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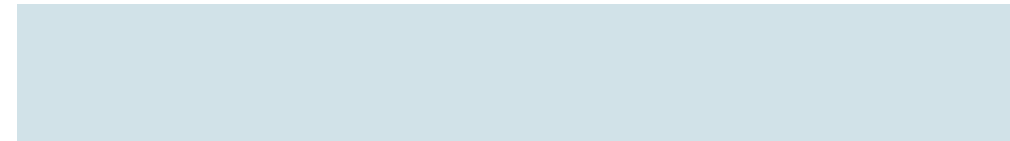
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VALUES



Vision

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous People are recognized.

Mission

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities and interests of all Métis in BC. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in BC.

Goals

1. Promote Métis Rights and recognition, and achieve jurisdiction of our children.
2. Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness.
3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.
4. Support Métis Chartered Communities.
5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development.
6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

Cultural Values

To achieve our vision and mission, we commit to upholding our Métis cultural values in our work together at MNBC, in our communities, and in all our relationships. We embrace the values of integrity, kindness, innovation, respect, teamwork, humility and resilience.



Kwayes'kwât'sowin - Integrity: We hold integrity as a core value. We are honest with ourselves, our colleagues, our communities and our partners. We are reliable and follow through on our word.



Kisiwât'sowin - Kindness: We show and practice lateral kindness in our organization and to everyone with whom we interact on behalf of MNBC. We practice kaa-wichihitoyaahk: we take care of each other.



Ahtsihcikêwin - Innovation: We draw on the spirit of Métis innovation and bring forward our curiosity and creativity to problem solve and develop new solutions for our people.



Manâchitowin - Respect: we respect ourselves, others, and all Creation.



Atoskâtowin - Teamwork: We work together and actively seek opportunities to share information, collaborate on initiatives, and practice reciprocity for stronger outcomes. We embrace teamwork to achieve greater potential for success.



Tâpahtiyim'sowin - Humility: We show and practice cultural humility and cultural agility. We are open to new ideas and recognize the wisdom that surrounds us from others who carry experiences different than ours.



Sipihkisôwin - Resilience: We are resilient and do not fear challenges or setbacks but remain courageous and learn from each step of the journey. We channel the courage of our Métis Ancestors who faced adversity and remained resilient.



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the Annual General Assembly of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

This event brings members together to review the MNBC’s accomplishments over the past year, discuss issues of importance, and establish goals and priorities for the future. I am certain that delegates will make the most of this chance share their experiences and expertise with their peers.

I would like to thank the organizers of this year’s general assembly for putting together a rewarding program for everyone in attendance and for their commitment to supporting the province’s Métis community.

I wish you all a productive meeting and continued success.

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

Ottawa
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MNBC 2025 AGM AGENDA

DRAFT AGENDA
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Friday, September 19, 2025

TIME (PT)	TIME (MT)	ORDER OF BUSINESS
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies <i>Flag Party and Grand Entry</i> <i>Anthems (O Canada – Métis Ballad)</i>
1:20 PM	2:20 PM	Welcome – Musqueam First Nation Opening Prayer Dignitaries Opening Remarks
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum MOTION 1: Nomination and Election of Co-Chairs Meeting Called to Order
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	MOTION 2: Adopt Agenda for 2025 AGM MOTION 3: Adopt 2025 AGM Standing Rules MOTION 4: Review and Adopt Previous General Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 2024 Annual General Meeting (September 20-22, 2024)b. 2025 Special General Meeting (February 9, 2025)
2:25 PM	3:25 PM	MOTION 5: 2026 AGM: Determination of Date
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Health Break
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	AGM Clerk Confirms Quorum
3:05 PM	4:05 PM	Financial Statements Overview – Presentation by Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants Q and A Session to follow MOTION 6: Acceptance of Financial Statements MOTION 7: Appointment of Auditors for next fiscal year
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	CEO/SLT Update
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adjourn for Day 1

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Saturday, September 20, 2025

TIME (PT)	TIME (MT)	ORDER OF BUSINESS
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
9:05 AM	10:05 AM	BCMANR Presentation
9:35 AM	10:35 AM	RESOLUTION 1: Constitutional Amendments
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	RESOLUTION 2: By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Councils
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Health Break
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Award Ceremony
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch break
1:05 PM	2:05 PM	AGM Reconvenes Clerk Conforms Quorum
1:10 AM	2:10 PM	RESOLUTION 3: Community Representation at the MNGA
1:40 PM	2:40 PM	RESOLUTION 4: Citizenship Act Amendments
2:10 PM	3:10 PM	RESOLUTION 5: Enhancing MVBC Representation at the MNGA and Clarifying the Relationship with MNBC Board of Directors
2:55 PM	3:55 PM	RESOLUTION 6: Amendments to the Veterans Act
3:45 PM	4:45 PM	Adjourn for Day 2

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Times subject to change

Sunday, September 21, 2025

TIME (PT)	TIME (MT)	ORDER OF BUSINESS
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
9:05 AM	10:05 AM	RESOLUTION 7: Update to Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQA+, and Youth Legislation
9:45 AM	10:45 AM	RESOLUTION 8: Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQQA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Health Break
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	MNBC Board QA
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	2025 AGM Adjourns



MNBC AGM STANDING RULES



The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNBC Citizens 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 B.C. Societies Act, the MNBC Bylaws, and Constitution.
- 2
- Only MNBC Citizens are entitled to speak and vote at this meeting.
- 3
- A Citizen who is attending the meeting in person and wishes to speak will approach the microphone or have the microphone brought to them, wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking, and open by stating their name
- 4
- A Citizen who is attending the meeting virtually and wishes to speak will request to do so by using the “raise hand” function, wait to be recognized by the Chair and be unmuted, and open by stating their name.
- 5
- As much as possible, the Chair will alternate between recognizing virtual speakers and in person speakers.
- 6
- On each issue or motion, a Citizen will be entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than two (2) minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than two minutes will require permission from the assembly.
- 7
- If a Citizen has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same two minute time slot.
- 8
- To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a Citizen must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
- 9
- Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Chair may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
- 10
- Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
- 11
- Speakers must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.

2024 AGM MINUTES



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held September 20-22, 2024 in Vancouver, BC





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, xwməθkwəy̓ əm (Musqueam)

Alec Dan presented a Drumsong and welcomed attendees to the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm territory.

Sam and Dan George, sə́l ilwətaʔ4/sél ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh)

Sam and Dan George presented a Prayer Song and welcomed attendees to the sə́l ilwətaʔ4/sél ilwítulh territory.

Sxwíxwtn Wilson Williams, sk̓wx̓ wú7mesh (Squamish)

Sxwíxwtn Williams welcomed attendees to the sk̓wx̓ wú7mesh 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 2022, 2024 Annual General Meeting

It was **MOVED (Tyler Masee) 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 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Act”, and to postpone the “MNBC Board Introduction and Q and A Session” to September 22, 2024.

9. RESOLUTION 1 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Act

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

The AGM Clerk read aloud a portion of the displayed resolution, and the “Preamble” portion of the proposed “MNBC 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ have a desire to organize themselves;
- 2. The “2Spirit 2Worlds report” has identified statistics on the overrepresentation of egregious harms being endured by our 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens;
- 3. Advocacy and resources are necessary to address the inequity faced by the 2SLGBTQIA+ community; and
- 4. A 2SLGBTQIA+ voice at the Métis Nation Governing Assembly would be beneficial to the entire Métis Nation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The 2SLGBTQIA+ Act be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation of British Columbia region.
- B. The attached 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

D. The Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution (the “Constitution”) be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 12:
 - i. Insert the words “the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” before the words “the President and the Vice-President”;
 - ii. Change all instances of “elected representative” to “elected Chairperson”; and
 - iii. 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

d. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows:

“34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

e. Add new Article 39 as follows:

“39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or



older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim Chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- h. In Article 60, strike the word “and” following the words “Regional Director of the MNBC” and insert “, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*.”

- e. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

(i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+.”

- h. Add the following as Article 6.3e:

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

- i. Add the following as Article 6.4e:

“e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQIA+, 18 years of age or older on Election Day, for the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the above-noted acronymSo 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governing Council; and”
 - c. Add the following as Article 9.1.9:

“9.1.9 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.”
 - b. In Article 4.8c), insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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:

- 1.1.3

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 selfgovernment.
- 3.1.4

The Applicant understands Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative body for Métis Citizens in BC provincially, nationally, and internationally.
- 1.1.5

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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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:

WINTER MNGA
(December)

SPRING MNGA
(March)

SUMMER MNGA
(June)

AGM
(September) In person

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:]

1.3 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;~~

1.5 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:
 - o If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
 - o 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 aways 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 aways 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
- o The Board of Directors is committed to addressing concerns regarding the lack of care for Métis families and children

o 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

o Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to leverage the *Accessible British Columbia Act* and contact their respective Member of Parliament for supports

o 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.

o 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

o 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
- o 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

o Staff may also be able to assist Elders requiring access to essential health care equipment

o An Elders Advisory Council will be established to address supports for Elders.
- Community Engagement and Supports
- o Regional Directors can engage with communities through various approaches, including informal drop-ins

- or by formal invitations
- o MNBC is exploring opportunities to support a project in New Westminster that could provide affordable housing and a community center for Métis citizens

o Efforts are being made to strengthen community capacity for delivering programs and services to MNBC citizens.
- Addressing Poverty and Homelessness
- o 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

o 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
- o The MNGA Committee was tasked in 2023, to consult with citizens on MNBC’s governance structures and other priorities

o MNBC is committed to charting its own course forward, guided by the interests of its citizens, and free from external influence

o Increased AGM attendance remains a goal of the MNBC

o 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

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2025 SGM MINUTES



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

held February 9, 2025 by videoconference





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

SGM

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:

- 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.

FINANCIAL

Audited Financial Statements

2024 - 2025

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (the "Council"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the consolidated statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2025, and the consolidated results of its operations and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.


Manning Elliott LLP

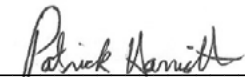
MANNING ELLIOTT LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Abbotsford, British Columbia
July 29, 2025

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,843,324	\$ 44,512,022
Short term investments (Note 3)	30,066,575	30,063,316
Accounts receivable	3,242,162	1,347,042
Goods and services tax receivable	363,018	391,695
Prepaid expenses and deposits	2,046,702	1,954,481
Advances to related parties (Note 4)	7,475	6,385
	85,569,256	78,274,941
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	52	52
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)	32,126,242	19,139,237
COLLECTIONS (Note 1(d))	11,255	11,255
	\$118,956,805	\$ 98,675,485
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,490,143	\$ 2,349,107
Vacation payable	904,660	480,300
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	78,473,074	74,256,253
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 9)	502,296	596,386
Advances from related party (Note 4)	50,135	-
	83,420,308	77,682,046
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 10)	14,441,238	4,288,373
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 9)	-	304,386
	97,861,546	82,274,805
COMMITMENTS (Note 11)		
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Note 11)		
CONTINGENCIES (Note 12)		
NET ASSETS		
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
UNRESTRICTED	2,149,000	288,561
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	17,696,259	14,862,119
	21,095,259	16,400,680
	\$118,956,805	\$ 98,675,485

Approved by the Directors:


Director


Director



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2024	2023
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 288,561	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 16,400,680	\$ 15,553,596
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	592,423	-	592,423	736,333
DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	1,130,066	(1,130,066)	-	-
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (Note 7)	-	-	4,102,156	4,102,156	110,751
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	(11,247,485)	11,247,485	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	1,232,570	(1,232,570)	-	-
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	-	11,642,865	(11,642,865)	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-	(1,490,000)	1,490,000	-	-
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 2,149,000	\$ 17,696,259	\$ 21,095,259	\$ 16,400,680



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2023	2022
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (447,772)	\$ 14,751,368	\$ 15,553,596	\$ 521,230
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	736,333	-	736,333	280,998
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (Note 7)	-	-	110,751	110,751	14,751,368
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	(2,173,627)	2,173,627	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	744,657	(744,657)	-	-
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	-	2,173,627	(2,173,627)	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-	(744,657)	744,657	-	-
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 288,561	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 16,400,680	\$ 15,553,596



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
ISET - CRF (Schedule 2)	6,131,375	6,131,375	-	9,897,827	9,897,827	-
ISET - EI (Schedule 3)	2,646,724	2,646,724	-	-	-	-
ISC - PSE (Schedule 4)	3,691,326	3,691,326	-	6,730,085	6,730,085	-
AEST - PSFS-III (Schedule 5)	6,526,471	6,526,471	-	247,483	247,483	-
AEST - PSFS-III (Schedule 6)	145,819	145,819	-	-	-	-
AEST - MNBC Institute & Capacity (Schedule 7)	127,861	127,861	-	38,490	38,490	-
AEST - Scholarships (Schedule 8)	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
MAEST - Sexual Violence Policy (Schedule 9)	5,630	5,630	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Basic Operational Capacity (Schedule 10)	421,475	421,475	-	421,475	421,475	-
CIRNAC - Capacity Proposal for Métis Women's Consultation (Schedule 11)	102,530	102,530	-	167,615	167,615	-
CIRNAC - Community Based Climate Monitoring Initiative (Schedule 12)	105,492	105,492	-	132,206	132,206	-
CIRNAC - Climate Leadership Co-Development (Schedule 13)	238,036	238,036	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Housing Strategy and Implementation (Schedule 14)	7,311,956	7,311,956	-	4,363,472	4,363,472	-
CIRNAC - Indigenous Community Infrastructure Plan (Schedule 15)	1,037,180	1,037,180	-	4,062	4,062	-
CIRNAC - Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Discussion Table (Schedule 16)	519,343	519,343	-	410,683	410,683	-
CIRNAC - The Métis Nation Table on Climate Change (Schedule 17)	162,722	162,722	-	117,528	117,528	-
CIRNAC - Tobacco Control Strategy (Schedule 18)	359,772	359,772	-	81,828	81,828	-
CIRNAC - Ventilation in Public Buildings (Schedule 19)	14,689	14,689	-	1,417	1,417	-
Subtotal	29,598,401	29,598,401	-	22,664,171	22,664,171	-



