



RESOLUTION 6

POSTPONED AT THE SPRING 2025
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Enhance Transparency and Accountability in MNBC Reporting and Financial Management

Legislation Affected: N/A

Submitted by: Waceya Métis Society; Salmon Arm Métis Association; and South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 30, 2025

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. There is little to no transparency between Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Chartered Communities regarding how MNBC spends its funding at its discretion. This opacity has led to concerns among Chartered Communities about the effective allocation and use of resources.
2. Currently, there is no clear method for the Chartered Communities or citizens of MNBC to assess how effectively MNBC is adhering to its Strategic Plan or reaching the goals set out in the plan. Without a clear framework, it is difficult to measure progress or hold leadership accountable for unmet objectives.
3. The current MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM) report is presented in a bloated format that includes complex financial reports without proper context, and ministry reports that lack clear metrics or measurable outcomes. These reports are challenging to interpret and do not provide the clarity needed for Chartered Communities to fully understand MNBC's activities or progress.
4. Chartered Communities and citizens of MNBC deserve clear, concise, and transparent reporting on MNBC's progress in meeting the goals outlined in the strategic plan. Accountability in both financial management and program delivery is critical to building trust and ensuring effective governance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The MNGA request that the MNBC Board direct staff to:
 - Produce an annual report that directly illustrates how MNBC's activities, programs, and overall initiatives reflect progress, or lack thereof, toward achieving the goals set out in the MNBC strategic plan. This report should be designed as a measure of accountability to demonstrate whether MNBC is successfully meeting its strategic objectives.

- Ensure the annual report clearly outlines how funding streams from federal and provincial sources, as well as discretionary spending, are allocated and used. This report must provide transparent, accessible information for Chartered Communities, breaking down the financial management in a way that is easy to understand, allowing Chartered Communities and citizens to see exactly how resources are being utilized and where they are being allocated.
 - Ensure that the annual report is concise and relevant, presenting financial information with clear context, highlighting key metrics and measurable outcomes for each ministry. This approach will provide a more focused and transparent report, removing unnecessary legislative updates or information that is not pertinent to the previous year's activities.
 - Ensure that every dollar from its annual operating budget is accounted for in the annual report, detailing exactly how funds are being allocated, spent, and managed. This will provide full transparency on financial operations, ensuring that Chartered Communities and MNBC citizens have clear insight into the fiscal responsibility of MNBC leadership.
- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, the Board direct the MNBC Treasurer to be accountable for the accuracy of this annual report, ensuring that it meets the transparency and accountability standards outlined above. The Treasurer shall work closely with Chartered Communities to ensure their satisfaction with the transparency and clarity of the report, incorporating their feedback into future improvements.
- C. THAT, subject to approval of A and B above, MNBC engage with Chartered Communities in a consultation process to develop a standardized reporting format that addresses the need for transparency, accountability, and clarity, ensuring that the needs and concerns of all communities are reflected in future reports.

POSTPONED

THAT the MNGA postpones the consideration of Resolution 6, pending Regional Consultation and Townhall on the contents of the Resolution, set to conclude by the 2025 AGM.