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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	February 28, 2024	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Susan Gillette	Location:	River Rock Hotel, Richmond

Attendees

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

Staff: Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer; John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer; Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator; Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations; Susan Gillette – Board Secretariat Coordinator; Tanya Davoren – Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction; Sasha Hobbs – Chief Strategy Officer; Chris Tupy – Senior Director of Operations and Administration and Acting Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness; Marc Riddell – Director of Communications; Madeline Green – Education Program Manager – Ministry of Education – Early Learning I K-12; Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer; Leona Shaw – Senior Director, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Food Security; Kahla Bassett – Executive Assistant, Executive; Chantelle Colthorp – ELCC Training and Development Manager, Ministry of Education; Dillon McLennan – Manager of Housing and Homeless Support Programs, and Shawna Savoie – Administrative Assistant, Executive Committee

1. Welcome

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

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged that our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations and the home of the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Métis Association. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial.

Region 3 – Minister Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Davoren acknowledged the Secwepemc Nation of which they were calling from.

1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Gervais

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting agenda of February 28 and 29, 2024 be approved with the following addition:

Distinctions Based Space Creation - MCSSBC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED with one abstention

1.4 Updates on Action Items

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

January 16, 2024 – Cowichan Valley Métis Proposal – The Cowichan Valley Métis Proposal will be referred to the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee meeting agenda of February 20, 2024, for further discussion and consideration. **(COMPLETE)**

February 12, 2024 – Transcare “Introduction to Gender Diversity Course - THAT the MNBC Board of Directors takes the Transcare “Introduction to Gender Diversity – Expanded” course.

Next week, a link will be sent out to Board members to complete this one-hour course. **(IN PROGRESS)**

2. CGO Update

2.1 External Governance Review Update

Kurtis Boyer, Research Chair, University of Saskatchewan, has prepared the first draft of the External Governance Review with further revisions required for one section. The draft will be forwarded to staff for review by mid-March and then to the Board by late March. Mr. Boyer will be invited to meet with the Board to address any questions or concerns. The External Governance Review should be ready for the June MNGA.

2.2 March 25 and April 22, 2024 Board Meeting

The Board agreed, by consensus to change the schedule for the March 25 and April 22, 2024 Board meetings as follows:

March 25, 2024 – Change the meeting from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm to 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

April 22, 2024 – Change the meeting start time from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

2.3 Appointment to MNC LFMO Committee – Susie Hooper

Ministers Hooper and Davoren were appointed to the MNC LFMO Committee along with three members from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. The first meeting with MNC President Cassidy Caron was held on February 27, 2024, with a commitment to schedule two more meetings, and report to the MNC Board of Governors by the end of March 2024.

Discussions ensued regarding funding channels, expectations, setting the scope, and the importance of having mechanisms in place for provinces to attend national events. Recommendations were made that the MNC LFMO Committee set up Board meetings, hold an AGM and elections.



Minister Hooper will provide updates to the Board and to the Métis Women of BC.

2.4 MNGA/AGM Grand Entry Protocol

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of the proposed Grand Entry Procession for the MNGA and AGMs and noted that the protocol could be modified as necessary.

Discussion ensued, and it was noted that the MNGA should be community focused with Community Representatives forming the grand entry, and not the Board. For the AGM procession, the Board would be in the procession, and not the community leaders. It was also requested that the AGM procession be amended to include all MYBC and MWBC representatives.

Board members requested that the MNGA/AGM Grand Entry Protocol be forwarded to Community Services for inclusion in the February 29, 2024 RGC meeting agendas.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the MNGA/AGM Grand Entry Protocol, with the inclusion of MYBC and MWBC Representatives in the AGM procession.

AMENDMENT

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister Harriott

THAT the Main Motion be amended to add the word "Interim" before MNBC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2.5 MNBC/BCMANR MOU (APPROVAL)

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of the MNBC/BCMANR MOU and advised that it has been reviewed and approved by the Governance and Policy Committee and the BCMANR captains.

The MOU will be signed at the MNBC/BCMANR lunch on February 29, 2024.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the MNBC/BCMANR MOU, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



3. CEO Update

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following updates:

- Premier Eby will join the MNGA banquet on Saturday, March 2, 2024
- The CEO, MNC President Caron, and President Smith are scheduled to meet with Premier Eby on April 26, 2024
- An MNBC golf tournament is scheduled for September 16, 2024 and the Director of Economic Development is seeking sponsorship for this event

Minister Flamond requested that the CEO provide updates on staff achievements at future board meetings.

