

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held November 30 - December 1, 2024 by videoconference.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Walter Mineault, President

Melanie Allard, Vice President

Carmen Carriere, Chair, Métis Women of BC (MWBC)

Patrick Harriott, Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer

Allan Lavallee, Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland)

Dean Gladue, Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)

Debra Fisher, Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)

Raynie Gervais, Director, Region 5 (North Central)

Susie Hooper, Director, Region 6 (Northwest)

Paulette Flamond, Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

Jayden Rogers, Vice Chair, Métis Youth of BC (MYBC)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association

Caitlin Bird, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association

Joy Bremner, Mid Island Métis Nation

June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association

Charlotte Lever, North Island Métis Association

Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

Rob Anderson, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association

Kim Finlayson, Golden Ears Métis Society

Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association

Peter Lang, Chilliwack Métis Association

Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association

Pixie Wells, Fraser Valley Métis Society

Anthony Wingham, Waceya Métis Society

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

Dylan Adam, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association

Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association (*Jacklyn Senger joined following his departure at 12:29 p.m.*)

Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association

Marc Dubord, Two Rivers Métis Society
Jamie-Lee Keith, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association
Betty Ann McDonnell, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Topher Burke, Columbia Valley Métis Association
Nicole Courson, President, West Kootenay Métis Society
Jeff Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association
Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Myrtle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Marlene Swears, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

Bernadette Chaboyer, Northwest BC Métis Association
Sylvia Desrocher, Prince George Métis Community Association
Vanessa Mueller, Tri River Métis Association

Region 7 – Northeast

Alana Copeland, Fort St. John Métis Society
Betty Deck, Moccasin Flats Métis Society
Valerie Paice, River of Peace Métis Society

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker
John Bieker, MNGA Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Deputy Clerk
Peter Csicsai, Chief Relations Officer
Collette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer
Sasha Hobbs, Chief Strategy Officer
Marc Riddell, Director of Communications
Brent Weberg, Chief Operating Officer

DAY ONE – November 30, 2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYER

Joy Bremner acknowledged the traditional territories attendees were joining from and provided an Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker, announced the resignation of Carmen Carriere as MNGA Co-Speaker and that his two-year appointment as MNGA Chair was expiring at the March 2025 MNGA.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE WINTER 2024 MNGA

CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Speaker called the November 30 – December 1, 2024, MNGA to order at 9:30 a.m. and offered a reminder of the Standing Rules of Order.

1. OPENING REMARKS

MNBC President Walter Mineault welcomed attendees, senior leadership and staff and commented on the importance of the MNGA in the MNBC's governance structure and decision-making process.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Adopt Agenda for 2024 Winter MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the November 30 – December 1, 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly

The Deputy Speaker reviewed the distributed agenda and confirmed the Assembly can extend the ending time for the meeting as required.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Jeff Crozier) and SECONDED (Carmen Carriere)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled November 30 - December 1, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Walter Mineault)

That the Agenda be amended to move Resolution #3, "Community Representation at the MNGA", to follow Motion 1, "Relationship with the MNC".

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-01)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was,

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-02)

2.2 Minutes of the 2024 June MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held June 1-2, 2024

It was MOVED (Jeff Crozier) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held June 1-2, 2024, be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-03)

2.3 Minutes of the 2024 October Special MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held October 20, 2024

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held October 20, 2024, be accepted.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-04)

3. MOTION 1: Relationship with Métis National Council (MNC)

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Motion 1: Relationship with MNC" submitted by Walter Mineault, MNBC President and dated October 8, 2024

The MNGA Deputy Speaker confirmed that the meeting was being live-streamed and given the nature of the resolution, the Assembly could choose to adjourn to an in-camera meeting. Any resolution to adjourn to an in-camera meeting or close the live-stream, would require a majority vote in favour to be duly ratified.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed motion, and the two options presented.

To proceed with discussion, the MNGA Clerk acknowledged Walter Mineault as having moved the resolution and Carmen Carriere as having seconded the resolution as presented.

