MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DEFINITIONS

In this *Act:*

"**Chief Service Officer"** or "**CSO**" is the MVBC Committee member appointed to assist Métis Veterans in accessing Veterans' benefits (e.g. through Veterans Affairs Canada), and connecting Métis Veterans with other supports through their local Legion.

"**Métis Veteran**" is a person who:

- Has received an MNBC Citizenship Card in accordance with the MNBC *Citizenship Act,* and
- Meets the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for Veteran, as amended from time to time, or
- Is a current member of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve Forces), or
- Is a serving or retired Regular RCMP Member; and
- Has submitted an application form, proof of service, proof of MNBC Citizenship, and has been approved by the MVBC.

"**MNBC**" means Métis Nation British Columbia.

"MVBC Executive Committee" is a Standing Committee of the MVBC Committee as defined in this *Act*.

"**MVBC**" means Métis Veterans British Columbia.

"**MVBC Representative**" means the seven members elected to the MVBC Committee to represent Métis Veterans across BC.

"**MVBC Committee**" means Métis Veterans BC Committee

ARTICLE ONE

1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the "Act").

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the "MVBC") within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Métis Veterans are the members of the MVBC

3.2 A Member or may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.

3.3 A member may be removed from the organization by a 2/3 vote of the MVBC committee, for conduct deemed detrimental to the integrity, mission, or reputation of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior unbecoming of a member, harassment, violation of the organization's code of conduct, inability to complete their duties and responsibilities, or actions contrary to the best interests of the organization.

3.4 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, because of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE

4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee ("MVBC Committee") shall consist of 11 members, all being MVBC Members, as follows:

- Seven (7) MVBC Representatives who represent Veterans across the province of British Columbia;
- An MVBC Chairperson;
- An MVBC 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative;
- An MVBC Women's Representative;
- An MVBC Chief Service Officer (CSO)

At least one of whom is a retired or current Regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

4.2 The MVBC Representatives will be elected by MVBC Members for four-year terms, aligned with the MNBC Election Cycle.

a. In the event of a mid-term vacancy for an MVBC Representative, the Veteran Chairperson will seek applications for interested parties, in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council (RGC).

4.3 The Veteran Chairperson shall be elected by MVBC Members for a four-year term aligned with the MNBC Election Cycle.

4.4 The Women's Veteran Representative, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, and Chief Service Officer shall be appointed by the MVBC Committee, either from among themselves or from outside the MVBC Committee so long the persons appointed are Métis Veterans.

4.5 The MVBC Committee shall appoint from among themselves a Treasurer and a Membership Clerk.

4.6 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:

a) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans;

b) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans in British Columbia as defined by Article Three (3);

c) Provide an annual report at the MNBC Annual General Meeting and March MNGA.

d) Provide written documentation regarding Veteran input to MNBC Board of Directors as required.

e) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC. from time to time;

f) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested from time to time; and other duties as required;

g) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;

h) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;

i) Represent themselves as Métis Veterans at advisory tables and initiatives across municipal, provincial, federal and international levels; and commemorative events as requested.

4.7 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. If the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.

4.8 No less than seven (7) days' notice of an MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.

ARTICLE FIVE – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women's Representative, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, Chief Service Officer, Treasurer and Membership Clerk.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall meet on a regular basis, the schedule to be determined by the members of the Executive Committee.

5.3 The Executive Committee is responsible for dealing with duties or matters delegated to it by the MVBC Committee.

5.4 Between MVBC Committee Meetings, the Executive Committee is authorized by the MVBC Committee to make decisions on behalf of the MVBC Committee, and to make decisions regarding any urgent circumstances.

5.4 The Executive Committee is required to report to the MVBC Committee, at the earliest opportunity, any decisions made by the Executive Committee

5.5 The MVBC Chairperson, or two members of the Executive Committee, may call a meeting. Notice of an Executive Committee meeting must be provided 24 hours before the meeting, but can be waived by unanimous consent of Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE 6 - NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.1 The MVBC Chair (or designate) shall be a non-voting liaison for the MVBC to the MNBC ~~GA~~

Board of Directors.

6.2 Despite any changes to MNBC's relationships with other levels of government or other Métis organizations, MVBC will continue to work for MNBC Veterans at a national level, particularly with regard to:

- Providing necessary opportunities for MVBC to participate on Veterans Affairs Canada Advisory Committees;
- Working with the Canadian Armed Forces;
- Working with other appropriate partners, such as Library and Archives Canada.

(a) Nothing should preclude MVBC from receiving funding from other governments, organizations, or agencies.

6.3 MVBC will provide written reports of activities and partnerships to the Board of Directors at the MNBC Annual General Meeting and the in-person MNGA.