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PROUD TO BE MÉTIS

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ANTHEMS



O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

MÉTIS ANTHEM

We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
In the forest, on the river, and across the western plain,
As the white man journeyed westward to the land of the Indian.
A new race was created, a new nation rose up strong.
Hardship as its destiny, and its curse to not belong.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
For this newest generation, and the future ones to come.
With the past to motivate us, it will help to keep us strong.
As we build the Métis Nation, as we watch it rise again,
Our past loss is motivation, to inspire our future gain.
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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

September 22–24, 2023

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).



The MNBC has dedicated itself to advocating for the well-being of over 24,000 Métis citizens, 98,000 self-identified Métis, and 39 Métis Chartered Communities in British Columbia. This Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity to review the organization's accomplishments over the past year, discuss issues of importance, and establish goals and priorities for the future.

I would like to thank the MNBC for their hard work in organizing a hybrid assembly with both in-person and digital programming. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance to network, build relationships, and share experiences.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4



Tansi! Hello! Bonjour!

I would like to thank President Lissa Dawn Smith and the Métis Nation of British Columbia for inviting me to your annual general assembly.

I want to start by acknowledging these trying times as many of you may be personally impacted by forest fires evacuations. I appreciate the leadership being shown by Métis and the resilience of your members. Canada will continue to do everything we can to help.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the significant work of the Métis Nation of British Columbia. Your efforts to boost opportunities for Métis communities through culturally relevant social and economic programs are critically important, and your partnership is sincerely appreciated.

It is a privilege to work alongside you, through the Canada Métis-Nation Accord, on shared priorities, such as health and wellness, housing, early learning and childcare, and the principles of co-development. We are undertaking important work together, making systemic changes to close gaps and to improve well-being for Métis people in this country.

An important part of this work is to continue building on the amazing efforts of Métis communities, governments and organizations, and to use our combined resources to increase well-being and prosperity for all.

There is still so much more to be done to address the profound systemic inequities and ongoing impact of colonization in our country. It's through our collaboration that we will continue to see advancements. I look forward to continuing this work with you.

I extend my warmest regards and best wishes for another successful Annual General Assembly!

Maarsi, Thank you, Merci.

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C., M.P.

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VISION

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous People are recognized.

MISSION

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities and interests of all Métis in BC. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in BC.

CULTURAL VALUES

To achieve our vision and mission, we commit to upholding our Métis cultural values in our work together at MNBC, in our communities, and in all our relationships. We embrace the values of integrity, kindness, innovation, respect, teamwork, humility and resilience.

- Integrity
- Kindness
- Innovation
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Humility
- Resilience



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MNBC 2023 AGM AGENDA

Friday, September 22, 2023

Time (PT)	Time (MT)	Order of Business
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies Flag Party and Grand Entry Anthems (<i>O Canada – Métis Ballad</i>) Opening Prayer – <i>Senator Alan Edkins and Senator Betty Hoogendoorn</i>
1:15 PM	2:15 PM	Greetings and Opening Remarks/Videos Dignitaries: <i>Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc – Tkwenem7íple7 Nikki Fraser - Welcome</i> <i>Métis National Council – President Cassidy Caron</i> <i>Métis Nation Saskatchewan</i> <i>Métis Nation of Alberta – Vice-President Dan Cardinal</i> <i>Métis Nation of Ontario – President Margaret Froh</i> <i>Les Femmes Michif Otepmisiwak</i> <i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Constable Paula Haider</i> <i>President Lissa Smith</i> Video Greetings
1:55 PM	2:55 PM	Swearing in Ceremony: Region 1 Senator and Region 4 Women's Representative
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum MOTION: Nomination and Election of Co-Chairs Meeting called to Order
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	MOTION: Adopt Agenda for 2023 AGM MOTION: Adopt 2023 AGM Standing Rules
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum
2:50 PM	3:50 PM	MOTION: Review and Adopt 2022 AGM Minutes
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Financial Statements Overview – Presentation by Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants Q and A Session to follow MOTION: Acceptance of Financial Statements MOTION: Appointment of Auditors for next fiscal year
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	CEO Presentation Q and A session to follow
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Adjourn for Day 1

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MNBC 2023 AGM AGENDA

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time (PT)	Time (MT)	
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
8:35 AM	9:35 AM	MOTION: Location of 2024 Annual General Meeting
8:45 AM	9:45 AM	RESOLUTION 1: Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	RESOLUTION 2: Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Health Break
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum
10:35 AM	11:10 AM	RESOLUTION 3: Increasing Opportunities for Voting
11:10 AM	12:10 PM	RESOLUTION 4: Elector Outreach and Education
11:45 AM	12:45 AM	SIGNING CEREMONY: Letter of Understanding with Interior Health
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum, Policy Resolutions
1:10 PM	2:10 PM	RESOLUTION 5: <i>Electoral Act</i> : Housekeeping Resolutions
1:20 PM	2:20 PM	RESOLUTION 6: Regulatory Authority for Elections
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	RESOLUTION 7: Extension of Voting Timelines
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Health Break
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum
3:10 PM	4:10 PM	RESOLUTION 8: Changes to the <i>Veterans Act</i>
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adjourn for Day 2

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MNBC 2023 AGM AGENDA

Sunday, September 24, 2023

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AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order

RESOLUTION 9: Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members

RESOLUTION 10: MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments

Health Break

AGM Clerk confirms Quorum

Board of Directors Townhall – Q and A session

Closing Remarks

President Lissa Smith

Closing Prayer – *Senator Fern Hinse and Senator Philip Gladue*

AGM Adjourned

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MNBC AGM STANDING RULES



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The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNBC Citizens in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the B.C. *Societies Act*, the MNBC Bylaws, and *Constitution*.
2. Only MNBC Citizens are entitled to speak and vote at this meeting.
3. A Citizen who is attending the meeting in person and wishes to speak will approach the microphone or have the microphone brought to them, wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking, and open by stating their name.
4. A Citizen who is attending the meeting virtually and wishes to speak will request to do so by using the "raise hand" function, wait to be recognized by the Chair and be unmuted, and open by stating their name.
5. As much as possible, the Chair will alternate between recognizing virtual speakers and in person speakers.
6. On each issue or motion, a Citizen will be entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than two (2) minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than two minutes will require permission from the assembly.
7. If a Citizen has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same two minute time slot.
8. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a Citizen must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
9. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Chair may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
10. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
11. Speakers must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.

2022 AGM MINUTES



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

September 23-25, 2022

Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport

MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held September 23-25, 2022, at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond, BC.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lisa Smith, President

Walter Mineault, Vice President

Patrick Harriott, Region 1 Director

Louis De Jaeger, Region 2 Director

Dean Gladue, Region 3 Director

Debra Fisher, Region 4 Director

Raynie Gervais, Region 5 Director

Susie Hooper, Region 6 Director

Paulette Flamond, Region 7 Director

Dr. Kate Elliott, Provincial Women's Chair

Shaughn Davoren, Provincial Youth Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

John Bieker, AGM Clerk

Eli Mina, Registered Parliamentarian

Dave Peltier, AGM Chair

Cal Robinson, AGM Deputy Clerk

Jordan Waunch, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Brent Weberg, AGM Deputy Clerk

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

PREPARATION OF MINUTES

Christel Guenette, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

DAY ONE | Friday, September 23, 2022

OPENING CEREMONIES

A fiddle player and jigger accompanied the Flag Party and Grand Entry of Métis Veterans, Senators, Directors, and dignitaries into the meeting hall. Delegates joined in singing "O Canada" and the "Métis Ballad", played through a video presentation.

Jordan Waunch, MC, welcomed Delegates to the MNBC AGM and invited Alec Guerin, Musqueam Nation, to provide a welcome to the territory. Alec Guerin appreciated the acknowledgement and welcomed Delegates to the unceded territory of Musqueam. President Lissa Smith, MNBC, noted that the MNBC Executive met with Chief Sparrow of Musqueam, who welcomed them with open arms. MNBC looked forward to continuing to build a relationship with the Musqueam Nation.



OPENING PRAYERS

Senators Phillip Gladue and Elizabeth Hoogendorn provided Opening Prayers.

President Smith observed that for the first time in MNBC's history, the Pride Flag was carried in by the Flag Party. As was the Métis traditional way, Elders were offered tobacco and sweetgrass. Their words would be carried throughout the weekend.

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Métis National Council (MNC) President Cassidy Caron

MNC President Caron recognized the territory where the meeting was held and extended appreciation to the Elders and Senators who provided the Opening Prayer. The MNBC Board of Directors was thanked for the invitation to attend the AGM. While her roots were in St. Louis, Saskatchewan, President Caron was born and raised in MNBC and the Kootenay South Métis community.

President Caron reflected on how far the MNC had come over the past year. One year ago, the MNC was teetering on the point of collapse. Its funding was frozen, and legitimacy was called into question. Many no longer understood its purpose, which is to advocate for issues of shared importance for all Métis and governments across the Métis Nation. Now, the Métis Nation is stronger than ever because of Métis citizens and Governing Members who believe in the idea that we are stronger when we work together. Métis citizens understand that when we speak alone, our voices are quiet. When we are joined and share one voice, no one can silence them.

MNC was working on Nation-building. We are one Métis Nation comprised of several Métis governments that advocate on behalf of the rights and interests of their citizens. The MNC was simply a federation of those Métis governments. It was a body to advance collective issues, priorities, and interests while respecting the jurisdictions of Métis governments. The work of Nation-building cannot be done alone but can be done through collaboration. Families are spread throughout the Homeland and can best be served by their Métis governments' abilities. Work was underway to rebuild the MNC as an organization to advocate for citizens and raise a Métis-specific voice to the federal government.

During the previous week, the Finance Committee reviewed a new set of organizational policies and procedures that would ensure the MNC operated in a way that was transparent, effective, and accountable to Métis governments and citizens. The MNC was also undergoing work to build and strengthen relationships. Trust needs to be rebuilt between families, communities, Métis governments, and institutions. This is careful work because trust is earned. Elders taught that when we walk up to doors with opportunities, we need to knock lightly on those doors, so they open for us.

Over the past year, MNC successfully built relationships that enable collaboration all Métis would benefit from. In recognition that the MNC was to advance collective issues for all Métis governments, at a recent Board of Governors' meeting, President Caron announced she would no longer cast a breaking vote at MNC Assemblies or Board of Governors (BOG) meetings. If issues were so divided that they would continue to divide Métis people further, it was not of genuine national importance. Before reaching the voting floor, we must work together to see understanding and consensus.

Métis people are inherently people born of relationships. We are all related and have a responsibility to one another. MNC would continue to fight for the rights of Métis people while not forgetting the responsibility associated with those rights. We must remember what our Elders taught us, the

responsibility to one another and to fight for one another. Métis people are good people who fight for a better world for all and future generations.

Métis people have much to be proud of and much more to look forward to. There is still much learning and unlearning to do. We will get there together. As MNBC gathered in assembly, Delegates were reminded that everyone worked together.

President Caron wished the MNBC a successful assembly and extended appreciation for the invitation to attend.

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Vice President Dan Cardinal

MNA Vice President Cardinal appreciated Alec Guerin's land recognition and acknowledged the MNBC Homeland. Greetings were extended on behalf of President Audrey Poitras.

It was an honour to sit in the morning's meeting with Senators and reflect on the past and future. As a former teacher of Native Studies at the University of Alberta, it was vital to teach children the Cree-Michif language. It is the essence of who we are. Indigenous people are different in a good way because they are resilient and strong and make changes with their citizens' efforts.

In a former career as a nurse, Vice President Cardinal witnessed many incidents of discrimination in Lac La Biche and Edmonton, Alberta. But there was also change. The most significant change for citizens is education. It is the foundation to build a better future.

Vice President Cardinal recognized advancements at MNBC since it was established in 1996 and ratified its Constitution in 2005. As a gay man, Vice President Cardinal was proud to witness the Pride Flag on display.

In conclusion, Vice President Cardinal wished the MNBC a productive AGM.

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Chair Hank Rowlinson

Chair Rowlinson extended appreciation to President Smith and the MNBC Board for the invitation to the AGM. On behalf of the MNO, Chair Rowlinson extended greetings to the MNBC as it embarked on its 2022 AGM. Greetings and regrets were provided by President Margaret Froh, MNO, for not being present in person.

It had been an exciting year throughout the Métis Nation. Many citizens connected at Batoche and again during Pope Francis's visit to Edmonton, Alberta. MNO was honoured to have President Caron and President Smith provide greetings to its Assembly in August 2022. President Caron shared that though the Métis Nation was comprised of many communities, each with its unique history, each community faced similar experiences in fighting to exist as Métis people regardless of where they lived. Those were common threads that united the Métis Nation.

Even though the Métis Nation was separated by many miles, it worked together to advance rights, mainly the right to self-government. It was what Louis Riel dreamed of when he fought over 200 years ago. In 2022, Métis governments were closer to having their government status officially recognized. MNBC was congratulated for advocating in the establishment of reconciliation, recognition of Indigenous rights, and

self-determination with Canada. While Governing Members were confined to representing those who were democratically elected to serve them, the Métis Nation stood together in spirit and resilience.

President Smith spoke on behalf of President Froh and their efforts to champion breast cancer awareness.

Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Vice President Michelle LeClair

Vice President LeClair acknowledged the traditional territory on which the meeting was being held and recognized that MNBC was building governance. Ensuring the future of the Métis Nation was critical and took listening to citizens, being transparent and loyal to the Nation while expressing opinions. Parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, and cousins needed to be present to make positive changes for future generations. Maria Campbell said that when making decisions, put babies in the middle of the room and think about those babies when making changes, policies, or building governance. The babies are the future generations.

Delegates were reminded to be full of grace during the meeting, which could be hard to remember. All Governing Members have been through hard times resulting from change. In the transition, grace meant giving up the hard feelings of the past and having the strength of character not to hold a grudge. It was about forgiveness, kindness, and love. Everything Métis people have endured made them stronger and unstoppable.

Vice President LeClair wished the best for deliberations and work for citizens and communities on behalf of the MN-S.

The Honourable Marc Dalton, Member of Parliament (MP), Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge

MP Dalton extended appreciation for words shared and recognized the traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation. Further appreciation was extended to MNC President Caron for sharing wisdom and a desire to serve. The attitude of service and listening to others brings the Métis people together.

MP Dalton acknowledged being a MNBC citizen who worked to build up the Métis Nation scattered across the Homeland. While citizens reside across the Homeland, everyone is connected through their roots. Everyone has different politics and beliefs, but the desire to advance and help others move forward is essential. The work of President Smith to recognize Elders and veterans was appreciated, particularly given MP Dalton's upbringing in a military home and as a veteran.

MP Dalton expressed love for Canada and the Métis people and strived to establish and strengthen them across the Homeland. In the Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge riding, according to the 2011 Census, Métis were the majority Indigenous people population, and MNBC citizens engaged in many areas across the region, including serving on School Boards.

On August 28, 2022, the Golden Ears Métis Society (GEMS) held the Platinum Jubilee Awards ceremony, which was awarded to Lisa Shepherd, Métis Artist, for involvement in arts and music. GEMS was highly active in the community and held many events throughout the year, from self-defence classes for women to weekly Michif lessons. These events helped foster connection, especially given that 97,000 BC residents self-identified as Métis, with 27,000 MNBC citizens.

MP Dalton expressed pride in MNBC citizens and continued efforts to work across politics within Parliament to advance Métis issues and concerns.

VIDEO GREETINGS

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

Minister Miller commented on a visit to MNBC's head office in Surrey, BC in July 2022, where discussions occurred on MNBC's priorities and the significant work that lay ahead. Canada remained committed to strengthening the relationship and working together to address these priorities. Canada would continue joint efforts on a distinctions-based co-developed approach under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord.

Progress was being made to prove that targeted investments make a difference in daily lives. The first distinctions-based investments for Métis were announced in successive budgets since 2018. These investments included support for early learning and childcare, housing, and infrastructure. Leadership demonstrated by MNBC institutions and organizations led to significant improvements in the well-being of MNBC citizens.

A critical step in the renewed relationships was work involving the recognition of Indigenous rights and self-determination. While these negotiations are ongoing, Minister Miller would continue work with MNBC towards self-governance. Canada worked with other federal leads to implement the United Nations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). This work was supported mainly by MNBC's research regarding Section 35 rights. Many Nations identified Section 35 rights as a top priority for their community. This research is crucial to guide Canada in work related to these rights. Canada would continue to work with MNBC and provide up to \$3.3 million in multi-year funding to support MNBC's research efforts.

There was still much work to do. Minister Miller looked forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship with MNBC while working to prioritize its concerns.

The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services

Minister Hajdu acknowledged the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin peoples. MNBC led important work in revitalizing Métis culture and heritage to ensure its unique history was shared among the generations. Work was also ongoing to promote and protect the Michif language. Through a shared vision, dedication, and strong leadership, MNBC developed new arts, education, and business programs to support Chartered Communities. Through a partnership with BC, Canada and MNBC would continue to build on this progress and ensure that communities and individuals reach their full potential.

Minister Hajdu expressed interest in joining the MNBC in person to continue to plan the work together. MNBC focused on ensuring a Canada that understands reconciliation is good for everyone.

Murray Rankin, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR)

Minister Rankin commented on BC's commitment to building an ongoing, collaborative, and distinct relationship with MNBC citizens, and positive steps were taken to strengthen the relationship. MNBC and the Province recognized the opportunity to phase out the previous Métis Nation Relationship Accord and replace it with a Letter of Intent that proposes a new whole of government approach. A partnership between MNBC and BC advances reconciliation with Métis people. A Métis Relations Working Table was co-developed, which formally began on May 26, 2022, and would be a central place for meaningful dialogue and negotiations about priorities across our governments.

Minister Rankin met with MNBC's Cabinet in August 2022 to discuss topics of concern. The Minister appreciated the emerging engagement level and looked forward to future conversations as a new relationship was forged together.

The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Minister Malcolmson joined the meeting from the territory of the Lekwungen-speaking people of the Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt Nation and recognized the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria. The past two and half years were challenging. The toxic drug crisis continued in communities causing devastating impacts and Indigenous loss of life in every community. The crisis is complex, and so is the response.

The stigma and shame about substance use prevents people from asking for help. To combat this, BC will remove criminal penalties for possessing small amounts of illicit drugs. Drug use is a public health matter, not a criminal one. Criminalization led to many people hiding their substance use and using alone. In this toxic drug environment, using drugs alone can mean dying. Decriminalizing drugs will break down those barriers that prevent people from getting the care and support they deserve and expand pathways to service. BC introduced prescribed safe supplies, the first province in Canada to do so. BC continues to work with healthcare providers to confidently prescribe a secure supply to patients.

BC also embraced funding Indigenous-led solutions. The partnership with MNBC was valued and enabled support of Métis-specific harm reduction and community-led initiatives. Indigenous communities were in the best position to make decisions about the health and wellness of their communities. Capacity funding was provided to MNBC to ensure Métis people were partners in the implementation of new initiatives. This work must be done together. Métis partnerships would continue designing mental health and wellness systems incorporating culture and needs.

Minister Malcolmson thanked MNBC for the invitation, attention and friendship.

The Honourable Mitzi Dean, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Children and Family Development (MCFD)

Minister Dean joined the meeting from the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking people, and sent a message acknowledging the first in-person meeting for several years. Congratulations were extended to the Delegates, Elders, leaders, and youth gathered for the AGM. The work done on behalf of the 90,000 Métis citizens in BC through MNBC was necessary, and MCFD was honoured and committed to working in partnership with MNBC.

The Honourable Lisa Beare, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Minister of Citizens' Services

Minister Beare was honoured to speak from the territory of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations and acknowledged the home of the GEMS and Surrey-Delta Métis Society. Today was an opportunity to recognize the partnerships between MNBC and the Province of BC. Together, the *Antiracism Data Act* was co-developed and designed to dismantle systemic racism in the public sector. The collaborative relationship would continue as work began to implement the legislation.

The first Anti-Racism Data Committee members, including Donald Corrigan, MNBC's Cultural Wellness Manager, were announced. The Committee would advise and offer guidance to the Ministry on how to collect data in a culturally safe way and how to use data to dismantle systemic racism in provincial government programs and services. However, more work and opportunities exist to share data and align

services. This collaboration was an example of BC's strong working relationship with MNBC, which would build a stronger BC for everyone.

MC Waunch recognized Member of Parliament, the Honourable Parm Bains, who was present at the meeting.

OPENING REMARKS – PRESIDENT LISSA SMITH

President Smith invited the MNBC Board of Directors to sit at the head table. Most of the Board recently celebrated their second anniversary and worked diligently to ensure citizens had faith in the Board. It was about shared leadership.

President Smith welcomed Delegates to the first in-person MNBC AGM since COVID-19 and the first hybrid AGM. The AGM was intended to be inclusive of citizens attending virtually, who could vote on resolutions. The virtual option enabled Elders and shut-ins unable to travel, to participate in the AGM.

On behalf of Cabinet, President Smith thanked the Elders for the opening prayers and Alec Guerin from Musqueam for the welcome to the territory. Gratitude was extended to federal and provincial ministers and Governing Members' representatives for their greetings. Sponsors were acknowledged for their support of the AGM.

The AGM was an opportunity to hear directly from citizens about the issues they face daily to target programs and services in the most efficient and impactful way. MNBC was about shared leadership, which was why the Board of Directors was invited to sit at the head table. It was not about one person but working together as a team. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) sat with the Board and would highlight Ministers' work in a later presentation. Ministers were available to answer questions during the AGM or at the Town Hall scheduled for the evening.

It was an exciting time for the Nation as awareness of Métis culture and heritage grew, particularly in BC, as more youth and adults discovered their roots. Hundreds of Métis people applied to the Central Registry Office monthly. Currently, MNBC serves over 22,000 registered citizens across 29 Chartered Communities. The latest census data, released by Canada that week, stated that MNBC advocated for 90,000 self-identified Métis people in BC.

The pandemic affected MNBC's ability to meet in-person, and the digital government team adapted through the use of technology to ensure the business of Cabinet continued. The use of a hybrid model increased to ensure maximum participation at every opportunity.

Recently, there was a shuffle in Cabinet. A new department, the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, was tasked with strengthening relationships with federal and provincial governments. Meetings with high-ranking government officials increased on various topics, including affordable housing, childcare, skills training, and cultural protection. Provincially, Cabinet met with Cabinet Ministers and senior officials from Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Arts and Culture, Advanced Education and Skills Training, Transportation, Child and Family Development, Emergency Management, Citizen Services, etc. MNBC also engaged with the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism initiatives, Gender Equality, the Attorney General, and official opposition critics for key portfolios.

As shared by Minister Rankin, MNBC was working on a new relationship agreement with MIRR. The last Métis Nation Relationship Accord was signed in 2016. These relationship accords were pieces of paper with no work attached to them. The new agreement would have weight. Work on the new agreement began with a letter of understanding to create this agreement. Minister Rankin announced funding of \$500,000 to enable this work to continue and hold equitable discussions with resources to complete the work.

Working tables with the Province for economic development, culture, heritage, and language were struck to begin work on priority topics, including housing, health, and harvesting. A strategy in the final stages of completion was the Justice Strategy, including restorative justice. Once signed, the Strategy would be funded to assist MNBC in implementing it. Minister Rankin, during a visit to the MNBC head office, stated that the Province recognized that Métis people have Section 35 rights in BC. This recognition was a result of work by MNBC and demonstrated the Province's respect for Métis citizens. MNBC is now funded to sit at the table with provincial partners.

President Smith provided additional remarks related to MNBC activities, including:

- The signing of a permanent contract with Colette Trudeau to serve as the new CEO
- The CEO's submission to the Budget 2023 Selection Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for \$18.2 million
 - It was recommended to the Committee that it provide funding to MNBC for governance and ensure that Métis culture was recognized, respected, and protected in a distinctions-based approach
- Federal progress made at the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-determination Discussion Tables
 - A successful request for a new lead negotiator
 - MNBC was awarded \$3.3 million to continue research in identifying historical Métis communities in BC
- Filing of a judicial review to challenge Canada's denial of MNBC's Indigenous Governing Body status
 - This status was required for MNBC to assume delegation over Métis children
 - Several meetings were held with Minister Miller to discuss the judicial review
- Work of the Métis Veterans of BC Committee on behalf of MNBC's veterans
 - Chairperson Dave Armitt ensured that names of BC Métis veterans would be included in the second inscribing on the Batoche Veterans Monument
 - Chairperson Armitt was scheduled to attend a meeting in Charlottetown, PEI, between MNC and Veterans Affairs Canada
 - MNBC remains the only Governing Member to ratify its *Métis Veterans Act*, which was signed in 2010, to ensure its veterans were never forgotten
 - MNBC was invited on Aboriginal Veterans Day to Vancouver – Victory Square Cenotaph
 - A Veteran's Wellness Gathering was scheduled for March 2023
- Sending of a delegation to Alberta to participate in the papal visit
 - Public awareness of the impact of residential schools and the Sixties Scoop on all Indigenous people, including the Métis Nation, is necessary
- Hosting of a Residential School and Intergenerational Survivors Gathering the following weekend
 - Gathering participants would attend the BC Lions Reconciliation game as part of Orange Shirt Day
- Sending of a delegation to celebrate Batoche's 50th Anniversary in Saskatchewan; the celebration hosted 50,000 individuals, the largest attendance to date

- MNBC would continue participating at Back to Batoche to boost the collective sense of identity
- The invitation extended by the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC, to participate in the memorial for Queen Elizabeth, demonstrating BC's recognition of MNBC
- Successful advocacy of a MNBC delegation at the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly related to a resolution concerning Métis land claims in Ontario
 - MNBC would continue to build positive relationships with First Nations in BC
- Sponsorship for Songhees Nation's Powwow on September 30, 2022, demonstrating MNBC's respect for the Nation and culture
 - Métis citizens would participate in the Grand Entry.

Looking ahead, the Board's vision was to build a self-governing Nation for all Métis people to access affordable housing and have all their health needs met; and for children to be raised with culture so they will never again be ashamed. MNBC remained steadfast in pursuing Indigenous governing body status with the federal government. MNBC would continue to fight for the unique rights of the Nation, ensuring that no citizen would fall through the cracks.

President Smith thanked all community volunteers and leaders. As the Board Spokesperson, the President noted that each Regional Director served as a community President at one time, thus understanding and appreciating leaders' grassroots work and volunteer hours. Going forward, MNBC would work together as one team.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. Delegates were informed that the evening's Town Hall was cancelled due to time constraints.

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and *responses (R)* were provided:

Q/C: Will MNBC representatives attending MNC meetings advocate for an equitable funding formula?

R: *MNBC's priority is to first garner support for an equitable funding formula from other Governing Members, particularly with the prairie provinces, before raising the issue on the floor. The goal is to receive an equal share in votes and funding across the federal government on behalf of all Métis citizens in BC.*

R: *Discussions on the funding formula were introduced to the Board of Governors (BOG). Provinces agree that a change is necessary but strive for it to be needs-based. With the release of Métis population statistics this week, identifying 98,000 individuals who self-identify as Métis, efforts for an equitable funding formula should be more successful.*

Q/C: Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) is hosting information sessions with its Beyond Borders initiative. These sessions encourage Métis citizens to leave provincial groups, indicating that these groups will never achieve self-governance. Will MNBC see federal self-government recognition?

R: *MNBC will receive self-government status and participates in the federal Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Discussion Table. A new lead negotiator was assigned. MNC, MNA, MNO, and MN-S also have draft self-government agreements.*

R: *As Vice President, I participate on the team negotiating with the federal government. As stated by Minister Miller, Canada recognizes MNBC's self-government agreement and recognizes that*

negotiations are underway. MNBC meets monthly with Canada to resolve outstanding issues. A self-government agreement is anticipated to be signed before the Board's term ends.

Q/C: Can resolutions be provided in an auditory form for those that cannot hear?

R: *Thank you for the reminder about accessibility and for helping organizers understand how to make the AGM accessible for all MNBC citizens.*

Q/C: What was the outcome of the previous President? Further transparency around the event would be appreciated.

R: *Wally Oppal's report is available to the public. Clara Morin Dal Cal was invited to be interviewed, but declined.*

R: *Court documents are available online. The Board followed the process identified in the Board Manual to address concerns of breach of duty. The previous President did not avail herself of these processes, particularly to appeal to the Senate, which the Supreme Court of Canada supported.*

Q/C: Who is working to ensure that youth are represented in the future?

R: *Work is underway to identify youth willing to participate in governance. Two youth representatives were appointed since the recent Regional Governance Council (RGC) meeting. Events are planned in regions without a youth representative.*

Q/C: Our mandate should be to advocate for all Métis people and ensure that there is respectful dialogue and language. Persistent disparaging of the Métis Registry puts everyone's identity in question.

R: *The President and Board respect and admire MNBC's registry and believe it is the best in the country. MNBC abides by the regulations and rules for Métis citizenship. The Board understands the damage to the Métis Nation's reputation and works to repair this damage daily.*

R: *Thank you for the courage to call out lateral violence.*

Q/C: What is the Board's view on the MNO's Registry and the verified Métis family lines, which do not connect to the broader historical Métis Nation, especially as Métis community recognition is being explored?

R: *The MNC General Assembly passed a resolution to strike a committee of experts to research those communities and present to this year's assembly. This committee has yet to be struck. MNBC confirmed its representative, which will be put forward for acceptance at the next BOG meeting. This resolution must be honoured.*

Q/C: Regarding the \$3.3 million received for research of the historical Métis community in BC, who was identified to conduct this research? What are the rough timelines, and will they be made public? Many amateur historians or community members can fill gaps and are untapped resources to assist in this research.

R: *MNBC is reviewing what has been done to date and has names of experts it used in other spaces. A timeline was yet to be received for when funding would flow to MNBC and could be allocated over several years. MNBC could cash manage to the end of the year to ensure that the right people are engaged and start immediately before receiving funding.*

R: *MNBC has created a team to work on this. The CEO contacted numerous firms researching Aboriginal rights and heritage in BC. MNBC does not want to lose momentum. Any information would be welcomed, as would names of individuals who could assist in this process.*

Q/C: Chartered Communities struggle with the capacity to accommodate the rapid growth in BC. Additionally, new MNBC staff must be trained in Métis culture and the respectful treatment of Elders to create safety across communities. A plan is needed to look after Elders and teach new staff who are not Métis about the culture and treatment of Elders.

R: *That work is on us. It is up to MNBC to do the cultural training necessary for staff and give them experiential opportunities in culture to understand. MNBC worked to identify Métis 101 and other training opportunities to offer to staff working with Elders. To that end, MNBC implemented an Elder-in-Residence at the Surrey office to ensure staff are supported to understand protocols in the community and to work with Elders.*

Q/C: I would like to propose that an Elders' Gathering be held to provide youth with the opportunity and experience to work with Elders.

R: *I am deeply sorry for any mistreatment experienced by Elders during recent gatherings. It is essential to host Elder and youth gatherings. We all need to learn from our Elders.*

There has not been an Elders Gathering for many years, so organizing one is crucial. There also has not been a Veterans' Gathering for many years. The Health Department will host a Veteran's Wellness Gathering before MNBC's Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA). Events will be held in conjunction with other events to be more cost-effective. The Ministry of Youth and Elders would lead this Gathering.

MNBC staff are eager to learn and grow together. They take every opportunity to learn who Métis people are and accept our teachings.

QUORUM ANNOUNCED

AGM Clerk John Bieker confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance. Delegates were issued an electronic voting device.

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR THE 2022 AGM CHAIR

Nominations for the position of 2022 AGM Chair were welcomed. Dave Peltier was duly nominated and consented to the nomination. There being no further nominations, AGM Clerk Bieker confirmed the acclamation of Dave Peltier as AGM Chair.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied at the meeting. Items are presented in these minutes in the order considered and are numbered as indicated on the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

AGM Chair Dave Peltier called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. The AGM was an opportunity for citizens to participate in governance, which was crucial in exercising self-government and practicing Métis values and traditions.

A hybrid (virtual and in person) model would be used for the 2022 AGM, allowing greater participation. As this was the first hybrid AGM held, AGM Chair Peltier recognized there would be growing pains and encouraged Delegates to exercise patience. A hybrid meeting would only be effective if all Delegates participated. The AGM Chair's role was to ensure that online participants were not forgotten, discussions were fruitful and respectful, and all voices were heard.

AGM Chair Peltier invited Eli Mina, Registered Parliamentarian, to review standing rules and other processes in conducting the hybrid meeting.

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 AGM AGENDA

Related information: “Draft Agenda of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022”

AGM Chair Peltier suggested amendments to the distributed agenda, including moving all remaining Day One agenda items to Day Two and removing “President’s Update” and “Signing Ceremony: MNBC/Provincial Health Services Authority Letter of Commitment”. An updated agenda would be posted on the AGM website.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (David Allard)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, be accepted as modified.

Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion

The mover and seconder agreed to amend the agenda to consider Resolution 5 before Resolution 3.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2022-01)

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, adjourned on Day One – September 23, 2022, at 4:48 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Two – September 24, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY TWO | Saturday, September 24, 2022

MEETING RECONVENED - CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, reconvened on Day Two – September 24, 2022, at 8:45 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Chair Dave Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

Related information: “Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2022”

Jeffrey Hunt, Partner, Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants, reviewed the financial statements and confirmed they were fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion with the presenter, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were provided:

Q/C: Regarding the Endowment Fund, why was the investment income so low (\$10,000)? The endowment from Canada is to be invested and allocated to students.

R: *Interest earned last year was exceptionally low due to dropping interest rates. Assets received from Canada are invested into Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs). MNBC is exploring a more diverse portfolio strategy for future investments.*

Q/C: On page 73, there are several programs with no entries for 2022. Can you explain?

R: *Many of these programs operated for one year, which did not run in 2022 or changed to a new program.*

Q/C: Money was received from Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO). What was this for?

R: *LFMO provided funding to support providing comfort kits to women across the province.*

Q/C: Why did Directors receive a significant raise from 2021 to 2022? What was the process for instituting this raise?

R: *The Board of Directors realized, following their election, that serving as a Director was a full-time position. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and other staff analyzed comparative rates with salaries against other Governing Members, First Nations, school trustees, and municipalities to determine a fair remuneration for the Board of Directors.*

Figures for 2021 are a bit skewed due to the transition of the Acting President to the President's position. The Acting President received the Vice President's remuneration in the interim.

Q/C: How will a change in governance to a government that is less responsive to Métis rights and funding impact MNBC's finances?

R: *MNBC's financial position is strong, and it does not spend funding in advance of agreements.*

R: *MNBC is working with the provincial government on its commitment to a whole of government fiscal relationship respecting MNBC's self-determination. Two submissions were made to the Budget 2023 Committee hearing in BC, which recommended that BC fund \$4 million to Chartered Communities.*

MNBC strives to have its own economic engine. The Presidential Economic Development Task Force Committee was created to seek joint venture partnerships and not depend on the Government of Canada.

Q/C: Are multi-year funding commitments captured anywhere in the financial statements?

R: *That is a great suggestion and possible move forward with reporting online to demonstrate which funding agreements are multi-year commitments and adding further note disclosures in the Annual Financial Statements.*

Q/C: Bill C-19 was passed in the BC Legislature related to disclosures of societies for contracts over \$75,000. Can MNBC provide a breakdown in descending order of employee remuneration?

R: Further discussion can be had to expand disclosures. MNBC is not limited to disclosures made.

Q/C: Are there contractors who earn greater than \$75,000 at MNBC, which must be disclosed?

R: I cannot comment on bills that were passed without looking them up. Further discussion can be had.

Q/C: A side balance sheet giving value to the hours and responsibilities of community Executive Directors would reflect where the Nation needed to go to cover those expenses.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting accepts, as presented, the "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2022".

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-02)

(In Favour 101, Opposed 1, Abstained 9)

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting appoints Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as the Auditor for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-03)

(In Favour 106, Opposed 1, Abstained 5)

4. PRESENTATION: MÉTIS FINANCIAL CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Paul Ricard, Chair, Métis Financial Corporation of BC (MFCBC), provided an update on the MFCBC and offered the following comments:

- The Board of Directors was appointed in June 2017 and consisted of two directors from the MNBC Board and three Directors at Large
- MFCBC consulted with the MNO's Métis Voyageur Development Fund in its creation, including redrafting its policies and procedures, rules, and bylaws to BC standards
- A policy was adopted to fund all MFCBC applicants' business plans
- In 2017, Evan Slater was hired as CEO from a pool of 36 candidates
- MFCBC opened its doors on August 1, 2018, to ensure funding was available to Métis entrepreneurs
- Creation of the Sophie Morigeau Award to honour BC Métis women entrepreneurs.

Evan Salter, CEO, MFCBC, reviewed a presentation titled “MFCBC 2022 Update” and highlighted the following:

- Mandate, mission, and vision of the MFCBC
- Building the MFCBC brand, which grew as a result of delivering numerous programs, become the fastest-growing Aboriginal Financial Institution (AFI) in Canada
- MFCBC support by region
- Current MFCBC programming included business plan support, traditional loan and grant funding, and a Métis Women’s Entrepreneurship Program
- Métis Women’s Entrepreneurship Program, which offered loans to Métis women majority-owned businesses subject to the completion of a business plan
 - All operating and capital costs, including inventory, were eligible, and no payments or interest were due for the first year.

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion with the presenter, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were provided:

Q/C: Congratulations to MFCBC for its remarkable growth.

Q/C: I have seen families come out of poverty due to support from the MFCBC.

Q/C: Canada provides equal funding to MFCBC as other provinces.

President Smith informed that a goal of the MNBC Board was to build affordable housing across the province and purchase land to achieve this goal. The high cost of housing impacted citizens and created challenges for home ownership. Equity in a home is the most important way to save money for the long term and pass it down to future generations.

In partnership with MFCBC, MNBC was launching a First Time Homeowners’ Program to meet the unique needs of its citizens. This program would run for five years and provide \$5 million in funding for Métis citizens. Further details will be forthcoming on how to apply. The new program will be launched in 2023.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Chair Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 AGM DRAFT MINUTES

Related information: “Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting held September 24-25, 2021”

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia 2021 Annual General Meeting held September 24-25, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM2022-04)

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DEPUTY MINISTER REPORT

Colette Trudeau, CEO, extended appreciation to the Board of Directors for its support. The CEO update would provide an opportunity for each Director to speak to their specific ministries. Delegates received a presentation titled “CEO AGM Update.” The CEO and related Ministers provided the following highlights:

- New expanded programs and services to support a renewed Strategic Plan created in collaboration with the Board of Directors
- Children and Families (Minister Debra Fisher)
 - Increased BC government funding was received to focus on co-developing a policy related to the child and family services system and related legislation
 - Engagement continued with the National Métis Child and Family Policy table
- Citizenship (Minister Susie Hooper)
 - 1,700 citizens were welcomed home
 - Two new Chartered Communities were created: Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake, and Surrey-Delta Métis Association
- Ministry of Community Services (Minister Susie Hooper)
 - The Community Services team was expanded and restructured to engage with community leaders and citizens in an intentional manner
 - Discussions began related to fair and equitable distribution of funding
 - Support of various community events
- Communications
 - MNBC’s in-house communications capacity was expanded with new media projects
 - Citizen surveys identified an increased need for programs and services in housing, health, mental health and addictions, and children and families; data will guide the 2023 MNBC Budget and further consultation with communities and citizens
- Culture, Heritage, and Language (Minister Patrick Harriott)
 - Events included BC Day at Back to Batoche, Octopus Bag Workshop Series, etc.
 - Métis artist technology grants, and the Métis Heritage Arts Mentorship Grants
 - Launch of the Amelia Douglas Institute and the Métis Language in BC Vitality Survey Report
- Economic Development (Minister Louis De Jaeger)
 - Exploration of economic opportunities to create long-term sustainable revenue for MNBC
 - Métis Business Directory to connect Métis businesses to different training opportunities
 - Creating opportunities for Métis-owned businesses to deliver citizens training in collaboration with Skills, Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary (STEPS)
- Education (Minister Debra Fisher)
 - Métis Family Connections, which was expanded to the middle years
 - Funding of Métis early childhood educators
 - Launch of Métis in BC Virtual Exhibit, and the Métis Childcare Benefit
 - Opening of the Island Métis Childcare centre in Saanich, BC
 - Métis Education Agreement, a tripartite education agreement for grades K-12 with the Greater Victoria School District
- Elders (Minister Raynie Gervais), and Veterans (President Smith)
 - Gatherings scheduled, including an Elders’ Validation Session and Residential School Survivors Forum
 - Launch of the Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program

- Environmental Protection (Minister Susie Hooper)
 - Launch of the Home Garden Manual, WildSafe BC/Wilderness Awareness courses, Heat Alert Project, and recording of the Guardians video
 - Co-development of modernizing Emergency Management Legislation with Emergency Management BC (EMBC)
- Finance (Minister Patrick Harriott)
 - Development of new accounting and reporting software
- Intergovernmental Relations (President Smith)
 - Engagement with multiple federal and provincial ministries and politicians
 - Budget submission to the Province of BC
 - Funding from the federal government for a historical research project on Métis in BC
 - Provincial Working group table on priority subjects with \$500,000 secured to support work with the province
- Health (Minister Louis De Jaeger)
 - Signing Letters of Understanding with the majority of provincial Health Authorities
 - The Métis Public health Surveillance Program – baseline report
 - Continued advocacy for Métis distinctions-based programs and services at provincial and federal tables
- Mental Health and Harm reduction (Minister Kate Elliott)
 - Reopening of Métis Counselling Connection
 - Programs to support mental health, including Resilient Roots #3, Substance use programs, and Living Life to the Full
- Housing and homelessness (Vice President Mineault)
 - Land purchased in Saanich, Campbell River, Surrey, Kamloops, Fort St. John, and Terrace
 - Hiring of M'akola Development Services to support new projects
 - Support programs, including permanent rent supplement, Ma Niki Home Renovations, "Reaching Home"
 - Engagement with 20 Chartered Communities on potential housing programs and developments
- Operations and Administration (Minister Patrick Harriott – Minister of Digital Government)
 - Final stages to re-imagine MNBC's head office and regional offices
 - Addition of resources to expedite information management and information technology to operationalize the citizenship registry database
 - Identification of resources and development of a MNBC Data Governance Framework
 - Final stages of implementing a new Human Resources Information System and payroll platform
- Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary Education (Minister Paulette Flamond)
 - Funding of over 1,800 clients, and simplification of the application process
 - Partnering with the University of the Fraser Valley to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to recognize MNBC's registry
- Women and Gender Equity (Minister Kate Elliot)
 - Donation of \$10,000 from LFMO for the development and distribution of comfort kits for individuals fleeing violence
 - Annual Métis Women's Governance and Leadership Gathering, held March 2022
 - CareerFit, a three-week career development program

- First 2SLGBTQIA+ Data Conference, focussing on the mental health and well-being of Two-Spirit people in BC
- Youth (Minister Shaughn Davoren)
 - Initiatives included Youth Employment and Training Initiative, Youth Employment Survey, Métis Youth Parliament Forum, and Métis Youth Eco Action
- Sports (Minister Dean Gladue)
 - Increased involvement in the North American Indigenous Games
 - Hosting of the whale event and distribution of sports equipment to communities
 - Work to ensure MNBC will be a key partner for the 2030 Olympic bid
- Justice (President Smith and Associate Minister Dean Gladue)
 - Ongoing work on the Justice Strategy, including efforts under MMIWG2S+ and restorative justice
 - Onboarding of new staff to support the Ministry
- Métis Rights (Vice President Walter Mineault)
 - Frequent meetings with the federal government related to self-government and rights
 - Work of the Captains of the Hunt to support negotiations with Canada
 - Recognition of Métis in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA) and Action Plan
- Natural Resources (Minister Dean Gladue)
 - Ensuring MNBC had a voice that was not tied with Métis rights
 - Part ownership of a resource management company
 - Signing on with the Western Indigenous Pipeline Group.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

5. SIGNING CEREMONY: MNBC/NIWĪKŌWIN MÉTIS FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY JOINT COMMITMENT

Colleen Hodgson, Senior Director, Ministry of Children and Family, and Interim Director, Ministry of Citizenship, informed that a commitment to work together was being signed between MNBC and Niwĭkōwin Métis Family Services (NMFS).

Evangeline Studney, President, NMFS, introduced Richard Nault, Executive Director, NMFS, and noted that Niwĭkōwin means “my home”, and was a home for Métis families in Prince George. This commitment would improve services to northern Métis communities and help to reduce the number of Métis children in care. NMFS partnered with MNBC and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to achieve delegation, which will make a difference in providing resources to care for Métis children.

Minister Debra Fisher reflected on the importance of the Ministry and personal experience fostering many children. MNBC’s vision was to create a safe place for children and a stable family foundation in communities and the Métis Nation. This work was challenging, and Minister Fisher honoured those working with the children.

The Ministry’s vision was to connect Métis children and families to their communities and culture, including children and youth at risk and in the care of families, by providing them with programs and services. This connection and support for families to thrive was achieved through the Métis

value system and cultural beliefs to guide that practice. The Ministry partnered with Chartered Communities and Métis children and family service providers to advance the rights and jurisdiction of the child welfare system. Over the past several months, the Ministry was transforming how it met the needs of Métis families in relationship with Métis children and family service providers across the provinces.

NMFS worked daily to meet the needs of Métis families in the North Central Region. MNBC supported its efforts to achieve delegation, reduce the number of children and youth in care, and support family preservation. Building a Métis family service system was daunting and needed to be done in collaboration. This commitment agreement clearly outlined actions to take and the shared responsibilities.

Elders have mentored others on what it means to be culturally cared for and what it means to have family and someone to provide a stable and safe place. Every child needs to be the centre of decisions. Decision-makers need to focus on what the child will need.

Colleen Hodgson introduced the Ministry staff and Métis child and family service providers. This agreement detailed the workplan in working together and was co-developed between MNBC and NMFS following consultation with communities. Métis families could no longer wait for Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to determine outcomes for Métis children. Métis systems need to be built so that when jurisdiction is achieved, this system can connect with Chartered Communities and service providers.

Minister Fisher and the NMFS President signed the commitment agreement.

Adam Calvert, Executive Director, Métis Family Services, reflected on the beginning of the relationship with MNBC, which continued to improve and strengthen. Service providers were supported by MNBC and worked with children throughout the province for permanency planning and placements. Service providers continued to expand services as MNBC expanded its government and its responsibility for its children. As MNBC pursued Indigenous governing body status, service providers supported its efforts to ensure Métis governed Métis children.

Colleen Hodgson presented the Ministry's new logo, which was a painting by Leah Doiron of a turtle. Each circle of the turtle represented the Indigenous belief system, with the child at the centre with the Elders. Around them are youth, women, or aunties who care for these individuals, ending with the men, who are the protectors. This family structure would be operationalized with programs and services attached to each group. Staff would engage with communities on what was needed to serve these groups.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Discussion on the Presentation

During an ensuing discussion with the presenter, the following questions/comments (Q/C) and responses (R) were provided:

Q/C: MMIWG2S+ families require support navigating through the justice system. When signing agreements with RCMP, more liaison officers are needed to provide this support.

- R: The implementation stage of the Justice Strategy includes work with women's councils specific to MMIWG2S+. Susan Boyes is a Métis RCMP liaison officer and Métis citizen.*
- Q/C: Students experience delays in receiving funding for post-secondary education. Is there a way to speed up the process?*
- R: Funding for post-secondary education was depleted quickly. The application process opened in February; however, many students applied for funding on August 25, 2022. Applications should be submitted promptly. A Director's meeting would be held shortly to review issues applicants were experiencing.*
- R: The Ministry and staff are constantly improving to find new ways of doing things. Six to seven months into the year, 1,800 students were funded, demonstrating that citizen applications were processed at a reasonable rate. MNBC will continue to advocate for increased student support.*
- Q/C: The MNBC Board suspended my community's funding in September 2021 and reduced COVID-19 support for 25 families and children. MNBC is responsible to provides services to all community members. The community was presented with a new charter agreement to sign without a mechanism for negotiation. Please revisit the charter agreements signed in 2006. Ensure that you did not give up your rights as Canadians and responsibilities to communities. These agreements must meet the needs of communities.*
- R: MNBC consulted with communities to draft a consistent Chartered Community agreement with all communities.*
- R: The agreement signed in 2006 was under a different community name. The old agreement will be signed, provided it is under the new charter community and without any retractions or changes made to the new agreement. MNBC is negotiating with the community to resolve the issue and reunite the partnership with the community.*
- Q/C: There are serious concerns about implementing DRIPA related to education. Our three alternate schools were closed following the implementation of the legislation, leaving no programs for Métis children in the school system. Use short-term funding to train the provincial government on the meaning of DRIPA.*
- Q/C: There are no entries on the financial statements for economic development. It was stated that economic development was a priority for this Board. Where is that reflected in the operations and funding? What efforts are directed at negotiating for resources?*
- R: A Presidential Economic Development Task Force Committee was formed from the Board to focus on economic development and move towards independence from Canada. MNBC strives to allocate dollars to address gaps. The MIRR Table on Economic Development met with MNBC once and the MFCBC four times. A Business Advisory Committee was struck as well. MNBC engaged with communities and entrepreneurs. MNBC advocates for funding to flow to entrepreneurs and businesses employing Métis people. We will commit to doubling efforts to advocate for that funding within the next year or two.*
- R: Economic dollars flow to MFCBC to assist entrepreneurs.*
- Q/C: I am concerned about our children as MNBC pursues pipeline investments. What is MNBC doing to rectify the environmental concerns of investing in pipelines? What is MNBC doing to mitigate the dangers to women and Two-Spirit people, which leads to MMIWG2S+?*

- R: We sit at the table of the Western Indigenous Pipeline Group along with 129 First Nations and MNA. This Group is 100% Indigenous owned with Pembina. MNBC and MNA have a voice and vote at this table. Your concerns are part of the conversation as discussions move forward with the federal government. Work is not anticipated to begin in the next couple of years. The pipeline can be used for many different uses.*
- R: In Dawson Creek, the North East Métis Association established a rapport with old companies and allowed Métis organizations to supply environmentalists to projects to ensure the environment is cared for and protected. It intends to have a similar practice throughout the province with oil companies.*
- Q/C: Can a fluid organization flow chart be posted on the website?
- R: It is critical to have that information available to communities. MNBC is developing a living organizational chart to inform citizens who to contact within each Ministry.*
- Q/C: Chartered Communities are unaware of MOUs and Letters of Intent (LOIs) that impact their region. Can a requirement be added that Chartered Communities be added to MOUs, so they are aware of them? And to ensure that citizens receive the services they are entitled to under those agreements?
- R: With the creation of the Ministry of Digital Government, a means to house data at MNBC is being explored. Pilots began with STEPS and will branch out to other ministries. The goal is to ensure that information is readily available on the website.*
- Q/C: What is the status of LMO Métis Children and Family Services in Kamloops, BC, having delegation in Merritt, BC?
- R: Expansion to Merritt, BC, is the intention; however, LMO struggled with obtaining delegation there. MNBC is pursuing funding from Canada and MCFD to expand its child and family service providers and to establish new ones.*
- Q/C: A Métis company from Saskatchewan and Alberta sought to help Merritt, BC, residents following the flood that occurred in the fall. However, MNBC stated it was not interested in signing a MOU with them as it was limited in the number of MOUs it could sign in the community. The City of Merritt is excited to sign a MOU with a Métis company. Why is MNBC unable to?
- R: MNBC cannot tell the provincial government to hire Métis companies without a direct award as it does not have a procurement agreement with the Province. MNBC is advocating for this agreement to include Métis, as stated in DRIPA.*

Delegates were encouraged to contact Ministers directly with further questions.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Chair Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

5. LOCATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Dean Gladue) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- That the MNBC 2023 AGM be held September 22-24, 2023;

- Subject to public health orders, the MNBC 2023 AGM be held in person in Kamloops, BC;
- If public health orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on this date, or there are significant restrictions on in-person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; and
- A decision to hold the MNBC 2023 AGM virtually must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors 90 days before the AGM (June 24, 2023).

