



RESOLUTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE DECEMBER 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Legislation Affected: *Constitution, Electoral Act, Métis Nation Women's Act, Métis Nation Youth Act*

Submitted by: South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: October 23, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS:

- A. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
- B. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
- C. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
- D. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Constitution*:
 - 12.1 While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board.
- B. The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act*:
 - 8.10 Upon election as a Regional Women's or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds any elected position on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from the position(s) on the Chartered Community Board.
- C. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women's Act*:

Upon election as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds any elected position on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from the position(s) on the Chartered Community Board.

D. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:

Upon election as a Regional Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds any elected position on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from the position(s) on the Chartered Community Board.