



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	January 16, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Susan Gillette	<b>Location:</b>	Surrey HQ

### 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

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**Guests:** David Wynne - Founding Partner and CEO, Greentech Asia; Chad Rickaby – Managing Partner and SVP Business Development, Greentech Asia; Brady Fox – Senior Partner and SVP Research, Greentech Asia; Yahe Li – Partner and Research Lead, Greentech Asia; Derek Bruno – Founder and Managing Partner, SevGen Consulting and Jill Yanch – Senior Consultant, SevGen Consulting; Rob Anderson – President, Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Métis Association

### 1. Welcome

At 9:01 AM, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Gladue conducted an opening prayer.

#### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged that 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 40 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia. Acknowledge the home of the Surrey Delta Métis Association

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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.



## 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board meeting agenda of January 16 and 17, 2024 be approved with the following additions:

- Cowichan Valley Métis
- Rendezvous Funding
- MYBC Lunch at the MNGA

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 1.4 Updates on Action Items

August 14, 2023 – Community Protocols – Prepare protocol for Chartered Community citizens and/or community Board of Directors being invited to events held in their communities

Community Protocols has been added to the February 12, 2024 Board of Directors meeting agenda.

December 18, 2023 – Housing Update Presentation - Set up a technical briefing for the Board of Directors to review housing updates (**IN PROGRESS**)

The Ministry of Housing is preparing the technical updates.

## 2. CGO Update

### 2.1 Governance Review Update

The CGO provided an update on the External Governance Review that was requested by the MNBC Board of Directors.

Dr. Kurtis Boyer, JSGS Research Chair in Métis Governance, and Policy and Assistant Professor, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, was contracted to conduct the review.



### Current Progress:

- Document review completed
- Key findings identified include:
  - Suitable Governance Structure
  - Challenges with Not-for-Profit Status
  - Potential Need for Restructuring Regional Representation

### Next Steps:

- Continued Evaluation and Analysis
- Methodology and Model Refinement

The CGO will arrange a meeting with Dr. Boyer and the Board of Directors to review the report prior to the MNGA.

The CEO left the meeting at 9:24 am.

### 3. UNDA Action Plan Update (INFORMATION)

The CGO advised that there were no updates for the UNDA Action Plan, an update will be provided at the next board meeting. The CGO will relay that the commitment to the Board was to have monthly updates. The Justice Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 19, 2024.

### 4. Break

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**Recessed for break at 9:30 am – reconvened at 9:46 am**

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### 5. Citizenship Card – adding addresses (INFORMATION)

The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry, and Children and Families, provided an update on information and actions required to include addresses to citizenship cards and to operationalize the initiative.

The CRM will need to be updated to include the address on the citizenship card. Updated cards will only be provided to new citizens at this time.

The cost is being calculated and will not be significant. Utilizing the CRM could provide new and innovative ways to redesign the card.

Other features could be added to the card such as QR codes leading citizens to the online hub and other information. Stickers could be provided to citizens when a change of address is required.

A mockup of the new citizenship card will be provided to the Board of Directors.

Additional changes to the card could be implemented in fall 2024.



The CEO rejoined the meeting at 9:54 am.

President Smith advised that the ADI Grand Opening event scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 has been postponed due to a weather event.

## 6. Economic Development External Strategy Update (INFORMATION)

The Director of Economic Development introduced David Wynne - Founding Partner and CEO, Greentech Asia; Chad Rickaby – Managing Partner and SVP Business Development, Greentech Asia; Brady Fox – Senior Partner and SVP Research, Greentech Asia; Yahe Li – Partner and Research Lead, Greentech Asia; Derek Bruno – Founder and Managing Partner, SevGen Consulting, and Jill Yanch – Senior Consultant, SevGen Consulting.

Derek Bruno provided an overview of the Economic Development External Strategy agenda, including:

- Industry focus
- Economic Development Alignment with six MNBC strategic goals
- Action plan
- Discussion and Questions

In collaboration with study contributors, the following six strategic goals were identified:

1. Promote Métis rights and recognition and achieve jurisdiction of our children
2. Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness
3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation
4. Support Métis Chartered Communities
5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development
6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships

Action Plan:

- Refine Métis Entrepreneurship Development Program
- Broaden Métis Cultural Revitalization Efforts
- Expand Métis Business Network
- Align Economic Strategies with Ongoing Initiatives
- Enhance Chartered Community Relationships
- Deepen Advocacy for Métis Economic Opportunities
- Strengthen Capacity and Infrastructure Development
- Foster Broad Collaborative Relationships

Next Steps:

- Incorporate feedback from this session
- Seek a final round of input (e.g., advisory committee)
- Deliver final report and action plan by the end of January



## 7. Break

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**Recessed for break at 11:10 am – reconvened at 11:31 am**

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## 8. Economic Development Internal Ministry Strategy (INFORMATION)

The Director of Economic Development provided an overview of the Economic Development Internal Ministry Strategy.

