

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), held September 20-22, 2024 at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel, 1128 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia (BC).

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Walter Mineault, President
Melanie Allard, Vice President
Danielle Bergevin, Chair, Métis Youth of BC (MYBC)
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)

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Peltier, AGM Chair
John Bieker, AGM Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, AGM Deputy Clerk
Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Aaron Pete, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

DAY ONE – September 20, 2024

OPENING CEREMONIES

The MNBC 2024 AGM commenced with the Grand Entry procession, led by musicians, Métis Veterans, flag bearers, and other dignitaries. Aaron Pete, MC, welcomed Delegates to the MNBC AGM.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYERS

Senator Alan Edkins and Senator Phillip Gladue provided Opening Prayers and acknowledged the traditional lands on which the meeting was being held.

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Alec Dan, x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵ ə̣ṃ (Musqueam)

Alec Dan presented a Drum Song and welcomed attendees to the x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵ ə̣ṃ territory.

Sam and Dan George, sə̣ḷ ilwə̣tạʔ̣/sẹḷ ilwitụlḥ (Tsleil-Waututh)

Sam and Dan George presented a Prayer Song and welcomed attendees to the sə̣ḷ ilwə̣tạʔ̣/sẹḷ ilwitụlḥ territory.

Sxwíxwtn Wilson Williams, sḳẉx̣ wụ́7̣mesh (Squamish)

Sxwíxwtn Williams welcomed attendees to the sḳẉx̣ wụ́7̣mesh territory.

The Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Minister Rankin welcomed attendees, emphasized the importance of unity and collaboration, and urged delegates to vote in the upcoming election in support of a government committed to addressing climate change, and prioritizing the needs of Métis citizens.

Anthems

Tricia Tucker performed “O Canada” and the “Métis Ballad”.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The “Oath of Office” was administered as follows:

- Senator Edkins for: President Walter Mineault, Vice President Melanie Allard, Region 1 Director Patrick Harriott, Region 3 Director Dean Gladue, Region 3 Women’s Representative Melissa Kelm, and Region 1 Women’s Representative Emilia Yule
- Senator Gladue for: Region 2 Director Allan Lavallee
- Senator Kevin Murray for: Region 4 Director Debra Fisher
- Senator Arnold Lucier for: Region 5 Director Raynie Gervais
- Senator Sandra Dory for: Region 6 Director Susie Hooper, and MWBC Chair Carmen Carriere
- Senator Gerald Pope for: Region 7 Director Paulette Flamond, MYBC Chair Danielle Bergevin, and Region 7 Women’s Representative Catherine (Anne) Ruddell.

Recognition of Past Presidents

Past Presidents Lissa Smith, Bruce Dumont, and Harley Desjarlais were honoured for their leadership, contributions, and support.

Announcement

President Mineault acknowledged Chetwynd Mayor Allen Courtoreille and extended appreciation for his attendance.

Meal Break

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. for a meal break, and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, AGM Clerk, confirmed that quorum was achieved with the attendance of a total of 176 official voting delegates (164 attending in person and 12 attending virtually).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AGM CO-CHAIRS

The AGM Clerk called for nominations for the Co-Chairs of the 2024 AGM. Dave Peltier was nominated and consented to the nomination. The AGM Clerk called for further nominations and after the third call, with there being no further nominations, declared the nominations closed, and confirmed that Dave Peltier had been acclaimed as Chair for the 2024 AGM.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2024 AGM

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the AGM. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2024 AGM was called to order on September 20, 2024, at 1:40 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 AGM AGENDA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the September 20-22, 2024 Annual General Meeting

It was MOVED (Tyler Massee) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 20-22, 2024, be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-01)

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGM STANDING RULES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Draft AGM Standing Rules"

It was confirmed that a microphone would be brought to any delegates who requested to speak but were unable to approach one of the designated microphones.

It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Rob Anderson)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting (AGM) adopt the "AGM Standing Rules" as presented for the September 20-22, 2024 AGM.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-02)

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 AGM MINUTES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting held September 22-24, 2023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting held September 22-24, 2023, be adopted with typographical corrections to the following names: Steve Arnett, Betty Ann McDonnell and Anya McVean.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-03)

5. LOCATION OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With consent from the Mover and Seconder, electronic polling was used to populate the resolution to include dates and locations for the 2025 to 2029 AGMs.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held September 12-14, 2025;
- B. Subject to public health and/or public safety orders, the MNBC 2025 AGM be held in-person, with an online participation option, in Region 6;
- C. If public health or public safety orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on this date, or there are significant restrictions on in-person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; and
- D. A decision to hold the MNBC 2025 AGM virtually must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors 90 days prior to the AGM (June 14, 2025).
- E. That future AGMs be held as follows:
 - 2026: In Region 2
 - 2027: In Region 1
 - 2028: In Region 2
 - 2029: In Region 4.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-04)

Announcement

President Mineault acknowledged Chief Rudy Paquette, Saulteau First Nations, and extended appreciation for his attendance.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2024"

Ravmeet Sandhu, Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants, reviewed the financial statements provided and confirmed they were fairly presented in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

In response to delegates questions, clarifications were offered on:

- "Administration revenue", indicated in the Statement of Operations, which reflects the percentage of funding allocated for program administration
- "Note 14", attached to the Financial Statements, which refers to employees who received an annual salary exceeding \$75,000.

