

MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held December 2 to 3, 2023 by videoconference.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Lissa Smith, President
Walter Mineault, Vice-President
Shaughn Davoren, Chair, Métis Youth BC
Patrick Harriott, Regional Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer
Louis De Jaeger, Regional Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland) and Secretary
Dean Gladue, Regional Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)
Debra Fisher, Regional Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)
Raynie Gervais, Regional Director, Region 5 (North Central)
Susie Hooper, Regional Director, Region 6 (Northwest)
Paulette Flamond, Regional Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association
Caitlin Bird, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association
Joy Bremner, Mid Island Métis Nation
June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association
Charlotte Lever, North Island Métis Association (*December 3, 2023 only*)
Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association
Tyler Masee, North Island Métis Association (*December 2, 2023 only*)

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

Rob Anderson, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association (*arrived December 2, 2023 at 11:50 AM.*)
Miranda Berard, Golden Ears Métis Society
Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association
Deni Paquette, North Fraser Métis Association (*December 2, 2023 only*)
Kelly Sears, Waceya Métis Society
Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association (*December 3, 2023 only*)
Pixie Wells, Fraser Valley Métis Society

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association
Melanie Allard, Two Rivers Métis Society (*part of December 2 and December 3, 2023*)
Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association
Marc Dubord, Two Rivers Métis Society (*part of December 2, 2023 only*)
Jamie-Lee Keith, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Betty Ann McDonnell, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society
Daina Shaw, Boundary Métis Community Association
Natasha Smith, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Topher Burke, Columbia Valley Métis Association (*December 3, 2023 only*)
Nicole Courson, West Kootenay Métis Society
Jeff Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association (*December 2, 2023 only*)
Pheb Goulet, Columbia Valley Metis Association (*December 2, 2023 only*)
Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Wendy Schneider, Rocky Mountain Metis Association (*December 3, 2023 only*)
Myrtle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Sylvia Desrocher, Prince George Métis Community Association
Tony Goulet, North Cariboo Métis Association
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

Bernadette Chaboyer, Northwest BC Métis Association
Alicia Fernando, Tri-River Métis Association
Joy Sundin, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

Region 7 – Northeast

Alana Copeland, Fort St. John Metis Society
Valerie Paice, River of the Peace Métis Society
George (Dan) Pope, Kelly Lake Métis Community
Vince van Wieringen, North East Métis Association (*left December 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.*)

ALSO PRESENT:

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk
Carmen Carriere, MNGA Co-Chair
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Deputy Clerk
Dave Peltier, MNGA Co-Chair

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

DAY ONE – December 2, 2023

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYER

Senator Elizabeth (Betty) Hoogendorn acknowledged the traditional territories attendees were joining from and provided an Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2023 MNGA

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Peltier, MNGA Co-Chair, called the December 2-3, 2023 MNGA to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. OPENING REMARKS

MNBC President Lissa Smith welcomed attendees and provided updates on activities and achievements that had occurred since the previous MNGA. The President reported that MNBC representatives recently met with the Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Minister of Health. Meetings were also held in Ottawa, with key federal government representatives.

The MNBC continued to support *Bill C-53 - An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*. MNBC representatives also engaged with the BC Attorney General, who committed to presenting MNBC's Justice Strategy to Cabinet for approval. The President further confirmed that the Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis Culture, Heritage, and Language would open soon, and that the MNBC had now achieved over 25,000 registered citizens.

2. ELECTION OF MNGA SPEAKER

Dave Peltier, Deputy Speaker, called for nominations for a Speaker for the 2023 MNGA. Carmen Carriere was nominated as Speaker and consented to the nomination. The MNGA Deputy Speaker called for further nominations and after the third call, with there being no further nominations, declared the nominations closed. As there were no other candidates nominated, Carmen Carriere was acclaimed to the position as MNGA Co-Chair.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES

3.1 Adopt Agenda for 2023 December MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the December 2-3, 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled December 2-3, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the Agenda be amended by adding an update on a prior resolution regarding funding for communities (after Resolution 9).

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-01)

Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order raised, the Deputy Speaker interrupted consideration of the Agenda, to address a potential contravention of *MNGA Act* Article 2.6 – “Conflict of Interest”. Discussion ensued regarding a member who was currently registered as a Director of another Métis organization, whose interests conflicted with the interests of the MNBC’s.