Discussion on the Motion

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Inability to host the AGM in Kelowna as there were no hotel vacancies
- Rescheduling the AGM to September 15-17, 2022, to accommodate Directors' ability to be included in Parliamentary sessions.

Vote to Determine Date for the MNBC 2023 AGM

AGM Clerk Peltier conducted a poll vote to indicate delegates' preference for September 15-17, 2023, or September 22-24, 2022, as the date for the MNBC 2023 AGM:

- September 15-17, 2023 – 60 delegates
- September 22-24, 2023 – 53 delegates.

Motion to Reconsider

It was MOVED (Jaeden Rogers) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) reconsider dates for the 2023 MNBC AGM.

Discussion on the Motion to Reconsider

During discussion, comments were offered regarding

- Consideration of students' schedules during the first two weeks of the school year
- The reality of competing interests of MNBC citizens
- Respecting and honouring hunters.

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order that Jaeden Roger was making a motion to reconsider and thus calling the question was premature, the AGM Chair advised that discussion would continue on the motion to reconsider.

During continued discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Ability for Elders to hunt during the earlier weeks of September
- Ability for the MNGA to remove the requirement that the AGM be held in September should another month better serve the needs of citizens
- Supporting youth and harvesters, which were more important than politics.

Question on the Motion to Reconsider

Question was called on the Motion to Reconsider. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-05)

(In Favour 89; Opposed 27; Abstain 10)

Question on the Main Motion

Question was called on the Main Motion as originally stated. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM2022-06)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Clerk Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

6. POLICY RESOLUTIONS

6.1. Resolution #1: *Citizenship Act* Amendments

Related information: "Resolution #1 – Revocation of MNBC Citizenship due to Ineligibility"

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Jesse Gervais)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is essential to the integrity of the MNBC Registry that all Citizens meet the criteria for registration.
- B. It is good practice to review citizenship files to ensure no factual errors, omissions, or a change in eligibility after acceptance by seeking Status under the *Indian Act*.
- C. The Registrar must have all the tools necessary to maintain the MNBC Registry in good order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

Strike the current Article 2.6 and replace with:

"Appeal" or **"Appeals"** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;

Insert the following after Article 2.31:

"Under Review" means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Registrar following an audit or review of the Central Registry;

Insert the following at the end of Article Five:

Article Six – Removal from Registry due to Ineligibility

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:
 - a) The Registrar will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided

within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.

(i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Registrar.

- 6.2 If the Registrar has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.
- 6.3 If the Registrar has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Registrar's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Registrar. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Registrar is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
- (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

Re-number subsequent Articles in the *Citizenship Act* as needed.

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the need to reword the Resolution to prevent unsubstantiated claims from allowing citizens to receive services under MNBC.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Paulette Flamond)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows: insert "*However;*" at the end of Article 6.4.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the conflict between Articles 6.4 and 6.5 without adding "however".

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM2022-07)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Requiring citizens to bear costs associated with appealing to the Senate
- Past practice of citizens bearing costs of an appeal when a citizen is challenging the citizenship of another citizen, and it is found to be baseless or malicious.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order regarding side conversations, AGM Chair Peltier advised that all discussions should be directed to the AGM Chair.

Amendment to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Monica Lavoie)

That Article 6.4 of the Main Resolution be amended as follows: insert *“The Senate may determine that the person whose citizenship has been revoked to pay the cost and other charges associated with a failed appeal”* before *“However;”*.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- The ability of the Senate to require citizens to pay for appeals to defend their citizenship was counterintuitive to the proposed intent of the amendment
- Ability for citizens, whose citizenship is under review, to continue to be eligible for program funding.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the Amendment to the Main Resolution was:

DEFEATED

(In Favour 18; Opposed 90; Abstain 9)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Previously Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Unanimous vote at the MNGA for the Resolution to proceed to the AGM
- Concern that the MNBC Board would have too much control over Métis identity
- Intention that citizens continue to receive services if their citizenship is under review
- Change in evidence required, which may create hardship in obtaining records that were destroyed
- Further education regarding why citizenship would be audited
- Provisions available for citizens whose documentation was destroyed
- Recouping funds from individuals who obtained citizenship fraudulently and received services
- Including definitions of “audit” and “under review”.

Question on the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Main Resolution as Previously Amended. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-08)

(In Favour 99, Opposed 13, Abstained 6)

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, adjourned on Day Two – September 24, 2022, at 4:20 p.m. after setting the time to reconvene on Day Three – September 25, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

DAY THREE | Sunday, September 25, 2022

MEETING RECONVENED - CALL TO ORDER

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, reconvened on Day Three – September 25, 2022, at 8:05 a.m.

QUORUM ANNOUNCED

AGM Chair Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance and reviewed the meeting standing rules.

Minister Fisher announced that the Ministry of Education received \$13.5 million to create new childcare spaces across the province.

6.2. Resolution #2: By-Elections – Current Board Members

Related Information: Resolution #2 – By-Elections – Current Board Members”

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Monica Fisher) and SECONDED (Paulette Flamond)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Electoral Act* be amended to codify the rules and procedures around Board Members being active candidates in by-elections for the MNBC Board of Directors, as follows:

In the *Electoral Act*:

Insert in Article 3 a definition of “Board Member”:

- A. **“Board Member”** means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Amend Article 8.6 as follows:

Insert as sub-article (a):

- A. “If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the date the election is announced.”

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Clarification that Board Directors were not considered employees
- Ability for a Board Director to resign their position in advance of the writ of election.

Question on the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-09)

(In Favour 81, Opposed 3, Abstained 1)

7. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Delegates were informed that the following resolutions involved changes to the Constitution and required 75% votes cast in favour to pass.

7.1. Resolution #5 – MNGA Meeting Frequency

Related information: "Resolution #5 – MNGA Meeting Frequency"

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Jesse Gervais) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

WHEREAS:

- A. The Métis Nation is active and engaged in advancing Métis rights in British Columbia;
- B. A single annual meeting of the MNGA limits the capacity of members to discuss and amend proposed legislative and constitutional amendments amongst themselves and with the communities they represent;
- C. People are accustomed to virtual meetings as a means of conducting business;
- D. As per Article 29 of the *Constitution* and Article 3.1 and 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*, Communities can be represented by their President, or Vice-President; and
- E. More frequent meetings will allow the MNGA and MNBC to be more responsive to the needs of their communities and Métis people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 32 of the MNBC *Constitution* be amended from:

- A. "The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days' notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1."

To read:

- A. "The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least *three (3) times* per year in British Columbia at a meeting *on a date decided* upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly *at the previous meeting*. The meetings shall be held at least *three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1*. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1."

Discussion on the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the ability of the MNGA to move resolutions through effectively with increased community engagement before reaching a decision.

Question on the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-10)

(In Favour 93; Opposed 1; Abstain 0)

7.2. Resolution #3: Elections – MNBC Staff Members

Related information: “Resolution #3 – Elections – MNBC Staff Members”

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Karen Nagow)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The language in the *Constitution* and *Electoral Act* be amended to allow MNBC staff members to be candidates in an election without resigning their position, as follows:

Amend Article 47 of the Constitution as follows:

- A. 47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA *must submit, in writing, notice of a leave of absence.*

Insert the following definition in Article 3 of the *Electoral Act*:

- A. **“Leave of Absence”** means an unpaid leave of absence for a MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation;
- B. Re-arrange the definitions listed under Article 3 to be in alphabetical order.

Strike the current Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act* and replace with:

- A. 8.3 (g) If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
 - i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;
 - ii. At the close of nominations, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
 - i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
 - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
 - iii. *If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.*

Insert the following after Article 8.3 (g) of the *Electoral Act*:

- A. 8.3 (h) If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.

Re-number sub-articles of Article 8.3 as needed.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)

That Article 47 of the Main Resolution be amended to replace “*When nominations close...*” with “*When the date of the election is announced*”; and Article 8.3(g)(i) be amended to replace “*...before the close of nominations;*” with “*...after the election is announced;*”

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Concern that staff would be penalized when running in an election
- Providing equal opportunities to all citizens, regardless of where they work
- Requirement of Directors to not begin campaigning until the close of nominations
- Potential perception that staff using their salary to their campaign.

Amendment to the Main Resolution Withdrawn

Following discussion on the resolution, it was

WITHDRAWN

Question on the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-11)

(In Favour 92, Opposed 9, Abstained 3)

7.3. Resolution #4 – Regional Governance Councils

Related information: “Resolution #4 – Regional Governance Councils”

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

WHEREAS:

- A. Healthy, supported, and growing Chartered Communities are the basis of a healthy and vibrant Métis Nation;
- B. Timely exchange of knowledge will help strengthen and improve the cohesion of efforts both provincially and locally;
- C. Local communities contribute many hours of their time in volunteer contributions to build local relationships and opportunities for Métis People, it is to the benefit of all MNBC Citizens for MNBC to work with Communities, exchange knowledge of successes and challenges, and prioritize finding resources to support their efforts; and
- D. MNBC needs effective, permanent, and regular communication between Chartered Communities and Ministries to capitalize on opportunities, inform the development of and maximize Citizen enrollment in programs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC Constitution be amended to read:

A. Add the following:

- "60.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.*
- 60.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts.*
- 60.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.*
- 60.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.*
- 60.6. Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members."*

B. Re-number existing articles 60.2 to 60.7;

C. Amend Article 60.3 to read:

- "60.8. If the President or Vice-President of a Community is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen."*

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That Article 60.8 of the Main Resolution be amended to insert "...of that Chartered Community..." between "...Elected Board Member..." and "...to participate...".

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-12)

(In Favour 96; Opposed 1; Abstain 2)

Amendment to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Don Courson)

That Article 60.3 of the Main Resolution be removed.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Suitability of Article 60.3 to be located in a policy or definition manual
- Potential of Article 60.3 to be subject to interpretation
- Including the purpose of RGCs within the Constitution
- Need for the purpose of RGCs to be determined by citizens, not staff.

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

DEFEATED

(In Favour 41; Opposed 55; Abstain 12)

Amendment to the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Alex Ibbotson) and SECONDED (David Allard)

That Article 60.3 of the Main Resolution be amended to insert *"MNBC leadership is responsible for consulting and engaging with Regional Governance Councils regarding all relevant agreements impacting Citizens in the respective region."* at the end of Article 60.3.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Importance of engaging citizens and communities on activities that impact them
- Need for further discussion with Chartered Community Presidents to flesh out details.

Motion to Refer the Main Resolution as Amended

It was MOVED (Don Courson) and SECONDED (Gary Biggar)

That Resolution #4 – Regional Governance Councils, as amended, be referred to the 2023 MNGA.

Discussion on the Motion to Refer the Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding:

- Impacts to harvesters from around BC as a result of agreements signed in regions
- Discussions held at the 2022 MNGA in support of the resolution
- Ability for further discussion at future MNGAs, given the increase in meeting frequency
- Consideration of a mandatory reporting requirement in legislation
- Mandating the Governance Committee to explore a RGC policy
- Importance of defining the role of RGCs
- Ability to amend the Constitution at a later date as necessary
- Inclusion of provisions enabling elected Board Members of Chartered Communities to attend RGCs
- Benefit of discussing the resolution further in person rather than virtually.

Question on the Motion to Refer the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the Motion to Refer the Main Resolution as Amended. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

DEFEATED

(In Favour 22, Opposed 78, Abstain 3)

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMATION

AGM Chair Peltier confirmed that a quorum of registered voting delegates was in attendance.

Discussion on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

During discussion, comments were offered regarding inclusion of provincial projects that may impact harvesters in different regions.

Friendly Amendment to the Amendment to the Main Resolution

The mover and seconder of the Amendment to the Resolution agreed to strike “*in their respective regions*” from the motion.

Question on the Friendly Amendment to the Amendment to the Main Resolution

Question was called on the Friendly Amendment to the Amendment to the Main Resolution. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-13)

(In Favour 82; Opposed 8; Abstain 4)

Discussion on the Main Resolution as Amended

During discussion, comments were offered regarding the ability and benefits of delegating responsibility to elected Board Members of Chartered Communities.

Question On the Main Resolution as Amended

Question was called on the Main Resolution as Amended. A hybrid vote was conducted using an online voting system and electronic voting devices. AGM Chair Peltier declared that the resolution was:

CARRIED (AGM2022-14)

(In Favour 96; Opposed 5; Abstain 3)

8. CLOSING REMARKS

President Smith reflected on the AGM, which brought the Nation together to interact as a family. On behalf of the MNGA Board of Directors, the President thanked every Métis citizen online and in person for participating in the first hybrid AGM. MNBC citizens were the heartbeat of the Nation, and it was through the grassroots that MNBC was mandated to deliver programs and services to citizens.

Late greetings were received from the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, MLA and Minister of Education and Child Care. MNBC was an essential partner in addressing racism and inequity faced

by Indigenous students. Minister Whiteside was grateful for MNBC's contribution to developing the Provincial K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan and participating in community roundtables. MNBC also sat on the Advisory Group for the Indigenous Learning Strategy and contributed to developing teacher resources. Appreciation was expressed for continued engagement on shared education priorities and efforts to improve equity for Indigenous students across BC.

Greetings were also received from the Teresa Wat, MLA for Richmond North Centre, who appreciated MNBC for making the community and the Province of BC a great place to live, work, play, and raise families.

Minister Debra Fisher recognized work in the early years and childcare programs. As announced that morning, funding was received for childcare spaces.

President Smith thanked staff for their efforts in planning and organizing the AGM. Many staff were new and had not assisted with an in-person AGM. Many lessons were learned, and citizens provided feedback throughout the weekend that would be implemented for the 2023 AGM in Kamloops, BC. Representatives from Governing Members were thanked for attending the AGM. Many opportunities for discussion were had regarding advocating for MNBC to have an equal seat at the BOG. MNBC was being recognized and respected at many levels of government.

In closing, President Smith thanked Delegates for the respectful dialogue and efforts to work together.

9. CLOSING PRAYER

Barbara Hulme offered a Closing Prayer.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Steve Morrison)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, now conclude.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM2022-15)
(Time: September 25, 2022, at 10:52 p.m.)

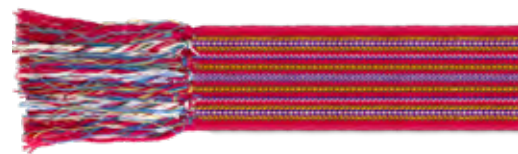
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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 23-25, 2022, and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Dave Peltier, Chair

John Bieker, AGM Clerk

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021-2022



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (the "Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.


Manning Elliott LLP

MANNING ELLIOTT LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Abbotsford, British Columbia
August 17, 2023

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,512,022	\$ 50,640,498
Short term investments (Note 3)	30,063,316	-
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	1,745,122	847,372
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,954,481	429,258
	78,274,941	51,917,128
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	52	52
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)	19,139,237	17,599,516
COLLECTIONS (Note 1(e))	11,255	11,255
	\$ 98,675,485	\$ 70,777,951
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 8)	\$ 2,829,407	\$ 2,245,722
Deferred revenue (Note 9)	74,256,253	48,809,174
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 10)	596,386	511,188
	77,682,046	51,566,084
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 11)	4,288,373	2,859,403
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 10)	304,386	798,868
	82,274,805	55,224,355
COMMITMENTS (Note 12)		
CONTINGENCIES (Note 13)		
NET ASSETS		
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
UNRESTRICTED	288,561	(447,772)
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	14,862,119	14,751,368
	16,400,680	15,553,596
	\$ 98,675,485	\$ 70,777,951

Approved by the Directors:

 Director
 Director

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2023	2022
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (447,772)	\$ 14,751,368	\$ 15,553,596	\$ 521,230
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	736,333	-	736,333	280,998
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (<i>Note 7</i>)	-	-	110,751	110,751	14,751,368
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	(2,173,627)	2,173,627	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	744,657	(744,657)	-	-
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	-	2,173,627	(2,173,627)	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-	(744,657)	744,657	-	-
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 288,561	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 16,400,680	\$ 15,553,596

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2022	2021
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (728,770)	\$ -	\$ 521,230	\$ 105,330
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	280,998	-	280,998	415,900
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (<i>Note 7</i>)	-	-	14,751,368	14,751,368	-
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (447,772)	\$ 14,751,368	\$ 15,553,596	\$ 521,230

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
ISETP (Schedule 2)	\$ 9,897,827	\$ 9,897,827	\$ -	\$ 9,288,035	\$ 9,288,035	\$ -
ISC - PSE (Schedule 3)	6,730,085	6,730,085	-	7,689,264	7,689,264	-
AEST - SITEM-II (Schedule 4)	7,484,345	7,484,345	-	440,853	440,853	-
AEST - PSFS-III (Schedule 5)	247,483	247,483	-	-	-	-
AEST - MNBC Institute & Capacity (Schedule 6)	38,490	38,490	-	83,584	83,584	-
AEST - Scholarships (Schedule 7)	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Basic Operational Capacity (Schedule 8)	421,475	421,475	-	484,195	484,195	-
CIRNAC - Capacity Proposal for Métis Women's Consultation (Schedule 9)	167,615	167,615	-	19,627	19,627	-
CIRNAC - Community Based Climate Monitoring Initiative (Schedule 10)	132,206	132,206	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Housing Strategy and Implementation (Schedule 11)	4,363,472	4,363,472	-	2,979,794	2,979,794	-
CIRNAC - Indigenous Community Infrastructure Plan (Schedule 12)	4,062	4,062	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Infrastructure Engagement Project (Schedule 13)	195,649	195,649	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Discussion Table (Schedule 14)	410,683	410,683	-	175,201	175,201	-
CIRNAC - The Métis Nation Table on Climate Change (Schedule 15)	117,528	117,528	-	55,152	55,152	-
CIRNAC - Tobacco Control Strategy (Schedule 16)	81,828	81,828	-	33,313	33,313	-
CIRNAC - Ventilation in Public Buildings (Schedule 17)	1,417	1,417	-	-	-	-
ISC - Anti-Racism (Schedule 18)	111,267	111,267	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>30,455,432</u>	<u>30,455,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,249,018</u>	<u>21,249,018</u>	<u>-</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	30,455,432	30,455,432	-	21,249,018	21,249,018	-
ISC - Core Governance (Schedule 19)	4,604,419	4,604,419	-	4,975,966	4,975,966	-
ISC - Emergency COVID-19 Funding (Schedule 20)	2,466,776	2,466,776	-	6,544,219	6,544,219	-
ISC - Health Core Capacity (Schedule 21)	80,000	80,000	-	-	-	-
ISC - Health Legislation Engagement (Schedule 22)	112,868	112,868	-	14,719	14,719	-
ISC - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Schedule 23)	1,115	1,115	-	285,703	285,703	-
ISC - Mental Health (Schedule 24)	819,197	819,197	-	54,479	54,479	-
ISC - Métis Minor Infrastructure (Schedule 25)	391	391	-	1,919	1,919	-
ISC - Métis Women of British Columbia - Consultation, Leadership and Governance (Schedule 26)	30,645	30,645	-	76,818	76,818	-
ISC - Supportive Care Assessment (Schedule 27)	506,664	506,664	-	174,586	174,586	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Schedule 28)	1,278,420	1,278,420	-	829,426	829,426	-
PHAC - Health Capacity (Schedule 29)	60,790	60,790	-	14,263	14,263	-
PHAC - Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (Schedule 30)	727,775	727,775	-	-	-	-
Department of Justice - Indigenous Justice Strategy (Schedule 31)	6,348	6,348	-	-	-	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women Empowerment Project (Schedule 32)	27,699	27,699	-	120,432	120,432	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women In Leadership (Schedule 33)	14,433	14,433	-	80,106	80,106	-
Subtotal	<u>41,192,972</u>	<u>41,192,972</u>	-	<u>34,421,654</u>	<u>34,421,654</u>	-

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	41,192,972	41,192,972	-	34,421,654	34,421,654	-
ECCC - Canadian Wildlife Services (Schedule 34)	83,847	83,847	-	68,671	68,671	-
ECCC - Métis Guardians - Conserving Nature (Schedule 35)	267,819	267,819	-	113,802	113,802	-
ECCC - Métis Guardian Harvesters (Schedule 36)	22,827	22,827	-	-	-	-
ESDC - Early Learning and Child Care (Schedule 37)	9,408,303	9,408,303	-	2,406,805	2,406,805	-
ESDC - Follow MY Lead (Schedule 38)	152,065	152,065	-	103,877	103,877	-
ESDC - Reaching Home (Schedule 39)	718,422	718,422	-	74,502	74,502	-
ESDC - Summer Student Program (Schedule 40)	32,382	32,382	-	-	-	-
Health Canada - Safe Restart (Schedule 41)	407,922	407,922	-	14,910	14,910	-
Health Canada - SUAP Peer Outreach (Schedule 42)	77,146	77,146	-	-	-	-
MHCC - Cannabis Grant (Schedule 43)	71,609	71,609	-	25,630	25,630	-
IAAC - Castle Project (Schedule 44)	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-
IAAC - CER - NGTL System (Schedule 45)	1,512	1,512	-	-	-	-
IAAC - Onshore Pipelines (Schedule 46)	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-
CER - NEBC Connector Project (Schedule 47)	5,889	5,889	-	-	-	-
Parks Canada - Métis Involvement & Capacity in Urban Parks (Schedule 48)	10,094	10,094	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Languages Component #3 (Schedule 49)	238,069	238,069	-	7,431	7,431	-
Indigenous Languages Component #4 (Schedule 50)	40,125	40,125	-	-	-	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Métis Justice Strategy (Schedule 51)	104,441	104,441	-	31,500	31,500	-
Subtotal	<u>52,852,444</u>	<u>52,852,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,268,782</u>	<u>37,268,782</u>	<u>-</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	52,852,444	52,852,444	-	37,268,782	37,268,782	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Anti-Racism (Schedule 52)	4,203	4,203	-	46,478	46,478	-
MIRR - Core Governance (Schedule 53)	732,362	732,362	-	240,060	240,060	-
MIRR - Declaration Act (Schedule 54)	200,000	200,000	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Métis Nation BC Relations Table (Schedule 55)	584,688	584,688	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Residential School Response (Schedule 56)	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-
MIRR - UAYC Youth Engagement (Schedule 57)	18,215	18,215	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Youth Engagement (Schedule 58)	21,103	21,103	-	37,292	37,292	-
MCFD - Capacity Funding (Schedule 59)	105,288	105,288	-	105,288	105,288	-
60)	500,000	500,000	-	500,000	500,000	-
MCFD - Métis Early Years Navigators (Schedule 61)	564,661	564,661	-	588,651	588,651	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund (Schedule 62)	2,100,000	2,100,000	-	300,000	300,000	-
MCFD - Child Care Rapid Renovation Grant (Schedule 63)	577,956	577,956	-	617,036	617,036	-
MCFD - Métis Child Care Navigation and Support Program (Schedule 64)	499,692	499,692	-	83,634	83,634	-
MCFD Grant - ELCC Engagement (Schedule 65)	132,458	132,458	-	13,375	13,375	-
MCFD - Transformative Changes (Schedule 66)	131,241	131,241	-	-	-	-
MOE - Core Operations K-12 (Schedule 67)	60,091	60,091	-	89,909	89,909	-
MOF - Gender-Based Violence (Schedule 68)	1,662	1,662	-	-	-	-
MOH - Capacity Funding (Schedule 69)	197,646	197,646	-	194,580	194,580	-
Subtotal	<u>59,533,710</u>	<u>59,533,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,085,085</u>	<u>40,085,085</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	59,533,710	59,533,710	-	40,085,085	40,085,085	-
MOH - In Plain Sight (Schedule 70)	1,136,997	1,136,997	-	400,988	400,988	-
MOH - In Plain Sight Task Team Planning (Schedule 71)	40,284	40,284	-	-	-	-
MMHA - Engagement Sessions (Schedule 72)	375,000	375,000	-	372,509	372,509	-
MMHA - Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 73)	140,046	140,046	-	40,224	40,224	-
PHSA - Bursaries (Schedule 74)	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
PHSA Grant - School Food Guidelines (Schedule 75)	17,160	17,160	-	-	-	-
PHSA - Unintended Consequences (Unicorn) (Schedule 76)	79,506	79,506	-	50,643	50,643	-
Arts Impact Grant (Schedule 77)	26,375	26,375	-	-	-	-
Arts Infrastructure Grant (Schedule 78)	14,067	14,067	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Cultural Kinections (Schedule 79)	28	28	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Métis Elder's & Knowledge Keepers (Schedule 80)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Learn, Heal, Rebuild - Métis Speaker Series (Schedule 81)	807	807	-	14,400	14,400	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Sashing Our Warriors (Schedule 82)	127	127	-	29,081	29,081	-
CPAC - Métis Cancer Strategic Plans (Schedule 83)	29,119	29,119	-	228,993	228,993	-
Co-Development of the Modernized Emergency Program (Schedule 84)	6,372	6,372	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>61,479,598</u>	<u>61,479,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,221,923</u>	<u>41,221,923</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	61,479,598	61,479,598	-	41,221,923	41,221,923	-
Interior Health - Aboriginal Health Care Advocate (Schedule 85)	6,055	6,055	-	-	-	-
Interior Health - HARS/Emergency Preparedness Grant (Schedule 86)	19,400	19,400	-	-	-	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 87)	140,463	140,463	-	93,554	93,554	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 88)	112,824	112,824	-	71,246	71,246	-
Northern Health Capacity (Schedule 89)	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-
Métis Nation's Aboriginal Health Initiative Committee (AHIC) (Schedule 90)	11,104	11,104	-	8,160	8,160	-
SOW - Shock Proofing Communities Grant (Schedule 91)	71,148	71,148	-	-	-	-
Heritage BC - Time Immemorial Grant (Schedule 92)	15,606	15,606	-	-	-	-
CMHC - Core Housing Need Research (Schedule 93)	71,223	71,223	-	-	-	-
University of Western Ontario - Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (Schedule 94)	186,730	186,730	-	59,728	59,728	-
ASP - Thompson River University (Schedule 95)	13,984	13,984	-	22,845	22,845	-
UNBC - Cervix Cancer Strategy (Schedule 96)	15,000	15,000	-	27,112	27,112	-
UPHN - HPV Immunization Project (Schedule 97)	70,764	70,764	-	-	-	-
Vancouver Coastal Health - Health Through Culture (Schedule 98)	13,629	13,629	-	8,295	8,295	-
Subtotal	<u>62,277,528</u>	<u>62,277,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,512,863</u>	<u>41,512,863</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	62,277,528	62,277,528	-	41,512,863	41,512,863	-
Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak Funding (Schedule 99)	3,813	3,813	-	4,875	4,875	-
Rise Consulting - Orange Shirt Donation (Schedule 100)	1,955	1,955	-	-	-	-
BCSSA - Métis Peoples & Community (Schedule 101)	34,989	34,989	-	-	-	-
BC Arts Council - Professional Arts Training Program (Schedule 102)	2,084	2,084	-	-	-	-
BC Hydro - ITUF (Schedule 103)	230,000	230,000	-	-	-	-
Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Schedule 104)	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-
CWRG Driver's Training (Schedule 105)	169,730	169,730	-	-	-	-
Vancity Grant (Schedule 106)	26,812	26,812	-	-	-	-
Sports Grant (Schedule 107)	91,988	91,988	-	-	-	-
Elders Assistance Program (Schedule 108)	356,215	356,215	-	358,405	358,405	-
Batoche (Schedule 109)	50,264	50,264	-	-	-	-
National Indigenous Peoples Day (Schedule 110)	7,742	7,742	-	-	-	-
Métis Language Institute (Schedule 111)	26,000	26,000	-	73,172	73,172	-
Annual General Meeting (Schedule 112)	387,743	387,743	-	88,739	88,739	-
MNGA (Schedule 113)	250,056	250,056	-	43,183	43,183	-
Administration (Schedule 114)	7,334,964	7,052,148	282,816	5,275,671	4,959,740	315,931
Culture Program - MNBC Store (Schedule 115)	125,149	75,888	49,261	151,585	92,848	58,737
Economic Development	420,962	-	420,962	-	-	-
AEST - SITEM-I	-	-	-	5,703,672	5,703,672	-
Subtotal	<u>71,897,994</u>	<u>71,144,955</u>	<u>753,039</u>	<u>53,212,165</u>	<u>52,837,497</u>	<u>374,668</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	71,897,994	71,144,955	753,039	53,212,165	52,837,497	374,668
ISC - Community Engagement and Policy Development on						
Child and Family Services	-	-	-	214,223	214,223	-
ISC - COVID-19 Mental Wellness Surge and Adaption	-	-	-	409,593	409,593	-
ESDC - Canada Learning Bond	-	-	-	20,160	20,160	-
ELCC - COVID Emergency Response	-	-	-	3,473,828	3,473,828	-
Parks Canada - Metis Exhibit Digital Expansion Project	-	-	-	26,064	26,064	-
PHSA - Youth Bursaries	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
BC Lung Grant	-	-	-	28,755	28,755	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Healing and Rebuilding	-	-	-	3,633	3,633	-
Cultural Resource Development Partnership	-	-	-	59,213	59,213	-
Canadian Heritage - Michif Language and Revitalization	-	-	-	243,494	243,494	-
Provincial Health Services Authority - Capacity Funding	-	-	-	17,588	17,588	-
RCMP Grant	-	-	-	5,455	5,455	-
Port of Vancouver - Robert Banks Terminal 2	-	-	-	500	-	500
Western Indigenous Pipeline Group Capacity Funding	-	-	-	3,597	3,597	-
Nakaatchihtow Grant	-	-	-	173,881	173,881	-
Emergency Preparedness Committee	-	-	-	9,500	9,500	-
Merchandise Sales - Health	-	-	-	4,993	-	4,993
Subtotal	71,897,994	71,144,955	753,039	57,911,642	57,531,481	380,161

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023			2022		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	71,897,994	71,144,955	753,039	57,911,642	57,531,481	380,161
Internally allocated administration (Note 14)	(7,287,033)	(7,287,033)	-	(5,255,526)	(5,255,526)	-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	64,610,961	63,857,922	753,039	52,656,116	52,275,955	380,161
OTHER ITEMS			-			-
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 11)	744,657		744,657	328,922	-	328,922
Amortization of capital assets		744,657	(744,657)		328,922	(328,922)
Interest expense from loan financing (Note 10)		16,706	(16,706)	-	99,163	(99,163)
			-			-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR (Schedule 1)	\$ 65,355,618	\$ 64,619,285	\$ 736,333	\$ 52,985,038	\$ 52,704,040	\$ 280,998

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 736,333	\$ 280,998
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	744,657	328,922
Interest expense from loan financing	16,706	99,163
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(744,657)	(328,922)
	753,039	380,161
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(897,750)	(472,087)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(1,525,223)	(76,957)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	583,685	(378,312)
Deferred revenue	25,447,079	(638,053)
	23,607,791	(1,565,409)
	24,360,830	(1,185,248)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of long-term debt	(425,990)	(544,183)
Funding for purchase of land	110,751	14,751,368
Deferred capital contributions received	2,173,627	2,039,907
	1,858,388	16,247,092
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of land	(110,751)	(14,751,368)
Purchase of capital assets	(2,173,627)	(2,039,907)
Purchase of short term investments	(30,063,316)	-
	(32,347,694)	(16,791,275)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	(6,128,476)	(1,729,431)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	50,640,498	52,369,929
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 44,512,022	\$ 50,640,498

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PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia ("the Council") was incorporated on October 23, 1996 under the British Columbia Society Act and subsequently transitioned to the British Columbia Societies Act. The Council was established to represent and serve the needs of the Métis people and to deliver employment and training services to the Métis people of British Columbia. The Council is exempt from corporate income taxes pursuant to paragraph 149(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

As of April 1, 2019 the Council operated under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISETP). Prior to this, the Council operated under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS).

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, which are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In management's opinion, these financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is defined as cash on hand, cash on deposit, short-term deposits with maturity dates of less than 90 days at the date of purchase and bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn. Cash subjected to restrictions that prevent its use for current purposes, including endowments, is excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

(b) Short term investments

Short term investments include guaranteed investment certificates. The investments are carried at cost which approximates their fair value as the maturity date is less than one year.

(c) Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization which is recorded over the useful lives of the assets on a straight line basis over the following periods:

Buildings	20 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Computers	5 years
Software	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

(d) Impairment of long-lived assets

The Council tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the undiscounted future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds its fair value. As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, no impairment losses have been recognized.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

(e) Collections

Collections held by the Council include artwork. The Council records collections at cost. If cost is not determinable, collections are recorded at nominal value. The Council writes down the value of a collection if any events or changes in circumstances indicate that its net carrying value may exceed its fair value. As at March 31, 2023 and 2022, no write-downs have been recognized.

(f) Interest in joint ventures

The Council's joint ventures are not consolidated but are reported using the equity method of accounting for investments and by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Handbook - Accounting.

(g) Controlled not-for-profit organization

The Council's controlled not-for-profit organization is not consolidated, but is reported by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting.

(h) Revenue recognition

The Council follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are recorded as deferred capital contributions and are amortized to revenue at the same rate as the related capital assets.

Contributions restricted for the purchase of land are recognized as direct increases to net assets.

Deferred revenue represents operating funding received in the current period that is designated for future periods.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

(i) Financial instruments

i) Measurement

The Council's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, accounts receivable, due from Metis Financial Corporation of BC Inc., accounts payable and long-term debt.

The Council initially measures all of its financial instruments at fair value except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Council subsequently measures all of its financial instruments at amortized cost. Changes to financial instruments measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred.

ii) Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down that is determined is recognized in the statement of operations. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period in which it is determined.

iii) Transaction costs

Transaction costs related to financial instruments that will be subsequently measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred. Transaction costs related to financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost are included in the original cost of the asset or liability and recognized in the statement of operations over the life of the instrument using the straight-line method.

(j) Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as at the end of or during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used are reasonable and prudent, however, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the valuation of accounts receivable, determination of the useful lives of capital assets for computing amortization, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities and measurement of deferred revenue and deferred capital contributions.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISKS

The Council is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Council's risk exposure and concentration of risk as at March 31, 2023, which remain significantly unchanged from prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Council is exposed to credit risk from its accounts receivable. The Council deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Council's accounts receivable includes amounts receivable from various government agencies which have minimal risk of default.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Council is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and long-term debt. The Council mitigates liquidity risk by ensuring it documents when authorized payments become due and monitors cash balances and cash flows generated from operations against its anticipated, committed and contemplated outflows.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Council's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Council is not exposed to currency risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments in foreign currency and all transactions are conducted in Canadian dollars.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Council is not exposed to this risk as it does not hold any credit facilities or investments with floating interest rates.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Council is not exposed to other price risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments which may be affected by changes in market prices.

3. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Included in short term investments are four guaranteed investment certificates with interest rates ranging from 5.01% to 5.17% per annum and with maturity dates between May 2023 and August 2023.

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4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	2023	2022
Accounts receivable	\$ 1,267,156	\$ 656,062
GST receivable	477,966	191,310
	\$ 1,745,122	\$ 847,372

5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Council holds various interests which are accounted for in the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(f) and 1(g):

	2023	2022
Williams Scotsman Joint Venture	\$ 51	\$ 51
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	1	1
	\$ 52	\$ 52

The Council holds 51% interest in the TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership and the remaining 49% interest is held by unrelated parties. The purpose of the limited partnership is to provide crane and lifting services in BC.

The Council holds 51% interest in the Williams Scotsman Joint Venture and the remaining 49% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide marketing in certain circumstances where it would have preferential access to opportunities for providing the services to clients in BC.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Ironwood Métis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related equipment to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide services to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide a variety of services such as construction and maintenance activities related to forestry, mining, oil and gas utility, infrastructure and renewable projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Iridia Medical Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide medical services contract associated with Cord project.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the MVS/MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

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5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS (*continued*)

Income earned by the Council from the above investments is recorded within the economic development program in the statement of operations.

There are significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the above organizations, as these organizations report under a different framework than ASNPO.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. ("the Corporation"). The purpose of the corporation is to provide supporting economic development of Metis Nation by providing financial assistance to Metis entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs through business loans and other funding mechanisms. The Corporation is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada) Section 149(1)(e) as non-profit corporation.

There are no significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the Corporation. A summary of assets, liabilities, operations and cash flows of the Corporation for the years ending March 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows as the March 31, 2023 figures are unavailable:

	2022	2021
Total assets	\$ 22,002,332	\$ 19,980,918
Total liabilities	\$ 14,962,332	\$ 14,172,838
Net assets	\$ 7,040,000	\$ 5,808,080
Total revenue	\$ 1,293,935	\$ 802,180
Total expenses	\$ 1,184,515	\$ 629,194
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 109,420	\$ 172,986
Cash inflow (outflow) from:		
Operating activities	\$ 280,612	\$ 1,415,490
Investing activities	\$ (1,266,455)	\$ (8,119,855)
Financing activities	\$ 3,386,612	\$ 10,861,020

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6. ENDOWMENT

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Council received \$1,250,000 from the Government of Canada for the purpose of establishing an Endowment Fund to support Métis students in the pursuit of post secondary education. Endowment contributions are presented as direct increases in net assets. The Council will maintain the capital amount of the Endowment Fund and income earned from the Endowment fund will be used to support activities per the funding agreement.

Investment income earned on the endowment is accounted for as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance deferred, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 6,310
Investment income earned during the year	40,929	10,492
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	-	(16,802)
Balance deferred, end of year	\$ 40,929	\$ -

The balance deferred is included in Central Services – Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding (Note 9). The amount recognized as revenue is included in the Nakaatchihtow Grant program in the statement of operations.

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
Land	\$ 14,862,119	\$ -	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 14,751,368
Buildings	1,237,696	11,822	1,225,874	472,872
Furniture and equipment	912,020	123,821	788,199	638,094
Computers and software	1,849,689	651,110	1,198,579	851,811
Leasehold improvements	1,401,350	336,884	1,064,466	885,371
	\$ 20,262,874	\$ 1,123,637	\$ 19,139,237	\$ 17,599,516

Included in buildings are four properties with total cost of \$764,824 (2022 - \$472,872) which are not available for use and have not been amortized.

During the year, the Council received funding of \$110,751 (2022 - \$14,751,368) to meet its housing objectives. This funding was used by the Council to purchase land and is recorded as a direct increase to net assets in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(h).

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,349,107	\$ 2,027,965
Vacation payable	480,300	217,757
	\$ 2,829,407	\$ 2,245,722

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9. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents unspent restricted funding for subsequent years and are deferred in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(h). The changes in the deferred revenue balance is as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 48,809,174	\$ 49,447,227
Amount received during the year	30,082,211	12,767,577
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(4,635,132)	(13,405,630)
Balance, end of year	\$ 74,256,253	\$ 48,809,174

Deferred revenue by source of funding is as follows:

Central Services - Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding		
Federal Funding	\$ 1,986,345	\$ 1,230,931
Provincial Funding	102,411	450,689
Administration and Other	5,333,121	3,683,357
Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training		
Health	\$ -	\$ 928,419
Federal - ESDC	1,640,821	3,548,274
Provincial Funding	7,541,704	6,793,566
Other Funding	74,177	-
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal - CIRNAC	\$ 20,452,140	\$ 9,361,526
Federal ESDC	1,273,934	1,027,264
Provincial Funding	300,000	300,000
Other Funding	71,918	-
Ministry of Women and Gender Equality		
Federal Funding	\$ 127,207	\$ 206,199
Provincial Funding	11,674	-
Other	1,312	6,044
Ministry of Youth		
Federal Funding	\$ 199,652	\$ 900,810
Provincial Funding	57,962	19,170
Other	47,683	37,532
Ministry of Health and Wellness		
Federal Funding	\$ 3,774,395	\$ 1,855,384
Provincial and Other Funding	823,658	1,367,989
Other Funding	893,879	-
Ministry of Children and Families		
Other Funding	\$ 38,350	\$ -

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9. DEFERRED REVENUE *(continued)*

Ministry of Education and Early Childhood Learning		
Federal Funding	\$ 15,831,428	\$ 13,041,062
Provincial Funding	10,025,000	900,000
Other Funding	90,226	-
Ministries of Environmental Protection, Emergency, NR and Economic Development		
Federal Funding	\$ 3,091,996	\$ 2,852,761
Provincial Funding	48,628	-
Other	246,380	60,128
Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language		
Federal Funding	\$ 116,299	\$ 238,069
Provincial Funding	32,559	-
Other Funding	21,394	-
	\$ 74,256,253	\$ 48,809,174

10. LONG TERM DEBT

	2023	2022
Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") non-interest bearing loan, repayable in monthly payments of \$42,599, secured by a general security agreement, due February 1, 2025	\$ 1,279,814	\$ 1,755,817
Less: Interest free portion of the RBC long-term debt	(379,042)	(445,761)
	900,772	1,310,056
Less: Current portion	(596,386)	(511,188)
	\$ 304,386	\$ 798,868

Under the terms of the agreement, the loan balance is to be repaid on an interest-free basis. Management determined the fair market value of a similar loan would bear interest at a rate of 6% per annum. As a result, the gain amortized and expensed into the statement of operations is \$16,706 (2022 - \$99,163).

Principal repayment terms are approximately as follows:

2024	\$ 596,386
2025	304,386
	<u>\$ 900,772</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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11. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The continuity of the Council's deferred capital contributions is as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,859,403	\$ 1,148,417
Amount received during the year	2,173,627	2,039,908
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(744,657)	(328,922)
Balance, end of year	\$ 4,288,373	\$ 2,859,403

12. COMMITMENTS

The Council leases various equipment and office space under agreements expiring in December 2026. Minimum lease commitments during the next four fiscal years are as follows:

2024	\$ 1,698,172
2025	1,620,998
2026	1,580,365
2027	449,513
	<u>\$ 5,349,048</u>

13. CONTINGENCIES

The Council, from time to time, is subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Management is of the view that these will not have a material adverse effect on the Council and its operations. As at the date of these financial statements, the final outcome is not determinable and as such, no amount has been accrued in these financial statements.

14. INTERNALLY ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Council has established a fund to track administration expenses within operating expenses. The Council's various programs are allocated a share of the direct administration expenses based upon an estimate of resources used. These allocations are eliminated from the Council's statement of operations.

In 2023, Employment and Training operating expenses were allocated between CRF and EI at 74% and 26% (2022 - 72% and 28%), respectively.

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15. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

In accordance with the British Columbia Societies Act, remuneration paid by the Council in excess of \$75,000 to employees and contractors must be disclosed, in addition to any remuneration paid to directors.

Salaries and remuneration for the board also includes amounts paid (payable) which relate to benefit entitlements from the previous fiscal year which were paid out in the current fiscal year.

	2023	2022
Employees - 54 people (2022- 26 people)	\$ 5,546,608	\$ 2,825,980
Contractors - 1 person (2022 - Nil)	83,311	-
MNBC Directors' Remuneration		
President - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	\$ 181,218	\$ 105,786
Vice President - 2 people (2022 - 1 person)	114,777	45,295
Provincial Women's Chairperson - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,305	54,802
Provincial Youth Chairperson - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,305	54,802
Director - Region One - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	98,870	61,244
Director - Region Two - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	93,687	32,354
Director - Region Three -1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,305	54,655
Director - Region Four - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,305	54,655
Director - Region Five - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,505	54,655
Director - Region Six - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	86,777	60,680
Director - Region Seven - 1 person (2022 - 1 person)	85,305	54,655
	\$ 1,087,359	\$ 633,583

16. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. This had no impact on the previously stated total assets, total liabilities, total net assets and excess of revenue over expenses for the year.

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17. DIRECT PAYMENTS TO CHARTERED COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

During the year, total payments distributed to chartered communities and partner service providers from the Council are as follows:

	2023	2022
<u>Chartered Communities</u>		
Federal ESDC - Early Learning and Childcare / COVID Emergency Response	\$ 21,500	\$ 702,923
Federal - ISETP	160,000	1,900,000
Federal ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP)	1,028,345	517,000
Federal ISC - Emergency COVID-19 Funding	828,345	1,998,900
Provincial AEST - SITEM-I	-	144,000
MNBC Programming and Other Funding Initiatives	596,163	958,294
	2,634,353	6,221,117
<u>MNBC Partner Service Providers</u>		
Federal ESDC - Early Learning and Child Care / COVID Emergency Response	1,765,291	2,841,641
Federal ISC- Emergency COVID-19 Funding	56,000	1,619,615
Provincial MCFD - Child Care Funding	1,477,956	300,000
Provincial MCFD - Permanency Planning	356,240	356,240
MNBC Programming and Other Funding Initiatives	200,462	140,371
	3,855,949	5,257,867
Total	\$ 6,490,302	\$ 11,478,984



RESOLUTIONS





RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship
- Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The Ministry of Citizenship has undergone, and continues to undergo substantial changes to provide better service to Citizens; and,
2. Many current practices do not align with the language in the *Citizenship Act*; and,
3. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and,
4. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered, the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

- A. Strike definition 2.5, because it is not used in any current MNBC Legislation;
- B. Strike definition 2.9 and insert the following in its place:

2.9 **"Registry"** means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens.
- C. Strike definition 2.12 and insert the following in its place:

2.12 A **"Chartered Community"** is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- D. Strike definition 2.21 and insert the following in its place: **"Registration"** means citizenship in the MNBC.

AND strike all instances of the word "Membership" and insert "Registration" in its place throughout the Act.
- E. Strike definition 2.23, and replace all instances of "Métis Community" in the Act with "Chartered

Community”.

- F. Strike the word “Standardized” from definition 2.27, so that the title is “**Provincial Citizenship Card**”;
- G. Strike definition 2.31, and insert the following in its place:
- “**Citizenship Authority**” (the “Authority”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
- The Executive Director of Citizenship
 - The Director of Citizenship
 - The Citizenship Assessment Manager.
- H. Reorder and renumber all definitions so that they are in alphabetical and numerical order.
- I. Replace all instances of “Community” and “Chartered Métis Community” with “Chartered Community”.
- J. Strike the words “as a Métis Citizen” and the second instance of the words “is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry” in Article 3.1, because these phrases are redundant.
- K. Delete the current Article 4.2 and insert the following in its place:
- 4.2 Upon approval of registration, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen.
- L. Replace all instances of “Registrar” with “Citizenship Authority” in the other definitions, and Articles 3 to 6, 7.10, 7.11, 8, and 10 to 13 inclusive.
- M. Strike the word “sixteen (16)” in Article 4.3 and insert “nineteen (19)” in its place.
- N. Replace all instances of “Registrar” with “Ministry of Citizenship” in articles 7.1 to 7.9 inclusive, 7.12 and 7.13 and Nine.
- O. Strike the current article 7.2 and insert the following in its place:
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.
- P. Insert the word “shall” following the words “Ministry of Citizenship”, and strike the word “Central” before the word “Registry” in Article 7.5 so that it will read:
- “The Ministry of Citizenship shall cause the Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;”
- Q. Strike Articles 8.1 to 8.3 and insert the following as a new 8.0 in their place:
- 8.0 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal

information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant.

- R. In Article 9.1, strike the phrase “retained and/or employed by the MNBC”, so that it will read as follows:
- 9.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:”
- S. Strike the word “that” in article 11.4 and insert “than” in its place, so that the first sentence reads:
- 11.4 The parties shall be provided no less than two (2) weeks notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard.
- T. In Article 12.0, replace the first instance of “Registry Office” with “Ministry of Citizenship”, and the second instance with “Citizenship Authority”, so that Article 12.0 will read:
- 12.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Ministry of Citizenship including the remuneration for the office of the Citizenship Authority and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.



RESOLUTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process
- Legislation Affected: *Citizenship Act, Senate Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The *Constitution* defines Métis as “a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples, and is accepted by the Métis Nation”; and,
2. The *Citizenship Act* authorizes the Registrar to determine whether a person is entitled to be registered as a Citizen, and to determine whether a registered Citizen is found to be ineligible during an audit or review; and,
3. Challenges to a person’s Métis citizenship by someone other than the Registrar is contrary to the provisions of self-identification essential to citizenship and the role of the Registrar.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. Article Eleven be struck from the *Citizenship Act*.
- B. Current articles Twelve and Thirteen in the *Citizenship Act* be renumbered accordingly.
- C. In the new 12.4 (previously 13.4) of the *Citizenship Act*, change the words “Article 12.0” to “Article 11.0”.
- D. Subject to approval of A above, article 8.1(k) be struck from the *Senate Act*.