It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting accept the "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2024", as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-05)

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting appoints Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as the Auditors for the MNBC for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-06)

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

The Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia *(pre-recorded video message)*

Premier Eby acknowledged the importance of advancing the MNBC's priorities and extended best wishes for a successful AGM.

Moment of Silence

The meeting observed a moment of silence to honour the leaders and others, who had passed since the previous AGM.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – Presentation

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): MNBC 2024 Annual Report

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the MNBC leadership team and presented some highlights from the MNBC 2024 Annual Report, including:

- Support for the goals outlined in the MNBC 2023-2027 Strategic Plan
- BC's endorsement of the "Métis Justice Strategy"
- Some key achievements across MNBC Ministries and Departments, including:
 - o Health and Wellness Services assisting families through palliative care
 - o The Métis Climate Action Program offering emergency kits to Métis households
 - o Provincial and federal funding secured to address gender-based violence
 - o The Ministry of Children and Family Services' efforts to improve child care access
 - o The Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary Education Program
 - o An increase in visitors to Point Ellice House and the Amelia Douglas Institute
 - o Funding received for language revitalization, and to support Chartered Communities
 - o An estimated 27,000 registered MNBC citizens.

In response to delegates questions, comments were offered on:

- Expanded supports for Chartered Communities, including regularly updated citizenship lists and assistance with grant funding applications
- Progress with BC on a reconciliation agreement and with other priorities
- Advancing MNBC's interests through government partnerships, and the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism process, in collaboration with the Métis National Council
- Engaging with provincial political candidates on MNBC's priorities
- Support needed for Métis families who are eligible for citizenship, programs and services
- The growing need for additional Citizenship Navigators.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 20-22, 2024, adjourned on September 20, 2024 at 5:20 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY TWO – September 21, 2024

MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 20-22, 2024, reconvened on September 21, 2024, at 8:40 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda was varied to now consider “Resolution #1 - 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act”, and to postpone the “MNBC Board Introduction and Q and A Session” to September 22, 2024.

9. RESOLUTION 1 - 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 1 – 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act” submitted by the MNGA via Region 1 Director and dated December 5, 2023; and attached draft “MNBC 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act”, labelled “Appendix A”

The AGM Clerk read aloud a portion of the displayed resolution, and the “Preamble” portion of the proposed “MNBC 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act”.

During discussion, comments were offered on the importance of citizens engaging in Métis processes without gender role limitations, the toll of feeling unsafe, and inequalities faced by 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples. Transphobia and homophobia were recognized as colonial legacies, while efforts to welcome all Métis citizens, support safe and respectful dialogue, and acknowledge apologies for past disrespect, were honoured.

It was MOVED (Angel Robinson) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

WHEREAS:

1. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ have a desire to organize themselves;
2. The “2Spirit 2Worlds report” has identified statistics on the overrepresentation of egregious harms being endured by our 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens;
3. Advocacy and resources are necessary to address the inequity faced by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community; and
4. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ voice at the Métis Nation Governing Assembly would be beneficial to the entire Métis Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation of British Columbia region.
- B. The attached 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (attached as “Appendix A”) as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in “A”, above, for the Métis Nation of British Columbia.

- C. Métis Nation British Columbia will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- D. The **Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution** (the “*Constitution*”) be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 12:
- Insert the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”;
 - Change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and
 - Strike the words “eleven (11)” and insert the words “twelve (12)” in its place,
- So that Article 12 will read:
- “12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.
- b. Insert a new Article 23.6 as follows:
- “23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
- c. In Article 29, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:
- “The **Métis Nation Governing Assembly** shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
- d. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows:
- “34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
- e. Add new Article 39 as follows:
- “39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”
- f. In Article 41, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert the words “and the Chairperson for that 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:
- “The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia,

and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.”

- g. Add the following as Article 46.3:

“46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim Chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- h. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative.” at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

“There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.”

- i. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”

- j. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the *Constitution* accordingly.

E. The ***Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act*** (the “*Electoral Act*”) be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 3.4, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Board of Directors**” means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- b. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**By-Election**” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the

removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the *Constitution*;

- c. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Candidate**” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- d. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“**Election(s)**” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*.”

- e. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“**Elector**” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *Métis Nation Citizenship Act*, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”

- f. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“**Interim Appointee**” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.”

- g. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:

"h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

(i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters to respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+."

- h. Add the following as Article 6.3e:

"e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- i. Add the following as Article 6.4e:

"e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+, 18 years of age or older on Election Day, for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council"

- j. In Article 7.3, strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place:

"Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women's Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

So that Article 7.3 will read:

"On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women's Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community."

- k. Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:

"The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women's Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- l. In Article 8.2, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.”

- m. Add the following after Article 8.3d:

“e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- n. In Article 8.3f., strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council,” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia” so that it will read:

“If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months”

- o. In Article 8.5, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”

- p. In Article 8.4, strike the word “and” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the follow” at the end of the Article, and insert “, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:”

- q. Add the following as Article 8.4e.:

"e. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQIA+ electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- r. Add the following as Article 8.5d:

"A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated."

- s. In Article 8.6, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" to the end of the article, so that it will read:

"A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- t. In Article 8.7, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:

"No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise."

- u. In Article 13.1, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia" so that it will read:

"If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held."

- v. In Article 13.2, strike the word “or” following the word “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and add “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.”

- w. In Article 19.2:

- Strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and
- Add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat-British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance

So that Article 19.2 will read:

“Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.”