It was MOVED (Alana Copeland) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That, due to his role on another Métis Board not affiliated with MNBC, the Vice-President of North East Métis association, is determined by the MNGA to be in a conflict of interest, and temporarily suspends him from the MNGA, until his resignation from the other board is registered with BC Registry.

CARRIED (MNGA2303-02)

(22 delegates voted in favour, 10 opposed and 9 abstained)

10:30 a.m.

Vince van Wierengen, North East Métis Association, left the MNGA.

3.1 Adopt Agenda for 2023 December MNGA (*Continued*)

Discussion resumed on the Resolution to adopt the Agenda.

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-03)

3.2. Review and Adopt Standing Rules for 2023 December MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “Draft MNGA Standing Rules”

It was MOVED (Jeff Crozier) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) adopt the “MNGA Standing Rules” as presented for the December 2-3, 2023 MNGA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-04)

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

4. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the 2023 June MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held June 3-4, 2023

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held June 3 to 4, 2023, be accepted, with an amendment to reflect Jeff Crozier, President, Rocky Mountain Métis Society, attending only on June 3, 2023, and Wendy Schneider, Vice-President, Rocky Mountain Métis Society, attending only on June 4, 2023.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-05)

5. RESOLUTION A: Acceptance by MNGA of Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association" submitted by the Region 2 Director and dated June 12, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

WHEREAS:

- A.** On July 8, 2023, the Region 2 Regional Governance Council endorsed the application of the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association to become a Chartered Community, as set out in "Appendix A"¹;
- B.** Article 55.3 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the "Constitution") empowers the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) to approve new Chartered Community Agreements with a 75% majority vote; and
- C.** The Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association has completed its registration under the *BC Societies Act*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** The MNGA hereby ratifies the application of the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association for full Chartered Community status; and
- B.** The MNGA agrees and recognizes the geographical boundaries of the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association as the following municipalities:

Bowen Island	Halfmoon Bay	Roberts Creek
Brackendale	Lions Bay	Sechelt
D'Arcy	Madeira Park	Squamish
Garden Bay	North Vancouver	Vancouver
Garibaldi Heights/ Highland	Pemberton	West Vancouver
Gibsons	Richmond	Whistler

CARRIED (MNGA2303-06)

(35 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 5 abstained)

11:50 AM

Rob Anderson, President, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association, joined the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION UB1 – MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living-Out-of-Province

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution UB1 – MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province" submitted by the Cowichan Valley Métis Association and dated April 24, 2023

¹ The July 8, 2023 resolution of the Region 2 Regional Governance Council is attached as "Appendix A"

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, which was originally submitted to the June 2023 MNGA, and then postponed to the December 2023 MNGA. In the interim, the Resolution had been modified. It was noted that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. All Métis are entitled to be connected to their Métis heritage and have their Métis identity validated;
2. All BC Métis are entitled to stay apprised of events and information available through the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC);
3. It is in the interests of the MNBC to have as many citizens with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by the MNBC;
4. All Métis persons should have the right to be connected to their Métis Community and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Members; and
5. Not all Provinces have representative Métis bodies recognized by the Métis National Council, in which MNBC is a member;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Métis Nation Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 and insert the following in their place:
 - “3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC, or;
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the Citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:
 - resides outside of the Historic Métis Homeland,
 - is endorsed by a MNBC Métis Chartered Community, and
 - can demonstrate an immediate family tie to a Métis Citizen in British Columbiais eligible to apply for MNBC Citizenship, if:
 - 3.1.3 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC”; and
- B. In Article 3.2, strike the words “Articles 3.1., 3.1.1 and 3.1.2” and insert “Articles 3.1.1, or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3” in their place so that the Article will read as follows:
 - “3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of Chartered Community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

CARRIED (MNGA2303-07)

(35 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 4 abstained)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

NEW BUSINESS

7.0 RESOLUTION 1 - 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act" submitted by the Region 1 Director and dated June 12, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Pheb Goulet)

WHEREAS:

- A. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ have a desire to organize themselves;
- B. The "2Spirit 2Worlds report" has identified statistics on the overrepresentation of egregious harms being endured by our 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens;
- C. Advocacy and resources are necessary to address the inequity faced by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community; and
- D. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ voice at the Metis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) would be beneficial to the entire Metis Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) region;
- B. The attached 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (attached as "Appendix B²") be adopted as presented, and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in "B", above, for the MNBC;
- C. MNBC will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
- D. The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the "Constitution") be amended as follows:
 - a. In Article 29, strike the word "and" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and add ", and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article, so that it will read:

"The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.";

² The draft "2SLGBTQQIA+ Act" is attached as "Appendix B"

- b. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows: “34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
 - c. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

“There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.”;
 - d. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”;
 - e. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the *Constitution* accordingly;
- E. The *Métis Nation Electoral Act* (the “*Electoral Act*”) be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**By-Election**” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the *Constitution*”;
 - b. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Candidate**” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;”
 - c. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Election(s)” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*.”;

- d. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Elector” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”;

- e. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.”;

- f. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:

“h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

- (i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.”;

- g. Add the following as Article 6.3e: “e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- h. Add the following as Article 6.4e: “e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- i. In Article 7.3, strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place:

“Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”, so that it will read:

“On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.”;

- j. Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:

“The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- k. In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.”;

- l. Add the following after Article 8.3d: “e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- m. In Article 8.3f., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+

Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months”;

- n. In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”

- o. Add the following as 8.5d: “A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated.”;
- p. In Article 8.7, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.”;

- q. In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”;

- r. In Article 19.2, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat-British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance, so that Article 19.2 will read:

"Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women's Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women's Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.";

- s. In Article 38.2 b, strike the word "or" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and add "or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article", so that it will read:

"The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council";
- t. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the Electoral Act accordingly;
- F. That the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* (the "MNGA Act") be amended as follows:
 - a. In Article 2.16, strike the acronym "BCMUYC" and insert "MYBC" in its place so that Article 2.16 will read:

"Métis Nation British Columbia" (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the MYBC and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.";
 - b. Add the following as Article 9.1.9: "9.1.9 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governing Council Report";
 - c. In Article 12.2, strike the word "or" following the words "MWBC Regional Representative", and add "or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article, so that it will read:

"The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the *MNBC Constitution*, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council."

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the Main Resolution be amended, as follows:

- Amend Article 3.1a) of the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*, to strike the word "and" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson", and insert a comma in

its place, and add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “MYBC Chairperson”, so that it will read:

“The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, MYBC Chairperson, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council”; and

- Include a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the MNBC Board of Directors and in all other MNBC legislation, accordingly.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-08)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the Main Resolution be further amended, as follows:

- Amend the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the “*Constitution*”):
 - o Amend Article 12 of the *Constitution*, by inserting the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”; change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and strike the words “eleven (11)” and insert the words “twelve (12)” in its place, so that Article 12 will read:

“Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members”;
 - o Insert a new Article 23.6 in the *Constitution*, as follows: “23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
 - o Insert a new Article 39 in the *Constitution*, as follows: “39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
 - o Amend Article 41 of the *Constitution*, by striking the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and inserting the words “and the Chairperson for that 2sLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.”;
 - o Insert a new Article 46.3 in the *Constitution*, as follows: “46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;
- Amend the *Métis Nation Electoral Act* (the “*Electoral Act*”):
 - o Amend Article 3.4 of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “and” following the words

“Métis Women of British Columbia”, and inserting “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Board of Directors” means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council”;

- Amend Article 8.4 of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the follow” at the end of the Article, and inserting “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”;

- Insert a new Article 8.4e in the *Electoral Act*, as follows: “A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQA+ electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate’s nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
- Amend Article 8.6 of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and adding “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- Amend Article 13.1 of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and adding “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held”;

- Amend Article 38.2a of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and adding “or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council”;

- Amend Article 38.2b of the *Electoral Act*, by striking the word “or” following the words

“Métis Women of British Columbia”, and adding “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;

- Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly;
- Amend the *Bylaws of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia* (the “MPCBC Bylaws”):
 - Amend Article 1 of the *MPCBC Bylaws*, by adding “the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/ Chairperson” following the words “Métis Youth Provincial Representative” to the definition “Board or Board of Directors”, so that it will read:

“Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors”;
 - Amend Article 4.8c) of the *MPCBC Bylaws*, by inserting “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
- Amend the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* (the “MNGA Act”)
 - Amend Article 2.16 of the *MNGA Act*, by striking the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, striking the acronym “BCMUYC” and inserting “MYBC” in its place; and adding “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the current acronym “BCMUYC” (revised to “MYBC”) so that Article 2.16 will read “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

"Métis Nation British Columbia" (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia , Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC."