2023 AGM EXPLANATION CHART FOR RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2



Resolution title	Resolved #	Rationale
1. Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship	A – Strike Definition 2.5 “Governance Charter Community”	Definition is not used in any current legislation.
	B – Strike and replace Definition 2.9	Replaces “Central Registry” with “Registry.” Language clarifies that the Registry is the data and systems, not the office of the registrar/citizenship authority.
	C – Strike and replace definition 2.12	Aligns word usage of “Chartered Community” with Constitution.
	D – Replaces “membership” with “registration” in definition	Ensures consistency throughout Act. Current version has membership only once, but uses “registration” multiple times. As a consequential amendment, “membership” is being removed and replaced with registration in the Act.
	E – Removes definition of “Métis Community”	To ensure consistency and clarity throughout Act, removes “Métis Community” and replaces it with “Chartered Community”
	F – Removal of word “Standardized” from title of Citizenship Card	Changes definition to “Provincial Citizenship Card.” Now that there is only one citizenship card, and Communities are not distributing their own cards, this word is not necessary in the definition.
	G – Replaces “Registrar” with Citizenship Authority	Creates new “Citizenship Authority” and defines MNBC staff positions in the Citizenship Authority. This makes it so that registration is not dependent on one person, which allows for continued approval of applications and issuance of citizenship cards even if one of the people mentioned is absent.
	H – Housekeeping after new definitions are approved	Consequential amendments to new definitions being approved.
	I – Replacement of other phrases using the word “Community” with “Chartered Community”	Consequential to approval of C, and provides clarity and consistency of language throughout the Act.
	J – Housekeeping	Removes redundant words and phrases in Article 3.1
	K – New Article 4.2	Clarifies and simplifies language about actions to be taken by Citizenship Authority after registration is approved. NOTE: If the new, simplified wording is approved without “F” and “G” being approved, the motion will need to be changed on the floor.
	L – Replacement of “Registry Office” with Citizenship Authority in definitions and certain articles	Gives authority to new Citizenship Authority for certain aspects of the citizenship application process.
	M – Age change	Amends age of majority in Article 4.3 to 19 – legal requirement.
	N – Replaces “Registrar” with “Ministry of Citizenship” in certain articles	Position of Registrar will no longer exist; these aspects will be the jurisdiction of the Ministry.

Resolution title	Resolved #	Rationale
	O – Replace article 7.2	Broadens definition of information to be collected to ascertain citizenship, indicates where the information is listed, and allows for changes from time to time. This will provide flexibility to the Ministry as circumstances change.
	P – Housekeeping	Inserts missing word. NOTE: If N is not approved, this motion will need to be revised on the floor to only insert the word “shall”.
	Q – Revises and consolidates ArticleEight	Current 8.2 can be deleted and 8.1 and 8.3 can be consolidated, after G is approved. NOTE: If G is not approved, this part should not be considered.
	R – Housekeeping	Housekeeping if N approved
	S – Housekeeping	Corrects an incorrect word.
	T – Housekeeping	Housekeeping if G approved
2. Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process	A – removal of Article 11	Removes ability of Citizens to challenge other Citizens on their Métis ancestry
	B & C – Housekeeping	Renumbers sections subject to removal of section 11, corrects references
	D – Housekeeping	Consequential to approval of A. This removes “citizenship challenges” from Committees of the Senate; once Article 11 in Citizenship Act is removed, Senate no longer needs this committee



RESOLUTION 3

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Increasing Opportunities for Voting
- Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people vote as possible in elections;
2. It is often difficult for people to access a ballot box, particularly in large, rural areas of the province;
3. Métis Citizens expressed interest in having more opportunities to cast ballots in elections;
4. Not all Citizens are comfortable casting votes online, or are able to vote online.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:
 - 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.
 - (a) An MNBC Chartered Community may, via written request to the Chief Electoral Officer, request a secured ballot box to the Community, for the deposit of mail-in ballots.
 - i. The ballot box will be secured through the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act, and
 - (a) The person appointed as Returning Officer pursuant to Section 14.1 of the *MNBC Electoral Act* shall be responsible for the security of the above-noted ballot box.
 - ii. The ballot box shall be placed in an accessible location pursuant to the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act.

- iii. The Returning Officer shall send, by mail or courier, Mail-in Ballots deposited by Electors in a secured ballot box in a Community to the location and by the date designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- iv. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the date that the secured ballot box will be closed, and when the ballots must be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.

B. Insert the following definition as number 3.23:

“Mobile Polling Station” means an advance poll consisting of a team of election officials who visit Communities, and have two secure ballot boxes: one to collect Mail-in Ballots, and one to collect ballots issued by the team to electors who have not previously received a Mail-in Ballot.

AND renumber the remaining definitions accordingly.

C. Insert the following as (a) to Article 15.1

- (a) Advance polls shall be open for at least four (4) consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled.

D. Strike article 26 and replace with the following.

- 26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish at least one advance poll to accommodate electors. Such a poll may take place at a location of a Community which has requested and received a secure ballot box, or may be a mobile polling station, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. The dates, times, and locations of advance polls will be scheduled to provide reasonable access to as many electors as possible.
- 26.2 Advance Poll(s) shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - (a) The days and times of a Mobile Polling Station in Communities shall be included in the list of polling stations referenced in Section 16.4 of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 26.3 Any person on the list of electors and in possession of a mail ballot who attends an advance poll may mark their ballot and deposit it at that advance poll, in the ballot box reserved for Mail Ballots.
- 26.4 Any person who meets the criteria set out in Article 6 of this Act and:
 - Has not received a mail-in ballot, and
 - Has not voted online, and
 - Signs a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person,

May receive a ballot from the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person.

26.5 Any person who has received a mail ballot and has spoiled it:

- i. May exchange the spoiled ballot for a replacement ballot, or
- ii. If not in possession of the spoiled ballot, may receive a replacement ballot after signing a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person;

at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person

The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept.



RESOLUTION 4

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Elector Outreach and Education
- Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via Electoral Act Committee
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: June 4, 2023
- Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

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 existing 5.2b to 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 in section 8.1 as a new part b:
- b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment.

AND renumber the remaining subsections in 8.1 accordingly.



RESOLUTION 5

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments
- Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via Electoral Act Committee
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: June 4, 2023
- Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

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 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:
 - i. 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 Métis Nation British Columbia 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.



RESOLUTION 6

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Regulatory Authority for Elections
- Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act, MNGA Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via Electoral Act Committee
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: June 4, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. After an election is called, there may be an urgent need for additional or amended rules specific to the election; and
2. MNBC Citizens meet once, annually, at the AGM and urgent changes to the rules for an election may not be dealt with in a timely fashion; and
3. The MNGA is the legislative body of the MNBC as set out in the *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 *Electoral Act* as Section 45:

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly 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 *Métis Nation Governing Assembly 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.



RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Extension of Voting Timelines
- Legislation Affected: Electoral Act
- Submitted by: MNGA via Electoral Act Committee
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: June 4, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

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 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;
- 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.

2023 AGM EXPLANATION CHART FOR RESOLUTIONS 3-7



Resolution title	Resolved #	Rationale
3. Increasing Opportunities for Voting	B – Increases access to mail in ballots.	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to offer elections by mail in ballot. It also allows a Community to request a ballot box and outlines responsibility for the box and any ballots cast using the ballot box.
	C – new definition	Adds the concept of a Mobile Polling Station to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to arrange for a form of advance poll that would travel from community to community to allow electors to deposit ballots they received by mail, or receive a ballot if needed.
	D – advance poll hours	Requires advance polls to be open for at least four consecutive hours.
	E – replaces article 26	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to establish advance polls in the form of a ballot box sent to Community, or a mobile polling station or both in order to reach as many electors as possible, and to publish the dates and times. Remainder of the recommendation allows electors to deposit mail ballots at an advance poll, receive a ballot at an advance poll, or receive a replacement ballot at an advance poll in the Region or Community they normally live in.
4. Elector Outreach and Education	A – replacement of “may” with “shall”	This change requires the Chief Electoral Officer to engage in voter education and outreach activities for elections. This is optional in the current version of the <i>Electoral Act</i> .
	B – additional wording	Inserts a list of possible education and outreach activities the Chief Electoral Officer can engage in without limiting the types of activities.
	C – positions available	Requires the Chief Electoral Officer to widely distribute information about positions available for elections.
	D – addition to notice of election	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to include positions available for election, along with responsibilities and time commitments, as part of the initial mail out to all electors and posting on the MNBC website.
5. MNBC Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments	A – delete and insert new words	“Returning Clerk” is not a definition in the Act. This recommendation fixes section 14.1f so that it is consistent with the existing definition.
	B – reorganize an article	Article 14.1 is currently unclear; renumber parts c to f clarifies that those categories are included in the list of people who may not serve as a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk.
	C – replacement of a word	Clarifies the meaning of Article 31.2
6. Regulatory Authority for Elections	A – addition to <i>Electoral Act</i>	Allows for the MNGA to make temporary election rules if required for an election to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to deal with emergent situations and not require a Special General Meeting to consider requests.
	B – Addition to <i>MNGA Act</i>	Adds the same as A to the <i>MNGA Act</i>
7. Extension of Voting Timelines	A – changes deadline for nominations paperwork from 45 to 40 days before the election.	Making a small reduction in the time for prospective candidates to submit paperwork means the time for receiving and returning ballots can be extended.
	B – Housekeeping change	Provides a short period of time for the Chief Electoral Officer to publish acclamation to office rather than “immediately”
	C – Changes timeline for posting list of candidates	Changes timeline for posting list of candidates online from 7 days to 5 days. In combination with approval of A above, this will increase the amount of time Citizens have to return mail ballots by



RESOLUTION 8

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Changes to the *Veterans Act*
- Legislation Affected: *Veterans Act*
- Submitted by: MNGA via Minister of Veterans
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The MVBC Committee has undergone some changes, and the *MVBC Act* needs to be updated to reflect these changes;
2. The relationship of the MVBC to the MNBC, and the qualifications for membership and associate membership in MVBC should be stated clearly and succinctly;
3. The role of the Minister of Veterans to the MVBC needs to be clearly defined and understandable.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The *Veterans Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Remove the second instance of "of" in Section 2.1 so that it shall read: The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans British Columbia (the "MVBC") within the MNBC.
- B. Strike Section 3.2 and insert the following in its place:

The spouses and children of MVBC Members who wish to join MVBC may apply for associate membership of MVBC and may be accepted as an associate member (the "Associate Member" or "Associate Members" as the case may be) of MVBC. The MVBC Committee will assess and accept or deny applications for Associate Membership.
- C. Strike Section 3.3 and insert the following in its place:

The MVBC Committee may, at their sole discretion, revoke a person's associate membership.
- D. Insert new Section 3.5 as follows:

A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.

- E. Insert the acronym “BC” following the word “Veterans” in the title of Article Four, so that the new title will be:

ARTICLE FOUR – MÉTIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE

- F. Strike existing sections 4.1 to 4.6 and insert the following new Sections 4.1 to 4.12 in their place:

- 4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), a Woman Veteran Representative, and a Service Officer, all being MVBC members.
- 4.2 The MVBC Membership shall elect from among themselves the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.
- 4.3 The term of office for all MVBC Committee members shall be no more than four (4) years. Elections and appointments shall be held at a MVBC General Meeting, in the year on which the term for those MVBC Committee members shall expire.
- 4.4 The MNBC Minister of Veterans will notify the relevant Regional Director no less than ninety (90) days before their MVBC Regional Representative term will expire, and an appointment must be made by the Regional Governance Council, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.5 No Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson, Women’s Representative, or Service Officer, without the approval of the MNBC Minister of Veterans.
- 4.6 At least one member of the MVBC Committee shall be a serving or retired member of the RCMP, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.7 A Treasurer and Membership Clerk will be appointed by the MVBC Committee from the MVBC Committee Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”.
- 4.8 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:
 - a.) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
 - c.) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;

- d.) Serve as *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
- e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
- f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
- g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
- h.) Represent themselves as Métis veterans at municipal, provincial, federal, commemorative, or other events.

4.9 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.

4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.

4.11 No less than seven (7) days' notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.

4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

- G. Strike the current title of Article Five of the *Veterans Act* and insert the following in its place:

ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS

- H. Strike existing sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Veterans Act* and insert new sections 5.1 to 5.3 in their place:

5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.

5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate MNBC Board Member and the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.

5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.



RESOLUTION 9

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members
- Legislation Affected: MNGA Act
- Submitted by: MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. A principle in any deliberative assembly is that each member is entitled to one vote; and
2. While Community Presidents may also hold a second post as a Regional Representative, there is a mechanism in the MNGA act for the Vice-President to attend MNGA meetings if the President is unable to do so.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

- A. Insert the following as Article 3.1.1
 - 3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1 above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling.
- B. Insert the following as Article 4.2.1 a):
 1. a) Each member of the MNGA is entitled to one vote per motion at meetings.



RESOLUTION 10

SUBMITTED TO THE 2023 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



- Subject: MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments
- Legislation Affected: MNGA Act
- Submitted by: MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors
- Submitted to: AGM Clerk
- Date Submitted: March 5, 2023
- Vote Required for Approval: Majority

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 following changes be made to the *MNGA Act*:

- A. In definition 2.17, add an "s" to the word "order" so that the phrase being defined is "**Orders of the Day**".
- B. Subject to approval of A above, replace all instances of "Order of the day" with "Orders of the Day", so that the phrase matches definition 2.17 throughout the *Act*.
- C. Strike the word "General" in definition 2.10 and insert "Governing" in its place, so that the phrase being defined is "**Governing Assembly**".
- D. Strike definition 2.11 and renumber all subsequent definitions accordingly.
- E. Subject to approval of C, above, strike the word "General" from Article 3.2 and insert the word "Governing" in its place, so that 3.2 will read:
 - 3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community's Vice-president may represent that Community.



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

CONSTITUTION

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





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Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia

Whereas the Métis People in British Columbia assert their inherent right of self-government and hereby establish the Government of the Métis Nation British Columbia:

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

1. The Métis Nation is distinct within the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The Métis are distinct from First Nations and Inuit and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved as a people with a common political will and consciousness.
2. Having experienced physical and political conflict and being deprived of property in the late 1800's, we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our government and revive our cultural heritage and pride. As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-governance and self-government institutions. In order to achieve these objectives we are hereby re-establishing a strong and revitalized government within the province of British Columbia, which involves all sectors of Métis society.
3. In accordance with Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, the Métis people are an Aboriginal people within Canada whose existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MÉTIS PEOPLE

4. The Métis Nation has the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
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.
6. Métis men and Métis women equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
7. Every Métis citizen has the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
8. No Métis Citizen shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion.



10. Every Métis Citizen has the right of association and to assemble and organize at the community level. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those necessary to protect the peace and order of the Métis Nation as prescribed by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
11. Nothing in this Constitution abrogates or derogates from the rights Métis people have or may exercise under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)

12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the President and Vice-President for a total of eleven (11) Members.
13. The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that all requests for resources are unlikely to be met.
14. The MNBC shall provide a written Activity Report and a written Financial Report at each session of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
15. The Executive of the MNBC shall be comprised of four (4) Members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
16. The MNBC shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to the Executive from among its Members.
17. The MNBC shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the MNBC or the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. In appointing such bodies, the MNBC must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
18. The MNBC shall designate persons who may have signing authority for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall include the Treasurer.
19. The MNBC shall meet at least four (4) times per year at the call of the President or Vice-President in the absence of the President. The President or Vice-President as the case may be shall give two (2) days written notice of all MNBC meetings to all the Members of the MNBC. The two (2) day notice period may be waived by the Members in attendance at a meeting.
 - 19.1. A meeting of the MNBC can be called by a majority of the Board of Directors.
20. Quorum of the MNBC shall be the majority of the Board of Directors.
21. Decisions of the MNBC shall require a simple majority.



22. A person may not be a Member of the MNBC when they hold a salaried position directly with the Métis Nation Governing Assembly or the MNBC. This does not disqualify a person from being a Member of the MNBC when that person receives an honorarium, salary or per diem for performing the duties of that elected office.
23. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC when:
 - 23.1. They die.
 - 23.2. They resign.
 - 23.3. They are no longer the President of the MNBC, or are no longer the Vice- President of the MNBC or are no longer a Regional Director.
 - 23.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia
 - 23.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 23.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - 23.7. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater. A person disqualified from being a member of the MNBC by this sub-section may appeal that disqualification to the Senate.
 - 23.8. They have clearly been identified as having breeched their fiduciary duty to the Members or to Métis citizens.
24. A member of the MNBC shall not be removed from the MNBC for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.
25. A person may be suspended from being a Board Member of the MNBC, with or without pay, by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNBC. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.
26. Should there no longer be a President of the MNBC pursuant to Article 23 and 25, the Vice-President shall fulfill the Office of the President until a by-election is held to elect a new President in accordance with Article 46.
27. The Secretary or the Treasurer may resign from the Executive without being disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC.

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (MNGA)

28. There shall be established a Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall be the governing legislative body of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
29. 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, and the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.



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- 29.1. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
30. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall review and ratify legislation, regulations, rules, resolutions and constitutional amendments for presentation and final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
31. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out their legislative duties. In appointing such bodies, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
32. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia at a meeting on a date decided upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly at the previous meeting. The meetings shall be held at least three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.
- 32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council, at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.
33. Fifty (50) per cent plus one of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.
34. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly when:
- 34.1. They die.
- 34.2. They resign.
- 34.3. They are no longer the President or Vice-President of a Community.
- 34.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 34.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age, except for the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.7. They have clearly breached their fiduciary duty to the Members or the Métis citizens.



35. A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.

ELECTIONS

36. Any Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
37. 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.
38. 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.
39. Any person seeking elected office must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to seek elected office as a Community President or Regional Director.
40. To vote in an election, a person must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to vote for a Community President or Regional Director. A person who wishes to vote for a Community President or Regional Director, but has not been a resident of a Region for six (6) months may vote for a Community President or Regional Director in the Region that they lived immediately prior to the election, provided that they meet the other voting requirements.
41. The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia and the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.
42. Elections for the MNBC shall be held once every four (4) years on any date within 6 months prior to the 4th year anniversary.
43. Elections for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly who are not also Members of the MNBC shall be held at least every two (2) years.
44. There shall be no limits on the number of terms that may be served by anyone elected to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
45. In order to run for elected office in the MNBC, a candidate must provide a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the Chief Electoral Officer with the filed nomination papers for the purpose of satisfying Article 23.7. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the candidate voluntarily consents in writing.



46. Subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the MNBC or of any elected position at the regional level. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the MNBC Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that position.
- 46.1. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Women's Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.
- 46.2. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Youth Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MYBC Committee;
- 46.3. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.
47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA must submit in writing, notice of a leave of absence.

SENATE

48. The Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
49. The Senate shall be comprised of seven (7) Senators. Each of the seven (7) Regions shall appoint one (1) Senator in the manner and process as set out in the Senate Act.
50. In order to be considered for a Senate appointment, a Senate candidate must be a Métis citizen and must have provided a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the MNBC who will review the Criminal Record Check in confidence to ensure compliance with sub-section 54.3. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the Senate candidate voluntarily consents in writing.
51. No Senator may hold any elected or salaried position within the MNBC, MNGA, Community, or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia or the Métis Youth of British Columbia and must resign from any such position prior to appointment to the Senate.
52. Senators shall be appointed for a term and conditions as set out in the Senate Act.



53. A person ceases to be a Senator when:
- 53.1. They resign.
 - 53.2. They die.
 - 53.3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty over two (2) years (2) years or greater.
 - 53.4. They take a salaried position prohibited by Article 51.
 - 53.5. Or as outlined in the provisions of the Senate Act.
54. The MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the first term of the Senate. Thereafter, the MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the Senate, based on financial resources, which may be available for that purpose.

COMMUNITIES

55. Communities shall be the basic unit of the Métis Government. No community (city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit) shall have more than one (1) Community.
- 55.1 Communities seeking chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy five (75) percent of the Applicable Regional Governance Council members and such motion to be submitted to the MNGA;
 - 55.2 Geographical boundaries of Community/Communities seeking Community Governance Charter shall be submitted as part of the motion to the MNGA;
 - 55.3 Ratification by seventy five (75) percent of the MNGA is required.
56. A Community shall be made up of at least twenty-five (25) Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 56.1 If a group of Métis Citizens residing in a city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit in which there is no existing Chartered Community, that group of Citizens may apply to the applicable Regional Governance Council for interim Chartered Community designation (hereinafter referred to as an “Interim Chartered Community” or having “Interim Chartered Community Status” as the case may be) provided the application is signed by at least 15 Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - 56.2 The process for seeking Interim Chartered Community Status must follow the process set out in Articles 55.1, 55.2 and 55.3 of this Constitution.
 - 56.3 If the application is approved by the MNGA, Interim Chartered Community Status can be granted for a maximum two (2) year period from the date ratification is confirmed by the MNGA, or when the Interim Chartered Community achieves twenty-five (25) Members and then applies for Chartered Community status pursuant to the provisions of Article 55, and then is approved.



- 56.4 An Interim Chartered Community shall have observer status at an MNGA, and shall not have voting rights.
- 56.5 An Interim Chartered Community may receive benefits and services from MNBC at the sole discretion of the MNBC.
57. Métis communities recognized by the MNBC Constitution and Legislation are required to enter into Community Governance Charters that define an affiliated relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution. Hereinafter known as “Community Governance Charter”.
58. All Communities shall, as soon as possible, enact a Constitution that is consistent with this Constitution.

REGIONS

59. In the event that a Community is in contravention of the terms of its Community Governance Charter or of the provisions of the MNBC Constitution, the MNBC will do all within its ability to assist the community to come into compliance within the Community Governance Charter and/or MNBC Constitution as the case may be and, in the event the Community, in the discretion of the MNBC, remains or continues to be non-compliant, the MNBC shall make such recommendations to the MNGA as may be deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving that community’s Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC.

- 59.1 There shall be seven (7) Regions as set out in the adjacent map:

Region 1 Vancouver Island
Region 2 Lower Mainland
Region 3 Thompson/Okanagan
Region 4 Kootenays
Region 5 North Central
Region 6 Northwest
Region 7 Northeast



60. 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, and the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the non-voting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.
- 60.1. All members of a Regional Governance Council must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry as MNBC Citizens.
- 60.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.



- 60.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts. MNBC leadership is responsible for consulting and engaging with Regional Governance Councils regarding all relevant agreements impacting Citizens.
- 60.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.
- 60.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.
- 60.6. Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.”
- 60.7. If a member of the Regional Governance Council has been disqualified from being a member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly pursuant to any of the provisions under Article 34, or if they have suspended from being a member of the MNGA pursuant to the provisions of Article 35, such disqualification or suspension shall also apply to their membership and participation in the applicable Regional Governance Council.
- 60.8. If the President of a Community is unable to attend an RGC meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member of the Chartered Community to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen ..

CITIZENSHIP

61. Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
 - 61.1. “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
 - 61.2. “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-Breeds as they were then known.
 - 61.3. “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.
 - 61.4. “Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.



62. The MNBC has a unique citizenship card for citizens of the Métis Nation in BC. These cards are numbered and the numbers recorded in the central registry by the office of the registrar.
63. Citizenship cards shall be issued to all Métis upon a person presenting themselves for citizenship and satisfying the definition set out above.
64. Where there is a dispute as to citizenship, a ruling shall be made by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Act or the policies and procedures to be developed by the Senate, which ruling shall be final and binding.

MÉTIS INDEPENDENCE

65. The Métis Nation is seeking a third order of government within Canada, so the Métis Nation is non-partisan in respect of federal and provincial politics. This does not restrict the right of Métis individuals to hold Memberships in or to express personal opinions about federal, provincial, municipal partisan politics.
66. Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that he or she 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 he or she may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.
67. All Members of the MNBC, MNGA and Senate shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

68. An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia must be held annually. The precise dates and locations of an AGM must be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM. The agenda for each AGM shall include:
 - 68.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
 - 68.2. President's Report for Previous Fiscal Year
 - 68.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly
 - 68.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.
 - 68.5. Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.
69. Only persons who have registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, and are registered as a MNBC Citizen within the MNBC Central Registry, are entitled to speak and be issued voting credentials at a MNBC AGM or SGM.



SECRETARIAT

70. A Secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia shall be continued or created under the BC Society Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the MNBC, MNGA and the Senate.
71. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the Members of the MNBC.

AMENDMENT

72. All legislation, legislative amendments, constitutional amendments and resolutions shall be considered and given first reading by the MNGA in accordance with the provisions of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act.
73. This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:
- 73.1. Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the *MNGA Act*;
 - 73.2. Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.
 - 73.3. At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION CITIZENSHIP ACT

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ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Act:
- 2.2 **"Act"** means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 2.3 **"Adoption"** Act of transferring parental rights and duties to someone other than the adopted person's biological parents by means of a statutory adoption or a customary Métis adoption.
- 2.4 **"Adopted Métis Citizen"** A Métis Citizen that has acquired their Métis Citizenship as per Article 12 of the MNBC Citizenship Act.
- 2.5 **"Governance Chartered Community"** are those Métis Communities that have entered into Governance Charter agreements with the MNBC.
- 2.6 **"Appeal" or "Appeals"** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;
- 2.7 **"Applicant"** means an individual who applies for a Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Registrar.
- 2.8 **"Application"** means the Provincial Citizenship Standardized Application Form.
- 2.9 **"Central Registry"** means the office of the Registrar and shall include the reception, research and storage facility of the Registrar.
- 2.10 **"Child"** means a child of a Métis citizen.
- 2.11 **"Citizenship Appeal Committee"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Appeal Committee as established and maintained by the Senate.
- 2.12 **"Community"** (collectively referred to as **"Communities"**) means those organizations or societies as defined as a Métis Community or Métis Communities in the Constitution.
- 2.13 **"Community Governance Charter"** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.14 **"Constitution"** means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as amended from time to time.



- 2.15 **“Customary Adoption”** An adoption that is consistent with the historical and customary practices of the Métis Nation which has occurred at an early age by an immediate or extended family member.
- 2.16 **“Extended Family Member”** Is a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew and/or niece that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.17 **“Genealogical Evidence”** means evidence which indicates proof that an Applicant’s parent is, or parents are, of Métis Ancestry and that the Applicant is Métis and which can be verified by an objective and valid process.
- 2.18 **“Historical and Customary Practices”** The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.
- 2.19 **“Immediate Family Member”** Is a parent (mother/father), child (son/daughter) or sibling (sister/brother) that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.20 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents or acts pursuant to which the administrative affairs and constitutional requirements of the MNBC shall be carried out.
- 2.21 **“Membership”** means citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.22 **“Métis”** or **“Citizen”** means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.23 **“Métis Community”** means a Community or Communities as defined in the *Constitution*.
- 2.24 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 2.25 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization previously known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia which represents and is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution* which is also the *Constitution* of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
- 2.26 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the governing body with the secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, which represents and is comprised of the Métis citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provision of the *Constitution*.
- 2.27 **“Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card”** means the identification card that shall be issued by the Registrar to all Métis Citizens who have had their Genealogy and supporting documentation validated and verified by the Office of the Registrar.
- 2.28 **“Statutory Adoption”** An adoption that is granted under the authority of provincial and/or territorial government legislation.



- 2.29 **“Supporting Documentation”** is defined as records used to support an application for Citizenship, including Vital events records, historical records, church records, archival records, and census records.
- 2.30 **"Registered"** means registered as a Métis Citizen under this Act.
- 2.31 **"Registrar"** means the Registrar appointed by the MNBC to administer the Central Registry.
- 2.32 **“Under Review”** means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Registrar following an audit or review of the Central Registry

ARTICLE THREE – MÉTIS NATION ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon Applicant providing to the Registrar a written application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Registrar, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:
- 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Métis Community area or Métis community and the jurisdiction of the MNBC; and
- 3.1.2 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Métis Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC;
- 3.2 Once the Registrar is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Registrar may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.
- 3.3 The Registrar shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month

ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Métis Community;
- 4.2 Upon application, the Registrar shall issue a Provincial Standardized Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as Métis if the Applicant meets the requirements of this Act and has submitted Genealogical evidence of Métis ancestry satisfactory to the Registrar;
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under sixteen (16) years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of that individual;



- 4.5 No individual is obliged to apply for registration;
- 4.6 In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Registrar with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;
- 4.7 The Registrar shall review applications for registration and shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if:
 - a) The Applicant is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
 - b) Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and
 - c) The application is properly made.
- 4.8 The Registrar shall establish and implement a process to seek out and encourage the application for registration of all qualified individuals who are entitled to be registered as Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY

- 5.1 A Métis Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Registry;
- 5.2 The Registrar shall remove a Métis Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be registered as a Métis Citizen;
- 5.3 A Métis Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.

ARTICLE SIX – REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY DUE TO INELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:
 - a) The Registrar will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Registrar.
- 6.2 If the Registrar has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.



- 6.3 If the Registrar has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Registrar's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Registrar. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Registrar is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Registrar. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
- (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL REGISTRY

- 7.1 The Registrar shall maintain a uniform system for the Registration of Métis Citizens;
- 7.2 The following information about a Métis Citizen will be maintained in the Central Registry:
- a) Citizen's name;
 - b) Address or place of residence;
 - c) Date of birth;
 - d) Marital status; (optional)
 - e) The name of any spouse of the Citizen; (optional)
 - f) The dates of any marriages of the Citizen; (optional)
 - g) The names and dates of birth of any children of the Citizen;
 - h) The Community under which the person has applied for registration;
 - i) The full name and date of birth of that Citizen's mother and father;
 - j) The other information submitted by the Citizen in support of that Citizen's Application for registration; and
 - k) Such genealogical information about the Citizen as may exist.
 - l) Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) form;
- 7.3 The Registrar may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Registrar's sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 7.4 All information concerning Applicants or Métis Citizens located at the Central Registry is confidential and the Registrar shall adhere to or cause to be adhered to, all federal and provincial Privacy Laws;



- 7.5 The Registrar cause the Central Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical, and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;
- 7.6 The Registrar will, with the consent of the MNBC Board of Directors obtain permission from Citizens to release certain personal information of Citizens to the Provincial or Federal Governments for health and social determinants of health research purposes only, provided that each Citizen affected by that permission has been provided with an information document fully describing the information proposed by the Registrar to be released, including a release statement that provides that Citizen with an opportunity to decline or refuse to permit the release of the personal information proposed to be released.
- i) In the event a Citizen, having been provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the Registrar at the address provided, declines to give their consent for the information to be released, then that information will not be released.
- 7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Métis Community, a regional registry clerk, or directly to the Métis Nation British Columbia registry;
- 7.8 Application shall be submitted by the Chartered Métis Community of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk to the Registrar for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 7.9 An Applicant whose application is not approved by the Registrar shall be notified, in writing of the decision;
- 7.10 An Applicant, having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and whose Application the Registrar approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 7.11 An Applicant, who has applied for MNBC Citizenship, where the application has been forwarded by a Chartered Métis Community or Regional Registry Clerk, and whose application the Provincial Registrar approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 7.12 Each Provincial Citizenship Card shall bear a personal and individual registration number and clearly identify which MNBC Region the Citizens resides;
- 7.13 Provincial Citizenship Cards issued pursuant this Act shall constitute the only legitimate and valid proof of Métis Citizenship to the exclusion of all other cards and/or documents of any nature;
- 7.14 Except as may be otherwise provided by this Act, the MNBC shall be solely responsible for the development and distribution of the Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and the Provincial Citizenship Card.



ARTICLE EIGHT - REGISTRY OFFICE

- 8.1 The MNBC shall establish a Registry Office based on fiscal resources that may be available to the MNBC;
- 8.2 The Registry Office shall consist of:
- a) A Registrar; and
 - b) Registry Office staff.
- 8.3 The Registry Office shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Métis Communities when consent to Release of Personal Information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant to the MNBC Central Registry.

ARTICLE NINE - THE REGISTRAR

- 9.1 The Registrar retained and/or employed by the MNBC, shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
- 9.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the Provincial Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act;
- 9.3 Be and is authorized to request and obtain Genealogical evidence and/or any other documentation and information which may be relevant to an application and the proper discharge of the Registrar's duties;
- 9.4 Provide a report in writing to MNGA and the MNBC upon their reasonable request;
- 9.5 Maintain the Central Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
- 9.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant and/or the Métis Community, as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;
- 9.7 Include with any written decision, written instruction on the procedure for commencing an appeal from a decision of the Registrar;
- 9.8 Be authorized to render decisions on the voluntary removal of Métis Citizens from the Central Registry;
- 9.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship by the Central Registry may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- 9.10 Ensure that all documentation and information in the possession of the Registrar with respect to the application under appeal is provided, together with the Registrar's report, to the Senate prior to the date upon which the appeal is to be heard;



- 9.11 Comply with any reasonable request of the Senate or of the Citizens' Appeal Committee or other appropriate Senate Tribunal for information or material concerning the Application or an appeal;
- 9.12 Supervise the staff and operation of the Registry Office;
- 9.13 Respond to any reasonable request for information from an Applicant, the appropriate Métis Community or the MNBC concerning an application.

ARTICLE TEN - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL

- 10.0 An Applicant, Métis Community or the MNBC may appeal a decision of the Registrar concerning the application of an Applicant for Citizenship to the Senate pursuant to the provisions of this Act or the Senate Act.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – CHALLENGES TO PERSONS CURRENTLY REGISTERED

- 11.1 Challenges concerning the Métis ancestry of Citizens currently on MNBC citizenship /membership list(s) may be made by Métis Citizens, Métis Communities, or on behalf of the MNBC by written notice to the Registrar. The challenge must include the full name of the Citizen or other individual or person making the challenge and of the Citizen being challenged, the Métis Community at which that Citizen is registered and the grounds for the challenge including any documentation in evidence in support of the challenge. The Citizen subject to the challenge shall be notified by the Registrar in writing and shall have the right to refute the challenge by providing evidence of Métis ancestry to the satisfaction of the Registrar.
- 11.2 The Registrar shall render a written decision on the Challenge which shall be forwarded by registered mail to all parties to the Challenge.
- 11.3 Registrar shall inform the parties of their right to appeal the Registrar's decision within thirty (30) days to the Senate and shall provide instructions to the parties on the form and procedure to commence the appeal.
- 11.4 The parties shall be provided no less than two (2) weeks notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard. The parties and/or their representatives shall be entitled to attend and make representations to the Appeal Tribunal in such manner as may be determined by that Tribunal or the Senate on notice to the parties.
- 11.5 The MNBC, on the recommendation of the Registrar, may require the Citizen, individual or person instituting the challenge to pay the costs and other charges associated with a failed challenge in appropriate circumstances.

ARTICLE TWELVE - FINANCES

- 12.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Registry Office including the remuneration for the office of the Registrar and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.



ARTICLE THIRTEEN - ADOPTION

- 13.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon applicant providing to the Registrar objectively verifiable proof of an adoption which, if accepted by the Registrar, proves that the Applicant has been adopted by a Métis Citizen or is eligible for citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 13.2 The adopted Métis Citizen's citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;
- 13.3 The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.
- 13.3 An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per *Article 12.0*.

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MÉTIS NATION ELECTORAL ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – NAME

- 1.0 This *Electoral Act* of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be cited as the "*MNBC Electoral Act*" and hereinafter be referred to as the "*Electoral Act*".

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE, SEAL AND NAME

- 2.0 The purpose of the *Electoral Act* is to establish fair, open and democratic procedures and rules for the Elections of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

ARTICLE THREE – DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this document:
- 3.1 **“Advance Poll”** means a vote held prior to the designated Election Day so as to allow those voters who may be unable to attend a Polling Station the ability to vote either by voting at a Polling Station or by Mail-in Ballot;
 - 3.2 **“Ballot”** or **“ballot”** means a paper or document representing a vote by an Elector and means vote where the context so dictates;
 - 3.3 **“Board Member”** means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors.
 - 3.4 **“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, and the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - 3.5 **“By-Election”** means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia and/or the Métis Youth of British Columbia 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*;
 - 3.6 **“Campaign Period”** means that period of time from the date that the MNBC Election is called and the date at which the Chief Electoral Officer declares the successful Candidates elected;
 - 3.7 **“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 and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia;



- 3.8 “**Chief Electoral Officer**” means a contractor appointed in writing after final approval of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors is charged with developing a call for proposals and short listing potential contractors to operate Elections for the Métis Nation British Columbia. This short list will be presented to the MNGA for final approval of the successful Chief Electoral Officer;
- 3.9 “**Conflict of Interest**” means the circumstances in which there is a real, potential or apparent conflict between the private interests of a person and the interests of the Métis Nation. This also includes circumstances in which a person represents or is a director/officer of an organization, association or party whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC;
- 3.10 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as adopted by the Métis citizens at the Annual General Meeting September 2003 and revised from time to time thereafter;
- 3.11 “**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, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.
- 3.12 “**Election Day**” means the official day when the votes cast by Electors at an Election are counted;
- 3.13 “**Election Voting Period**” means, in the case of a Polling Station vote, that period of time as designated by the Chief Electoral Officer and in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or online voting Election, that period of time as set by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2 of this *Electoral Act*.
- 3.14 “**Election Officer**” means the Chief Electoral Officer, Returning Officers and Poll Clerks appointed for a particular Election or by-Election;
- 3.15 “**Electors**” 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.
- 3.16 “**Interim Appointee**” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.



- 3.17 **“Leave of Absence”** means an unpaid leave of absence for an MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation.
- 3.18 **“List of Electors”** means a list made pursuant to this *Electoral Act* and prepared by the MNBC Central Registry of individuals entitled to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election;
- 3.19 **“Mail-in ballot”** means a vote that is cast by an Elector and delivered by mail or courier to the location or individual designated by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with Sub- Article 5.6 herein;
- 3.20 **“Métis Citizen”** is a Métis person as defined in the *Constitution* and listed in the central registry;
- 3.21 **“Métis Community”** shall mean the Métis Nation British Columbia communities as set out in the *Constitution*;
- 3.22 **“Métis Nation British Columbia Senate”** means the judicial arm of the of the Métis Nation British Columbia and in accordance with *Senate Act*;
- 3.23 **“Online Voting”** means a vote that is cast by an Elector using a web-based voting system;
- 3.24 **“Ordinarily Resident”** means a Métis citizen who actually lives and has lived continuously in British Columbia for at least twelve (12) full months prior to the date of the Election. In making such determination, temporary absences from British Columbia for reasons such as travel, education, medical treatment, military service or incarceration shall be considered periods of residence provided the person was ordinarily resident prior to such temporary absences. A person can have only one place of Ordinarily Residence;
- 3.25 **“Poll Book”** means a list of names of persons who have received ballots at an Election pursuant to the *Electoral Act*;
- 3.26 **“Poll Clerk”** means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to assist a Returning Officer at the polls pursuant to this *Electoral Act*;
- 3.27 **“Polling Station”** means a place established by the Election Officers where Electors cast their vote or send their ballots by Mail-In Ballots in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein and which is set up pursuant to the *MNBC Electoral Act*;
- 3.28 **“Region or Electoral Region”** means one of the seven (7) regions of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
- 3.29 **“Regional Director”** means a person who holds the position of Regional Director of one of the seven (7) Métis Nation British Columbia regions after being elected pursuant to the *Electoral Act* or after a By-Election pursuant to *Section 47* of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*;



- 3.30 “**Returning Officer**” means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the *Electoral Act*; and
- 3.31 “**Scrutineer**” means a person appointed in writing who is authorized to represent a Candidate’s interests at a Polling Station pursuant to the *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FOUR – DATE OF ELECTION

- 4.0 The date of the Election shall be established by the MNGA in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*.

ARTICLE FIVE – CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

- 5.0 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be appointed by the MNGA to hold office for each Election. This individual shall manage and conduct an Election. The Chief Electoral Officer shall also have the responsibility of conducting any necessary By-Elections while their appointment remains in effect. The Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- 5.1 Provide guidance and supervision respecting the conduct of the Election:
- a. Create all electoral notifications, forms, ballots and documents as may be required;
 - b. Decide the eligibility of all Candidates seeking office in an Election;
 - c. Prepare the List of Electors;
 - d. Appoint Returning Officers and Poll Clerks;
 - e. Ensure that all Election Officers are in compliance with this *Electoral Act* and use the guiding principles of fairness and impartiality when conducting an Election;
 - f. Issue to Election Officers any information and guidance they consider necessary for the administration of the *Electoral Act*;
 - g. Reconcile all ballots and prepare an official Election report for the Métis Communities and Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors; and
 - h. Perform all duties assigned pursuant to this *Electoral Act*.
- 5.2 In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer may:
- a. Implement public education and information activities to make the electoral process better known to the public, particularly to those persons most likely to experience difficulties in exercising their democratic rights;
 - b. Remove from office and replace Election Officers upon being satisfied that the officers:
 - i. Refuse, neglect or have an inability to act;
 - ii. Have failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of their office; or
 - iii. Is engaging in partisan political activities.



- 5.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall consult with the Solicitor for the MNBC, when and if necessary with respect to issues that may arise from time to time concerning the Election process.
- 5.4 If during the course of an Election, it transpires that insufficient time has been allowed, or insufficient Election Officers or Polling Stations have been provided, for the execution of any of the purposes of the *Electoral Act*, by reason of the operation of any provision of this *Electoral Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer, notwithstanding anything in the *Electoral Act* may:
- a. Increase the number of Election Officers (subject to financial resources);
 - b. Increase the number of Polling Stations (subject to financial resources);
- 5.5 However, the Chief Electoral Officer may not extend the hour for the opening or closing of an ordinary or advance polling station, or for accepting nomination packages on nomination day or change the date of ordinary polling day.
- 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer may conduct an Election by Polling Station vote or by Mail-in Ballot in which each Elector casts their vote by sending in their ballot by mail or courier within a specified time period to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer, or by online voting, or by any combination of the three voting procedures.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORS

- 6.1 Any Métis Citizen of the MNBC who is Ordinarily Resident in British Columbia is eligible to be an Elector subject to *Article 6.2* herein.
- 6.2 An Elector is entitled to cast one (1) vote for the each of the following offices:
- a. President;
 - b. Vice President;
 - c. Regional Director;
 - d. Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia for the Region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being 15 years of age to 30;
 - e. Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia 15 years of age to 30.
 - f. Regional Women’s representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being female 18 years of age and older.
 - g. Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia being female eighteen (18) years of age and older
- 6.3 Any person is eligible to vote if:
- a. A Métis person, pursuant to the *MNBC’s Constitution*;
 - b. No less than 18 years of age of the date of the Election;
 - c. No less than 15 years of age and no more than 30 years of age for the MYBC;



- d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. Registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*; and
 - f. Ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
- 6.4 The following individuals are not eligible to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election:
- a. Individuals who are not registered on the MNBC Central Registry;
 - b. Individuals who are not 18 years of age on Election Day; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Individuals who are not 15 years of age and older than 30 on Election Day for the MYBC;
 - d. Individuals who are not female 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the MWBC; and
 - e. The Chief Electoral Officer;
- 6.5. Each Elector shall, before voting, affirm that they are a Métis Citizen of British Columbia and identify as such. In addition, electors must affirm that they are not registered under either the Indian Act or the Inuit Registry.
- 6.6. In the case of Online Voting, an elector shall have the option of voting by a Mail-in Ballot or at a Polling Station designated by the Chief Electoral Officer on Election day, if they are not able to vote online.

ARTICLE SEVEN – LIST OF ELECTORS

- 7.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall obtain from the MNBC Central Registry a final listing of registered voters no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight time on or before the 45th day. Subject only to the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer as set out in *Article 7.7* herein, no individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on or before the 45th day.
- 7.2 Upon receipt of the final lists as stated herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, from the Central registry listing, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- 7.3 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 a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also a list for each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia a copy of the applicable Regional List of Electors. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.



- 7.4 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot shall send their ballot by mail or courier to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period, or, in the case of Online Voting, within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period.
- 7.5 In the event an Elector, who, being on the List of Electors, attends a Polling Station other than the Polling Station at which their name is included on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer at that Polling Station shall deal with that Elector's ballot as set out in *Article 28* herein.
- 7.6 No individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after the 45-day timeline. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then, from the list of registered electors, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- a. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also this will be submitted to each of the nominated and official Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of the applicable regional List of Electors;
 - b. The List of Electors referred to in *Article 7.3* herein shall be provided to the Candidates no less than 39 days prior to the date of the Election;
 - c. The Chief Electoral Officer may amend the List of Electors as necessary; and
 - d. The Chief Electoral Officer shall place a copy of the List of Electors with each Métis community.
- 7.7 Upon provision of evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief Electoral Officer, of a legitimate error or omission, a Métis citizen can have their name added to, or removed from the List of Electors at any time up to fourteen (14) days prior to the Election.
- 7.8 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident. In the event of any discrepancy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the determination as to which Polling Station is deemed closest. Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the List of Electors of another polling station and such determinations shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 7.9 No Métis citizens shall:
- a. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors in a name that is not their own; and
 - b. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors for a region that they are not qualified or entitled to vote as an Elector.



ARTICLE EIGHT – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- 8.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, 60 days before the date of the Election, through a mail-out to all Electors and a posting on the MNBC website, provide notice of the Election and the applicable rules surrounding the Election and the preparation of the List of Electors:
- a. The place and hours fixed for the nomination of Candidates and the date fixed for closing nominations;
 - b. The nomination papers required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer; and
 - c. The address, email and phone number of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.2 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, and Chairperson and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia 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.
- 8.3 Any Métis Citizen is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if, on the day their nomination papers are filed:
- a. They are an ordinarily resident in British Columbia
 - b. Is 18 years of age or older; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;
 - f. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia has been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;
 - g. If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
 - i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;



- ii. At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
 - i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
 - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
 - iii. If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.
 - h. If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.
 - i. At the close of nomination has provided a letter of resignation to the CEO for any salaried (contractor or employment) position held within the MNBC;
 - j. In accordance with *Article 23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*, has provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with *Articles 45* and *23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*; and
 - k. Is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central registry pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 8.4 All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the follow:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of twenty (20) original signatures of 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 position of President and Vice President;
 - c. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 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 Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of female 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 Métis Women of British Columbia;
- 8.5 All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the following:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;



- b. A minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, 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 for Regional Director seeks to be nominated;
 - c. 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 at which the Candidate for the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia seeks to be nominated.
 - d. A minimum of five (5) signatures of female 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 at which the Candidate for the Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 8.6 A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- a. If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the date the elections is announced.
- 8.7 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, or the Métis Women of British Columbia 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.
- 8.8 Candidates who use malicious or objectionable practice or conduct themselves in a malicious or objectionable manner during the Campaign Period shall be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.9 Candidates shall not be permitted to use the offices or equipment of the MNBC or any program delivery offices for the purposes of presenting or advancing their campaign at any time during the campaign period.

ARTICLE NINE – ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

- 9.1. If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall immediately declare that Candidate acclaimed to office.



ARTICLE TEN – NO CANDIDATES NOMINATED

- 10.1. If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for an Election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – POSTING OF NOTICE OF POLL & CANDIDATES

- 11.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, within seven (7) days after the close of nominations, post on the MNBC website a notice indicating the names of the Candidates, the voting method options, and the date and time for voting.
- 11.2. Candidates whose nominations are accepted by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be entitled to receive a copy of the applicable List of Electors, a copy of the *Electoral Act* and other materials as deemed appropriate by the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE TWELVE – WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE

- 12.1. A Candidate may withdraw at any time up to twenty-one (21) days prior to Election Day by filing with the Chief Electoral Officer a written, signed and witnessed declaration to that effect.
- 12.2. When a Candidate has withdrawn, the Chief Electoral Officer shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Electors are advised when receiving a ballot.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – DEATH OF CANDIDATE

- 13.1. If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.
- 13.2. If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND POLL CLERK

- 14.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and a Poll Clerk for each location where a Polling Station is to be established in the electoral region, or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and Poll Clerks for the location designated to receive ballots.



- a. The Returning Officer with assistance from a Poll Clerk is responsible for the conduct at a Polling Station in an electoral region.
 - b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - c. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - d. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - e. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate's representative.
 - f. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or who lives with either a Returning Clerk or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location.
- 14.2 A person appointed, as either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall hold office from the time appointed until thirty (30) days after the Election Day.
- 14.3 The Chief Electoral Officer may remove from office any Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who:
- a. Is incapable, by reason of illness, of satisfactorily performing their duties under the *Electoral Act*;
 - b. Fails to discharge competently their duties as Returning Officer or Poll Clerk so as to comply with an instruction of the Chief Electoral Officer;
 - c. Knowingly makes a contribution to a Candidate's campaign whether or not the contravention occurs in the exercise of his or her duties under the Act.
- 14.4 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, the Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – POLLING HOURS

- 15.1 Polling shall begin at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time in accordance with the particular time zone on the date of the Election and close at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time on that same day.
- 15.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, Electors shall be able to mail or deliver their ballots to the location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days.
- 15.3 In the case of an Election by Online Voting System, Voters shall be able to vote within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than 14 calendar days.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN – LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS

- 16.1 A Polling Station shall be in a location that in the determination of the Chief Electoral Officer is convenient for the Electors.



- 16.2. In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot there shall be a location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of receiving Mail-In Ballots.
- 16.3. In the case of online voting, the system used shall be secure.
- 16.4. A final List of the Polling Stations will be listed twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election Date.
- 16.5. Best efforts will be made to ensure that every Polling Station will be accessible to persons who have a disability that could affect their ability to vote on the Election date.
- 16.6. No Polling Station may be located in the following places:
 - a. Premises where alcohol or spirits are served; or
 - b. Premises in which a Candidate has an interest.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – SCRUTINEERS

- 17.1. Each Candidate may appoint Scrutineers in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer to represent them at each Polling Station, and to observe the Election procedures on their behalf.
 - a. A Candidate may appoint more than one Scrutineer to attend a particular Polling Station while voting is in progress but only one Scrutineer per Candidate may be present in the polling area at any one time.
 - b. A Candidate shall supply their scrutineer with a form approved for such use by the Chief Electoral Officer, appointing them as a scrutineer. If scrutineers are only present for part of a day and are replaced by another scrutineer, the replacement scrutineer must have their own form to show the Returning Officer.
- 17.2. Scrutineers may observe the operation of the Polling Station and observe the counting of the ballots.
- 17.3. In the case of a Mail-in Ballot Election a Candidate may appoint up to 2 scrutineers to be present at the designated location or locations during the opening of the ballot boxes and the counting of the ballots.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – BALLOT BOXES

- 18.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide each Returning Officer with a ballot box to conduct the Election in his or her region. The ballot box shall be made of durable non-see-through material and accompanied by a sufficient number of appropriate seals. The ballot box shall permit the deposit of ballots but not permit their removal without breaking the seals after they have been attached.