- x. In Article 38.2a, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- y. In Article 38.2b, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- z. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the *Electoral Act* accordingly.

F. That the ***Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act (the “MNGA Act”)*** be amended as follows:

a. In Article 2.16,

- Strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place; and
- Insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the above-noted acronym

So that Article 2.16 will read:

“Métis Nation British Columbia” (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives (“Directors”), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.”

b. In Article 3.1 a), strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson”, and insert a comma in its place, and add “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “MYBC Chairperson”, so that it will read:

“The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, MYBC Chairperson, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governing Council; and”

c. Add the following as Article 9.1.9:

“9.1.9 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governing Council Report”

d. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”, and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the *MNBC Constitution*, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

G. That the ***Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia*** be amended as follows:

a. In Article 1, add “the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson” following the words “Métis Youth Provincial Representative” to the definition “Board or Board of Directors”, so that it will read:

“**Board**” or “**Board of Directors**” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.”

- b. In Article 4.8c), insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:

“ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

CARRIED (AGM2024-06)

(141 delegates voted in favour, 24 opposed, and 5 abstained)

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

- 10. RESOLUTION 2 - MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province**
Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 2 – MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province” submitted by the MNGA via Cowichan Valley Métis Association and dated December 2, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. Discussion ensued on enabling some citizens to retain their citizenship while residing out of province. It was confirmed that the proposed resolution sought to remove the residency requirement from the *Citizenship Act*.

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)

WHEREAS:

1. All Métis are entitled to be connected to their Métis heritage and have their Métis identity validated;
2. All BC Métis are entitled to stay apprised of events and information available through Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC);
3. It is in the interests of the MNBC to have as many citizens with ties to British Columbia as possible, represented by MNBC;
4. All Métis persons should have the right to be connected to their Métis Community and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Members; and
5. Not all Provinces have representative Métis bodies recognized by the Métis National Council, in which MNBC is a member;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A.** Strike Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 and insert the following in their place:

- “3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC, or;
- 3.1.2 The Applicant submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:
- resides outside of the Historic Métis Homeland,
 - is endorsed by a Métis Chartered Community, and;

- can demonstrate an immediate family tie to a Métis Citizen in British Columbia, is eligible to apply for MNBC Citizenship, when;
- 3.1.3 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC”; and
- B. In Article 3.2, strike the words “Articles 3.1., 3.1.1 and 3.1.2” and insert “Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3” in their place so that the Article will read as follows:
 - “3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of Chartered Community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card”.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Shelley MacGregor) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)

That the Main Resolution be amended by revising the second bullet in Item 3.1.2 to read: “resides in a location without a provincial or territorial Métis governing body”.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-06)

Main Resolution and Amendment Referred

It was MOVED (Barbara Hulme) and SECONDED (Gary Biggar)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting refer “Resolution #2 - MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province”, and the related amendment, to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee for further refinement and subsequent resubmission to the MNGA.

CARRIED (AGM2024-07)

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

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

11. MÉTIS FINANCIAL CORPORATION OF BC (MFCBC)

Paul Ricard, Chair, MFCBC, reviewed the structure of the MFCBC Board of Directors and provided updates on the allocation of program funding to MNBC citizens, for loan disbursements, grants, and to support Métis businesses during COVID.

Austen Houle, General Manager, introduced the MFCBC team and affirmed their commitment to supporting Métis entrepreneurs in a manner aligned with MNBC values. Additional comments were offered on the development of a women’s entrepreneurship program, and the First-Time Home Buyer Program, which offers grants for down payments and closing costs.

12. RESOLUTION 3 - Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility/Acceptance

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 3 – Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility/Acceptance" submitted by the MNGA via the Métis Nation Columbia River Society and dated June 2, 2024

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. In response to questions, it was confirmed that although citizenship applicants agreed to be represented by the MNBC, verifying their enrollment on another Governing Member's registry, was currently not possible.

It was MOVED (Travis Jobin) and SECONDED (Shelley MacGregor)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly adopted the following "National Definition" in 2002: "Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation.";
2. In its judgement in *R. v. Powley 2003*, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that Métis are a rights-bearing Aboriginal people and set out the components of a Métis definition for the purpose of claiming Aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* based on ancestral connection to and acceptance by historic Métis communities; and
3. Pursuant to the *Powley* decision, Canada has supported the MNC Governing Members in establishing and maintaining citizenship registries. To become a Registered Métis Nation Citizen, a person must apply to the Métis Registry operated by the MNC Governing Member in the province in which they reside. MNBC is the MNC Governing Member in the province of British Columbia;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The ***Métis Nation Citizenship Act*** be amended as follows:

- A. Insert the following as Articles 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5:
 - 3.1.3 The Applicant recognizes they may not be enrolled on any other Aboriginal registry. This includes being registered as a member, citizen, or beneficiary under the *Indian Act* or with any other organization or group that claims to represent Métis or other Aboriginal peoples for the purposes of rights, interests, and self-government.
 - 3.1.4 The Applicant understands Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative body for Métis Citizens in BC provincially, nationally, and internationally.
 - 3.1.5 The Applicant agrees that by signing the Oath of Citizenship on the MNBC Citizenship Application and/or the MNBC Citizenship Renewal or Replacement Application, they recognize MNBC as their sole governmental representative for their Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Canadian *Constitution*, independent of any other declaration or statement the Applicant may have made previously.