CARRIED (MNGA2303-09)

(28 delegates voted in favour, 10 opposed and 1 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED (MNGA2303-10)

(36 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 2 abstained)

Resolution 1 as amended, now reads:

“WHEREAS:

- A.** The 2SLGBTQQIA+ have a desire to organize themselves;
- B.** The “2Spirit 2Worlds report” has identified statistics on the overrepresentation of egregious harms being endured by our 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens;
- C.** Advocacy and resources are necessary to address the inequity faced by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community; and
- D.** A 2SLGBTQQIA+ voice at the Metis Nation Governing Assembly would be beneficial to the entire Metis Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** A 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation British Columbia region;
- B.** The attached 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (attached as “Appendix B”) be adopted as presented, and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in “A”, above, for the Métis Nation British Columbia;
- C.** Métis Nation British Columbia will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- D.** The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the “*Constitution*”) be amended as follows:
 - a.** In Article 12, insert the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”; change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and strike the words “eleven (11)” and insert the words “twelve (12)” in its place, so that it will read:

“12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.”
 - b.** Insert a new Article 23.6 as follows: “23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
 - c.** In Article 29, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women

of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- d. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows: “34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
 - e. Add new Article 39 as follows: “39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
 - f. In Article 41, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert the words “and the Chairperson for that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.”;
 - g. Add the following as Article 46.3: “46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;
 - h. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

“There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.”;
 - i. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”;
 - j. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the *Constitution* accordingly;
- E. The *Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act* (the “*Electoral Act*”) be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 3.4, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Board of Directors**” means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson

of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- b. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**By-Election**” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the *Constitution*”;

- c. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Candidate**” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;

- d. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**Election(s)**” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*.”;

- e. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Elector**” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”;

- f. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:
“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.”;
- g. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:
“h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.
(i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.”;
- h. Add the following as Article 6.3e: “e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
- i. Add the following as Article 6.4e: “e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
- j. In Article 7.3, strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place:
“Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”, so that Article 7.3 will read:
“On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.”;
- k. Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:
“The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s

Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- l.** In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.”;

- m.** Add the following after Article 8.3d: “e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

n. In Article 8.3f, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months”;

- o.** In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”;

- p.** In Article 8.4, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the follow” at the end of the Article, and insert “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”;

- q.** Add the following as Article 8.4e:

“e. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQIA+ electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate’s nomination

papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- r. Add the following as 8.5d:

“A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated.”;

- s. In Article 8.6, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;

- t. In Article 8.7, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.”

- u. In Article 13.1, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”;

- v. In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council

dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”;

- w. In Article 19.2, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat-British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance, so that Article 19.2 will read:

“Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.”;
 - x. In Article 38.2a, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;
 - y. In Article 38.2b, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”;
 - z. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly;
- F. That the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 2.16, strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place; and, insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the above-noted acronym, so that Article 2.16 will read:

“Métis Nation British Columbia” (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives (“Directors”), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.”;

- b. Add the following as Article 9.1.9: “9.1.9 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Report”;
 - c. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”, and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the *MNBC Constitution*, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”;
- G.** That the *Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia* be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 1, Add “the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson” following the words “Métis Youth Provincial Representative” to the definition “Board or Board of Directors”, so that it will read:

“**Board**” or “**Board of Directors**” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.”;
 - b. In Article 4.8c), Insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“c) ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

6. RESOLUTION 2 – Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 2 – Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils” submitted by the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Tyler Massee)

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 *Métis Nation British Columbia 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 *Métis Nation 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.”

Resolution to Postpone

It was MOVED (Pixie Wells) and SECONDED (Nicole Courson)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly postpone consideration of Resolution 2, to December 3, 2023.

DEFEATED

(4 delegates voted in favour, 33 opposed and 1 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution

The question was called on the Main Resolution and it was

DEFEATED

(8 delegates voted in favour, 27 opposed and 4 abstained)

7. RESOLUTION 3 – Provincial Youth Chair — Clarification of Candidate Qualifications

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 3 – Provincial Youth Chair – Clarification of Candidate Qualifications” submitted by the Salmon Arm Métis Association and dated October 20, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

WHEREAS:

- A. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language;
- B. Article 23.6 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the “*Constitution*”) stipulates a minimum age of 18 years to hold a position on the MNBC Board of Directors, and this age restriction is not mentioned in the *Métis Nation Electoral Act* (the “*Electoral Act*”) or the *Constitution* under candidate qualifications for positions within Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC), which includes the office of Chairperson of the MYBC; and
- C. Prospective candidates for this office should be clearly aware of the candidate qualifications for this office;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following text be added to Article 8.3 c) of the *Electoral Act*:
 - “c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC), except for the office of Chairperson of the MYBC;
 - d. Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the MYBC.”;
- B. The following be added to Article 38 of the *Constitution*:
 - “38. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC), except for the office of Chairperson of the MYBC;
 - 38.1 Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the MYBC.”

