



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	BOARD MEETING		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	May 23, 2024	<b>Time:</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Rachel Ouellette	<b>Location:</b>	Surrey HQ

### Attendees:

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

**Staff:** Colette Trudeau – Chief Executive Officer, John Bieker – Chief Governance Officer, Brent Weberg – Chief Operating Officer, Chris Tupy – Executive Director of Housing Strategy and Operational Integration, Marc Riddell – Director of Communications, Tanya Davoren - Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction, Sasha Hobbs - Chief Strategy Officer, Colleen Hodgson - Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry, Children and Families, Leona Shaw - Senior Director of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security, Kayla Brow – Manager of Executive Operations, Crystal Eggli – Administrative Coordinator - Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, Kahla Bassett – Executive Assistant to the Vice-President, Barinder Lalli – Board Committee Coordinator, Rachel Ouellette – Board Secretariat Coordinator, and Shawna Savoie – Administrative Assistant to Ministers Harriott and De Jaeger

*Note: The agenda was varied by consensus 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

President Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone. Vice-President Mineault provided an opening prayer.

#### 1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged 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 39 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

#### 1.2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Harriott

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda of the May 23, 2024, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Note: due to time constraints, the Back to Batoche Discussion was added to the in-camera session.*



## 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the April 22, 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:

- **ACTION ITEM: 20240212-01/20240422-01** Gender Diversity Training: 7 out of 11 Board members have completed training (In-Progress);
- **ACTION ITEM: 20240422-02** Senate to provide annual activities report to the Board of Directors. Chief Governance Office working with Senate on this update (In-Progress); and
- **ACTION ITEM 20240422-03** Grant Application for Back to Batoche funding – CEO noted that this grant has been submitted and we are waiting to hear back (In-Progress).

## 3. Chief Governance Officer Update

The Chief Governance Officer reminded Board members to register for the MNGA if they have not already done so. A link for registration has been sent to board members.

### 3.1. Awards and Recognition Committee TOR (APPROVAL)

The Chief Governance Officer provided an overview of the Awards and Recognition Committee TOR, highlighting its responsibilities and the recent addition of overseeing the naming of buildings and properties constructed by the Nation. The Committee's role in managing the naming of buildings, properties, and rooms was clarified.

The current Committee members and their roles were reviewed. Emphasis was placed on the importance of community and Minister involvement in any naming process. Additionally, discussion revolved around the Province's reception of King Charles III medals, with MNC receiving extra medals. It also emphasized the Committee's role in selecting and nominating recipients for this award.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Policy Committee, approves the terms of reference for the Awards and Recognition Committee, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



### 3.2. Elections Rules and Regulations (INFORMATION)

The Chief Governance Officer presented proposed guidelines for the 2024 elections, emphasizing the importance of maintaining MNBC's non-partisan stance. Discussion ensued regarding the decision to refrain from scheduling any board meetings in August to avoid making major decisions during this period, although special meetings could be permitted if necessary.

Various concerns and suggestions were raised regarding the language of the rules. Topics included clarifying the distinction between MNBC events and personal activities, managing community engagements, and ensuring transparency in campaigning. It was noted that "MNBC Public Service" should be used instead of "staff", and that "MNBC sponsored events" be noted as "MNBC led events."

Discussions ensued on aligning staff with MNBC's non-partisan stance, ensuring clear communication, and addressing potential biases in service delivery. Emphasis was placed on staff awareness of social media policies and avoiding conflicts of interest.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Governance Officer agreed to refine the wording of rules and regulations, particularly regarding staff engagement and categorization of MNBC events. These revisions will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for further discussion and approval.

