



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVED AT THE JUNE 2024
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Legislation Affected: *Constitution, Electoral Act, Métis Nation Women's Act, Métis Nation Youth Act*

Submitted by: South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: December 14, 2023 (Original)
April 25, 2024 (Revised)

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS:

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
4. 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.
5. At the March 2024 MNGA, the Assembly postponed consideration of this resolution to the June 2024 MNGA, allowing for amendments to be made to the resolution in the interim.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Constitution*:
 - 12.1 While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC Board of Directors may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board.
- B. The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act*:
 - 8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.
- C. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women's Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

- i. If the position of Regional Women's Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.

D. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

- i. If the position of Regional Youth Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.