



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
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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.