MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	December 18, 2023	**Time:**	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	**Location:**	Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Participating Board of Directors: President Lissa Smith, Vice President Mineault, Ministers Patrick Harriott, Dean Gladue, Louis De Jaeger, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, 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; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer; Darrin Brightman – Manager of Social Infrastructure Development; Chris Tupy, Senior Director of Operations and Administration, Acting Sr. Director, Ministry of Housing & Homelessness; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer

Regrets: Minister Shaughn Davoren

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

Region 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo 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 traditional territory of the Huichol peoples of 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.

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 December 18, 2023 be approved with the following addition:

- President's Update - MNC AGA and Board of Governors Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Hooper
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Board Meeting 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)**
The CEO advised that an update on this item will be provided during today's meeting.

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)**
The CEO advised that Community Services is working on community protocols.

2. President's Update

Minister De Jaeger provided an update on the MNC AGA and Board of Governors meeting.

Discussions ensued regarding the following:

- Networking with MNC staff
- Working together as a team for better outcomes
- Connecting with the new board in Alberta
- Resolutions
- The importance of looking after Métis children

3. CGO Update

The CGO provided the following updates:

- Board of Directors approval of the Fraser Partnership Accord.
- Official notice of the March 2024 MNGA will be sent out before the winter break. The MNGA will be held at the River Rock Casino in Richmond.
- February 28-29, 2024 are booked for Board meetings.
- Fulbright Canada have asked MNBC to submit nominations for a program called National Indigenous Good Governance Recognition Program. MNBC will be submitting applications on December 19, 2023 for the MNGA Governance Committee, the Board Fundamentals Program developed for Chartered Communities, MWBC and MYBC.

4. Board of Directors Motion – adopted online (Information)

The following Motion was approved by the Board of Directors on November 30, 2023:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approved the Fraser Partnership Accord, as presented.

5. Financial Update (Information)

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

Highlights included:

- Deposits in Bank
- Investments in GIC's
- Funding Received – April to November 2023
- Deferred Revenue
- Expenditures by Ministry – April to November 2023
- Finance, Systems and Services – April to November 2023
- Internal Audit and Compliance
- External Financial Services

Discussion ensued regarding citizenship drives in the Northeast. The CEO noted that Registry staff are planning community-based citizenship supports. Accounting software is being considered to offer Chartered Communities assistance in preparing their financial statements.

6. UNDA Action Plan Update (INFORMATION)

The Director of Métis Rights, Negotiations and Justice provided an update on the United Nations Declaration Act (UNDA) Action Plan. Funding in the amount of $127,000 was received for this fiscal year and $127,000 is expected for the next fiscal year.

- MNBC's Ministry of Rights is awaiting approval of its funding application to support core capacity.
- MNBC's Ministry of Rights will begin internal consultation with MNBC's Ministries and Departments, and leadership, regarding existing feedback from community consultation.
- The Ministry of Rights will be creating an internal roster of all federal tables and determine where the UNDA lens is required to help ensure UNDRIP consistency between MNBC and Canada at multiple tables.
- MNBC's Ministry of Rights is working with the Ministry of Culture, Heritage, and Language, to provide training for Crown-Indigenous Relations staff, working on the Métis file.
- The Ministry of Rights has been meeting with CIRNAC staff to advance the MNBC-specific priority, and to advance topics outlined in the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding on Advancing Reconciliation.

The Board of Directors agreed by consensus to add "UNDA Action Plans Update" as a standing agenda item on future Board Meeting agendas).

7. Break

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Recessed for break at 10:34 am – reconvened at 10:50 am

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Minister Gladue left the meeting at 10:34 am

8. Housing Update Presentation (Information)

The Manager of Social Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Support programs for December 2023 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Ma Nîḳi Seniors Home Renovation Program
- Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program
- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- First-Time Home Buyers Program – approximately 16 approved
- Welcome Home Kits
- Expressions of Interest in Process

Project Updates were also 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 and Kelly Lake Land

Vice President Mineault joined the meeting at 11:06 am.

Minister Gladue rejoined the meeting at 11:10 am.

Board members requested a fulsome costing report for each project. The Manager of Social Infrastructure Development advised that costing reports will be provided to the Board in January 2024. President Smith noted that a separate board meeting would need to be set to review these reports.

Action Item: The Chief Governance Officer will arrange a technical briefing for the board to review the housing reports.

9. The Board Meeting moved in-camera at 11:25 am

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Vice President Mineault
RESOLVED:
THAT the Board meeting move in-camera at 11:25 am pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, subsection "I"

I. Negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work of facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board of Directors, could reasonably be expected to harm the interest of MNBC if they were made public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. The meeting moved out-of-camera at 12:05 pm

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Gervais
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting move out of in-camera at 12:05 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MNBC Architectural Design Book (Approval)

The Board of Directors reviewed the MNBC Architectural Design Book which will ensure that MNBC developments are culturally appropriate, safe, and support Métis ways of living in the various regions of the province. The Design Book was reviewed and endorsed by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee.

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Minister Harriott
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, approves the MNBC Architectural Design Book for use by MNBC staff and external consultants; and

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves distribution of the MNBC Architectural Design Book to MNBC Ministries/Departments, Chartered Communities, partners, and others.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. McLeese Lake and Vancouver Island Rendezvous – Supports for 2024 (Approval)

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister Harriott
SECONDED: Minister Gladue
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNBC Board of Directors requests staff to investigate financial and other supports for Community and Regional events, such as the Vancouver Island Rendezvous and the Jamboree at McLeese Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Committee Meeting Minutes (Information)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee: 2023-06-19
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee Meeting Notes: 2023-08-31
- Environmental 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.

Closing Prayer

A closing prayer was provided by Vice President Mineault**.**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:18 pm

MOTION:
MOVED: Minister De Jaeger
SECONDED: Vice President Mineault
RESOLVED:
THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Approval Sheet

pproved by: President

Approved by: Secretary

Date: January 16, 2024