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	29,598,401	29,598,401	-	22,664,171	22,664,171	-
CIRNAC - Family Violence Prevention (Schedule 20)	31,084	31,084	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Métis Adaptation Priorities in British Columbia (Schedule 21)	19,151	19,151	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Section 35 Research project (Schedule 22)	858,019	858,019	-	-	-	-
ISC - Anti-Racism (Schedule 23)	495,829	495,829	-	111,267	111,267	-
ISC - Core Governance (Schedule 24)	4,640,625	4,640,625	-	4,604,419	4,604,419	-
ISC - Emergency COVID19 Funding (Schedule 25)	1,927,917	1,927,917	-	2,466,776	2,466,776	-
ISC - Health Core Capacity (Schedule 26)	40,000	40,000	-	80,000	80,000	-
ISC - Health Legislation Engagement (Schedule 27)	107,078	107,078	-	112,868	112,868	-
ISC - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - The "Mamawii" Gathering Place (Schedule 28)	1,378	1,378	-	1,115	1,115	-
ISC - Mental Health (Schedule 29)	2,710,990	2,710,990	-	819,197	819,197	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Schedule 30)	832,272	832,272	-	1,278,420	1,278,420	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Research and Innovation) (Schedule 31)	1,667	1,667	-	-	-	-
ISC - Trauma-Informed Health Support (Schedule 32)	336,554	336,554	-	-	-	-
ISC - Intergovernmental Relations (Schedule 33)	575,000	575,000	-	-	-	-
ISC - Long-term and Continuing Care Engagement Plan (Schedule 34)	79,199	79,199	-	-	-	-
ISC - Governance Engagement Mechanism (Schedule 35)	464,000	464,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	42,719,164	42,719,164	-	32,138,233	32,138,233	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	42,719,164	42,719,164	-	32,138,233	32,138,233	-
ISC - Enhanced Federal Procurement for Métis Business (Schedule 36)	22,492	22,492	-	-	-	-
PHAC - Health Capacity (Schedule 37)	490,420	490,420	-	60,790	60,790	-
PHAC - Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (Schedule 38)	1,109,020	1,109,020	-	727,775	727,775	-
Health Canada - SUAP Outreach (Schedule 39)	317,372	317,372	-	77,146	77,146	-
Health Canada - End of Life Care (ELOC) (Schedule 40)	13,162	13,162	-	-	-	-
Health Canada - Palliative Care (Schedule 41)	294,100	294,100	-	-	-	-
Department of Justice - Indigenous Justice Strategy (Schedule 42)	9,941	9,941	-	6,348	6,348	-
Department of Justice - Métis 101 for Justice System Professionals (Schedule 43)	46,117	46,117	-	-	-	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women In Leadership (Schedule 44)	75,851	75,851	-	14,433	14,433	-
ECCC - Canadian Wildlife Services (Schedule 45)	93,369	93,369	-	83,847	83,847	-
ECCC - Metis Guardian Harvesters (Schedule 46)	293,826	293,826	-	22,827	22,827	-
ECCC - Canada Nature Fund (Schedule 47)	127,926	127,926	-	-	-	-
ECCC - Land Use Changes of Métis Citizens in BC (Schedule 48)	425	425	-	-	-	-
ECCC-Canada Nature Fund -IPCA (Schedule 49)	34,213	34,213	-	-	-	-
ECCC - Pollinators at risk in BC (Schedule 50)	31,490	31,490	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	45,678,888	45,678,888	-	33,131,399	33,131,399	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	45,678,888	45,678,888	-	33,131,399	33,131,399	-
ECCC - Métis Climate Action in British Columbia (Schedule 51)	20,400	20,400	-	-	-	-
ESDC - Early Learning and Child Care (Schedule 52)	9,567,865	9,567,865	-	9,408,303	9,408,303	-
ESDC - Follow MY Lead (Schedule 53)	5,941	5,941	-	152,065	152,065	-
ESDC - Reaching Home (Schedule 54)	1,398,759	1,398,759	-	718,422	718,422	-
ESDC - Summer Student Program (Schedule 55)	9,790	9,790	-	32,382	32,382	-
IAAC - Spanish Mountain Gold (Schedule 56)	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
CEAA - Eskay Creek Revitalization Grant (Schedule 57)	4,599	4,599	-	-	-	-
CEAA - Ksi Lisims LNG Grant (Schedule 58)	11,394	11,394	-	-	-	-
CER - NEBC Connector Project (Schedule 59)	8,462	8,462	-	5,889	5,889	-
CER - Post GIC Decision Grant for NEBC Connector Project (Schedule 60)	3,500	3,500	-	-	-	-
Parks Canada - Métis Involvement & Capacity in Urban parks (Schedule 61)	93,426	93,426	-	10,094	10,094	-
Parks Canada - Exhibit Content (Schedule 62)	2,205	2,205	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Languages Component #4 (Schedule 63)	259,875	259,875	-	40,125	40,125	-
Indigenous Languages Component #5 (Schedule 64)	284,919	284,919	-	-	-	-
Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Funding (Schedule 65)	300,000	300,000	-	-	-	-
MNC Conference (Schedule 66)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
MNC Videography Project (Schedule 67)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	57,715,023	57,715,023	-	43,498,679	43,498,679	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	57,715,023	57,715,023	-	43,498,679	43,498,679	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Métis Justice Strategy (Schedule 68)	4,360	4,360	-	104,441	104,441	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Anti-Racism (Schedule 69)	87,018	87,018	-	4,203	4,203	-
MIRR - Core Governance (Schedule 70)	400,000	400,000	-	732,362	732,362	-
MIRR - Declaration Act (Schedule 71)	3,327	3,327	-	200,000	200,000	-
MIRR - Métis Nation BC Relations Table (Schedule 72)	587,191	587,191	-	584,688	584,688	-
MIRR - UAYC Youth Engagement (Schedule 73)	18,473	18,473	-	18,215	18,215	-
MIRR - UAYC Youth Engagement III (Schedule 74)	51,319	51,319	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Youth Engagement (Schedule 75)	9,067	9,067	-	21,103	21,103	-
MIRR - Chartered Communities and Cultural Initiatives (Schedule 76)	390,000	390,000	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Action Plan Engagement UN Declaration (Schedule 77)	18,870	18,870	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Capacity Funding (Schedule 78)	123,411	123,411	-	105,288	105,288	-
MCFD - Permanency Planning for Children in Care (Schedule 79)	428,752	428,752	-	500,000	500,000	-
MCFD - Métis Early Years Navigators (Schedule 80)	688,374	688,374	-	564,661	564,661	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund - FSJ (Schedule 81)	249,453	249,453	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund - Kamloops (Schedule 82)	1,648,876	1,648,876	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Métis Child Care Navigation and Support Program (Schedule 83)	499,994	499,994	-	499,692	499,692	-
Subtotal	62,923,508	62,923,508	-	46,833,332	46,833,332	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	62,923,508	62,923,508	-	46,833,332	46,833,332	-
MCFD Grant - ELCC Engagement (Schedule 84)	125,000	125,000	-	132,458	132,458	-
MCFD - Transformative Changes (Schedule 85)	107,280	107,280	-	131,241	131,241	-
MCFD - CYSN Services (Schedule 86)	1,541	1,541	-	-	-	-
MOE - Core Operations K-12 (Schedule 87)	124,318	124,318	-	60,091	60,091	-
Feeding Futures (Schedule 88)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
MOE - Distinctions Based Space Fund - Mission (Schedule 89)	7,797	7,797	-	-	-	-
MOE - Distinctions Based Space Fund - Kamloops (Schedule 90)	120,000	120,000	-	-	-	-
Métis Pedagogy Services (Schedule 91)	122,987	122,987	-	-	-	-
MOF - Gender-Based Violence (Schedule 92)	98,338	98,338	-	1,662	1,662	-
MOH -Capacity Funding (Schedule 93)	94,782	94,782	-	197,646	197,646	-
MOH - In Plain Sight (Schedule 94)	933,340	933,340	-	1,136,997	1,136,997	-
MOH - In Plain Sight Task Team Planning (Schedule 95)	49,645	49,645	-	40,284	40,284	-
MOH - Health & Wellness Grant (Schedule 96)	310,284	310,284	-	-	-	-
MMHA - Engagement Sessions (Schedule 97)	375,000	375,000	-	375,000	375,000	-
MMHA - Self-Harm & Alcohol-Related Issues (Schedule 98)	132,112	132,112	-	-	-	-
MoSD - Poverty Reduction Engagement Sessions (Schedule 99)	16,913	16,913	-	-	-	-
MoSD - Poverty Reduction Recommendations (Schedule 100)	50,143	50,143	-	-	-	-
PHSA Grant - School Food Guidelines (Schedule 101)	2,840	2,840	-	17,160	17,160	-
Subtotal	65,620,828	65,620,828	-	48,925,871	48,925,871	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	65,620,828	65,620,828	-	48,925,871	48,925,871	-
PHSA - Unintended Consequences (Unicorn) (Schedule 102)	8,760	8,760	-	79,506	79,506	-
Arts Impact Grant (Schedule 103)	100	100	-	26,375	26,375	-
Arts Infrastructure Grant (Schedule 104)	46,809	46,809	-	14,067	14,067	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Cultural Kinections (Schedule 105)	8,584	8,584	-	28	28	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Sashing Our Warriors (Schedule 106)	792	792	-	127	127	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Healing and Rebuilding (Schedule 107)	317	317	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Ask the Kih̓t̓eyak (Elders) Virtual Circle (Schedule 108)	20,569	20,569	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Metis Youth Governance Forum (Schedule 109)	852	852	-	-	-	-
CPAC - Métis Cancer Strategic Plans (Schedule 110)	50,000	50,000	-	29,119	29,119	-
SPARC (Schedule 111)	50,363	50,363	-	-	-	-
Co-Development of the Modernized Emergency Program (Schedule 112)	48,628	48,628	-	6,372	6,372	-
FHA - Experiential Learning (Schedule 113)	45,212	45,212	-	-	-	-
FHA - Health Systems Advocate (Schedule 114)	107,581	107,581	-	-	-	-
FHA - Engagement (Schedule 115)	39,700	39,700	-	-	-	-
FHA - HHR & STEPS Connection (Schedule 116)	91,640	91,640	-	-	-	-
Interior Health - Aboriginal Health Care Advocate (Schedule 117)	179,650	179,650	-	6,055	6,055	-
Subtotal	66,320,385	66,320,385	-	49,087,520	49,087,520	-

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	66,320,385	66,320,385	-	49,087,520	49,087,520	-
Interior Health - HARS/Emergency Preparedness Grant (Schedule 118)	18,000	18,000	-	19,400	19,400	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 119)	60,948	60,948	-	140,463	140,463	-
Interior Health - Community Food Action Initiative (Schedule 120)	42,289	42,289	-	-	-	-
Island Health - Wellness Advocate (Schedule 121)	15,214	15,214	-	-	-	-
Northern Health Capacity (Schedule 122)	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
Northern Health - Health & Wellness Checkup Program (Schedule 123)	32,000	32,000	-	-	-	-
FNHA - Fraser Salish Indigenous Cultural Safety Event (Schedule 124)	3,205	3,205	-	-	-	-
Métis Nation’s Aboriginal Health Initiative Committee (AHIC) (Schedule 125)	220	220	-	11,104	11,104	-
New Relationship Trust - Indigenous Food Security & Sovereignty Grant (Schedule 126)	154,680	154,680	-	-	-	-
General Justice Fund (Schedule 127)	223	223	-	-	-	-
SOW - Shock Proofing Communities Grant (Schedule 128)	3,251	3,251	-	71,148	71,148	-
Heritage BC - Time Immemorial Grant (Schedule 129)	24,343	24,343	-	15,606	15,606	-
CMCH - Core Housing Need Research (Schedule 130)	40,600	40,600	-	71,223	71,223	-
Subtotal	66,765,358	66,765,358	-	49,466,464	49,466,464	-



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	66,765,358	66,765,358	-	49,466,464	49,466,464	-
Healthcare Excellence Canada (Schedule 135)	56,657	56,657	-	-	-	-
University of Western Ontario - Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (Schedule 136)	83,275	83,275	-	186,730	186,730	-
Aboriginal Service Plan (ASP) - Thompson River University (Schedule 137)	34,241	34,241	-	13,984	13,984	-
Capilano University - Cultural Specialist Funding (Schedule 138)	32,000	32,000	-	-	-	-
UPHN - HPV Immunization Project (Schedule 139)	101,456	101,456	-	70,764	70,764	-
Vancouver Coastal Health - Health Through Culture (Schedule 140)	97,992	97,992	-	13,629	13,629	-
Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak Funding (Schedule 141)	300	300	-	3,813	3,813	-
BCSSA - Métis Peoples & Community (Schedule 142)	8,511	8,511	-	34,989	34,989	-
BC Arts Council - Professional Arts Training Program (Schedule 143)	13,316	13,316	-	2,084	2,084	-
Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Schedule 144)	11,500	11,500	-	100,000	100,000	-
Vancity Grant (Schedule 145)	105,138	105,138	-	26,812	26,812	-
TD Bank - Cervix Check (Schedule 146)	4,506	4,506	-	-	-	-
Port of Vancouver - Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (Schedule 147)	13,883	13,883	-	-	-	-
Enbridge - Sunrise Expansion (Schedule 148)	11,710	11,710	-	-	-	-
Natural Resources - Various Federal Grants (Schedule 149)	878	878	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	67,340,721	67,340,721	-	49,919,269	49,919,269	-



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	67,340,721	67,340,721	-	49,919,269	49,919,269	-
Destination Greater Victoria Sponsorship (Schedule 150)	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-
Point Ellice House (Schedule 151)	38,316	38,316	-	-	-	-
Sports Grant (Schedule 152)	53,935	53,935	-	91,988	91,988	-
Elders Assistance Program (Schedule 153)	275,000	275,000	-	356,215	356,215	-
Batoche (Schedule 154)	34,960	34,960	-	50,264	50,264	-
AGM (Schedule 155)	349,317	349,317	-	387,743	387,743	-
MNGA (Schedule 156)	310,667	310,667	-	250,056	250,056	-
Merch sales (Schedule 157)	8,880	-	8,880	-	-	-
Administration (Schedule 158)	11,188,939	10,657,979	530,960	7,334,964	7,052,148	282,816
JV & Partnerships (Schedule 159)	223,830	-	223,830	420,962	-	420,962
Housing Operations (Schedule 160)	209,767	12,491	197,276	-	-	-
Culture Program (MNBC Store) (Schedule 161)	46,403	141,396	(94,993)	125,149	75,888	49,261
Other programs	4,933	4,933	-	-	-	-
AEST - SITEM-II	-	-	-	7,484,345	7,484,345	-
CIRNAC - Infrastructure Engagement Project	-	-	-	195,649	195,649	-
ISC - Métis Minor Infrastructure	-	-	-	391	391	-
ISC - Métis Women of British Columbia - Consultation, Leadership and Governance	-	-	-	30,645	30,645	-
ISC - Supportive Care Assessment	-	-	-	506,664	506,664	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women Empowerment Project	-	-	-	27,699	27,699	-
Subtotal	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	67,182,003	66,428,964	753,039

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	67,182,003	66,428,964	753,039
ECCC - Métis Guardians - Conserving Nature	-	-	-	267,819	267,819	-
Health Canada - Safe Restart	-	-	-	407,922	407,922	-
MHCC - Cannabis Grant	-	-	-	71,609	71,609	-
IAAC - Castle Project	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
IAAC - CER - NGTL System	-	-	-	1,512	1,512	-
IAAC - Onshore Pipelines	-	-	-	12,000	12,000	-
Indigenous Languages Component #3	-	-	-	238,069	238,069	-
MIRR - Residential School Response	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund	-	-	-	2,100,000	2,100,000	-
MCFD - Child Care Rapid Renovation Grant	-	-	-	577,956	577,956	-
MMHA - Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness	-	-	-	140,046	140,046	-
PHSA - Bursaries	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Métis Elder's & Knowledge Keepers	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Learn, Heal, Rebuild - Métis Speaker Series	-	-	-	807	807	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness	-	-	-	112,824	112,824	-
UNBC - Cervix Cancer Strategy	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
Rise Consulting - Orange Shirt Donation	-	-	-	1,955	1,955	-
BC Hydro - ITUF	-	-	-	230,000	230,000	-
National Indigenous Peoples Day	-	-	-	7,742	7,742	-
Subtotal	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	71,702,264	70,949,225	753,039

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024						
	2024			2023		
	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)	Revenue	Expenses	Excess (Deficiency)
Balance forward	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	71,702,264	70,949,225	753,039
Métis Language Institute	-	-	-	26,000	26,000	-
CWRG Driver's Training	-	-	-	169,730	169,730	-
	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	71,897,994	71,144,955	753,039
Other reimbursements	(68,780)	(68,780)	-	-	-	-
Internally allocated administration (Note 13)	(8,449,199)	(8,449,199)	-	(7,287,033)	(7,287,033)	-
	71,571,689	70,705,736	865,953	64,610,961	63,857,922	753,039
OTHER ITEMS						
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	1,490,000		1,490,000	744,657		744,657
Amortization of capital assets		1,232,570	(1,232,570)		744,657	(744,657)
Loss on disposal of capital assets		530,960	(530,960)		-	-
Interest expense from loan financing (Note 9)		-			16,706	(16,706)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR (Schedule 1)	73,061,689	72,469,266	592,423	65,355,618	64,619,285	736,333

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 592,423	\$ 736,333
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	1,232,570	744,657
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(1,490,000)	(744,657)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	530,960	-
Interest expense from loan financing	-	16,706
	865,953	753,039
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(1,895,120)	(698,207)
Goods and services tax receivable	28,677	(199,543)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(92,221)	(1,525,223)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,141,036	321,142
Vacation payable	424,360	262,543
Deferred revenue	4,216,821	25,447,079
	3,823,553	23,607,791
	4,689,506	24,360,830
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Advances from related party	50,135	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(398,476)	(425,990)
Funding for purchase of land	4,102,156	110,751
Deferred capital contributions received	11,642,865	2,173,627
	15,396,680	1,858,388
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of land	(4,102,156)	(110,751)
Purchase of capital assets	(11,247,485)	(2,173,627)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	599,106	-
Purchase of short term investments	(3,259)	(30,063,316)
Advances to related parties	(1,090)	-
	(14,754,884)	(32,347,694)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	5,331,302	(6,128,476)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	44,512,022	50,640,498
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 49,843,324	\$ 44,512,022

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia ("the Council") was incorporated on October 23, 1996 under the British Columbia Society Act and subsequently transitioned to the British Columbia Societies Act. The Council was established to represent and serve the needs of the Métis people and to deliver employment and training services to the Métis people of British Columbia. The Council is exempt from corporate income taxes pursuant to paragraph 149(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

As of April 1, 2019 the Council operated under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISETP). Prior to this, the Council operated under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS).

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, which are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In management's opinion, these financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is defined as cash on hand, cash on deposit, short-term deposits with maturity dates of less than 90 days at the date of purchase and bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn. Cash subjected to restrictions that prevent its use for current purposes, including endowments, is excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

(b) Short term investments

Short term investments include guaranteed investment certificates. The investments are carried at cost which approximates their fair value as the maturity date is less than one year.

(c) Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization which is recorded over the useful lives of the assets on a straight line basis over the following periods:

Buildings	20 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Computers	5 years
Software	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

The Council's policy is to record a write-down to a capital asset's fair value or replacement cost when conditions indicate that a capital asset is impaired. Such conditions include when the capital asset no longer contributes to the Council's ability to provide goods and services or when the value of future economic benefits or service potential associated with the capital asset is less than its net carrying amount. Write-downs are recognized as an expense in the statement of operations and are not reversed. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no write-downs have been recognized.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- (d) Collections
- Collections held by the Council include artwork. The Council records collections at cost. If cost is not determinable, collections are recorded at nominal value. The Council writes down the value of a collection if any events or changes in circumstances indicate that its net carrying value may exceed its fair value. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no write-downs have been recognized.
- (e) Interest in joint ventures
- The Council's joint ventures are not consolidated but are reported using the equity method of accounting for investments and by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Handbook - Accounting.
- (f) Controlled not-for-profit organization
- The Council's controlled not-for-profit organization is not consolidated, but is reported by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting.
- (g) Revenue recognition
- The Council follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.
- Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are recorded as deferred capital contributions and are amortized to revenue at the same rate as the related capital assets.
- Contributions restricted for the purchase of land are recognized as direct increases to net assets.
- Deferred revenue represents operating funding received in the current period that is designated for future periods.

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- (h) Financial instruments
- i) Measurement
- The Council's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, accounts receivable, advances to related parties, accounts payable, vacation payable, long-term debt, and advances from related party.
- The Council initially measures all of its financial instruments at fair value except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Council subsequently measures all of its financial instruments at amortized cost. Changes to financial instruments measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred.
- ii) Impairment
- Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down that is determined is recognized in the statement of operations. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period in which it is determined.
- iii) Transaction costs
- Transaction costs related to financial instruments that will be subsequently measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred. Transaction costs related to financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost are included in the original cost of the asset or liability and recognized in the statement of operations over the life of the instrument using the straight-line method.
- (i) Use of estimates
- The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as at the end of or during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used are reasonable and prudent, however, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the valuation of accounts receivable and related party balances, determination of the useful lives of capital assets for computing amortization, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities and measurement of deferred revenue and deferred capital contributions.



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISKS

The Council is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Council's risk exposure and concentration of risk as at March 31, 2024, which remain significantly unchanged from the prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Council is exposed to credit risk from its accounts receivable, and advances to related parties. The Council deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Council's accounts receivable includes amounts receivable from various government agencies which have minimal risk of default. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recognized.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Council is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable, vacation payable, long-term debt, and advances from related party. The Council mitigates liquidity risk by ensuring it documents when authorized payments become due and monitors cash balances and cash flows generated from operations against its anticipated, committed and contemplated outflows.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Council's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Council is not exposed to currency risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments in foreign currency and all transactions are conducted in Canadian dollars.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Council is not exposed to this risk as it does not hold any credit facilities or investments with floating interest rates.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Council is not exposed to other price risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments which may be affected by changes in market prices.



