



STRATEGIC RELATIONS AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

MEMBERSHIP:

President
Vice-President
Three Board of Director members
Chief Relations Officer (non-voting)

TERM: Coinciding with Board of Director terms

CHAIRPERSON: The Board of Directors will appoint a Chair

APPOINTMENT: The Board of Directors will appoint its Board of Director members to the committee.

OFFICE RESPONSIBLE: Office of the Chief Relations Officer

MEETINGS: Monthly. Additional meetings can be called by the Chair or by consensus of the Committee.

QUORUM: Majority of members

VOTING: Majority

PURPOSE:

The Strategic Relations and Initiatives Committee's general duties are to review and support ongoing discussions with the Crown – both federally and provincially – regarding the recognition of Section 35 Rights for Métis in British Columbia, and related discussions on MNBC self-determination, self-governance, resource development and land-use.

The committee's objectives are to:

1. Set strategic objectives for the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) table;
2. Review policies and develop positions relating to Section 35 Rights, including government legislation, regulations, reports and other relevant documents; support the development of engagement mechanisms for MNBC citizens relating to Section 35 Rights; and develop approaches to increase citizenship engagement on matters related to Section 35 rights;
3. Liaise with the British Columbia Métis Association of Natural Resources (BCMANR) to advance issues related to Métis harvesters;
4. Establish fiscal, social and environmental policy related to natural resource development projects;
5. Establish government-to-government relationships with key elected officials at the federal and provincial levels; educate Crown decision makers about MNBC's objectives and/or issues; and develop strategies to influence legislation with all levels of government;
6. Enhance MNBC's reputation and visibility by developing insights based on opinion research and other forms of engagement with MNBC citizens; and
7. Provide direction on matters related to constitutional rights, government relations, environmental protection, land use and emergency management, and community services as required.



REPORTING MECHANISM:

The committee will keep high-level notes of all meetings which will be forwarded to the MNBC Board of Directors for information. The committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

EXPENSES:

Meeting expenses must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for pre-approval. Individual committee member expenses are reimbursable by MNBC according to approved policy.

TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW:

The Terms of Reference will be revised as appropriate and presented to the Board of Directors for their review and approval when necessary.