- B.** Subject to approval of A above, in Article 3.2 insert “, 3.1.4 and 3.1.5” after 3.1.2 so that the article will read:

“3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5, the Citizenship Authority shall issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card”; and

- C.** In Article 6.1, strike the word “or” and in its place ~~and~~ insert “, renewal or replacement” immediately following so that the article will read:

“6.1 If, due to information found during an audit, review, renewal, or replacement a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:”

CARRIED (AGM2024-08)

(87 delegates voted in favour, 24 opposed, and 11 abstained)

13. RESOLUTION 4 – Conflict of Interest

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 4 – Conflict of Interest” submitted by the MNGA via the MNGA Governance Committee and dated June 1, 2024

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and presented additional information on the December 2023 MNGA resolution that referred legislation regarding “conflict of interest” to the MNGA Governance Committee for review.

Health Break

The meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Monique Courcelles) and SECONDED (Travis Jobin)

WHEREAS:

- 1.** In December 2023, the Métis Nation Governance Assembly (MNGA) referred the matter of conflict of interest in Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) legislation to the MNGA Governance Committee;
- 2.** The Articles in the *MNGA Act* relating to conflict of interest are somewhat vague and can lead to seemingly arbitrary positions taken by the MNGA, and therefore do not fully serve the interests of MNBC as an organization, its Chartered Communities, and its Citizens; and
- 3.** The MNGA has the ability to determine if a member has a conflict of interest, and therefore needs a clear process which ensures the rights of all MNGA members are protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The ***MNGA Act*** be amended as follows:

- A.** Strike and replace the definition “**Conflict of Interest**” with the following:
- “**Conflict of Interest**” means that a member, an immediate family member, or a close business associate of the member:

- Has a personal or professional interest in the matter at hand that is separate from their role as an MNGA member; and,
- The interest is distinct from the interests of the Assembly and/or MNBC, such that the activities could negatively affect MNBC's ability or authority to negotiate on behalf of and represent Métis people in British Columbia; and,
- Stands to realize a personal or professional benefit from a favourable decision on the matter that does not provide a similar benefit to MNBC or its Chartered Communities; or,
- Will provide a benefit to a Métis organization other than MNBC or its Chartered Communities; and

That the interest means that a reasonable person would conclude that the interest or personal benefit to be gained could influence or affect the decision-making of a member.

B. Insert new definition:

"Immediate Family Member" means the parent, step-parent, foster parent, sibling, spouse or common-law spouse, ward, parents, or other relative permanently residing with a member.

C. Strike Article 3.4 and insert the following in its place:

- "3.4 If a member has a conflict of interest on a matter at the MNGA they must:
- a. Disclose in general terms to the other members the nature of their involvement;
 - b. Refrain from voting on the resolution or consenting to a resolution;
 - c. Leave the meeting while the matter is under discussion; and
 - d. Refrain from any action intended to influence the discussion or vote.

- i. If the member complies with Article 3.4, the minutes will reflect the disclosure, the general nature of the conflict disclosed, the time the member withdrew from the meeting, and the time they returned.

3.5 Despite Article 3.4c, the member experiencing the conflict may remain in the meeting for the purpose of providing information if asked to do so by another member. Once the information is provided and the Assembly has begun to deliberate, the member experiencing the conflict must leave the meeting.

3.6 A person who is listed in any official registry as a decision-maker of a Métis political organization or Métis government that does not recognize MNBC as the representative government of Métis in British Columbia, shall be deemed to be in automatic conflict of interest and may not participate in the MNGA, except as noted in Article 3.5, until they provide proof that they are no longer a member of that Métis organization or Métis government.

- a. Métis organizations which, by their mandate and actions, are primarily advocacy organizations, are not considered political organizations for the purposes of this Act.

- 3.7 If a member wishes the MNGA to determine if another member has a conflict of interest, they shall provide notice of a motion to the MNGA Clerk or designate no later than 14 days prior to the MNGA:
- a. Such a resolution must include the following
 - i. The name, Community name, and position (President or Vice-President) of the person believed to have a conflict of interest;
 - ii. Briefly indicate the nature of the conflict of interest;
 - iii. Indicate the consequence if the MNGA determines the person has a conflict of interest, specifically, whether they are removed under Article 3.9 or 3.10 below
- And, attached to the resolution:
- iv. A maximum one-page summary of the conflict of interest, and
 - v. Any available proof of the conflict of interest.
- A template of the resolution and attachments may be requested from the MNGA Clerk or designate.
- b. Upon receipt of such a resolution, the MNGA Clerk or designate will
 - i. Verify the resolution meets the criteria in a(i);
 - ii. Review the summary and proof submitted, if any;
 - iii. Attempt to verify the proof submitted, if any;
 - iv. Send the resolution to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, or Co-Speakers of the MNGA for review and placement on the MNGA Agenda;
 - v. Within 48 business hours of receipt, send the resolution to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, advising that it will be on the agenda for the MNGA;
 - vi. 24 business hours after sending to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, send the resolution via email to all MNGA Delegates.
- 3.8 Despite Article 3.7, the MNGA may, by a 2/3 vote of members present, agree to waive the notice for a conflict of interest resolution:
- i. If notice is waived, the mover must submit the conflict of interest resolution in the same form as noted in Article 3.7a, to the MNGA Clerk, or designate, by email for display at the MNGA.
- 3.9 If the Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, determines that a member has a conflict of interest, the member must take the steps outlined in Article 3.4, parts b to d, above.
- a. Such a motion must specify the nature of the conflict in general terms.
 - b. If the member determined to be in conflict of interest does not take the steps outlined in Article 3.4 parts b to d, they may be removed by the Assembly by an additional 2/3 vote, while the matter is being deliberated.
- 3.10 The Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, may disqualify a person who contravenes Article 3.6 from being a member of the MNGA until proof that the conflict no longer exists is provided to the MNGA Clerk, or designate.
- 3.11 A Person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.

