



RESOLUTION 6

DEFEATED AT THE 2025 SUMMER
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Honorarium for Community Representatives at MNBC Meetings

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: Cowichan Valley Métis Nation

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: April 22, 2025

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

1. Most elected Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are volunteers and do not receive compensation for their hours.
2. Some MNBC Presidents and Vice-Presidents have full time jobs, and to attend Governance meetings on behalf of their Community, many must take a leave without pay.
3. The customary practice of presenting an honorarium is typically presented to Elders, Cultural Leaders, or Knowledge Keepers, as a form of recognition and appreciation for their contributions, such as sharing traditional knowledge or conducting ceremonies. These payments are not intended as compensation but rather as a gesture of respect and gratitude.
4. Government of Canada “Overview of Honorariums and Gifts for First Nations, Inuit or Métis Recipients”, Clause 4.1 states:

The Directive on Payments defines an honorarium for First Nations, Inuit or Métis recipients as follows:

A benevolent payment made by the Crown to First Nations, Inuit, or Métis recipients used only when there is no other statutory, regulatory or policy vehicle to make such a payment. The payment is made to a First Nations, Inuit or Métis recipient, who is not a government employee, to recognize or honour the collaborative efforts made by the recipient with respect to Indigenous ceremonies and other collaborative events or activities with the Government of Canada. The Payment can only be made where the Crown has no obligation of any kind, no legal liability, and where the recipient has no right of payment and is not entitled to compensation in any form.

5. Other MNBC elected persons receive recognition funding for various roles supporting Communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The MNGA request that MNBC Board of Directors approve a daily honorarium for an MNBC Community President, Vice-President or Representative, when they attend an in-person MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly, or Regional Governance Council (RGC), on behalf of their Community, based on the MNBC Honorarium Guidelines.