ARTICLE NINETEEN – CONTENTS OF BALLOTS

- 19.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of ballots are prepared for an Election.
- 19.2 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, or Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia 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, and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.
- 19.3 If two (2) or more Candidates for the same office have the same surnames, their names shall be listed in alphabetical order according to their given names.
- 19.4 Ballots shall be printed on one side only.

ARTICLE TWENTY – POLLING BOOTHS

- 20.1. Each Polling Station shall contain one or more polling booths arranged so that when an Elector is in the polling booth they are screened from observation and may mark their ballot without interference.
- 20.2. In each polling booth, Electors will be provided with a suitable table, desk or shelf and a suitable marking instrument for marking their ballots. These materials shall be properly maintained during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE – MATERIAL AT POLLING STATION

- 21.1 The Returning Officer shall before the opening of the Poll ensure the following are available:
- a. An area where Electors can mark their ballots in private;
 - b. A document providing voting instructions for Electors;
 - c. A Poll Book where the names of all Electors who vote are to be entered;
 - d. A copy of the final List of Electors;
 - e. A ballot box or ballot boxes as required;
 - f. Tape to secure the ballot box or ballot boxes until the ballots are ready to be counted;
 - g. A sufficient number of ballot papers;
 - h. The material necessary to enable Electors to mark the ballot papers;
 - i. Instructions for the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks; and
 - j. Such other forms, office stationery and materials as may be required to enable the Returning Officer to perform their duties.



ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO – PERSONS ENTITLED TO REMAIN IN POLLING AREA

- 22.1 Only the following individuals may remain in a polling area during polling hours:
- a. Returning Officer;
 - b. Poll Clerk;
 - c. Chief Electoral Officer;
 - d. One Scrutineer per Candidate; and
 - e. Interpreters.
- 22.2 Nothing in this *Electoral Act* restricts a Candidate from briefly visiting a Polling Station during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE – SECRET BALLOT

- 23.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot and in the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, a double envelope system as defined by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be used by Electors to send their ballots to the designated location or locations for receiving ballots.
- 23.2 In the case of online voting, the voter shall be required to authenticate their identity. Their identity and the personal authenticity information of the voter shall remain confidential.
- 23.3 No person in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of votes shall fail to maintain or fail to aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR – SECRECY OF VOTING

- 24.1 Each Returning Officer, Poll Clerk, Candidate and/or Scrutineer in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of the ballots shall assist in maintaining the secrecy of the voting process and they shall not communicate or attempt to communicate any information obtained at the Polling Station regarding which Candidate an Elector has voted for or is about to vote for.
- 24.2 Returning Officers and Poll Clerks shall not communicate any information obtained at the counting of the ballots to any person other than the Chief Electoral Officer or those in their office.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE – OPENING OF POLLING STATION - DISPLAY OF BALLOT BOX

- 25.1 Each Returning Officer shall attend the Polling Station at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of his or her Polling Station.
- 25.2 During the 30 minutes immediately prior to the opening of the Polling Station, the Returning Officer shall show the ballot box to Candidates, Scrutineers and other persons entitled to be present so that they may see that the ballot box is empty.



- 25.3. After the ballot box has been shown, it shall be locked or sealed for receipt of ballots and at all times during the hours of voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX – ADVANCE POLLS

- 26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish an advance poll to accommodate Electors.
- 26.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot and/or Online Voting, the Chief Electoral Officer shall establish an Advance Poll by Mail-In Ballot to accommodate those Electors who believe they will not be able to send in their ballot during the prescribed voting period pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2.
- 26.3 Individuals who may vote at an Advance Poll are those Electors who have reason to believe that they will not be in British Columbia when voting in an Election takes place.
- 26.4 The Advance Poll shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 26.5 Electors wanting to vote in the Advance Poll by mail must make a request for a ballot in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer, and such request shall be signed by the Elector.
- a. No person shall be allowed to request a mail-in ballot on behalf of any other Elector.
 - b. The Chief Electoral Officer will establish the close of date, time and location for which to receive the requests for mail-in ballots.
- 26.6 When Mail-in Ballots have been forwarded to an Elector for the purposes of Advance Poll voting, the Poll Book will be marked indicating that the Elector has voted by submitting a Mail-in Ballot and they may not vote on Election Day or during the Election Period in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or by Online Voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN – POLL BOOKS

- 27.1 Each Returning Officer shall be provided with a Poll Book in which the Returning Officer or the Poll Clerk shall enter the names of all Electors who attend the Polling Station and apply to vote unless those names are previously printed therein. The Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall record whether those Electors are objected to or vouched for and by whom and if objected to whether the Elector voted or not.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT – GENERAL PROCEDURES AT POLLING STATION

- 28.1 Where an Elector presents themselves at the Polling Station for the purpose of voting, the voting process shall proceed as follows:
- a. Each Elector shall present their MNBC Citizenship Card for the purpose of proving their identity and Métis citizenship to the Returning Officer.



- b. The Returning Officer shall ascertain whether the name of the person applying to vote (the “Applicant”) is on the List of Electors and, if it is,
- c. Each eligible Elector shall be given a ballot to be marked clearly, in secret, for the Candidate of that Elector’s choice which thereafter shall be placed in a ballot box as instructed by the Returning Officer.
- d. If the Applicant’s name is not on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer shall not permit that person to vote unless the Applicant can present a valid MNBC Citizenship Card that can be verified by the Returning Officer as being the MNBC Citizenship Card of the Applicant.
- e. In the event that the Applicant can produce a valid MNBC Citizenship Card, the Returning Officer shall record, in the proper column of the Poll Book, the Applicant’s name, address and MNBC Citizenship number and shall provide that Applicant with a ballot paper on which the Applicant shall clearly mark, in secret, the Applicant’s choice of Candidate.
- f. Upon being presented with a completed ballot by a person who is not on the List of Electors at the Polling Station where the Applicant has attended to vote and was permitted to vote by the Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall:
 - i. Place the Applicant’s ballot in an envelope with the Applicant’s name, the date and time noted;
 - ii. Place that envelope into another envelope that shall be kept separate from the ballots cast by Electors (whose names were located on the List of Electors for that Polling Station) and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer for verification of the eligibility of the Applicant.
- g. If verified as eligible by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Applicant’s vote shall be counted.
- h. Any Candidate or their scrutineer may object to the eligibility of any Métis citizen requesting a ballot. If in the opinion of the Returning Officer such objection is reasonable, it shall be noted in the Poll Book and shall include the reason for the objection along with the name of the Candidate on whose behalf the objection is being made. The Returning Officer may then give the Métis Citizen a ballot paper so that the Métis Citizen may cast their ballot. In the event of an objection to the Métis Citizen, the Returning Officer shall follow the procedure under *Article 36.7* of this *Electoral Act*.
- i. The Returning Officer shall record the names and obtain the signatures of all persons who, although deemed ineligible to vote, attended at the Polling Station and requested a ballot.”

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE – CONDUCT AT POLLING STATION

- 29.1. No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an Elector who is marking their ballot or casting their vote or otherwise make any attempt to obtain, at the Polling Station, information as to the Candidate or Candidates for whom an Elector at that Polling Station is about to vote or has voted.



- a. No individual shall, directly or indirectly, threaten to inflict injury, damage, harm or loss on or against an Elector so as to persuade or compel the Elector to vote or refrain from voting, or because the Elector voted or refrained from voting.
- 29.2. No person shall, having voted, apply at the same Election for a ballot paper in the Elector's own name, or vote more than once at the same Election.
- 29.3. No individual shall vote knowing that they have no right to vote, or induce or persuade any other individual to vote knowing that the other individual has no right to vote.
- 29.4. No person shall apply at an Election for a ballot paper in the name of another person, whether living or dead, or a fictitious person.
- 29.5. The campaign office of a Candidate must not be within one (1) kilometer of a Polling Station.
- 29.6. There shall be no campaigning in or in the vicinity of a Polling Station on Election Day.
- 29.7. Every Returning Officer and Poll Clerk is responsible for maintaining peace and order in their Polling Station during an Election.
- 29.8. During an Election, no Candidate or other person on behalf of a Candidate shall, directly or indirectly, or as an accessory, give or cause to be given any alcohol or spirits to or for any person, for the purpose of persuading that person to vote for the Candidate or for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting at an Election.
- 29.9. No Candidate shall make or take a share or interest in a bet or wager based on the result of the Election.
- 29.10. Any person in breach of *Article 29* of this *Electoral Act* will be removed from the Polling Station and will not be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE THIRTY – EXPLANATION OF VOTING

- 30.1 The Returning Officer may and upon request shall, either personally or through their Poll Clerk explain to the Elector as concisely as possible the way in which voting is to be performed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE – VOTING BY A DISABLED PERSON

- 31.1. Where an Elector on the List of Electors comes to a Polling Station to vote and is unable to mark a ballot due to an inability to read or has a physical or mental disability, the Returning Officer shall:



- a. Have a friend or relative complete an Elector Assistance Form indicating the name of the Elector, their own name and the reason the person is incapable of voting alone;
 - b. Permit that person to accompany the Elector into the polling area to mark the ballot in accordance with the Elector's instructions;
 - c. Receive the completed ballot, check their initials and place the ballot in the ballot box; and
 - d. Enter the reason the Elector was permitted to vote in this manner, and the name of the person who assisted the Elector, in the Poll Book.
- 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.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO – APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER

- 32.1 Where the Returning Officer has been given thirty (30) days advance notice by a Métis Community or an Elector in that Métis Community, that an Elector or Electors who are unable to speak or read the English Language may present themselves at a Polling Station, subject always to availability, an interpreter may be provided by the Returning Officer for the purpose of explaining to those Electors, questions and answers concerning voting in the following languages: Michif, French or Cree.
- 32.2. The interpreter must make a solemn declaration that they are able to make the translation and will do so to the best of their abilities.
- 32.3. Every interpreter shall make a declaration of secrecy.

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE – REMOVAL OF BALLOT FROM POLLING STATION

- 33.1. Except in the case of a Mail-in Ballot an Elector who has received a ballot paper shall not take it out of the Polling Station.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR – FORFEITURE OF VOTING RIGHTS

- 34.1. Where an Elector leaves the Polling Station without first delivering their ballot paper to the Returning Officer or returns it after declining to vote, they forfeit their right to vote and the Returning Officer shall make an entry in the Poll Book in the column for remarks to the effect that the Elector received the ballot paper, but took it out of the Polling Station or returned it declining to vote.
- 34.2. Where an Elector returns their ballot paper declining to vote, the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “declined” upon it and preserve the ballot paper.



ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE – SPOILED BALLOT

- 35.1. An Elector, who upon voting, has inadvertently spoiled their ballot paper may on returning it to the Returning Officer obtain another ballot paper and the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “spoiled” upon the returned ballot paper and preserve it as set out in this Article.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX – PROCEDURE ON CLOSE OF POLL

- 36.1. After the closing of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the Poll Clerk and any Candidate and/or Scrutineers who may be present, immediately:
- a. Count the number of spoiled and declined ballots and record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and then seal it; and comply with the procedures as set out in Article 28 herein.
- 36.2. On complying with subsection 36.1, the Returning Officer shall count the number of Electors whose name appears on the List of Electors and the number of Electors recorded in the Poll Book as having voted and those persons who having attended were deemed ineligible to vote and shall draw a line immediately under the last name in the Poll Book and affix their initials to the list.
- 36.3. On complying with *Subsection 36.2*, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box and proceed with a count of vote and record the result.
- 36.4. The Returning Officer shall endorse with the words “not initialed” any ballot paper that does not have their initials or the initials of such person acting on their behalf on the back thereof and any such ballot shall be counted with the other ballots but immediately upon the conclusion of the count, the Returning Officer shall:
- a. Count the number of “not initialed” ballots, and
 - b. Record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and seal it.
- 36.5. In counting votes, the Returning Officer shall reject any ballot that:
- a. Was not supplied by them;
 - b. Does not indicate any vote for any Candidate;
 - c. Contains votes for more Candidates than are to be elected;
 - d. Is so marked, that it is uncertain for which Candidate the vote was cast; and
 - e. Contains any writing or mark enabling the Elector to be readily identified.
- 36.6. Notwithstanding *Subsection 36.5*, a ballot shall not be rejected:
- a. By reason of any writing, numbering or mark omitted by the Returning Officer; or
 - b. When the vote, though incorrectly made on the ballot, clearly indicates the Elector’s intention to vote for one particular Candidate.



- 36.7 In the event the Returning Officer determines that an Elector's right to vote has been reasonably disputed pursuant to *Article 28*, the Returning Officer shall make a note in the Poll Book of every objection and the name of any Candidate on whose behalf such objection was made. The Returning Officer shall place such ballot in a special envelope that shall, on its cover, contain the name of the Elector, their MNBC Citizenship number, the name of the Polling Station and the Returning Officer initials. Such envelopes shall be preserved by the Returning Officer and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer. The Returning Officer shall also forward the specific objection to such Elector, as noted in the Poll Book. The Chief Electoral Officer shall investigate the objection of such Elector and in the event the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is valid, the ballot shall be placed in a separate envelope and shall not be counted. If the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is without merit, the envelope shall be opened and the Chief Electoral Officer shall count the vote(s).
- 36.8 The Returning Officer at the conclusion of the count shall complete a statement of poll, indicating the number of votes for each Candidate, which shall be signed by the Returning Officer and Poll Clerk. The Returning Officer shall then immediately inform the Chief Electoral Officer, by phone or by fax, as to the number of votes for each Candidate, the number of spoiled ballots and any disputed Electors.
- 36.9 A copy of the statement of poll shall be attached to the Poll Book and one page shall be retained by the Returning Officer to be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 36.10 Upon completion of the statement of poll, the Returning Officer shall in presence of the persons authorized to be present, place into separate packets the:
- a. Statement of poll;
 - b. The ballots objected to but counted;
 - c. The ballots objected to but not counted;
 - d. The rejected ballots not objected to;
 - e. The rejected ballots objected to;
 - f. The spoiled and declined ballots;
 - g. The discarded ballots;
 - h. The unused ballots;
 - i. The envelopes containing the ballots of those persons who voted in accordance with *Article 28* herein;
 - j. The Poll Book with the declaration of the Returning Officer therein;
 - k. The List of Electors used at the poll;
 - l. The declaration of Electors;
 - m. The statement of the number of Electors as marked by the Returning Officer as "Voter assistance";
 - n. The notes taken of objections to ballot papers found in the ballot box; and
 - o. All other documents that were completed prepared or used at the Election.
- 36.11 The Returning Officer shall seal each of the envelopes mentioned in *Section 36.10* with their own seal and initial the outside of the envelopes.



- 36.12 The Returning Officer shall mark on the outside of each of the envelopes a short statement of the contents of the envelopes, the date and name of the Election and their name.
- 36.13 The Returning Officer shall then return all envelopes and relevant documents to the Chief Electoral Officer as directed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE

- 37.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly announce the results of the Election and declare elected the Candidates who received the largest number of votes.
- 37.2 When the original reports and ballots have been received from the Returning Officers, the Chief Electoral Officer shall check the reports, but not the ballots, and verify or confirm the results.

ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT – RECOUNT

- 38.1 Subject to *Article 37.2* herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall recount the ballots where applicable if the Chief Electoral Officer decides that there is a need for a recount or if they receive a written request to recount from a Candidate within seven (7) days from the date of the Election;
- 38.2 A Candidate shall be entitled to require a recount if:
- The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) or Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - There are no more than fifteen (15) votes difference between the Candidate who has the most votes for that position and the Candidate requesting a recount; and
 - Two (2) or more Candidates for the same position have an equal number of votes, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare a tie and conduct a recount.

ARTICLE THIRTY-NINE – RECOUNT PROCEDURE AND TIE BREAKING VOTE

- 39.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall give written notice to each Candidate of the place, date and hour of the recount
- 39.2 The recount shall, if possible, be held within the next seven (7) days from receipt of a Candidate's written request for a recount.
- 39.3 No person may be allowed in the room where the recount is being conducted except the following:
- The Chief Electoral Officer;
 - The Returning Officer (at the CEO recommendation);



- c. The Candidates or an Elector appointed in writing to be present on behalf of each of the Candidates.
- 39.4 In recounting the ballots, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the same counting rules that a Returning Officer is required to follow under this *Electoral Act*.
- 39.5 The Chief Electoral Officer will be required to set another Election Day in the event of a tie between two or more Candidates receiving the most votes for the same position. The Election in that event would be conducted solely for the purpose of filling the subject position and only the tied Candidates would be eligible to run. Such Election shall be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the process and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FORTY – ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOUNT RESULTS

- 40.1 Upon the completion of any and all recounts, the Chief Electoral Officer shall certify the final results of the Election publicly announce the results of the recount and declare the names of the successful Candidate who received the largest number of votes.

ARTICLE FORTY-ONE – DESTROYING BALLOTS

- 41.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall destroy all ballots ninety (90) days from the date of the Election unless:
 - a. Directed by an order of a Court; or
 - b. Directed by an order of the Senate; or
 - c. A request for a recount is received in which case the ballots shall be destroyed after ninety (90) days from the date of the recount unless otherwise ordered.

ARTICLE FORTY-TWO – ELECTION APPEAL

- 42.1 Decisions of the Chief Electoral Officer during an Election may be appealed to the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer will have the authority to refuse Candidates and voters who do not meet the required eligibility pre-requisites and deadlines set out in the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - b. All Candidates or electors refused will have the option to file a written Election appeal before the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 42.2 A Candidate or elector will have fourteen (14) days from the date of the Election or fourteen Days from the date of the recount to file a written Election appeal before the MNBC Senate.
 - a. The written appeal sent to the MNBC Senate should outline the rationale of the Election appeal, along with any documents or other materials that should assist the appeal.



- b. As part of filing an Election appeal, the Candidate or elector shall deposit with the MNBC Finance Department the sum of \$150.00 in cash or money order. This deposit is non-refundable and serves as security for administrative costs in connection with carrying out the appeal process.
- 42.3 The Chief Electoral Officer will provide information at the request of the MNBC Senate during the Election appeals process so as to deliver a fair and balanced decision.
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer will be responsible in providing reasons for refusal as supported by the Articles in the *Electoral Act*.
 - b. The MNBC Senate reserves the right to set a date when the Candidate or elector who filed the Election appeal may present their arguments in person. The onus to prove the appeal to the satisfaction of the MNBC is upon the individual who filed the Election appeal.

ARTICLE FORTY-THREE – GENERAL

- 43.1 The appeal will not be successful if it is shown that the Election was conducted in accordance with this *Election Act* and that the irregularity, failure, non-compliance or mistake did not materially affect the result of the Election, and no Election is void by reason of:
 - a. Failure to publish, late distribution or non-receipt of the Métis communities;
 - b. A failure to hold a poll at any place appointed for holding a poll;
 - c. A non-compliance with the provisions of this *Electoral Act* relating to the counting of the votes or with regard to limitations of time; or
 - d. Any mistake in the use of the prescribed forms.

ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR – INTERPRETATION

- 44.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural number, as the case may be, and vice-versa.

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MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as "*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

2.0 In this Act:

- 2.1. **"Act"** shall mean the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.
- 2.2. **"Chartered Community"** are those Métis Communities that have entered in a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.3. **"Constitution"** shall mean the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the "MNBC") as amended from time to time.
- 2.4. **"Clerk"** shall mean the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 2.5. **"Community Governance Charter"** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.6. **"Conflict of Interest"** shall exist when an immediate family member of a member of the MNGA or a person or individual has an interest in a matter being dealt with by the MNGA. An immediate family member is defined as father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent, brother, sister, spouse (including a common law spouse), child (including a child with a common law spouse), ward, father-in-law, mother-in-law or relative permanently residing with a member or any close personal or business associate. An interest in a matter will arise when a person or individual may benefit financially or otherwise as a result of a matter being dealt with by the MNGA.

A conflict of interest shall also exist when a member of the MNGA is or has become a director or officer, whether elected, appointed or otherwise, of a Métis provincial organization, association or group whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC in that their activities could negatively affect MNBC's ability or authority to operate, negotiate on behalf of and represent the Métis people in British Columbia.
- 2.7. **"Deputy Speaker"** shall mean the Deputy Speaker of the MNGA.
- 2.8. **"Executive"** shall mean the Executive members of the MNBC who are elected province-wide and which includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 2.9. **"Gabriel Dumont Scout" or "Dumont Scouts"** shall mean the individual or individuals appointed and responsible for the keeping of the peace at the MNGA, named in honor of Gabriel Dumont's peacemakers historically called 'Scouts.'
- 2.10. **"General Assembly"** shall mean a meeting of the MNGA as set out in the Constitution.



- 2.11 **“General Meetings”** to be defined as meetings of the MNGA held in accordance with Article 32.1 of the MNBC Constitution.
- 2.12 **“Housekeeping Matters”** in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislations of the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning of intent of the Article of the subject Legislation of the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation of the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter.”
- 2.13 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
- 2.14 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.15 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.16 **“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 BCMUYC and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
- 2.17 **“Order of the Day”** shall mean the compilation of documentation for members of the MNGA including the Agenda, Reports, Minutes, Draft Legislation, Motions and Constitutional Amendments to be tabled at a General Assembly of the MNGA.
- 2.18 **“Regions”** shall mean the MNBC regions as are defined by the Constitution.
- 2.19 **“Roll Call”** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance.
- 2.20 **“Senate”** shall mean the MNBC Senate.
- 2.21 **“Speaker”** shall mean the Speaker of the MNGA.

ARTICLE THREE - COMPOSITION OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 3.0 In this Act:
- 3.1 The MNGA shall be composed of:



- a) The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and MYBC Chairperson; and
 - b) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.
- 3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
- 3.3 All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.
- 3.4 No member of the MNGA shall be allowed to be in conflict of interest. If found to be in a conflict of interest by a majority of the MNGA, that member shall be subject to a permanent or temporary suspension from being a Member of the MNGA by a majority vote of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and finding.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING AND QUORUM

4.0 In this Act:

- 4.1. Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;
 - 4.2.1 Roll call voting shall be the method of voting for the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for ratification or amendments to the MNBC Constitution or Legislative Acts.
 - 4.2.2 The procedure for taking roll call votes is to call the names of the representatives or delegates alphabetically, and to have each person indicate orally their vote. All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say, "Yes" as their names are called. Those opposed will say "No". Those who wish to abstain will say, "Abstain". The MNGA Clerk will call the roll.
 - 4.2.3 All resolutions submitted as housekeeping as determined by the MNGA shall not require the roll call voting process as described in article 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 and shall be determined by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a General Assembly.
- 4.3. Resolutions and ratifications other than Legislation or amendments to the Constitution and the ratification or approval of any appointments shall be made by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.4. The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for first reading, also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special



Meeting;

- 4.5. Ratification of Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that are properly before a Governing Assembly shall require majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.6. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ratification by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.7. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

ARTICLE FIVE - SPEAKER OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall:
 - 5.1 Be appointed by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
 - 5.2 May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;
 - 5.3 Be for a term of two (2) years subject to re-appointment;
 - 5.4 Be responsible for the procedures, rules, debates and decorum of the Governing Assembly;
 - 5.5 Receive the list of members and seating arrangements of the Governing Assembly from the Clerk as established by the Roll Call;
 - 5.6 Approve all participation in debates and voting;
 - 5.7 Secure a written record of the Governing Assembly and certify the minutes;
 - 5.8 Require Gabriel Dumont Scouts to expel for the remainder of the day any MNGA member or any observer from the Governing Assembly for failing to follow the ruling of the Speaker;
 - 5.9 Ensure that only MNGA members are seated in the designated Assembly area with all other individuals or observers seated outside of the designated Assembly area;
 - 5.10 Approve all documentation to be circulated to MNGA members.



ARTICLE SIX - CLERK

- 6.0 The Clerk of the MNGA shall:
- 6.1 Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia;
 - 6.2 Be responsible for compiling the necessary documentation for the Order of the Day;
 - 6.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC;
 - 6.4 Obtain and retain a certified copy of the minutes from the Speaker;
 - 6.5 Provide the certified minutes of the MNGA to the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.6 Secure, by contract, an independent person or agency to duly record the minutes and procedures of the MNGA;
 - 6.7 Ensure that the necessary staff are in place for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.8 Also hold the seat as Clerk at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC; and
 - 6.9 Be authorized to appoint or designate a Deputy Clerk to assist in carrying out their duties.

ARTICLE SEVEN - SENATE

- 7.0 The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA:
- 7.1 Maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by:
 - a) Being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers;
 - b) Swearing-In any new members.

ARTICLE EIGHT- GABRIEL DUMONT SCOUTS

- 8.0 In this Act:
- 8.1 Gabriel Dumont Scouts will be appointed by the MNBC to maintain order and ensure proper procedure during a Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE NINE - REPORTING

- 9.0 Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the MNGA and shall be included in the Order of the Day:



- 9.1 Executive Reports;
 - 9.1.1 President
 - 9.1.2 Vice-President
 - 9.1.3 Secretary
 - 9.1.4 Treasurer
 - 9.1.5 Regional Director Reports;
 - 9.1.6 Métis Women of British Columbia Report;
 - 9.1.7 Ministerial Reports, including, where applicable, program reports and audits;
 - 9.1.8 Senate Report;
 - 9.1.9 Métis Youth of British Columbia Report; and
 - 9.1.10 Any other reports required by the Constitution or Legislation.
- 9.2 Expenditure Report
 - 9.2.1 An interim Expenditure Report for the period between April 1st and December 31st of the current fiscal year shall be given, which shall contain all spending by MNBC elected members and the Executive Director/CEO including but not limited to: remuneration, travel costs, accommodation costs, per diems, honoraria, legal and professional fees, consultant and contractor fees and reimbursed expenses. Each year the Expenditure Report of the entire previous fiscal year's expenditures of MNBC elected members and executive staff shall be posted on the MNBC website by June 1st.

ARTICLE TEN- MINUTES

- 10.0 The Minutes of a Governing Assembly shall:
 - 10.1 Be received and prepared by an independent individual or person;
 - 10.2 Be forwarded to the Clerk; and
 - 10.3 Refer to the Minutes of the previous Governing Assembly, which shall be included in the Order of the Day.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS

- 11.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:
 - a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
 - c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be



distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held, and

- d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.

11.2 Constitutional Amendments

- a) Shall only be tabled by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
- c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.

11.3 Other Matters

- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- c) Notice of the matters, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented to the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be considered at the MNGA.

11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors

- a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held, and shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature



- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.

11.6 Notice of the MNGA

- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

ARTICLE TWELVE - APPLICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS

12.0 The MNGA shall be authorized to receive and determine applications for Métis Community Governance Charter from applications in accordance with the requirement as outlined in Article 56.1 of the MNBC Constitution. The application terms of the Métis Community Governance Charter shall consider any special circumstances that may affect the status on an existing or prospective Métis Community Governance Charters.

12.1 The MNGA shall proclaim:

- a) The date of the next MNBC election, as set out in the Constitution; and
- b) Holidays and days of commemoration, such as Louis Riel Day.

12.2 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 and the position MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - FINANCING

13.0 Fiscal resources for the institution and maintenance of the MNGA shall be provided by the MNBC if available, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the MNGA as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

13.1 The fiscal resources allocated by the MNBC for the purposes in 13.1 shall be those fiscal resources that are within the means available to the MNBC for those purposes.

13.2 The Speaker shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the MNGA.

13.3 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the MNGA.

13.4 The MNBC will be responsible for the expenses and any remuneration for the



MNGA in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

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MÉTIS NATION NATURAL RESOURCES ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

- 1.0 This Act is cited as “Métis Nation British Columbia - Natural Resource Act.”

ARTICLE TWO – INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.0 In this Act and subsequent Addendums and Regulations:
- 2.1 **“Act”** means the *MNBC Natural Resource Act*.
 - 2.2 **“Addendums”** are Ministerial approved supplements to the *Natural Resource Act* that enables the development of annually renewed, low-level legislation.
 - 2.3 **“BCMANR”** means the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources which is a non-political committee that manages the natural resources on behalf of the MNBC.
 - 2.4 **“Captain’s Assembly”** consists of the eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt.
 - 2.5 **“Captain of the Hunt”** means a MNBC citizen who has been selected, through the BCMANR Policies and Procedures, and endorsed by the Regional Governance Council of their respective region.
 - 2.6 **“Constitution”** means the *Constitution* of the MNBC as amended from time to time.
 - 2.7 **“Issuer”** means a person that is delegated the authority by BCMANR to issue licensing, tags and permits.
 - 2.8 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
 - 2.9 **“MNBC”** means the Métis Nation British Columbia which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution*.
 - 2.10 **“Métis Citizen”** as defined by the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
 - 2.11 **“Minister of Environmental Protection”** means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.
 - 2.12 **“Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry.
 - 2.13 **“Ministry of Environmental Protection”** means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental Protection (technical) and BCMANR.



- 2.14 **“Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all natural resource issues under the authority of the Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources (political), Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources (technical) and BCMANR.
- 2.15 **“Parties”** for the purpose of consultation means government, proponents, regulatory agencies and other external entities whose mandate includes Aboriginal consultation.
- 2.16 **“Region”** means a MNBC Region as determined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.17 **“Regulation”** is the annually renewed provincial and regional rules that manage the Métis harvest.
- 2.18 **“Senate”** means the MNBC Senate.
- 2.19 **“Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat and has expertise and experience in the natural resource section.
- 2.20 **“Senior Director of Environmental Protection”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.
- 2.21 **“Youth”** for the purpose of harvesting under the authority of this *Act* and to provide consistency with existing provincial and federal government legislation (i.e. *B.C. Wildlife Act*) means a Métis Citizen between the ages of 10-18 years of age.

ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 3.0 The purpose of this Act is to provide Métis specific legislative authority for the regulated management of all natural resources in British Columbia which are utilized by the Métis Citizens, thus;
- 3.1 Establish natural resource regulation, policy and guidelines by combining both Métis traditional knowledge and western-based science management principles;
- 3.2 Institute sound conservation practices and measures;
- 3.3 Protect the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia;
- 3.4 Ensure adequate consultation on all natural resource issues.

ARTICLE FOUR – FINANCES

- 4.0 The financial requirements for MNBC’s Ministry of Environmental Protection shall be satisfied as follows:
- 4.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to BCMANR as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of



this Act.

- 4.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
- 4.3 The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.
- 4.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue financial resources for the functions of BCMANR and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
- 4.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for BCMANR while conducting official BCMANR business, pursuant to this Act.

ARTICLE FIVE – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

5.0 In this Act:

- 5.1 BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
- 5.2 All decisions of BCMANR shall be recorded and a report provided to the Citizens at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 5.3 The MNBC's Minister responsible for Natural Resources will be required to report all updates to the MNBC Board of the Directors.

ARTICLE SIX – HARVESTING FOR PROFIT AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

6.0 In this Act the harvesting of wildlife and fish for profit or commercial purposes;

- 6.1 Is not authorized, and;
- 6.2 Only permits harvesting by Métis Citizens for food, social, ceremonial and traditional purposes.

ARTICLE SEVEN – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

7.0 Management agreements;

- 7.1 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with Canada or British Columbia pertaining to management, perpetuation or rehabilitation of wildlife or fish populations or the ecosystems of which those populations are a part.
- 7.2 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with aboriginal nations, non-government organizations and stakeholder groups that pertain or contribute to natural resource management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats.
- 7.3 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with the owners of lands



respecting the management of the lands for the purposes mentioned in *Article 3.0*, and such agreements may authorize BCMANR to carry out habitat improvement work, protective measures, stocking programs, fencing, erection of signs, harvesting activities and any other management practice.

- 7.4 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements, for the purpose of consultation, as per *Article 11.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE EIGHT – MNBC HARVESTING CARDS

- 8.0 In this Act:

8.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards

8.1.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards may be issued to Métis Citizens who submit applications and meet requirements for approval. This Act applies only to those persons who have chosen to harvest under the authority of the Act.

8.1.2 A MNBC Citizen cannot harvest a wildlife and fish quota (or bag limit) under multiple licensing authorities (i.e. MNBC Harvesting Card and a Province of British Columbia *Wildlife Act* hunting license).

8.1.3 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions for use of the card as outlined in this Act and any subsequent regulations created under the authority of Article 9.0.

8.1.4 Contravention of terms is an Offence.

8.1.5 No person shall contravene the terms or conditions of the person's MNBC Harvesting Card.

8.2 Transfer of MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag;

8.2.1 Except as provided in the regulations, no MNBC Harvesting Card shall be transferred and no person shall buy, sell, exchange or in anyway be a party to the transfer of a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, or in any way use or attempt to use a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, issued to any other person.

8.3 MNBC Harvesting Cards apply only to those species, areas and times described by regulations developed under the authority of *Article 9.0*.

8.4 Cancellation of MNBC Harvesting Card in event of error;

8.4.1 BCMANR may cancel any MNBC Harvesting Card where an error has been made from any cause when issuing it, and the holder has no claim for indemnity or compensation with respect to it other than the adjustment or refund of any fee collected.

8.5 MNBC Harvesting Card is to be carried and produced upon demand;



- 8.5.1 No holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall hunt, fish, trap or collect natural resources unless at that time they have a valid MNBC Harvesting Card on their person;
- 8.5.2 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall produce the card to any enforcement officer whenever requested.
- 8.6 MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by misrepresentation;
 - 8.6.1 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by any false or misleading statement made in respect of any information required for the issue of the MNBC Harvesting Card shall be deemed to be the holder of a void MNBC Harvesting Card and the holder will be prosecuted under this Act.
- 8.7 Refusal of MNBC Harvesting Card;
 - 8.7.1 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is due to failure to verify MNBC Citizenship for the applicant or,
 - 8.7.2 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is reasonably necessary for the achievement of the purpose and intent of this Act as per *Article 3.0*.
- 8.8 Notice of refusal
 - 8.8.1 Where an issuer of MNBC Harvesting Card refuses to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card, BCMANR shall serve notice of the refusal on the application for the MNBC Harvesting Card.
- 8.9 A person, who has not complied with terms of any BCMANR Captain's Assembly decisions related to offences under the Act, will not be eligible to apply for a MNBC Harvesting Card, unless the offence has been overturned by a successful MNBC Senate appeal.

ARTICLE NINE – REGULATIONS BY BCMANR

- 9.0 BCMANR will make regulations that are consistent with *Article 3.0* and develop regulations based on the principles of existing case law, and whereas;
 - a. An agreement (as per *Article 7.0*) that has been endorsed between the MNBC and a provincial and/or federal government partner, or;
 - b. Legislative or political direction has been provided by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, MNBC Annual General Assembly or a ratified motion of the MNBC Board of Directors, however;
 - c. If neither *Articles 9.0 a.* nor *9.0 b.* are present, then provincial and federal government legislation and regulation will be sanctioned.



- 9.1 BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
- 9.1.1 Respecting threatened species or endangered species;
 - 9.1.2 Application for MNBC Harvesting Cards and permits as per *Article 8.0*;
 - 9.1.3 Prescribing the conditions of a MNBC Harvesting Card and conditions that the Issuer may attach to a MNBC Harvesting Card when they issue it to a Métis Citizen;
 - 9.1.4 Limiting the number and types of tags and permits that may be held by a person;
 - 9.1.5 Prescribing fees;
 - 9.1.6 Prescribing the maximum number of a species of wildlife, by sex and age, that a person may kill or possess in a period of time and the circumstances in which a person may kill or possess wildlife;
 - 9.1.7 Designating no shooting and/or no harvesting areas;
 - 9.1.8 Providing for cancellation or suspension of, periods of ineligibility for and periods of suspension of MNBC Harvesting Cards for specified offences or combinations of offences, and specifying what a second or subsequent offence is, consistent with *Article 12.0*;
 - 9.1.9 Specifying lakes, streams or areas of British Columbia for the purpose of requiring Métis Citizens to hold a MNBC Harvesting Card issued under the authority of this Act to engage in angling in that lake, stream or area for special designated harvests;
 - 9.1.10 Respecting how decision for appeal may be supplied for the purposes of *Article 13.0*;
 - 9.1.11 Prohibiting or regulating methods and devices for hunting or taking wildlife and respecting safety in those activities;
 - 9.1.12 Providing for the reporting and recording;
 - 9.1.13 Requiring wildlife or a part of wildlife to be permanently or temporarily marked or tagged;
 - 9.1.14 Requiring that a person who kills wildlife, take that wildlife or a part of it to a place and report to a person specified by BCMANR;
- 9.2 Without limiting *Article 9.1*, BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
- 9.2.1 Specifying open seasons or closed seasons, or both, for a sex, age or species of wildlife;



- 9.2.2 Prescribing the hours of the day or night during which the hunting of wildlife is prohibited or allowed;
- 9.2.3 Prescribing restrictions on the manner in which fish caught by angling may be dressed or packed and limits on the amount of fish or fish parts possessed by a person at a place other than at a private residence;
- 9.2.4 Prescribing MNBC Harvesting Cards or permits that must be held to angle for or to catch and retain a designated species of fish or to angle in a designated area of British Columbia, including tidal waters;
- 9.2.5 Prescribing tags that must be attached in the prescribed manner to fish caught by angling;
- 9.2.6 Prescribing an offence under a specified provision of this Act, or a regulation under this Act, as an offence.
- 9.3 BCMANR, despite anything in this Act, may make regulations respecting the issue of permits.
- 9.4 Regulations must assure public safety and public health.
- 9.5 This Act authorizes the creation of a BCMANR Policy and Procedure section pertaining to the process for regulation development.
- 9.6 All regulation must be approved, via motion, by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.

ARTICLE TEN – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 10.0 This Act authorizes the development of Environmental Protection Policy.
 - 10.1 The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection.
 - 10.2 BCMANR will be responsible for all Environmental Protection regulations developed under the authority of this Act.
 - 10.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Environmental Protection Policy.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – CONSULTATION

- 11.0 This Act authorizes the development of an MNBC Consultation Guidelines and supporting procedures.
 - 11.1 The development of MNBC's Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. The policy will be revised from time to time to reflect MNBC's position with respect to consultation within context of current Supreme Court of Canada rulings and associated regulatory requirements as they apply to Métis rights and interests;



- 11.2 The Consultation Guidelines will include a definition of traditional knowledge, written by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly, to ensure adherence to purpose of this Act in *Article 3.0*.
 - 11.2.1 Traditional knowledge protocol and procedure in the Consultation Guidelines will be established by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.
- 11.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Consultation Guidelines.
- 11.4 The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.
- 11.5 Consultation Guidelines will address the following principles;
 - 11.5.1 Promote the adherence of government, proponent and regulatory agencies to the implementation of Aboriginal consultation in a manner that respects and addresses the unique culture, heritage by:
 - 11.5.1.1 Increasing awareness of the Métis in British Columbia including the cultural, heritage and land use issues of concern to Métis;
 - 11.5.1.2 Strive to ensure the timely and effective avoidance, mitigation, accommodation and/or compensation of potentially adverse impacts to Métis rights and interests in keeping with current MNBC mandates related to consultation;
 - 11.5.2 The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection will endeavor to keep apprised of and inform the MNBC's Board of Directors of current case law, regulatory requirements, government policies and other matters that may influence Métis rights and interests and have bearing on the MNBC's Consultation Guidelines;
 - 11.5.3 Establish appropriate, efficient practices that will fulfill MNBC consultation principles in accordance with MNBC Board direction for all natural resource matters.
 - 11.5.4 Promote and facilitate the protection of traditional land use locations and other historical resources of significance to Métis within British Columbia;
 - 11.5.5 Guide Parties in fulfilling their consultation duties and objectives in a spirit of reconciliation and transparency and will meet each party's goal of fairness and certainty; and,
 - 11.5.6 Guide MNBC's decision-making processes regarding consultation as it relates to all natural resource matters including resource development and land management practices.
- 11.6 Consultation Guidelines will require the MNBC to;



- 11.6.1 Represent and advocate for consultation of British Columbia Métis Citizens with governments, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies;
- 11.6.2 Provide direction and support to the Chartered Métis Communities;
- 11.6.3 Work with BCMANR to ensure traditional and contemporary land use information is employed to support consultation where such information is available; or,
 - 11.6.3.1 If absent, advocate for resources to compliment the consultation project with adequate traditional and contemporary land use information.
- 11.6.4 Provide information to government and industry to facilitate consultation activities;
- 11.6.5 Manage and determine the adequacy of consultation activities within the context of MNBC consultation policies, legal precedents and regulatory requirements;
- 11.6.6 Report to the Chartered Métis Communities, government, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies regarding decisions concerning consultation as related to their respective mandates; and,
- 11.6.7 Consider any other issue or take any other action the MNBC deems necessary to ensure consultation adequately protects the rights and interests of British Columbia Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE TWELVE – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 12.0 This Act authorizes the BCMANR Captain's Assembly to function in the following compliance and enforcement capacities;
 - 12.1 To operate in the capacity of the initial judiciary in relation to offences against this Act or any regulations empowered by this Act.
 - 12.2 Powers available to the Captain's Assembly for offences against this Act are;
 - a. Suspension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed two years, offences greater than two years are considered an apprehension.
 - b. Apprehension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain's Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection Resources must sanction the apprehension.
 - c. Community service hours
 - d. Reparations or mitigated measures



- 12.3 Determine the policies and procedures for the compliance and enforcement authorities assigned under this Act.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – APPEAL MECHANISM

- 13.0 The MNBC Senate has the authority to hear appeals for;
- 13.1 Any decisions established under the authority of this Act, or;
- 13.2 Any offences established by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly under the authority of *Article 12.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – BCMANR NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

- 14.0 BCMANR Natural Resource fund is established to fund projects and activities related to natural resource management, protection, enhancement, education and legal challenges and that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund policy is developed to ensure management of the fund by BCMANR is strategic, effective and transparent.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION SENATE ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

2.0 In this Act:

- 2.1. **"Act"** means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act*.
- 2.2. **"Constitution"** means the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia ("MNBC") as amended from time to time.
- 2.3. **"Legislation"** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
- 2.4. **"Métis Nation British Columbia"** means the organization which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which are governed by the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.5. **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia, as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.6. **"Ordinarily Resident"** means the Region to which the person is registered as a member and the Region of the member's fixed home address to which whenever they are absent they have the intention of returning.
- 2.7. **"Region"** means Region as determined by the Constitution.
- 2.8. **"Registrar"** means the individual who fulfils the office of Registrar as defined in the *Citizenship Act*.
- 2.9. **"Senate"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 2.10. **"Senator"** means a member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.

ARTICLE THREE - MANDATE AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

3.0 The Senate shall:

- 3.1 Act as the judicial arm of the Métis Nation British Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
- 3.2 Consist of seven (7) Senators, one Senator per Region; and
- 3.3 Determine and abide by guidelines for protocol, policy and procedure and to provide to the MNBC a written copy of those guidelines (the "Protocol Guidelines").



- 3.4 A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, suit of prosecution as a result of any things done or not done in relations to the performance of their duties as Senators.

ARTICLE FOUR - QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SENATOR

- 4.0 A person is eligible for appointment to the Senate if they:
- 4.1 Are a Citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
 - 4.2 Are appointed by the Regional Governance Council by a motion at a Regional meeting;
 - 4.3 Are ordinarily resident in the Region from which they were appointed;
 - 4.4 Are non-partisan and non-political, including non-affiliation except as members only of Federal, Provincial and Métis organizations;
 - 4.5 Are at least fifty-five (55) years of age; and
 - 4.6 They have not been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater.
 - 4.7 They are registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

ARTICLE FIVE - APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF SENATORS

- 5.0 Notice of Senate appointments shall be forwarded to the MNBC and the Senate Chairperson, when appointed, by the official charged with recording the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment was made. The submission will include a copy of the minutes of the meeting, indicating the motion and shall be accompanied by a resume and biography of the appointed Senator.
- 5.1 A call for application for Senators will be issued by the MNBC 120 days prior to the Senators term.
 - 5.2 The application package must contain:
 - a) Biography of the Applicant.
 - b) Proof of age.
 - c) Copy of the MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
 - d) A Criminal Record Check in accordance with the MNBC Constitution and Senate Act.
 - e) Nomination in writing by a Métis Citizen that holds a MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.



- f) Application package must be submitted to the MNBC Regional Director 30 days prior to the end of the Senator's term.
- 5.3 The Regional Governance Council shall review the Applicant's submissions and will reject applications that do not contain the items listed in 5.2.
- 5.4 All or any candidates shall not participate in the Regional Governance Council meeting or when Senator deliberations are being carried out.
- 5.5 The Regional Governance Council will deliberate until the appointment of their Regional Senator is reached by simple majority.
- 5.6 The successful Applicant will upon notification of their appointment, immediately resign any and all positions held within the MNBC, MNGA, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE SIX - TERM AND REMOVAL OF OFFICE

- 6.0 In this Act:
 - 6.1 The term of office for a Senator shall be four (4) years;
 - 6.2 Notwithstanding Article 6.1, the term of office of a Senator shall terminate if a Senator is:
 - a) Disqualified for violating any part of this Act; or
 - b) Is unable to fulfill their duties on a permanent basis.
 - 6.3 A Senator shall be removed or suspended from office by the Senate:
 - a) For being convicted of an indictable offence and all appeals are exhausted;
 - b) If they take up residency outside of the Province of British Columbia;
 - c) For actions unbecoming the stature of a Senator while holding office;
 - d) By voluntarily resigning in writing to the Chairperson of the Senate;
 - 6.4 A Senator shall take a leave of absence from the office of the Senate upon being charged with an indictable offence and pending final determination of the allegations forming the basis for the charge;
 - 6.5 A Senator may be suspended by a seventy five percent (75%) majority of the Senate. The suspension may be with or without remuneration at the sole discretion of the Senate and shall be effective immediately upon that Senator being notified of their suspension;



- 6.6 A Senator may appeal their suspension to the MNGA by written notice to the MNGA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of his suspension.

ARTICLE SEVEN – GUIDELINES FOR PROTOCOL, CODE OF ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 7.0 Within four (4) months of the final ratification of this Act, the Senate shall prepare, compile and deliver to the MNGA a copy of guidelines, in writing, setting out the Protocol, Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct pursuant to which the Senate shall conduct its affairs and manage and administer the duties and functions of the Senate in accordance with this Act and the Senator's fiduciary duty to the MNGA, the MNBC and Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE EIGHT - COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

- 8.0 Pursuant to this Act the Senate shall establish any such committees as are required by the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution or Legislation and as required to carry out the following duties:
- a. Mediation;
 - b. Citizenship and Central Registry Appeals;
 - c. Election Appeals;
 - d. Regional and Community Disputes;
 - e. Ceremonial Activities and Exchanges;
 - f. Conducting Opening / Closing Prayers;
 - g. Directing Swearing-In Ceremonies and Oaths;
 - h. Presenting Awards and Gifts of Recognition where applicable;
 - i. Displaying Métis Flags and Sashes; and
 - j. Natural Resources Appeals;
 - k. Citizenship Challenges.
- 8.1 Each committee established pursuant to Article 8.1 shall appoint an individual from among its members to serve as the spokesperson for that committee.

ARTICLE NINE - APPEALS

- 9.0 Members of the Senate conducting appeals shall:
- a) Hear and provide written decisions on all matters and appeals properly before the Senate;
 - b) Have such powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary in regards to attendance, swearing in and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents, the enforcement of its orders and other matters necessary or proper for the due exercise of its jurisdiction.



- c) The Senate shall determine the tribunal or committees required for the jurisdictions supplied under Article 8.0 of this Act.
 - d) Consider and determine issues with a majority of members in attendance; and
 - e) May appoint an individual(s) to inquire into and report on any matter before making a decision on it.
- 9.1 In all matters concerning appeals, be bound by the rules of natural justice;
- 9.2 Where a time frame to submit an appeal is not otherwise legislated, any appeal by a MNBC Citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event.
- 9.2.1. The Senate will consider an application for an extension of time to appeal.
- 9.3 All decisions of the Senate must be in writing and sealed, then forwarded to the affected parties within thirty (30) days of its decision.
- 9.4 The decisions of the Senate shall be in writing and forwarded to the Métis Nation British Columbia for its review and such action as necessary by the Métis Nation British Columbia.

ARTICLE TEN - QUORUM AND VOTING

- 10.0 To conduct official Senate business:
- 10.1 A simple majority of the Senators will constitute a quorum for a full Senate sitting and/or a simple majority of the composition of a Senate committee and/or tribunal.
- 10.2 Decisions made by a quorum of the Senate shall be deemed to be a decision of the Senate.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The Financial requirements for the institution and operation Senate shall be satisfied as follows:
- 11.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the Senate as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- 11.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
- 11.3 The Chairperson of the Senate shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the Senate.
- 11.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the Senate.
- 11.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for the Senate



while conducting official Senate business, pursuant to this Act.

- 11.6 In the absence of timely Senate resources, the Senate will be provided full consideration for required resources on a case-by-case basis through mutual consultation between the Senate and MNBC.

ARTICLE TWELVE - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

12.0 In this Act:

- 12.1 The Senate shall keep written minutes of all meetings and shall issue such reports to those persons or individuals as may be required.
- 12.2 All decisions of the Senate shall be recorded and a report and posted on the MNBC website for general Citizenship to view.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – CLERK OF THE SENATE

13.0 The Clerk of the Senate shall:

- 13.1 Operate independent of MNBC;
- 13.2 Operate under the authority and direction of the MNBC Senate;
- 13.3 Shall be remunerated by the MNBC;
- 13.4 Shall hold no other seat as MNGA/AGM Clerk or administrator/staff personnel within MNBC.