Minister Gladue left the meeting at 10:35 am.

4. Break

Recessed for break at 10:35 am – reconvened at 10:54 am

5. Chief Electoral Officer - Shortlist

The Chief Governance Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation giving noting the process to date, and an overview of the two shortlisted companies for the role of Chief Electoral Officer. During the course of the overview, the following was reviewed:

- Legislative Requirements
- Chief Electoral Officer responsibilities, Article 5.1, 5.2 (new for 2024)
- Election Requirement, Article 5.6 (Amended for 2024)
- Request for Proposal Process
- Request for Proposal Process Responses to OneFeather and Voatz
- Request for Proposals Results

Discussions ensued regarding online voting, the availability of paper ballots, and the confidentiality of citizens' email addresses. The Chief Governance Officer noted that email addresses would only be used for voting purposes.

In response to concerns regarding the availability of Help Desk staff to address citizen inquiries, it was noted that Citizenship staff will be available to take calls or answer emails. Communications updates will advise citizens to update their addresses if necessary.

Minister De Jaeger joined the meeting at 11:37 am.

Minister Gladue rejoined the meeting at 11:50 am.



MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister Hooper

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the following shortlist of candidates for Chief Electoral Officer, for consideration at the March 2024 MNGA:

- OneFeather
- Voatz

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Lunch

Recessed for lunch at 11:55 am – reconvened 12:19 pm

7. Housing Presentation (INFORMATION)

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

- Ma Nîki Seniors Home Renovation Program
- Métis Housing Rent Supplement Program
- Reaching Home Homelessness Services
- Welcome Home Kits
- First-Time Home Buyers Program (finished until new fiscal, new applications available in June 2024)

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

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

It was requested that an Expression of Interest from the North East Métis Association for a kitchen renovation, that was previously approved by the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, be referred back to the Committee as more contemplations for this proposal are needed. It was also requested that further information regarding the deposit for the surrey property being refundable, be provided to the Social Infrastructure Development Committee.

The Expressions of Interest process is being revised and will be brought back to the Board in March 2024.



Minister Flamond left the meeting at 12:30 pm.

8. The Board meeting moved in-camera at 1:10 pm

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting move in-camera at 1:10 PM pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, subsection "I":

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. The Board meeting moved out-of-camera at 1:26 PM

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting move out-of-camera at 1:26 PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minister Flamond rejoined the meeting at 1:50 pm.

10. Second Stage Housing Policies (APPROVAL)

The Senior Director of Operations and Administration and Acting Senior Director of the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness provided an overview of the revised Second Stage Housing Policies, noting that they incorporate feedback provided at the 2nd Stage Town Hall Meeting.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Social Infrastructure Development Committee, approves the following amendments to the Second Stage Housing Policies:
Under "Program Participant Section Policy", eligibility changed from: "Identifying as a woman or two-spirit individual." to "Identifying as a woman, **non-binary, transgender**, or two-spirit individual."; and



“Having female dependent children under the age of 19 and/or male dependents under the age of 16 and/or having dependent senior parents or grandparents (if applicable)” to “**(If applicable), having dependent children** under the age of 19, and male dependent children 16 years old or under, and/or having dependent senior parents or grandparents **aged 60 or older.**”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Ministerial Shifts – Natural Resources Consultations (APPROVAL)

The Chief Strategy Officer provided an overview of Briefing Note supporting organizational development, annual Ministry planning, aligning ministry portfolios, and developing a process for consultation.

Discussions ensued regarding a separate Ministry for agriculture and food security, and the ability to create a Referrals Coordinator position as part of this process.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Flamond

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the following changes to Ministry Titles:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministerial portfolio of Natural Resources be dissolved;

The Ministry of Environmental Protection, Agriculture, and Food Sovereignty be renamed the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security; and

The Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism be renamed the Ministry of Economic Development, Partnerships, and Tourism.

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approve the following changes to Minister Titles:

Susie Hooper, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security;

Paulette Flamond, Associate Minister of Agriculture and Food Security; and

Dean Gladue, Minister of Partnership Development.

