our Nation; and to build a future where 2SLGBTQQIA+ can thrive alongside niwahnōmāc,anak (our relatives).”*

## **ARTICLE ONE - TITLE**

1.0 This Act may be cited as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (“the “Act”)

## **ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE OF THE ACT**

2.0 The purpose of this act is to entrench Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

2.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the MNBC Constitution as the law governing the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and agrees to comply with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation

2.2 The objective of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is to advance and enhance Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ perspectives, and to acknowledge the contributions of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people for the benefit of Métis people and the Métis Nation.

2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

## **ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS**

3.0 In this Act:

3.1 **“2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”** means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson also known as the Minister responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

- 3.2 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.3 **“Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual”** means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.
- 3.4 **“M2SBC”** Means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia
- 3.4 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly” (MNGA)** means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.5 **“MNBC Assembly”** means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

- 4.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be the representative body of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia, comprised of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson and the seven (7) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives
- 4.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be chaired by a person elected through the Electoral Act as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Minister Responsible for Metis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia will be the person elected as MNBC Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the MNBC Electoral Act, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives will be elected by Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in their respective region in accordance with the provision of the MNBC Electoral Act.
- 4.5 The Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity will be an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ to support and further Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

- 5.0 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall,

- 5.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson will serve as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.5 The regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.6 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 5.7 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.7 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes”).
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support equity for, and the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well being of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives.

## ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

- 6.0 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council electoral processes are,
- 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution*, the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and the MNBC guidelines.
- 6.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.