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3. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Included in short term investments are two (2023 - four) guaranteed investment certificates with interest rates ranging from 5.38% to 5.41% (2023 - 5.01% to 5.17%) per annum and with maturity dates between May 2024 and September 2024 (2023 - May 2023 and August 2023).

4. RELATED PARTY BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of the Council's related party balances and transactions:

	2024	2023
Advances to related parties		
Wholly owned by the Council		
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	\$ 6,385	\$ 6,385
Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation	1,090	-
	\$ 7,475	\$ 6,385
Advances from related party		
Under common control due to same board of directors		
Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society	\$ 50,135	\$ -
Related party transaction		
Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society		
Programs and projects expense	\$ 50,000	\$ -

The advances are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and have no fixed terms of repayment, and are therefore classified as current.

The related party transaction is in the normal course of operations and is measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Council holds various interests which are accounted for in the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(e) and 1(f):

	2024	2023
TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership	\$ 1	\$ 1
Williams Scotsman Joint Venture	43	43
Ironwood Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture	1	1
Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
Iridia Medical Joint Venture	1	1
MVS / MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture	1	1
Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation	1	1
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	1	1
	\$ 52	\$ 52



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5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Council holds 51% interest in the TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership and the remaining 49% interest is held by unrelated parties. The purpose of the limited partnership is to provide crane and lifting services in BC.

The Council holds 51% interest in the Williams Scotsman Joint Venture and the remaining 49% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide marketing in certain circumstances where it would have preferential access to opportunities for providing the services to clients in BC.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Ironwood Métis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related equipment to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide services to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide a variety of services such as construction and maintenance activities related to forestry, mining, oil and gas utility, infrastructure and renewable projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Iridia Medical Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide medical services contract associated with Cord project.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the MVS/MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

Income earned by the Council from the above investments is recorded within the JV and Partnerships program in the statement of operations.

There are significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the above organizations, as these organizations report under a different framework than ASNPO.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation ("the Trustee Corporation"). The activity in the Trustee Corporation is minimal.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. ("the Corporation"). The purpose of the corporation is to provide supporting economic development of Metis Nation by providing financial assistance to Metis entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs through business loans and other funding mechanisms. The Corporation is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada) Section 149(1)(e) as a non-profit corporation.



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5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS (continued)

There are no significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the Corporation. A summary of assets, liabilities, operations and cash flows of the Corporation for the years ending March 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows as the March 31, 2024 figures are unavailable:

	2023	2022
Total assets	\$ 23,794,556	\$ 22,002,332
Total liabilities	\$ 15,158,747	\$ 14,962,332
Net assets	\$ 8,635,809	\$ 7,040,000
Total revenue	\$ 4,015,136	\$ 2,416,435
Total expenses	\$ 2,419,327	\$ 1,184,515
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 1,595,809	\$ 1,231,920
Cash inflow (outflow) from:		
Operating activities	\$ (2,437,415)	\$ 1,622,508
Investing activities	\$ (3,769)	\$ 997,657
Financing activities	\$ -	\$ -

Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society ("the Society") is governed by the same of board of directors as the Council. No activity has taken place in the Society other than the related party transaction and balance disclosed in Note 4.

6. ENDOWMENT

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Council received \$1,250,000 from the Government of Canada for the purpose of establishing an Endowment Fund to support Métis students in the pursuit of post secondary education. Endowment contributions are presented as direct increases in net assets. The Council will maintain the capital amount of the Endowment Fund and income earned from the Endowment fund will be used to support activities per the funding agreement.

Investment income earned on the endowment is accounted for as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance deferred, beginning of year	\$ 40,929	\$ -
Investment income earned during the year	70,883	40,929
Balance deferred, end of year	\$ 111,812	\$ 40,929

The balance deferred is included in Central Services – Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding (Note 8).



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7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Land	\$ 18,576,022	\$ -	\$ 18,576,022	\$ 14,862,119
Buildings	9,681,994	235,437	9,446,557	1,225,874
Furniture and equipment	1,507,152	244,780	1,262,372	788,199
Computers and software	2,422,749	1,208,593	1,214,156	1,198,579
Leasehold improvements	1,903,782	667,397	1,236,385	1,064,466
Vehicles	390,750	-	390,750	-
	\$ 34,482,449	\$ 2,356,207	\$ 32,126,242	\$ 19,139,237

Included in buildings are seven (2023 - four) properties with total cost of \$852,532 (2023 - \$764,824) which are not available for use and have not been amortized.

Vehicles of \$390,750 are not available for use and have not been amortized.

During the year, the Council received funding of \$4,102,156 (2023 - \$110,751) to meet its housing objectives. This funding was used by the Council to purchase land and is recorded as a direct increase to net assets in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(g).

8. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents unspent restricted funding for subsequent years and are deferred in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(g). The changes in the deferred revenue balance is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 74,256,253	\$ 48,809,174
Amount received during the year	19,239,734	30,082,211
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(15,022,913)	(4,635,132)
Balance, end of year	\$ 78,473,074	\$ 74,256,253

Deferred revenue by source of funding is as follows:

Central Services - Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 2,037,400	\$ 1,986,345
Provincial Funding	1,386,332	102,411
Administration and Other Funding	6,384,729	5,333,121
Ministry of Skills Training, Employment & Post Secondary (STEPS)		
Federal - ISC	\$ 1,370,859	\$ -
Federal - ESDC	956,061	1,640,821
Provincial Funding	8,866,734	7,541,704
Other Funding	-	74,177
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 13,451,588	\$ 20,452,140
Federal Funding - ESDC	-	1,273,934



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8. DEFERRED REVENUE (continued)

	2024	2023
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 26,053	\$ -
Provincial Funding	332,725	300,000
Other Funding	-	71,918
Ministry of Women and Gender Equity		
Federal Funding	\$ 15,062	\$ 127,207
Provincial Funding	2,299	11,674
Other Funding	1,012	1,312
Ministry of Youth		
Federal Funding	\$ 196,116	\$ 199,652
Provincial Funding	83,718	57,962
Other Funding	24,442	47,683
Ministry of Health and Wellness		
Federal Funding	\$ 791,340	\$ 3,774,395
Provincial Funding	1,640,297	823,658
Other Funding	4,795	893,879
Ministry of Children and Families		
Provincial Funding	\$ 348,638	\$ -
Other Funding	23,239	38,350
Ministry of Education: Early Learning K-12		
Federal Funding	\$ 22,165,744	\$ 15,831,428
Provincial Funding	15,216,392	10,025,000
Other Funding	32,000	90,226
Ministries of Environment, Climate Change & Food Security; Economic Development, Partnerships, and Tourism; and Sport and Active Living		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 1,483,170	\$ 3,091,996
Provincial Funding	212,432	48,628
Other Funding	53,102	246,380
Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 1,294,461	\$ 116,299
Provincial Funding	72,334	32,559
Other Funding	-	21,394
	\$ 78,473,074	\$ 74,256,253



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9. LONG TERM DEBT		
	2024	2023
Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") non-interest bearing loan, repayable in monthly payments of \$42,599, secured by a general security agreement, due February 1, 2025	\$ 881,338	\$ 1,279,814
Less: Interest free portion of the RBC long-term debt	(379,042)	(379,042)
	502,296	900,772
Less: Current portion	(502,296)	(596,386)
	\$ -	\$ 304,386

Under the terms of the agreement, the loan balance is to be repaid on an interest-free basis. Management determined the fair market value of a similar loan would bear interest at a rate of 6% per annum. As a result, the gain amortized and expensed into the statement of operations is \$Nil (2023 - \$16,706).

10. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The continuity of the Council's deferred capital contributions is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,288,373	\$ 2,859,403
Amount received during the year	11,642,865	2,173,627
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(1,490,000)	(744,657)
Balance, end of year	\$ 14,441,238	\$ 4,288,373

11. COMMITMENTS

The Council leases various equipment and office space under agreements expiring in February 2029. Minimum lease commitments during the next five fiscal years are as follows:

2025	\$ 1,678,868
2026	1,619,029
2027	531,140
2028	35,296
2029	32,355
	<u>\$ 3,896,688</u>

At March 31, 2024, the Council has entered into purchase agreements for four properties and has made total deposits in the amount of \$395,379. The purchase of one of the properties was completed in April 2024 in the total amount of \$1,295,196. The purchase of the other three properties is not completed yet and total purchase price for the three properties is \$978,237.

12. CONTINGENCIES

The Council, from time to time, is subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Management is of the view that these will not have a material adverse effect on the Council and its operations. As at the date of these financial statements, the final outcome is not determinable and as such, no amount has been accrued in these financial statements.



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13. INTERNALLY ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Council has established a fund to track administration expenses within operating expenses. The Council's various programs are allocated a share of the direct administration expenses based upon an estimate of resources used. These allocations are eliminated from the Council's statement of operations.

In 2024, Employment and Training operating expenses were allocated between CRF and EI at 70% and 30% (2023 - 74% and 26%), respectively.

14. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

In accordance with the British Columbia Societies Act, remuneration paid by the Council in excess of \$75,000 to employees and contractors must be disclosed, in addition to any remuneration paid to directors.

In 2023 fiscal year, salaries and remuneration for the board also includes amounts paid (payable) which relate to benefit entitlements from the 2022 fiscal year which were paid out in the 2023 fiscal year.

With respect to the directors' remuneration, all directors receive a standard compensation amount; the executive positions receive set additional compensation amounts which are dependant on the executive position.

	2024	2023
Employees - 85 people (2023- 54 people)	\$ 8,541,969	\$ 5,546,608
Contractors - None (2023 - 1 person)	-	83,311
MNBC Directors' Remuneration:		
President - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	\$ 176,881	\$ 181,218
Vice President - 1 person (2023 - 2 people)	123,816	114,777
Provincial Women's Chairperson - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Provincial Youth Chairperson - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region One - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	88,440	98,870
Director - Region Two - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	88,440	93,687
Director - Region Three -1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region Four - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region Five - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,505
Director - Region Six - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	86,777
Director - Region Seven - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
	<u>\$ 1,014,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,087,359</u>

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. This reclassification had no impact on the previously stated total assets, total liabilities, total net assets and excess of revenue over expenses for the year.

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7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2025 Net book value	2024 Net book value
Land	\$ 22,223,892	\$ -	\$ 22,223,892	\$ 18,576,022
Buildings	18,601,050	689,531	17,911,519	9,236,076
Furniture and equipment	1,634,128	401,844	1,232,284	1,262,372
Computers and software	3,102,769	1,792,020	1,310,749	1,214,156
Leasehold improvements	2,089,627	1,066,738	1,022,889	1,236,385
Vehicles	551,776	65,913	485,863	390,750
	\$ 48,203,242	\$ 4,016,046	\$ 44,187,196	\$ 31,915,761

Included in buildings are nine (2024 - four) properties with total cost of \$8,072,579 (2024 - \$852,532) which are not available for use and have not been amortized.

During the year, the Council received funding of \$4,132,251 (2024 - \$4,102,156) to meet its housing objectives. This funding was used by the Council to purchase land and is recorded as a direct increase to net assets in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(h).

8. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents unspent restricted funding for subsequent years and are deferred in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(h). The changes in the deferred revenue balance is as follows:

	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 78,683,555	\$ 74,256,253
Amount received during the year	24,211,059	19,450,215
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(14,437,772)	(15,022,913)
Balance, end of year	\$ 88,456,842	\$ 78,683,555

Deferred revenue by source of funding is as follows:

	2025	2024
Central Services - Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance Funding		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 209,487	\$ 2,037,400
Federal Funding - ISC	40,000	-
Provincial Funding	-	1,386,332
Administration and Other Funding	1,393,161	6,384,729
Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Training		
Federal - ISC	\$ 952,836	\$ 1,370,859
Federal - ESDC	1,349,876	956,061
Provincial Funding	9,263,270	8,866,734
Other Funding	200,041	-
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 15,044,982	\$ 13,451,588
Federal Funding - ESDC	13,925	-
Federal Funding - CMHC	54,993	26,053

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8. DEFERRED REVENUE (continued)

	2025	2024
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Provincial Funding	\$ 14,506	\$ 332,725
Other Funding	67,798	-
Ministry of Women and Gender Equity		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 166,775	\$ 15,062
Federal Funding - ISC	60,689	-
Provincial Funding	760,559	2,299
Other Funding	18,746	1,012
Ministry of Youth		
Federal Funding - ISC	\$ 16,583	\$ 196,116
Provincial Funding	26,976	83,718
Other Funding	23,849	24,442
Ministry of Health and Wellness		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 22,938	\$ -
Federal Funding - ISC	427,145	-
Federal Funding	65,423	791,340
Provincial Funding	3,144,225	1,640,297
Other Funding	130,963	4,795
Ministry of Children and Families		
Provincial Funding	\$ 61,774	\$ 348,638
Other Funding	391,640	23,239
Ministry of Education and Early Childhood Learning		
Federal Funding - ESDC	\$ 32,925,389	\$ 22,165,744
Provincial Funding	12,119,080	15,426,873
Other Funding	19,000	32,000
Ministries of Environment, Climate Change & Food Security		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 674,759	\$ -
Federal Funding	1,890,282	1,483,170
Provincial Funding	38,875	212,432
Other Funding	216,576	53,102
Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language		
Federal Funding	\$ 2,732,324	\$ 1,294,461
Provincial Funding	36,496	72,334
Ministry of Rights, Justice and Negotiations		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 1,470,639	\$ -
Federal Funding -	680,657	-
Provincial Funding	1,500,004	-
Other Funding	224,612	-
Ministry of Sport and Active living		
Federal Funding	\$ 4,989	\$ -
	\$ 88,456,842	\$ 78,683,555

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9. LONG TERM DEBT		
	2025	2024
Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") non-interest bearing loan, repayable in monthly payments of \$42,599, secured by a general security agreement, due February 1, 2026	\$ 455,348	\$ 881,338
Less: Interest free portion of the RBC long-term debt	(379,042)	(379,042)
	76,306	502,296
Less: Current portion	(76,306)	(502,296)
	\$ -	\$ -

Under the terms of the agreement, the loan balance is to be repaid on an interest-free basis.

10. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS
The continuity of the Council's deferred capital contributions is as follows:

	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 14,230,757	\$ 4,288,373
Amount received during the year	9,646,274	11,432,384
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(1,659,839)	(1,490,000)
Balance, end of year	\$ 22,217,192	\$ 14,230,757

11. COMMITMENTS
The Council leases various equipment and office space under agreements expiring in February 2029. Minimum lease commitments during the next four fiscal years are anticipated to be as follows:

2026	\$ 1,697,621
2027	581,065
2028	50,787
2029	46,554
	<u>\$ 2,376,027</u>

At March 31, 2025, the Council has entered into purchase agreements for two properties and has made total deposits in the amount of \$220,070. The purchase of the two properties is not completed yet.

Subsequent to year end, the Council entered into two lease renewal agreements ending between June 2028 and April 2030, with a total commitment of \$419,832 over the next five fiscal years.

12. CONTINGENCIES
The Council, from time to time, is subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Management is of the view that these will not have a material adverse effect on the Council and its operations. As at the date of these consolidated financial statements, the final outcome is not determinable and as such, no amount has been accrued in these consolidated financial statements.

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13. INTERNALLY ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
The Council has established a fund to track administration expenses within operating expenses. The Council's various programs are allocated a share of the direct administration expenses based upon an estimate of resources used. These allocations are eliminated from the Council's consolidated statement of operations.

In 2025, Employment and Training operating expenses were allocated between CRF and EI at 73% and 27% (2024 - 70% and 30%), respectively.

14. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS
In accordance with the British Columbia Societies Act, remuneration paid by the Council in excess of \$75,000 to employees and contractors must be disclosed, in addition to any remuneration paid to directors.

With respect to the directors' remuneration, all directors receive a standard compensation amount; the executive positions receive set additional compensation amounts which are dependant on the executive position.

Remuneration disclosed corresponds to the number of individuals who held board positions during the year. An election was held in September 2024, resulting in changes to board membership. Where two individuals are noted, this reflects remuneration paid to both the outgoing and incoming members for that position.

	2025	2024
Employees - 123 people (2024 - 85 people)	\$ 12,629,044	\$ 8,541,969
Contractors - None (2024 - None)	-	-
MNBC Directors' Remuneration:		
President - 2 people (2024 - 1 person)	\$ 180,199	\$ 176,881
Vice President - 2 people (2024 - 1 person)	121,177	123,816
Provincial Women's Chairperson - 2 people (2024 - 1 person)	76,943	76,648
Provincial Youth Chairperson - 2 people (2024 - 1 person)	76,943	76,648
Provincial 2SLGBTQIA+ Chair - 1 person (2024 - none)	15,624	-
Director - Region One - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	88,440	88,440
Director - Region Two - 2 people (2024 - 1 person)	82,839	88,440
Director - Region Three - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	76,648	76,648
Director - Region Four - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	82,544	76,648
Director - Region Five - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	76,648	76,648
Director - Region Six - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	76,648	76,648
Director - Region Seven - 1 person (2024 - 1 person)	76,648	76,648
	\$ 1,031,301	\$ 1,014,113

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES
Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. This reclassification had no impact on the previously stated total assets, total liabilities, total net assets and excess of revenue over expenses for the year.



RESOLUTIONS



2025 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING



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MNBC 2025 AGM RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION	LEGISLATION IMPACTED	INTENT / OUTCOME
Constitutional Updates for Clarity of Equality Rights	<i>Constitution</i>	The section in the Constitution pertaining to the fundamental rights of Citizens would be updated with the BC Human Rights Code’s definitions pertaining to discrimination. The change would update the legislation from 4 categories of discrimination to the 12 recognized classes. It further makes the legislation more gender neutral when referencing Citizens.
By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on the MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Councils	<i>Constitution, MPCBC Bylaws, Electoral Act</i>	Adoption of this resolution will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Allow for 180 days instead of 120 days notice to call a byelection and exclude the period of December 24-January 2 in any year as part of the day count;Adds the appointment of a 2SLGBTQQA+ Interim Regional Representative;Clarifies that the interim appointment process for Governance Council representatives can be used following a byelection if vacancies still exist.