In response to questions raised on a resolution tabled to turn off the live stream, the MNGA Deputy Speaker clarified that should the resolution pass, the live stream would be turned off, regular meeting rules would apply, and individuals with a link to the meeting could continue to observe the discussion. The discussion would not be confidential because the meeting was not in-camera. While regular minutes would be prepared reflecting the outcome of the vote, a transcription of the discussion would not be prepared. A motion would be required to record the discussion in Zoom and make the video available following the meeting.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Opposition to the resolution, given that the live streaming would ensure accountability to citizens
- Support for the resolution, given that the motion was of national importance and as such, turning off the live stream would allow for people to speak freely without worry of slander/libel or being quoted in media and the final votes will be recorded
- The importance of ensuring information is shared from the MNGA, while respecting confidentiality.

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Alana Copeland)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly (MNGA) direct that the live streaming for discussion on Motion 1 be turned off.

CARRIED (MNGA2404-05)

(28 delegates voted in favour, 14 opposed and 1 abstained)

In response to questions on a resolution tabled to adjourn to in-camera, the MNGA Deputy Speaker clarified that if the resolution was approved, the session would be confidential, and the

discussion could not be disclosed to anyone who was not present during the in-camera meeting. A separate set of confidential, in-camera minutes would be prepared and would require approval before they could be disseminated. The motion to adjourn to in-camera could be withdrawn by unanimous consent.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Support for the resolution, given that:
 - It would protect discussion, ensure no comments were taken out of context or quoted out of context, and address concerns about the risk of libel/slander
 - A communiqué coming out of in-camera could be prepared and approved
 - The results of the vote on the Motion 1 would be live streamed for transparency
- Opposition to the resolution, given that:
 - Leadership needs to be accountable to citizens and they should be able to speak carefully
 - The motion is historic and there should be a recording of the meeting for future generations
- Support for the suggestion that the resolution be withdrawn, with an understanding that the meeting will not be recorded.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the resolution to adjourn to in-camera would be withdrawn.

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Raynie Gervais)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia MNGA adjourn to in-camera.

WITHDRAWN

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and resumed at 10:50 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

The Deputy Speaker opened discussion on Motion 1. During discussion attendees offered comments on:

- Support for withdrawing from the MNC, given:
 - Concerns regarding inequity:
 - One Governing Member will have all the decision-making power (the MNBC and Métis Nation of Ontario have five votes, the Otipemisiwak Métis Government have 15 votes) and Métis citizens in BC will not have a voice
 - The MNBC continues to receive 12.5% of the funding under the MNC funding formula
 - Métis citizens in BC must be recognized as equal partners
 - Two Governing Members which previously withdrew from the MNC, destabilized the MNC nationally
 - The MNBC has strong staff and governance structure (Board of Director, Presidents)
 - Legal opinions received by the MNBC provide assurance that the current funding agreements will not be impacted
 - MNBC citizens have expressed support for withdrawing at Town Halls
 - There is a lack of political will at the MNC for the MNBC to have an equal voice/vote

- There is concern that remaining with the MNC will be perceived that the MNBC is “less”
- Leadership shared information with, and sought feedback from citizens, to inform the decision
- The current MNC voting structure and unwillingness to change it is not in the best interest of the MNBC
- That the MNC currently does not have a President, and under the current governance structure, does not have a proper process to elect a new leader
- That the MNBC can negotiate directly with governments, reducing the value-add of the MNC
 - The MNBC negotiated several agreements outside of the MNC structure, including the first stand-alone Early Learning and Childcare Agreement in Canada
- There is trust in the MNBC leaders and staff
- It is time for the MNBC to speak and advocate for itself and build upon its successes
- Senior staff have shared sound, well-reasoned information and legal advice
- Support for remaining a Governing Member of the MNC, given that:
 - Working as a collective is more effective
 - The decision should be deferred until the Section 35 research is completed
 - Concern leadership does not have enough information (e.g., Expert Panel Report and Section 35 research report)
 - Citizens should be able to vote on the motion at a Special General Assembly
 - There are still opportunities to work together
 - The MNBC can choose to stay for now, and reconsider the decision again in the future
 - The MNBC should create a public relations campaign to achieve equality in the MNC
- The value of a public campaign with all Métis citizens to influence change at the MNC
- The importance of publicly discussing MNBC’s position and addressing misinformation
- Recognition that leadership sought feedback from the regions and communities before recommending the motion be presented for consideration
- Concern that some citizens have been experiencing challenges with their MNBC citizenship (e.g., their citizenship card was not accepted, and they were removed from the federal Indigenous business directory)
- Re-establishing strong relationships with First Nations.