CARRIED (MNGA2303-11)

(36 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 2 abstained)

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The MNBC MNGA scheduled December 2 to 3, 2023, adjourned on December 2, 2023 at 4:25 p.m.

DAY TWO – December 3, 2023

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC MNGA scheduled December 2-3, 2023, reconvened on December 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

Point of Order

A Point of Order was raised regarding a potential contravention of *MNGA Act* Article 2.6 – “Conflict of Interest”. Discussion ensued regarding a member who was previously registered as a Director of another Métis organization, whose interests conflicted with the interests of the MNBC’s. After discussing the

proposed resolution, a suggestion to “withdraw” was raised, but unanimous consent to proceed, was not achieved.

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) directs that, due to her role on another Métis board not affiliated with the MNBC, Melanie Allard, Vice-President, Two Rivers Métis Society, is determined by the MNGA to be in a conflict of interest (in accordance with MNBC Bylaw Article 2.6 – “Conflict of Interest”) and is temporarily suspended from the MNGA until the March 2024, MNGA.

DEFEATED

(0 delegates voted in favour, 37 opposed and 4 abstained)

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. (approximately)

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) refers Articles 2.6 and 3.4 of the *MNGA Act*, Article 8.7 of the *Métis Nation Electoral Act* and any other applicable MNBC legislation to the MNGA Governance Committee, to clarify “What constitutes a conflict of interest for MNGA members and candidates in MNBC Elections” and to develop a fulsome process regarding suspending a member under Article 3.4 of the *MNGA Act*.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-12)

Agenda Resumed

Consideration of the Agenda resumed.

8. RESOLUTION 4 – Constitutional Clarifications

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 4 – Constitutional Clarifications” submitted by the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)

WHEREAS:

- A.** Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language; and
- B.** In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* be amended as follows:

- A. Insert the words “AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS” in the title “MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)” so that it will read “MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC) AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS”;
- B. Strike the word “MNBC” from Articles 12, 14 to 16, 18 to 27, 36, 41 to 45, 47, 51, 54, 67, 71, and insert “Board of Directors” in its place;
- C. In Article 17, strike the first instance of “MNBC and insert “Board of Directors” in its place;
- D. In Article 46: strike first instance of “MNBC” and insert “Board of Directors” in its place; and delete the second instance of “MNBC”;
- E. In Article 59, strike the second, fourth, and fifth instances of “MNBC” and insert “Board of Directors” in its place; and
- F. In Article 60: Strike all instances of “of the MNBC”.

CARRIED (MNGA2303-13)

(38 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed and 2 abstained)

9. RESOLUTION 5 — MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 5 – MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils” submitted by the MYBC Provincial Chair and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions;
- B. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council (RGC), another member of their Board may assume their duties, so long as they are a Métis Citizen; and
- C. A Regional Youth Representative may not be available to attend all RGCs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added at the end of Article 60.8 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia*:

“If a Regional Youth Representative is unable to attend an RGC meeting, that Representative may designate a Community Youth Representative to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-14)

10. RESOLUTION 6 – MWBC Representation at the MNGA

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 6 – MWBC Representation at the MNGA” submitted by the Kelowna Métis Association and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, it was confirmed that delegates deemed eligible to attend the MNGA, were eligible to vote at the MNGA.

