

FAQ for MNBC Citizens Running for MWBC, MYBC, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives

What are the positions available for the 2025 By-election?

There is one Métis Women BC (MWBC), one Métis Youth BC (MYBC), and one Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ BC (M2SBC) Representative elected in each Region. For the 2025 by-election, the following regional positions are open:

MWBC	MYBC	M2SBC
Region 4 (Kootenays) Region 5 (North Central) Region 6 (Northwest)	Region 1 (Vancouver Island & Powell River) Region 2 (Lower Mainland) Region 4 (Kootenays) Region 5 (North Central) Region 7 (North East)	All Regional Representatives (Regions 1-7)

In the event of a regional vacancy for the MWBC and MYBC positions between elections, the Regional Governance Council will recommend a representative to the MNGA. In the event a regional vacancy for a 2SLGBTQQIA+ regional representative, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will recommend a representative to the MNGA.

What are the key goals of the MWBC, MYBC, and M2SBC?

The key goals of the Governing Councils are to:

- Empower Métis Women, Youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people to fulfill their potential in all aspects of their lives;
- Engage and listen to Métis Women, Youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people on the matters important to them;
- Bring the valuable perspectives of Métis Women, Youth, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ to all levels of government.

What are the responsibilities of Regional Representatives?

Regional Representatives are members of their respective Governing Council, and have the following general responsibilities:

- Attend all MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC meetings as voting members
- Participate in strategic planning for the MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC Council, when applicable
- Attend Regional Governance Councils (RGCS) as voting members
- Attend all MNBC Metis Nation Governing Assemblies (MNGAs) as sponsored participants
- Attend all MNBC Annual General Meetings (AGMs) as sponsored participants
- Adequately prepare for meetings (reading agendas, minutes before the meeting)
- Attend Community and regional events and seek ways to engage with MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC persons locally.
- Represent the interests of the MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC persons in their respective region.
- Communicate the voice of MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC persons and advocate on their behalf by bringing observations, concerns, and findings to 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council meetings.
- Create awareness through MNBC programs and events available to MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC persons in BC and promote MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC persons participation in programs and events

What is the time commitment?

MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC Representatives are elected for 4 year terms. During those 4 years, regional representatives can expect the following (minimum) time commitment:

Item	Frequency	Average Duration
MWBC/MYBC/M2SBC Council Meetings	Quarterly (minimum)	1-2 hours
RGC Meetings	Quarterly (minimum)	1-2 hours
MNGA (in person)	Once a year	2-3 days
MNGA (view on YouTube)	Twice a year	2 days
Meeting Preparation	As needed	15-30 mins
Community Engagement	Region dependent	Flexible

What Supports are Available to help Regional Representatives meet their responsibilities?

Regional Representatives receive a monthly honorarium of \$150 to cover costs related to their role. Canada Revenue Agency rules require that a T4A slip is issued once honoraria exceeds \$500; MNBC will issue a T4A to Council members in time for tax submission. Regional Representatives also have up to \$2000 per year to cover travel expenses within their region, and are sponsored by MNBC to attend the in-person MNGA and AGM every year.

MNBC staff support is provided by Governance, the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE), and the Ministry of Youth (MOY) as appropriate.

Where can I get more information about the different positions, roles, and responsibilities?

Candidates for election are encouraged to review the following documents and websites prior to registering as a Candidate:

All Candidates

[MNBC Website - Leadership Board Policy Manual](#)

[MNBC Constitution](#)

[MNBC Strategic Plan](#)

Métis Women

[MNBC Website - MWBC](#)
[MNBC Website: Ministry of Women and Gender Equity](#)
[Women's Act](#)

[Guide to Good Governance](#)
[MWBC Policy Manual](#)
[MWBC Strategic Plan](#)

Métis Youth

[MNBC Website - MYBC](#)
[Youth Act](#)

[MNBC Website – Ministry of Youth](#)

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