In response to delegates questions, comments were offered on:

- Efforts to lobby provincial and federal governments for the recognition of the rights of Métis citizens in BC
- The lack of momentum at the federal level on Accords and in key policy areas due to the departure of MNC Governing Members
- MNBC’s success with securing funding agreements directly with the federal government (e.g., national food program, housing, Section 35 research), which is not tied to the MNC funding formula
 - A comprehensive list of agreements and funding secured can be provided
- Canada’s expressed willingness to move forward with discussions once the Tâpwêwin research report is finalized in March 2025
- The legal opinion provided to the MNBC reflecting that the federal funding agreements will not be impacted by withdrawing from the MNC

- Canada's continued obligation to provide funding to MNBC has been strengthened by a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision dealing with a Quebec First Nation and agreements on police services
- The precedent setting Manitoba Metis Federation Treaty being signed November 30, 2024
 - MNBC cannot speak to its contents until the Treaty is analyzed
- MNBC's status as an Indigenous Governing Body is tied to the Tâpwêwin, it is not tied to withdrawing or staying with the MNC.

Through electronic polling, the decision to proceed to a vote on Motion 1, and resume the live stream was selected.

The MNGA Clerk reviewed the options for voting on the motion. Through electronic polling, the decision to proceed with a poll vote was selected.

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and invited delegates to vote for one of three options: to withdraw from the MNC, to remain as a Governing Member of the MNC or abstain from the vote.

Through electronic polling, the option to withdraw was selected.

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Carmen Carriere)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia withdraw from the Métis National Council.

CARRIED (MNGA2404-06)

(39 delegates voting to withdraw, 3 delegates voting to remain, 3 abstentions)

The following delegates requested that their vote be recorded in favour of withdrawing from the MNC:

- Walter Mineault, President
- David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association
- Jeff Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association
- Anthony Wingham, Waceya Métis Society
- June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association
- Alana Copeland, Fort St. John Métis Society
- Patrick Harriott, Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer
- Rob Anderson, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association
- Jayden Rogers, Vice Chair, Métis Youth of BC (MYBC)
- Allan Lavallee, Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland)
- Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association
- Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association
- Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association
- Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association
- Kim Finlayson, Golden Ears Métis Society
- Dylan Adam, Vermillion Forks Métis Society
- Melanie Allard, Vice President
- Debra Fisher, Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)
- Carmen Carriere, Chair, Métis Women of BC (MWBC)

- Raynie Gervais, Director, Region 5 (North Central)
- Joy Bremner, Mid Island Métis Nation
- Jamie-Lee Keith, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association
- Marlene Swears, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
- Charlotte Lever, North Island Métis Association
- Nicole Courson, President, West Kootenay Métis Society

The following delegates requested that their vote be recorded in favour of remaining as a Governing Member of the MNC:

- Caitlin Bird, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
- Sylvia Desrocher, Prince George Métis Community Association

The following delegates requested that their vote be recorded as an abstention:

- Pixie Wells, Fraser Valley Métis Society
- Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association

Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association (VDMA), requested that the vote reflect the VDMA was in support of remaining as a Governing Member of the MNC, but he was personally in favour of withdrawing.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 1:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

6. RESOLUTION 3 – Community Representation at the MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 3 – Community Representation at the MNGA” submitted by Cowichan Valley Métis and dated October 16, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The intention of the resolution to allow for community representation when a President or Vice President was unable to attend the MNGA
- The resolution facilitating the development of future Presidents (succession planning)
- The option for community representation at an MNGA being a previously approved practice.