### 3.3. Release of LMO/Two Rivers Motions from In-Camera (APPROVAL)

The Board of Directors approved the release of the following two in-camera decisions from the April 22, 2024 Board of Directors meeting:

1. THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, declines LMO's request to fund one floor of office space at 800 Victoria, Street, Kamloops.
2. THAT the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, approve setting aside up to \$2,500,000 of Indigenous Communities Infrastructure Fund allocation towards actual costs of design and construction of community and cultural space between 3,000 and 3,500 ft<sup>2</sup> in size at 800 Victoria Street in Kamloops; and

THAT if this project has not entered construction within two years of the date of this motion (April 22, 2026), this matter will return to the MNBC Board of Directors for further consideration.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Gervais

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves releasing the decisions on LMO and Two Rivers Métis Society, made at the April 22, 2024 Board meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



#### 4. MFCBC Shareholder Resolution (APPROVAL)

The Chief Governance Officer presented the MFCBC Shareholder Resolution to the Board of Directors, which confirms the current membership of the MFCBC Board and other matters required for annual filings.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the MFCBC Shareholder Resolution:

“THAT the following persons be elected as directors of the Company to hold office until immediately prior to the election or appointment of directors at the next annual general meeting or the next unanimous resolutions of the shareholders consenting to the business required to be transacted at an annual general meeting (whichever is sooner), or until they sooner cease to hold office:

Gil Malfair  
Paul Ricard  
Louis de Jaeger  
Paulette Flamond  
Sidney Peltier

THAT the appointment of an auditor for the current financial year be waived.

THAT March 22, 2024, is hereby selected as the annual reference date for the Company for its current annual reference period. “

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5. MNBC Harvester Card Applications (INFORMATION)

*Colleen Hodgson, Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry, Children and Families joined in-person at 10:57 AM and left meeting at 11:35 AM. Leona Shaw, Senior Director of the Ministry of Environment Joined virtually at 10:57 AM and left meeting at 11:23 AM.*

The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry, and Children and Families highlighted the plan to transfer Harvesting responsibilities out of Citizenship to streamline services, focusing solely on citizenship matters. Efforts are underway to effectively communicate this change to citizens and community leaders.

The Senior Director of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security will support the transition, noting the importance of clear communication and proper training. Their department will manage all Harvesting applications and renewals, ensuring a smooth transition and sufficient staffing.

It was clarified that there's no direct cost to this update, as MNBC already owns the necessary Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software. The Ministry of Environment will handle processing, renewals, and card printing for all Harvesting matters. Training for this change begins soon, with both ministries remaining interconnected for efficient communication.



Discussions included potential improvements in citizenship application timelines post-transfer, with a focus on addressing current delays through CRM enhancements and streamlining processes. Ongoing communication efforts were emphasized to facilitate a smooth transition.

It was suggested that there be regional training on the Hub. The Executive Director of Citizenship and Registry, and Children and Families noted they can facilitate such sessions if requested.

Discussion ensued on the importance of community notification and proper documentation needed to update deceased citizens' files. It was suggested to provide training or establish clear communication channels for handling death notifications to adhere to proper protocols.

An overview of the Hub's features was given, including support for expired card renewals, underlining the significance of Board members being well-versed with the system to efficiently aid their regions. Digital copies of citizenship cards can be accessed online via the Hub.

## 6. NFMA Golden Spike Days Funding (APPROVAL)

*Greg Stanwood, President of the North Fraser Métis Association (NFMA) joined virtually at 11:35 AM.*

Greg Stanwood, President of the North Fraser Métis Association (NFMA), provided an overview of the Golden Spike Days, an upcoming event scheduled from June 29th to July 1st, anticipating approximately 39,000 attendees. This year, the event aims to showcase Métis dancers on stage instead of tents, with collaboration from the Golden Spike Days Society facilitating the project. Elders will be participating alongside various crafters, with activities planned for each day, including food service featuring Bannock.

The event's proximity to Golden Ears in Port Moody and its role in promoting Métis culture was noted. Region 2's initiatives to bolster communities in experiencing Métis heritage during events were discussed, emphasizing the importance of sharing culture and history with festival attendees.

Discussions centered on the event's growing popularity, with over 400 interactions recorded last year, attracting attendees from various parts of BC. Inquiries were raised regarding NFMA's participation and the event's economic empowerment facet. NFMA's endeavors to secure a charity license for fundraising initiatives aimed at bolstering the event's economy were also discussed.