- What is Economic Development?
  - Sustainable, organic growth and prosperity, enhancing Métis Cultural Identity in British Columbia
- What is Métis Tourism?
  - Showcasing rich heritage, fostering cultural exchange, authentic experiences
- How vital is Economic Development and Tourism to the Nation?
  - What are the activities?
- Where are Development Opportunities?
  - Creative Economy
  - Tourism, Recreation and Sport
  - Emerging Technologies
  - Construction and Manufacturing
  - Energy and Utilities
  - Green economy
- What do these produce?
  - Our own economy
  - Our own work
  - Our own future

Overall strategy:

- Organize ourselves
- Organize our assets
- Organize our partners

The Director of Economic Development will circulate an Economic Development Digest Report every quarter or as needed. The report will contain updates on pipeline activity, KPIs and upcoming opportunities. Board members requested that due to time limitations during today's meeting, that the presentation continue at the next Board of Directors meeting.

## 9. Lunch

Minister Elliott left the meeting at 12:20 pm.

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**Recessed for lunch at 12:20 pm - reconvened 1:00 pm**

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## 10. Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Governance Charter Signing

President Smith welcomed Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Métis Association President Rob Anderson and his Board of Directors to the signing of their Governance Charter.

## 11. Childcare in Saanich (APPROVAL)

The Senior Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12 provided an overview of a briefing note to propose options regarding reinstating childcare at 3656 Raymond Street South, Saanich.

The recommended option was that the Board of Directors approve Option 1, proceed with the creation of 24 childcare spaces at 3656 Raymond Street South.

### **MOTION**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Vice-President Mineault

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, approve creating 24 childcare spaces at 3656 Raymond Street, Saanich, for an amount of \$2,400,000.00.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ministers De Jaeger and Davoren left the meeting at 1:10 pm.

## 12. Modification of Grant Agreement for Transfer of Child Care BC New Spaces Funding to Li Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services (APPROVAL)

The Senior Director – Ministry of Education – Early Learning | K-12 provided an overview of the recommendation to approve the transfer of additional funds to LMO of \$1,648,876.37, which will be released once both parties have duly executed the modification agreement. It was advised that information requested at the January 12, 2024 Board Technical Briefing has not yet been received.

### **MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board of Directors approves modifying the existing agreement with Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services, to allow the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,648,876.37, for childcare services.

### **MOTION TO POSTPONE:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT consideration of this item be deferred to the next Board meeting on February 12, 2024.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



### 13. TransCare BC Partnership (APPROVAL)

Trans Care BC (TCBC) is a program of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) that sets direction and provides leadership for transgender health services and supports in BC. The program uses an evidence-based approach to support improved quality of care for Two-Spirit, trans, and gender diverse people of all ages in BC through a strengthened and networked system of care.

The recommendation is that MNBC Board of Directors and CEO approves the partnership with Trans Care BC – Information Project as a collective stand to advocate in response to the increase of misinformation, discrimination, and violence against Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary Métis youth access to gender affirming care and information.

Minister Davoren rejoined the meeting at 1:42 pm.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice-President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Board of Directors, as recommended by the 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory Committee, approves partnering with Trans Care BC on the *Information Project*, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 14. Cowichan Valley Métis – Proposed Renovations to the Old Koksilah School

The Vice-President advised that the Cowichan Valley Métis Association are looking for funding for proposed renovations to the old Koksilah School at 5213 TCY, Koksilah, BC. The Cowichan Valley Métis Association have a ten-year lease on the building at \$1 per year.

The Board of Directors acknowledged that while these proposed renovations would provide the community with a low cost, the proposal needs to be submitted to the Social Infrastructure Development Committee prior to consideration by the Board. A suggestion was made to review the Social Infrastructure Development Committee Terms of Reference.

The Senior Director of Operations left the meeting at 2:34 pm.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice-President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the Cowichan Valley Métis Association proposal with a Not-to-Exceed of \$55,000."



**MOTION TO REFER:**

**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:** Minister Hooper

THAT the Cowichan Valley Métis Nation proposal be referred to the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, for further discussion and consideration, and that this item be added to the Board Action Items list.

**CARRIED with one opposed and one abstention.**

**Action Item: The Cowichan Valley Métis Proposal will be referred to the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee for further discussion and consideration.**

Minister Mineault resigned as the Minister of Housing and from the Social Infrastructure Development Committee.

Minister Elliott rejoined the meeting at 2:48 pm.