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MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE

- 1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for a Veteran, being a current member or, a former member of, the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserve Forces), that was released with an honourable discharge and, who successfully underwent basic training is considered to be a Métis Veteran. A Métis Veteran shall also include those still serving or retired RCMP members. The “Veterans” shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).
- 3.2 The spouses and children of MNBC Veterans shall, upon acceptance and approval of an application submitted to the MVBC, shall become an associate member of the MVBC (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be).
- 3.3 A Veteran member of a chartered community whose citizenship to MNBC is pending can apply to MVBC as an associate member.
- 3.4 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Métis Veterans Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), and a Woman Veteran Representative being a MVBC member. The MVBC Committee shall elect from among the MVBC Membership a Chairperson and Women’s Representative. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.
- 4.2 A Secretary, and Treasurer will be appointed by the MVBC committee from the MVBC Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson and the Women’s Representative, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”
- 4.3 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:



- a.) the creation and maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) the creation and maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
 - c.) prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting;
 - d.) co-ordinate and organize the policies and procedures of the *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e.) appoint a sergeant at arms to co-ordinate and organize flag processions as may be requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
 - f.) conduct promotions and other activities for the purpose of enhancing the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia.
- 4.4 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 4.5 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called, or in the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting or by any three MVBC Committee members, on no less than fourteen days' notice to all of the MVBC Committee members.
- 4.6 A Veteran shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia Veteran.

ARTICLE FIVE – MVBC MINISTER

- 5.1 The Minister shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and be accountable to the MVBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.2 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the Métis Veterans in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the Minister at the direction of the MVBC Committee.

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MÉTIS NATION WOMEN'S ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission Statement of the Métis Women of British Columbia:

*“We the Métis women of B.C. have an agenda of an open heart and we respect and trust in the process.
We are encouraging appropriate relationships, principles and procedures.”*

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the *MNBC Women’s Act* (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Women of British Columbia (the “MWBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Women are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 **“MWBC Provincial Governance Council”** means the seven elected Métis Women’s representatives, one from each Region and the Métis Women’s Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women.
- 3.3 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 **“MWBC”** means the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 3.5 **“Minister Responsible for Métis Women”** means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 3.6 **“The Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson”** the MNBC Métis Women’s representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 **“Regional Métis Women’s Representative”** means the MNBC Métis Women’s Representative elected to represent the Métis Women of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 **“Métis Women”** means those Métis Women residing in British Columbia, 18 years of age and older.
- 3.9 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.



3.10 “**MNBC Assembly**” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MWBC shall:
- 4.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the MWBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.
- 4.3 The objective of MWBC is to listen to Métis Women, to voice Métis Women’s perspectives, and to acknowledge the past and present contributions of Métis Women for the benefit of Métis People and the Métis Nation.
- 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women 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 MWBC Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE – MWBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MWBC shall:
- 5.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.3 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.5 The seven Regional Women’s Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 All Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Women of British Columbia representatives.
- 5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.
- 5.8 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Women or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Women is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair.
- 5.9 MWBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference



calls (the “MWBC Minutes”).

- 5.10 MWBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.11 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MWBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional well being Métis Women or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.1 MWBC electoral processes are:
- 6.2 Métis Women seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a 4-year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

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MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This act may be cited as the Youth Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Youth of British Columbia (the “MYBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Youth are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 “**MYBC Committee**” means the seven elected youth representatives, one from each Region and the Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Youth.
- 3.3 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 “**MYBC**” means the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 3.5 “**Minister Responsible for Youth**” means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Youth Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and appointed as the Minister Responsible for Youth by the MNBC President. All Métis Youth BC (MYBC) committee members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Youth BC representatives.
- 3.6 “**The Provincial Youth Chairperson**” the MNBC Youth representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 “**Regional Youth Representative**” means the MNBC Youth Representative elected to represent the Métis Youth of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 “**Métis Youth**” means those Métis Citizens between 15 to and including 30 years of age.
- 3.9 “**The Director of Youth**” shall mean an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of Youth to support and further the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MYBC shall:
- 4.2 The MYBC Committee acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the supreme law governing the MYBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the



Constitution and MNBC Legislation.

- 4.3 The objective of MYBC is to advance and enhance valuable Métis Youth perspectives, and to acknowledge Métis Youth for the benefit of the Métis Nation.
- 4.4 *The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MYBC Committee.*
- 4.5 The Director of Youth shall assist MYBC in all administrative functions in advancing all MYBC youth initiatives throughout the Province.
- 4.6 The Director of Youth shall actively pursue funding to support and maintain the activities of the MYBC.

ARTICLE FIVE – MYBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MYBC shall:
- 5.2 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.3 The Provincial Youth Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The Provincial Youth Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the MYBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors
- 5.5 The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 The regional youth representatives should be accountable to the Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Committee, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.7 The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Co-Chair, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall collectively be known as the “Executive”.
- 5.8 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Youth or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Youth is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Co-Chair.
- 5.9 MYBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the “MYBC Minutes”).
- 5.10 MYBC Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of Youth.
- 5.11 The MYBC Committee shall, on behalf of the MYBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to enhance the status of Métis Youth or for funding purposes.



ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.0 MYBC electoral processes shall:
- 6.1 Métis Youth seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - 6.2 The MYBC Committee, including the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act* and *MNBC Guidelines*.¹
 - 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Committee shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Committee Member, the MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

¹ Amended September 2021 Annual General Meeting, not in force until 2024 MNBC Provincial Election.



CABINET REPORTS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Respectfully submitted: Lissa Dawn Smith

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the delegates joining us for this year's Annual General Meeting. We appreciate and value your participation.

It has been my honour to serve our nation for the past 16 years. In addition to serving as President, I also serve as Minister of Justice, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister of Veterans.



I would like to first express my sincere gratitude to all our veterans – for your sacrifice, your selfless service, and for defending our rights. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Métis Veterans of BC committee for their volunteer work. As Remembrance Day approaches, I encourage you all to connect with your local Legion and order your wreaths to commemorate the courage, strength, and dedication of our veterans. MNBC's Ministry of Veterans is happy to reimburse you for this cost.

Our government is growing steadily, and we are proud to represent more than 24,000 registered Citizens living throughout British Columbia.

We have added Agriculture and Food Sovereignty to our Ministry of Environmental Protection. Aggravated by climate change and rising grocery costs, food security has become a growing concern amongst our citizens. This spring and summer have seen many community members experience emergency evacuations and alerts. Wildfires, floods, and droughts will continue to impact Métis people throughout the province. In May and June we purchased 200 emergency preparedness kits, and distributed them to households. We are securing even more for distribution.

In July, we sent a delegation to Saskatchewan to celebrate our history at the 51st Back to Batoche festival, which saw the largest attendance ever. MNBC's pavilion was met with widespread praise. We will continue to participate in this annual cultural event, which provides a welcome boost to our collective sense of identity.

In May, MNBC hosted a Gender-Based Violence consultation in Nanaimo for representatives from Métis Women BC, Métis Youth BC (MYBC), and Chartered Communities. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Natalie Clarke and her colleagues, and a final report was submitted to the Province of British Columbia in July to help inform their Gender-Based Violence work from a Métis-specific lens.

In June, MYBC had the opportunity to gather for two in-person meetings, as well as attend the Mid-Island Métis Rendezvous in Duncan. We were able to include some new and aspiring members, as the youth were given the option to send a proxy in their place if they were unable to attend. It was a weekend full of great food and conversation, team building, Board learning, and Métis culture.

I am also proud to announce that MNBC's Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, in partnership with the Métis Financial Corporation of BC, has launched a First-Time Home Buyers Program to support citizens who are ready to purchase their first home. We have also completed the Social Infrastructure and Facilities Master Plan, which will guide MNBC's Housing and Social Infrastructure investments in the coming years. We are working on more than twenty projects that include Campbell River, Saanich, Kamloops, Invermere, Terrace, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, an apartment building acquisition in Region Two, and a second-stage housing facility for women and children fleeing abuse. Additionally, twelve Chartered Community Project Expressions of Interests were received for a variety of social infrastructure projects, such as housing, office and cultural gathering spaces.

The *United Nations Declaration Act* action plan was completed and approved by the Government of Canada in the House of Commons on National Indigenous People's Day. The action plan includes an MNBC-specific measure that mandates Canada to work more collaboratively with MNBC on agreements to advance self-governance and self-determination.

We continue to push for a self-government agreement with Canada by undertaking research to prove we have historical Métis communities in B.C. Our research team has now conducted three weeks in the field – interviewing and connecting with elders, citizens, and community presidents.

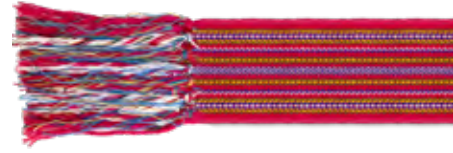
Our children are our future. While many early learning and child care centres have worked to integrate content about Indigenous peoples, a more concerted inclusion of Métis-specific content, language, resources, and approaches is needed. MNBC's Ministry of Education is working on seven childcare projects to support culturally-safe programming. We are planning to create 396 spaces in Surrey, Fort St. John, Terrace, Saanich, Kamloops, Mission, and Campbell River for Métis children up to age 12.

Our Ministry of Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary is advocating for more flexibility in how our funding is used. Since March, we have supported more than 1,000 Métis clients across the province. We continue to advocate for more funding to move our nation forward in a positive way.

We are in the final stages of completing a 10-year Michif Language Revitalization plan, which has been developed through engagement with our citizens. We have also made significant progress in the development of the Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis Culture and Language – including launching its website and social media channels, and finishing construction on its physical location – at our head office. We look forward to welcoming you all to the space in the near future.

Looking ahead, my vision is to build a proud, self-governing nation where all Métis people have access to affordable housing, and their health needs are met. I want to see our children raised with their culture. They should never again feel ashamed of their heritage. We remain steadfast in our pursuit of Indigenous Governing Body status with the federal government to support this work.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Respectfully submitted: Walter Mineault

It is my honour to serve as Métis Nation British Columbia's Vice President, and to hold the portfolios of Métis Rights and Housing and Homelessness.

We started this year with an extensive meeting schedule in Ottawa, with the goal of relationship-building and advancing discussions on negotiation of a self-government agreement with the government of Canada. We continue to engage with federal politicians and staff to push this agenda forward.

I am proud of the work we have done to ensure that an MNBC-specific measure was included within the federal *United Nations Declaration Act* Action Plan. This inclusion will help move forward the co-development of agreements and solutions that focus on processes and service delivery, while keeping the federal government accountable to the commitments set out in our 2018 Memorandum of Understanding for Advancing Reconciliation.

Along with our work on reconciliation, we are pursuing jurisdiction and responsibility for caring for our Métis children who are in the foster care system. I am looking forward to the day when we can finally bring our children home, ensuring that our Métis children and families have the services and resources that they need to lead healthy and successful lives.

Our Ministry of Métis Rights team is moving our traditional land studies and Section-35 historical community research forward at an aggressive pace. We have been hard at work conducting interviews with respected elders and historians. I am hopeful and optimistic that we are advancing towards a positive outcome for our Métis Nation British Columbia citizens with respect to meaningful recognition of Métis Rights in our province.

At the provincial level, we are continuing to work closely with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. In May, for the first time, MNBC received a letter from the province that recognizes us as the government representing Métis in British Columbia, in addition to acknowledging that our Métis citizens are Section-35 rights holders. I am excited about how this positions us for the future, and for the positive impact it will have on our negotiations.

We are also working to make a difference in the everyday lives of Métis citizens. Our Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, in partnership with the Métis Financial Corporation of BC, recently launched a First Time Home Buyers Program. This is a one-time grant that provides Métis people with financial assistance to invest in their first family home providing opportunities to purchase a condo, townhouse, duplex, or detached house. Our Ministry of Housing staff is busy with acquisi-



tions and negotiations across the province, focused on the creation of Métis Community Centers which will include housing, office space for our Chartered Communities, space for child care provision, and gathering spaces for communities. Our staff are hard at work in partnership discussions with BC Housing and CMHC regarding properties we have purchased.

Our Housing team is also supporting me in negotiating the acquisition of land in Northern British Columbia in a traditional land use area, for the possible development of housing and multi-use buildings to support Métis families and community.

Our Board of Directors is committed to working closely with our Chartered Communities and has been meeting in-person with our regional leadership. We have received positive feedback from these conversations, including specific actions and supports that Chartered Communities would like to see MNBC take action on moving forward.

In addition to working closely with our fellow Métis Nation Governing Members and the MNC, we have been consulting extensively with prominent First Nations chiefs around the province – most recently in Northeast BC Region and the Treaty 8 area. We are actively pursuing partnerships with First Nations to help provide services to those who need it most. Moving forward, our goal is to foster a more positive relationship with our First Nations cousins, and gain support for our assertion of rights.

I remain positive about the future, and will continue to do everything in my power to advance our Métis Nation in British Columbia and promote the recognition of our constitutional rights.

REGION 1



VANCOUVER ISLAND AND POWELL RIVER

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Harriott

Tawnshi kiiyawow!

I am so honoured to have had a very full year of working hard for Region 1 and the entire Métis Nation British Columbia.



Region 1

I have been working with Citizens from our communities, and contractors, in developing an economic strategy for our region. I have been very clear during my participation that while this strategy should be for our Citizens at large to further their economic prosperity, it must also include strategies for our Chartered Communities. As all our Communities are different, a wide range of opportunities need to be identified to meet each Community where they are to help find attainable prospects to create a sustainable local economic engine.

Progress on housing and community centers continues in Campbell River and Victoria. While I am excited that these two initiatives are continuing to develop, taking in the diverse unique needs of each community and support the great work being done locally, I admit to having some frustration on how long it is taking. I know the need is great, and I am looking forward to the completion of these and starting projects in other communities in our Region to help meet their needs.

The 2023 Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous was a great success! Thank you to all who helped make it the biggest Métis Cultural Celebration in B.C. I have been seeking out opportunities to learn from Métis Nation Alberta's MétisFest, and Métis Nation Saskatchewan's Back to Batoche on how we can expand our made-in-BC cultural celebration. I continue to look for more resources, ideas, and cultural presenters to help keep it growing. I look forward to seeing you all at the 2024 Rendezvous on the weekend of August 16, 17, 18!

MNBC has for many years come to Vancouver Island to host workshops, cultural gatherings, youth camps, visioning sessions, health retreats, and all types of gatherings. In doing so we have been paying a significant sum of money to venues with no long-term economic benefits for our Chartered Communities or MNBC. I am working to change this and have been exploring locations in Region 1 where we can create facilities and grow our own-source revenue.

I have also started a conversation about the unfinished work of nation-building. Region 1 leadership will be gathering to discuss and renew partnership protocols between MNBC and Chartered Communities in Region 1. As we all work to represent our Citizens, advocate with all levels of government, and create partnerships, we need to coordinate, support each other, and

work together. This especially includes creating a respectful and supportive relationship with the First Nations on Vancouver Island and Powell River. Region 1 leadership has always been very engaged and motivated to lead discussions and new ideas in our Métis Government.

Culture, Heritage, and Language

The Amelia Douglas Institute website has been launched! <https://ameliadouglasinstitute.ca/>

I am so thankful for all the hard work MNBC staff have put into the creation of the website, and the soon to be open physical space in Surrey. From the very first day after being sworn in to do this work for our Nation, I knew we needed our own cultural hub: a place to tell our story that was dedicated to our culture and language in B.C. This is only the beginning of a 5-year business plan to educate the public and create resources and workshops for our Citizens and Chartered Communities to revitalize our language and culture. One of the innovative ideas of the new website is to make our cultural items more accessible virtually to people across the province and beyond. I am also working to create opportunities for ADI to partner locally with Chartered Communities.

I had an excellent meeting with Canadian Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez. I explained why the Amelia Douglas Institute is such an important initiative and gave him a copy of our business plan. As someone who is held onto his language after immigrating to Canada, he understood how precious culture and language are to identity.

I am also very proud of the artist workshops continuing to be offered to our Citizens. The knowledge transfer in making our material cultural items such as sashes, octopus bags, and gauntlets is very important for transmitting our culture to generations in the future. I sincerely hope that those community members who have learned these skills will themselves create workshops to teach in their own communities.



Métis Nation British Columbia was well represented at Back to Batoche Days this year. I can safely say that we had the best pavilion of any Métis government! We had great information about our Early Years Program, Amelia Douglas Institute, award winning Métis Financial Corporation, and so much more. We had a culture forward focus as well with new graphic hats and t-shirts lifting up our beautiful tradition of embroidery. Our musical entertainers, organized by Director Raynie Gervais, represented us well and were spectacular. I want to say a special maarsii to Elder Jo-Ina Young, with help from Elder Marlee Paterson, for the workshops they provided over that weekend.

I have been continuing discussions with the Royal British Columbia Museum. It is important to ensure the story of Métis people in B.C. is told and included in their plans to reimagine how the entire story of British Columbia is reinterpreted. I hope those of you in attendance for this AGM have the opportunity to either sit in and participate in their presentation, or visit and speak with

them at their booth throughout the weekend.

Multi-year language funding has started to come to MNBC for the creation of language revitalization programs. Over the last three years I have encouraged best practices in growing that program. MNBC has led the way in working with mother-tongue speakers from all our languages, creating a language survey, and advocating for those best practices. However, the ongoing languages funding from Canada is inadequate for resourcing MNBC's emerging language program to the achieve transformative results needed and intended. I was able to convey my disappointment to Prime Minister Trudeau, at the Métis National Council Summit, and urge sufficient funding be included in future budgets as a partial but tangible commitment to reconciliation.

Métis Rights and Self-Government

I do not have to go on at length about how important this subject is for Métis people in B.C. It always must be a priority to assert our rights as one of the three Indigenous peoples of Canada. This is especially true for the right to be what we have been known as historically: otipemisiwak (those that govern themselves).

I have been meeting regularly at tables with the British Columbia Government discussing the relationship and commitments outlined in the BC Declaration Act Action Plan. The creation of the 'new fiscal relationship table' is a positive step in this process.

Our detailed funding submission will consider our entire governance structure, including and especially core funding for our Chartered Communities. Our Provincial Women and Youth, MNGA Committees, and Regional Councils have for too long been doing the important work of our government without financial consideration.

Recently the Province of BC, in a letter from Minister Rankin, recognized that Métis People in B.C. have 'certain Section 35 Rights' and that MNBC is the Government for Métis People in British Columbia. With the MNBC AGM Resolution seeking recognition of self-government, BC Declaration Act and subsequent action plan commitments, the growing case law from Powley, Desautel, Daniels, and others, this is undoubtedly true. However, there has been significant pressure on the BC Government to roll back those statements, and largely undermine the full recognition of our specific rights in BC.

I have seen several things contributing to this situation: A lack of clarity and education broadly as to what self-government means to Métis People in B.C., previous MNBC leadership and Métis groups making unsubstantiated claims to land and resources across the entire province, an absence of respectful dialogue with First Nations in BC in recognition of their rights and title assertions, and a lack of distinction being made about non site-specific universal rights of Métis as Indigenous People in B.C.

There is no doubt, especially in the Northeast of the province, in the prairies of the Peace River Valley, located next to our Cree and Saulteaux kin, that as Métis in BC we are both part of the kinscape we call the historic Métis Nation as well as Indigenous people of what is now British Columbia. While we know this to be true, MNBC is collecting documents, facts, and oral histories

from Elders as part of recording those facts.

Perhaps the most frustrating situation is with our children in care. Can there be any doubt that the right to our children is a fundamental one? MNBC has initiated a Judicial Review of a decision Canada has taken to keep us from our children. I have met with close to 50 Members of Parliament, of all political stripes, to address how our children are being left behind. I will be meeting over the next two months with MPs of various parties to see this issue raised in the House of Commons and hold Canada to account.



In this era of reconciliation, a continuation of the cultural genocide of separating our children from their culture and communities is unacceptable. The work started by residential and day schools and now perpetuated by the child welfare system, cannot continue. This is setting up a future Prime Minister of Canada to apologize for these actions.

Conclusion

Relationship building is an essential part of the work I have been tasked with. While it has been a very busy year of meetings and advocacy, there is so much more to be done. Our effort of Nation-building still has key pieces of work, ones that are essential to the long-term vitality of our Métis people in B.C., that we must come together to achieve.

I have, once again, attached my schedule of meetings since the spring MNGA for transparency. I am also grateful to all those who have reached out to me by email and phone to raise concerns and have conversations.

Maarsii,

Anavaan pimohtanaan naansaamb wiyaanaan!

(We walk forward together!)

SUBJECT	START DATE	START TIME	END DATE	END TIME
Russell connect	2/1/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/1/2023	5:00:00 PM
Education Agreement with Metis	2/1/2023	2:00:00 PM	2/1/2023	4:00:00 PM
Board Retreat	2/1/2023	12:00:00 AM	2/5/2023	12:00:00 AM
MNBC Lobby Days - Ottawa	2/5/2023	12:00:00 AM	2/9/2023	12:00:00 AM
Meeting with MNBC	2/6/2023	9:00:00 AM	2/6/2023	9:30:00 AM
Call with Leader of MidlandMetis	2/6/2023	9:00:00 AM	2/6/2023	10:00:00 AM
In person meeting with Minister Lametti	2/8/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/8/2023	4:30:00 PM
Mâdawapôwin	2/10/2023	10:00:00 AM	2/10/2023	10:30:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	2/13/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/13/2023	5:30:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee	2/13/2023	5:00:00 PM	2/13/2023	6:15:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting - Virtual	2/13/2023	9:00:00 AM	2/13/2023	4:00:00 PM
Ministry of Digital Government Weekly update	2/14/2023	11:00:00 AM	2/14/2023	12:00:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	2/14/2023	4:30:00 PM	2/14/2023	5:30:00 PM
Roundtable-Digital Govt Comm Services Sport	2/15/2023	3:00:00 PM	2/15/2023	4:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	2/15/2023	1:00:00 PM	2/15/2023	3:00:00 PM
CHL Connect	2/15/2023	10:00:00 AM	2/15/2023	11:00:00 AM
UNDRIP-UNDA Action Plan Updates	2/16/2023	2:30:00 PM	2/16/2023	4:00:00 PM
MNERA Strategic Pre-meeting 3	2/16/2023	9:00:00 AM	2/16/2023	10:00:00 AM
MNBC Lobby Days De-Brief	2/16/2023	11:30:00 AM	2/16/2023	12:15:00 PM
MNBC Design work	2/16/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/16/2023	4:30:00 PM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	2/17/2023	3:00:00 PM	2/17/2023	4:30:00 PM
Townhall: MNGA Membership	2/18/2023	1:00:00 PM	2/18/2023	3:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	2/20/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/20/2023	5:30:00 PM
Urban Indigenous (VNFC)	2/21/2023	4:00:00 PM	2/22/2023	4:00:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	2/21/2023	6:00:00 PM	2/21/2023	7:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	2/21/2023	1:30:00 PM	2/21/2023	3:00:00 PM
Finance Meeting (MNGA & CHL Funding)	2/21/2023	10:00:00 AM	2/21/2023	11:00:00 AM
Digital Government Meeting	2/21/2023	11:00:00 AM	2/21/2023	12:00:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	2/21/2023	10:00:00 AM	2/21/2023	11:00:00 AM
Check-in with Minister Harriott	2/21/2023	9:30:00 AM	2/21/2023	10:00:00 AM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	2/21/2023	3:30:00 PM	2/21/2023	4:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	2/22/2023	1:00:00 PM	2/22/2023	3:00:00 PM
MNGA Governance Committee	2/23/2023	5:30:00 PM	2/23/2023	6:45:00 PM
BC-MNBC Senior Leadership Table Meeting	2/23/2023	9:30:00 AM	2/23/2023	4:30:00 PM
MNBC meeting MP Terry Beech	2/24/2023	3:30:00 PM	2/24/2023	4:00:00 PM
Finance and Audit Committee	2/24/2023	1:00:00 PM	2/24/2023	3:00:00 PM
BC-MNBC Senior Leadership table De-Brief	2/24/2023	11:00:00 AM	2/24/2023	12:00:00 PM
MNGA Touchpoint	2/27/2023	10:30:00 AM	2/27/2023	11:00:00 AM
MNBC RIRSD Prep meeting	2/27/2023	1:30:00 PM	2/27/2023	3:00:00 PM
MNBC product line	2/27/2023	10:00:00 AM	2/27/2023	10:30:00 AM
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Cross-Ministry Data Regroup	2/27/2023	11:00:00 AM	2/27/2023	12:00:00 PM
Stats Can Debrief	2/28/2023	10:30:00 AM	2/28/2023	11:00:00 AM
StatCan's support to MNBC to build data capacity	2/28/2023	9:30:00 AM	2/28/2023	11:00:00 AM
Cabinet Meeting	3/1/2023	8:30:00 AM	3/1/2023	4:30:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting	3/2/2023	9:00:00 AM	3/2/2023	4:00:00 PM
Update Check-in: Province Letter	3/3/2023	8:30:00 AM	3/3/2023	9:00:00 AM
MNBC MNGA	3/3/2023	12:00:00 AM	3/4/2023	12:00:00 AM
Mâdawapôwin	3/3/2023	9:00:00 AM	3/3/2023	9:30:00 AM
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HOLD -ICAB	3/7/2023	9:30:00 AM	3/7/2023	12:30:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	3/7/2023	10:00:00 AM	3/7/2023	11:00:00 AM
IPS Legislation WG Meeting	3/9/2023	10:30:00 AM	3/9/2023	12:30:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	3/9/2023	9:30:00 AM	3/9/2023	10:30:00 AM
Art of Reconciliation	3/10/2023	7:00:00 PM	3/10/2023	9:00:00 PM
Special Cabinet Meeting	3/13/2023	4:00:00 PM	3/13/2023	5:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	3/13/2023	4:00:00 PM	3/13/2023	5:30:00 PM
In Plain Sight - Legislation Touch base	3/13/2023	3:00:00 PM	3/13/2023	4:00:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee Meeting	3/13/2023	5:00:00 PM	3/13/2023	6:15:00 PM
RIRSD strategy dialogue and decisions	3/14/2023	9:00:00 AM	3/14/2023	11:30:00 AM
Distinctions-Based Policy Paper Working Meeting	3/14/2023	1:00:00 PM	3/14/2023	2:30:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	3/14/2023	3:30:00 PM	3/14/2023	4:30:00 PM
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CHL Working Group: MNBC Design Book	3/15/2023	6:00:00 PM	3/15/2023	8:00:00 PM

Amelia Douglas Institute	3/15/2023	2:30:00 PM	3/15/2023	3:20:00 PM
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Elections Canada	3/17/2023	1:00:00 PM	3/17/2023	2:00:00 PM
Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	3/17/2023	10:00:00 AM	3/17/2023	10:30:00 AM
Drive to North Island	3/18/2023	8:30:00 AM	3/18/2023	9:30:00 AM
Campbell River Housing consultation (In Person)	3/18/2023	12:00:00 AM	3/18/2023	5:00:00 AM
Cowichan Valley AGM	3/19/2023	4:30:00 PM	3/19/2023	7:30:00 PM
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Community Governance discussion	3/23/2023	2:30:00 PM	3/23/2023	3:00:00 PM
Children, Culture and Education Roundtable	3/23/2023	1:00:00 PM	3/23/2023	2:00:00 PM
Travel to Nanaimo	3/24/2023	8:00:00 AM	3/24/2023	9:00:00 AM
Social Infrastructure and Facilities Master Plan	3/24/2023	8:30:00 AM	3/24/2023	10:30:00 AM
SLT Tour - R1 (Nanaimo)	3/24/2023	11:00:00 AM	3/24/2023	5:00:00 PM
Research Project Related Discussions	3/24/2023	2:00:00 PM	3/24/2023	4:30:00 PM
Métis Heritage & Contemporary Arts Presentation	3/24/2023	11:00:00 AM	3/24/2023	12:00:00 PM
Meeting with Patrick	3/24/2023	6:00:00 PM	3/24/2023	7:00:00 PM
Kaija design consult	3/24/2023	6:00:00 PM	3/24/2023	7:00:00 PM
Rendezvous meeting	3/25/2023	10:00:00 AM	3/25/2023	11:00:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	3/27/2023	4:00:00 PM	3/27/2023	5:30:00 PM
Nanaimo Property Viewing	3/28/2023	2:45:00 PM	3/28/2023	6:00:00 PM
MNBC Meeting with Rob Draeseke	3/29/2023	3:00:00 PM	3/29/2023	4:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	3/29/2023	1:00:00 PM	3/29/2023	3:00:00 PM
Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	3/30/2023	2:00:00 PM	3/30/2023	3:00:00 PM
Powell River AGM (In person)	3/31/2023	3:00:00 PM	4/1/2023	10:00:00 AM
Mâmapawôwin	3/31/2023	9:00:00 AM	3/31/2023	9:30:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	4/3/2023	4:00:00 PM	4/3/2023	5:30:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee	4/3/2023	5:30:00 PM	4/3/2023	6:45:00 PM
Next steps on meeting with MIRR re: funding	4/4/2023	12:30:00 PM	4/4/2023	1:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	4/4/2023	1:30:00 PM	4/4/2023	3:00:00 PM
Distinctions-Based Policy Paper Working Meeting 2	4/4/2023	3:00:00 PM	4/4/2023	4:30:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	4/4/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/4/2023	12:00:00 PM
Metis Nation BC & MCCFBC BOD Meeting	4/5/2023	6:30:00 PM	4/5/2023	7:30:00 PM
Metis Commission Pre-Meeting	4/5/2023	5:30:00 PM	4/5/2023	6:30:00 PM
Meeting with Canadian Heritage/Paul Pelletier	4/5/2023	3:00:00 PM	4/5/2023	4:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	4/5/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/5/2023	3:00:00 PM
Debrief	4/5/2023	8:00:00 PM	4/5/2023	8:30:00 PM
Norman Fleury	4/6/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/6/2023	7:00:00 PM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	4/6/2023	9:30:00 AM	4/6/2023	10:30:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	4/10/2023	4:00:00 PM	4/10/2023	5:30:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	4/11/2023	3:30:00 PM	4/11/2023	4:30:00 PM
Bi-Week Digital Government Meeting with Patrick	4/11/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/11/2023	12:00:00 PM
Trilateral Meeting Prep	4/12/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/12/2023	4:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	4/12/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/12/2023	3:00:00 PM
ISC trilateral health meeting	4/13/2023	8:00:00 AM	4/13/2023	10:30:00 AM
Urban Indigenous Knowledge Transfer	4/13/2023	8:00:00 AM	4/13/2023	12:00:00 PM
Canceled: Sidney peltier's Zoom Meeting	4/13/2023	7:00:00 PM	4/13/2023	8:30:00 PM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	4/14/2023	8:30:00 AM	4/14/2023	10:30:00 AM
Region 1 Economic Assessment and Strategy	4/17/2023	2:00:00 PM	4/17/2023	3:00:00 PM
Informal Cabinet Meeting	4/17/2023	4:00:00 PM	4/17/2023	5:30:00 PM
Electoral Act Committee	4/17/2023	5:30:00 PM	4/17/2023	6:45:00 PM
ADI Board Meeting	4/17/2023	10:00:00 AM	4/17/2023	12:00:00 PM
UNDRIP-UNDA Action Plan Updates	4/18/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/18/2023	12:30:00 PM
Task Team Virtual Meeting	4/18/2023	2:00:00 PM	4/18/2023	3:30:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	4/18/2023	6:00:00 PM	4/18/2023	7:30:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	4/18/2023	10:00:00 AM	4/18/2023	11:00:00 AM
Traditional music research with Rebecca	4/19/2023	9:30:00 AM	4/19/2023	10:30:00 AM
Check in with Patrick	4/19/2023	2:00:00 PM	4/19/2023	2:30:00 PM
Check In	4/19/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/19/2023	2:00:00 PM

Cabinet Meeting - Virtual	4/20/2023	9:40:00 AM	4/20/2023	4:00:00 PM
Metis Heath Data Committee meeting	4/21/2023	5:00:00 PM	4/22/2023	5:00:00 PM
Point Elice House Closing	4/22/2023	12:00:00 PM	4/22/2023	4:00:00 PM
Métis Data Governance Committee In Person	4/22/2023	8:30:00 AM	4/22/2023	4:30:00 PM
NIMA AGM travel	4/23/2023	9:00:00 AM	4/23/2023	12:45:00 PM
NIMA AGM	4/23/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/23/2023	4:00:00 PM
Research Project Related Discussions	4/24/2023	9:00:00 AM	4/24/2023	12:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting MP MacGregor meeting	4/24/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/24/2023	1:30:00 PM
MNGA Governance Committee	4/24/2023	5:30:00 PM	4/24/2023	6:45:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	4/24/2023	4:00:00 PM	4/24/2023	5:30:00 PM
Post-meeting MP MacGregor meeting	4/25/2023	10:30:00 AM	4/25/2023	11:00:00 AM
Michif Language Resources	4/25/2023	9:00:00 AM	4/25/2023	10:00:00 AM
Meeting with Alistair MacGregor, MP	4/25/2023	10:00:00 AM	4/25/2023	10:30:00 AM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	4/25/2023	3:30:00 PM	4/25/2023	4:30:00 PM
Bi-Week Digital Government Meeting with Patrick	4/25/2023	11:00:00 AM	4/25/2023	12:00:00 PM
Vanity Rendezvous	4/26/2023	10:00:00 AM	4/26/2023	11:00:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	4/26/2023	1:00:00 PM	4/26/2023	3:00:00 PM
Elder's Tea with Marie Bercier	4/27/2023	12:00:00 PM	4/27/2023	2:00:00 PM
Children, Culture and Education Roundtable	4/27/2023	2:00:00 PM	4/27/2023	3:30:00 PM
Tobacco Circle with Elder Jo-ina Young	4/28/2023	2:00:00 PM	4/28/2023	3:00:00 PM
Conversation with Jordan Waunch	4/28/2023	6:00:00 PM	4/28/2023	6:30:00 PM
3D rescan of Grandmother pieces for ADI website	4/29/2023	10:00:00 AM	4/29/2023	4:00:00 PM
updated: MNBC Relations	5/1/2023	11:00:00 AM	5/1/2023	12:00:00 PM
Rendezvous planning	5/1/2023	12:30:00 PM	5/1/2023	1:00:00 PM
MP Garrison, MLA Simons and MLA Olsen meeting	5/1/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/1/2023	1:30:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	5/1/2023	4:00:00 PM	5/1/2023	5:30:00 PM
ADI Bi-weekly updates	5/1/2023	10:00:00 AM	5/1/2023	11:00:00 AM
MNBC Board of Directors Meeting with MWBC	5/2/2023	7:00:00 PM	5/2/2023	8:30:00 PM
Quilt making and performance	5/3/2023	6:00:00 PM	5/3/2023	8:15:00 PM
R1 Touchbase - RGC or RLM	5/4/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/4/2023	2:00:00 PM
Rendezvous planning	5/5/2023	2:00:00 PM	5/5/2023	3:00:00 PM
Michif Language Planning Engagement Session 1	5/6/2023	10:00:00 AM	5/6/2023	1:00:00 PM
MP Alistair MacGregor at CVMN Education event	5/8/2023	11:30:00 AM	5/8/2023	12:30:00 PM
Michif Language Planning Engagement Session 2	5/8/2023	6:30:00 PM	5/8/2023	9:30:00 PM
MFCBC Region 1 Project Kick-Off	5/8/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/8/2023	2:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	5/8/2023	4:00:00 PM	5/8/2023	5:30:00 PM
FINAL UNDA-UNDRIP Action Plan Update	5/8/2023	9:30:00 AM	5/8/2023	11:00:00 AM
Emergency Preparedness Committee	5/8/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/8/2023	3:00:00 PM
HOLD Urban Indigenous knowledge transfer	5/9/2023	8:00:00 AM	5/9/2023	9:00:00 AM
Bi-Week Digital Government Meeting with Patrick	5/9/2023	11:00:00 AM	5/9/2023	12:00:00 PM
MNBC Meeting with MLA Adam Olsen	5/10/2023	11:00:00 AM	5/10/2023	11:30:00 AM
MNBC meeting with Minister Ravi Kahlon	5/10/2023	3:00:00 PM	5/10/2023	3:30:00 PM
MNBC Meeting MLA Simons - In person	5/10/2023	10:00:00 AM	5/10/2023	10:30:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	5/10/2023	12:30:00 PM	5/10/2023	3:00:00 PM
Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	5/11/2023	11:30:00 AM	5/11/2023	12:00:00 PM
Meeting MP Randall Garrison - In-person	5/12/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/12/2023	1:30:00 PM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	5/12/2023	2:00:00 PM	5/12/2023	3:30:00 PM
Transport Scofield creation to Surrey	5/15/2023	9:30:00 AM	5/15/2023	10:30:00 AM
Pre-MLA Fleming and Post-MLA Olsen, MP Garrison	5/15/2023	12:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	12:30:00 PM
Michif Language Planning Engagement Session 3	5/15/2023	5:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	8:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	5/15/2023	4:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	5:30:00 PM
CSF	5/15/2023	6:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	7:00:00 PM
Batoche Planning - Board Committee	5/15/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	2:00:00 PM
Batoche Planning - Board Committee	5/15/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/15/2023	2:00:00 PM
Region 1 RGC	5/16/2023	6:00:00 PM	5/16/2023	8:00:00 PM
Region 1 Leadership Meeting	5/16/2023	6:00:00 PM	5/16/2023	7:30:00 PM
Board Meeting - In-Person	5/16/2023	9:00:00 AM	5/16/2023	2:15:00 PM
Board Meeting - In-Camera	5/16/2023	2:15:00 PM	5/16/2023	4:15:00 PM
VIRTUAL Knowledge Transfer Project	5/17/2023	12:30:00 PM	5/17/2023	2:00:00 PM
MNBC Design Update w/ Kaija Heitland	5/17/2023	2:00:00 PM	5/17/2023	2:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	5/17/2023	8:30:00 AM	5/17/2023	10:30:00 AM
Post-meeting MLA Fleming meeting	5/18/2023	12:30:00 PM	5/18/2023	1:00:00 PM
MNBC meeting Minister Fleming (In-person)	5/18/2023	11:00:00 AM	5/18/2023	11:30:00 AM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	5/18/2023	9:30:00 AM	5/18/2023	10:30:00 AM
CHL Ministry Connect	5/18/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/18/2023	2:00:00 PM
Brodeur fiddle	5/18/2023	5:30:00 PM	5/18/2023	8:00:00 PM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	5/19/2023	2:30:00 PM	5/19/2023	4:00:00 PM
Eastern Métis Discussion	5/19/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/19/2023	2:00:00 PM

Rendezvous planning	5/21/2023	6:30:00 PM	5/21/2023	8:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	5/22/2023	4:00:00 PM	5/22/2023	5:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	5/23/2023	9:00:00 AM	5/23/2023	9:30:00 AM
MNBC and BC Fiscal Framework meeting	5/23/2023	2:30:00 PM	5/23/2023	4:00:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	5/23/2023	3:30:00 PM	5/23/2023	4:30:00 PM
Royal Bay Indigenous Grad	5/24/2023	4:15:00 PM	5/24/2023	7:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	5/24/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/24/2023	3:00:00 PM
Region 1: Follow-Up and Engagement Discussion	5/25/2023	1:00:00 PM	5/25/2023	2:00:00 PM
MNGA Governance Committee	5/25/2023	5:30:00 PM	5/25/2023	6:45:00 PM
IPS Legislation Working Group	5/25/2023	10:30:00 AM	5/25/2023	12:30:00 PM
FW: Rappel -Rencontre CCRÉA - 25 mai 2023	5/25/2023	5:00:00 PM	5/25/2023	6:00:00 PM
Check-in - Province	5/25/2023	2:30:00 PM	5/25/2023	3:00:00 PM
VIHA Agreement discussion	5/26/2023	11:00:00 AM	5/26/2023	2:30:00 PM
MNBC/Island Health Executive Leadership	5/26/2023	10:00:00 AM	5/26/2023	1:00:00 PM
Executive Meeting	5/26/2023	3:30:00 PM	5/26/2023	4:30:00 PM
VIHA cultural safety training	5/27/2023	12:00:00 AM	5/28/2023	12:00:00 AM
Rendezvous planning meeting	5/28/2023	6:00:00 PM	5/28/2023	8:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	5/29/2023	4:00:00 PM	5/29/2023	5:30:00 PM
2spirit consultation	5/29/2023	5:30:00 PM	5/29/2023	7:00:00 PM
PBM Prime Minister Summit	5/30/2023	12:00:00 AM	6/3/2023	12:00:00 AM
Provincial Urban Indigenous meeting	5/31/2023	5:00:00 PM	6/1/2023	5:00:00 PM
PBM Prime Minister Summit (Day 1/2)	5/31/2023	5:00:00 AM	5/31/2023	11:30:00 AM
MP Desjarlais & Metis Nation of British Columbia	5/31/2023	1:30:00 PM	5/31/2023	2:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	5/31/2023	12:30:00 PM	5/31/2023	2:00:00 PM
Reception: PBM Crown-Métis Summit	6/1/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/1/2023	1:00:00 PM
PBM Prime Minister Summit (Day 2/2)	6/1/2023	5:30:00 AM	6/1/2023	9:00:00 AM
Elder's Tea with Stella Johnson	6/1/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/1/2023	11:00:00 AM
June 2023 MNGA	6/3/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/3/2023	4:30:00 PM
Rendezvous Planning Meeting	6/4/2023	6:30:00 PM	6/4/2023	7:30:00 PM
June 2023 MNGA	6/4/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/4/2023	4:30:00 PM
Metis Nation BC and Canadian Heritage	6/5/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/5/2023	11:30:00 AM
Interim Approach Presentation	6/5/2023	2:00:00 PM	6/5/2023	3:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	6/5/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/5/2023	5:30:00 PM
Batoche Planning - Board Committee	6/5/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/5/2023	2:00:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	6/6/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/6/2023	9:30:00 AM
MNC National Child and Family conference	6/6/2023	7:30:00 AM	6/6/2023	9:00:00 AM
KTP Elder Report	6/6/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/6/2023	2:15:00 PM
Special Board Meeting	6/7/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/7/2023	11:30:00 AM
ICAB	6/7/2023	10:15:00 AM	6/7/2023	2:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	6/7/2023	3:00:00 PM	6/7/2023	5:00:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	6/8/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/8/2023	2:00:00 PM
CAB joint meeting prep	6/8/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/8/2023	9:30:00 AM
CAB Chair - Prep meeting	6/8/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/8/2023	9:30:00 AM
VURD -amphitheater	6/9/2023	9:30:00 AM	6/9/2023	1:00:00 PM
Vancouver Island Metis Rendezvous	6/9/2023	12:00:00 AM	6/12/2023	12:00:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	6/12/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/12/2023	5:30:00 PM
ICAB	6/12/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/12/2023	12:00:00 PM
Board Meeting (In-Camera)	6/12/2023	3:00:00 PM	6/12/2023	4:00:00 PM
Board Meeting - Virtual	6/12/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/12/2023	3:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting MLA Routley meeting	6/13/2023	3:00:00 PM	6/13/2023	3:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	6/13/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/13/2023	9:30:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	6/13/2023	1:30:00 PM	6/13/2023	3:00:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	6/13/2023	3:30:00 PM	6/13/2023	4:30:00 PM
Post-meeting MLA Routley meeting	6/14/2023	10:30:00 AM	6/14/2023	11:00:00 AM
MNBC Meeting with MLA Doug Routley	6/14/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/14/2023	10:30:00 AM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	6/14/2023	3:00:00 PM	6/14/2023	4:30:00 PM
Fraser Health Discussion	6/14/2023	11:15:00 AM	6/14/2023	12:15:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	6/14/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/14/2023	3:00:00 PM
Point Elice Site Visit	6/15/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/15/2023	12:00:00 PM
MNBC Strategic Plan Discussion	6/15/2023	12:00:00 PM	6/15/2023	4:00:00 PM
Rendezvous debrief	6/19/2023	12:00:00 PM	6/19/2023	1:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	6/19/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/19/2023	5:30:00 PM
Economic Development Strategy Roundtable	6/19/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/19/2023	3:00:00 PM
Bi-Week Digital Government Meetingk	6/20/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/20/2023	12:00:00 PM
MNGA Governance Committee	6/22/2023	5:30:00 PM	6/22/2023	6:45:00 PM
Coordinated access system	6/22/2023	8:30:00 AM	6/22/2023	4:30:00 PM
Travel to Edmonton - Alberta Metis Crossing	6/23/2023	12:00:00 AM	6/26/2023	12:00:00 AM
Travel Alberta for Metisfest	6/23/2023	12:00:00 AM	6/26/2023	12:00:00 AM

Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	6/23/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/23/2023	10:30:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	6/26/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/26/2023	5:30:00 PM
Fraser Salish and MNBC	6/26/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/26/2023	12:00:00 PM
Dinner with Bradley	6/26/2023	4:30:00 PM	6/26/2023	5:30:00 PM
Batoche Planning - Board Committee	6/26/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/26/2023	2:00:00 PM
Task Team in-person meeting	6/27/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/27/2023	4:00:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	6/27/2023	9:00:00 AM	6/27/2023	9:30:00 AM
Csf advisory	6/27/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/27/2023	5:00:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	6/27/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/27/2023	11:00:00 AM
R1 Housing Discussion	6/28/2023	11:00:00 AM	6/28/2023	12:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	6/28/2023	1:00:00 PM	6/28/2023	3:00:00 PM
ADI Board Meeting	6/28/2023	3:30:00 PM	6/28/2023	4:30:00 PM
Vancity Credit Union - Business Account Signing	6/29/2023	4:00:00 PM	6/29/2023	4:45:00 PM
Social Infrastructure Development Committee	6/29/2023	10:00:00 AM	6/29/2023	12:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	7/3/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/3/2023	5:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	7/4/2023	9:00:00 AM	7/4/2023	9:30:00 AM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	7/4/2023	3:30:00 PM	7/4/2023	4:30:00 PM
Bi-Week Digital Government Meeting	7/4/2023	11:00:00 AM	7/4/2023	12:00:00 PM
Finance and Audit Committee	7/5/2023	8:30:00 AM	7/5/2023	10:00:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	7/5/2023	1:00:00 PM	7/5/2023	3:00:00 PM
1:1 Sasha/Patrick	7/5/2023	12:30:00 PM	7/5/2023	1:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting Minister Rankin meeting	7/6/2023	2:00:00 PM	7/6/2023	3:00:00 PM
Minister Dean Meeting	7/6/2023	1:30:00 PM	7/6/2023	2:00:00 PM
MFCBC Region 1 Monthly Project Check-In	7/6/2023	10:00:00 AM	7/6/2023	11:00:00 AM
Métis Rights and Self-Government Committee	7/7/2023	2:00:00 PM	7/7/2023	3:30:00 PM
Rendezvous debrief	7/10/2023	7:30:00 PM	7/10/2023	9:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	7/10/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/10/2023	5:30:00 PM
Board Meeting (In-Camera)	7/10/2023	1:00:00 PM	7/10/2023	2:00:00 PM
Board Meeting	7/10/2023	9:00:00 AM	7/10/2023	1:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting for Minister Rankin meeting	7/11/2023	2:30:00 PM	7/11/2023	3:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	7/11/2023	9:00:00 AM	7/11/2023	9:30:00 AM
Check-in w/ Minister Harriott	7/11/2023	11:00:00 AM	7/11/2023	11:30:00 AM
Patrick and Sasha	7/12/2023	11:00:00 AM	7/12/2023	11:30:00 AM
MFCBC Region 1 - 1:1 Interview	7/12/2023	12:00:00 PM	7/12/2023	1:00:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	7/12/2023	1:00:00 PM	7/12/2023	3:00:00 PM
Culture Heritage Working Group Meeting	7/12/2023	6:00:00 PM	7/12/2023	8:00:00 PM
Pre-meeting 2 for Minister Rankin meeting	7/13/2023	9:00:00 AM	7/13/2023	10:00:00 AM
Post-meeting debrief Minister Rankin meeting	7/13/2023	12:00:00 PM	7/13/2023	1:00:00 PM
In-Person Meeting with Minister Rankin	7/13/2023	10:30:00 AM	7/13/2023	12:00:00 PM
CHL Ministry Connect	7/13/2023	3:00:00 PM	7/13/2023	4:00:00 PM
TRAVEL FOR BATOCHÉ	7/16/2023	12:00:00 AM	7/27/2023	12:00:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	7/17/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/17/2023	5:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	7/18/2023	9:00:00 AM	7/18/2023	9:30:00 AM
GDI Tour	7/19/2023	2:00:00 PM	7/19/2023	3:30:00 PM
Back to Batoche	7/21/2023	12:00:00 AM	7/25/2023	12:00:00 AM
Informal Board Meeting	7/24/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/24/2023	5:30:00 PM
MFCBC Region 1 Monthly Project Check-In	7/25/2023	2:00:00 PM	7/25/2023	3:00:00 PM
Bi-Weekly CEO/BOD Update Meeting	7/25/2023	3:30:00 PM	7/25/2023	4:30:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	7/26/2023	1:00:00 PM	7/26/2023	3:00:00 PM
Post-meeting Minister Popham meeting	7/27/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/27/2023	4:30:00 PM
MNGA Governance Committee	7/27/2023	5:30:00 PM	7/27/2023	6:45:00 PM
Meeting Minister Lana Popham - In person	7/27/2023	11:00:00 AM	7/27/2023	11:30:00 AM
Executive Finance Meeting - Anna and Patrick	7/27/2023	9:30:00 AM	7/27/2023	10:30:00 AM
MNBC and RBCM conversation	7/28/2023	11:00:00 AM	7/28/2023	12:00:00 PM
Check In	7/28/2023	12:00:00 PM	7/28/2023	1:00:00 PM
Patrick Harriott's Zoom Meeting	7/30/2023	3:00:00 PM	7/30/2023	4:00:00 PM
Informal Board Meeting	7/31/2023	4:00:00 PM	7/31/2023	5:30:00 PM
Patrick and Russ weekly touch base	8/1/2023	9:00:00 AM	8/1/2023	9:30:00 AM
Meeting with MP Lisa Marie Barron (In-person)	8/1/2023	3:00:00 PM	8/1/2023	3:45:00 PM
Meeting with MLA Malcolmson - In person	8/1/2023	2:15:00 PM	8/1/2023	2:55:00 PM
Minister Harriott meeting MLA Routley (In-person)	8/1/2023	9:30:00 AM	8/1/2023	10:00:00 AM
Governance and Policy Committee Meeting	8/1/2023	1:30:00 PM	8/1/2023	3:00:00 PM

REGION 2



LOWER MAINLAND

Respectfully Submitted: Louis De Jaeger

*Minister of Health, Minister of Economic Development
Minister of Tourism, Secretary MNBC Executive*



Committees and Boards

*Chair – Amelia Douglas Institute
Chair – 2SLGBTQQIAA+ Committee
Chair – Business Advisory Committee
Co-Chair – Emergency Preparedness Committee
Co-Chair – People & Culture Committee (Human Resources)
Co-Chair – Northern Health Leadership Committee
Co-Chair – Interior Health Leadership Table (MILT)
Member - Environment Advisory Committee
Member – Finance & Audit Committee
Member – Governance & Policy Committee
Member - Métis Rights & Self-Governance Committee
Member – RIRSD Leadership Table
Member – MIRR Leadership Table
Member – Data Governance Committee
Member – Aboriginal Health Steering Committee
Member – Feedback and Accountability Sub-Committee
Member – Finance Review, Recruit & Retention, UNDRIP,
Member – Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IMAC-TMX)
Member – Western Indigenous Pipeline Group
Member - Indigenous Advisory Board UFV School of Business*

External

*Métis Financial Corporation of BC – Board Member
The Chilliwack Social Research and Planning Council
Indigenous Advisory Board UFV School of Business
UFV Senate Committee on Indigenization
Chair – Indigenous People's Commission for British Columbia*

Tansi, Bonjour and Hello,

2023 has been an amazing year with many projects completed and many projects underway. Region 2 Communities continue to grow, and community events have seen larger and larger numbers of attendees post-COVID. Big shout out to our interim-Youth representative Danielle Bergevin who has been very active throughout the Lower Mainland and at other regional and provincial events throughout the province. Welcome to Rick Johnstone our new Veterans representative and our new Captain of the Hunt nominee, Holly Tennant. I continue to have regular check-ins with Community leaders, Region 2 Women's representative Carmen Carriere, and MNBC's senior leadership. A milestone for MNBC is the acceptance of our 40th chartered community, the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association, who was accepted by the Region 2 Regional Governance Council with the new boundaries set. They are hoping to be based out of the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS) building on Hastings Street in Vancouver. Many do not realize that the original organization was established by Dr. Howard Adams in 1995 and the new re-organized community will not only carry on the history of that community, but will incorporate part of the old logo, which was designed by MNBC Sechelt member Rhonda Carriere. It's great to see the re-organization of this community and a new relationship rekindled with the VAFCS. It was a pleasure again to MC another successful 'Children of the Fur Trade' event at the Surrey Museum in cooperation with Surrey/Delta and Waceya Métis communities. Our MNBC float made an appearance for the first time at the Cloverdale Rodeo where we won "First Prize for a Non-Profit" entry. Of course, the Waceya Métis youth dance troupe made an appearance at the Indigenous Village Stage, was one of many appearances in the lower mainland this year. I attended three Indigenous People's Day events to give greetings on behalf of MNBC at the Cloverdale Exhibition Park along with the City of Surrey, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Katzie First Nation representatives. In Chilliwack at Townsend Park with Stó: lō leadership and at the Chilliwack Hospital with Fraser Health. I again attended the Métis Rendezvous, June 10th at Cowichan Exhibition Park in Duncan. The event was extremely well organized, and it was great to work the info booth for the Métis Financial Corporation of BC (MFCBC) and speak with many Métis business owners and entrepreneurs.