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Jamie-Lee Keith)

WHEREAS:

1. It is critical for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly’s (MNGA’s) governing structure to have Chartered Community representation present to conduct business and safeguard engagement in decision making processes;

2. Article 3.2 of the *MNGA Act* allows for a Community's Vice President to attend the MNGA when the Community President is unable to; and
3. When neither the President nor the Vice-President are able to attend an MNGA, the Community has no representation since no one else may attend the MNGA on behalf of the Community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as a new sub-article (a) to Article 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*:
 - a) In the event that neither the President nor the Vice President can attend the MNGA, the Community Board may, by resolution, appoint an elected Board member to attend, provided that they are a MNBC Citizen and over the age of 18:
 - i. The Community shall notify the MNGA Clerk, or designate, as far in advance as possible of the meeting;
 - ii. The Board member serving as an alternate must make a declaration with the MNGA Clerk, its designate, affirming that they are not in a Conflict of Interest as per Article 2.8 of the *MNGA Act*.
- B. The underlined text be added to Article 29.1 of the *Constitution*, as set out below:

In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community. In the event that neither the President nor the Vice President can attend the MNGA, the Community Board may, by resolution, appoint an elected Board member to attend, provided that they are a MNBC Citizen over the age of 18.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (MNGA2404-07)

The MNGA Clerk confirmed an abstention vote is treated as a null vote and does not have any impact on the vote.

4. RESOLUTION 1 – MNGA Governance Committee Membership

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – MNBC Governance Committee Membership" submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated October 24, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee was created by the MNGA in 2023 to review the governance and decision-making structures within MNBC and the MNGA;
2. The current membership includes representatives from the MNBC Board, Regional representatives appointed by the Regional Governance Councils, and representatives from the Métis Women BC and Métis Youth BC;

3. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council was created at the 2024 MNBC Annual General Meeting; and
4. All governance entities of MNBC should have an opportunity to provide input into governance processes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA change the membership of the MNGA Governance Committee by adding “One MNBC Citizen member designated by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”; and
- B. Subject to approval of A, above, the words “the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”, be added to the “Appointment” section of the MNGA Governance Committee Terms of Reference, following the word “Committees” so it shall read as follows:

The Respective Regional Governance Councils, the MWBC and MYBC Provincial Committees, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and the Board of Directors will select their representative to the MNGA Governance Committee.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-08)

5. RESOLUTION 2 – Time Extension for MNGA Governance Committee

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 2 – Extension of Timeline for Report Back by MNGA Governance Timeline” submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated October 24, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Appendix A to the resolution, providing the 2023 MNGA Resolution to refer the consideration of adding the MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives to the Governance Committee
- The intention of the resolution, to allow for an extension of time to provide a report back to the MNGA
- A suggestion that the consultation process with citizens referenced in the resolution, include the role and purpose of the Senate.

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

WHEREAS:

1. At the June 2023, Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), the Assembly requested the MNGA Governance Committee to take the actions outlined in the resolution attached as Appendix A, with a report back to the MNGA for the March (Spring) 2025 MNGA;
2. The MNGA Governance Committee has been working on other urgent matters, including a substantial revision to the *MNGA Act*, including enhancing the processes for conflict of interest, as well as approving funding models, and other matters referred to them by the MNGA; and
3. At its meeting in October, 2024, the MNGA Governance Committee decided that not enough time remains to conduct meaningful consultation with Citizens for a report back in Spring 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Part C of the previously-adopted resolution (Appendix A) be amended by striking out “March 2025” and inserting “Spring 2026” in its place.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2404-09)

7. RESOLUTION 4 – AGM Voting Expansion and Inclusivity

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 4 – AGM Voting Expansion and Inclusivity” submitted by Two Rivers Métis Society and dated October 20, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates needed to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The intent of the resolution to expand the time for voting and increase opportunities for citizens to vote on resolutions
- Concern with the proposed deadline of 11:59 p.m. adding significant hours to an Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- The value of in-person debate and discussion to inform decision making
- Opposition to the resolution given that:
 - Citizens may feel that voting at AGM is redundant given that an MNGA and town halls are scheduled in advance
 - Voting after an AGM has concluded will disadvantage in-person delegates travelling home
 - It would create capacity issues and added costs with a significant increase in the number of participants
 - The voting results could be more easily manipulated by allowing an electronic voting process after the AGM ends
 - If approved, the resolution would result in a governance by referendum process
- The current hybrid meeting process, which allows for participants to join virtually and vote on resolutions.