Concerns were raised regarding the budget breakdown and overhead fees, prompting clarification on fund allocation and the need for administrative coverage. It was suggested template for fund requests be created for future similar events to enhance budgeting clarity and promote a regional approach to cultural promotion.

In response to concerns regarding event dependency on funding, it was proposed to allocate \$20,000 for approval instead of the initial request for \$25,000. The importance of prioritizing sustainable events and exploring alternative revenue sources was stressed. The Chief Executive Officer noted that there are ongoing efforts in MNBC and the ongoing work of our sponsorship portfolio.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Vice-President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves contributing \$25,000 to the North Fraser Métis Association, to support Golden Spike Days.

**AMENDMENT**

**MOVED:** Vice-President Mineault

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the main motion be amended to strike “\$25,000” and replace with “\$20,000”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

## 7. Lunch Break

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**Recessed for break at 12:12 PM – reconvened at 12:44 PM**

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## 8. Elders Advisory Steering Council ToR (APPROVAL)

*Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer, joined in-person at 12:43 PM, and Tanya Davoren, Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction joined virtually at 12:43 PM.*

The Chief Strategy Officer presented on the updated Elders Advisory Steering Council Terms of Reference (TOR). The Elders Advisory Steering Committee TOR was reviewed and endorsed by the Governance and Policy Committee. The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health, and Harm Reduction emphasized the substantial input received from regional directors regarding the TOR, underscoring the importance of establishing protocols to ensure respectful interactions between elders and staff.

Questions were raised about a note in the TOR excluding elders from holding the President/Vice-President position, prompting questions about the rationale behind this exclusion. The decision to separate political considerations from the process was explained, aiming to uphold an equitable Committee dynamic. The potential influence of community presidents on the Committee was noted, advocating for a less political process to ensure fairness. It was clarified that the Committee functions as a pre-Council Advisory Body, focused on steering and building the Council, and stressed the importance of maintaining a non-political approach for equitable decision-making.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gervais

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Governance and Policy Committee, approves the terms of reference for the Elders Advisory Steering Council, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. Ministry of Health and Wellness (Saantii and Miyaayaawinn) (APPROVAL)

The Chief Strategy Officer presented an overview of interconnected portfolios, focusing on leveraging and organizing them to align with strategic plans while ensuring no changes in Ministers' portfolios. The goal is to reorganize a large Ministry with cross-operations, bringing it up to speed and ensuring an expansive approach to services.

The Executive Director of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction noted the similarity of this alignment to other governing members, referencing the Ministry of Health and Wellness presentation, which was presented to the Board at the Technical Briefing.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves the amalgamation of the Ministries of Health, Mental Health and Harm Reduction, Elders, and Veterans, into the Ministry of Health and Wellness; and

THAT all current Ministerial portfolios remain unchanged.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. First Time Home Buyers Direction (APPROVAL)

*Chris Tupy - Executive Director of Housing Strategy and Operational Integration, Brent Weberg, Chief Operating Officer, and Crystal Eggli – Housing Administrative Coordinator joined meeting at 12:58 PM.*

The discussion commenced with the acknowledgement that funds had been transferred for the First Time Home Buyers program for the year. From the staff's perspective, this prompted them to bring the matter to the board to discuss potential implications of moving funding up by one year.

Considerations were made regarding the potential implications of advancing funding by one year, necessitating a review of the approved budget. Recollection was made on a previous technical briefing where the idea was raised, but consensus on its viability was lacking. It was deliberated whether to explore or defer the topic further.



It was emphasized on the importance of determining feasibility before discussing advancing the funding, citing concerns from previous budget presentations. It was noted on the urgent need for housing solutions, citing the slow progress in placing individuals in homes. It was proposed to amend the motion to first ascertain financial feasibility. There was a strong consensus among the group to await the results of a feasibility study before making a Board decision.