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

WHEREAS:

- A.** The Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Chair, along with Chartered Community Presidents and others, are equal members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
- B.** In the event a Community President is unable to attend the MNGA, the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and
- C.** The MWBC Provincial Chair currently has no alternate to attend the MNGA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** The following be added as an additional sub-Article to Article 29 of the *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia*:
“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.”;
- B.** The following be added to the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* before Article 3.4:
“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.”; and
- C.** All subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-15)

11. RESOLUTION 7 - MYBC Representation at the MNGA

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 7 – MYBC Representation at the MNGA” submitted by the Provincial Chair and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Topher Burke)

WHEREAS:

- A.** It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions.
- B.** In the event a Community President is unable to attend the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and

- C. Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) elects a Vice-Chair from among the elected Regional Representatives, who can assume the duties of as the Chair, if the Chair is unavailable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as a sub-article of Article 29 to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place, or the Provincial Chair may appoint another Youth Regional Representative to attend in their place.”

- B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place, or the Provincial Chair may appoint another Youth Regional Representative to attend in their place.”

- C. All subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)

That the Main Resolution be amended by striking the words references “or the Provincial Chair may appoint another Youth Regional Representative to attend in their place” in Sections A and B.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-16)

Amendment to the Amendment

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)

That the Amendment be replaced with the words “so long as they are 18 years of age”.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-17)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-18)

Resolution 7 as amended, now reads:

“WHEREAS:

- A. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions.
- B. In the event a Community President is unable to attend the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and
- C. Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) elects a Vice-Chair from among the elected Regional Representatives, who can assume the duties of as the Chair, if the Chair is unavailable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as a sub-article of Article 29 to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place, so long as they are at least 18 years of age”.

B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place, so long as they are at least 18 years of age”.

C. All subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.”

12. RESOLUTION 8 - MWBC Secretary-Treasurer

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 8 MWBC Secretary-Treasurer” submitted by the Kelowna Métis Association and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

WHEREAS:

- A. The current *Métis Nation Women’s Act* (the “*Women’s Act*”) does not permit the appointment of a Treasurer for the MWBC; and
- B. On October 11, 2023 the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council approved the following resolution: “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MWBC will replace the Secretary Position with the position of Secretary-Treasurer”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The word “Secretary” be struck from Article 5.7 of the *Women’s Act* and the word “Secretary-Treasurer” inserted in its place, so that the article will read as follows:
“5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-19)

13. RESOLUTION 9 - Updating the Youth Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 9 – Updating the Youth Act” submitted by the MYBC Provincial Chair and dated October 23, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Tyler Massee)

WHEREAS:

- A. Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) has gone through many changes since the previous election; and
- B. The *Métis Nation Youth Act* (the “*Youth Act*”) is outdated and no longer reflective of how MYBC operates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes to the *Youth Act* be made:

- A. Strike all instances of “the Director of Youth” and replace with “Ministry of Youth Lead”;
- B. In Article 5.2 strike “MNGA Assembly” and “MNBC Assembly” and replace with “MNGA” and “AGM” respectively;
- C. In Article 5.5 insert “and on the MYBC Committee” so it will read, “The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Council and on the MYBC Committee”;
- D. Strike Article 5.7 and insert the following in its place: “The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and may elect a secretary, and treasurer who shall be referred to as the “Executive”;
- E. In Article 5.8 insert the word “video” so it reads “Including telephone, video, or in person meetings; and
- F. Strike Article 5.10 and replace it with “The MYBC Minutes shall be retained by the Minister of Youth until the end of their term, at which point they will be transferred to the Ministry of Youth Lead”.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That the Main Resolution be amended by changing the revision proposed in Section F to read: “The MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.”

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2303-20)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2303-21)

Resolution 9 as amended, now reads:

“WHEREAS:

- A. MYBC has gone through many changes since the previous election; and
- B. The *Métis Nation Youth Act* (the “*Youth Act*”) is outdated and no longer reflective of how MYBC operates.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes to the *Youth Act* be made:

- A. Strike all instances of “the Director of Youth” and replace with “Ministry of Youth Lead”;
- B. In Article 5.2 strike “MNGA Assembly” and “MNBC Assembly” and replace with “MNGA” and “AGM” respectively;
- C. In Article 5.5 insert “and on the MYBC Committee” so it will read, “The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Council and on the MYBC Committee”;

- D. Strike Article 5.7 and insert the following in its place: “The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and may elect a secretary, and treasurer who shall be referred to as the “Executive”;
- E. In Article 5.8 insert the word “video” so it reads “Including telephone, video, or in person meetings; and
- F. Strike Article 5.10 and replace it with “The MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the MNBC.”