RESOLUTION	LEGISLATION IMPACTED	INTENT / OUTCOME
Community Representation at the MNGA	<i>MNGA Act</i>	Adoption of this resolution will allow any elected Community Board member to attend the MNGA in the place of the president or the vice-president, so long as they are an MNBC Citizen and over the age of 18.
Citizenship Act Amendments	<i>Citizenship Act</i>	Adoption of this resolution will provide a variety of changes to the Citizenship Act, to deal with changes due to Ministry of Citizenship operations and a <ul style="list-style-type: none">Removing, changing, and adding definitions for clarity throughout the Act;Correcting certain words throughout the Act that should be changed due to changes in the Definitions;Clarifies the language and meaning in Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10Removes article 8 because its purpose is covered in Article 7



RESOLUTION

LEGISLATION IMPACTED

INTENT / OUTCOME

Enhancing MVBC Representation at the MNGA and Clarifying the Relationship with MNBC Board of Directors

Constitution, MNGA Act, Veterans Act

The Chair of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) would be able to attend, submit resolutions on behalf of MVBC and its Committee, and participate in discussion pertaining to Veterans issues at the MNGA. The Chair, however, would be non-voting – meaning they can submit items and discuss, but they would not be able to vote. The MVBC Chairperson would also liaise with the MNBC Board of Directors, and attend in-person MNBC Board meetings at least twice yearly to report on MVBC activities and needs. The MVBC will maintain its relationships with Provincial and Federal bodies ensuring continues service for its members.

Update to Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Legislation

Women’s Act, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act, Youth Act

This is an update to align legislation with current MNBC external relationships, by removing MNC and LFMO will be removed from the noted Acts. Sections D-G also intend to align naming conventions and processes throughout the 3 Councils (MWBC, M2SBC, and MYBC).

Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils

Electoral Act, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

Adoption will prevent a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative from holding a position as Community President or Vice-President, unless there is a vacancy between elections. This aligns the 2SLGBTQQIA+ regional positions with the MYBC and MWBC regional positions.



RESOLUTION 1

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting



Subject:	Constitutional Updates for Clarity of Equality Rights
Legislation Affected:	Constitution
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	May 31, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1. The Métis Nation of British Columbia *Constitution* serves as the foundational piece of governing legislation for Métis citizens.
2. All Métis citizens are valued members of our Nation.
3. The wording of the equality rights provisions in the current MNBC *Constitution* are not consistent with modern forms of equality rights provisions in other jurisdictions.
4. Due, in part, to the impact of colonization, the rights and dignity of individuals are more likely to be infringed upon on the basis of any of the characteristics listed in the proposed amendment to Article 5.
5. It is important to uphold the spirit of *wahkohtowin* by affirming the rights and dignity of individuals and the protection of the characteristics listed in the proposed amendment to Article 5 in a time of heightened discriminatory rhetoric across Turtle Island.
6. It is necessary to clarify that the Nation may act in an ameliorative way that could otherwise be considered to discriminate on the basis of a protected characteristic.
7. It is necessary to enshrine the rights of all citizens in our *Constitution*.
8. The proposed amendment to Article 6 seeks to prevent an interpretation that may exclude children and gender-diverse individuals from the fundamental right of equal enjoyment of civil and political rights within our *Constitution*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A.

Article 5 of the *Constitution* be amended by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words, as set out below:
5.

The Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights ~~without distinction of any kind such as sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other views, discrimination of any kind on the basis of:~~

5.1.

Race, including perceived race and colour;

5.2.

Ethnic background, origin or expression, including language and Métis identity;

5.3.

Religion or creed, religious belief, religious association, or religious activity;

5.4.

Political or other views, including political association or activity;

5.5.

Spousal or family status;

5.6.

Age;

5.7.

Genetic characteristics;

5.8.

Physical or mental disability or related characteristics or circumstances, including reliance on a service animal, a wheelchair, or any other remedial appliance or device;

5.9.

Sex, including sex-determined characteristics or circumstances, such as pregnancy, the possibility of pregnancy, or circumstances related to pregnancy;

5.10.

Gender identity or expression;

5.11.

Sexual orientation; and

5.12.

Social condition, including income, source of income, occupation, and education.

It is ~~not~~ discrimination or contrary to this Article for the Métis Nation to carry out a program or activity, including employment equity, that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of Métis citizens who are disadvantaged due to one or more of the protected characteristics.

B.

Article 6 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words, as set out below:

6.

~~Métis men and Métis women~~ All Métis Citizens equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.

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RESOLUTION 2

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting

Subject:	By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Councils
Legislation Affected:	<i>Constitution; MPCBC Bylaws, Electoral Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	March 31, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1.

If vacant seats on the MNBC Board, MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council remain after an election, the *Constitution* requires that a by-election be called within 120 days of the date of that vacancy;

2.

120 days is a short time period to take all the steps necessary to meet the other deadlines, set out in the *Electoral Act*, including convening the MNGA to set an election date and preparing materials to ensure the by-election is run properly;

3.

Discrepancies in legislation must be rectified;

4.

It is important that MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council have all positions filled;

5.

The *Constitution* and the Electoral Act are silent on the process that occurs after a by-election is held and vacancies in Regional Representative positions remain, which could lead to ongoing by-elections at a substantial cost to MNBC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

A.

Article 47 of the Constitution be amended by striking the words “one hundred and twenty (120)” and inserting the words “one hundred and eighty (180) in their place. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted



- B. Insert the underlined words in Article 47.4 of the *Constitution*, as set out below:

47.4. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. In the case of a vacancy on the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the *Constitution*.
- C. The following be added as a new article before Article 48 of the *Constitution*:

If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council following a by-election to fill vacancies that were not filled in the original election, a recommendation to fill the position(s) until the end of the current term will be submitted to the MNGA for approval, as set out in Article 47.4.
- D. All Articles in the *Constitution* be renumbered as appropriate.
- E. Article 10.1 of the *Electoral Act* be amended by deleting the struck-through text and inserting the underlined text as set out below:

If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for a an Election by-election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than 180 days ~~six (6) months~~ from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.

(a) If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council following a by-election to fill vacancies that were not filled in the original election, a recommendation to fill the position(s) until the end of the current term will be submitted to the MNGA for approval, as set out in Article 47.4 of the *Constitution*.
- F. Article 4.11 of the MPCBC Bylaws be amended by striking “one hundred and twenty (120)” and insert “one hundred and eighty (180)” in its place. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.

RESOLUTION 3

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting



Subject:	Community Representation at the MNGA
Legislation Affected:	<i>MNGA Act, Constitution</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Cowichan Valley Métis Association
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	November 30, 2024
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1. It is critical for the MNGA’s governing structure to have Chartered Community representation present to conduct business and safeguard engagement in decision-making processes.
2. Article 3.2 of the *MNGA Act* allows for a Community’s Vice President to attend the MNGA when the Community President is unable to.
3. When neither the President nor the Vice-President are able to attend an MNGA, the Community has no representation since no one else may attend the MNGA on behalf of the Community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as a new sub-article (a) to Article 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*:

a) In the event that neither the President nor the Vice President can attend the MNGA, the Community Board may, by resolution, appoint an elected Board member to attend, provided that they are a MNBC Citizen and over the age of 18.

i. The Community shall notify the MNGA Clerk, or designate, as far in advance as possible of the meeting;

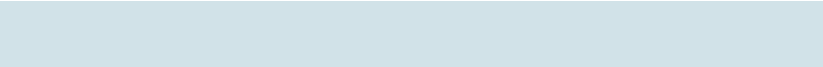
ii. The Board member serving as an alternate must make a declaration with the MNGA Clerk, or its designate, affirming that they are not in a Conflict of Interest as per Article 2.8 of the *MNGA Act*.
- B. The underlined text be added to Article 29.1 of the Constitution, as set out below:

In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community’s



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

RESOLUTION 4



Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting



Subject:	Citizenship Act Amendments
Legislation Affected:	Citizenship Act
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	March 1, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

- 1. Some of the language in the *Citizenship Act* is inconsistent and unclear, and so does not completely serve the needs of Citizens and those applying for Citizenship;
- 2. The Ministry of Citizenship staffing and practices have evolved and a general review of the *Citizenship Act* is necessary to ensure that legislation aligns with current practices;
- 3. Legislation must be regularly reviewed to ensure consistency and clarity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike the following definitions:
 - i. 2.20 “Registration”
 - ii. 2.26 “Registered”
- B. Amend the following definitions as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
 - i. **“Appeal” or “Appeals”** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen Registry, ~~a Métis Nation- British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis- Nation-British Columbia Central Registry,~~ or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;



- ii. **“Applicant”** means an individual who applies for a Provincial MNBC Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Citizenship Authority Ministry of Citizenship.
- iii. **“Application”** means the Provincial MNBC Citizenship Standardized Application Form provided by MNBC through the Ministry of Citizenship or on the MNBC website.
- iv. **“Citizenship Authority”** (the “Authority”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
 - The Executive Director of Citizenship
 - The Director of Citizenship
 - The Citizenship Assessment Indigenous Research Manager
- v. **“Métis”** or “Citizen” means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- vi. **“Under Review”** means a citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit of the Citizen Registry. ~~means a previously-registered Citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit or review of the Central Registry.~~

C. Insert definitions as follows:

“Application Process” means the process to receive Applications and determine Métis Citizenship, outlined in Article 4 of this *Act*, and that is operationalized, maintained, and updated from time to time by the Ministry of Citizenship.

“Ministry of Citizenship” means the Ministry at MNBC that promotes Métis Citizenship in British Columbia and supports people who self-identify as Métis through the citizenship application process, while ensuring integrity of the Registry.

D. Amend Article 3.1 as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship Citizenship upon the Applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority Ministry of Citizenship a written application Application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:

E. Amend the title and certain parts of Article Four as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

ARTICLE FOUR – REGISTRATION APPLICATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to apply for Métis Citizenship by submitting an application Application directly to the Ministry of Citizenship or through a Métis Chartered Community; ~~An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Chartered Community;~~
- 4.2 Upon approval of registration , the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial MNBC Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen;
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under nineteen (19) years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of that individual;
- 4.6 The Applicant must provide the Ministry of Citizenship with the necessary supporting documentation, as described in the Application Process for the Applicant to be considered for Métis Citizenship. ~~In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Citizenship Authority with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;~~
- 4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall provide final review of complete Applications applications for Métis Citizenship registration and approve the application ~~shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if the Applicant is eligible entitled to be registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the provisions of this Act.~~
 - ii. ~~Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and~~
 - iii. ~~The application Application fulfills all the requirements of the Application Process is properly made.~~

F. Delete Article 4.8 entirely.

G. Amend Articles 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 as indicated by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

- 5.1 An MNBC Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Citizen Registry;
- 5.2 The Citizenship Authority shall remove an MNBC Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be ~~registered as~~ an MNBC Citizen;
- 5.3 An MNBC Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply upon following the application procedure for becoming an MNBC Citizen, as set out in this Act. ~~may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.~~



H. Amend Articles 6.5 and 6.6 as indicated by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for MNBC Citizenship by completing the Application Process. ~~may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.~~

6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Citizenship Authority is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship ~~Citizenship~~ has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further ninety (90) days.

i. ~~Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.~~

I. Amend the title and certain parts of Article Seven as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL CITIZEN REGISTRY

7.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall maintain an objectively verifiable uniform ~~system for the processing of Metis Citizenship Applications; Registration of Métis Citizens;~~

7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration ~~Citizenship eligibility~~; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.

7.3 The Ministry of Citizenship may collect and ~~register~~ maintain additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Ministry of Citizenship’s sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;

7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Community, ~~a regional registry clerk,~~ or directly to the Ministry of Citizenship ~~Métis Nation British Columbia registry;~~

7.8 ~~Application Applications~~ may ~~shall~~ be submitted by ~~a the~~ Chartered Community ~~of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk~~ to the Ministry of Citizenship on behalf of the applicant for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;

7.10 An Applicant, ~~having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and~~ whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued ~~a Provincial~~ an MNBC Citizenship Card by the ~~Central Registry~~ Ministry of Citizenship; and ~~forwarded directly to the Applicant;~~

J. Strike Article 7.11 because its purpose is covered in 7.10.

K. Strike the title “ARTICLE EIGHT – REGISTRY OFFICE” because its purpose is covered by Article Seven.

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

L. Amend Article 9 as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:

9.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the Provincial MNBC Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be a Métis Citizen. ~~registered pursuant to this Act;~~

9.5 Maintain the Central ~~Citizen~~ Registry in a suitable and proper manner;

9.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant ~~and/or Chartered Community,~~ as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;

9.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship ~~by the Central Registry~~ may appeal such decision to the Senate;

M. Delete Articles 9.8 and 9.12 entirely.

N. Strike all remaining instances of the following words and phrases, and insert the words and phrases indicated throughout the *Citizenship Act* in their places:

STRIKE	INSERT
Registry Central Registry	Citizen Registry
Provincial MNBC Card Provincial Citizenship Card	MNBC Citizenship Card
citizenship	Citizenship

O. Reorganize and renumber all definitions so that they are in alphabetical order, renumber all Articles and sub-Articles as appropriate, and make all consequential changes necessary within Articles due to renumbering.



RESOLUTION 5

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting



Subject:	Enhancing MVBC Representation at the MNGA and Clarifying the Relationship with MNBC Board of Directors
Legislation Affected:	Constitution, MNGA Act, Veterans Act
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Region 1 Director
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	May 31, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1. The Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee works with the MNBC Board of Directors and within the MNBC Governance structure to support Métis Veterans in BC;
2. Veterans do not have direct access to the MNBC governance structure and rely on other members of the MNGA to propose any changes to the *Veterans Act*, or to act in their stead;
3. MVBC Members are Veterans and are uniquely positioned to ascertain the wants and needs of Veterans and their families, which can be inadvertently missed by people who do not have military or RCMP experience.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as a sub-article to Article 29 of the *Constitution*:
- 29.4 The Chairperson of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA for the purposes of:
- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
 - b. Participating in discussion and providing information on the above-noted matters.
- B. The following be added as a sub-article to Article 4.2 of the *Métis Nation Veterans Act*:

The Chairperson of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA, for the purposes of:

- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
 - b. Participating in discussion and providing information on the above-noted matters.
- C. The following be added as a sub-article to Article 3.1 of the *MNGA Act*:
- The Chairperson of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA, for the purposes of:
- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
 - b. Participating in discussion and debate on the above-noted matters.
- D. The following underlined text be added as a sub-article to Article 12.1(a), 12.2(a), and 12.3(a) of the *MNGA Act*:
- i. Despite article 12.1(a), the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee may, through the MVBC Chair, submit resolutions to the MNGA on matters that directly affect Métis Veterans.
- E. Insert the following as a new Article to the end of *Veterans Act*:

ARTICLE # - NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- #.1 The MVBC Chair (or designate) shall be a non-voting liaison for the MVBC to the MNBC GA Board of Directors.
 - #.2 Despite any changes to MNBC’s relationships with other levels of government or other Métis organizations, MVBC will continue to work for MNBC Veterans at a national level, particularly with regard to:
 - Providing necessary opportunities for MVBC to participate on Veterans Affairs Canada Advisory Committees;
 - Working with the Canadian Armed Forces;
 - Working with other appropriate partners, such as Library and Archives Canada.
 - (a) Nothing should preclude MVBC from receiving funding from other governments, organizations, or agencies.
 - #.3 MVBC will provide written reports of activities and partnerships to the Board of Directors at the MNBC Annual General Meeting and the in-person MNGA.
- F. Renumber all articles in the *Constitution*, the *MNGA Act*, and the *Veterans Act* as necessary.



RESOLUTION 6

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
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Subject:	Amendments to the <i>Veterans Act</i>
Legislation Affected:	<i>Veterans Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Region 1 Director
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	May 31, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) wishes to substantially revise the *Veterans Act* to provide greater clarity around MVBC membership and MVBC Committee Membership.
2. MVBC has reviewed the resolution below and approves of the changes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. A section “**DEFINITIONS**” be added prior to Article One of the *Veterans Act*, and the following definitions inserted:
- “**Chief Service Officer**” or “**CSO**” is the MVBC Committee member appointed to assist Métis Veterans in accessing Veterans’ benefits (e.g. through Veterans Affairs Canada), and connecting Métis Veterans with other supports through their local Legion.
- “**Métis Veteran**” is a person who:
- Has received an MNBC Citizenship Card in accordance with the MNBC *Citizenship Act*, and
 - Meets the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for Veteran, as amended from time to time, or
 - Is a current member of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve Forces), or
 - Is a serving or retired Regular RCMP Member; and
 - Has submitted an application form, proof of service, proof of MNBC Citizenship, and has been approved by the MVBC.
- “**MNBC**” means Métis Nation British Columbia

“**MVBC Executive Committee**” is a Standing Committee of the MVBC Committee as defined in this *Act*.

“**MVBC**” means Métis Veterans British Columbia.

“**MVBC Representative**” means the seven members elected to the MVBC Committee to represent Métis Veterans across BC.