## 15. Break

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**Recessed for break at 3:00 pm – reconvened at 3:16 pm**

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## 16. Regional Director involvement in Board Committees on items that affect their Regions

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct staff to develop policy around appropriate Regional Director involvement in Board Committees on items that affect their Regions.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Minister De Jaeger rejoined the meeting at 3:16 pm.

## 17. Funding for the Vancouver Island Rendezvous and Jamboree at McLeese Lake

Discussion ensued regarding MNBC providing regular financial support to the Vancouver Island Rendezvous and other events around the province.

The CEO noted that previous funding for the Rendezvous and McLeese Lake came from the Board Discretionary Fund. Funding could be sought from the provincial and federal governments for these types of cultural events.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors supports the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous for \$25,000 for two years.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AMENDMENT TO MAIN MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors support the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous for the amount of \$30,000 annually, for two years (until 2026); and

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors support the Mcleese Lake Jamboree for the amount of \$10,000 for 2024.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**18. MYBC – Lunch at MNGA**

The Board of Directors will meet with MYBC at breakfast on Friday, March 1, 2024.

**19. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)**

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Social Infrastructure Development Committee: 2023-11-02
- Governance and Policy Committee: 2023-12-05
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee: 2023-12-06
- People and Culture Committee: 2023-09-11

**20. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)**

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

**Closing Prayer was provided by Minister Gervais**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:56 pm**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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### 1. Welcome

At 9:06 AM, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minister Flamond conducted an opening prayer.

#### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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### 2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The Board meeting agenda of January 18, 2024 was approved, by consensus, with the following additions:

- LFMO Update
- Community Protocols



### 3. Housing Update (PRESENTATION)

The Senior Director of Operations provided an overview of the Housing and Homelessness Support programs for January 2024 including citizen testimonials, topics included:

- Ma Nîḱi Senior Home Renovation Program
- Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program
- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- First-Time Home Buyers Program (working on new applications in different regions)
- 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (going to the SIDC committee)

Discussion ensued regarding the project updates for the regions.

Minister Gladue joined the meeting at 9:24 am.

### 4. Incorporating provincial renovation and repair rebate programs with Ma Nîḱi Seniors Home Renovation Program (APPROVAL)

The Manager of Housing and Homelessness Support Programs provided an overview of a briefing note requesting approval to continue the partnership with Fortis BC for the Energy Conversation Assistance Program (ECAP) and get direction on who rebates should be paid to.

The recommendation was that MNBC renew its partnership with Fortis B.C. for the Energy Conversation Assistance Program (ECAP) and that whenever possible, rebates for provincial renovation and repair programs be sent directly to citizens.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, renews the partnership with Fortis BC for the Energy Conservation Assistance Program; and

THAT, whenever possible, rebates for provincial renovation and repair programs be sent directly to MNBC Citizens.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 5. Break

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Recessed for break at 10:22 am – reconvened at 9:31 am

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## 6. People and Culture Policies (APPROVAL)

The Senior Director, People and Culture provided an overview of nine People and Culture policies for Board approval.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Davoren

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, as recommended by the People and Culture Committee, approves the following policies, as presented:

- Bereavement Policy
- Compassionate Care Leave Policy
- Electoral and Public Service Leave Policy
- Family Critical Illness or Injury Leave Policy
- Family Responsibility Leave Policy
- House of Work and Breaks Policy
- Personal Leave of Absence Policy
- Job Protected Leave of Absence Policy
- Jury and Witness Duty Policy

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. Break

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Recessed for break at 11:15 am – reconvened at 11:32 am

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## 8. Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) Update

MWBC Chair, Minister Elliott provided an update advising that she had resigned from the Board of Directors of LFMO effective January 9, 2024.

Ministers Flamond, Hooper and Davoren are interested in participating on the Board of Directors of LFMO. Minister Hooper noted there is currently no Region 6 representative on MWBC. Minister Elliott noted there is also a vacancy in Region 5.



## 9. The Board meeting moved in-camera at 11:54 AM

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the board meeting move in-camera at 11:54 am pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, subsection "G"

- G. An administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting MNBC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. Decisions/Reports

No decisions or reports were made.

## 11. The Board Meeting moved out-of-camera at 12:27 PM

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the board meeting move out-of-camera at 12:27 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12. Lunch

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**Recessed for lunch at 12:30 pm - reconvened 1:00 pm**

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## 13. The Board meeting moved in-camera 1:04 PM

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the board meeting move in-camera at 1:04 pm pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, subsection "I"

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 14. The Board meeting moved out-of-camera 3:49 PM

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Davoren

**SECONDED:** Vice-President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the board meeting move out-of-camera at 3:49 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## Meeting Adjourned at 3:49 pm

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Davoren

**SECONDED:** Vice-President Mineault

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: February 12, 2024