- D. Amend Article 35 of the *Constitution* by removing the struck-through wording and inserting the underlined wording as set out below:

“A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of two-thirds the majority of the Members present of the MNGA where ~~at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present~~. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.”

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

That the Main Resolution be amended by revising Item 3.7.a.i to now read: “The name and position of the person believed to have a conflict of interest”.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-09)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

CARRIED (AGM2024-10)

(118 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained)

Section 3.7 of “Resolution 4 – Conflict of Interest” as amended now reads:

“3.7 If a member wishes the MNGA to determine if another member has a conflict of interest, they shall provide notice of a motion to the MNGA Clerk or designate no later than 14 days prior to the MNGA:

- a. Such a resolution must include the following
 - i. The name and position of the person believed to have a conflict of interest;
 - ii. Briefly indicate the nature of the conflict of interest;
 - iii. Indicate the consequence if the MNGA determines the person has a conflict of interest, specifically, whether they are removed under Article 3.9 or 3.10 below

And, attached to the resolution:

- iv. A maximum one-page summary of the conflict of interest, and
- v. Any available proof of the conflict of interest.

A template of the resolution and attachments may be requested from the MNGA Clerk or designate.”

14. RESOLUTION 5 – MNGA Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 5 – MNGA Act” submitted by the MNGA via the MNGA Governance Committee and dated June 2, 2024; and attached and draft “MNBC 2SLGBTQIA+ Act”, labelled “Appendix A” and “MNBC Standing Rules” labelled “Appendix B”

The AGM Clerk read aloud the “WHEREAS” portion of the displayed resolution and presented additional information on the proposed amendments to the *MNGA Act*.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. The Metis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee's purpose is to review the governance and decision-making structures within the MNGA and recommend changes to concerns that have a bearing on governance and decision-making structures;
2. In 2022, the MNGA changed its meeting frequency from one meeting per year, to three meetings per year, and the *MNGA Act* has not been updated in a fulsome way to reflect this; and
3. The *MNGA Act* contains a number of typographical errors and duplications, and some sections could be reorganized in order to improve comprehension and flow;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The ***MNGA Act*** be amended as follows:

A. Add the following definitions:

- i. **"Abstain" or "Abstention"** means a member has not voted, reducing the total number of votes cast on a matter. A call for abstentions during voting may be made by the Clerk or designate to confirm quorum.
- ii. **"Co-Speakers"** means the two people elected as Co-Speakers at the MNGA.
- iii. **"Governance Cycle"** means the cycle of MNGA meetings and the AGM that occurs yearly, starting with MNGAs in the Winter (December), Spring (March), and Summer (June), and concluding with the AGM in September of each year.



- iv. **"Urgent Business"** means business of a time sensitive matter that requires the attention of the MNGA in the current governance cycle.

B. Amend existing definitions indicated by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

- i. **"Legislation"** means ~~legislative documents, laws and/or acts, and includes resolutions that introduce new or amend including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed~~ legislation.
- ii. **"Métis Nation British Columbia" (MNBC)** means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the ~~Métis Youth BC Council, BCMUYC~~ and which represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
- iii. **"Roll Call"** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly ~~and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at~~

~~the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance~~

C. In Article 4:

- i. Amend Article 4.1 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

A majority (more than half)~~Fifty percent (50%) plus one~~ of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;

- ii. Strike Articles 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 and insert the following in their place as Article 4.2:

4.2 Voting thresholds shall be as follows:

- For approval of Legislation, a vote of at least 75% of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of non-Legislative matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of Housekeeping matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA.

- iii. Strike Article 4.3, and insert the following in its place:

4.3 Voting procedures shall generally follow the processes set out in “Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting” attached as Appendix A to this Act.

- a) The MNGA may change or amend Appendix A of this Act through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.

- iv. Amend Article 4.4 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the *Constitution* for consideration at the MNBC Annual General Meeting in the current Governance Cycle.~~first reading, also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting;~~

- v. Delete Article 4.5 in its entirety.

Note: The following Articles of the MNGA Act are the sections enumerated in the MNGA Act as ratified in September 2023. The final resolution will allow for reordering and renumbering all definitions, sections, and subsections, as appropriate.

- vi. Amend Articles 4.6 and 4.7 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

4.6 Legislation or amendments to the *Constitution* that have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ~~ratification~~ adoption by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