MNBC's Health file – A big chi-meegwetch to our Senior Director Tanya Davoren, Stephen Thomson, Gaby Campbell and the entire growing team of professionals that are truly dedicated to advancing our approach to healthcare for our people right across BC.

A recent programs and services health tour by Fraser Health was a hands-on experiential learning exercise in how a clinic operates and we also visited the Last Door recovery house in New Westminster. It was a great opportunity to talk to some of the house members and recognize how Métis cultural themes like Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (we take care of each other) are already part of their

recovery process.

For the past two years, MNBC has participated on the 'In Plain Sight' Task Team. As things are winding down partners are working together to come up with *next steps*. Huge take aways for me are the relationships that we were able to establish with First Nations community leadership, the First Nations Health Authority, Provincial Health Authorities, and our Ministry. As I've mentioned in some of my monthly regional reports, I do see the day where our Health Ministry administers our own Health and Wellness clinics across the province, not necessarily 'Métis specific' but in partnership with Provincial and First Nation Health authorities.

Over the past year we have had meetings with Carolyn Bennett on Mental Health, attended the Trilateral meetings on health with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and probably the most significant accomplishment is the co-operative development of a Health decision-making body in the Fraser Health Region. This has included many meetings on the technical and political side with the support of Grand Chief Doug Kelly and Grand Chief Willie Charlie from Stó: lō.

Métis leaders and citizens had an opportunity to weigh in on pending C-7 legislation, which passed Parliament in March 2021. The legislation temporarily pushed the expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) to cases involving mental illness to 2024. MNBC's Health Ministry also hosted a Health and Wellness Summit in Osoyoos. It was a great opportunity to share experiences post-COVID and re-connect with culture. A big take-away for me is that 'community is healthcare' and that together we can help each other heal. Work continues on strengthening our relationships with regular meetings with Interior Health, Coastal Health, Vancouver Island Health, Northern Health and the Provincial Health Services Authority.

Economic Development - I'd like to welcome Stuart Dixon, MNBC's new Senior Director of Economic Development. Stuart brings over 11 years of experience in a myriad of core industries vital to the objectives and vision of MNBC. Stuart is a proud Métis citizen himself and holds a Bachelor of Applied Technology from SAIT Polytechnic and an MBA concentrated in Finance from Vancouver Island University. His arrival is timely, as MNBC will be finalizing our Economic Development Strategy and restructuring our economic vision to be inclusive of sustainability, protecting the environment, and upholding our Métis values as stewards of the land. Since the formation of the President's Task Team on Economic Development, our Team has implemented an Economic Strategy containing two parts. One, is a macro-economic assessment of the regional business environment across the province inclusive of community business needs as well as identifying the challenges that local entrepreneurs' face. The second, is a higher-level strategy tackling topics like investment, capital leverage, business partnerships and a feasibility study on bigger capital projects like the development of a Métis Credit Union. With the launch of the Amelia Douglas Institute, opportunities for other revenue streams connected with having a charitable status are opened up.

Our relationship with industry continues to improve with cooperative agreements with our joint venture partners and partnerships. We continue to participate at the IMAC-TMX Monitoring committee meetings despite our Métis seat being empty. Natural Resources Canada has yet to follow up with our concerns, but we continue to press our case as the recognized government of

Métis people in BC. MNBC was invited to the UK by the UK government to participate in talks on Indigenous International Trade with a focus on critical minerals. My mission was to lobby for the participation of our Métis businesses and the inclusion of ESG + I (Environment, Social, Environment + Indigenous) in major projects around the province. I submitted a full report here: <https://www.mnbc.ca/node/2732>. (Associated image: Picture1)

It is important for MNBC to participate in Indigenous economic events throughout the year all around BC. Our attendance at events like the First Nations Major Projects Coalition Convention in Vancouver last spring, creates not only opportunities for dialogue with First Nation leaders and influential government agencies, but also gives voice to all our businesses and entrepreneurs across the Nation. MNBC's **Métis Financial Corp of BC** continues to be one of the fastest growing Indigenous Funding Institutions (IFI) in Canada. With the formation of the Association of Métis Capital Corporations (AMCC), we are in the process of negotiating for the re-capitalization with the federal government based on an equal split of funds, not on the historical MNC formula. Our First Time Homeowners Grant will start rolling out in the fall, and educational programs continue to be developed and delivered throughout the province.

Did I mention that we won the Thompson-Okanagan Business Excellence Award for Indigenous **Business of the Year**? I would also like to congratulate Keenan Beavis of Longhouse Media for winning BC Business 30 under 30. I had the



opportunity to interview

Keenan at Fort Langley. Link is here: <https://youtu.be/NsHew-i1nis>

In closing, I would like to thank you the citizens of Métis Nation BC for giving me this opportunity to use my skills in business and trusting me to help build our Nation. No one ever said it would be easy...but no one ever said that it couldn't be done either. I am honored to be a servant leader.



REGION 3



THOMPSON AND OKANAGAN

Respectfully Submitted: Dean Gladue

Tansi to all attending the 2023 AGM in Kamloops BC, also known as the Tournament Capital of Canada. The word Kamloops is the English translation of the Shuswap word Tk'emplups, meaning there the rivers meet,' and for centuries has been the home of the Tk'emplupsemc,' people of the confluence.'



This year has been a very, very busy year for me and all our MNBC Board of Directors, staff, and Métis Chartered Communities throughout BC. The next year will be no different and I really enjoy working for my Métis Nation as we are so close to obtaining IGB statues (Indigenous Government Body) in British Columbia.

As the MNBC Region 3 Director, I have many responsibilities at the National, Provincial, Regional and Community levels, and these responsibilities come with many sacrifices and time management. I take my role as Region 3 Director very seriously, as important decisions are made at the Board level that impact our Métis Nation at all levels of government and leadership.

These are my current duties and responsibilities with Métis Nation BC.

- Region 3 Director (Thompson/Okanagan): This also includes attending numerous Board of Directors meetings throughout the year and assisting eight local Chartered Communities within my region. I attend various meetings/events when invited to do so if time permits with my schedule. I also take calls and emails from many MNBC citizens throughout Region and ensure they are heard and directed to the proper department for guidance and direction.
- I have the following MNBC Ministry portfolios: Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Sports and Active Living, Associate Minister of Justice, and Associate Minister of Tourism.
- I currently sit on the following MNBC Committees: Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Presidential Task Force Committee, Interior Health Table (MILT), Environmental Advisory Committee, Métis Financial Corporation Region 3 Research Committee, and Region 3 Regional Governance Council.

Here are some highlights and activities I participated throughout the year from our last MNBC AGM in Richmond BC to this year's 2023 AGM.

September 2022:

- MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
- MNBC AGM - Richmond BC
- Meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Department.
- Meeting with MLA, Dan Ashton
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Meeting with MLA, Greg Kylo.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Community Services.

October 2022:

- Two Rivers Métis Association AGM.
- Meeting with MNBC CEO
- Meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Dept.
- Meeting with MLA, Harwinder Sandhu.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living.
- Meeting with three MLA's from the Okanagan.
- Chaired Kelowna Métis Association AGM.
- Boundary Métis Association AGM.
- MNBC Board meeting.
- Meeting with MLA, Jackie Tegart.

November 2022:

- MNBC Environmental Protection Advisory Committee meeting.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Community Services.
- Meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Department.
- Meeting with South Okanagan Métis Association.
- Meeting with MP Tracy Gray and MP Richard Cannings.
- Meeting with MLA's Peter Milobar and Todd Stone.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living.
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting in Victoria BC.
- Louis Reil Day Celebration in Victoria BC.

December 2022:

- MNBC Informal Cabinet meeting.
- MNBC Youth Committee meeting.
- MNBC Regional Governance Council meeting.
- MNBC Board of director meeting.
- Travel to Ottawa and meet with the Liberal Government as well as other sectors of Federal interests.
- Meeting Métis National Council in Ottawa.
- Meeting with MNBC Presidential Task Force.

- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Community Services.

January 2023:

- MNBC Regional Governance Leadership meeting.
- Travel to Edmonton, AB and met with the Canadian Energy Regulators.
- MNBC Board of Directors Informal meeting.
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting.
- Meeting MNBC CEO
- MNBC Board of Director meeting at MNBC H.Q.
- BC Government Industry Forum.
- MNBC Presidential Economic Task Force Committee meeting.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Executive Director.
- Meeting with Nicola Valley Métis Association leadership and the local school district.
- Travelled to Vancouver BC and attended the AME Roundup Conference in regard to Natural Resources in mining.
- Travelled to Surrey, BC and met with MNBC Justice Committee.
- Meeting with Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family Services.
- MNBC Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting.
- MNBC Special Cabinet meeting.

February 2023:

- MNBC Board of Directors Strategic Planning workshop – Parksville BC
- Travelled to Edmonton, AB and participated in the Canadian Energy Regulators future projects in BC in regards to oil and gas pipelines.
- Meeting with MNBC's Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living.
- Meeting with Interior Health leadership.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Housing in regards to Nicola Valley Métis Association.
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Justice and the MNBC Justice Committee.
- Meeting with MNBC CEO to discuss potential emerging issues and concerns.
- Meeting with Senior Director of Housing and Homelessness.



March 2023:

- MNBC Board of Directors training session on governance- Richmond, BC.
- Region 3 RGC meeting
- MNGA – Richmond, BC
- Weekly informal meeting with MNBC Board of Directors.
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee.
- Meeting with MNBC Board of Directors to discuss a research project of Métis Rights in BC.
- Travelled to Ottawa to celebrate Métis National Council's 40th anniversary and met with various Federal Ministers.
- Meeting with local MLA Jackie Tagert.
- Meeting with MNBC Environmental Advisory Committee.

April 2023:

- Meeting with Thompson Rivers University Indigenous Advisory Committee.
- Meeting with the Ballard Group regarding an MNBC economic research project.
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- Region 3 RGC meeting.
- Travelled to Calgary and attended the Métis Nation Council Justice Conference.
- Meeting with MLA Josie Osborne, who is BC Government Minister of Natural Resources.
- Travelled to Vancouver and participated in the Vancouver Sun Run on behalf of MNBC.
- Meeting with the MNBC Presidential Economic Task Force Committee.
- Meeting with the MNBC Senior Director of Justice and Justice Committee.

May 2023:

- Travelled to Surrey, BC for a MNBC Board of Director meeting.
- Meeting to discuss Region 3 economic development assessment and strategies with the Ballard Group.
- Meeting with MNBC Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Sports and Active Living.
- Region 3 RGC meeting.
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Health and Interior Health Leadership Table.
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee.
- Roundtable meeting with Minister of Digital Government, Minister of Community Services and Minister of Sports and Active Living.
- MNBC Board of Directors weekly informal meeting.
- Meeting with MNBC Justice Committee.

June 2023:

- Virtual MNBC MNGA
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee.
- Meeting with Two Rivers Métis BOD.
- Meeting with new MNBC Sports and Active Living Manager.
- MNBC Special Board meeting.
- Minister Roundtable Digital Government, Community Services, Sports and Active Living.
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting.
- Travel day to Richmond BC.
- Meeting with MNBC Senate
- MNBC Justice Committee meeting.
- MNBC Economic Development Strategy Roundtable
- Travelled to Kelowna.
- National Indigenous Days celebration with Kelowna Métis Association
- Chaired Vernon Métis Association Special AGM.
- Meeting to discuss Region 3 economic development assessment and strategies with the Ballard Group.

July 2023:

- Bi-weekly meeting with MNBC CEO.
- Roundtable meeting with MNBC Public Affairs.
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting
- MNBC Region 3 RGC
- Travelled to MNBC H.Q.
- In person meeting with MNBC Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living.
- Meeting with Métis Financial Development Corp.
- Meeting with Kelowna Métis Association.
- Travelled to Halifax, NS
- Participated in the North American Indigenous Games as a honored guest on behalf of Métis Nation BC as the Minister of Sports and Active Living.
- MNBC informal board meeting.



August 2023:

- Meeting with MLA Jackie Tagart.
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting.
- MNBC Minister Roundtable Digital Government, Community Services, Sports, and Active Living.
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting

As you can see I have had a very busy year as the MNBC Region 3 Director. It should also be noted that I continue to receive many calls and emails from numerous MNBC Citizens throughout BC. I also committed to several face-to-face discussions that relate to Métis issues and concerns. I like to call these meetings to having “tea and bannock”.

REGION 4



KOOTENAYS

Respectfully Submitted: Debra Fisher

It is hard to believe another year has passed and here we are at the AGM already. It has gone very quickly with many highs and many lows. Politics is not for the faint of heart or for those who expect things done promptly, with complete satisfaction or in good faith while working with the provincial or federal government; especially working from a place of an indigenous government and nation.



Colonization and Lateral Violence (Internalized Colonialism) is alive and well and continues to be the most frustrating part of my duty to serve my citizens needs and it affects our ministry work and staff sadly. We have it within ourselves as Métis people and these hard truths are the part what literally hurts my heart. I don't do this work to stroke my ego, get rich or become famous. I do it because I believe in being a faithful, honest, and an open servant leader with and for Métis Nation BC. When our own people turn on each other...we must look at the reason why? We need to check the egos at the door, ask ourselves, am I doing this for me...or that little Métis child's future? Really!

My highs are and will always be with our citizens and hearing how our Chartered Community Presidents, Community and MNBC Staff supported them in one way or other. I take great pride in how many issues were solved working together as a team from citizen, president, chartered community, regional director to MNBC staff and back again. So many instances of situations that were solved by working together with our citizens, chartered communities and MNBC's Cross Ministries. Even with First Nations. This work has been instrumental in providing and front-loading support before the issues got worse. If only we were funded as promised...what we could do!



My region has incredible leaders and I respect all the front-line work they and their boards do. President Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River; President Monica Fisher, Columbia Valley Métis; President Jeff Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis; President Mrytle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis; President Nicole Courson, West Kootenay Métis, Senator Betty Hoggendoorn, Captain of the Hunt Mark Carlson, and Veteran Kevin Murray.



We have updated our Regional Strategic Plan; appointed our new interim Youth Representative Allie Caron (Kootenay South) and Region 4 Youth Support Maddy Crozier (Rocky Mountain) and Women's Representative Michele Morin from (West Kootenay). We had 8 women apply for Women's Representative and that is a first I believe for Métis Nation. Every community has been very active and keep the "Kootenay Métis Spirit" alive and well. From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank them enough for all they do.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ MY MINISTRIES' REPORTS:

Ministry of Children and Families

Ministry of Education (K-12 & Early Years)



REGION 5



NORTH CENTRAL

Respectfully Submitted: Raynie Gervais

Tansi kiyyawow, bonjour, and hello everyone.

This year's 2023 AGM is beginning to look to be an exciting one this year for the MNBC. With Kamloops as the host city this time around, this city not only offers a great view of its scenic landscape, but it is also a city that has everything including many shopping centers, beautiful parks, and plenty of things to do at your fingertips. I welcome all citizens of the MNBC that can make this event. In saying that, it has been a very busy year in my role as Region 5 director so far, along with the two portfolios I hold, as the Minister of Elders, and the associate minister of Culture, History and Language.

Here are some of the many committees I sit on:

1. Governance & Policy Committee.
2. Youth Engagement Committee
3. Culture, History & Language Committee.
4. Emergency Preparedness Committee
5. Health & Social infrastructure Committee

I would like to share some of the highlights of my heavy work schedule in meetings I attended so far this year of 2023:

January 16 and 17/2023: Attended a face-to-face meeting with Board of Directors at the MNBC headquarters in Surrey. This meeting covered a First Nations Strategy session for two full days.

The same day, I also attended our very first Amelia Douglas Institute committee meeting.

February 1 to 4/2023: Attended a 3- day MNBC Board Retreat at the beautiful Tigh-Na- Mara Sea-side BC Resort in Parksville, located on Vancouver Island.

February 13/2023: Attended the first of many monthly gatherings of the Otipemisiwak elders in Prince George.

February 21/2023: I attended a Regional Governance Council meeting to appoint a new Youth Representative for Region 5.

March 3 to 4/2023: Attended our first MNGA that was held this year in person for the Presidents in



our 39 communities. The MNGA was held in Richmond, BC

March 19 to 21/2023: Attended the Métis Residential and Intergenerational gathering of School Survivors at the Spirit Ridge Lodge in Osoyoos, BC. The event was very successful, and everyone enjoyed the weekend that covered all discussions related to the healing and well being of many Residential school survivors that attended this event.

April 24/2023: I was part of a n interview that was held by the Métis in BC Exhibition Project with host Carly Nabess of the Culture, History, and language.

April 29/2023: Attended a Special General meeting of the Prince George Métis Community association.

May 16/2023: Attended a virtual part of a face-to-face board of directors meeting at MNBC headquarters.

June 3 to 4/2023: Attended another of our quarterly MNGA meetings of MNBC. This one was attended virtually this time around. It turned out successful for everyone that attended.

June 9/2023: Attended the Métis Veterans Legacy Program Presentation of Ms. Svolos (Lavallee) in honor of her late husband and war Veteran of WW11. Ceremony was held in Prince George at the Royal Canadian Legion with MNBC President and Minister of Veterans Lissa Smith and MNBC staff in attendance as well.

June 21/2023: Celebrated Canadian Indigenous day with some music, collaborating with the Prince George Métis Community Association and the Let le Tenneh First nation at the let Le Tenneh Memorial Park in Prince George. The event was well attended with 500 plus throughout the festival.

July 20 to 24/2023: I attended the Back to Batoche annual event this year, Saskatchewan with the Board and staff of MNBC. This year has set many records for attendance, and some say it was the best year since its beginning over thirty years ago. MNBC hosted a great Pavilion this year, and I want to say thanks to all our hard-working staff who made this happen and our awesome performers who played the main stage and Stage 2 as well for MNBC.

This concludes my AGM report for 2023 and wish you all in attendance at the AGM and at home, a wonderful time participating at our event this year.

In the spirit of Unity and learning,

Miigwetch, and all my relations,

Raynie Gervais

REGION 6



NORTHWEST

Respectfully Submitted: Susie Hooper



Hello once again from the Northwest Region!

This is my regional report from March 2023 to September 2023.

Spring and summer have been quite lovely in the Northwest. We, like the rest of the province, are in a fire ban due to the extreme risk of forest fires, and some of us are under water restrictions. As of today, we have no fires of note, but with a potential heat wave coming that can change quickly. The days are getting shorter, and folks are planning for what they will be harvesting for the winter.

I would like to start by thanking all the staff for all their hard work and dedication which is evident in the great things that are happening for the Citizens of MNBC. I am fortunate to work with some of the best.

Instead of repeating what is presented in the Ministry staff reports I encourage you to take the time to read the reports on: Environment Protection by Leona Shaw, Citizenship by Colleen Hodgson, and Community Services by Celina Moore. These reports highlight all the work and continued endeavors of those Ministries.

The Northwest Region is lucky to have three communities: Prince Rupert and District, Northwest BC Métis Community and Tri River Métis Community.

Our region had representatives from our communities at the MNGA in Richmond in March. Many resolutions were debated and will be brought forward to the 2023 AGM in Kamloops. The Northwest Leadership met in Terrace with the Senior Leadership team meeting in May where several MNBC staff were able to connect and answer questions and share what is happening



at the head office. We held a meeting before the leadership meeting to go over the resolutions that were coming up at the virtual MNGA early June. We have had monthly Regional Leadership meetings, which has been a great way to all connect. Our next Regional Governance Council meeting will be at the upcoming AGM. Our communities often take some time off in the summer months. Here are a few community highlights that I was lucky enough to be part of.

The Prince Rupert and District Métis Association hosted a Women's Wellness Retreat at Cassiar Cannery on Mother's Day weekend. It was a project that was in the works since pre-covid. It was an amazing weekend and I thank Joy Sundin for the invite and wonderful bonding with all participants. I attended and helped with their annual Sea Fest Bison burger venue. Their booth was one of the busiest food vendors, I plan on coming back next year. Andy Goulet and team got everyone jigging with the great fiddle music along the float route. I was unable to attend their Indigenous day event and missed out on the V'ni Dansi dancers that performed in Prince Rupert. I drove up to Prince Rupert mid-July to attend their "Métis Wellness and Healing Gathering". Great weekend of wonderful presenters, thanks for including me.

The Northwest BC Métis Association had a change of leadership. Trish Paulson stepped down from her position as Acting President, to pursue her next adventure. Bernadette Chaboyer stepped in as Interim President. The Community once again served their famous Bison burgers at the Indigenous Days in Little George Park. I enjoyed my time helping with serving the burgers and seeing all the community members come out and help. It was a very successful and very hot summer day. Thanks for the invite.

The Tri River Métis Association decided to set up a booth at the Burns Lake Indigenous Days at "Spirit Park" this year. I attended with board members Alicia and Dawn. It was great to make new connections. Alicia was very busy face painting. Tri River recently hosted a Bison burger BBQ out at Tyhee Provincial Park that was followed by a paddle on the Dze L K'ant Friendship Center War Canoe. It was a great experience paddling with many members of the community. One of our youths, Wyatt, loved it so much he went out on the canoe twice. Mel Bazil from the Friendship center shared his knowledge of the traditional territory. with us.



In the ministries I have I am kept quite busy, I hold the portfolios of Environmental Protection, Citizenship, Community Services. I have recently had the addition of one of our newest ministries Agriculture and Food Sovereignty which has been integrated into Environmental Protection. I am grateful for all the great staff that I get to work with. As well I sit on many committees along with my fellow board members. Other positions I have in my region are with School District #54 Indigenous Council and a position with the Dze I K'ant Friendship Centre.

There were many highlights in this reporting period. Here are a few

In March I was honored along with Colleen Hodgson, Executive Director of Children and Families to stand with and support the Gitksan Nation to have one of their children brought home. I attended the Climate Change forum that was held in Métis Crossing in Alberta. There we formed the "Goose Moon" table. In July I was able to attend Back to Batoche for the first time, I was blown away. It was an amazing experience for me and I look forward to a few more visits to the Batoche area. I am looking forward to an in person meeting with the BCMNAR captains and staff in Smithers mid-August. I will be attending the "Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk" Northern Health Gathering in Prince George September 14 and 15th.

Our Board continues to work together, and we are all very busy. I have and will continue to work with the citizens of Region 6 and with their direction be their voice on the board. So much great work is happening. As I've said before it is a very exciting time for Métis in British Columbia.



REGION 7



NORTHEAST

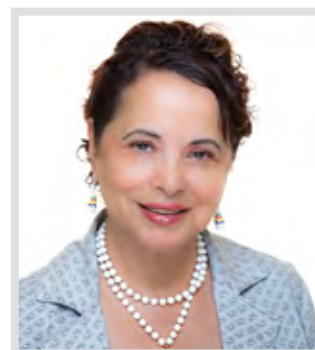
Respectfully Submitted: Paulette Flamond

Minister of STEPS

Associate Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty

Chair of People and Culture (Human Resources)

Board Member for the Métis Financial Corporation of BC



It is an honor to be in leadership with MNBC. 2023 was a year of major growth of our government and I have grown along with it. In 2023, I was able to use my leadership in many areas of MNBC including but not limited to STEPS, Human Resources, Business Advisory/Métis Financial Corporation of BC, and many other areas of work MNBC does. In 2023 I began taking leadership coaching and this has helped me not only to become a better leader but to do it with compassion for self and others with the continuous goal of servant leadership. I wish you all a successful AGM and I look forward to meeting you this weekend.

January 2023

I joined the BC Indigenous Food Wellness Advisory as a committee member to talk about food sovereignty and tools that can help Indigenous people across BC to learn more about land harvesting, growing food, preparation and finding out the needs and support that will help with the food shortages. Food Sovereignty is a personal passion of mine and I have volunteered to help in ways to make certain that our citizens across the province are being included in these initiatives. Along with this work, my involvement with the Métis Financial Corporation is extremely relevant for me as I spent most of my career helping Indigenous entrepreneurs to create and expand their business. I attended the First Nations Strategy Workshop and Cabinet Meeting at headquarters and the Fraser Valley AGM where I met many citizens for the first time. I met with Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller. Attended a two-day meeting on In Plain Sight with First Nations Health Authority, MNBC, and the Provincial Government. I met with MLA Dan Davies for Peace River North and participated in two joint venture meetings with MNBC partners, Little Fox Services and Iridia Medical. We are finally meeting with JV partners to introduce and find ways to enhance these partnerships. I also attended the first Regional Leadership Meeting for the Northeast for 2023.

February 2023

Board retreat in Parksville where we had governance training, lateral kindness training and a Board Meeting. Also got together with the Chartered Communities in the Region for dinner and on the last day attended a Medicine Walk and Cultural teaching session with an Elder. Met in Edmonton with Métis leadership from Alberta for the Nova Gas project with various stakeholders on the Canada Energy Regulator. Presented on food sovereignty in Dawson Creek at Agri-Connect. Travelled to Hudson Hope for a community meeting on the proposed housing project with the River of the Peace Métis Society. I met with the Fort St. John Métis Society and the MNBC housing team for its community consultation on the proposed housing project.

The highlight of this month was volunteering to be a business mentor to a group of Indigenous youth ages 13-16 who were taught by Gina Jackson from the popular APTN series *Bears Lair*. This was a four-day event where the participants had to create a business from its idea to the operations. It was a fun-filled day with so many great achievements for the youth. On the final day the students presented their business plans with a video clip and a team was selected. All the participants took home cash prizes and enjoyed a feast for family, sponsors and friends. Attended the first HRC Committee of MNBC.

March 2023

Attended a Cabinet meeting in Richmond, along with attending my first in-person MNGA over three days. This was a great opportunity for me to meet other community leaders and to create new friendships. Attended the 40th Anniversary celebration in Ottawa along with Elder Dan Pope and others from across BC. Meet with the Métis Nation Ontario economic team as well as with Melanie Omeniho and staff from LFMO about its programs and services. Other work included MFCBC and contributing to the Métis Nation BC Economic Development Strategy.

April 2023

The highlights for April were attending the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues with the Métis National Council at the United Nations in New York from April 16th to the 27th and attending the Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering in Osoyoos April 27th to 30th.



The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established in July 2020 with a mandate to deal with Indigenous issues related to economic, social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights.

The theme of this 22nd session was human health, planet health, and climate change. I found it very compelling listening to the stories from around the globe on the effects of climate change. Either countries were dealing with drought or flooding. It was vocal that a loss of traditional medicines and traditional food were impacting most Nations. This is all relevant to our Métis Nation as the health of our people is closely linked to the health of the land. The rights-based approach links us to the right to self-determination to pursue what matters in our social, economic and cultural lives. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an avenue for the Métis people to advocate for recognition and the protection of Métis people. There were also side events at this forum, one that especially touched my heart was the event that the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan hosted on the Ile-a-la-Crosse Residential School where they brought a panel of survivors who to this day have not been recognized or given any form of compensation from the provincial or federal government. Check out United4survivors.ca for more information. The trip to the UN was a lifetime opportunity and gave me hope that we will begin to look at food sovereignty and climate change in a big way for MNBC.

I attended the Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering in Osoyoos with 150 other participants. This gathering was well organized and gave participants an array of choices to attend various workshops. The workshops were on the Michif language, lateral kindness, Moving through Grief, Arts and Crafts, Suicide Awareness Training, and Two-Spirit Teachings. There was lots of time for social gatherings and a place to meet many other Métis people from across the province. It was a lovely spot to hold such an event and I came back rejuvenated.

May 2023

The highlights for May were attending the Métis Women's Gathering from May 12-14th. I had the privilege and honor of meeting Women's representatives from across the province. The gathering focused on honoring, coping, resistance and sharing. The weekend included doing artwork and many conversations. I witnessed all the great work that the Métis Women of BC are involved in. These gatherings provide a great deal of knowledge of what others are doing across the province. I attended the in-person Cabinet meeting in Surrey on April 16 and 17th. Participated in the Economic Task Force Advisory meeting and the Métis Business Advisory Committee meeting. I also attended a Zoom meeting with Mike Bernier (MLA, Peace River South) where I updated him on all the work that MNBC is doing in the Northeast. His support for our projects was genuine and he looks forward to further updates on the progress of the housing development here in the Northeast.

June 2023

June started off in a ceremonial way. I had the privilege of doing the first ever Métis sashing ceremony at the UNBC regional graduation on June 2 here in Fort St. John. One of our local citizens was the first ever graduate to be sashed in a graduation ceremony held by UNBC. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work. She also gave a standing ovation speech to



the crowd. It was a great event and an honor to take part in this citizen's accomplishment. I attended the MNGA by Zoom then off to Victoria to attend a Métis Financial Corporation meeting in Victoria then had the opportunity to celebrate our rich Métis heritage at the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous. This event is so well planned and executed, and it was wonderful meeting up with Métis people from across the province and beyond.

I hurried back home from the island to attend the Fort St. John Métis Society AGM on Sunday June 11th. This AGM was well attended, a new Board of Directors

was elected, and I am so excited to assist them where I can. I look forward to seeing the ideas and programs that this new board has for our local community. On the National Indigenous Peoples Day I attended four local events. The morning started out at the Baldonnel Primary School where I assisted Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pope with their Métis awareness training. The children were full of questions, and many identified with being Métis. Then I was off to a celebration at the Tse'Kwa historical cave site for a celebration of drumming and tours of the site followed by a barbeque. The Northern Lights College held an outdoor celebration of music, drumming and speeches followed by food and visiting with members from our local Métis and First Nations communities. The day ended off with a barbeque hosted by the Fort St John Métis Society where I got to visit with our local members. Participated in the project kickoff meeting for the MFCBC Region 7 Regional Economic Development Strategy. Three local citizens are assisting with this important work. The month ended with attending the final Task Force Meeting in Victoria on June 28th with 45 other members from the First Nation Health Authority, MNBC and government representatives. This was a two-year undertaking, and we went through the 24 recommendations that have gone to the Province of BC.

July 2023

Back to Batoche was the highlight for July. With 40,000 others I shared in the hospitality of the Métis way. Returning to this land is a homecoming for me as I was raised in Battleford. The opening ceremony was a spectacular event filled with music, and the vibration that the spirit of our people was alive and well.

The biggest achievement this month and for the past year was the purchase of a 40-unit apartment block in Fort St Jon. This building has a stand alone building that will be used for our local FSJ

chartered community. The apartment block is across the street from the Métis House, the passive building that MNBC purchased that is being rented by STEPS. Next to the Métis House, a new daycare facility will be built. Also design work has begun on the four lots that MNBC purchased in Hudson Hope. It appears the Northeast will have the first ever MNBC housing development. Through the hard work of all the leadership including housing staff, the executive leadership, MNBC directors, and our housing minister Walter Mineault we did

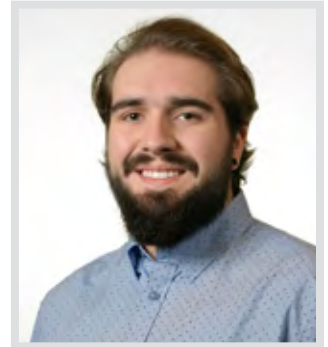
it! Through teamwork MNBC was able to do the dream work. Thank you to all the citizens and Chartered Community leaders for your direction and support. This past year so many great things have been accomplished for our Nation.





PROVINCIAL YOUTH CHAIR'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Shaughn Davoren



Tawnshi and welcome to the 2023 AGM,

Hopefully you have been keeping well since last year! Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) has been busy growing and planning events over the last year, as well as skill and relationship building. Outside of our two meetings a month we are also building connections with our Elders, Veterans, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. We are attending more events than ever before with some of MYBC getting to travel out of province to see how things work on the national level, and build friendships with other Métis Youth across our homeland. Our in-person meetings have also been amazing and we are so thankful for every chance we get to meet in person instead of zoom or teams!

One such event is the Michif Camp that took place in August at Strathcona park lodge where we got to come together with other Youth and learn our language, disconnected from the outside world and connected to nature. Being away from cellphones and internet and being fully immersed in culture, friendship and nature was so revitalizing. Some of MYBC we also able to attend Back to Batoche and we have made it our priority for all MYBC to be there next year. I'm also happy to say MYBC made the Métis Rendezvous on the island.

I am so grateful for the Youth that I get to work with. So many amazing ideas for future events will be taking shape and starting next year. One such idea was the Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt where youth could show off their pride in being Métis and their local community. The Pride and Ally sash was also remade to be fully representative of what we feel pride is.

I will also share is that I as Provincial Youth Chair have a standing weekly meeting with Rachel Perkins, and I meet with Ministry of Youth staff every other week, which has been such a fantastic opportunity to connect with MOY, let them know what MYBC has been up to and vice versa, and to keep us on the same page. We appreciate their guidance and support of youth initiatives and support with our meetings. They have also begun to attend our meetings when able which has been so great! I also am on the Canadian Mental Health Association's Board of Directors and chair their Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee to ensure that there is Métis and gender diverse representation there. As a non-binary Métis person it is critical for me to ensure that there are safe spaces for people like me, and that minority groups are not left behind.

Lastly MYBC has been on many meetings outside of our two per month, to help to get Youth connected into their Métis Chartered Communities or connected with whatever resource or ministry they need. MYBC also sits on committees outside of MYBC to ensure Métis Youth's voice is always heard.

From the bottom of my heart thank you to all the Regional Youth Representatives: Brookelyn Chalmers, Danielle Bergevin, Jaime-Lee Keith, Allie Caron, AJ McGuire, and Jayden Rogers. You folks make me be proud to be Métis



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Colette Trudeau



It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to MNBC's 2023 Annual General Meeting. The AGM is such a critical part of our governance structure, which ensures the voices of Métis citizens are heard. As the work of Métis Nation British Columbia expands to create a future where all Métis people, communities, and children thrive, we continue to adapt, innovate, and increase our capacity to serve. This assembly acts as a pathway to celebrate our culture, reconnect with one another, and build our Nation.

I am incredibly humbled, grateful, and honoured to be the Chief Executive Officer of MNBC. The operational arm of Métis Nation British Columbia now includes over 20 ministries and departments, all working toward achieving our vision, implementing our mission, and living our Métis cultural values. With MNBC's rapid growth, capacity has contributed to more culturally appropriate programming, services, events, community supports, and awareness of Métis Nation British Columbia. We have come so far but we still have a long way to go. Operationally, we have focused our work on relationship building locally, provincially, and federally and advocating strongly for Métis rights recognition in BC.

I want to extend my gratitude to our Chartered Community Leadership for welcoming MNBC's senior leadership team members into their communities and engaging so openly and honestly. These discussions were focused on sharing operational updates as well as hearing about how our operational work is impacting communities on the ground. We are listening and will continue to respond to the needs of our more than 24,000 Métis citizens and 39 chartered communities. We are actively trying to make things easier for our community leadership, as community is everything.

Our ongoing work has focused on MNBC's way forward. We have dedicated our efforts to the creation of key strategic documents, such as MNBC's new Strategic Plan – *Our Way Forward*. In engaging our core cultural Métis values, we are seeking to work more closely with First Nations and are seeking to restore respectful relations and expand shared understandings. Further, we are moving toward a more comprehensive and values-based approach that prioritizes initiatives that will best serve our people, support employees to do great work, and forge respectful relations in all we do.

I am also proud to announce that MNBC has joined over 370 certified Living Wage Employers across

British Columbia to ensure our employees earn a wage that creates a positive impact on our community, staff, and the people we serve, while also achieving our value of Kaa-Wiichihitoyaahk (we take of each other). We recognize that paying a living wage constitutes a critical investment in our dedicated, skilled, and purpose-driven staff. We want to invest in our staff and show them that they can grow their careers at MNBC. We have implemented new People and Culture Policies and training opportunities, which include respectful workplace training, a coaching pilot program, lateral kindness workshops, and more. Creating a positive, culturally safe, and productive work environment has been of critical importance to me. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated and hardworking staff at MNBC who have navigated these times of change with us.

We are on a positive and progressive path at MNBC. While you review the reports from our various Ministries, you will see the incredible work that has been accomplished over the year. Your attendance and participation this weekend will continue to guide our Métis government. Let's come together and build a proud Métis Nation that supports our future generations. I wish all AGM delegates a wonderful weekend.



SENATE REPORT



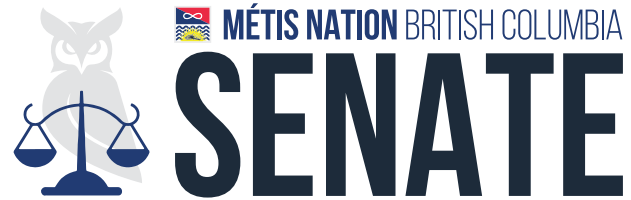
SENATE REPORT



Respectfully Submitted:

Senate Clerk: Bill Bresser

On behalf of the Senate it is with pleasure that I submit this report for presentation to attendees at the 2023 AGM.



Senate Responsibilities:

- The MNBC *Constitution* states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in legislation known as the *Senate Act*. Furthermore, that it shall be comprised of seven Senators, and that each of the seven Regions shall appoint one Senator in the manner and process as set out in the *Senate Act*.
- The *Senate Act* mandates the Senate to act as the judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution*. It must also abide by guidelines for protocol, policy, administrative standards and practices.
- The Senate Policies ensure that all Senators are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, administrative standards and practices, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system, and legislative requirements.

Priorities for the Senate include:

- Education of Métis Citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;
- Update and refine the *Senate Act*;
- Define the powers and authorities of the Senate as judicial arm of the Métis Nation;
- Pursue establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis.

In a previous report to AGM attendees, it was pointed out that the Senate had completed a comprehensive review of its Policies, and Administrative Standards and Practices. All elected MNBC officials are encouraged to become familiar with these documents, and educate their respective community Citizens on the roles and responsibilities of the Senate, and what services

are available to them as outlined in the *Senate Act* or Senate policy. These are viewable on the Senate website at:

- <https://www.mnbc.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/MNBC-Senate-Policy-Binder-Final.pdf>
- <https://www.mnbc.ca/sites/default/files/2022-08/Senate-ASP-Final.pdf>

One Senate responsibility that is often overlooked is the requirement for Senators to attend regional/community AGMs, conduct opening and closing prayers, and direct swearing in ceremonies, administer oaths (office or otherwise), and present awards and gifts. Regional Directors and Chartered Community Presidents are encouraged to coordinate this role with the Senator for their region. Attendance at these sorts of events provides an excellent opportunity for two-way conversation to take place between Senators and citizens relative to roles, responsibilities and the expectations of all concerned.

In their roles as elders and statespersons Senators contribute in a number of significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation. A list of some of the events and activities that typically consume Senator time are as undernoted. On occasion distance and cost concerns dictate that a Senators engage in a video conference call. This use of available technology is encouraged in event personal attendance is not possible.

- Attendance at numerous community AGMs for the purposes of educating citizens on the role of the Senate as well as delivering opening and closing prayers.
- Focussing attention and awareness to the general public with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at Indigenous women, children and families.
- Participation in various Orange Shirt Day, Remembrance Day, and other events.
- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver cultural education and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Participation in Louis Riel Day events and flag raising ceremonies.
- Attendance at various regional governance meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers, and use of this opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate.
- Continue important role as Elder in Residence at Justice Institute of BC for delivery of Métis cultural training to law enforcement, fire and other first responder trainees.
- Interact with First Nations elders to develop respectful relationships and attend aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with view to development of a similar model for the Métis.
- Participate, and in some instances organize, various Christmas celebrations and meals,

and provide support in various forms to those in need, Métis or otherwise.

- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk.

Senate Appeal Applications:

The Senate continues to receive appeal applications. All applications are reviewed in keeping with Senate Policies. Contact with potential appellants can result in a variety of outcomes including withdrawal of an application; proceeding part way with some initial research and dialogue with an appellant that results in the file being closed without formal resolution but to the satisfaction of the appellant; and processed to conclusion through the entire appeal process.

Your Senators are available and look forward to hearing from all Métis citizens whether it be for elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, feedback and advice.

- Region 1 – Senate Chairman - Senator Alan Edkins – Joined Senate in 2005
 - » Contact: 250 710-9757
- Region 2 – Senator Phillip Gladue - Joined Senate in 2006
 - » Contact: 778 828-8640
- Region 3 – Senator Fern Hinse - Joined Senate in 2022
- Region 4 – Senate Secretary Senator Elizabeth Hoogendoorn – Joined Senate in 2009
 - » Contact: 250 344-1216
- Region 5 – Senator Arnold Lucier – Joined Senate in 2017
 - » Contact: 778 349-1094
- Region 6 – Currently vacant
- Region 7 – Administrative Senator Gerald Pope – Joined Senate in 2008
 - » Contact: 250 262-6565

Senate Clerk Responsibilities:

The Senate Clerk, who reports directly to the Senate Chairperson, is charged with delivery of various clerical duties related to processing requests for Senate documents and preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the *Senate Act* and Senate Policies, and Administrative Standards and Practices. The Senate Clerk also provides advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policy, and works closely with the Senate Chairperson and Administrative Senator on issues important to the Senate.

Individuals continue to contact the Senate Clerk seeking information about Métis Citizenship, their genealogy and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review

of their particulars and consultation between the Central Registry and follow-up consultation with the St. Boniface Historical Society, it has to date been determined that all individuals who have submitted citizenship appeals to the Senate have been treated fairly by the MNBC Registry.

Métis citizens also seek out information from the Senate Clerk on various matters including guidance on appeal, mediation and dispute resolution processes.

Senate Clerk Bill Bresser may be contacted as follows:

- » E-mail: senateclerk@mnbc.ca
- » Cellular: 250 488-1509



MINISTRY REPORTS





MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Debra Fisher

Executive Director: Colleen Hodgson

Federal and Provincial Legislation: Affirming Our Rights and Building a Métis Children and Families Services System

Government Engagement Mechanism

The Ministry of Children and Families received funding from Indigenous Services Canada to make recommendations about children and family services as Section 35 rights-holding Métis communities and to exercise jurisdiction. We are engaging with Leadership, Chartered Communities, and Métis children and family service providers. Our recommendations will confirm our inherent right as a Métis government and our right to choose our own path for Métis children and families.



In this artwork, the sea turtle carries the vision of the traditional Métis social structure practiced by Métis society where the children and the Elders are at the centre of the community circle.

Métis Commission for Children and Families in British Columbia

MNBC has informed the province that we are seeking designation as the representative for Métis children, youth, and families within the child welfare system in British Columbia. MNBC does not recognize the Métis Commission for Children and Families of BC (MCCFBC) as the representative. This decision was in response to a provincial court case involving MCCFBC and the Gitksan Nation.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/gitksan-family-wins-custody-of-child-in-controversial-case-1.6781692>

92.1 Agreement (Derived from section 92.1 of the Child, Family and Community Service Act)

The Ministry of Children and Families is currently engaged in negotiations for a 92.1 Agreement with the province, aiming to secure increased authority for our Nation. The ongoing discussions are anticipated to conclude by January 2024, at which point the process is expected to be finalized. The significance of a 92.1 agreement lies in its facilitation of greater collaboration and active involvement in safeguarding, planning, and placing our children within the child welfare system while concurrently reinforcing our ties with the provincial government.

Indigenous Governing Body Status (IGB)

An Indigenous Governing Body (IGB) is a recognized authority representing Indigenous peoples' interests and advocating for their rights. According to Bill C-92 (An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families), being recognized as an IGB grants us the ability to reclaim control and decision-making authority in child welfare matters in line with our cultural values and practices. To have provincial jurisdiction on child welfare for Métis children, youth and families, MNBC must have IGB status and MNBC initiated a judicial review which is ongoing.

Data Strategy

The Ministry of Children and Families is in discussions with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to participate in the development of a Child Care and Welfare Information System (CCWIS) to enhance data collection and management for childcare and welfare services. The primary purpose of this system is to foster better coordination, analysis, and decision-making concerning childcare and welfare matters on a national level. In addition, we are working in collaboration with the other Governing Members and Métis National Council to formulate data strategies aimed at improving data collection of Métis children in care, ultimately supporting the development of programs and services.

Métis Children and Family Service Providers

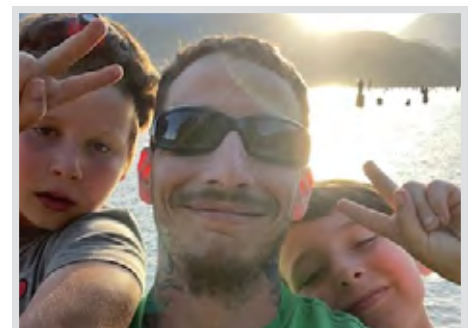
MNBC is co-developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Island Métis Family & Community Services Society, Métis Family Services, Métis Community Services Society of BC, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services and Niwîkôwin Métis Family Service. The MOU is part of building a Métis family service system in BC with the Métis children and family service providers. MNBC is also supporting Métis Family Services in Surrey to expand and provide services to more Métis families in the Lower Mainland.



Métis Family Preservation

From April 1st to July 31st, 2023, the Métis Kinship Connections Program made over 462 connections with Child Welfare Workers. Through these interactions, the Métis Kinship Connections Coordinator supported 141 children in care with citizenship applications, while also providing individualized services to children, youth, and families involved in the child welfare system.

Métis families reach out to the Ministry of Children and Families



Supporting a Métis Dad "First Camping Trip!"

for support and for us to advocate on their behalf. Supports and advocacy include:

- Citizenship Support
- Referrals to MNBC programs and services
- Kinship Care Services
- Cultural Continuity
- Adoption Care Services

Micowin -Food Program

The Micowin Food Program delivered groceries to the front doors of 201 Métis families and supported over 680 Métis citizens.

Expressions of gratitude were received from families across the province.

"I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the groceries I received today from the Micowin Food Program. Your generous support has been a great help to me and my family during these challenging times".

"I appreciate the efforts you are making to ensure that families like mine have access to nutritious food. Your kindness and compassion have not gone unnoticed, and I feel truly blessed to have received this assistance from your program".





MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Respectfully Submitted:
Minister – Susie Hooper
Executive Director – Colleen Hodgson

Citizenship Relations Management System (CRM)

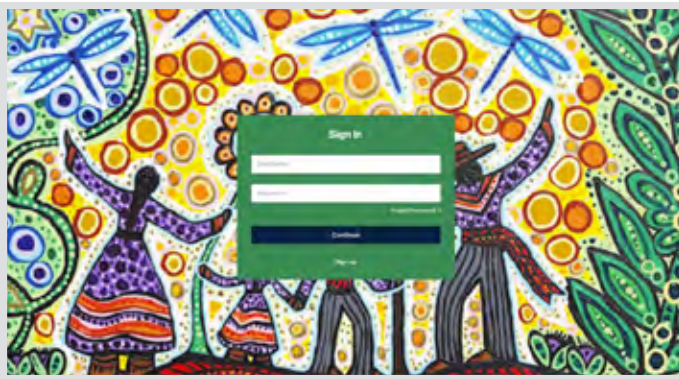
The Ministry of Citizenship has been working towards increasing our efficiency, sustainability, scalability, and accessibility. A key step was rethinking the way we collect, process, and store the information of our applicants and citizens. To do this, we have developed a new Citizenship Relations Management system (CRM). This is a robust system to manage the Citizenship process, incorporating information and document management, workflow management and tracking, and data storage. These enhancements will reduce the amount of manual labour in our processes while revolutionizing the way we serve our Citizens.

By using the most current technologies to develop the CRM in-house, we have the flexibility to ensure that the CRM evolves with our needs while maintaining data sovereignty. Approximately 20% of applications received are complete and the remaining 80% require follow-up before they can proceed to the assessment stage. Workflow management built into the CRM ensures that each application is easily tracked at every stage to facilitate follow-up with the applicants and produce accurate responses to enquiries about the status of current applications. This process also ensures that applications are reviewed in the order that they are completed at the assessment stage. Our newest application uses optical character recognition (OCR) technologies to scan the application into the system, reducing manual data entry and increasing our Citizenship Intake team's ability to respond to applications that require more support.

The CRM is increasing our ability to make familial connections. Connecting family members at the Citizenship Intake stage can lessen the number of supporting documents required, reducing delays for our applicants. As more applications are processed through the CRM, the system will intuitively build connections based on Citizens and ancestors already in the system. With this new method of building connections, applicants will benefit from receiving familial links that were not previously discovered. In turn, this will support in strengthening our development of the Métis Nation.

Citizenship Hub

We have paired our new CRM with MNBChub.ca (the hub). The hub is an online portal that gives



our applicants and Citizens a clear path to the Ministry of Citizenship. While the CRM stores and tracks the application through the process, the hub allows applicants and Citizens more control over their information. This new process gives applicants the ability to update their information, add supporting documents, and identify missing items within incomplete applications, in real-time. From the hub, applicants can apply for Citizenship, change their address, see what stage the

application is in and view approximate wait times. Citizens can use the hub to update their contact information, and renew or replace their citizenship card. These features are empowering applicants and citizens and create a path forward for the Ministry of Citizenship and the Nation to grow.

Citizenship Data – With the integration of the CRM, this is the first time in the history of MNBC that our Citizen data can be interpreted, analyzed and visualized. Now that we are on the cusp of data exploration, we want to highlight new consistencies that our Ministry has established. In the review of Citizen data from the current year and three years prior, we see a strong positive trend of over 150% in newly approved Citizens. The forecasted amount of approved Citizens for the 2023 calendar year is over 3600 new individuals. The Ministry has never been in a stronger position to support the growth of our Nation through the current enhancements implemented – and through the enhancements still to come – within our CRM.

Quality Assurance and Integrity of the Citizenship Registry

The Ministry has created a Quality Assurance Manager role to accurately review, document and standardize all internal practices and processes. Quality Assurance has developed new policies to ensure all internal processes keep the protection of Citizens' data at the forefront, including having all Ministry staff certified in privacy training. Higher levels of encryption around external data sharing have been implemented and enhancements are in the works with other stakeholders, such as our Métis Chartered Communities and Indigenous Services Canada, for updating sharing agreements. The key focus of all Ministry policies now revolves around the safeguarding of our Citizens, the Métis Chartered Communities, and our Section 35 rights as the Métis Government of BC.

Citizenship Registry Audit

In September 2022, a resolution was submitted to the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting. The resolution revised the Citizenship Act and included the ability of MNBC Citizenship revocation due to ineligibility. MNBC Citizens voted in favour of the resolution and the new legislation, Article Six, became part of the Citizenship Act. The resolution noted that it is essential to the integrity of the MNBC Citizenship Registry that all citizens meet the criteria for registration.

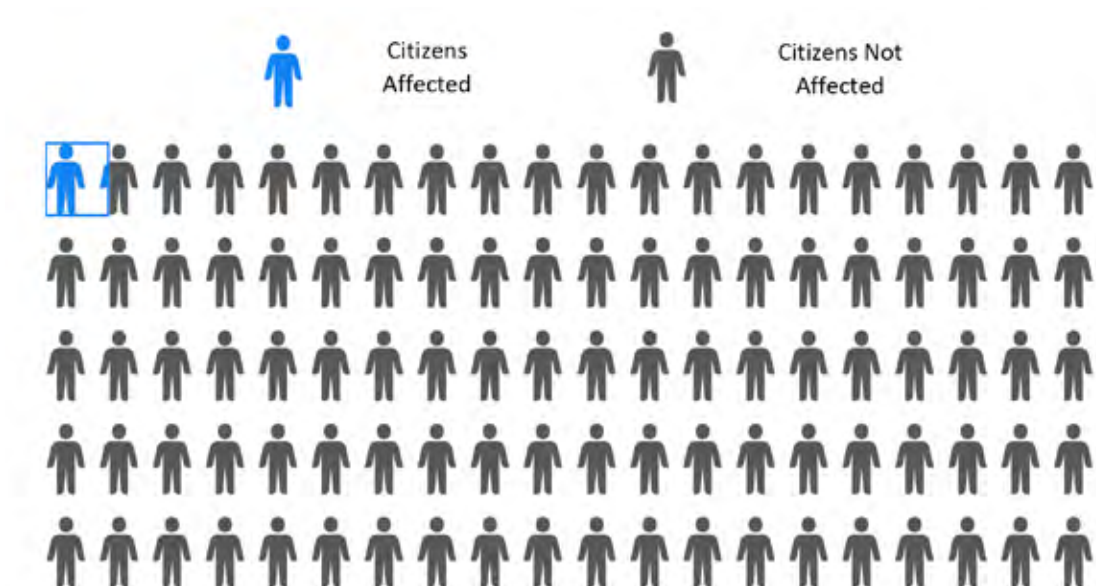
Since this resolution, the Ministry has undertaken an audit of current Citizens to ensure the integrity

of the Citizenship Registry. Throughout the course of the audit, a number of citizens were deemed ineligible for Citizenship and provided with notice that they were Under Review. All actions were taken in accordance with the Citizenship Act, and Citizens who were not able to establish their Métis ancestry have been revoked. The percentage of Citizens revoked was 1.15% of the total Citizens in the MNBC Citizenship Registry.

The Ministry of Citizenship acknowledges that this has been challenging for the affected individuals. However, the integrity of the Citizenship Registry is critical in building the Nation and our future as a Métis government. All citizens that contacted the Ministry have been supported through discussions and provided the rationale behind the audit. The Ministry is now poised at the forefront of Citizenship Registry integrity through the auditing efforts conducted.

Connection to Community and Culture

Visualization of the 1.15% of Citizens affected by the Article 6 Audit against the total Citizens within the Citizenship Registry



The Ministry has listened to the Métis Chartered Communities and Citizen's feedback and begun work on removing the 'transactional' past that applicants have experienced while obtaining Citizenship. Through our enhanced vision, the Ministry has begun developing the application process into a journey of connecting Métis people with their culture and community. The primary initiative in this vision was the hiring of the Citizenship Relations Coordinator, whose focus is on establishing the desired communications channels with applicants and Métis Chartered Communities. The Citizenship Relations Coordinator is a reliable contact that supports individuals in their journey to understanding their Métis roots and bridges the communications gap that applicants, citizens, and Métis Chartered Communities have experienced in the past.

The Ministry of Citizenship is building relationships with Chartered communities through Townhalls and Leadership Gatherings. As the Ministry of Citizenship continues to transform and implement

new policies and processes, we are informing Chartered Community leaders so they can support their citizens. Working collaboratively with Community Services and Communications is the path forward.

"Are You Métis"

The "Are You Métis" project is aimed at supporting people that self-identify as Métis to apply for citizenship. Although many generations of Métis people have been reluctant to claim their Indigenous identity, Métis pride is resurgent and many are searching for a place to belong. The Ministry of Citizenship is developing resources that can be shared by Chartered communities and Métis children and family service providers that encourage self-identified Métis families to connect with the Citizenship Registry. The resources will be distributed to all schools and post-secondary institutions in BC, as well as hospitals and family centres. The posters, booklets and videos will create a path for people that identify as Métis to learn about the Métis Nation and what it means to become a part of the Métis government in British Columbia.





MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Susie Hooper

Director: Celina Moore



Enn missyoon (Mission)

Our mission is to develop, promote, and maintain collaborative, community-centered practices that will be key in building effective relationships, enhancing communication, and improving the individual and collective experience and outcomes of Métis people and Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) throughout the province. We are committed to the principle of '**Kaa-Wiichihitoyaahk**'; through relationships built upon collaboration, mutual respect, trust, shared decision-making, and the creation of a safe and respectful space for dialogue, **we take care of each other.**

L'ovraazh di (Our work) in Community Services

Community Services has been actively involved in improving existing and creating new initiatives to streamline processes to support Chartered Communities with clear, concise, and consistent procedures for communication and engagement.

Shakamohta (Connection)

Community leaders identified and relayed to the Ministry of Community services that the communication between MNBC, Chartered Communities and their citizens was inconsistent and lacked the clarity needed to connect those in need to programs and services.

The Ministry of Community Services heard this and began addressing the issue by:

- Reformatting of the Community Services Newsletter to Chartered Community Leaders **Kaniikaniit Lii Noovel** (Leader News) and aligning it with the Lii Noovel Newsletter that goes out to citizens. **Kaniikaniit Lii Noovel** outlines pertinent information that leaders need with clear and concise segment headers, including (but not limited to): Funding, Governance, Ministry Updates, and Region-Specific Updates.
- Improving the internal communication at MNBC through regularly scheduled meetings between MNBC Staff; Coordinators, Navigators, and other MNBC Regional Representatives. The development and implementation of an engagement and

communication procedure that is used throughout MNBC.

- Implementing and facilitating monthly Regional Leadership Meetings. These meetings are intended to be for regular information sharing between leaders. It is an opportunity for leaders to invite Ministries to attend and present the current programs and services and engage in a question-and-answer period.
- Recognizing that most of the communication is virtual and through electronics, the Ministry of Community services advocated for a Chartered Community Support Analyst. Jonathan Dy became a part of the team in May. Jonathan provides Community Leaders with IT Support for their computers and phones ensuring that the tools they have are set up to support regular and safe communication between the Community Leader and their respective Chartered Community.
- Advocating for, planning, and facilitating a Senior Leadership tour that allowed community leaders to engage in a grassroots conversation with the senior leaders at MNBC around operations, successes, obstacles and the overall vision.

Pamihtow (Governance Support)

Community Leaders expressed the need for a guide to basic governance. The Ministry of Community Service created "**Board in a Box**" which is a comprehensive resource that can be referenced. It includes materials that assist in the administration and operation of a Chartered Community Board - including resources such as (but not limited to):

- MNBC Process for Becoming a Chartered Community
- MNBC Process for Maintaining a Chartered Community
- You are the President of your Chartered Community, now what?
- Board Fundamentals, Roles, and Responsibilities
- Cultural Meeting Guidelines
- MNBC Meeting types
- Templates for Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Draft Bylaws



The Ministry of Community Services works collaboratively with Governance to support good governance practices.

Governance has funded the training of Community Service Coordinators in learning the skill of minute taking. All coordinators will receive official training through [Mina's Guide to Minute-Taking](#) to help facilitate the four governance meetings that Chartered Communities are required to have in a calendar year.

Mamawapowuk (Event Planning and Support)

Gathering is an integral part of Métis culture and this is reflective in the number of events that MNBC facilitates yearly. Well-known annual events such as MNGA and AGM are vital to the forward momentum of MNBC. The Ministry of Community Services works closely with the newly appointed Events Manager, Aminah Khan, to ensure that Community leaders have clear communication and support to attend such important events. Look for a collaborative process for all MNBC events in an ongoing effort to offer clarity, conciseness, and consistency in all community engagements.



Laarzhaan (Financial Proficiency):

Community Services advocated for the addition of Manager of External Financial Services and Tyler Thompson became a part of the team in January. Tyler is part of the Ministry of Finance and works closely with Community Services to support Chartered Community leaders and be the point of contact for:

- Finance and funding stream-related questions and inquiries
- Payment reporting on a quarterly and annual basis
- General bookkeeping assistance, including compiling financial statements
- General accounting assistance, including accounting treatments and regulatory guidance
- Assistance with grant applications, both internal and external to MNBC
- Treasurer guidance and advice
- Other finance-related needs as necessitated.



Since coming aboard in January Tyler has led the collaborative effort of creating a new **funding application system** that includes a user-friendly webform, reporting system templates, tracking, and filing organization to ensure the integrity of Chartered Community finances.

Kakiishitaahk (In Summary)

The Ministry of Community Services continually strives to embody Kaa-Wiichihitoyaahk; we take care of each other. Every member of the team enters this work with the community at the center and are committed to the sustainability and capacity building of each Chartered Community. Support in **communication, finance, technology, and engagement** builds a strong foundation to achieve the goals of this Nation enabling us to all serve Métis people.



MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Patrick Harriott

Director: Mallory Blondeau

Ministry Highlights:

Introduction to Southern Michif Workshops

The Ministry, in partnership with STEPS, successfully launched its second Southern Michif language workshop series taught by Métis educator Samson LaMontagne. The 10-week virtual course was open to MNBC staff and citizens. The course was extremely popular and the Ministry looks forward to sharing more language learning workshops, including a level 2 Southern Michif workshop in the fall 2023.

10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan

We have made significant progress in developing a 10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan that will guide MNBC's Michif language programming and initiatives. Indigenous Language Revitalization consultant Dr. Heather Bliss and her team have been supporting the development of the plan and ensuring the plan is informed by citizen's ideas and recommendations. The plan is scheduled to be completed in fall 2023.

Michif Youth Camp

The Ministry, in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, is excited to offer its first Michif themed youth camp. The camp will teach Métis youth basic Southern Michif phrases, as instructed by Samson LaMontagne with support from Dale McReery. Métis youth will have the opportunity to continue learning Southern Michif through our fall workshops.

Michif Language Recording (Accompanying Photo: recording with Norm at HQ)

The Ministry has been fortunate to work with a number of Michif speakers over the past few months to record a series of language instruction videos. The videos will support Southern and Northern Michif language learners to conduct greeting and introductions in Michif and will be available on the Amelia Douglas Institute website (www.ameliadouglasinstitute.ca).

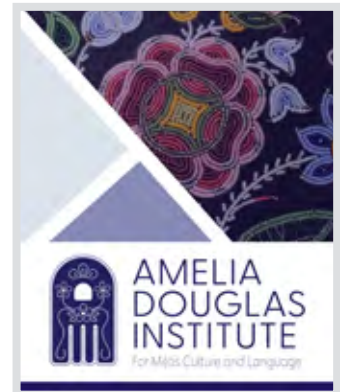


The Words of Our Ancestors

The Ministry launched the *Words of Our Ancestors* project, which includes an educational booklet about Michif languages and Indigenous language revitalization best practices. The resource is accompanied by a series of educational videos that will be available on the Amelia Douglas Institute website (www.ameliadouglasinstitute.ca).

The Amelia Douglas Institute

The Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) launched its website and social media in July 2023. The website includes a number of resources to learn about Métis material arts, Michif languages and our talented Métis artists in BC. The Ministry has also been gathering Métis artifacts and commissions from contemporary Métis artists to display in ADI's forthcoming showroom. The ADI's physical space is expected to be open to the public in fall 2023.



Weaving Together: A Celebration of Métis Sashes Exhibition

A new exhibition was launched at MNBC's head office - *Weaving Together: A Celebration of Métis Sashes*. The exhibition includes sashes made by talented MNBC citizens from across the province, with instruction from Métis weaver Kalyn Kodiak.



Métis Artist Talks

We continue to offer monthly workshops for aspiring Métis artists wanting to learn traditional Métis heritage art practices. Some workshops offered over the past few months include: beadwork, silk embroidery and finger weaving.

Medicine Grower Pilot Project

Over the summer of 2023, a handful of MNBC staff are participating in a medicine grower pilot project. The purpose of the project is for MNBC to have in house medicine growers that can supply MNBC staff with traditional medicines for personal use and gifting Elders and Knowledge Carriers. This year the staff are learning best practices and teachings for growing ceremonial tobacco.



MNBC Staff Cultural Education Initiatives

The Ministry continues to provide educational opportunities for MNBC staff members to deepen their knowledge of Métis culture, through Métis culture and history staff presentations and the Elder's Tea program. The Métis culture and history staff presentations are being delivered to all MNBC staff to continue staff's ongoing education of Métis culture, history, and language. Through the Elders Tea program, MNBC staff members are able to visit with and learn from Métis Elders through in-person and online presentations and activities.



MINISTRY OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Patrick Harriott

Director: Felix Ikem

CRM:

We proudly introduce two new systems, MNBC CRM for MNBC Staff, and MNBC Hub for MNBC Citizens. Hosted on our MNBC servers, these cutting-edge platforms offer advanced features like OCR (Optical Character Recognition), Google Maps API, Auto Pedigree Chart Generation, Document Enhancement and more. All previous data has been integrated, creating a unified system for our staff. We aim to utilize these systems for all ministries and plan to expand capabilities in the future, ensuring a user-friendly experience for MNBC Staff and Citizens. Innovation drives us as we strive to provide our communities with seamless access to essential services.

Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI):

In July 2023, the Ministry of Digital Government partnered with the Ministry of Culture, Heritage, and Language to create a custom web application for the ADI. This initiative aims to promote and educate visitors about the rich arts, language, and cultural heritage of the Métis community. The website showcases various Métis artist profiles, exhibits artifacts, language resources, etc.

The Amelia Douglas Institute now has a dynamic platform to showcase the vibrancy and significance of Métis arts, language, and culture.

You can visit the new Amelia Douglas Institute website at <https://ameliadouglasinstitute.ca/>

Infrastructure:

One of our successes has been Enhanced Security: Security is a top priority, especially with increased cyber threats targeting governments and organizations. MNBC must ensure that all information and data about our citizens, communities, and staff stored on MNBC servers is secure. To do this, the IMIT team has implemented state-of-the-art cybersecurity measures, including firewalls, intrusion detection systems and endpoint protection to ensure that all information and data are kept secure and protected.



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Louis De Jaeger (Economic Development and Tourism)

Associate Minister: Dean Gladue (Tourism)

Director: Stuart Dixon

The Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism is poised to begin realizing its full potential for the Métis Nation with the addition of Tourism as a focus in July and the recent addition of our new Director, Stuart Dixon, in August. The Ministry has a renewed focus on developing long-term solutions to provide a sustainable and resilient economic future for our Métis entrepreneurs, Métis businesses and the overall economic health of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

At the July 10, 2023, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously ratified the establishment of a Ministry portfolio for Tourism. A cornerstone of economic growth and cultural preservation for the Métis Nation, Tourism was integrated into the Ministry of Economic Development. Recognizing the need for specialized advocacy, the MNBC Board of Directors appointed Louis De Jaeger as the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. To further enhance advocacy in the Tourism sector, Dean Gladue was appointed as the Associate Minister of Tourism, contributing invaluable support and expertise to the portfolio.

The Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism is in the process of developing an Economic Development Strategy that will form the basis of a long-term vision for MNBC. MNBC has contracted an external consultant to help with this process and will work with important stakeholders like the Métis Financial Corporation of BC, the MNBC Business Advisory Committee, Métis entrepreneurs, and Métis businesses, among others.

MNBC also revamped its Métis Business Directory on the website, which includes greater details and service categories for businesses. MNBC continues a campaign to encourage more Métis Citizens and business owners to list their entities on the directory and will use this to promote them for wider opportunities. The Ministry has been meeting with Métis businesses and entrepreneurs across BC to gain a greater understand of the needs, challenges, opportunities, and risks for businesses in BC. MNBC's goal is to foster an environment to help uplift, grow, and promote Métis-owned businesses.

MNBC also received funding from the federal government to help find more procurement opportunities for Métis businesses in BC. With members of the Métis National Council, MNBC has been exploring ways to partner with Métis governments across Canada to help foster greater

collaboration and opportunities. These include discussions on business investment and trade with other Métis Regional Governments and businesses that are involved in International Trade.

The Ministry has been further engaging with our joint venture partners to gain a stronger understanding of the partnerships that MNBC has developed over the years. MNBC is also gaining a strong understanding of the needs of industry around BC, to either promote and create new opportunities for business directory members, or to sign new joint venture agreements that will help bring in more sustainable, unrestricted, revenues for MNBC.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: EARLY LEARNING | K-12

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Debra Fisher

Executive Director: Sharlene Wedel

Métis Nation British Columbia's (MNBC) Ministry of Education includes early years and kindergarten to grade 12. A team of 48 dedicated staff — located at MNBC headquarters, regional and community offices, and those working remotely throughout British Columbia — collaborate on education policy, programming, legislation, research, partnerships, curriculum, resources, and services.

The integration and enhancement of Métis culture and its valuable ways of knowing, being, and doing in the world relies on the development of future generations of confident and culturally rooted Métis people. This starts with ensuring Métis families have easy access to high-quality, culturally relevant early learning and child care (ELCC) programs and services situated within a continuum of supports aimed at generating individual, family, and community well-being.

ELCC for Métis families must be dealt with in a holistic way. MNBC understands that to be effective, ELCC should broadly acknowledge the social determinants of health, including acting on housing and food insecurities, education (including post-secondary), and healthcare and social program access, among others. Including Métis content in the ELCC and education system in authentic and respectful ways promotes cultural wellness for Métis students and helps to address Canadians' general lack of knowledge about Métis people.

This report presents our work over the past year highlighting our successes and continued growth, to meet the needs of our children and families.



Métis Children and Family Service Providers

MNBC has provided financial assistance to the 5 Métis children and family agencies across B.C. to provide Early Learning and Child Care programs and services to Métis children birth – eight. These

agencies include Island Métis Family and Community Services- Victoria, Métis Family Services - Surrey, Métis Community Services Society of B.C.- Kelowna, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services-Kamloops and Niwikowin Métis Family Services, - Prince George.

Métis Nation BC Child Care Plan

MNBC child care plan includes partnerships with Métis service providers and Chartered Communities. As part of the ChildCareBC plan and through the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) agreement with the Government of Canada, provincial funding and our IELCC funding, MNBC is currently working on 7 projects for early learning and child care programs. Plans have begun to create 396 spaces in Surrey, Fort St. John, Terrace, Saanich, Kamloops, Mission, and Campbell River for Métis children aged birth to 12. These child care centres will provide safe and culturally relevant programs for children and families.

MNBC's Partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Capilano University

MNBC partnered with KPU to develop a 61-space child care facility with Métis children given prioritized access to some of the planned 36 infant-toddler spaces and 25 spaces for children aged 3-5 years of age. In addition to the child care facility, Capilano University, in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Métis Nation BC, is excited to be offering the Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma program at KPU. The program fulfills certification requirements as an Early Childhood Educator (ECE), Infant and Toddler Educator (ITE), and Special Needs Educator (SNE).



Funding for Métis Early Childhood Educators

MNBC has multiple initiatives focused on the recruitment and retention of Métis Early Childhood Educators (ECEs). Our workforce must expand to ensure programs are operating within legislated requirements, and that there is a sufficient supply of qualified professionals to work in all early learning programs, whether existing or new. In partnership with Skills Training, Education, and Post-Secondary (STEPS), MNBC supports Métis students pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education — 25 students have accessed the program. The Métis ECE Supplement supports licensed Métis ECEs and ECEAs with a financial supplement; 13 ECEs and 3 ECEAs have accessed the program. The next round of funding is available in September 2023. MNBC also offers an annual paid membership to Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC) to Métis ECEs, ECEAs, and Métis students, giving them a voice in the sector and an opportunity to network with colleagues. To date, nine students have been provided membership through MNBC funds.

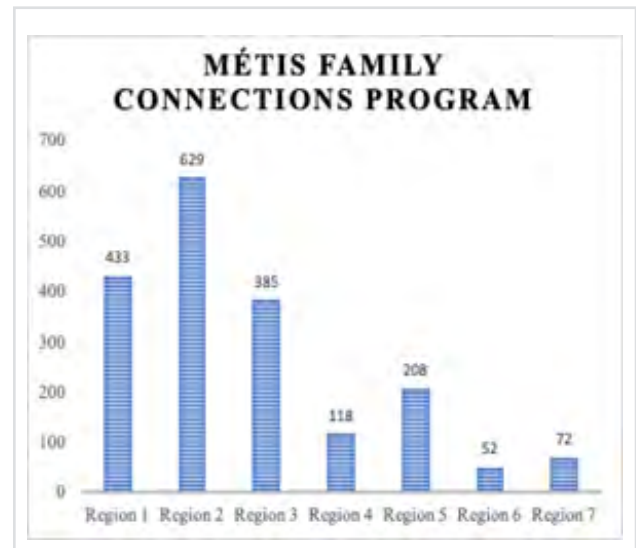
Métis Early Years Conferences

The MNBC Ministry of Education team hosted two conferences in Surrey and Prince George; MNBC was able to bring together over 197 Early Childhood Educators from across British

Columbia, including Governing Members from Métis Nation Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario to celebrate cultural learning opportunities with a focus on self-compassion and language revitalization.

Métis Family Connections Program — Early and Middle Years

The Métis Family Connections Program (MFC) builds a network of support that provides children with learning and development opportunities while connecting them to their culture and communities. As of July 2023, 1540, children aged birth to eight access MFC early years; 357 children aged nine to 12 access the MFC middle years program. As of July 2023, 1562, children aged birth to eight are enrolled in the MFC early years program. This is a 17.1 percent increase in enrollment rates since December 2022.



Good Beginnings - Growing Our Children

MNBC's Good Beginnings is a 30-hour online course that, upon completion, supports Métis graduates to care for up to two children in their home as a Registered License-Not-Required (RNLR) child care provider. All five participants of the last cohort have completed the RNLR process and are officially RNLRs as of June 28, 2023.

Miyoopimatishihk (Well-being) Program

The *Miyoopimatishihk* (Wellbeing) Program financially supports families to access the supports they need for their child to successfully participate in early years programming. As of July 2023, a total of 336 children have been approved for services ranging from assessments to therapies to assist them with successful learning opportunities in the early years.

Mobile Unit Initiative

The Mobile Unit initiative will further support families in our communities. The fully equipped vans, arriving in early August 2023, will bring culture and resources to communities by visiting parks, drop-in programs, events, and other community gatherings.

Family Gatherings

MNBC's Ministry of Education team facilitates family gatherings across the province, which provide opportunities to connect, in person, with families and MNBC's Chartered Communities. Providing financial support to our Chartered Communities to host these gatherings as well as being available to support with planning and execution.

Imagination Library

The Imagination Library has provided early literacy opportunities for Métis families with children under five for over 15 years; 2,206 books were mailed between April 2023 and July 2023. Likewise, as of July 2023, 555 children are enrolled in the program.

Métis Early Years Cultural Resource Development Project

The Métis Early Years Cultural Resource Development Project (CRDP) consists of a professional learning guide and a resource kit to support early learning and child care professionals, families, and communities in exploring and learning Métis culture and identity with children aged birth to eight. Throughout the summer, 300 kits will be delivered or mailed to Child Care Resource and



Referrals, Strong Starts, Aboriginal Head Start centres, and Chartered Communities. Later this fall, we will launch an accompanying workshop to contextualize the cultural contents of the resource kits. They will later be available for purchase on MNBC's Trading Post.

Baby Welcome Kit

On January 12, 2023, MNBC launched its Baby Welcome Kit, extending a warm welcome to newborns and infants 0-6 months enrolled in the Métis Family Connections Program. 60 Baby Welcome kits reached our families as of July 2023.

Maachi Kashkiwtow Mamawii Cultural Workshop

The Ministry of Education presents workshops in understanding, identifying, and supporting Métis children and culture in early years programs. Since April 2023, the team provided 12 workshops to over 124 Early Learning and Child Care professionals.

Métis Child Care Benefit Program

On March 1, 2022, MNBC's Ministry of Education launched the Métis Child Care Benefit Program (MCCB) to meet the needs of families accessing licensed child care. Our Child Care Coordinators support families in accessing both B.C.'s Affordable Child Care Benefit Program (ACCB) and, if the provincial program does not cover the full child care costs, MCCB's additional supplements. As of July 2023, MCCB supports more than 373 children.

MCCB has recently expanded to provide supplements for the winter, spring, and summer breaks. For the winter and spring breaks, the supplement offers up to \$500.00 per child per school year; the summer supplement offers up to \$500.00 per child per month for July and August. To date, there have been 312 applications approved.

Kindergarten to Grade 12

MNBC supports Métis students and strengthens our position in Indigenous education by building and nurturing strong relationships with our education partners. In August 2023, MNBC launched the Métis Family Connections Secondary Years program; three new secondary years navigators will connect families with culture and provide opportunities to access educational resources and supports needed to support smooth transitions from middle years to graduation.

In December 2022, \$100,000 was allocated, as part of the K-12 Learning Recovery Fund, to MNBC by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support Métis learners aged 9-18 experiencing learning disruptions caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sixty-two Métis learners received approval for eligible support and services.





MINISTRY OF ELDERS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Raynie Gervais

Executive Director: Tanya Davoren

Elders Virtual Wellbeing Circle

The Ministry of Elders held its first Healing Circle in July of 2023. The Healing Circle brought together Elders and Seniors and was conducted in a culturally safe space where Elders could share their journeys and support each other during each person's personal journey. We have heard and seen the need for Elders' engagement throughout the circle and to collaborate with cultural activities. We most recently held an Elders and Youth Virtual Wellbeing Gathering, where the Elders and Youth Came together to connect and share stories. During the virtual gathering, we had an Elder guide everyone through a cultural teaching of how to build a Red River Cart. We hope to have another Elders Virtual Gathering this fall.

Métis Elders and Seniors Assistant Program (MESAP)

The MESAP program launched in 2021 and has continued for the last two years. The demand for the program has been constant and has been able to support lower-income Métis Elders and Seniors in BC. The program grants \$2500 to single household applicants, and \$4000 to

applicants who are married/common-law that are low-income. Once criteria is met, Elders are then supported in obtaining health-related assistance, which is a need in our Nation that continues to rise. This grant will assist with the financial burden our Elders are experiencing when seeking out dental work/dentures, hearing aids, eyewear/eye examination, medications, etc. Since launching the program Ministry of Elders has supported over 300 applicants on the program, and there are approximately 50 individuals who are on the waitlist for the program.

Métis Elders & Seniors Assistance Program Monthly Reporting Document							
Month	Single	Couple	Total	Funding (\$)	Funding (Co)	Total \$	Closed
April	4	1	5	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	4
May	6	7	13	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	7
June	9	11	22	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 74,500.00	5
July	7	6	13	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 41,500.00	2
August							
September							
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January							
February						\$	
March						\$	
	26	27	53			\$ 173,000.00	18

Since March 2023, the program has approved over 53 applications and over \$170,000 in funds to support our Elders and Seniors obtain much-needed health-related items such as dentures, hearing aids, and glasses.

Elders Temporary Financial Assistance Program (ETFPA)

The Elders Temporary Financial Assistance Program supports our low-income Elders and Seniors who have been impacted by the effects of COVID-19. The program provides a one-time payment to our Elders and Seniors to help support them with the purchase of groceries, household items, and medications all of which have been directly impacted by inflation at an unprecedented rate. An individual received a one-time payment of \$500 and a couple receives \$750. The program received \$115,000 to be able to provide this support and mailed out a postcard to all Citizens over the age of 60. Since the end of March, we have been able to support 129 new citizen applicants who have never accessed the program before. The program has supported over 600 citizens in total and continues to show that there is a direct need for this type of support to be able to cover the costs of daily living.



Residential School Survivors:

March 10th-12th 2023
Ministry of Elders hosted a Residential School and Intergenerational Survivor's Gathering. The 3-day event was held at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos and began with a welcome dinner with attendance by President Lissa Smith and Minister of Elders Raynie Gervais. After dinner, a Jigging and Spoons event was enjoyed by



host Madelaine McCallum. The following day centered around connection and sharing. In the morning we had cultural teachings and talks from Elders and small sharing circles in the afternoon where citizens were able to connect and share their experiences. We finished off the day with a ceremony that Elder Tom McCallum guided us through. On the final day, everyone came together to create medicine bags to take home with them and chose one word to create a word cloud of our experiences and demonstrate how collectively we are on a journey to healing.

For more information on the Ministry of Elders, please contact: elders@mnbc.ca



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION , AGRICULTURE, AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Susie Hooper (Environmental Protection, Agriculture, and Food Sovereignty)

Associate Minister: Paulette Flamond (Agriculture and Food Sovereignty)

Senior Director: Leona Shaw

The Ministry is mandated to promote the conservation and protection of the land, environment, and natural resources in British Columbia through responsible stewardship guided by Métis values and traditional knowledge. The Ministry is responsible for overseeing initiatives related to natural resources, land, and Métis traditional knowledge across all MNBC departments and Ministries. Current priorities include, but are not limited to, Climate change, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Harvesting and land use, migratory bird management and conservation, and Species at Risk. This Ministry continues to work closely with the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR).

MNBC recognizes that food security is a priority for Métis health and wellbeing. As such, the creation, promotion, and continuation of programs that address climate concerns and food insecurity is crucial. Food systems will continue to be affected by climate change and other emergencies and we recognize a robust response is needed to address these concerns. To ensure Food Security/sovereignty is a priority at MNBC and create ways to support its development within the Nation, Agriculture and Food Sovereignty have been added as portfolios to this Ministry (June 2023).

This Ministry continued to manage the large COVID-19 special project. The goal is to support Chartered Communities directly and to provide programs that were effective in helping Métis people throughout BC to alleviate some of the pressures and challenges faced during the pandemic. MNBC Senior Staff from each Ministry at MNBC were consulted with, and provided feedback, to build this plan. The recommendations and plans were then approved by the Cabinet.

Highlights since the 2023 MNGA report:

Capacity Building:

- MOEPAFS welcomed three incredible FTE staff (Manager of Climate Change; Policies and Parks and Conservation Advisor; and an Administrative Assistant), bringing the team to eight FTE, with more growth on the way.

Food Security and Climate Change:

- It is becoming increasingly important to understand how access to food is affecting Métis people in B.C. In 2022, Métis Nation British Columbia's (MNBC) MOEPAFS administered a survey among Métis titled "Climate Change and Food Access Survey." One of the many goals of the survey was to gain insight into how access to nutritious and traditional foods relates to the current climate and health emergencies.
- A report was written and approved by the Board, containing data from the Climate Change and Food Access survey. This data is interpreted with other reports from MNBC and the federal government. This helps provide a holistic understanding of Métis food needs and climate-related concerns. The first portion of the report focuses on the demographic data of survey respondents, including income and housing, to situate the Métis voices being heard in this report. The latter half explores food needs, followed by a discussion of climate-related issues and the next steps for the future. [Food-Access-Climate-Change-Report \(mNBC.ca\)](https://mNBC.ca)
- The "Métis Food (In)Security and Food Sovereignty – Examining the Societal Consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic" report will be released in August 2023. This was in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and MNBC (Ministry of Health and MOEPAFS).

Home Garden Program

- Partnered with West Coast Seeds to support 300 Métis households. Families received seeds and a grant to purchase supplies.
- 50 households also received mason bees to promote pollinators.
- Monthly gardening newsletters are being sent out and the 2023 Home Garden Manual was released: [MNBC Home Garden Program Manual 2023.pdf](#)
- Hosted Permaculture workshops which consisted of a set of 5 courses with 10 MNBC citizens each.

Emergency Management

- Purchased and delivered 200 72-hour emergency preparedness kits to Métis households in BC.
- Hosted an Emergency Preparedness Webinar with Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) in July 2023.
- Monitor and track emergencies around the province and share relevant resources with CC's. \$5000 emergency grants were quickly distributed to MCCs who were affected by wildfire evacuations in May and June 2023

- Worked with Communications to improve Emergency Info on MNBC website. During Major Emergencies and Evacuations, a banner will pop up across MNBC homepage directing people to Emergency Info page [Emergency Info - MNBC | MNBC](#)
- Continued to meet with Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) staff and leaders to discuss emergency planning, recovery, and response.
- Meetings with Deputy Provincial Health Officer Dr. Deena Henshaw (OPHO) to explain MNBC work regarding health and emergency planning at MNBC re climate change effects (with the MNBC Ministry of Health).
- Received grant from EMCR to support engagement and co-development regarding disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation initiatives, including but not limited to approaches to risk and resilience assessments, data-sharing platforms, and education and awareness on emergency alerting.
- Received grant for Heat Alert Response System (HARS) project from Interior Health
 - Supported 11 communities in the interior.
- Special project - COVID wave 5 is ongoing.

BCMANR

- Annual online Harvester Survey closed June 30th, 2023, with 820 surveys completed.
 - Analysis of trends in harvesting, identification of culturally relevant species and practices, gathering observations from Métis harvesters about the condition of the land ongoing.
 - Continuing to work with IT to transfer Harvester Database to new MNBC platform.
 - Developing BCMANR/MNBC Data-sharing agreement
 - Created and released “BCMANR Laws of the Harvest” booklet.
 - Filmed and released the BCMANR “Métis Harvesters” video: [BCMANR Harvesters - YouTube](#)
 - Welcomed a new Captain of the Hunt for Region 2 (Holly Tennant)
 - Supported hide tanning workshops in Region 1.
 - Supported CORE/PAL training in Region 7a.
 - Created and released summer edition of the BCMANR newsletter “Within Our Sights”.
 - BCMANR meeting in Smithers in August 2023. MNBC and MNC Communications

teams will be there to create some new land use (fishing) videos (to be released in fall 2023).

- Supporting BCMANR to participate in the MNBC Rights Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, and the RRISD table.

Committees

- Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) – ongoing
 - This Committee is made up of four Cabinet members, a BCMANR representative, and five community members.
 - Met with Province to discuss the Watershed Security Strategy
- Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) – ongoing
 - This Committee continues to meet to advocate for Emergency Preparedness Plans and internal capacity to best support Métis communities within B.C.
- Métis National Council Environment Committee -ongoing
 - The technical members meet biweekly and advocate on a Federal level for Métis specific funding for conservation, climate change, and other environmental related programing.
 - Two joint tables – Goose Moon and Nature Table
 - MNC National Climate Change Strategy being developed. MNBC took part in the writing retreat and process.

Approved/Renewed Agreements:

- CWS – Migratory Birds (3 year)
- Guardians (4-year)
- Parks Canada (2.5 year)
- Climate Monitoring (3 year)
- Climate Policy and Table (2 year)
- Species at Risk (SAR) – Pollinator program (2.5 year)
- Indigenous Climate Leadership Funds (4 year)



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Respectfully Submitted:
Minister: Louis De Jaeger
Director: Stephen Thomson

MNBC's Ministry of Health's goal is to have Métis self-determine their own health and wellness needs, have equitable access to culturally safe resources and services, embrace lifestyle as medicine, and flourish in their culture and healthy, resilient communities.

Our work is to promote lifestyle as medicine, provide wholistic health and cultural wellness programs and resources, and advocate for the removal of all systemic gaps and barriers, ensuring Métis health is driven by the voice of community to influence policy, legislation, and health outcomes.

Regional Health Coordinators

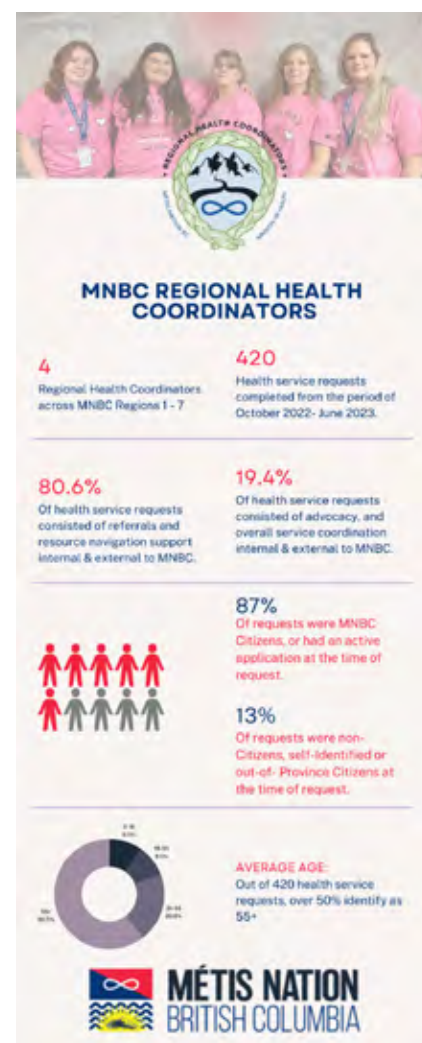
MNBC's Regional Health Coordinators facilitate connections with Métis Citizens, Chartered Communities, and Health Authority staff, to set community and region-specific health priorities and identify educational, health promotion, cancer and chronic disease prevention opportunities.

Regional Health Coordination Team:

- Provincial Health and Wellness Manager: Katina Pollard (kpollard@mnbc.ca)
- Island: Yvonne Houssin (yhoussin@mnbc.ca)
- Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley: Hannah MacMillan (hmacmillan@mnbc.ca)
- Northern: Jodie Dixon (jdixon@mnbc.ca)
- Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays: Jackie Greenacre (jgreenacre@mnbc.ca) (on leave)

Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk (Health Gathering)

(Associated Image: ta santii 1) Recognizing the need to develop Métis-specific cultural wellness training and curriculum for health authority



partners, MNBC's Ministry of Health has launched the Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk program.

Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk successfully brought together over 75 Health Authority staff, along with Métis Community leaders and representatives, and MNBC staff to build connections, partnerships and engage in Métis-specific cultural wellness training in Nanaimo and Prince George. Additional events are being planned for Regions 3 & 4 with Interior Health in October, and for Region 2 with Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health for early 2024.

ta saantii mamawapowuk ∞ health gathering



MNBC CervixCheck – At home HPV based cervix screening!



MNBC's CervixCheck pilot project has been underway in the Northern Métis Chartered Communities of Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Hudson's Hope, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Kelly Lake, Prince Rupert, Smithers, Terrace, and Tumbler Ridge. Registration began in the Northwest in 2021 and in 2023, the program fully expanded to Northeast BC!

The CervixCheck program is offered to MNBC Citizens, and self-identified Métis in Northern BC, and seeks to reach Métis women and persons with a cervix who do not regularly attend screening, and is run by the HPV Project Coordinator, Lennette Desjarlais, by way of local community events, email/mail-outs, phone calls, and other promotions such as posters and moccasin telegraph.

Link to Report: <https://www.mnbc.ca/media/2116>

If you would like additional information on the CervixCheck program contact:

What if
YOU COULD SCREEN
FOR CERVICAL
CANCER AT HOME?

Our project is aiming to improve culturally safe Cervical Cancer Screening for Women and Individuals with a cervix.

You may qualify to receive a kit if you:

- are between 25-65 years of age
- have not received a Pap test in the last 3 years
- are registered with the BC Medical Services Plan (have a Care Card)
- are a citizen of Métis Nation BC or self-identify as Métis
- reside in Northwest and Northeast BC

TO LEARN MORE: Visit: www.cervixcheck.ca
Email: cervixcheck@bccancer.bc.ca
Phone: 1-888-300-3688 ext 5635

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- HPV Project Coordinator, Lennette Desjarlais (ldesjarlais@mnhc.ca) 778.312.0886 ext.8883



Métis Health Experience Program

Navigating the health care system can often be overwhelming, especially for people facing health challenges. In spring 2023, MNBC launched the [Métis Health Experience Program \(MHEP\)](#), to assist Métis individuals, families, and communities across BC navigate the healthcare feedback process. The program provides a safe space for Métis-led conversations around all types of health experiences and advocates for change within the healthcare system through story sharing and ensuring Métis are being represented in health.

The MHEP offers an option for Métis to share their truths outside the system and to be heard and seen by their peers and the system in a uniquely Métis way. We recognize the harms the health feedback process can cause to Métis people, and if you don't feel comfortable with sharing your story directly to the system that led to those harms, the MHEP ensures your voice is heard, respected, and validated. This is your story, and it will only be shared how you wish. Please visit our [webpage](#) for more program details, to complete the Métis Health Experience Intake Form to share your story, or contact healthexperience@mnhc.ca for more information on how MNBC can help.



Métis Health Equity Team

MNBC's Ministry of Health continues to advocate at the health authority level to ensure Métis are included in health authority health plans and initiatives. MNBC has signed Letters of Understanding (LOU) with all 5 (five) Regional Health Authorities and the Provincial Health Services Authority, committing to work together to increase Métis influence in decision-making and to better inform health services that impact Métis. The Métis Health Equity Team, composed of Health Systems Advocates and Métis Engagement Liaisons, are working with health authority partners to develop five-year health and wellness plans in the Fraser, Interior and Northern health regions.



The Métis Health and Wellness Plan will operationalize the commitments outlined in each LOU with goals for the next five years. The plan has been designed to achieve equitable health outcomes and strive for excellence in the health care provided to Métis individuals, families, and Chartered Communities.

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Each plan has been created from the health and wellness priorities identified through previous engagement with Métis Chartered Communities across BC and attach goals, actions, and outcome measures to each priority. The plans have been developed with input and recommendations from key partners and subject matter experts within MNBC and the health authorities and are currently being prepared by the Métis Health Equity Team for review and feedback from communities in each region (virtual and in-person) and by leadership at the respective organizations. If you would like more information on this work and how you can get involved, please contact health@mNBC.ca.



Health Policy Team

MNBC's Health policy team has taken a Métis Social Determinants of Health approach, recognizing the long reaching impacts of Climate Change, Culture, Education, Employment, Housing, and more on the health, mental health, and wellness of Métis across BC, and has begun working collaboratively across MNBC to ensure all of these considerations are included in the policy, advocacy, and engagement work of the Ministry of Health.

Examples of this collaborative work include working with the Public Health Agency of Canada to determine what data is crucial to understanding the state of Métis children in care via the Canadian Child Welfare Information System. Another avenue of collaboration is the ongoing work to mitigate the harmful impacts of climate change and climate disaster mitigation and prevention in partnership with MNBC's Ministry of Environmental Protection, Agriculture, and Food Sovereignty.

Summer 2023 has been centred around collecting data from Métis intergenerational residential and day school survivors to provide a Métis voice and perspective to the report being compiled by the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burials Sites. Two engagement sessions were held in June, with a "What We Heard Report" presented to participants mid-July.

Additionally, Simon Fraser University and MNBC have partnered to roll out a training program for low-cost, do-it-yourself air filtration systems capable of combating the harmful effects of smoke, pollution, and even COVID-19. The intent is to have the Regional Health Coordinator team members receive training and take their knowledge to communities in Fall 2023.

BC Trilateral Engagement on Shared Health Priorities

MNBC met on April 13th in Richmond to discuss shared health priorities between MNBC, First Nations Health Council and First Nations Health Authority Leadership and the provincial and federal government. The discussion was preceded with opening remarks from Minister Duclos, who provided an overview of the four shared health priorities. This was followed by Minister Hajdu who spoke to racism experienced by Indigenous people accessing care and the need for reconciliation within the broader health care system. Minister Dix then spoke to BC's new UNDRIP legislation, collaboration with the FNHA on the *In Plain Sight* report, and recent changes to their *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, which includes new standards of practice such as the BC Cultural Safety and Humility Standard. Minister Whiteside joined by Zoom, and recognized that Indigenous Peoples continue to experience a disproportionate burden related to mental wellness and substance use, and underscored the centrality of culture and community in responding to these issues.

Task Team – In Plain Sight

MNBC Leadership met on June 27th with provincial representatives from the Ministry of Health, including Minister Dix and Deputy Minister Stephen Brown, First Nations Leadership from the First Nations Health Council and First Nations Health Authority to discuss the next steps for the 24 recommendations detailed in the *In Plain Sight* report (2020)

Although the June meeting marks the end of the 24-month mandate given to the Task Team, which saw significant progress made on 17 of 24 recommendations, this work is intended to continue with MNBC remaining involved and engaged across all the recommendations.

For more information on the Ministry of Health, please contact: health@mNBC.ca



MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Walter Mineault

Acting Senior Director: Ken Bourdeau

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness receives funding through various federal funding agreements, including the Canada-Métis Housing Sub-Accord, to provide homelessness and housing supports that address housing needs across the housing continuum, including homeless supports, rental supports and home owner supports. The overall goal of the Ministry is to reduce core housing need among Métis in British Columbia by 50% by the end of 2027.

To achieve our goal, the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness has implemented projects and initiatives in the last year in the following areas:

- Housing and Homeless Support programs;
- Land Purchases to facilitate the development of Housing and Social Infrastructure development; and
- Long Range Planning, Special Projects, and Initiatives.

Housing and Homeless Support Programs

Métis Rent Supplement Program: The Métis Rent Supplement Program (MRSP) supports low-income Métis renter citizens with rent supplement payments for a temporary period. Individuals and Families spending more than 30% of their household income on rent may qualify for a payment up to a maximum of \$475 a month. This program continues to operate and to date has helped 488 people since it's launch in the Fall of 2021.

Ma Nîki Home Renovation Program: The Ma Nîki Seniors Renovation Program supports low-income Métis citizen homeowners with financial assistance with renovating their home with a focus on renovations that improve the safety and liveability of their home and allow them to age in place. This program will provide a once per lifetime non-repayable grant of up to \$20,000 per household. This program continues to operate and to date has helped 97 Métis citizens with their home renovations and repairs.

Reaching Home/Homeless Services Program: The Reaching Home Program supports low-income Métis citizens and self-identified Métis who are homeless, precariously housed or facing

housing instability by providing housing loss prevention and housing stabilization services. Some of the more common services provided by this program are assistance with rent and utility arrears, first month's rent and damage deposit, housing searches, information on community resources and supports, and tenant advocacy. Since the May 2022 launch, Reaching Home has assisted 205 people.

Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC) partnership: This program supports MNBC citizens who are vulnerable and unable to purchase a cell phone due to a precarious living and/or financial situation. Phones are wi-fi enabled. Citizens can purchase network cards for cellular service at select retailers when their finances permit, or they can use the phone to access free available wi-fi networks. The phone also comes with the Life-Guard app pre-installed which notifies authorities in the case of overdose or medical distress. Since the partnership launch in March 2022, the program has distributed 28 cellphones through the homeless services stream.

For Social Change Research Partnership: Ministry of Housing and Homelessness participates in a research study with UBC that involves providing cash transfers to people experiencing homelessness to determine the impact this could have on their lives and future social policy.

Welcome Home Kits Program: In partnership with SPARC-BC, Ministry of Housing and Homelessness supports Métis people with a history of homelessness by providing the essentials required to build a new future in their homes through the Welcome Home Kits Program. This Program will provide approximately 200 Welcome Home Kits with a value of \$450.00 each to Métis in need. The kits contain necessary items for living independently and will assist with the rising costs associated with transitioning through the housing spectrum. Since the May 2022 launch, this program has distributed 8 kits to vulnerable Métis.

Land Purchases to facilitate the development of Housing and Social Infrastructure Development

In partnership with MNBC's Ministry of Education and other partners, the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness purchased properties across BC over the past year. The purpose of these property purchases is to develop a land base to build housing and social infrastructure projects for Métis across BC. These projects include:

Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River:

- **Saanich - 3656 Raymond Street South:** In collaboration with Greater Victoria Métis Association, this project in design development will include affordable rental housing, childcare, and community office/gathering space.
- **Campbell River - 834 South Island Hwy:** In collaboration with North Island Métis Association, this project in design development may include affordable rental housing, childcare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 2 Lower Mainland:

- **Surrey - 11479 125A Street:** The Board of Directors has directed Staff to sell this property and use the funds from this sale to purchase an existing apartment building in Region 2.

Staff continue to search for a suitable building to bring forward for consideration by the Board.

- **Second Stage Housing for Women and Children Fleeing Abuse:** The Board of Directors has directed Staff to purchase a building in Region 2 to house a Second Stage Housing facility for women and children fleeing abuse. Staff continue to search for a suitable building to bring forward for consideration by the Board.

Region 3 Thompson/Okanagan:

- **Kamloops - 800 Victoria Street:** In collaboration with Two Rivers Métis Society and Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (LMO), this project in the design build phase and includes affordable rental housing, office space, childcare, and Chartered Community space.

Region 4 Kootenay:

- **Invermere - 1102 13th Street:** In collaboration with Columbia Valley Métis Association, MNBC is working with consultants to define the scope of development for this 1.29-acre site. The project may include housing, childcare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 5 North Central:

- Staff continue to look for suitable properties to purchase and develop in Region 5.

Region 6 Northwest:

- **Terrace - 2812 Tetrault Street:** In partnership with North West Métis Association, this project includes affordable rental housing, a daycare, and Chartered Community office/gathering space.

Region 7 Northeast:

- **Fort St. John Métis House - 9904 94 Street:** This property, acquired in 2021, was remodeled in 2022 and now serves as MNBC's Region 7 office.
- **Fort St. John Vacant Lot - 9912 94 Street:** In partnership with Fort St. John Métis Society, this project in design development will include childcare.
- **Fort St. John Crosstown Apartments - 9304 99 Avenue:** This 40-unit apartment building, constructed in 2016, is being acquired in the fall of 2023. MNBC will remodel some units to provide three-bedroom family-size apartments.
- **Hudson's Hope - 10002, 10004, 10006, 10008 Stege Street:** In partnership with the River of the Peace Métis Society, this project will include the construction of four single family homes with the potential for secondary suites.

Long Range Planning, Special Projects and Initiatives:

CMHC Funding Housing Research: Understanding the Main Drivers of Métis Core Housing Need in BC and Reducing Métis Core Housing Needs and Cost Study: The Ministry has received funding approve from CMHC to move forward with this research project.

Social Infrastructure Engagement Strategy, Needs Analysis and Facility Master Plan: In August 2022, the Board approved the hiring of a consultant to undertake a 'Social Infrastructure Engagement Strategy and Facilities Master Plan' for MNBC and its Chartered Communities. MNBC and the consultant will continue to engage with the Board, Chartered Communities and Citizens on the Social Infrastructure and Facilities needs of MNBC and its communities.



MINISTRY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Lissa Dawn Smith

Director: Jeremy Twigg

The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs manages MNBC's relationship with Canada through the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, and with the Province of British Columbia through the development of a reconciliation agreement underpinned by the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA). As a central service supporting all MNBC ministries, this department also liaises with municipalities, First Nations and MNBC Chartered Communities.

Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative government of Métis in B.C. Our citizens have Aboriginal rights as one of three distinct Indigenous Peoples in Canada under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. These inherent rights are supported by a 2021 Letter of Intent signed by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation that outlines a "whole-of-government" approach to improving Métis relations by respecting self-determination and committing to develop a reconciliation agreement. The new agreement with British Columbia will reflect distinctions-based commitments in the DRIPA Action Plan, which represents a real opportunity for transformative change in respectful, rights-based relations with Indigenous people in British Columbia.

Our relationship with First Nations in B.C. remains a challenge – and opportunity – in our negotiations with the Crown. MNBC is committed to acknowledging, upholding, and respecting First Nations' inherent rights that have existed since time immemorial, and to their constitutionally protected treaty rights. We recognize that Métis rights in B.C. are different from the rights of First Nations. We acknowledge the need to strengthen and renew our relationship with First Nations, and are committed to working together on shared priorities.

Intergovernmental Affairs has spearheaded the development of a distinctions-based policy paper to educate provincial bureaucrats about our Nation. *Engaging with Métis Nation British Columbia – A Distinctions-Based Policy Approach* will help government staff understand how we are unique and distinct from our First Nations cousins. This paper will serve as a practical guide that supports our table process with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

On June 1, 2023, the Métis National Council held a meeting of the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism with the federal government and Métis Nation Governing members. MNBC representation consisted of President Lissa Dawn Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Region 1

Director Patrick Harriott, Region 4 Director Debra Fisher, Women's Chair Dr. Kate Elliott, and Elder Bruce Dumont. Topics included Culture, Language, Economic Development, K-12 Education, and Emergency Management. As a governing body, we require the means to take care of our own people. This work is being advanced with Canada.

On June 8, 2023, CEO Colette Trudeau presented our Budget 2024 recommendations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Last year's unequivocal committee recommendation was to "Provide funding to Métis Nation BC for governance and to ensure that the Métis culture is recognized." We have urged the committee to see value in our latest submission, which covers governance, reconciliation engagement, and an extensive list of priority subject matter areas corresponding to our ministries.

Additionally, Intergovernmental Affairs has made substantial progress on our regional engagement program, which ensures our seven regionally-elected directors have constructive relationships with their local Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament.

We remain focused on advancing priorities for improving the quality of life of our people by approaching reconciliation through a positive, partnerships-based lens.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Respectfully Submitted

Minister: Lissa Smith

Associate Minister: Dean Gladue

Director: Melanie Walker

The Ministry of Justice has been a passionate and important ministry for years. However, due to a lack of funding and thus capacity, the amazing work being done by our leadership and our MNBC Justice Council, was stalled in 2022. Our March update reported a re-energized ministry and Justice Council and substantive progress at numerous tables with both BC and Canada. Since March, we have done even more work and western governments, institutions, and civil society are becoming ever aware of the presence of the Ministry and our interests. We are starting to be noticed.

Through the Spring and Summer, we actively recruited for the role of Senior Manager of Justice and successfully filled a paid summer internship position with a Métis youth who is attending the Indigenous Law Program at UVIC; within the realm of justice, this Ministry is passionate about offering opportunities for Métis youth to be involved and heard. We have also created a thorough organizational growth plan to ensure that once further future funding is received through the tables discussed below, we are ready to hit the ground running.

Overall, this is a very busy ministry with so many opportunities opening up and many more to come. Similar to the Ministry of Rights, our biggest challenge right now is capacity to keep up with the doors we are opening and the opportunities coming our way. We currently sit on various provincial level expert committees and federal working groups. We work closely with the MNBC Senate and meet as required to provide updates, seek advice, and/or work collaboratively. We lead several tables, as well as support various tables that other MNBC ministries are involved in. We sit at collaboration and consensus seeking internal tables with other Governing Members and MNC, and with Canada. We also work on various policy and legislation (law writing) opportunities where we can inform and encourage BC and Canadian law to better support and serve Métis in BC. The Ministry also organizes and supports the MNBC Justice Council in its work. *We are a busy ministry.*

Here are some examples of the work we are doing and the tables we are sitting at, finding successes:

Indigenous Justice Strategy table with Canada

Justice Canada is developing an Indigenous Justice Strategy to address systemic discrimination and the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the justice system. The Ministry of Justice continues to represent MNBC at various Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) tables that focus on justice and/or policing at the federal level, with a high level of participation, collaboratively worked with MNC and Governing Members. One success of this collaborative work was to write a justice and policing action plan measures that was included in the finalized United Nations Declaration Act, approved by Canada in June 2023, including the mandate to create a policing Sub-accord between the Métis table and Canada. The Sub-accord (mandate agreement) table has already kicked off summer 2023 and we have submitted a fall workplan to Canada to lay out the work involved in creating and co-drafting the sub-accord.

Indigenous Justice Strategy table with BC

MNBC worked collaboratively with BC to successfully negotiate a completed four-year workplan and \$21 million budget that was formally submitted for Cabinet approvals for BC in May 2023; this included working internally with the MNBC Senate, other relevant Ministries, and the MNBC Justice Council on their priorities and budget needs. The workplan successfully moved through various levels of approvals until it reached the Cabinet and Attorney General level and although it is currently paused at this level, it was a success to move through the other levels through collaborative negotiation between MNBC and BC, the Indigenous Justice Secretariat in particular.

The Ministry also successfully “reinvigorated” the MNBC Justice Council through 2023, creating a newly motivated committee; we held monthly meetings with updates, dialogue, and action items, and created a new Terms of Reference. The Ministry works closely with the MNBC Justice Council, including receiving expert advice and guidance.

Overall, we are now eagerly awaiting the approval of the MNBC Justice Strategy and approved treasury board budget to enable us to start our substantive work in this Ministry.

Intake project

As mentioned, the ministry successfully hired a Métis youth summer intern who is in the Indigenous law program at UVIC. This position was brought on to provide support and capacity to our intake needs, supporting citizens through the legal and justice system. The work focused on providing direct and more timely support and call-backs to citizens, organizing a data base for intake calls to start to collect data for improved services, improved website access and ease of use for resources available, including working directly with support agencies so that we are sending our citizens to a person versus a website, and seeking out grant opportunities to fund a full-time or part-time Métis legal navigator to continue this work after our Intern leaves. In August, we successfully submitted a grant, seeking funding for a Métis legal navigator position. We have also built relationships and a contact list with various organizations, such as legal aid so that we are influencing continued improvement and change.

The Ministry also works closely with the BC First Nations Justice Council and is working on building these relationships to ensure collaboration on their work with legal aid, Gladue services, and the new Indigenous Justice Centres across BC.



MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

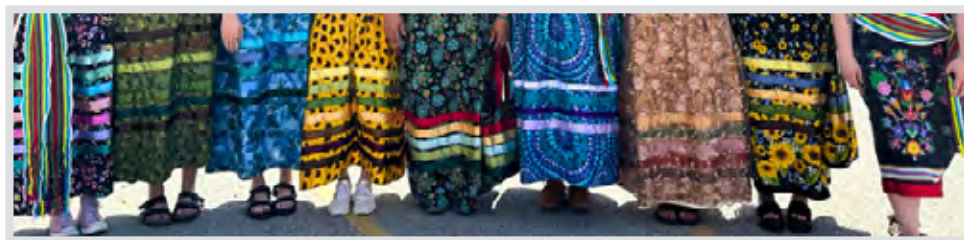
Respectfully Submitted

Minister: Dr. Kate Elliott

Director: Jillian Jones

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction's goal is to improve mental wellness and harm reduction services, as well as increase access to existing programs to better meet the needs of the Métis Nation. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed to better foster the health, wellness, and resilience of Métis individuals and communities.

We seek to advocate for culturally appropriate mental health, substance use, and harm reduction services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. Additionally, the mental health and harm reduction team provides support, education, and advocacy for Métis people and Métis Chartered Communities across BC.



Pictured: members of the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction displaying ribbons skirts crafted by Navigation Manager Sheri Gee.

As a growing Ministry, the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction strives to create whole-life, wraparound mental wellness initiatives – centered in community wisdom, and rooted in the idea of “culture as medicine”.

Regional Mental Health Navigators.

MNBC's Regional Mental Health Navigators support Métis individuals to navigate mental health and substance use resources. Additionally, they work with local community and health authority partners to hold space and advocate for the inclusion of Métis in all work.

Regional Mental Health Navigation team:

- Navigation Manager: Sheri Gee (sgee@mnbc.ca)
- Island: Cayleigh Borsboom (cborsboom@mnbc.ca)
- Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley: Hannah Denton (hdenton@mnbc.ca)
- Northern: Renee Berschaminski (rberschaminski@mnbc.ca)
- Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenays: Ripley Burd (rburd@mnbc.ca)



Miyooayaan (Wellness) Workers.

Recent funding has supported MNBC's ability to increase access to mental wellness supports for Métis individuals that have been impacted, both directly and indirectly, by the harms of residential schools and day schools through hiring two Miyooayaan (Wellness) Workers. This program is run in collaboration with MNBC's Ministry of Elders. Miyooayaan Workers seek to provide:

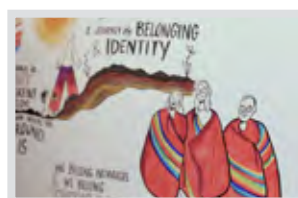
- Workshops based on needs expressed by Survivors - including topics such as self-care, culture, trauma, Métis residential school experiences, intergenerational healing, grief, loss, and more.
- Virtual circles for Survivors to gather, share their wisdom, and create a strong sense of community.
- In-person support - including emotional support at various events, providing follow-up care to those who attended various events, and opportunities for connection to culture.
- Complex-care consultation.

Miyooayaan Workers:

- Selena Jensen: sjensen@mnbc.ca
- Shyla Stevenson: sstevenson@mnbc.ca

Ooma La Michinn (Here is Medicine): Life Promotion for Métis Youth.

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction has been working to create a series of free online modules that focus on life promotion as a means of suicide prevention for Métis youth. Led by the wisdom of a Métis advisory group, the ongoing



development of these modules has been driven and grounded in Métis voices and perspectives - developed by and for Métis populations. Once completed, these modules will be offered for free online and will be made accessible for Métis individuals across BC. Modules will focus on the following themes: connection to wellness; connection to culture; connection to community; connection to self; and connection to land/nature. Woven throughout the modules will be a series of Elder, Knowledge Keeper, and Youth-led videos. These videos will be grounded in Métis culture, and support in navigating these series of modules in a good way. The tentative, targeted public launch for the modules is late 2023.

Métis Mental Health & Wellness Gathering.

The first annual Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering took place in April 2023, bringing together over 100 Métis individuals – representing regions across BC, diverse gender identities, diverse abilities, and ages. Upon waitlist registration opening in January 2023, nearly 500 Métis individuals registered – demonstrating the sheer interest and need for safe, Métis-led mental health initiatives. This gathering sought to share knowledge and teachings around mental health and wellness, as well as Métis ways of knowing and being. Opportunity was also provided for attendees to participate in activities to further nurture their wellness - including mindful movement and meditation, wellness workshops, jigging, dot painting, beading, Elder-led smudging, guided desert hikes, naloxone training, and more.



Pictured: the first-annual Métis Mental Health and Wellness Gathering. Photo by Delaney Cunningham.

"I loved the togetherness. I feel that the connections were deep within all of us without knowing it." – gathering participant.

Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative/Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Committee.

The Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Initiative (ages 15-25) and the Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness Committee (ages 25-35) work to raise awareness, to empower Métis youth, and to make a difference in mental health within the Métis community through actioning projects, fostering education, reducing stigma, and providing opportunity for community discussion and engagement.

Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (We Take Care of Each Other): Comprehensive Métis Mental Wellness Community Capacity Building Implementation

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction is working in partnership with LivingWorks to build response capacity and confidence within Métis communities, by providing community members with information and resources on suicide prevention and life promotion. Utilizing the

evidence-based suicide prevention programming that LivingWorks has created, we are working to implement a province-wide rollout of three suicide prevention courses (START, SafeTALK, ASIST) for Métis individuals and communities across BC.

Fifteen Métis facilitators, representing regions throughout BC, have been recruited and trained to deliver LivingWorks safeTALK programming to Métis communities across BC - creating enhanced capacity for Métis individuals and communities to promote mental health in safe, effective, and trauma-informed ways. Additionally, these facilitators have also received training to deliver Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).

As a core aspect of this project, MNBC will work in collaboration with LivingWorks to develop a Métis adaptation of the safeTALK course. This will be a permanent resource for future deliveries of safeTALK courses, ensuring cultural safety and contexts for future Métis participants.

This project seeks to be of Métis, by Métis, for Métis. Creating cultural safety/cultural wellness is supported on an ongoing basis by placing Métis-ways of knowing at the core of our work, and honouring the wisdom of Métis Elders, community members, and culture throughout the process. Centering Métis community voice ensures that the project is relevant and impactful for Métis communities. This also works to uplift a decolonized approach to suicide prevention and life promotion. The guiding belief of this project is Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (we take care of each other). In ensuring that Métis community remains at the core of this work, we will continue fostering culturally well, resilient, and strong Métis communities that work to take care of each other.



Pictured: MNBC's cohort of Métis safeTALK and ASIST facilitators.

Métis Counselling Connection.

Métis Counselling Connection provides Métis Citizens with up to ten counselling sessions with counsellors, psychologists or psychiatrists registered through the BC Psychological Association, College of Psychologists of BC, BC Association of Clinical Counsellors, Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, or BC Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. **Only limited funding is available, and as such not everyone who applies may receive funding.** Approved applicants will receive a letter authorizing mental health care practitioners to invoice MNBC directly for the sessions. In 2023 alone, nearly 500 Métis individuals have been supported through the Métis Counselling Connection program.

Naomie's Principle.

In October 2022, a young Métis woman lost her life after seeking substance use recovery treatment and experiencing culturally unsafe care. Naomie was just twenty-two when she passed. As shared by her mother, Naomie identified as a daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, friend, aunt, as Métis, and so much more. Naomie had recently taken the first step in changing her life,

in a way that was meaningful for her, when she passed. Naomie was a vibrant, beautiful, fierce protector.

In seeking to honour Naomie's story and legacy, and to ensure this tragic pattern of loss no longer continues, MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health & Harm Reduction and Ministry of Health are working collaboratively to develop Naomie's Principle – a community-driven initiative advocating for and detailing the unequivocal need for Métis-led substance use and recovery services. In addition, Naomie's Principle will focus on ensuring all Métis in British Columbia have equitable access to culturally safe health, wellness and harm reduction supports and services - that are free from discrimination and promote their cultural, mental, emotional, physical, financial, environmental, social, and spiritual wellness; and are available when and where they need them.

Through Métis-led sharing of stories, experiences, truths, and knowledge gathering, Naomie's story and many others will contribute to safer care for all Métis people in British Columbia. As Naomie embodied selfless compassion in her life, this work aspires to encompass those values.

Métis Perspectives of Cannabis Use: A Community-Based Research Study.

Led by MNBC's harm reduction team, this community driven research project sought to better understand Métis patterns of cannabis use, as well as barriers that exist to using cannabis for therapeutic reasons. Furthermore, the report will endeavour to reduce stigma around cannabis use and help inform the development of a Métis Harm Reduction Framework. This report has been created in collaboration with Métis Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community members. A final report on this work was completed in December 2022, and is planned for public release in late 2023.

For more information on the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, please contact:
mentalhealth@mnbc.ca



MINISTRY OF RIGHTS

Respectfully Submitted

Minister: Walter Mineault

Associate Minister: Patrick Harriott

Director: Melanie Walker

Since March 2023 the Ministry of Rights has overall achieved successes, pushed negotiations, opened doors to new opportunities, received external funding, launched new projects, and created new relationships both with Canada as well as with our citizens and communities. We have received funding from both BC and Canada to increase capacity, which is currently our largest challenge – keeping up with the opportunities - and are currently recruiting for a number of new staff positions.

We plan to bring in a Senior Manager of Rights, as well as two staff positions that will support a legislative and policy referrals process. The Ministry of Rights alone, but also other ministries within MNBC are receiving an influx of consultation and collaboration requests from BC and Canada regarding the creation and improvement of western government policy, legislation, and law (acts). The Ministry of Rights will lean into its role through this capacity as a central service Ministry, leading policy tables while using our in-house expertise from other Ministries and/or will support other teams/ministries as requested. Our projects as well as our expertise allow us to work collaboratively on many projects and at many tables as either the lead or support with other MNBC ministries, which is some of the work we are most proud of. We have also been able to provide or negotiate funding to cover new staff positions within other ministries to increase their capacity. We have increased our support and collaborative work since March with the following Ministries: Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Citizenship and Families, Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, and the Ministry of Community Services.

The Ministry of Rights overall leads both short- and long-term projects and tables, working closely with leadership in most of its work due to the level of importance of the negotiations, and as showcased above is stepping into its role as a central service ministry, project managing projects while utilizing the expertise of other ministries within MNBC. The Ministry also leads and manages a number of key tables and projects at MNBC:

Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination (RIRSD) table with Canada

The RIRSD table has been paused since March as MNBC awaits responses from Canada to a

number of our queries. However, the Ministry of Rights, in parallel has been focused on opening other doors through other paths with Canada, such as through the UNDA work discussed below where we have had great success. Due to that work, the RIRSD table will start up in the fall with a new workplan and a new format: MNBC staff will meet regularly with Canada staff in order to work through the workplan and MNBC priorities, and MNBC leadership will meet quarterly with Canada leadership at this table in order to continue to build relationships and push our goal of the recognition of Section 35 rights for Métis in BC.

One great success in the RIRSD work since March was the launch of our Historical Research Project; this project launched formally in the Spring of 2023, with the research team (Kwusen Research Media Consultants, and MNBC staff) travelling to Kelly Lake in June and August, as well as Prince George in July. Trips will continue across BC to continue to gather information for the next 1.5 years. In addition, we successfully confirmed our funding for this 2-year project. The research team has now successfully conducted three non-consecutive weeks in the field, interviewing and connecting with Elders, self-identified and registered citizens, and Community Presidents.

UNDRIP table with Canada

With MNBC as a fully participating member at this table and kicking off an independent negotiation table with Canada we were successfully in advancing our interests through the United Nations Declaration Act (UNDA) action plan. The action plan was successfully completed in consultation and cooperation with MNBC and was approved by the Canadian Government in the House of Commons in June 2023; this action plan included an MNBC specific action plan measure, negotiated by MNBC, that mandates Canada to work more collaboratively with us on advancing agreements that improve the interests of MNBC, especially within social topics.

Consistent with the commitments set out in the Memorandum of Understanding for Advancing Reconciliation (MOU) signed in 2018, as well as under the UN Declaration and other mechanisms, Canada will continue to advance reconciliation between Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Canada by fulfilling its commitments in the MOU by co-developing agreements and shared solutions regarding the subject areas listed at 1.2, as well as other items of mutual interest. Negotiations will continue to focus on determining MNBC's Aboriginal Rights under Section 35, of the Constitution Act, 1982, in a manner that is consistent with rights-recognition approaches and implementation. In parallel with the Section 35 determination negotiations, Canada commits to advancing the co-development of practical agreements or shared solutions that focus on processes and service delivery. (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada)¹

MNBC as an outcome is now meeting biweekly with the UNDA - Canada team to create a workplan over the summer 2023 that will outline the work at the RIRSD table over the next year in regard to the MOU topics and the created MNBC UNDRIP Priorities; these priorities were created internally through consultation with all ministries, from ministerial work with citizens and communities, and dialogue and approval from Ministers and the Board.

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<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/declaration/ap-pa/ah/pdf/unda-action-plan-digital-eng.pdf>

Through this UNDA work, MNBC was also able to negotiate through collaboration with First Nations and Inuit, 111 shared priorities with Canada that cover cultural and linguistic rights, economic development, education, health, justice, policing, and the list goes on. We also worked collaboratively with other Governing Members and MNC to create additional Métis specific action plan measures that mandate Canada to create a sub-accord with us around Justice and Policing for example.

Poverty Reduction Strategy

MNBC received funding in Spring 2023 from BC to hire a legislative and policy manager and a consultant team from Kwusen Research Media to conduct a literature review and gap analysis, research, and to collect data and write a report that will work into an MNBC Poverty Reduction Strategy. The literature review and gap analysis efficiently looked at all the relevant work (data, studies, reports, knowledge) that has already been created, written and/or collected within MNBC's 12 ministries. This work is a success, not only for the good work and funding, but showcases the Ministry of Rights as a central service Ministry, project managing the work, but collaborating with in-house experts within the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness and the Ministry of Health.

The gap analysis and lit review are completed, and data collection and interviews/surveys will begin in August 2023. MNBC will have a final report and MNBC Poverty Strategy in the fall of 2023.



MINISTRY OF SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Paulette Flamond

Acting Senior Director: Dawn Lindsay-Burns

MNBC staff, under the leadership of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and the Minister of Employment and Skills Training, jointly deliver MNBC's Skills Training, Employment, and Post-Secondary (STEPS) programs, to support Métis learners and those seeking employment residing in BC. We advocate for policy and legislative amendments that lead to favorable outcomes for Métis in BC, and more resources for Métis skills training, employment, and post-secondary programs, all while collaborating with our stakeholders to deliver Métis culturally appropriate programming.



Ministry highlights for the 2023-2024 fiscal year are listed below:

Funding

In 2022-2023, our annual operating budget for 2022-23 was almost \$21 million with an additional \$4.5 million in carry-over funding. This allowed us to fund over 2200 students from the start of April 2022 to March 31, 2023. Our annual operating budget for 2023-2024 is 13 million dollars, with an additional \$1.6 million federal dollars and \$6.8 million provincial dollars carried forward. Over 1100 students have been funded by STEPS this year. Funding for post-secondary and skills training was fully utilized and a process for waitlisting clients began in mid-June 2023.

We continue to advocate with the Province of BC for additional funding and anticipate another \$7.1 million. Advocacy with the Province on BC has resulted in STEPS being able to use provincial dollars for a wider scope of training, including higher levels of post-secondary education.

Program Efficiency and Updates

STEPS has recently completed another review of its guidelines that went into effect April 1st, 2023. To provide transparency and improve citizen access to program information, we have included the

new standards of practice on our website <https://www.mnbc.ca/STEPS>.

With the support of our Ministry of Digital Government, STEPS has implemented our online content management system called Laserfiche. STEPS programming can now be accessed through a fully online application process. With this, we are now shifting our focus from implementation to increasing functionality for citizens.

STEPS is committed to expanding the employment support we offer throughout the province. The Employment Team offers Métis Career Prep workshops. These workshops prepare citizens who are seeking new career opportunities by providing essential skills in resume and cover letter writing along with interview skills and career exploration.

The Employer Relations team with STEPS has established several connections with employers throughout the province to connect our Métis citizens with more employment opportunities. Since the start of the new fiscal year, the Employer Relations team has traveled across the province and attended several career fairs and hosted four Career Information sessions for citizens to connect with employers throughout the province. They are committed to engaging with chartered communities and local-level employers to encourage the wage subsidy and practicum supports STEPS offers.

In partnership with VanCity, STEPS has a financial workshop Facilitator/Coordinator that delivers Wealth Mindset: Indigenous Financial Resilience workshops to our communities. In this workshop, participants develop basic budgeting skills and banking knowledge in relation to the impact on Indigenous lives and their relationship to wealth. The workshops were successfully delivered in-person and virtually to over forty participants. Additionally, the financial workshop Facilitator and Coordinator builds relationships and partnerships with outside organizations to coordinate the delivery of this programming. The collaboration with the YETI Program (internal MNBC programming) was successful with future cohorts currently being developed.

STEPS successfully ran the MNBC Scholarship Program again this year. The program provided ten scholarships awarded at \$5,000 each to Métis students pursuing studies in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field. The Scholarship Program, established in 2022, was created to further remove some of the financial barriers to make Post-Secondary Education and Training more accessible to our Métis learners. An additional \$145,000 is being invested to further expand the financial supports of Métis learners through the scholarship program.

Policy Initiatives

STEPS continues to advocate with funding partners at both the provincial and federal levels. Key concerns for the policy team include increases in annual funding amounts to better serve the growing demand for post-secondary education and skills training, more flexibility in determining priorities for spending the funds we do receive, and distinctions-based approaches to government programs for Indigenous students.

In August, MNBC welcomed the BC Minister for Post-Secondary and Future Skills, Selina

Robinson, to headquarters for a meeting with her counterpart Minister Flamond and a roundtable of STEPS clients (Associated Image: photo 2) who could personally attest to the impact support from this Ministry has made on their education. Conversations at this meeting focused on the high demand for tertiary education among Métis citizens, changing economic conditions in all regions of the province, and BC's support for Michif revitalization programming.

Additionally, the STEPS policy team has undertaken a relationship-building strategy with the 25 public post-secondary institutions in the province. The focus of these relationships is on shared decision making, ensuring Métis voices are heard on critical issues like student recruitment, on-campus life, academic and personal policies, and cultural representation. A chief part of this strategy is ensuring all post-secondary institutions in BC have some sort of Elder-in-Residence program, holding space for Métis elders to provide guidance and safety to learners.

MNBC Post-Secondary Institute

After the completion of the business plan and approval by the board, STEPS has moved into year two of developing a Métis owned and led post-secondary institution, with an annual funding commitment from the government of BC. The initial offerings of the institution will be small, skill training cohorts that are both transferrable and stackable, as well as offered through both remote and in-person learning.

The next step in developing this institute includes a community engagement piece, where the STEPS staff will be meeting with community Presidents and other leaders. We want this institute to reflect the spirit of Métis citizens across the province and will be seeking input on naming, governance structure and programs offered.

We will continue to engage with other ministries as necessary to ensure that the institute is structured correctly, both as a legal entity and in line with the cultural values of MNBC and its citizens.





MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Dean Gladue

Director: Celina Moore

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living is dedicated to supporting our Métis Citizens by implementing various programs and services that ensure accessible and timely opportunities. One of its primary objectives is establishing enduring partnerships with local and national organizations, thus expanding program availability, and addressing gaps through innovative strategies. The Ministry's goal is to enhance the overall physical and mental well-being of Métis Citizens, and in the past year, it has achieved significant progress through the following initiatives:

- **The Sport and Active Living Grant:** This grant offered a one-time reimbursement of \$250 to support any activity that promotes sports and active living. This initiative has played a vital role in providing financial backing to numerous citizens and is aimed at encouraging sports and active lifestyles within the Métis community. Over 265 Métis families benefited from this grant, and the response from our community members was overwhelmingly positive, expressing deep appreciation for the opportunities it created in the realm of sports and active living. Many Métis citizens and non-eligible self-identified individuals expressed substantial interest in this grant and hoped for a second round after the first funding deadline passed.
- **Siḱoc (Michif for Unexpected) Athlete Achievement Fund Pilot:** The Ministry piloted the Siḱoc Athlete Achievement Fund, which has been designed to empower Métis athletes by offering financial assistance and resources to aid their athletic pursuits and accomplishments to lower-income families or those who can prove financial need to pursue their respective sports. Recipients could utilize these funds for various purposes, including, but not limited to, sports enrollment, sports training, sports equipment, competition travel, and competition admission fees.
- **Event Funding Collaboration:** By collaborating with the BC Ministry of Fairs, Festivals, and Tourism, as well as BC Parks and Recreation, MNBC's Ministry of Sport successfully secured funding for sporting events, thus creating more opportunities for Métis Citizens to participate in sports and active living activities.
- **Participation in the Tea and Bannock Cup 2023:** The Ministry put forth two players who actively participated in the Hockey tournament called the Tea and Bannock Cup 2023. This

event celebrates Métis culture and sportsmanship, promoting inclusivity and community engagement.

- **North American Indigenous Games 2023:** Minister of Sport and Active Living, Dean Gladue, was able to attend on behalf of the Ministry and MNBC at the North American Indigenous Games 2023. During the event, he had the honour of presenting a traditional Sash to one of our esteemed Métis athletes, who was selected as the flag bearer for the Opening Ceremonies. Minister Gladue's presence further boosted the morale of all Indigenous Athletes at NAIG 2023, as he rallied them to perform at their best and encouraged them to relish their experience during the games.

What is Ahead?

Following the resounding success of the Sport and Active Living Grant, the Ministry is thrilled to announce the launch of Round 2, to double the number of families reached compared to Round 1. This grant will continue to provide much-needed financial support to even more families within the Métis community.

Furthermore, with MNBC's recent hiring of the new Sport and Active Living Coordinator, Adam Fitchett, the Ministry of Sport and Active Living takes pride in introducing the Siḡoc Athlete Achievement Fund to all Métis citizens after its successful pilot phase, which aims to assist families with a one-time grant ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. This initiative seeks to empower Métis athletes and support their endeavours in sports and active living pursuits.

Moreover, the Ministry is committed to organizing successive cultural and traditional events to impart valuable skills to our youth. These events will include trapping, archery, axe-throwing, and other sports, enabling the passing of cherished traditions and knowledge to the younger generation.

Through these commendable efforts, the Ministry of Sport and Active Living continues to strengthen its commitment to the well-being and prosperity of Métis communities, ensuring access to sports and active living for all.





MINISTRY OF VETERANS

Respectfully Submitted

Minister: Lissa Smith

MVBC Chair: Dave Armitt

To date MVBC has 121 members, comprised of 101 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members either currently serving or retired and 20 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members either currently serving or retired. There are pending applications for membership, awaiting either confirmation of citizenship or, of service. The largest concentrations of MVBC members are in the major population centers of Regions 1 and 2.

WWII Métis Veteran Legacy Program (MVLV)

The Métis Veteran Legacy Program with the assistance of MVBC continues to assist WWII Métis Veterans or their eligible spouses and children to apply and be granted a \$20,000 payment to honour their Veterans service to Canada. Our most recent approved applicants were Margarite Hourie and Rita Svatos. Minister of Veterans, President Lissa Smith was able to attend and presented the cheques on behalf of Métis National Council's MVLV.

Margarite, the spouse of WWII Veteran Lawrence Samuel Hourie, received the \$20,000.00 cheque from Minister Lissa Smith on June 2nd, 2023 surrounded by family at a ceremony held at MNBC headquarters in Surrey.

Rita Svatos (Lavallee), spouse of WWII Veteran George Victor Lavallee, received her cheque on June 9th, 2023 from Minister Smith at a ceremony held at the Legion in Prince George attended by her family, Regional Director Raynie Gervais, and Prince George Métis Community Association President Sylvia Desrocher.

The WWII MVLV continues to look for living WWII Métis Veterans in our Nation, or the living spouse of a WWII Métis Veteran that has passed, and, in some cases, the surviving children of a WWII Métis Veteran who may be eligible for compensation (see the MVLV link below for criteria).



If you know of a living WWII Métis Veteran, or someone who meets the criteria, please contact the MVBC Committee Chair at veteranchair@mnbc.ca. Learn more here <https://Métisveterans.ca/how-to-apply/>

Veterans Monument – Batoche, SK.

Regarding commemoration efforts, a second round of Veterans names to be engraved was submitted to the National Métis Veterans Monument situated at Batoche in October 2022. 122 new names were submitted from BC and engraved on the monument. An update will be made to the app to reflect these new names on Louis Riel Day in November 2023.

Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee

MVBC Committee continues to be staffed by Métis Veteran volunteers within Regions 1,2,3,4 and 5. The MVBC Committee has vacant positions in Regions 6 and 7, and are looking for Métis Veterans to represent our committee in these regions, as well as supporting our Veteran representatives currently in place.

Contact information for MVBC Committee members is as follows:

- Dave Armitt, Veterans Chair, veteranchair@mnbc.ca.
- Tom Adams, Veteran Service Officer, veteranserviceofficer@mnbc.ca.
- Barb Hulme, Veteran Women's Representative, veteranwoman@mnbc.ca
- Eleanor Creighton, Region One Veteran Representative, region1veteran@mnbc.ca.
- Eldon Clairmont, Region Three Veterans Representative, region3veteran@mnbc.ca.
- Kevin Murray, Region Four Veterans Representative, region4veteran@mnbc.ca.
- Earl Henderson, Region Five Veterans Representative, region5veteran@mnbc.ca.
- Richard (Ric) Johnstone has recently taken on the role of Region Two Veterans Representative from Frazer MacDonald. Ric's email is region2veteran@mnbc.ca.

For requests pertinent to Regions Six and Seven, please email Chair Dave Armitt.

MVBC Recruitment

In addition to Representatives for Regions Six and Seven, MVBC is looking to increase the numbers of Métis Veterans registered with MVBC. There is a misconception among the Veteran community that has been around for decades that, "if you never went to war or deployed overseas that you aren't a Veteran." This couldn't be further from the truth. As described by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) the definition of a Veteran is: "If a member has successfully completed basic training and were honourably released, they are a Veteran."

VAC also covers RCMP, both serving and retired. To become a member of the MVBC you must meet the criteria outlined in the MNBC Veterans Act as a Veteran, which is: anyone who

is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), retired from the CAF, a person who completed basic training and was honourably released from the CAF, and, serving or retired RCMP.

If you are an MNBC Citizen and meet the criteria for Veteran, and want to get involved with MVBC, contact the MVBC Chair for further information at veteranchair@mnbc.ca.

Meeting between Métis National Veterans Council and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC)



MVBC Veteran Service Officer, Tom Adams was a part of the Batoche Opening Ceremony as pictured.

On July 19th 2023 a key meeting was held between delegates from the Métis National Veterans Council, Veterans Affairs Canada and Minister Lawrence MacAulay (Minister of Veterans Affairs) in Saskatoon. MVBC was represented in person by Minister of Veterans Lissa Smith (MNBC President), Tom Adams (MVBC Veteran Services Officer) and Alex Spier (MNBC Social Programs Coordinator for Veterans), as well as virtually by Eleanor Creighton (Region 1 Veterans Representative), Richard Johnstone (Region 2 Veterans Representative), and Executive Director, Tanya Davoren.

Minister MacAulay recognized Métis Veterans for their courage and contributions to Canada. He affirmed Canada's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous Veterans by ensuring they were aware of VAC programs and services and were receiving the support they needed. VAC's newly formed Indigenous Engagement Team was introduced as a dedicated source of expertise for the department's efforts to ensure Métis Veterans and their families received the recognition and support they deserve. VAC acknowledged that it was of critical importance to infuse events with Métis culture, as opposed to simply having Indigenous members in attendance as token visual representation. VAC also recognizes the need to move from a Pan-Indigenous approach to a distinctions-based approach when collaborating on events with Métis communities.

Another point of discussion was regarding the 2SLGTBQQIA+ Purge. Currently it is up to individuals on a case-by-case basis to request the terms of their discharge be changed. This presents a large barrier for the purged individuals, as it is quite unlikely and unreasonable to expect them to approach the same organization that perpetuated this against them to ask for a change. The request from the Métis delegations in attendance is for CAF to provide a blanket honourable discharge to the affected individuals. The VAC delegation in attendance has given a commitment to discuss this with CAF and other involved ministries, and an update will be provided at a later date. Following the discussion on the Purge, the attendees discussed opportunities for engagement and collaboration between the Métis Nation and VAC towards relationship building.



MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY (MOWGE)

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Dr. Kate Elliott

Director: Rachel Perkins

What We Do

MNBC's Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) uses an intersectional approach to elevate Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members by creating resources, programming and services that promote wellness, security, and safety. The Ministry identifies legal imperatives and inequities and holds space for truth telling. The Ministry creates opportunities for Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community to connect and build relationship with culture. The Ministry works alongside and provides secretariat support to the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and MNBC's 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee.

Ministry of Women and Gender Equity Highlights:

Sashing Our Warriors campaign:

The Sashing Our Warriors campaign has undergone some exciting changes to support the representation of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community within the context of violence prevention. The expansion funded by the Canadian Women's Foundation provided small community seed funding to host Sashing Our Warriors events, along with Sashing Our Warriors cards, community planning kits, and regional anti-violence resource lists to support event facilitation for each of the 39 Chartered Communities.

Capacity-Building:

MOWGE's team has been focusing on building-capacity by hiring a temporary Project Coordinator (until March 2024, with possible extension contingent on funding).

Gender-Based Violence Gathering:

From May 12 to 14, MOWGE hosted a Gender-Based Violence consultation in Nanaimo for approximately 35 regional (MWBC), youth (MYBC), and chartered community women's representatives. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Natalie Clark and her colleagues, and a final report was submitted to the Province of British Columbia on July 30, 2023, to help inform their Gender-Based Violence work from a Métis-specific lens.

Training:

MOWGE staff all attended Lateral Kindness Training in Surrey in early June.

Métis Women British Columbia (MWBC) Highlights:

Métis Women British Columbia Provincial Governance Council:

Métis Women's Chairperson: Dr. Kate Elliott

Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River Women's Representative: Fleurette Borsboom

Region 2 Lower Mainland Women's Representative: Carmen Carriere

Region 3 Thompson Okanagan Women's Representative: Cheryl Dodman

Region 4 Kootenays Women's Representative: Michele Morin (new)

Region 5 North Central Women's Representative: Trish Paulson

Region 6 Northwest Women's Representative: Laurie Todd

Region 7 Northeast Women's Representative: Carol Paynter

Governance Training:

AZ Cooper Consulting was contracted to review MNBC's Constitution, Women's Act and MWBC's Policies and Procedures. MOWGE and AZ Cooper Consulting held virtual governance training sessions in November for the MWBC Governance Council, and February for MWBC Community Women's Representatives. The result of these training sessions helped inform a Best Practices Guide for the MWBC Governance Council and MWBC Community Representatives to create meaningful opportunities for Métis women in positions governance and leadership. The project is officially complete with the addition of an online toolkit that includes onboarding documents, the governance training and best practices guides, the Women's Act, and MWBC's Policies and Procedures. This toolkit is available for Chartered Communities to adapt to their specific Women's Representatives' needs. These fluid documents will be updated and continually used by MWBC as new representatives are welcomed.

2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee Highlights:

2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee:

Chairperson(s): Minister Louis De Jaeger and Minister Shaughn Davoren

Region 1 Vancouver Island and Powell River: Angel Robinson and Lydia Toorenburgh

Region 2 Lower Mainland: Jessie Dame, Lorraine Grieve, and Hunter Brazzoni

Region 4 Kootenays: Topher Burke

MNBC's 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee and Métis artist, Kaija Heitland, worked together

to create a logo to represent 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis in BC. The two-petal flower and berry laurels represent the birth of the Métis Nation, through the coming together of European and First Nations kin.

Two-Year Anniversary:

July 2023 marked the two-year anniversary of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee. Through their guidance and labour, MNBC was able to increase 2SLGBTQQIA+ awareness campaigns and begin work to create spaces of belonging, and work towards addressing gaps in services and supports, both of which have been long overdue.

Vancouver's 45th Annual Pride Parade:

MNBC celebrated 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis people and allies with a float in Vancouver's 45th Annual Pride Parade. The Red River Cart was created in 2022 by Métis Artist Pat Calihou.



It's Time for Two-Spirit Reconciliation report:

Led by Métis Nation Greater Victoria (MNGV) in collaboration the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Les Femmes Michif Otimpemisiwak (LFMO), Fraser Valley Métis Association (FVMA), and MNBC

Communications and Awareness

The [It's Time for Two Spirit Reconciliation](#) report was released in June of 2023, and contains a series of recommendations gathered through the Two Worlds, Two-Spirit gathering and online survey. The recommendations in the report address the needs of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members, within 12 key themes:

Identity Validation ∞ Community Inclusion, Safety, and Acceptance ∞ Governance and Representation ∞ Housing ∞ Health ∞ Mental Health ∞ Cultural Wellness ∞ Human Rights and Discrimination ∞ Personal Safety and Justice ∞ Education and Training ∞ Economic Development ∞ Seniors and Youth

The full report can be found under "Resources" and "Locally Developed Resources" on MNGV's website <https://www.mngv.ca/other-resources>



MINISTRY OF YOUTH

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Shaughn Davoren

Director: Rachel Perkins

Ministry Mandate:

To revitalize and strengthen Métis culture and community by providing Métis youth in British Columbia with culturally relevant life skills, programs, and events. Through these initiatives, we aim to foster a deep sense of connection, pride, and engagement among Métis youth while equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead fulfilling and empowered lives as Métis citizens.



2023-2024 Key Objectives:

1. Cultivate Métis Youth cultural knowledge, connection to community and land stewardship.
2. Promote opportunities for education, training, and employment among Métis youth in British Columbia.
3. Enhance the overall well-being and healing of Métis youth through cultural wellness.
4. Support Métis Youth in leadership and governance opportunities by promoting the Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) Council and the Community Youth Representative roles.

Ministry of Youth Highlights

Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) Committee:

Métis Youth Chairperson/ Minister of Youth: Shaughn Davoren

Region 1 Vancouver Island & Powell River Youth Representative: Brookelyn Chalmers

Region 2 Lower Mainland Youth Representative: Danielle Bergevin

Region 3 Thompson Okanagan Youth Representative: Jamie-Lee Keith

Region 4 Kootenays Youth Representative: Aladina (Allie) Caron

Region 5 North Central Youth Representative: AJ McGuire

Region 6 Northwest Youth Representative: Jayden Rogers

Region 7 Northeast Youth Representative: Vacant

Y.E.T.I. Youth Employment and Training Initiative

The Ministry of Youth, in collaboration with STEPS, launched a pilot employment program for Métis youth - the Youth Employment and Training Initiative (Y.E.T.I.). The Ministry of Youth has now delivered three cohorts of this program, and 37 youth successfully completed the training.

This unique three-week program supports Métis youth (ages 15-30) to build confidence, gain skills for life and work, and be better prepared for employment in today's labour market. Over the course of three weeks youth plunge into interactive career exploration activities, learn about safety in the workplace, acquire tips to make smarter financial decisions and connect to Métis culture and community, all in a culturally safe and fun virtual setting. The program also featured a Métis Youth Panel where four Métis youth guests talked about their career journeys, shared tips and helpful resources to encourage the program participants. Notable program guests include motivational speaker and jigger Madelaine McCallum, Indigenous artist Nevada Lynn Christianson and filmmaker Jordan Waunch.

MY TRU Experience

From April 4 to 6, 2023, the Ministry of Youth along with Métis youth from across BC, embarked on our annual campus tour adventure at Thompson Rivers University (TRU). Over the three days, youth experienced programs TRU has to offer, learned about supports and services available to Métis students, and participated in fun cultural activities like dot painting and jigging. Special guests included fiddler's duo Cricks N Rivers and participants 'got their Jig on' with the Two Rivers Métis Youth Jigging Group. Nine youth and two chaperones from across BC joined the event and gained insight into the different career and education pathways at TRU. They also made new friends and contacts within the Métis community.



Métis youth tour the Faculty of Nursing during the annual MYTRU Career Days in Kamloops, BC. Faculty of Nursing at Thompson Rivers University.



A Métis youth is sashed during MYTRU Career Days in Kamloops, BC.

Elders and Youth Virtual Wellbeing Circle

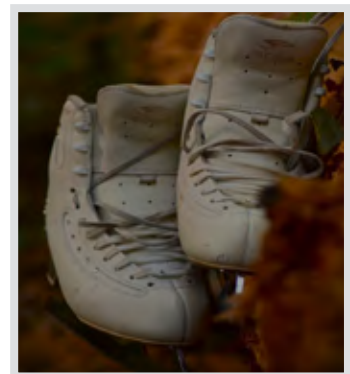
The Ministry of Youth partnered with the Ministry of Elders to plan and host this virtual circle. Elders and youth were invited to an interactive virtual gathering where fifteen Elders and youth had the opportunity to engage in conversations and connection to Métis culture through a cultural

activity. At the heart of our gathering, Elders and youth embarked on building the iconic Red River cart.

MYBC Scavenger Hunt

MYBC Council launched the Scavenger Hunt initiative to engage Métis youth across BC in a fun and outdoor activity this summer. The goal of this initiative is to encourage youth to connect to Métis culture, explore their community, and have fun while doing it! All initiative participants will receive prizes and cultural items for participating, and their photo submissions will be highlighted across our Social Media platforms.

Here are some of the amazing pictures that the youth have captured thus far.



MYBC In-person Gathering

This summer, MYBC council members gathered in person on Vancouver Island, during the mid-Island Métis Rendezvous. Regional youth reps discussed MYBC related business including regional updates, roles and responsibilities, and future youth events. Regional youth reps had the opportunity to participate in the Rendezvous celebrations, connect with local youth, and build relationships with one another in person.

Michif Language Youth Camp

The Ministry of Youth, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language, are proud to introduce our first Michif Language Youth camp! The camp is an opportunity for youth participants to learn basic Southern Michif phrases with Samson LaMontagne, and enjoy outdoor activities such as zip-lining and canoeing at the Strathcona Park Lodge in Campbell River, BC. Through this initiative, Métis youth not only connect to language and culture, but also spend time on the land and meet other Métis youth across the province. By disconnecting from technology and social media for a couple



Minister Davoren (center), Region 6 youth rep Jayden Rogers (left) and Ministry of Youth staff Jamie Yeung (right) mingle during the mid-Island Métis Rendezvous.



of days, the hope is to improve overall wellbeing and focus on the land, the language, and each other.

Pride and Ally Sash

MYBC has been making a commitment to support 2SLGBTQQIA+ inclusion. As part of this journey, MYBC and the Ministry of Youth have released an updated version of the Pride sash – this new sash is a Pride and Ally sash. It acknowledges the diversity within the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community and includes the black color that was missing on the previously released pride sash.

The Pride and Ally sash has been distributed among the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee as well as the regional youth reps. The Ministry of Youth is exploring the possibility of making the Pride and Ally sash available for purchase on MNBC's Trading Post to raise funds for MYBC initiatives. The sash will also continue to be distributed among the regions.





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