



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	April 22, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	8:01 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Nicole Ludwig	<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams

### Attendees:

**Participating Board of Directors:** President Lissa Smith (arrived 8:17 AM), Vice-President Mineault (Arrived 8:21 AM), Ministers Shaughn Davoren, Louis De Jaeger, Kate Elliott, Debra Fisher, Paulette Flamond, Raynie Gervais, Dean Gladue, Patrick Harriott, and Susie Hooper

**Staff:** Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer, John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer, Anna Maione – Chief Financial Officer, Diane Van Broeck – Director – Financial Reporting and Budgets, Mariel Hong – Events Manager, Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations, Kahla Bassett – Executive Assistant to the Vice-President, Nicole Ludwig – Manager of Governance, and Shawna Savoie – Administrative Assistant to Ministers Harriott and De Jaeger

*Note: The agenda was varied by unanimous consent throughout the meeting. The minutes are recorded in the order listed on the agenda. Items added to the agenda at the meeting are at the end of these minutes.*

### 1. Welcome

Minister De Jaeger called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM and welcomed everyone. Minister Gladue provided an opening prayer.

#### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

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

Region 2 - Minister De Jaeger acknowledged the traditional territory of the Sylix and Okanagan peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lkwungen speaking people, specifically Songhees and Esquimalt nations which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.

Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the traditional territory of the Tri-River Métis Community traditional territory of the Gidimt'en of which she was calling from.

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

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 40 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.



## 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Davoren

**SECONDED:** Minister Hooper

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda of the April 22, 2024, Board of Directors meeting be approved with the following additions:

- Gender Diversity Training
- Golden Spike Festival
- Back to Batoche

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Note: due to time constraints, the Golden Spike Festival was not considered.*

## 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Flamond

**SECONDED:** Minister Gladue

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the April 8, 2024, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 2. Updates on Action Items

The Board reviewed the Action Item List, updates were noted as follows:

- Housing Update: A technical briefing has been scheduled for the Board of Directors on Monday, April 29, 2024 and can be removed from the list.
- Gender Diversity Training: staff will send a reminder link so that all Members can take the training and will report back on numbers at the next Board Meeting.
- Manager of Homelessness Support Programs update: this item is complete and can be removed from the list.

**ACTION ITEM (20240422-01):** The Chief Governance officer will send a reminder with a link to the gender diversity training, and report back on numbers at the next Board meeting.

*Note: The Board agreed to consider Back to Batoche Funding as the next item of business (Item 14 in these minutes). President Smith arrived during discussion on that item and assumed the Chair at 8:17 AM.*

## 3. President's Update

President Smith provided an update on her recent trip to New York, and invited Chair Davoren to provide their thoughts as well. Both noted concerns with the proceedings, including that Indigenous voices were not prioritized, and there were virtually no allowances for gender diversity. President Smith noted she met with Ambassador Rae and let him know MNBC is trying to work with Section 35 rights holders.



## 4. Executive Committee Meetings Summary

The Chief Governance Officer advised that the Minutes from the Executive Committee are available in OnBoard, and that going forward staff will continue to include regular Executive Committee meeting minutes for information in the Board meeting package.

## 5. Annual General Meeting Contract Approval

The Chief Executive Officer introduced the contract and provided an explanation for the choice of the Marriott Pinnacle Downtown for the 2024 MNBC Annual General Meeting.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the MNBC 2024 AGM be held at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. Board and Operating Budget

The Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Financial Reporting and Budgets presented the 2024 Operating and Central Services Budgets, which included the following highlights:

- More infrastructure dollars will be available for Housing down the road; a robust communications plan will be developed to alert Communities;
- Ministry of Women and Gender Equity has one of the highest operating budgets seen;
- Child care is the bulk of the Education budget.

In discussion, Board Members:

- Requested the Senate provide an annual activities report to the Board;
- Requested clarity on Community funding and Director funding for regional events;
- Noted that more information on how MNBC functions should be shared with Communities;
- Noted insurance provided by MNBC should be added to show Communities additional information;
- Advised Citizenship may need more funding for travel as they intend to reach out to Communities.

In response to questions, concerns, and comments, Finance staff along with the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Governance Officer provided the following information:

- Directors continue to have funding for regional events;
- It is likely the Senate will be busy with election-related appeals this summer;
- The Senate budget is higher and now includes stipends for Senators;
- Centralized Services funding matches Operational Budget funding for Chartered Communities;
- Robust planning is being done with Ministries to use entire budget prior to the end of the fiscal year;
- Initial investment in Economic Development is anticipated to provide revenues for MNBC in the future.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister De Jaeger

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the Board and Operating Budget for fiscal year 2024-25, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION ITEM (20240422-02):** Senate to provide an annual activities report to the Board of Directors.

**7. Break**

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**Recessed for break at 10:19 AM – reconvened at 10:35 AM**

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**9. Monthly Housing Presentation (INFORMATION)**

The monthly housing presentation was circulated to the Board of Directors for information.

**10. Committee Minutes**

The following Committee Minutes were circulated to the Board of Directors for information:

- Governance and Policy Committee – 2024-02-20
- Social Infrastructure Development Committee – 2024-03-14

**12. Correspondence (Information)**

None.

**13. Record of Decisions (Information)**

A Record of Decisions was distributed to the Board for information.

**14. Back to Batoche**

In discussion, the Chief Executive Officer and members noted the following:

- The Board needs to discuss whether members will go this year;
- The space for trailers is all filled up;
- Staff have been working in the background to coordinate the various pieces and have reserved seven dry spaces at Batoche; Vice-President Mineault has reserved six spots with hookups, with three currently available.
- MNBC participation will be similar to next year; staff are working on ensuring that performers are seen; better opportunities may be available since MNA is pulling some of their support;
- MNBC has applied for a grant to support activities; the Chief Administrative Officer will provide an update.

Ministers De Jaeger and Gladue advised they would not be attending.

**ACTION ITEM (20220422-03):** The Chief Executive Officer to report back on the grant application submitted for Back to Batoche funding at the next Board meeting.



**15. Meeting Moves In-Camera**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Fisher

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting move in-camera pursuant the following sub-section of the Board Policy Manual Policy D-1:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Minister Fisher provided a closing prayer.

The meeting moved in-camera at 10:36 AM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 12:29 PM, with Ministers De Jaeger and Flamond absent.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**


The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.



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## Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: May 23, 2024