



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	October 16, 2023	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Participating Board of Directors: President Lissa Smith, Vice President Walter Mineault, Ministers Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Shaughn Davoren, Susie Hooper, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond and Raynie Gervais

Staff: Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; Marc Riddell – Director of Communications; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator;

Regrets: Ministers Patrick Harriott and Debra Fisher, Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations

1. Welcome

At 9:00 AM, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Gervais 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 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the The Shasta Trinity National Forest works with six federally recognized tribes include the Redding Rancheria, Pit River Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, The Klamath Tribes, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation and the Karuk Tribe; and with seven non-federally recognized tribes include Winnemem Wintu, Tsnungwe Tribe, Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Nation, Wintu Tribe of Northern California and Toyon-Wintu Center, United Tribes of Northern California, The Shasta Tribe Inc., and Shasta Indian Nation.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he 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 they were 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 Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting agenda of October 16, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the September 20 and 21, 2023 Board Meetings be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4 Updates on Action Items

June 12, 2023 – UNDA Action Plan – a technical briefing meeting will be set up for the Board (**IN PROGRESS**)

Marc Riddell, Director of Communications, introduced himself to the Board of Directors.

2. Financial Update

The CFO provided a financial update for September 30, 2023.

Highlights included:

- Deposits in Bank
- Funding received
- Deferred revenue
- Ministry expenditures
- Finance, Systems and Services
- External Financial Services



Discussions ensued regarding:

- Ministry expenditures
- Salary breakdown reports provided to the Board on a quarterly or year-to-year basis
- Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples carry-forward
- Hosting budgets will form unrestricted surplus if not used within the fiscal year
- Communities to be provided a minimum of \$500 for Louis Riel Day
- Finance Department will provide the Board with an AGM debrief once all costs have been submitted.

3. Finance Policy Manual

The CFO provided an overview of updates to the Finance Policy Manual including Finance Policies, Financial Reports and the Authority and Delegation Table. The MNBC Finance Policy Manual, is based on best practices and reflect procedures currently in use. The Finance Policy Manual was reviewed and endorsed by the Governance and Policy Committee.

Discussions ensued regarding:

- Inclusion of the wording “up to” in the honorarium amounts
- Home office allowances for Board members.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors adopt the MNBC Finance Policy Manual as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Break

Recessed for break at 11:06 am – reconvened at 11:16 am

5. Housing Update (Presentation)

The A/Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Support programs for October 2023 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Ma Nîḱi Seniors Home Renovation Program
- Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program
- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- Welcome Home Kits



An overview of Project Updates was provided for the following regions:

- R1 – Campbell River – North Island Métis Association; Saanich – Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
- R2 – Lower Mainland – Surrey/Delta Métis Association - 2nd Stage Housing
- R3 – Kamloops – Two Rivers Métis Society
- R4 – Invermere Columbia Valley Métis Association
- R5 – Prince George – Prince George Métis Community Association
- R6 – Terrace – Northwest BC Métis Association
- R7 – Fort St. John – Fort St. John Métis Society; Hudson’s Hope – River of the Peace Métis Society; Kelly Lake Land – Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake
- Expression of Interests underway.

6. Lunch

Recessed for lunch at 11:57 pm - reconvened 12:30 pm

7. Second Stage Housing Selection Policies

The A/Senior Director, Ministry of Housing and Homelessness provided an overview of the Second Stage Housing Selection Policies.

The Program Participant Selection Policy aims to ensure fair and consistent evaluation of prospective program participants based on their eligibility and the Participant Prioritization Assessment to identify suitable applicants for temporary stay within MNBC’s second stage housing program.

The Administering the Participant Prioritization Assessment Policy outlines how staff will carry out assessing prospective program participants’ level of vulnerability and housing need.

As the policies are living documents, they will also be presented to the relevant MNBC Committees and Councils including Métis Women BC (MWBC), Métis Youth BC (MYBC) and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory Committee for feedback and input. These policies were reviewed and endorsed by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT The MNBC Board of Directors approves the Second Stage Housing ‘Program Participant Selection Policy’ and the ‘Administering the Participant Prioritization Assessment Policy,’ as presented.



AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Elliott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT these policies be approved and presented to the relevant MNBC committees and councils for feedback and input.

MOTION TO POSTPONE:

MOVED: Vice-President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister Gervais

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors postpones consideration of the Second Stage Housing “Program Participant Selection Policy” and the “Administering the Participant Prioritization Assessment Policy”, to the November Board Meeting, to allow for further consultation with the relevant MNBC Committees and Councils.

DEFEATED (with Ministers Davoren, Elliott, Gladue, Flamond, De Jaeger and Hooper opposed)

Question was called on the Amendment to the Main Motion and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Question was called on the Main Motion as Amended and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

8. Committee Meeting Minutes (Information)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Social Infrastructure and Development Committee (2023-08-23)
- Governance and Policy Committee (2023-08-29)
- Métis Rights Committee (2023-09-08)
- Governance and Policy Committee (2023-09-12)
- Social Infrastructure and Development Committee (2023-09-12)
- Social Infrastructure and Development Committee (2023-09-18)
- People and Culture Committee Minutes (2023-05-18)
- People and Culture Committee Minutes (2023-07-31)

9. Record of Decisions (Information)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:06 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister De Jaeger

SECONDED: Minister Gervais


RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: November 20, 2023