4.7 Legislation or amendments to the *Constitution* which have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

D. Insert the following as a new Article 5:

ARTICLE FIVE – MEETINGS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 Pursuant to Article 32 of the *Constitution*, the MNGA shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia.
- 5.1 Meetings shall ordinarily be scheduled for Winter, Spring, and Summer of each year, specifically the first weekends of December, March, and June. Should any of these dates fall on a designated holiday or a time change, the meeting will be held on the last weekend in November, February, or May.
- 5.2 One MNGA shall be held in person, and two MNGAs shall be held virtually every year. When determining the dates for the MNGA, the Assembly will also indicate which meeting is to be held in person.
- 5.3 Should a member wish to change part of a previously-approved resolution related to Legislation, they may suggest changes by submitting a Motion to Amend a Previously Adopted Resolution, which:
- Requests the Assembly to amend the resolution;
 - Specifies the title of the resolution and the date of adoption by the MNGA;
 - Briefly explains why the resolution should be amended; and
 - Explicitly notes the proposed amendments.
 - i. The resolution to amend the previously adopted resolution is subject to the same notice deadline and voting threshold as the original resolution.
 - ii. The mover or seconder of a resolution to amend a previously-adopted resolution must have voted on the prevailing side of the original resolution.
- 5.4 Resolutions related to Legislation, which have received approval at an MNGA during a Governance Cycle, and which require adoption at the AGM, will be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same Governance Cycle.
- 5.5 Resolutions scheduled for consideration at an MNGA meeting and which are not considered due to time constraints or other extenuating circumstances will automatically be added to the next MNGA in the same Governance Cycle.
- i. If a resolution proposed at a Summer MNGA is not considered, the submitter may resubmit the resolution for consideration during any MNGA of the next Governance Cycle.
- 5.6 The MNGA shall adopt Standing Rules that will govern the proceedings of the Governing Assembly, which shall be appended to this act as Appendix B.
- a) The MNGA may change or amend its Standing Rules through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.

E. Amend Article Five, its title and Sections 5.0 and 5.1 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

ARTICLE FIVE – SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, OR CO-SPEAKERS, OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, or two Co-Speakers, shall:

- 5.1 Be ~~appointed~~ elected by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
- F. Delete article 5.10 in its entirety, because it is not reflective of current practice.
- G. Amend articles 6.3 and 6.5 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:
- [The Clerk of the MNGA shall:]
- 6.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda and notice prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC, the minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA;
- 6.5 Provide the certified draft minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption by to the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
- H. In Article Nine insert the word “Spring” as follows in Article 9.0:
- Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the Spring MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day:
- I. In Article Eleven:
- i. Amend Article 11.1, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:
- [Legislation, legislative amendments]
- a) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA.
- b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to with~~ the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
- d) ~~Be given first reading and - If approved by the MNGA, ratified by the MNGA for presentation will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with,~~ and for the purpose as set out in, Article 4 ~~herein~~.
- ii. Amend Article 11.2, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:
- [Constitutional amendments]
- a) Shall ~~only be tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA
- b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to with~~ the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed changes to the *Constitution*.
- d) ~~Be given first reading and - If approved by the MNGA, ratified by the MNGA for presentation will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with,~~ and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 ~~herein~~.

- iii. Amend Articles 11.3 a and b, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Other Matters]

- a) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by the members of the MNGA
 - b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to~~ with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- iv. Strike Article 11.3c, and insert the following as a new Article 11.3c:
- c. Notice of all other matters, including minutes, reports, and decisions which relate to the powers delegated to the MNGA by MNBC Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held.
- v. Strike Articles 11.4 and 11.5 and insert the following in their places:
- 11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors:
- a) shall be submitted to the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held;
 - b) shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.
- 11.5 Urgent Business:
- a) Legislation of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders of the Day by the Clerk, subject to approval by a 2/3 vote of members present at an MNGA.
 - b) Resolutions relating to other matters than Legislation, of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk and may have implications for the Métis Nation if not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders of the Day by the Clerk, if approved by a majority of members present at an MNGA.

- J. Insert the following as Appendix A to the *MNGA Act*:

Appendix A – Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting

1. Establishing Quorum

- a. At the start of each MNGA and after every recess the MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the roll to establish quorum.
- b. To establish quorum:
 - The MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the name of each voting member in alphabetical order by last name:

- If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
- If not present, the MNGA Clerk or designate shall ask if an alternate representative is present. If present, alternate representative shall respond by providing their name;

- The MNGA Clerk or designate shall advise if a quorum is present.

2. Changes to Legislation or Introduction of New Legislation

a. Votes on Legislation:

- i. Will require a roll call vote where the MNGA Clerk or designate will call the names of the delegates in alphabetical order, or reverse alphabetical order, and the delegate will indicate their vote as follows:
 - Yes: in favour of the resolution.
 - No: opposed to the resolution.
 - Abstain: no vote.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number votes in favour, the number opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.

b. Votes on housekeeping matters to correct Legislation:

- i. Require a majority vote at one MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
- ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a roll call vote as outlined in Section 2a above will be taken.

3. Votes on Resolutions relating to Other Matters

a. Votes on Resolutions not related to changes to or introduction of new legislation:

- i. Require a majority vote at an MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
- ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a vote by show of hands will be taken.
- iii. To conduct a vote by show of hands, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:
 - ask for votes in favour and count the number of hands raised.
 - ask for votes opposed, and count the number of hands raised.
 - ask for any abstentions, and count the number of hands raised.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number of votes in favour, the number of votes opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.

K. Insert the following as Appendix B to the MNGA Act:

Appendix B – MNGA Standing Rules

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and *MNGA Act*.
 2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
 3. On each issue or motion, a delegate is entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
 4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three- minute time slot.
 5. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
 6. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
 7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 8. A motion to Amend a motion or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main motion, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 9. Delegates must observe decorum, avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.
- L. All sections, articles, subarticles, and definitions of the *MNGA Act* be reordered and renumbered as appropriate.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-11)

15. RESOLUTION 6 – MNGA Members Oath

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 6 – MNGA Members Oath” submitted by the MNGA via the Fort St. John Métis Society and dated March 2, 2024 and attached “MNGA Members Oath”, labelled “Appendix A”

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and Oath, noting that a typographical error in the Oath would be correct. The Oath would be reaffirmed every two years, and could also be signed by alternates, and the MYBC and MWBC Vice Chairs.

