MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the Youth Act (the "Act").

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Youth of British Columbia (the "MYBC") in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Youth are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this Act:

3.2 "**MYBC Provincial Governance Council**" means the seven elected youth representatives, one from each Region and the Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Youth.

3.3 "**Legislation**" means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.

3.4 "**MYBC**" means the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

3.5 "**Minister Responsible for Youth**" means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Youth Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and appointed as the Minister Responsible for Youth by the MNBC President. All Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Youth BC representatives.

3.6 "**The Provincial Youth Chairperson**" the MNBC Youth representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

3.7 "**Regional Youth Representative**" means the MNBC Youth Representative elected to represent the Métis Youth of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

3.8 "**Métis Youth**" means those Métis Citizens between 15 to and including 30 years of age.

3.9 **"Ministry of Youth Lead"** shall mean an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Ministry of Youth Lead to support and further the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

4.1 MYBC shall:

4.2 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC*

Constitution as the supreme law governing the MYBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.

4.3 The objective of MYBC is to advance and enhance valuable Métis Youth perspectives, and to acknowledge Métis Youth for the benefit of the Métis Nation.

4.4 The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MYBC Provincial Governance Council.

4.5 The Ministry of Youth Lead shall assist MYBC in all administrative functions in advancing all MYBC youth initiatives throughout the Province.

4.6 The Ministry of Youth Lead shall actively pursue funding to support and maintain the activities of the MYBC.

ARTICLE FIVE – MYBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

5.1 MYBC shall:

5.2 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council shall, subject to available funding, attend every MNGA and MNBC.

5.3 The Provincial Youth Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.

5.4 The Provincial Youth Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the MYBC Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors

5.5 The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils and on the MYBC Provincial Governance Council.

a) 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.*

5.6 The regional youth representatives should be accountable to the Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Committee, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.

5.7 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and may elect a Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be referred to as the "Executive".

5.8 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council shall, subject to available funding, hold no less than four meetings, including telephone, video, or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Youth or, in the event the Minister Responsible for

Youth is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Co-Chair.

5.9 MYBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the "MYBC Minutes").

5.10 MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.

5.11 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MYBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to enhance the status of Métis Youth or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

6.0 MYBC electoral processes shall:

6.1 Métis Youth seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

6.2 The MYBC Provincial Governance Council, including the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the MNBC *Electoral Act* and MNBC Guidelines.[1]

6.3 In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Provincial Governance Council arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation.

[1] Amended September 2021 Annual General Meeting, not in force until 2024 MNBC Provincial Election.