“**MVBC Committee**” means Métis Veterans BC Committee

- B. The following changes be made to Article Three of the *Veterans Act*:
- i. Strike Article 3.1 and insert the following in its place:

Métis Veterans are the Members of the MVBC.
 - ii. Strike articles 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 entirely.
 - iii. Delete the words struck through in Article 3.2, as set out below:

3.2 A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.
 - iv. Insert the following after Article 3.2:

A member may be removed from the organization by a 2/3 vote of the MVBC committee, for conduct deemed detrimental to the integrity, mission, or reputation of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior unbecoming of a member, harassment, violation of the organization’s code of conduct, inability to complete their duties and responsibilities, or actions contrary to the best interests of the organization.
 - v. An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, because of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.
- B. Strike all of Article Four except for the title, and insert the following in its place:
- 4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (“MVBC Committee”) shall consist of 11 members, all being MVBC Members, as follows:
 - Seven (7) MVBC Representatives who represent Veterans across the province of British Columbia;
 - An MVBC Chairperson;
 - An MVBC 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative;
 - An MVBC Women’s Representative;
 - An MVBC Chief Service Officer (CSO)

At least one of whom is a retired or current Regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)



- 4.2 The MVBC Representatives will be elected by MVBC Members for four-year terms, aligned with the MNBC Election Cycle.
 - a. In the event of a mid-term vacancy for an MVBC Representative, the Veteran Chairperson will seek applications for interested parties, in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council (RGC).
- 4.3 The Veteran Chairperson shall be elected by MVBC Members for a four-year term aligned with the MNBC Election Cycle.
- 4.4 The Women’s Veteran Representative and Chief Service Officer shall be appointed by the MVBC Committee, either from among themselves or from outside the MVBC Committee so long the persons appointed are Métis Veterans.
- 4.5 The MVBC Committee shall appoint from among themselves a Treasurer and a Membership Clerk.
- 4.6 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:
 - a) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans;
 - b) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans in British Columbia as defined by Article Three (3);
 - c) Provide an annual report at the MNBC Annual General Meeting and March MNGA.
 - d) Provide written documentation regarding Veteran input to MNBC Board of Directors as required.
 - e) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC. from time to time;
 - f) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested from time to time; and other duties as required;
 - g) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
 - h) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
 - i) Represent themselves as Métis Veterans at advisory tables and initiatives across municipal, provincial, federal and international levels; and commemorative events as requested.
- 4.7 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. If the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.



- 4.8 No less than seven (7) days’ notice of an MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.
- C. Strike Article 5 and insert the following in its place:

ARTICLE 5 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

 - 5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women’s Representative, Chief Service Officer, Treasurer and Membership Clerk.
 - 5.2 The Executive Committee shall meet on a regular basis, the schedule to be determined by the members of the Executive Committee.
 - 5.3 The Executive Committee is responsible for dealing with duties or matters delegated to it by the MVBC Committee.
 - 5.4 Between MVBC Committee Meetings, the Executive Committee is authorized by the MVBC Committee to make decisions on behalf of the MVBC Committee, and to make decisions regarding any urgent circumstances.
 - 5.4 The Executive Committee is required to report to the MVBC Committee, at the earliest opportunity, any decisions made by the Executive Committee
 - 5.5 The MVBC Chairperson, or two members of the Executive Committee, may call a meeting. Notice of an Executive Committee meeting must be provided 24 hours before the meeting, but can be waived by unanimous consent of Executive Committee members.



RESOLUTION 7

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting



Subject: Update to Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Legislation

Legislation Affected: *Women’s Act; 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act; Youth Act*

Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Métis Women British Columbia Chairperson, *in consultation with MWBC*, Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ British Columbia Chairperson, *in consultation with the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council*, Métis Youth British Columbia Chairperson, *in consultation with MYBC*

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: May 31, 2025

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

WHEREAS

- 1. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is the recognized provincial body to represent the interests of Métis people living in British Columbia.
- 2. MNBC has undergone significant changes in strategic partnership in 2024.
- 3. On November 30, 2024, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) voted to depart the Métis National Council (MNC) due to concerns pertaining to inequitable voting structures impacting non-founding members.
- 4. On December 5, 2024, the MNBC Board of Directors released a statement outlining concerns over the conduct and operations of *Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO)* in British Columbia, with ceasing further support of LFMO until remedying actions are taken.
- 5. Legacy language pertaining to the MNC and LFMO remains in the legislations for the *Youth, Women*, and *2SLGBTQQIA+ Acts*, which are now outdated.
- 6. The Métis Councils for Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth in BC look towards building a Nation that has a strong presence both on a national and international level, ensuring the well-being and vibrance of the BC Métis Community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The *Women’s Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words, in Articles 4.4 and 5.4:
 - 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis-National Council, ~~Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the ~~MWBC Committee~~ Provincial Governance Council.
 - 5.4 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson shall provide Provincial, ~~and Federal~~, and international representation ~~for Métis Women~~, and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors
- B. The following be added as a sub-article to Article 6 of the *Women’s Act*:

In the event a vacancy in the MWBC Provincial Governance Council arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of an MWBC Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation.
- C. The *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words, in Articles 2.3 and 5.3 as set out below:
 - 2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, ~~Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, ~~international~~ organizations and associations through the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
 - 5.3 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial, ~~and Federal~~, and international representation ~~for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizens~~ and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- D. Article 6.3 of the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words:

In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council ~~shall~~ arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the position shall be filled ~~the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Legislation, as amended from time to time.~~ *Electoral Act*.
- E. Article 4.4 of the Youth Act be amended by removing the struck-through words and inserting the underlined terms, as set out below:
 - 4.4 The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, ~~Métis-National Council~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the ~~MYBC Committee~~ Provincial Governance Council.

- F.
- Article 6.3 of the *Youth Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words:

In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Committee Provincial Governance Council shall arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Committee Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation. MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Electoral Act.
- G.
- The *Youth Act* be amended by striking all instances of “MYBC Committee” and replacing it with “MYBC Provincial Governance Council.”

RESOLUTION 8

Submitted to the 2025 Métis Nation British Columbia
Annual General Meeting



Subject:	Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
Legislation Affected:	<i>Electoral Act, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation General Assembly via South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Society
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	March 1, 2025
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

- Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
- In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
- Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
- 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;
- A similar resolution for the Métis Women BC and the Métis Youth BC was approved by the assembly at the 2024 MNBC AGM, and approval of this resolution will align the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* with the *Métis Nation Women’s Act* and *Métis Nation Youth Act*.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A.
- The underlined words be inserted in Article 8.10 to the Electoral Act, as set out below:

8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+, 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.

B. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.3 of the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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*.



LEGISLATION



2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





*As Ratified September 2024
Annual General Meeting*

Original Ratification - September 27, 2003

Constitution

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

Whereas the Métis People in British Columbia assert their inherent right of self-government and hereby establish the Government of the Métis Nation British Columbia:

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

- 1. The Métis Nation is distinct within the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The Métis are distinct from First Nations and Inuit and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved as a people with a common political will and consciousness.
- 2. Having experienced physical and political conflict and being deprived of property in the late 1800's, we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our government and revive our cultural heritage and pride. As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-governance and self-government institutions. In order to achieve these objectives we are hereby re-establishing a strong and revitalized government within the province of British Columbia, which involves all sectors of Métis society.
- 3. In accordance with Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982, the Métis people are an Aboriginal people within Canada whose existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MÉTIS PEOPLE

- 4. The Métis Nation has the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
- 5. The Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights



- without distinction of any kind such as sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other views.
- 6. Métis men and Métis women equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
- 7. Every Métis citizen has the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
- 8. No Métis Citizen shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
- 9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion.
- 10. Every Métis Citizen has the right of association and to assemble and organize at the community level. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those necessary to protect the peace and order of the Métis Nation as prescribed by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 11. Nothing in this Constitution abrogates or derogates from the rights Métis people have or may exercise under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC) AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the Board of Directors 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.
 - 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.
- 13. The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that all requests for resources are unlikely to be met.
- 14. The Board of Directors shall provide a written Activity Report and a written Financial Report at each session of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 15. The Executive of the Board of Directors shall be comprised of four (4) Members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 16. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to the Executive from among its Members.
- 17. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the MNBC or the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. In appointing such bodies, the





- MNBC must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
18. The Board of Directors shall designate persons who may have signing authority for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall include the Treasurer.
19. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times per year at the call of the President or Vice-President in the absence of the President. The President or Vice-President as the case may be shall give two (2) days written notice of all MNBC meetings to all the Members of the MNBC. The two (2) day notice period may be waived by the Members in attendance at a meeting.
- 19.1. A meeting of the Board of Directors can be called by a majority of the Board of Directors.
20. Quorum of the Board of Directors shall be the majority of the Board of Directors.
21. Decisions of the Board of Directors shall require a simple majority.
22. A person may not be a Member of the Board of Directors when they hold a salaried position directly with the Métis Nation Governing Assembly or the MNBC. This does not disqualify a person from being a Member of the Board of Directors when that person receives an honorarium, salary or per diem for performing the duties of that elected office.
23. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Board of Directors when:
- 23.1. They die.
- 23.2. They resign.
- 23.3. They are no longer the President of the MNBC, or are no longer the Vice- President of the MNBC or are no longer a Regional Director.
- 23.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia
- 23.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 23.6. They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 23.7. They are under eighteen (18) years of age.
- 23.8. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater. A person disqualified from being a member of the MNBC by this sub-section may appeal that disqualification to the Senate.
- 23.9. They have clearly been identified as having breeched their fiduciary duty to the Members or to Métis citizens.
24. A member of the Board of Directors shall not be removed from the Board of Directors for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.



25. A person may be suspended from being a Board Member of the Board of Directors, with or without pay, by a vote of the majority of the Members of the Board of Directors. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.
26. Should there no longer be a President of the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 23 and 25, the Vice- President shall fulfill the Office of the President until a by-election is held to elect a new President in accordance with Article 46.
27. The Secretary or the Treasurer may resign from the Executive without being disqualified from being a Member of the Board of Directors.

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (MNGA)

28. There shall be established a Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall be the governing legislative body of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
29. 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Governance Council.
- 29.1. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
- 29.2. If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.
- 29.3. If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia 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.
30. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall review and ratify legislation, regulations, rules, resolutions and constitutional amendments for presentation and final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
31. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out their legislative duties. In appointing such bodies, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
32. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia at a meeting on a date decided upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly at the previous



meeting. The meetings shall be held at least three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.

32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council, at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.

33. Fifty (50) per cent plus one of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.

34. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly when:

- 34.1. They die.
- 34.2. They resign.
- 34.3. They are no longer the President or Vice-President of a Community.
- 34.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 34.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age, except for the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.7. They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council
- 34.8. They have clearly breached their fiduciary duty to the Members or the Métis citizens.

35. A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.

ELECTIONS

- 36. Any Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the Board of Directors or a Community.
- 37. 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.
- 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.

- 39. Any Métis Citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 40. Any person seeking elected office must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to seek elected office as a Community President or Regional Director.
- 41. To vote in an election, a person must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to vote for a Community President or Regional Director. A person who wishes to vote for a Community President or Regional Director, but has not been a resident of a Region for six (6) months may vote for a Community President or Regional Director in the Region that they lived immediately prior to the election, provided that they meet the other voting requirements.
- 42. The President and the Vice-President of the Board of Directors, 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 shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.
- 43. Elections for the Board of Directors shall be held once every four (4) years on any date within 6 months prior to the 4th year anniversary.
- 44. Elections for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly who are not also Members of the Board of Directors shall be held at least every two (2) years.
- 45. There shall be no limits on the number of terms that may be served by anyone elected to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the Board of Directors or a Community.
- 46. In order to run for elected office in the Board of Directors, a candidate must provide a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the Chief Electoral Officer with the filed nomination papers for the purpose of satisfying Article 23.7. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the candidate voluntarily consents in writing.
- 47. Subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the Board of Directors or of any elected position at the regional level. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the Board of Directors



will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that position.

- 47.1. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Women’s Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.
- 47.2. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Youth Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MYBC Committee;
- 47.3. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 47.4. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.

48. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA must submit in writing, notice of a leave of absence.

SENATE

- 49. The Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
- 50. The Senate shall be comprised of seven (7) Senators. Each of the seven (7) Regions shall appoint one (1) Senator in the manner and process as set out in the Senate Act.
- 51. In order to be considered for a Senate appointment, a Senate candidate must be a Métis citizen and must have provided a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the MNBC who will review the Criminal Record Check in confidence to ensure compliance with sub-section 54.3. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the Senate candidate voluntarily consents in writing.
- 52. No Senator may hold any elected or salaried position within the Board of Directors, MNGA, Community, or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia or the Métis Youth of British Columbia and must resign from any such position prior to appointment to the Senate.



53. Senators shall be appointed for a term and conditions as set out in the Senate Act.

54. A person ceases to be a Senator when:

- 54.1. They resign.
- 54.2. They die.
- 54.3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty over two (2) years (2) years or greater.
- 54.4. They take a salaried position prohibited by Article 51.
- 54.5. Or as outlined in the provisions of the Senate Act.

55. The Board of Directors shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the first term of the Senate. Thereafter, the Board of Directors shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the Senate, based on financial resources, which may be available for that purpose.

COMMUNITIES

56. Communities shall be the basic unit of the Métis Government. No community (city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit) shall have more than one (1) Community.

- 56.1 Communities seeking chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy five (75) percent of the Applicable Regional Governance Council members and such motion to be submitted to the MNGA;
- 56.2 Geographical boundaries of Community/Communities seeking Community Governance Charter shall be submitted as part of the motion to the MNGA;
- 56.3 Ratification by seventy five (75) percent of the MNGA is required.

57. A Community shall be made up of at least twenty-five (25) Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.

- 57.1 If a group of Métis Citizens residing in a city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit in which there is no existing Chartered Community, that group of Citizens may apply to the applicable Regional Governance Council for interim Chartered Community designation (hereinafter referred to as an “Interim Chartered Community” or having “Interim Chartered Community Status” as the case may be) provided the application is signed by at least 15 Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 57.2 The process for seeking Interim Chartered Community Status must follow the process set out in Articles 55.1, 55.2 and 55.3 of this Constitution.
- 57.3 If the application is approved by the MNGA, Interim Chartered Community Status can be granted for a maximum two (2) year period from the date ratification is confirmed by the



MNGA, or when the Interim Chartered Community achieves twenty-five (25) Members and then applies for Chartered Community status pursuant to the provisions of Article 55, and then is approved.

- 57.4 An Interim Chartered Community shall have observer status at an MNGA, and shall not have voting rights.
- 57.5 An Interim Chartered Community may receive benefits and services from MNBC at the sole discretion of the MNBC.

- 58. Métis communities recognized by the MNBC Constitution and Legislation are required to enter into Community Governance Charters that define an affiliated relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution. Hereinafter known as “Community Governance Charter”.
- 59. All Communities shall, as soon as possible, enact a Constitution that is consistent with this Constitution.

REGIONS

- 60. In the event that a Community is in contravention of the terms of its Community Governance Charter or of the provisions of the MNBC Constitution, the Board of Directors will do all within its ability to assist the community to come into compliance within the Community Governance Charter and/ or MNBC Constitution as the case may be and, in the event the Community, in the discretion of the Board of Directors, remains or continues to be non-compliant, the Board of Directors shall make such recommendations to the MNGA as may be deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving that community’s Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC.

60.1 There shall be seven (7) Regions as set out in the adjacent map:

- Region 1 Vancouver Island
- Region 2 Lower Mainland
- Region 3 Thompson/Okanagan
- Region 4 Kootenays
- Region 5 North Central
- Region 6 Northwest
- Region 7 Northeast



- 61. 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, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and



the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director shall be the non-voting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.

- 61.1. All members of a Regional Governance Council must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry as MNBC Citizens.
- 61.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.
- 61.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts. MNBC leadership is responsible for consulting and engaging with Regional Governance Councils regarding all relevant agreements impacting Citizens.
- 61.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.
- 61.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.
- 61.6. Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.”
- 61.7. If a member of the Regional Governance Council has been disqualified from being a member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly pursuant to any of the provisions under Article 34, or if they have suspended from being a member of the MNGA pursuant to the provisions of Article 35, such disqualification or suspension shall also apply to their membership and participation in the applicable Regional Governance Council.
- 61.8. If the President of a Community is unable to attend an RGC meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member of the Chartered Community to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen . 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 Metis Citizen.



CITIZENSHIP

- 62. Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
- 62.1. “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
- 62.2. “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-Breeds as they were then known.
- 62.3. “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* of 1982.
- 62.4. “Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.
- 63. The MNBC has a unique citizenship card for citizens of the Métis Nation in BC. These cards are numbered and the numbers recorded in the central registry by the office of the registrar.
- 64. Citizenship cards shall be issued to all Métis upon a person presenting themselves for citizenship and satisfying the definition set out above.
- 65. Where there is a dispute as to citizenship, a ruling shall be made by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Act or the policies and procedures to be developed by the Senate, which ruling shall be final and binding.

MÉTIS INDEPENDENCE

- 66. The Métis Nation is seeking a third order of government within Canada, so the Métis Nation is non-partisan in respect of federal and provincial politics. This does not restrict the right of Métis individuals to hold Memberships in or to express personal opinions about federal, provincial, municipal partisan politics.
- 67. 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.
- 68. All Members of the Board of Directors, MNGA and Senate shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 69. An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia must be held annually. The precise



dates and locations of an AGM must be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM.
The agenda for each AGM shall include:

- 69.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
- 69.2. President’s Report for Previous Fiscal Year
- 69.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly
- 69.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.
- 69.5. Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.
- 70. Only persons who have registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the MNBC Citizenship Act, and are registered as a MNBC Citizen within the MNBC Central Registry, are entitled to speak and be issued voting credentials at a MNBC AGM or SGM.

SECRETARIAT

- 71. A Secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia shall be continued or created under the BC Society Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the MNBC, MNGA and the Senate.
- 72. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the Members of the MNBC.

AMENDMENT

- 73. All legislation, legislative amendments, constitutional amendments and resolutions shall be considered and given first reading by the MNGA in accordance with the provisions of the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.
- 74. This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:
 - 74.1. Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the *MNGA Act*;
 - 74.2. Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.
 - 74.3. At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.



As Ratified September 2024
Annual General Meeting

Citizenship Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as “The Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act”

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Act:
- 2.2 “**Act**” means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 2.3 “**Adoption**” Act of transferring parental rights and duties to someone other than the adopted person’s biological parents by means of a statutory adoption or a customary Métis adoption.
- 2.4 “**Adopted Métis Citizen**” A Métis Citizen that has acquired their Métis Citizenship as per Article 12 of the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.5 “**Appeal**” or “**Appeals**” means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia *Central* Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;
- 2.6 “**Applicant**” means an individual who applies for a Provincial Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Citizenship Authority.
- 2.7 “**Application**” means the Provincial Citizenship Standardized Application Form.
- 2.8 A “**Chartered Community**” is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.9 “**Child**” means a child of a Métis citizen.



