



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	August 14, 2023	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Susan Gillette	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

### Attendees

**Participating Board of Directors:** President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Shaughn Davoren, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond and Raynie Gervais (joined the meeting at 10:45 am)

**Staff:** Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Russell Brewer – Chief Public Affairs Officer (joined the meeting at 11:19 am); Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; Sasha Hobbs – Chief Strategy Officer, Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Colleen Hodgson – Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Stephen Thomson – Director of Health Governance, Diane VanBroeck – Director of Financial Reporting and Budgets; Blae Hansen – Health Policy Implementation Manager

**Guests:** Jeffrey Hunt – Partner, Manning Elliott

### 1. Welcome

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

#### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples and the home of the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria of which she was calling from.

Vice President Mineault acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dane-zaa of which he was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Tsartlip and WSÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the traditional territory of the Matsqui and Sumas people of which he was calling from.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and traditional shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.



Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the Tri-River Métis Community traditional territory of the Gidimt'en of which she was calling from.

Region 7 - Minister Flamond acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which she was calling from.

BC Women Chair - Minister Elliott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and the traditional territory of the Lekwungen of which she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Davoren acknowledged the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from.

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 38 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

## 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board meeting agenda of August 14, 2023 be approved with the following addition:

- Communities – Discussion

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1.4 Updates on Action Items

1. BC Federation of Parent Advisory – CEO will follow up with Sharlene Wedel **(COMPLETE)**
2. Financial Update – CEO will follow up with CFO to ensure distribution to Board members **(COMPLETE)**
3. May 16, 2023 - First Nations Relationships Strategic Plan – The CEO, CGO and CSO will meet for a technical briefing to discuss the strategy. A half day meeting will be set up for the Board to review **(IN PROGRESS)**
4. June 12, 2023 - UNDA Action Plan – a technical briefing meeting will be set up for the Board **(IN PROGRESS)**
5. June 12, 2023 – Roll Call Voting – to be discussed at the August 15, 2023 Governance Committee meeting **(COMPLETE)**



6. June 12, 2023 - Emergency Updates on MNBC Websites – MNBC will work directly with communities regarding emergency updates (**COMPLETE**)

**Action Item: It was requested that the topic of funding for Emergency Management be referred to the next Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting and to the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Table.**

## 2. Audited Financial Statements

Jeffrey Hunt - Partner, Manning Elliott, provided an overview of the 2022-2023 Métis Provincial Council of BC 2023YE – Draft Financial Statements.

Highlights included:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets
- Statement of Operations
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Notes to Financial Statements

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the 2022-2023 Métis Provincial Council of BC 2023YE – Draft Financial Statements.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 3. Financial Update

The CFO provided an overview of the FY2023-2024 MNBC Financial Report – July 31, 2023.

Highlights included:

- Deposits in Bank
- Investment in CIC's
- Funding Received
- Significant Funding Deposits
- Deferred Revenue
- Top 7 Expenditure Categories – April to July 2023
- Ministry Expenditures – April to July 2023
- Leadership
- Finance, Systems & Services
- Financial Compliance
- External Financial Services



## 4. President's Update

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

- Interview with the CRA regarding whether board salaries are EI insurable or not.
- Thanking the Board of Directors for their input into letters being sent to the province.
- Attending the MNA AGA with the CEO.
- All CEO evaluation forms have been received and next steps include meeting with the CEO prior to meeting with the full board.

## 5. Break

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**Recessed for break at 10:28 am – reconvened at 10:45 am**

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## 6. CGO Presentation

### 6.1 AGM Update

- The CGO reminded board members to complete the AGM registration and follow-up with the Board Secretariat Coordinator for travel arrangements.
- Board reports are due by the end of the day on August 15, 2023.
- Invitations have sent to some dignitaries including RCMP Constable Paula Haider, Indigenous Missing Persons Liaison and Steve Pabernat who is the officer in charge of Indigenous Policing Services. Constable Haider will participate in the grand entry. The RCMP will have an information table at the AGM.
- Reminders regarding safety hazards associated with button batteries being discarded from voting devices.
- Updates on potential co-chairs for the AGM.

### 6.2 Public Affairs Committee – Terms of Reference (Decision)

The Public Affairs Committee, established in 2021, has been dormant and staff are seeking to revitalize it. The Intergovernmental Affairs Department has provided revised Terms of Reference for this committee, which were also reviewed at the last Governance and Policy Committee meeting. Current members of the Public Affairs Committee are President Smith, Vice President Mineault and Minister Harriott. Minister De Jaeger's request to join the committee in an informal capacity was approved.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Board Public Affairs Committee, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 7. Strategic Plan Approval

The MNBC Strategic Plan, Our Way Forward, was previously presented to the Board of Directors for their review and approval. Discussion ensued, and it was requested that the words “family preservation” be included in the section on achieving jurisdiction of our children, and removing the word “new” in reference to our Métis cultural values.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the “MNBC Strategic Plan, 2023-2027,” as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussions included:

- Finding the capacity to translate documents to the Michif language.
- Parallel text would provide English on one side of a document and another language on the other side.

The CSO will follow with the Ministers Harriott and Gervais regarding translations to determine the cultural values, title and to determine the rollout date and present to the board.

Minister Gervais left the meeting at 11:40 am.

## 8. Housing Update (Presentation)

The Acting Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Support Programs for August 2023 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Housing and Homelessness Support Programs 2023
  - Ma Nîḱi Seniors Home Renovation Program
  - Métis Housing Rent Support Program
  - Reaching Home Homelessness Services
  - Welcome Home Kits
- Overview of housing and childcare projects in regions 1-7
- Expressions of Interest in Process
- 2023-24 Budget Status

Minister Flamond left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

## 9. Lunch

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**Recessed for lunch at 12:45 pm - reconvened 1:15 pm**

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## 10. Children and Families – 92.1 Agreement Submission

The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry provided an overview of a briefing note seeking approval from the Board to formally authorize specific actions to establish a 92.1 Agreement with the province.

MNBC does not have IGB status and has no authority or jurisdiction of Métis children and youth in the child welfare system.

A 92.1 agreement allows sharing and the use, disclosure and security of information, provision of preventative or support services and collaboration and engagement.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the scope of authority and responsibilities concerning child welfare in a 92.1 Agreement with MCFD, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11. Special Interlocutor Submission

The Director of Health Governance introduced the Health Policy Implementation Manager, Blae Hansen, who provided an overview of a briefing note seeking approval of draft report to the Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the draft submission of the report to the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools, Kimberly Murray, as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12. Communities (Discussion)

Discussion ensued regarding concerns from citizens on whether community board of directors should be invited to events held in their communities.

Events are diverse and decisions to invite Chartered Community citizens and/or board of directors should be made on a case-by-case basis. Protocols could be put in place for certain types of events including when meetings should be closed for confidentiality reasons.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Vice President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct staff create a protocol regarding respectful and appropriate inclusion of Chartered Communities with MNBC events in their geographical area; and

THAT staff provide a draft protocol for consideration at the September Board Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 13. Correspondence (Information)

2023-07-26 SCC-AFF Métis Nation BC

2023-07-26 MNBC Future Ready 3 Year Funding Letter 2023-24

2023-07-29 MNO Letter to National President Caron

2023-08-08 MNC Letter to Premier David Eby

### 14. Committee Meeting Minutes (Information)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Finance and Audit Committee [2023-07-05]
- Governance and Policy Committee [2023-08-01]
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee [2023-07-26]

### 15. Record of Decisions (Information)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

### Meeting Adjourned at 2:52 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

**RESOLVED:**


THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**Approval Sheet**

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: September 20, 2023