14. UPDATE: March 2023 Resolution on “Stipend for Volunteer Community Elected Members”

An update was welcomed on the MNGA’s May 2023 Resolution MNGA2301-11, which directed the MNBC to resource administrative and operational capacity funding for all Chartered Communities; and to include the MNGA Governance Committee in the process.

During discussion, comments were offered on the MNGA Governance Committee’s consideration of Resolution MNGA2301-11, and anticipated report back to the MNGA in March 2024.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Smith extended thanks to the Co-Chairs, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and staff for their efforts in organizing the MNGA.

CONCLUSION

The December 2 to 3, 2023 MNBC 2023 MNGA concluded on December 3, 2023 at approximately 1:05 p.m. Senator Betty Hoogendorn offered a Closing Prayer.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the MNBC 2023 MNGA held December 2 to 3, 2023 and adopted on March 1, 2024.

Original Signed

Carmen Carriere, MNGA Speaker

Original Signed

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker

Original Signed

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk

LIST OF APPENDICES

The following items are attached to these minutes, or may be requested through the MNGA Clerk:

Appendix A: Referenced in “Resolution A - Acceptance by MNGA of Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association”

Appendix B: Referenced in “Resolution 1 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Act”

APPENDIX A

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

held December 2-3, 2023

July 2023 Resolution - Region 2 Regional Governance Council

Referenced in Resolution A - Acceptance by MNGA of Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association has applied with the BC Registrar of Societies for their name and will be legally incorporating with the BC Registrar of Societies; and
2. Pursuant to Article 56 of the Constitution, the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association has more than 25 Métis Citizens eighteen years of age and older who have committed to joining the community;
3. Pursuant to Article 57 of the *Constitution*, the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association has committed to enter into a Community Governance Charter with MNBC; and
4. Pursuant to Article 55.1 of the *Constitution*, communities seeking chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Applicable Regional Governance Council (RGC) members, and such motion be submitted to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) for final ratification.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC Region 2 Regional Governance Council endorses the application of the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association seeking full Chartered Community status;
- B. The Region 2 Regional Governance Council agrees and recognizes the geographical boundaries for the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association as the following municipalities:

Bowen Island	Halfmoon Bay	Roberts Creek
Brackendale	Lions Bay	Sechelt
D'Arcy	Madeira Park	Squamish
Garden Bay	North Vancouver	Vancouver
Garibaldi Heights/ Highland	Pemberton	West Vancouver
Gibsons	Richmond	Whistler
- C. The Region 2 Regional Governance Council will submit a resolution to the December 2023 MNGA recommending the Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association to become a MNBC Chartered Community.

APPENDIX B

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY
held December 2-3, 2023

"2SLGBTQQIA+ Act"
Referenced in Resolution 1 - 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MÉTIS NATION 2SLGBTQQIA+ ACT

PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission statement of the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia:

“We, the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of B.C. vow to walk with integrity as the proud Otipemisiwak (people who govern themselves) our ancestors prayed for; to elevate and center the voices of our people in the decisions that impact our nation; to foster a culture of Wahkohtowin (kinship/interconnectedness) within our Nation; and to build a future where 2SLGBTQQIA+ can thrive alongside niwahnkōmāk, anak (our relatives).”

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (“the “Act”)

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this act is to entrench Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are represented and engaged in governance.**
- 2.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.**
- 2.2 The objective of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is to advance and enhance Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ perspectives, and to acknowledge the contributions of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people for the benefit of Métis people and the Métis Nation.**
- 2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.**

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this Act:**
- 3.1 “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson elected from its members.**
- 3.2 “Legislation” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.**
- 3.3 “Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual” means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.**
- 3.4 “M2SBC” Means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia**
- 3.5 “Métis Nation Governing Assembly” (MNGA) means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *MNBC Constitution*.**

3.6 “MNBC Assembly” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

- 4.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be the representative body of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia, comprised of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ the seven (7) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives, including the Chairperson elected from their membership.
- 4.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be chaired by a person elected through a majority vote of the elected Regional Representatives who will be titled the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives will be elected by Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in their respective region in accordance with the provision of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 4.4 The Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity will be an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ to support and further Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia.

ARTICLE FIVE - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- 5.0 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall:
- 5.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.4 The regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.5 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Chairperson for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Chairperson for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 5.6 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.7 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes”).
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.

- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support equity for, and the spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives.

ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

- 6.0 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council electoral processes are:
- 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution*, the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and the MNBC guidelines.
- 6.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.