- 2.10 “**Citizenship Appeal Committee**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Appeal Committee as established and maintained by the Senate.
- 2.11 “**Citizenship Authority**” (the “*Authority*”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
 - The Executive Director of Citizenship
 - The Director of Citizenship
 - The Citizenship Assessment Manager
- 2.12 “**Community Governance Charter**” *means* the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Chartered Community and the MNBC.
- 2.13 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the *Métis* Nation British Columbia as amended from time to time.
- 2.14 “**Customary Adoption**” An adoption that is consistent with the historical and customary practices of the Métis Nation which has occurred at an early age by an immediate or extended family member.
- 2.15 “**Extended Family Member**” Is a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew and/or niece that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.16 “**Genealogical Evidence**” means evidence which indicates proof that an Applicant’s parent is, or parents are, of Métis Ancestry and that the Applicant is Métis and which can be verified by an objective and valid process.
- 2.17 “**Historical and Customary Practices**” The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.
- 2.18 “**Immediate Family Member**” Is a parent (mother/father), child (son/daughter) or sibling (sister/ brother) that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.19 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents or acts pursuant to which the administrative affairs and constitutional requirements of the MNBC shall be carried out.
- 2.20 “**Registration**” means citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.21 “**Métis**” or “**Citizen**” means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.22 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 2.23 “**Métis Nation British Columbia**” (MNBC) means the organization previously known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia which represents and is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the Constitution which is also the Constitution of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.





- 2.24 “**Métis Nation British Columbia**” (MNBC) means the governing body with the secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, which represents and is comprised of the Métis citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provision of the Constitution.
- 2.25 “**Provincial Citizenship Card**” means the identification card that shall be issued by the Citizenship Authority to all Métis Citizens who have had their Genealogy and supporting documentation validated and verified by the Office of the Citizenship Authority.
- 2.26 “**Registration**” means Citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.27 “**Registry**” means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens.
- 2.28 “**Statutory Adoption**” An adoption that is granted under the authority of provincial and/or territorial government legislation.
- 2.29 “**Supporting Documentation**” is defined as records used to support an application for Citizenship, including Vital events records, historical records, church records, archival records, and census records.
- 2.30 “**Registered**” means registered as a Métis Citizen under this Act.
- 2.31 “**Under Review**” means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit or review of the Central Registry

ARTICLE THREE – MÉTIS NATION ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship upon Applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority a written application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC; and
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/ or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC;
 - 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.
- 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, 31.2, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5, 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.
- 3.3 The Citizenship Authority shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month

ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Chartered Community;
- 4.2 Upon approval of registration, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen.
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under nineteen (19) years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of that individual;
- 4.5 No individual is obliged to apply for registration;
- 4.6 In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Citizenship Authority with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;
- 4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall review applications for registration and shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if:
 - a) The Applicant is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
 - b) Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and
 - c) The application is properly made.
- 4.8 The Citizenship Authority shall establish and implement a process to seek out and encourage the application for registration of all qualified individuals who are entitled to be registered as Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY

- 5.1 A Métis Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Registry;



- 5.2 The Citizenship Authority shall remove a Métis Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be registered as a Métis Citizen;
- 5.3 A Métis Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.

ARTICLE SIX – REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY DUE TO INELIGIBILITY

- 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:
 - a) The Citizenship Authority will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Citizenship Authority.
- 6.2 If the Citizenship Authority has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.
- 6.3 If the Citizenship Authority has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Citizenship Authority’s decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Citizenship Authority. The Senate’s decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Citizenship Authority is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.



ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL REGISTRY

- 7.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall maintain a uniform system for the Registration of Métis Citizens;
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.
- 7.3 The Ministry of Citizenship may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Ministry of Citizenship’s sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 7.4 All information concerning Applicants or Métis Citizens located at the Central Registry is confidential and the Ministry of Citizenship shall adhere to or cause to be adhered to, all federal and provincial Privacy Laws;
- 7.5 The Ministry of Citizenship shall cause the Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical, and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;
- 7.6 The Ministry of Citizenship will, with the consent of the MNBC Board of Directors obtain permission from Citizens to release certain personal information of Citizens to the Provincial or Federal Governments for health and social determinants of health research purposes only, provided that each Citizen affected by that permission has been provided with an information document fully describing the information proposed by the Ministry of Citizenship to be released, including a release statement that provides that Citizen with an opportunity to decline or refuse to permit the release of the personal information proposed to be released.
 - i) In the event a Citizen, having been provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the Ministry of Citizenship at the address provided, declines to give their consent for the information to be released, then that information will not be released.
- 7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Community, a regional registry clerk, or directly to the Métis Nation British Columbia registry;
- 7.8 Application shall be submitted by the Chartered Community of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk to the Ministry of Citizenship for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 7.9 An Applicant whose application is not approved by the Ministry of Citizenship shall be notified, in writing of the decision;
- 7.10 An Applicant, having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 7.11 An Applicant, who has applied for MNBC Citizenship, where the application has been forwarded by a Chartered Community or Regional Registry Clerk, and whose application the Provincial Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry



and forwarded directly to the Applicant;

- 7.12 Each Provincial Citizenship Card shall bear a personal and individual registration number and clearly identify which MNBC Region the Citizens resides;
- 7.13 Provincial Citizenship Cards issued pursuant this Act shall constitute the only legitimate and valid proof of Métis Citizenship to the exclusion of all other cards and/or documents of any nature;
- 7.14 Except as may be otherwise provided by this Act, the MNBC shall be solely responsible for the development and distribution of the Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and the Provincial Citizenship Card.

ARTICLE EIGHT - REGISTRY OFFICE

- 8.0 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant.

ARTICLE NINE - THE MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

- 9.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
- 9.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the Provincial Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act;
- 9.3 Be and is authorized to request and obtain Genealogical evidence and/or any other documentation and information which may be relevant to an application and the proper discharge of the Ministry of Citizenship's duties;
- 9.4 Provide a report in writing to MNGA and the MNBC upon their reasonable request;
- 9.5 Maintain the Central Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
- 9.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant and/or the Chartered Community, as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;
- 9.7 Include with any written decision, written instruction on the procedure for commencing an appeal from a decision of the Ministry of Citizenship;
- 9.8 Be authorized to render decisions on the voluntary removal of Métis Citizens from the Central Registry;
- 9.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship by the Central Registry may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- 9.10 Ensure that all documentation and information in the possession of the Ministry of Citizenship



with respect to the application under appeal is provided, together with the Ministry of Citizenship's report, to the Senate prior to the date upon which the appeal is to be heard;

- 9.11 Comply with any reasonable request of the Senate or of the Citizens' Appeal Committee or other appropriate Senate Tribunal for information or material concerning the Application or an appeal;
- 9.12 Supervise the staff and operation of the Registry Office;
- 9.13 Respond to any reasonable request for information from an Applicant, the appropriate Chartered Community or the MNBC concerning an application.

ARTICLE TEN - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL

- 10.0 An Applicant, Chartered Community or the MNBC may appeal a decision of the Citizenship Authority concerning the application of an Applicant for Citizenship to the Senate pursuant to the provisions of this Act or the Senate Act.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Ministry of Citizenship including the remuneration for the office of the Citizenship Authority and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.

ARTICLE TWELVE - ADOPTION

- 12.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority objectively verifiable proof of an adoption which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, proves that the Applicant has been adopted by a Métis Citizen or is eligible for citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 12.2 The adopted Métis Citizen's citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;
- 12.3 The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.
- 12.4 An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per *Article 12.0*.



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Electoral Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE – NAME

1.0 This *Electoral Act* of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be cited as the “*MNBC Electoral Act*” and hereinafter be referred to as the “*Electoral Act*”.

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE, SEAL AND NAME

2.0 The purpose of the *Electoral Act* is to establish fair, open and democratic procedures and rules for the Elections of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

ARTICLE THREE – DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this document:
 - 3.1 “**Advance Poll**” means a vote held prior to the designated Election Day so as to allow those voters who may be unable to attend a Polling Station the ability to vote either by voting at a Polling Station or by Mail-in Ballot;
 - 3.2 “**Ballot**” or “**ballot**” means a paper or document representing a vote by an Elector and means vote where the context so dictates;
 - 3.3 “**Board Member**” means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors.
 - 3.4 “**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;



- 3.5 “**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*;
- 3.6 “**Campaign Period**” means that period of time from the date that the MNBC Election is called and the date at which the Chief Electoral Officer declares the successful Candidates elected;
- 3.7 “**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 Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
- 3.8 “**Chief Electoral Officer**” means a contractor appointed in writing after final approval of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors is charged with developing a call for proposals and short listing potential contractors to operate Elections for the Métis Nation British Columbia. This short list will be presented to the MNGA for final approval of the successful Chief Electoral Officer;
- 3.9 “**Conflict of Interest**” means the circumstances in which there is a real, potential or apparent conflict between the private interests of a person and the interests of the Métis Nation. This also includes circumstances in which a person represents or is a director/officer of an organization, association or party whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC;
- 3.10 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as adopted by the Métis citizens at the Annual General Meeting September 2003 and revised from time to time thereafter;
- 3.11 “**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, and Chairperson, 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.
- 3.12 “**Election Day**” means the official day when the votes cast by Electors at an Election are counted;



- 3.13 “**Election Voting Period**” means, in the case of a Polling Station vote, that period of time as designated by the Chief Electoral Officer and in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or online voting Election, that period of time as set by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2 of this *Electoral Act*.
- 3.14 “**Election Officer**” means the Chief Electoral Officer, Returning Officers and Poll Clerks appointed for a particular Election or by-Election;
- 3.15 “**Elector**” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia’s *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 British Columbia *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 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Citizen who is eighteen (18) years or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.
- 3.16 “**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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative, on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.
- 3.17 “**Leave of Absence**” means an unpaid leave of absence for an MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation.
- 3.18 “**List of Electors**” means a list made pursuant to this *Electoral Act* and prepared by the MNBC Central Registry of individuals entitled to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election;
- 3.19 “**Mail-in ballot**” means a vote that is cast by an Elector and delivered by mail or courier to the location or individual designated by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein;
- 3.20 “**Métis Citizen**” is a Métis person as defined in the *Constitution* and listed in the central registry;
- 3.21 “**Métis Community**” shall mean the Métis Nation British Columbia communities as set out in the *Constitution*;
- 3.22 “**Métis Nation British Columbia Senate**” means the judicial arm of the of the Métis Nation British Columbia and in accordance with Senate Act;



- 3.23 “**Mobile Polling Station**” means an advance poll consisting of a team of election officials who visit Communities, and have two secure ballot boxes: one to collect Mail-in Ballots, and one to collect ballots issued by the team to electors who have not previously received a Mail-in Ballot.
- 3.24 “**Online Voting**” means a vote that is cast by an Elector using a web-based voting system;
- 3.25 “**Ordinarily Resident**” means a Métis citizen who actually lives and has lived continuously in British Columbia for at least twelve (12) full months prior to the date of the Election. In making such determination, temporary absences from British Columbia for reasons such as travel, education, medical treatment, military service or incarceration shall be considered periods of residence provided the person was ordinarily resident prior to such temporary absences. A person can have only one place of Ordinarily Residence;
- 3.26 “**Poll Book**” means a list of names of persons who have received ballots at an Election pursuant to the *Electoral Act*;
- 3.27 “**Poll Clerk**” means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to assist a Returning Officer at the polls pursuant to this *Electoral Act*;
- 3.28 “**Polling Station**” means a place established by the Election Officers where Electors cast their vote or send their ballots by Mail-In Ballots in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein and which is set up pursuant to the MNBC Electoral Act;
- 3.29 “**Region or Electoral Region**” means one of the seven (7) regions of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
- 3.30 “Regional Director” means a person who holds the position of Regional Director of one of the seven (7) Métis Nation British Columbia regions after being elected pursuant to the Electoral Act or after a By-Election pursuant to *Section 47* of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*;
- 3.31 “**Returning Officer**” means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the *Electoral Act*; and
- 3.32 “**Scrutineer**” means a person appointed in writing who is authorized to represent a Candidate’s interests at a Polling Station pursuant to the *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FOUR – DATE OF ELECTION

- 4.0 The date of the Election shall be established by the MNGA in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*.

ARTICLE FIVE – CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

- 5.0 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be appointed by the MNGA to hold office for each Election. This individual shall manage and conduct an Election. The Chief Electoral Officer shall also have the



responsibility of conducting any necessary By-Elections while their appointment remains in effect.
The Chief Electoral Officer shall:

- 5.1 Provide guidance and supervision respecting the conduct of the Election:
- a. Create all electoral notifications, forms, ballots and documents as may be required;

b. Decide the eligibility of all Candidates seeking office in an Election;

c. Prepare the List of Electors;

d. Appoint Returning Officers and Poll Clerks;

e. Ensure that all Election Officers are in compliance with this *Electoral Act* and use the guiding principles of fairness and impartiality when conducting an Election;

f. Issue to Election Officers any information and guidance they consider necessary for the administration of the *Electoral Act*;

g. Reconcile all ballots and prepare an official Election report for the Métis Communities and Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors; and

h. Perform all duties assigned pursuant to this *Electoral Act*.
- 5.2 In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- a. Implement public education and information activities to make the electoral process better known to the public, particularly to those persons most likely to experience difficulties in exercising their democratic rights; activities may include, but are not limited to:

i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voters guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;

ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);

iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;

iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;

v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;

vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;

vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for



- all or for a specific region or Community.

b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments

c. Remove from office and replace Election Officers upon being satisfied that the officers:

i. Refuse, neglect or have an inability to act;

ii. Have failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of their office; or

iii. Is engaging in partisan political activities.
- 5.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall consult with the Solicitor for the MNBC, when and if necessary with respect to issues that may arise from time to time concerning the Election process.
- 5.4 If during the course of an Election, it transpires that insufficient time has been allowed, or insufficient Election Officers or Polling Stations have been provided, for the execution of any of the purposes of the Electoral Act, by reason of the operation of any provision of this *Electoral Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer, notwithstanding anything in the Electoral Act may:
- a. Increase the number of Election Officers (subject to financial resources);

b. Increase the number of Polling Stations (subject to financial resources);
- 5.5 However, the Chief Electoral Officer may not extend the hour for the opening or closing of an ordinary or advance polling station, or for accepting nomination packages on nomination day or change the date of ordinary polling day.
- 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.
- a. An MNBC Chartered Community may, via written request to the Chief Electoral Officer, request a secured ballot box to the Community, for the deposit of mail-in ballots.

i. The ballot box will be secured through the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act, and

(a) The person appointed as Returning Officer pursuant to Article 14.1 of the *MNBC Electoral Act* shall be responsible for the security of the above-noted ballot box.

ii. The ballot box shall be placed in an accessible location pursuant to the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act.



- iii. The Returning Officer shall send, by mail or courier, Mail-in Ballots deposited by Electors in a secured ballot box in a Community to the location and by the date designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- iv. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the date that the secured ballot box will be closed, and when the ballots must be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORS

- 6.1 Any Métis Citizen of the MNBC who is Ordinarily Resident in British Columbia is eligible to be an Elector subject to Article 6.2 herein.
- 6.2 An Elector is entitled to cast one (1) vote for the each of the following offices:
 - a. President;
 - b. Vice President;
 - c. Regional Director;
 - d. Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia for the Region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being 15 years of age to 30;
 - e. Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia 15 years of age to 30.
 - f. Regional Women’s representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being female 18 years of age and older.
 - g. Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia being female eighteen (18) years of age and older
 - h. Regional 2SGLBTQQIA+ 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 or 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 Naiton British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters to respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.
- 6.3 Any person is eligible to vote if:
 - a. A Métis person, pursuant to the MNBC’s *Constitution*;
 - b. No less than 18 years of age of the date of the Election;
 - c. No less than 15 years of age and no more than 30 years of age for the MYBC;
 - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the Métis



- Women of British Columbia.
- 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.
- f. Registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*; and
- g. Ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
- 6.4 The following individuals are not eligible to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election:
 - a. Individuals who are not registered on the MNBC Central Registry;
 - b. Individuals who are not 18 years of age on Election Day; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Individuals who are not 15 years of age and older than 30 on Election Day for the MYBC;
 - d. Individuals who are not female 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the MWBC; and
 - e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older on Election day.
 - f. The Chief Electoral Officer;
- 6.5. Each Elector shall, before voting, affirm that they are a Métis Citizen of British Columbia and identify as such. In addition, electors must affirm that they are not registered under either the Indian Act or the Inuit Registry.
- 6.6. In the case of Online Voting, an elector shall have the option of voting by a Mail-in Ballot or at a Polling Station designated by the Chief Electoral Officer on Election day, if they are not able to vote online.

ARTICLE SEVEN – LIST OF ELECTORS

- 7.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall obtain from the MNBC Central Registry a final listing of registered voters no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight time on or before the 45th day. Subject only to the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer as set out in *Article 7.7* herein, no individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on or before the 45th day.
- 7.2 Upon receipt of the final lists as stated herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, from the Central registry listing, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- 7.3 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, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial 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 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.

- 7.4
- Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot shall send their ballot by mail or courier to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period, or, in the case of Online Voting, within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period.
- 7.5
- In the event an Elector, who, being on the List of Electors, attends a Polling Station other than the Polling Station at which their name is included on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer at that Polling Station shall deal with that Elector’s ballot as set out in *Article 28* herein.
- 7.6
- No individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after the 45-day timeline. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then, from the list of registered electors, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- a.
- 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, and the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Chairperson. 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 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- b.
- The List of Electors referred to in *Article 7.3* herein shall be provided to the Candidates no less than 39 days prior to the date of the Election;
- c.
- The Chief Electoral Officer may amend the List of Electors as necessary; and
- d.
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall place a copy of the List of Electors with each Métis community.
- 7.7
- Upon provision of evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief Electoral Officer, of a legitimate error or omission, a Métis citizen can have their name added to, or removed from the List of Electors at any time up to fourteen (14) days prior to the Election.
- 7.8
- Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident. In the event of any discrepancy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the determination as to which Polling Station is deemed closest. Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the List of Electors of another polling station and such determinations shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.



- 7.9
- No Métis citizens shall:
- a.
- Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors in a name that is not their own; and
- b.
- Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors for a region that they are not qualified or entitled to vote as an Elector.

ARTICLE EIGHT – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- 8.1
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall, 60 days before the date of the Election, through a mail-out to all Electors and a posting on the MNBC website, provide notice of the Election and the applicable rules surrounding the Election and the preparation of the List of Electors:
- a.
- The place and hours fixed for the nomination of Candidates and the date fixed for closing nominations;
- b.
- The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment.
- c.
- The nomination papers required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer; and
- d.
- The address, email and phone number of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.2
- 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 Office.
- 8.3
- Any Métis Citizen is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if, on the day their nomination papers are filed:
- a.
- They are an ordinarily resident in British Columbia
- b.
- Is 18 years of age or older; with the exception of the MYBC;
- 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 Metis Youth of British Columbia;
- d.
- Any Metis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the Metis Youth of British Columbia.
- e.
- Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- f.
- Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis Citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council.



- g. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for 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, they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;
- h. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia has been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;
- i. If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
 - i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;
 - ii. At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
 - i. MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;
 - ii. The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.
 - iii. If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.
- j. If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.
- k. At the close of nomination has provided a letter of resignation to the CEO for any salaried (contractor or employment) position held within the MNBC;
- l. In accordance with **Article 23.7** of the *MNBC Constitution*, has provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with **Articles 45** and **23.7** of the *MNBC Constitution*; and
- m. Is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central registry pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.

- 8.4 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:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of twenty (20) original signatures of 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 position of President and Vice President;
- c. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 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 Métis Youth of British Columbia;
- d. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of female 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 Métis Women of British Columbia;
- 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.

- 8.5 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:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, 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 for Regional Director seeks to be nominated;
 - c. 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 at which the Candidate for the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia seeks to be nominated.
 - d. A minimum of five (5) signatures of female 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 at which the Candidate for the Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. 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.

- 8.6
- 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.
- a.
- If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the date the elections is announced.
- 8.7
- 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.
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- 8.8
- Candidates who use malicious or objectionable practice or conduct themselves in a malicious or objectionable manner during the Campaign Period shall be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.9
- Candidates shall not be permitted to use the offices or equipment of the MNBC or any program delivery offices for the purposes of presenting or advancing their campaign at any time during the campaign period.
- 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.

ARTICLE NINE – ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

- 9.1.
- If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office, the day following the close of nominations.



ARTICLE TEN – NO CANDIDATES NOMINATED

- 10.1.
- If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for an Election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – POSTING OF NOTICE OF POLL & CANDIDATES

- 11.1
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall, within five (5) days after the close of nominations, post on the MNBC website a notice indicating the names of the Candidates, the voting method options, and the date and time for voting.
- 11.2
- Candidates whose nominations are accepted by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be entitled to receive a copy of the applicable List of Electors, a copy of the *Electoral Act* and other materials as deemed appropriate by the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE TWELVE – WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE

- 12.1.
- A Candidate may withdraw at any time up to twenty-one (21) days prior to Election Day by filing with the Chief Electoral Officer a written, signed and witnessed declaration to that effect.
- 12.2.
- When a Candidate has withdrawn, the Chief Electoral Officer shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Electors are advised when receiving a ballot.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – DEATH OF CANDIDATE

- 13.1.
- 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.
- 13.2.
- 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 the 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.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND POLL CLERK

- 14.1
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and a Poll Clerk for each location where a Polling Station is to be established in the electoral region, or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and Poll Clerks for the location designated to receive ballots.
- a.
- The Returning Officer with assistance from a Poll Clerk is responsible for the conduct at a



Polling Station in an electoral region.

- b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - i. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - ii. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - iii. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate’s representative.
 - iv. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or who lives with either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location.

14.2 A person appointed, as either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall hold office from the time appointed until thirty (30) days after the Election Day.

- 14.3 The Chief Electoral Officer may remove from office any Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who:
- a. Is incapable, by reason of illness, of satisfactorily performing their duties under the *Electoral Act*;
 - b. Fails to discharge competently their duties as Returning Officer or Poll Clerk so as to comply with an instruction of the Chief Electoral Officer;
 - c. Knowingly makes a contribution to a Candidate’s campaign whether or not the contravention occurs in the exercise of his or her duties under the Act.

14.4 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, the Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – POLLING HOURS

- 15.1. Polling shall begin at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time in accordance with the particular time zone on the date of the Election and close at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time on that same day.
- a. Advance polls shall be open for at least four (4) consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled.

15.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, Electors shall be able to mail or deliver their ballots to the location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days.

15.3 In the case of an Election by Online Voting System, Voters shall be able to vote within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than 14 calendar days.



ARTICLE SIXTEEN – LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS

- 16.1. A Polling Station shall be in a location that in the determination of the Chief Electoral Officer is convenient for the Electors.
- 16.2. In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot there shall be a location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of receiving Mail-In Ballots.
- 16.3. In the case of online voting, the system used shall be secure.
- 16.4. A final List of the Polling Stations will be listed twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election Date.
- 16.5. Best efforts will be made to ensure that every Polling Station will be accessible to persons who have a disability that could affect their ability to vote on the Election date.
- 16.6. No Polling Station may be located in the following places:
- a. Premises where alcohol or spirits are served; or
 - b. Premises in which a Candidate has an interest.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – SCRUTINEERS

- 17.1. Each Candidate may appoint Scrutineers in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer to represent them at each Polling Station, and to observe the Election procedures on their behalf.
- a. A Candidate may appoint more than one Scrutineer to attend a particular Polling Station while voting is in progress but only one Scrutineer per Candidate may be present in the polling area at any one time.
 - b. A Candidate shall supply their scrutineer with a form approved for such use by the Chief Electoral Officer, appointing them as a scrutineer. If scrutineers are only present for part of a day and are replaced by another scrutineer, the replacement scrutineer must have their own form to show the Returning Officer.
- 17.2. Scrutineers may observe the operation of the Polling Station and observe the counting of the ballots.
- 17.3. In the case of a Mail-in Ballot Election a Candidate may appoint up to 2 scrutineers to be present at the designated location or locations during the opening of the ballot boxes and the counting of the ballots.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – BALLOT BOXES

- 18.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide each Returning Officer with a ballot box to conduct the Election in his or her region. The ballot box shall be made of durable non-see-through material and accompanied by a sufficient number of appropriate seals. The ballot box shall permit the deposit of ballots but not permit their removal without breaking the seals after they have been attached.

ARTICLE NINETEEN – CONTENTS OF BALLOTS



- 19.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of ballots are prepared for an Election.
- 19.2 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.
- 19.3 If two (2) or more Candidates for the same office have the same surnames, their names shall be listed in alphabetical order according to their given names.
- 19.4 Ballots shall be printed on one side only.

ARTICLE TWENTY – POLLING BOOTHS

- 20.1. Each Polling Station shall contain one or more polling booths arranged so that when an Elector is in the polling booth they are screened from observation and may mark their ballot without interference.
- 20.2. In each polling booth, Electors will be provided with a suitable table, desk or shelf and a suitable marking instrument for marking their ballots. These materials shall be properly maintained during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE – MATERIAL AT POLLING STATION

- 21.1 The Returning Officer shall before the opening of the Poll ensure the following are available:
 - a. An area where Electors can mark their ballots in private;
 - b. A document providing voting instructions for Electors;
 - c. A Poll Book where the names of all Electors who vote are to be entered;
 - d. A copy of the final List of Electors;
 - e. A ballot box or ballot boxes as required;
 - f. Tape to secure the ballot box or ballot boxes until the ballots are ready to be counted;
 - g. A sufficient number of ballot papers;
 - h. The material necessary to enable Electors to mark the ballot papers;
 - i. Instructions for the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks; and



- j. Such other forms, office stationery and materials as may be required to enable the Returning Officer to perform their duties.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO – PERSONS ENTITLED TO REMAIN IN POLLING AREA

- 22.1 Only the following individuals may remain in a polling area during polling hours:
 - a. Returning Officer;
 - b. Poll Clerk;
 - c. Chief Electoral Officer;
 - d. One Scrutineer per Candidate; and
 - e. Interpreters.
- 22.2 Nothing in this *Electoral Act* restricts a Candidate from briefly visiting a Polling Station during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE – SECRET BALLOT

- 23.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot and in the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, a double envelope system as defined by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be used by Electors to send their ballots to the designated location or locations for receiving ballots.
- 23.2 In the case of online voting, the voter shall be required to authenticate their identity. Their identity and the personal authenticity information of the voter shall remain confidential.
- 23.3 No person in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of votes shall fail to maintain or fail to aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR – SECRECY OF VOTING

- 24.1 Each Returning Officer, Poll Clerk, Candidate and/or Scrutineer in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of the ballots shall assist in maintaining the secrecy of the voting process and they shall not communicate or attempt to communicate any information obtained at the Polling Station regarding which Candidate an Elector has voted for or is about to vote for.
- 24.2. Returning Officers and Poll Clerks shall not communicate any information obtained at the counting of the ballots to any person other than the Chief Electoral Officer or those in their office.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE – OPENING OF POLLING STATION - DISPLAY OF BALLOT BOX

- 25.1. Each Returning Officer shall attend the Polling Station at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of his or her Polling Station.
- 25.2. During the 30 minutes immediately prior to the opening of the Polling Station, the Returning Officer shall show the ballot box to Candidates, Scrutineers and other persons entitled to be present so that they may see that the ballot box is empty.



25.3. After the ballot box has been shown, it shall be locked or sealed for receipt of ballots and at all times during the hours of voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX – ADVANCE POLLS

26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish at least one advance poll to accommodate electors. Such a poll may take place at a location of a Community which has requested and received a secure ballot box, or may be a mobile polling station, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. The dates, times, and locations of advance polls will be scheduled to provide reasonable access to as many electors as possible.

26.2 Advance Poll(s) shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.

a. The days and times of a Mobile Polling Station in Communities shall be included in the list of polling stations referenced in Article 16.4 of the MNBC Electoral Act.

26.3 Any person on the list of electors and in possession of a mail ballot who attends an advance poll may mark their ballot and deposit it at that advance poll, in the ballot box reserved for Mail Ballots.

26.4 Any person who meets the criteria set out in Article 6 of this Act and:

- Has not received a mail-in ballot, and
- Has not voted online, and
- a. Signs a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person,

May receive a ballot from the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person.

26.5 Any person who has received a mail ballot and has spoiled it:

i. May exchange the spoiled ballot for a replacement ballot, or

ii. If not in possession of the spoiled ballot, may receive a replacement ballot after signing a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person;

at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person

The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN – POLL BOOKS



27.1 Each Returning Officer shall be provided with a Poll Book in which the Returning Officer or the Poll Clerk shall enter the names of all Electors who attend the Polling Station and apply to vote unless those names are previously printed therein. The Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall record whether those Electors are objected to or vouched for and by whom and if objected to whether the Elector voted or not.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT – GENERAL PROCEDURES AT POLLING STATION

28.1 Where an Elector presents themselves at the Polling Station for the purpose of voting, the voting process shall proceed as follows:

a. Each Elector shall present their MNBC Citizenship Card for the purpose of proving their identity and Métis citizenship to the Returning Officer.

b. The Returning Officer shall ascertain whether the name of the person applying to vote (the “Applicant”) is on the List of Electors and, if it is,

c. Each eligible Elector shall be given a ballot to be marked clearly, in secret, for the Candidate of that Elector’s choice which thereafter shall be placed in a ballot box as instructed by the Returning Officer.

d. If the Applicant’s name is not on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer shall not permit that person to vote unless the Applicant can present a valid MNBC Citizenship Card that can be verified by the Returning Officer as being the MNBC Citizenship Card of the Applicant.

e. In the event that the Applicant can produce a valid MNBC Citizenship Card, the Returning Officer shall record, in the proper column of the Poll Book, the Applicant’s name, address and MNBC Citizenship number and shall provide that Applicant with a ballot paper on which the Applicant shall clearly mark, in secret, the Applicant’s choice of Candidate.

f. Upon being presented with a completed ballot by a person who is not on the List of Electors at the Polling Station where the Applicant has attended to vote and was permitted to vote by the Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall:

i. Place the Applicant’s ballot in an envelope with the Applicant’s name, the date and time noted;

ii. Place that envelope into another envelope that shall be kept separate from the ballots cast by Electors (whose names were located on the List of Electors for that Polling Station) and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer for verification of the eligibility of the Applicant.

g. If verified as eligible by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Applicant’s vote shall be counted.

h. Any Candidate or their scrutineer may object to the eligibility of any Métis citizen requesting a ballot. If in the opinion of the Returning Officer such objection is reasonable, it shall be



noted in the Poll Book and shall include the reason for the objection along with the name of the Candidate on whose behalf the objection is being made. The Returning Officer may then give the Métis Citizen a ballot paper so that the Métis Citizen may cast their ballot. In the event of an objection to the Métis Citizen, the Returning Officer shall follow the procedure under *Article 36.7* of this *Electoral Act*.

- i. The Returning Officer shall record the names and obtain the signatures of all persons who, although deemed ineligible to vote, attended at the Polling Station and requested a ballot.”

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE – CONDUCT AT POLLING STATION

- 29.1. No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an Elector who is marking their ballot or casting their vote or otherwise make any attempt to obtain, at the Polling Station, information as to the Candidate or Candidates for whom an Elector at that Polling Station is about to vote or has voted.
 - a. No individual shall, directly or indirectly, threaten to inflict injury, damage, harm or loss on or against an Elector so as to persuade or compel the Elector to vote or refrain from voting, or because the Elector voted or refrained from voting.
- 29.2. No person shall, having voted, apply at the same Election for a ballot paper in the Elector’s own name, or vote more than once at the same Election.
- 29.3. No individual shall vote knowing that they have no right to vote, or induce or persuade any other individual to vote knowing that the other individual has no right to vote.
- 29.4. No person shall apply at an Election for a ballot paper in the name of another person, whether living or dead, or a fictitious person.
- 29.5. The campaign office of a Candidate must not be within one (1) kilometer of a Polling Station.
- 29.6. There shall be no campaigning in or in the vicinity of a Polling Station on Election Day.
- 29.7. Every Returning Officer and Poll Clerk is responsible for maintaining peace and order in their Polling Station during an Election.
- 29.8. During an Election, no Candidate or other person on behalf of a Candidate shall, directly or indirectly, or as an accessory, give or cause to be given any alcohol or spirits to or for any person, for the purpose of persuading that person to vote for the Candidate or for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting at an Election.
- 29.9. No Candidate shall make or take a share or interest in a bet or wager based on the result of the Election.
- 29.10. Any person in breach of *Article 29* of this *Electoral Act* will be removed from the Polling Station and will not be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE THIRTY – EXPLANATION OF VOTING



- 30.1 The Returning Officer may and upon request shall, either personally or through their Poll Clerk explain to the Elector as concisely as possible the way in which voting is to be performed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE – VOTING BY A DISABLED PERSON

- 31.1. Where an Elector on the List of Electors comes to a Polling Station to vote and is unable to mark a ballot due to an inability to read or has a physical or mental disability, the Returning Officer shall:
 - a. Have a friend or relative complete an Elector Assistance Form indicating the name of the Elector, their own name and the reason the person is incapable of voting alone;
 - b. Permit that person to accompany the Elector into the polling area to mark the ballot in accordance with the Elector’s instructions;
 - c. Receive the completed ballot, check their initials and place the ballot in the ballot box; and
 - d. Enter the reason the Elector was permitted to vote in this manner, and the name of the person who assisted the Elector, in the Poll Book.
- 31.2. An individual other than an Election Officer must not act to assist more than one Elector in an Election to mark a ballot unless the individual is assisting more than one member of their family.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO – APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER

- 32.1 Where the Returning Officer has been given thirty (30) days advance notice by a Métis Community or an Elector in that Métis Community, that an Elector or Electors who are unable to speak or read the English Language may present themselves at a Polling Station, subject always to availability, an interpreter may be provided by the Returning Officer for the purpose of explaining to those Electors, questions and answers concerning voting in the following languages: Michif, French or Cree.
- 32.2. The interpreter must make a solemn declaration that they are able to make the translation and will do so to the best of their abilities.
- 32.3. Every interpreter shall make a declaration of secrecy.

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE – REMOVAL OF BALLOT FROM POLLING STATION

- 33.1. Except in the case of a Mail-in Ballot an Elector who has received a ballot paper shall not take it out of the Polling Station.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR – FORFEITURE OF VOTING RIGHTS

- 34.1. Where an Elector leaves the Polling Station without first delivering their ballot paper to the Returning Officer or returns it after declining to vote, they forfeit their right to vote and the Returning Officer shall make an entry in the Poll Book in the column for remarks to the effect that the Elector received the ballot paper, but took it out of the Polling Station or returned it declining to vote.



