

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2025 Special General Meeting (SGM), held February 9, 2025, by videoconference.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Walter Mineault, President, SGM Chair
Melanie Allard, Vice President
Danielle Bergevin, Chair, Métis Youth BC (MYBC)
Carmen Carriere, Chair, Métis Women BC (MWBC)
Louis De Jaeger, 2SLGBTQQIA+ BC Chair
Patrick Harriott, Treasurer and Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River)
Allan Lavallee, Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland)
Dean Gladue, Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)
Debra Fisher, Secretary and 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:

Nicole Ludwig, SGM Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

Sunday, February 9, 2025

OPENING PRAYER

Elder Bryce Mercredi provided an Opening Prayer.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

Nicole Ludwig, SGM Clerk, confirmed quorum was achieved with the attendance of a total of 88 official voting delegates.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2025 SGM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2025 SGM was called to order on February 9, 2025, at 9:10 a.m. Pacific Time (PT).

2. 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LOCATION AMENDMENT

Related information (displayed and distributed in the agenda package): "Resolution #1 – 2025 Annual General Meeting" submitted to the MNGA Clerk and dated January 23, 2025

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Identifying potential venues for the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) while considering accessibility factors
- Determining key venue requirements for locations within and outside the Lower Mainland, while considering logistics related to planning and hosting an AGM
- Engaging with community leaders and members during the AGM planning process
- Extending the AGM planning period beyond one year, to ensure adequate preparation time
- A suggestion by a group of delegates to create a standardized template for venue proposals, to be submitted to the MNBC, in a motion for consideration
- A proposed amendment to maintain the original AGM date, which was subsequently withdrawn, after confirmation that a venue was not available.

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)

WHEREAS:

1. At the 2024 Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Assembly approved holding the 2025 AGM in Region 6, from September 12 to 14, 2025;
2. MNBC staff surveyed locations in Region 6 for the 2025 AGM and have ascertained that there are no locations available which would suit the needs of the Assembly;
3. MNBC staff are investigating venues in the Lower Mainland (Region 2), however the originally proposed dates are not available; venues have availability the following weekend; and
4. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia* requires that the date and location of AGMs be approved at the preceding AGM;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The location and date for the MNBC 2025 AGM be changed from Region 6 on September 12 to 14, 2025, to the Lower Mainland (Region 2) from September 19 to 21, 2025.

ADOPTED (SGM2025-01)

(77 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed, and 4 abstained)

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

President Mineault expressed gratitude to the attendees for their participation in the meeting. Elder Bryce Mercredi offered a Closing Prayer.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Dave Peltier)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Special General Meeting held February 9, 2025, now conclude.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (SGM2025-02)

Time: 9:55 a.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC 2025 SGM held February 9, 2025, and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Walter Mineault, President and SGM Chair

Nicole Ludwig, SGM Clerk

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