It was MOVED (Wendy Schneider) and SECONDED (Alana Copeland)

WHEREAS:

1. Article 3.4 of the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Act* does not allow participating MNGA members to be in a conflict of interest;
2. “Conflict of Interest” in Article 2.6 of the *MNGA Act* includes becoming a director or officer of a Métis provincial organization whose interests are in conflict with Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), or whose activities could negatively affect MNBC’s authority to represent Métis people in British Columbia; and
3. Not all MNGA members may know that conflict of interest includes part 2, above;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** The following be inserted as Article 3.3.1 in the *MNGA Act*:

"Prior to representing their Community at the MNGA, the President and Vice-President of each Community must make a declaration with the Clerk of the MNGA, or designate, affirming that they are not in a Conflict of Interest as per Article 2.6 of this Act."

CARRIED (AGM2024-12)

(120 delegates voted in favour, 1 opposed, and 0 abstained)

16. RESOLUTION 7 – Constitutional Clarifications

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 7 – Constitutional Clarifications" submitted by the MNGA via the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

- 1.** Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language; and
- 2.** In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution (the "Constitution")* be amended as follows:

- A.** Insert the words "AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS" in the title "MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)" so that it will read "MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC) AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS";
- B.** Strike the word "MNBC" from Articles 12, 14 to 16, 18 to 27, 36, 41 to 45, 47, 51, 54, 67, 71, and insert "Board of Directors" in its place;
- C.** In Article 17, strike the first instance of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place;
- D.** In Article 46:
 - Strike first instance of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place; and
 - Delete the second instance of "MNBC";
- E.** In Article 59, strike the second, fourth, and fifth instances of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place; and
- F.** In Article 60: Strike all instances of "of the MNBC".

CARRIED (AGM2024-13)

(121 delegates voted in favour, 2 opposed, and 1 abstained)

17. RESOLUTION 8 – Provincial Youth Chair – Clarification of Candidate Qualifications

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 8 – Provincial Youth Chair – Clarification of Candidate Qualifications" submitted by the MNGA via the Salmon Arm Métis Society and dated December 2, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Dave Allard) and SECONDED (Jayden Rogers)

WHEREAS:

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language;
2. Article 23.6 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution (the "Constitution")* stipulates a minimum age of 18 years to hold a position on the MNBC Board of Directors, and this age restriction is not mentioned in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act (the "Electoral Act")* or the *Constitution* under candidate qualifications for positions within Métis Youth British Columbia, which includes the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia; and
3. Prospective candidates for this office should be clearly aware of the candidate qualifications for this office;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following text be added to Article 8.3 c) of the *Electoral Act*:
 - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia, except for the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- B. The following be added to Article 38 of the *Constitution*:
 38. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia, except for the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - 38.1 Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

CARRIED (AGM2024-14)

(120 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained)

18. RESOLUTION 9 – MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 9 – MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils " submitted by the MNGA via the Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Provincial Youth Chairperson and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. It was noted that in the event of a vacancy, Regional Governance Councils could appoint interim representatives for MYBC, MWBC, or the 2SLGBTQIA+ Council.

It was MOVED (Danielle Bergevin) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)

WHEREAS:

1. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions;
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council (RGC), another member of their Board may assume their duties, so long as they are a Métis Citizen; and
3. A Regional Youth Representative may not be available to attend all RGCs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** The following be added at the end of Article 60.8 of the *Constitution*:

“If a Regional Youth Representative is unable to attend an RGC meeting, that Representative may designate a Community Youth Representative to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.”

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Zevier Brewer) and SECONDED (Danica Berard)

That Section A of the Main Resolution be amended by adding “Chartered” before “Community Youth Representative”.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-15)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

CARRIED (AGM2024-16)

(127 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed, and 1 abstained)

Section A of “Resolution 9 – MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils” as amended, now reads:

“A. The following be added at the end of Article 60.8 of the *Constitution*:

“If a Regional Youth Representative is unable to attend an RGC meeting, that Representative may designate a Chartered Community Youth Representative to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.”

MEETING ADJOURNED

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 20-22, 2024, adjourned on September 21, 2024, at 3:50 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 22, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY THREE – September 22, 2024

MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 20-22, 2024, reconvened on September 22, 2024, at 8:50 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

19. RESOLUTION 10 – Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 10 – Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils” submitted by the MNGA via the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Society and dated June 1, 2024

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

WHEREAS:

- 1.** Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
- 2.** In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
- 3.** Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
- 4.** If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*:
“12.1 While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC Board of Directors may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board.”
- B.** The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act*:
“8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women’s or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.
- C.** The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women’s Act*:
“Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women’s Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.
 - i.** If the position of Regional Women’s Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.”
- D.** The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:
“Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.
 - i.** If the position of Regional Youth Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the

position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.

CARRIED (AGM2024-17)

(94 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed, and 2 abstained)

20. RESOLUTION 11 - MWBC Representation at the MNGA

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 11 – MWBC Representation at the MNGA" submitted by the MNGA via the Kelowna Métis Association and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Women British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Chair, along with Chartered Community Presidents and others, are equal members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend the MNGA, the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and
3. The MWBC Provincial Chair currently has no alternate to attend the MNGA;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as an additional sub-Article to Article 29 of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*:

"If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place."