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves that consultations, and the consultation process, be housed in the Ministry of Rights.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Break

Recessed for break at 2:15 pm – reconvened at 2:30 pm



13. Port Alberni Primary Care Network Opportunity (APPROVAL)

The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction provided an overview of the Port Alberni Primary Care Network Opportunity.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves MNBC becoming the Host Agency of Métis Specific and Urban Indigenous PCN resources; and

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the proposed plan for a 2-year, micro-clinic pilot project in Port Alberni.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Modular Community Recommendation for Childcare Centre – 4617 Greig Avenue, Terrace BC (APPROVAL)

The Education Program Manager and the ELCC Training and Development Manager of the Ministry of Education, provided an overview of the Modular Community Recommendation for Childcare – 4617 Greig Avenue, Terrace, BC.

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Fisher

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves Freeport Construction Management LTD. the building and site development contract for the childcare center at 4617 Greig Avenue, Terrace, BC, for the amount of \$3,029,460.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Distinctions Based Space Creation - MCSSBC (INFORMATION)

The ELCC Training and Development Manager and Education Program Manager, Ministry of Education provided an overview of the transfer of Distinctions Based Space Creation Funding to Métis Community Services Society of BC (MCSSBC).

The Board approved the transfer of funds to MCSSBC to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$300,000.00 on November 20, 2023.

16. MWBC/Board Meeting – February 29, 2024 (INFORMATION)

The Provincial Women’s Representative provided the Board with background information on the three agenda items identified by MWBC for discussion with the BOD at the joint meeting occurring Thursday, February 29 from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm at the MNGA.

- Existing/historical MWBC/MOWGE funding
- Future Funding: dedicated MWBC budget/funding
- Relationship between MWBC and Board of Directors and RGCs



17. The Board meeting moved in-camera at 2:57 PM

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Vice-President Mineault

RESOLVED:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. The Board meeting moved out-of-camera at 3:36 PM

MOTION:

MOVED: Vice-President Mineault

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting move out-of-camera at 3:36 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. MWBC/Board Meeting – March 1, 2024 (INFORMATION)

Discussion ensued around strategy for the MWBC/Board meeting on March 1, 2024.

20. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

The following committee meeting minutes were received for information:

- Business Advisory Committee - 2024-02-15
- Youth Engagement Committee - 2024-02-13
- Governance and Policy Committee - 2024-02-20
- Credit Union Exploratory Committee - 2024-02-13
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee - 2024-02-20

21. Record of Decisions (INFORMATION)

A Record of Decisions was received for information.

Meeting Adjourned by at 3:36 pm



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2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The Board meeting agenda of February 29, 2024 was approved with the following additions:

- Community Reports
- MYBC
- Minister Gladue – In-Camera item
- Minister Flamond - In-Camera item

3. Community Reports

A Board member requested that monthly reports from Chartered Community Presidents would be beneficial, raising concerns about the lack of information provided from the Communities. In response to this concern, a suggestion was made to request monthly reports from Community Services Coordinators. While it is important to keep Regional Directors up-to-date on community events, it is not mandatory for Presidents to report to MNBC unless the request involves funding.



4. MYBC

The Board of Directors is scheduled to meet for breakfast with the Métis Youth of BC on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Discussions ensued regarding relationship building and mentorship between MYBC and the Regional Directors, eligibility for MYBC leadership roles and citizenship requirements.

5. Break

Recessed for break at 10:06 am – reconvened at 10:20 am

6. The Board meeting moved in-camera at 10:23 AM

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Harriott

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting move in-camera at 10:23 AM pursuant to the Board Policy Manual Section D-1, subsection “I”

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. The Board meeting moved out-of-camera at 11:05 AM

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister Gladue

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board meeting move out-of-camera at 11:05 AM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Marc Riddell, Director of Communications left the meeting at 11:33 am.

8. MNGA Resolutions

The Chief Governance Officer reviewed the Motions and Resolutions that will be considered during the March MNGA.

The following motions and resolutions were reviewed:

1. M1. Upcoming MNGA Dates
2. M2. Establishment of 2024 Election Date
3. M3. Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer



4. R1. Provision to Change Voting
5. R2. MNGA Authority to Confirm Position
6. R3. MNGA Members Oath
7. R4. Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility and Acceptance
8. R5. Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 am

MOTION:

MOVED: Minister Hooper

SECONDED: Minister De Jaeger

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval Sheet

Approved by:

President

Approved by:

Secretary

Date: