



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	November 20, 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 Patrick Harriott, Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Shaughn Davoren, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond and Raynie Gervais (joined the meeting at 10:20 am)

Staff: Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; Marc Riddell – Director of Communications; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Ken Bourdeau – A/Senior Director – Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12; Colleen Hodgson – Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry and Ministry of Children and Families; Carol Kerfoot - Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12; Chantelle Colthorp – ELCC Training and Development Manager – Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12; Denise Jager – Director of Citizenship – Ministry of Citizenship

Regrets: Kahla Bassett – Executive Assistant to the Vice President

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 Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples and the home of the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria 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 and unceded territory of the Tsawwassen First Nation of which she 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 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.



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 Gladue

SECONDED: Minister Elliott

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting agenda of November 20, 2023 be approved with the following additions:

- Métis Financial Corporation of BC - Update
- Bill C-53 - Update

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED with two abstentions.



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)**

August 14, 2023 – Community Protocols – whether Chartered Community citizens and/or community Board of Directors should be invited to events held in their communities **(IN PROGRESS)**

2. Executive Committee Motion – November 8, 2023 (Information)

The Board of Directors was advised that the following motion was endorsed by the Executive Committee at their November 8, 2023 meeting:

THAT the MNBC Board Executive approves \$1500 from the Board Discretionary Funds for the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association for Louis Riel Day events.

3. Youth Invitation to Board Meeting (Approval)

The Board of Directors was advised that at the November 9, 2023 Youth Engagement Committee meeting, a motion was endorsed requesting that MYBC youth be invited to attend an upcoming virtual Board of Directors meeting.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Directors invite youth to virtually attend an upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

Discussion ensued, and it was noted that the invitation would be for the MYBC Council, not all youth.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the Main Motion be amended to replace “youth” with “MYBC Council”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During further discussion, it was noted that it would be more appropriate for MYBC Council to be invited to a lunch with the Board of Directors, similar to what has been done with BCMANR.

AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Davoren

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the Main Motion be amended to replace “virtually attend an upcoming Board of Directors meeting” with “a joint lunch at the in-person Board Meeting at the March 2024 MNGA”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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

4. CGO Update (Presentation)

4.1 Credit Union Exploratory Committee (Approval)

On September 20, 2023, the Board of Directors approved Seth Allen, Danielle Levine and Denis Casavant as external advisors for the Credit Union Exploratory Committee. Additional Board member appointees were still required to join existing members outlined in the terms of reference including President Smith and Minister De Jaeger.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors appoint Minister Debra Fisher and Vice-President Walter Mineault to the Credit Union Exploratory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 2024 Board Meeting Dates (Approval)

Board Committee Coordinator Barinder Lalli provided an overview of the Proposed Board Meeting calendar for January to April 2024, which was based on feedback provided at the September Board meeting.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the following meeting schedule and venues:

January 16 and 18, 2024 (full days, in-person)

February 12, 2024 – (half day, virtual)

February 28-29, 2024 – (full days, in-person)

March 25, 2024 – (half day, virtual)

April 8, 2024 – (half day, virtual)

April 22, 2024 – (half day, virtual)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break

Recessed for break at 10:01 am – reconvened at 10:15 am



4.3 External Governance Review

A request was made for an external governance review by the Board as part of the more general governance review of MNBC. Dr. Kurtis Boyer, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School Research Chair at the University of Saskatchewan will be providing recommendations to MNBC on this project.

The report will address key recommendations for MWBC's future progress.

5. Bill C-53 Update

Minister Gladue provided an update on his presentation to the House of Commons on Bill C-53, an Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis Governments. The proceedings will be live streamed on Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 3:30 pm (EST). A link will be provided, and Minister Gladue's testimony will be captured and posted to MNBC's website.

Minister Gladue thanked Senior Manager of Justice Carly Teillet, Director of Métis Rights, Negotiations and Justice, Melanie Walker, and Bilal Cheema for their assistance in preparing his presentation.

6. 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 November 2023 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Ma Nîłki Seniors Home Renovation Program
- Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program
- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- First-Time Home Buyers Program (FTHBP)
- 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
- R6 - Terrace – Northwest BC Métis Association
- R7 - Fort St. John – Fort St. John Métis Society; Hudson's Hope – River of the Peace Métis Society;

6.1 Residential Tenant Selection Policy (Approval)

The A/Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness provided an overview of a briefing note recommending that the MNBC Board of Directors approve the "Tenant Selection Process Policy".



MNBC is committed to establishing a standardized and transparent selection process for individuals applying for entry into MNBC's residential tenancy properties. The Tenant Selection Process aims to ensure fair and consistent evaluation of prospective tenants based on their eligibility and housing need to identify suitable applicants for tenancy within MNBC's residential properties. MNBC will adhere to all applicable requirements set forth by the *Residential Tenancy Act* to ensure that its Tenant Selection Process Policy aligns with the legal framework governing residential tenancies in British Columbia.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the "Residential Tenant Selection Process Policy" as presented.

CARRIED with one abstention.

6.2 Second Stage Housing Program Operational Policies (Approval)

The A/Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness provided an overview of operational policies for the second stage house which is proposed to be open in January 2024.

Discussion ensued on whether there had been adequate consultation with women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ groups regarding the safety and security of those living at second stage housing. These policies will be presented to women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ groups at meetings scheduled for December 2023.

It was noted that while legal opinions are sought on all policies, liability would lie with MNBC.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Second Stage Housing "Guest Policy", the "Program Participation Extension Policy", the "Confidentiality and Privacy Policy", and the "Program Participation Independent Living Policy", as presented.