- B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:

"If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place."

AND all subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-18)

21. RESOLUTION 12 – MWBC Secretary-Treasurer

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 12 – MWBC Secretary-Treasurer" submitted by the MNGA via the Kelowna Métis Association and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)

WHEREAS:

1. The current *MNBC Women's Act* does not permit the appointment of a Treasurer for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC); and

2. On October 11, 2023, the MWBC Provincial Governance Council approved the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MWBC will replace the Secretary position with the position of Secretary-Treasurer.”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The word “Secretary” be struck from Article 5.7 of the *MNBC Women’s Act* and the word “Secretary-Treasurer” inserted in its place, so that the article will read as follows:

“5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer.”

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-19)

22. RESOLUTION 13 – MYBC Representation at the MNGA

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 13 – MYBC Representation at the MNGA” submitted by the MNGA via the Provincial Youth Chairperson and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Danielle Bergevin) and SECONDED (Madilynn Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions;
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and
3. Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) elects a Vice-Chair from among the elected Regional Representatives, who can assume the duties of the Chair, if the Chair is unavailable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as a sub-article of Article 29 to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place so long as they are at least 18 years of age.”

- B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:

“If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place so long as they are at least 18 years of age.”

AND all subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED (AGM2024-20)

(105 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained)

23. RESOLUTION 14 – Updating the Youth Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 14 – Updating the Youth Act” submitted by the MNGA via the Provincial Youth Chairperson and dated December 3, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Danielle Bergevin) and SECONDED (Madilynn Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) has gone through many changes since the previous election; and
2. The *Métis Nation Youth Act* (the “Youth Act”) is outdated and no longer reflective of how MYBC operates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The following changes to the *Youth Act* be made:

- A. Strike all instances of “the Director of Youth” and replace with “Ministry of Youth Lead.”;
- B. In Article 5.2 strike “MNGA Assembly” and “MNBC Assembly” and replace with “MNGA” and “AGM” respectively;
- C. In Article 5.5 insert “and on the MYBC Committee” so it will read, “The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Council *and on the MYBC Committee.*”;
- D. Strike Article 5.7 and insert the following in its place: “*The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and may elect a secretary, and treasurer who shall be referred to as the “Executive.”.*”;
- E. In Article 5.8 insert the word “video” so it reads “Including telephone, *video*, or in person meetings; and
- F. Strike Article 5.10 and replace it with “*The MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.*”

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-21)

SASH CEREMONY

Elder Barbara Hulme presented a youth delegate with a sash and welcomed him to the Métis community.

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 9:30 a.m. and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

8. MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Question and Answer Session

The AGM Chair invited members of the MNBC Board of Directors to introduce themselves, and then to respond to delegate's questions. Their categorized responses are summarized below:

- *Supporting Métis Families and Children*
 - The Board of Directors is committed to addressing concerns regarding the lack of care for Métis families and children
 - Achieving Indigenous Governing Body (IGB) status will provide government funding, recognition and the authority needed to support the well-being of Métis children in care
 - Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to leverage the *Accessible British Columbia Act* and contact their respective Member of Parliament for supports
 - MNBC withdrew support for the “Métis Commission for Children and Families of BC” and is working to ensure notification from BC when a Métis child is considered for care.
 - Recent funding will support the construction of 11 new daycares. Although there are also supports for post-secondary education, funding for K-12 education remains insufficient
 - Many parents struggle to meet their children's basic needs; culturally-specific care can be essential to prevent some situations from escalating.
- *Enhancing Care and Support for Elders*
 - MNBC is committed to providing comprehensive care for Elders and ensuring staff are well-informed about available resources and supports. Families and loved ones are encouraged to contact MNBC's Health and Wellness staff for assistance
 - Staff may also be able to assist Elders requiring access to essential health care equipment
 - An Elders Advisory Council will be established to address supports for Elders.
- *Community Engagement and Supports*
 - Regional Directors can engage with communities through various approaches, including informal drop-ins or by formal invitations
 - MNBC is exploring opportunities to support a project in New Westminster that could provide affordable housing and a community center for Métis citizens
 - Efforts are being made to strengthen community capacity for delivering programs and services to MNBC citizens.
- *Addressing Poverty and Homelessness*
 - MNBC encourages citizens to support those facing poverty or homelessness, and recognizes the vital role of friends and family in advocating for assistance and resources
 - Provincial and community partnerships are being utilized to collect data on the over-representation of Métis among the homeless population and to identify resources to reduce poverty.
- *Governance and Other Priorities*
 - The MNGA Committee was tasked in 2023, to consult with citizens on MNBC's governance structures and other priorities
 - MNBC is committed to charting its own course forward, guided by the interests of its citizens, and free from external influence
 - Increased AGM attendance remains a goal of the MNBC
 - Dedicated meeting spaces in Regions 4 and 5 has been requested and is being considered.

CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER

President Mineault extended appreciation to the Board of Directors, Elders, Youth, Senators, Veterans and community members for helping advance the MNBC, and for their efforts to support fellow citizens and the work of the MNBC. Senator Arnold Lucier offered a Closing Prayer.

MOTION TO CONCLUDE

It was MOVED (Lisa Shepherd) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 20-22, 2024, now conclude.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2024-22)

Time: September 22, 2024 at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC 2024 AGM held September 20-22, 2024 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

David Peltier, Chair

Anisa White, AGM Clerk