It was agreed that the matter would go through the SIDC committee for initial review, with the intention of bringing it forward to the Board of Directors at the July 8, 2024 meeting.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Harriott

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors direct staff to explore the feasibility of increasing funding, or accelerating transfer of the funds already committed for the First Time Home Buyers Program to MFCBC, and return with recommendations.

**AMENDMENT**

**MOVED:** Minister De Jaeger

**SECONDED:** Minister Flamond

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Main Motion be amended to add “at the July 8th, 2024 BOD meeting” after “and return with recommendations”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

## 11. Facilities Mater Plan (APPROVAL)

The Executive Director of Housing Strategy and Operational Integration presented key points on the Facilities Master Plan and sought Board approval on certain information parts, emphasizing the importance of including all reports in the discussion and requesting approval to release regional and provincial level-reports.

Feedback from communities on infrastructure needs was acknowledged, and it was noted that the alignment of the MNBC Facilities Master Plan now falls within the new MNBC strategic plan. Plans for outreach in regions 4 and 6 were discussed.

Following the Facilities Master Plan presentation, there was a discussion about a citizen who expressed interest in potentially leaving 16 acres of land to MNBC in their will for a treatment center or camp. There was uncertainty expressed about the subsequent steps in this matter. It was suggested to arrange a meeting with the family to assess the property and discuss the opportunity and next steps, emphasizing the importance of a sustainability plan and due diligence. This matter will be further discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting before being brought to the Board again.

**ACTION ITEM (20240523-01):** Minister Fisher to work with Minister Harriott on following up with the family regarding the potential will of land.



**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Gladue

**SECONDED:** Minister Davoren

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Social Infrastructure Development Committee:

- Receive for information the Facilities Master Plan developed by David Nairne and Associates;
- Approve for release the portions of the regional and provincial-level reports that describe the engagement process and results of the engagement;
- Do not approve for release the remaining portions of the regional- and provincial-level reports;
- Do not approve for release the community-level reports; and
- Direct staff to draft an MNBC-developed Facilities Master Plan for Board of Directors approval.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12. Monthly Housing Presentation (INFORMATION)

The Executive Director of Housing Strategy and Operational Integration delivered an overview of the monthly housing presentation, highlighting distribution trends over recent months and the provision of welcome home kits for the First Time Home Buyers program. The development timeline for major projects, including those in progress, on hold, or not proceeding, was reviewed, along with any significant updates on all projects.

Various housing layouts and designs for projects like Campbell River and Saanich were reviewed, addressing feedback and concerns. Updates on LMO, Invermere, and Terrace projects were provided, with discussions focusing on redesign and community engagement. The importance of community consultation was stressed, noting the need for both private and public consultation for project success. Concerns regarding the construction timeline prompted consideration of alternatives, such as renovating older apartments to expedite housing availability.

Emphasis was placed on the need for a clear housing strategy, with ongoing efforts outlined by the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director of Housing Strategy and Operational Integration, including the importance of consultant assistance. A housing strategy would serve as a guide for all future endeavors, ensuring alignment with MNBC's strategic plans and growth objectives. The discussion concluded with talk on the necessity of community hubs and strategies to facilitate efficient progress.

## 13. Committee Meeting Minutes (INFORMATION)

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

- Executive Committee - 2024.05.15
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee - 2024.04.18
- Rights and Self-Government Committee - 2024.05.22
- Governance and Policy Committee - 2024.05.07



## 14. Legislative Assembly Reconciliation Action Plan (INFORMATION)

The following document was distributed for information:

- Reconciliation Action Plan - BN

## 15. Record of Decisions (Information)

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

## 16. Meeting Moves In-Camera

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**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**

The meeting moved in-camera at 2:20 PM.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 4:26 PM.

## Adjournment

**MOTION:**

**MOVED:** Minister Hooper

**SECONDED:** Minister Fisher

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting adjourn.


**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.

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### Approval Sheet

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Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: June 17, 2024