CARRIED with one opposed.

7. Lunch

Recessed for lunch at 12:26 pm - reconvened 1:00 pm



8. Approval of new Childcare Spaces – Vernon, Port Alberni and Kelowna (Approval)

8.1 Kelowna Childcare

The Executive Director of the Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12 provided an overview of a briefing note recommending that the MNBC Board of Directors approve a renovation project with Métis Community Services Society of BC, for the creation of school age care at Mamawapowin Community HUB.

Approving this project will allow MNBC to:

- Create high quality Metis specific childcare in Kelowna BC.
- Provide employment opportunities to qualified Métis individuals as early childhood educators, or responsible adults, and in other capacities within a community childcare facility.
- Assist with the ongoing recruitment of Métis staff, Elders, educators, and participants at that facility.
- Give preference to Métis artists, playground and landscape developers, and architects in the creation of child care spaces.
- Provide approximately 24 childcare spaces for Métis children and families.
- The updated 2019 B.C. Early Learning Framework included a focus on reconciliation and Indigenous world views and consideration for children's diverse abilities.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gladue

SECONDED: Minister Fisher

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve a renovation project with Metis Community Services Society of BC, for the creation of school age care at Mamawapowin Community HUB, in Kelowna, BC, for Not to Exceed amount of \$300,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Vernon and District Childcare

The Executive Director of the Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12 provided an overview of a briefing note recommending that the MNBC Board of Directors approve fully integrated Childcare Services of School District 22 Vernon Property at Beirsto Elementary School.

This project will allow MNBC to:

- Build high quality Métis specific childcare in Vernon, BC.
- Provide employment opportunities to qualified Métis individuals as early childhood educators, or responsible adults, and in other capacities within a community childcare facility.
- Assist with ongoing recruitment of Métis staff, Elders, educators, and participants at that facility.
- Give preference to Métis artists, playground and landscape developers, and architects in the creation of childcare spaces.
- Provide approximately 34 childcare spaces for Métis children and families.
- The updated 2019 B.C. Early Learning Framework included a focus on reconciliation and Indigenous world views and consideration for children's diverse abilities.



MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

That the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Fully Integrated Childcare Services option at School District 22, Vernon property at Beirsto Elementary School for a Not to Exceed amount of \$3,400,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Port Alberni Childcare

The Executive Director of the Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12 provided an overview of a briefing note recommending that the MNBC Board of Directors approve fully integrated Childcare Services of School District 70 Pacific Rim Property Maquinna Elementary School.

This project will allow MNBC to:

- Build high quality Métis specific childcare in locations across BC.
- Provide employment opportunities to qualified Métis individuals as early childhood educators, or responsible adults, and in other capacities within a community childcare facility in Port Alberni.
- Assist with ongoing recruitment of Métis staff, Elders, educators, and participants at that facility.
- Preference is given to Métis artists, playground and landscape developers, and architects in the creation of childcare spaces in Port Alberni.
- The updated, 2019 B.C. Early Learning Framework included a focus on reconciliation and Indigenous world views and consideration for children's diverse abilities.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Fully Integrated Childcare Services option at SD 70 Pacific Rim Property at Maquinna Elementary School, for a Not to Exceed amount of \$2,400,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Cowichan Citizenship Act (Discussion)

The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry and Ministry of Children and Families provided an overview of a briefing note addressing Citizenship concerns regarding Resolution UB1 on the December 2023, MNGA agenda.

During discussion, and in response to queries, the following information was provided:

- MNBC Citizens are not removed from the Citizen Registry when they move out of province.
- They are not included in any citizenship lists that are provided to Chartered communities or the communications department.



- The only time that MNBC Citizens are removed from the Citizenship Registry is if they request to be removed (voluntarily) or do not meet the eligibility requirements (involuntarily).
- MNBC does not prevent citizens who move out of the province from staying connected to their community, culture or heritage.
- There is no national Métis registry, so MNBC does not know if someone who is an MNBC citizen is also a citizen of MNO, MMF, MNS or MNA. There are no agreements in place that support information sharing that protect the privacy and security of personal information.

10. December MNGA Resolutions (Discussion)

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of the following resolutions for the December MNGA:

- Resolution A - Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association
- Resolution UB1 – MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province
- Resolution 1 - 2SLGBTQQA+ Act
- Resolution 2 - Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
- Resolution 3 - Provincial Youth Chair – Clarification of Candidate Qualifications
- Resolution 4 – Constitutional Clarifications
- Resolution 5 – MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils
- Resolution 6 – MWBC Representation at the MNGA
- Resolution 7 – MYBC Representation at the MNGA
- Resolution 8 – MWBC Secretary-Treasurer
- Resolution 9 – Updating the Youth Act

11. Update on the Métis Financial Corporation of BC

A written update will be provided to the Board of Directors.

12. Correspondence (Information)

2023-08-23 Letter to Minister Anandasangaree
2023-10-28 Letter from Associate Deputy Minister Brown
2023-11-10 MNC Letter to Minister Rankin

13. Committee Meeting Minutes (Information)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Youth Engagement Committee: 2023-11-09
- Business Advisory Committee: 2023-10-12
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee: 2023-11-17
- Rights and Self-Government Committee: 2023-11-03
- Environment Advisory Committee: 2023-10-30
- Governance and Policy Committee: 2023-11-07



14. Record of Decisions (Information)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

15. Closing Prayer

Minister Flamond conducted a closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Flamond

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: December 18, 2023