The MNGA Speaker clarified that under the *Societies Act*, the hours must be clearly stated when an organization allows for votes on matters outside of the set hours of an AGM. If the resolution was approved, the AGM would proceed as normal, with voting on resolutions open for a specified time block outside of the in-person meeting hours.

In response to a question, it was noted that voting on resolutions in advance an AGM or Special General Meeting would not be permissible given that amendments to resolutions from the floor are allowed.

It was MOVED (Marc Dubord) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

WHEREAS:

1. The 2024 General Election of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) saw 12.1% voter turnout, with 2,661 ballots cast from a voting population of 22,000, with the assistance of mail-in and electronic ballot voting;

2. At the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), between 99 to 170 votes were collected per resolution, from both in-person and virtual participants in attendance, or approximately 0.4 to 0.8% of the Citizens eligible to vote at the AGM participating;
3. MNBC sponsors two (2) citizens per Chartered Community, seven (7) senators, and eleven (11) board members (12, following the election of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Chairperson), and the seven (7) Regional Representatives from MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ (following their election), to attend the AGM, for a minimum of one hundred-and-eighteen (118) sponsored attendees (2x39+7+12+21), not including MNBC staff who may be citizens;
4. The established process under which business is conducted, and resolutions are voted on at Annual General Meetings does not provide flexibility for Citizens to participate; and
5. It is pivotal to ensure that the AGM is accessible for all citizens by reducing attendance barriers to support flexible participation in MNBC's democracy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Constitution* be amended as follows:

- A. A new Article 71 to be inserted under the Section of "Annual General Meeting" which states: "71. Resolutions considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be debated during the meeting, and vote postponed be voted on by electronic means, between 6:00 PM and 11:59 PM on the final day of the Annual General Meeting, following adjournment."; and
- B. The Article numbers impacted be renumbered accordingly;

FURTHER THAT the MPCBC Bylaws be amended as follows:

- C. Insert a new Article 3.11 as follows:

3.11 Pursuant to Article 84 of the Societies Act, changes to legislation shall be conducted by an electronic ballot or voting system, between 6:00 PM (Pacific Time) and 11:59 PM (Pacific Time), following the adjournment of the AGM or SGM.

And renumber the Bylaws accordingly.

DEFEATED

(2 delegates voted in favour, 39 opposed and 0 abstentions)

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Mineault extended thanks to the Co-Chairs, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and staff for their efforts in organizing the MNGA and acknowledged the historic and important decisions made to move the MNBC forward. President Mineault committed to ensuring transparent communications to leadership and communities on the decision to withdraw from the MNC.

CONCLUSION

The MNBC MNGA scheduled November 30 - December 1, 2024, concluded on November 30, 2024, at 2:55 p.m. Betty Ann McDonnell offered a closing prayer.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the MNBC 2024 MNGA held November 30 – December 1, 2024 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk

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LIST OF APPENDICES

The following items are attached to these minutes, or may be requested through the MNGA Clerk:

Appendix A: Referenced in “Resolution 2 – Extension of Timeline for Report Back by MNGA Governance Committee”



MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

RR2. SUBMITTED TO THE JUNE 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Recommendation for a Governance Review of the MNBC
Legislation Affected: n/a
Submitted by: MNGA Governance Committee
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: May 4, 2023
Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The resolution titled “MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives” (“Resolution 7”) was referred to the MNGA Governance Committee at the March 2023 MNGA for further study and a report and recommendations back at the June 2023 MNGA;
2. In its discussions on Resolution 7, the MNGA Governance Committee realized that the current governance structure of the MNGA is two decades old and may not adequately serve current and future needs of the MNBC;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The MNGA Governance Committee, with the assistance and support of the MNBC, undertake a review of the governance structure of the MNBC, including extensive consultations with Citizens; and
- B. A report summarizing the consultation sessions, including suggested changes to the MNBC governance structure (if any), be provided to the MNGA Governance Committee by the end of 2024; and
- C. This report, with any recommendations from the MNGA Governance Committee, be presented at the March 2025 MNGA.