34.2. Where an Elector returns their ballot paper declining to vote, the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “declined” upon it and preserve the ballot paper.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE – SPOILED BALLOT

35.1. An Elector, who upon voting, has inadvertently spoiled their ballot paper may on returning it to the Returning Officer obtain another ballot paper and the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “spoiled” upon the returned ballot paper and preserve it as set out in this Article.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX – PROCEDURE ON CLOSE OF POLL

- 36.1. After the closing of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the Poll Clerk and any Candidate and/or Scrutineers who may be present, immediately:
- a. Count the number of spoiled and declined ballots and record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and then seal it; and comply with the procedures as set out in Article 28 herein.
- 36.2. On complying with subsection 36.1, the Returning Officer shall count the number of Electors whose name appears on the List of Electors and the number of Electors recorded in the Poll Book as having voted and those persons who having attended were deemed ineligible to vote and shall draw a line immediately under the last name in the Poll Book and affix their initials to the list.
- 36.3. On complying with **Subsection 36.2**, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box and proceed with a count of vote and record the result.
- 36.4. The Returning Officer shall endorse with the words “not initialed” any ballot paper that does not have their initials or the initials of such person acting on their behalf on the back thereof and any such ballot shall be counted with the other ballots but immediately upon the conclusion of the count, the Returning Officer shall:
- a. Count the number of “not initialed” ballots, and
 - b. Record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and seal it.
- 36.5. In counting votes, the Returning Officer shall reject any ballot that:
- a. Was not supplied by them;
 - b. Does not indicate any vote for any Candidate;
 - c. Contains votes for more Candidates than are to be elected;
 - d. Is so marked, that it is uncertain for which Candidate the vote was cast; and
 - e. Contains any writing or mark enabling the Elector to be readily identified.



- 36.6. Notwithstanding **Subsection 36.5**, a ballot shall not be rejected:
- a. By reason of any writing, numbering or mark omitted by the Returning Officer; or
 - b. When the vote, though incorrectly made on the ballot, clearly indicates the Elector’s intention to vote for one particular Candidate.
- 36.7. In the event the Returning Officer determines that an Elector’s right to vote has been reasonably disputed pursuant to **Article 28**, the Returning Officer shall make a note in the Poll Book of every objection and the name of any Candidate on whose behalf such objection was made. The Returning Officer shall place such ballot in a special envelope that shall, on its cover, contain the name of the Elector, their MNBC Citizenship number, the name of the Polling Station and the Returning Officer initials. Such envelopes shall be preserved by the Returning Officer and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer. The Returning Officer shall also forward the specific objection to such Elector, as noted in the Poll Book. The Chief Electoral Officer shall investigate the objection of such Elector and in the event the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is valid, the ballot shall be placed in a separate envelope and shall not be counted. If the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is without merit, the envelope shall be opened and the Chief Electoral Officer shall count the vote(s).
- 36.8. The Returning Officer at the conclusion of the count shall complete a statement of poll, indicating the number of votes for each Candidate, which shall be signed by the Returning Officer and Poll Clerk. The Returning Officer shall then immediately inform the Chief Electoral Officer, by phone or by fax, as to the number of votes for each Candidate, the number of spoiled ballots and any disputed Electors.
- 36.9. A copy of the statement of poll shall be attached to the Poll Book and one page shall be retained by the Returning Officer to be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 36.10. Upon completion of the statement of poll, the Returning Officer shall in presence of the persons authorized to be present, place into separate packets the:
- a. Statement of poll;
 - b. The ballots objected to but counted;
 - c. The ballots objected to but not counted;
 - d. The rejected ballots not objected to;
 - e. The rejected ballots objected to;
 - f. The spoiled and declined ballots;
 - g. The discarded ballots;
 - h. The unused ballots;
 - i. The envelopes containing the ballots of those persons who voted in accordance with Article



28 herein;

- j. The Poll Book with the declaration of the Returning Officer therein;
- k. The List of Electors used at the poll;
- l. The declaration of Electors;
- m. The statement of the number of Electors as marked by the Returning Officer as “Voter assistance”;
- n. The notes taken of objections to ballot papers found in the ballot box; and
- o. All other documents that were completed prepared or used at the Election.

- 36.11 The Returning Officer shall seal each of the envelopes mentioned in **Section 36.10** with their own seal and initial the outside of the envelopes.
- 36.12 The Returning Officer shall mark on the outside of each of the envelopes a short statement of the contents of the envelopes, the date and name of the Election and their name.
- 36.13 The Returning Officer shall then return all envelopes and relevant documents to the Chief Electoral Officer as directed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE

- 37.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly announce the results of the Election and declare elected the Candidates who received the largest number of votes.
- 37.2 When the original reports and ballots have been received from the Returning Officers, the Chief Electoral Officer shall check the reports, but not the ballots, and verify or confirm the results.

ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT – RECOUNT

- 38.1 Subject to **Article 37.2** herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall recount the ballots where applicable if the Chief Electoral Officer decides that there is a need for a recount or if they receive a written request to recount from a Candidate within seven (7) days from the date of the Election;
- 38.2 A Candidate shall be entitled to require a recount if:
 - a. The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice- President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
 - b. 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
 - c. There are no more than fifteen (15) votes difference between the Candidate who has the



most votes for that position and the Candidate requesting a recount; and

- d. Two (2) or more Candidates for the same position have an equal number of votes, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare a tie and conduct a recount.

ARTICLE THIRTY-NINE – RECOUNT PROCEDURE AND TIE BREAKING VOTE

- 39.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall give written notice to each Candidate of the place, date and hour of the recount
- 39.2 The recount shall, if possible, be held within the next seven (7) days from receipt of a Candidate’s written request for a recount.
- 39.3 No person may be allowed in the room where the recount is being conducted except the following:
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer;
 - b. The Returning Officer (at the CEO recommendation);
 - c. The Candidates or an Elector appointed in writing to be present on behalf of each of the Candidates.
- 39.4 In recounting the ballots, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the same counting rules that a Returning Officer is required to follow under this **Electoral Act**.
- 39.5 The Chief Electoral Officer will be required to set another Election Day in the event of a tie between two or more Candidates receiving the most votes for the same position. The Election in that event would be conducted solely for the purpose of filling the subject position and only the tied Candidates would be eligible to run. Such Election shall be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months form the date of the original Election and shall follow the process and rules set out in this **Electoral Act**.

ARTICLE FORTY – ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOUNT RESULTS

- 40.1 Upon the completion of any and all recounts, the Chief Electoral Officer shall certify the final results of the Election publicly announce the results of the recount and declare the names of the successful Candidate who received the largest number of votes.

ARTICLE FORTY-ONE – DESTROYING BALLOTS

- 41.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall destroy all ballots ninety (90) days from the date of the Election unless:
 - a. Directed by an order of a Court; or
 - b. Directed by an order of the Senate; or
 - c. A request for a recount is received in which case the ballots shall be destroyed after ninety (90) days from the date of the recount unless otherwise ordered.



ARTICLE FORTY-TWO – ELECTION APPEAL

- 42.1 Decisions of the Chief Electoral Officer during an Election may be appealed to the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer will have the authority to refuse Candidates and voters who do not meet the required eligibility pre-requisites and deadlines set out in the MNBC *Electoral Act*.
 - b. All Candidates or electors refused will have the option to file a written Election appeal before the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 42.2 A Candidate or elector will have fourteen (14) days from the date of the Election or fourteen Days from the date of the recount to file a written Election appeal before the MNBC Senate.
 - a. The written appeal sent to the MNBC Senate should outline the rationale of the Election appeal, along with any documents or other materials that should assist the appeal.
 - b. As part of filing an Election appeal, the Candidate or elector shall deposit with the MNBC Finance Department the sum of \$150.00 in cash or money order. This deposit is non-refundable and serves as security for administrative costs in connection with carrying out the appeal process.
- 42.3 The Chief Electoral Officer will provide information at the request of the MNBC Senate during the Election appeals process so as to deliver a fair and balanced decision.
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer will be responsible in providing reasons for refusal as supported by the Articles in the *Electoral Act*.
 - b. The MNBC Senate reserves the right to set a date when the Candidate or elector who filed the Election appeal may present their arguments in person. The onus to prove the appeal to the satisfaction of the MNBC is upon the individual who filed the Election appeal.

ARTICLE FORTY-THREE – GENERAL

- 43.1 The appeal will not be successful if is shown that the Election was conducted in accordance with this Election Act and that the irregularity, failure, non-compliance or mistake did not materially affect the result of the Election, and no Election is void by reason of:
 - a. Failure to publish, late distribution or non-receipt of the Métis communities;
 - b. A failure to hold a poll at any place appointed for holding a poll;
 - c. A non-compliance with the provisions of this *Electoral Act* relating to the counting of the votes or with regard to limitations of time; or
 - d. Any mistake in the use of the prescribed forms.

ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR – INTERPRETATION



- 44.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural number, as the case may be, and vice-versa.

ARTICLE FORTY-FIVE – REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 45. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.



As Ratified September 2024
Annual General Meeting

Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as “*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*”

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

2.0 In this Act:

- 2.1. “**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.
- 2.2 “**Act**” shall mean the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.
- 2.3 “**Chartered Community**” are those Métis Communities that have entered in a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.4 “**Co-Speakers**” means the two people elected as Co-Speakers at the MNGA.
- 2.5 “**Constitution**” shall mean the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) as amended from time to time.
- 2.6 “**Clerk**” shall mean the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 2.7 “**Community Governance Charter**” means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.8 “**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 Métis Nation British Columbia (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.

- 2.9 “**Deputy Speaker**” shall mean the Deputy Speaker of the MNGA.
- 2.10 “**Executive**” shall mean the Executive members of the MNBC who are elected province-wide and which includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 2.11 “**Gabriel Dumont Scout**” or “**Dumont Scouts**” shall mean the individual or individuals appointed and responsible for the keeping of the peace at the MNGA, named in honor of Gabriel Dumont’s peacemakers historically called ‘Scouts.’
- 2.12 “**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.



- 2.13 “**Governing Assembly**” shall mean a meeting of the MNGA as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.14 “**Housekeeping Matters**” in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislations of the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning of intent of the Article of the subject Legislation of the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation of the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter.”
- 2.15 “**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
- 2.16 “**Legislation**” means laws and/or acts , and includes resolutions that introduce new or amend existing laws and/or acts.
- 2.17 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 2.18 “**Métis Nation British Columbia**” means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.19 “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 Métis Youth BC Council, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and which represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
- 2.20 “Orders of the Day” shall mean the compilation of documentation for members of the MNGA including the Agenda, Reports, Minutes, Draft Legislation, Motions and Constitutional Amendments to be tabled at a General Assembly of the MNGA.
- 2.21 “Regions” shall mean the MNBC regions as are defined by the Constitution.
- 2.22 “Roll Call” shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly.
- 2.23 “Senate” shall mean the MNBC Senate.
- 2.24 “Speaker” shall mean the Speaker of the MNGA.
- 2.25 “Urgent Business” means business of a time sensitive matter that requires the attention of the MNGA in the current governance cycle.

ARTICLE THREE - COMPOSITION OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 3.0 In this Act:
- 3.1 The MNGA shall be composed of:
- a) The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, MYBC Chairperson, the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Governing Council; and
 - b) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.
- 3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1



- above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling.
- 3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that Community.
- 3.3 All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.
- 3.3.1 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 2.8 of this Act.
- 3.4 If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.
- 3.5 If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 Despite Article 3.6c, 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.
- 3.8 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.**
- 3.9 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 3.11 or 3.12 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.
- 3.10 Despite Article 3.9, 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 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.
- 3.13 A Person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING AND QUORUM

- 4.0 In this Act:
- 4.1. A majority (more than half) 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;
- 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.
- 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.
- 4.4. 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;
- 4.5. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been approved by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or adoption by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.6 Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been 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.



- 4.7 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.
- 4.7.1 That any elected representative, who is a declared candidate in a current election, who is a member of the MNGA, may not propose such a rule.

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.

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

- 6.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, or two Co-Speakers shall:
 - 6.1 Be elected by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.2 May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;
 - 6.3 Be for a term of two (2) years subject to re-appointment;
 - 6.4 Be responsible for the procedures, rules, debates and decorum of the Governing Assembly;
 - 6.5 Receive the list of members and seating arrangements of the Governing Assembly from the Clerk as established by the Roll Call;
 - 6.6 Approve all participation in debates and voting;
 - 6.7 Secure a written record of the Governing Assembly and certify the minutes;
 - 6.8 Require Gabriel Dumont Scouts to expel for the remainder of the day any MNGA member or any observer from the Governing Assembly for failing to follow the ruling of the Speaker;
 - 6.9 Ensure that only MNGA members are seated in the designated Assembly area with all other individuals or observers seated outside of the designated Assembly area;

ARTICLE SEVEN - CLERK

- 7.0 The Clerk of the MNGA shall:
 - 7.1 Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia;
 - 7.2 Be responsible for compiling the necessary documentation for the Orders of the Day;
 - 7.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda and notice, the minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA.
 - 7.4 Obtain and retain a certified copy of the minutes from the Speaker;
 - 7.5 Provide the draft minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption by the members at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;



- 7.6 Secure, by contract, an independent person or agency to duly record the minutes and procedures of the MNGA;
- 7.7 Ensure that the necessary staff are in place for a Governing Assembly;
- 7.8 Also hold the seat as Clerk at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC; and
- 7.9 Be authorized to appoint or designate a Deputy Clerk to assist in carrying out their duties.

ARTICLE EIGHT - SENATE

- 8.0 The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA:
 - 8.1 Maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by:
 - a) Being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers;
 - b) Swearing-In any new members.

ARTICLE NINE- GABRIEL DUMONT SCOUTS

- 9.0 In this Act:
 - 9.1 Gabriel Dumont Scouts will be appointed by the MNBC to maintain order and ensure proper procedure during a Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE TEN – REPORTING

- 10.0 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:
 - 10.1 Executive Reports;
 - 10.1.1 President
 - 10.1.2 Vice-President
 - 10.1.3 Secretary
 - 10.1.4 Treasurer
 - 10.1.5 Regional Director Reports;
 - 10.1.6 Métis Women of British Columbia Report;
 - 10.1.7 Ministerial Reports, including, where applicable, program reports and audits;
 - 10.1.8 Senate Report;
 - 10.1.9 Métis Youth of British Columbia Report;
 - 10.1.10 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Report,



- 10.1.11 Any other reports required by the Constitution or Legislation.
- 10.2 Expenditure Report
 - 10.2.1 An interim Expenditure Report for the period between April 1st and December 31st of the current fiscal year shall be given, which shall contain all spending by MNBC elected members and the Executive Director/CEO including but not limited to: remuneration, travel costs, accommodation costs, per diems, honoraria, legal and professional fees, consultant and contractor fees and reimbursed expenses. Each year the Expenditure Report of the entire previous fiscal year’s expenditures of MNBC elected members and executive staff shall be posted on the MNBC website by June 1st.

ARTICLE ELEVEN- MINUTES

- 11.0 The Minutes of a Governing Assembly shall:
 - 11.1 Be received and prepared by an independent individual or person;
 - 11.2 Be forwarded to the Clerk; and
 - 11.3 Refer to the Minutes of the previous Governing Assembly, which shall be included in the Orders of the Day.

ARTICLE TWELVE - NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS

- 12.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:
 - a) Shall be submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be submitted to the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
 - c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held, and
 - d) If approved by the MNGA, 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.
- 12.2 Constitutional Amendments
 - a) Shall be submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be submitted to the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider



- the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
- c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) If approved by the MNGA, will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.
- 12.3 Other Matters
 - a) Shall be submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be submitted to 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;
 - 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 and
 - d) Be considered at the MNGA.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 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.
- 12.6 Notice of the MNGA
 - a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of



- the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.
- ARTICLE THIRTEEN - APPLICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS**
- 13.0 The MNGA shall be authorized to receive and determine applications for Métis Community Governance Charter from applications in accordance with the requirement as outlined in Article 56.1 of the MNBC Constitution. The application terms of the Métis Community Governance Charter shall consider any special circumstances that may affect the status on an existing or prospective Métis Community Governance Charters.
- 13.1 The MNGA shall proclaim:
 - a) The date of the next MNBC election, as set out in the Constitution; and
 - b) Holidays and days of commemoration, such as Louis Riel Day.
- 13.2 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- ARTICLE FOURTEEN - FINANCING**
- 14.0 Fiscal resources for the institution and maintenance of the MNGA shall be provided by the MNBC if available, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the MNGA as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- 14.1 The fiscal resources allocated by the MNBC for the purposes in 13.1 shall be those fiscal resources that are within the means available to the MNBC for those purposes.
- 14.2 The Speaker shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the MNGA.
- 14.3 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the MNGA.
- 14.4 The MNBC will be responsible for the expenses and any remuneration for the MNGA in pursuance of the provisions of this 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;
 - o If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
 - o 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.

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.



As Ratified September 2024
Annual General Meeting

Natural Resources Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

1.0 This Act is cited as “Métis Nation British Columbia - Natural Resource Act.”

ARTICLE TWO – INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.0 In this Act and subsequent Addendums and Regulations:
- 2.1 “**Act**” means the *MNBC Natural Resource Act*.
 - 2.2 “**Addendums**” are Ministerial approved supplements to the *Natural Resource Act* that enables the development of annually renewed, low-level legislation.
 - 2.3 “**BCMANR**” means the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources which is a non-political committee that manages the natural resources on behalf of the MNBC.
 - 2.4 “**Captain’s Assembly**” consists of the eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt.
 - 2.5 “**Captain of the Hunt**” means a MNBC citizen who has been selected, through the BCMANR Policies and Procedures, and endorsed by the Regional Governance Council of their respective region.
 - 2.6 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the MNBC as amended from time to time.
 - 2.7 “**Issuer**” means a person that is delegated the authority by BCMANR to issue licensing, tags and permits.
 - 2.8 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.



- 2.9 “**MNBC**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution*.
- 2.10 “**Métis Citizen**” as defined by the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.11 “**Minister of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.
- 2.12 “**Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry.
- 2.13 “**Ministry of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental Protection (technical) and BCMANR.
- 2.14 “**Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all natural resource issues under the authority of the Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources (political), Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources (technical) and BCMANR.
- 2.15 “**Parties**” for the purpose of consultation means government, proponents, regulatory agencies and other external entities whose mandate includes Aboriginal consultation.
- 2.16 “**Region**” means a MNBC Region as determined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.17 “**Regulation**” is the annually renewed provincial and regional rules that manage the Métis harvest.
- 2.18 “**Senate**” means the MNBC Senate.
- 2.19 “**Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat and has expertise and experience in the natural resource section.
- 2.20 “**Senior Director of Environmental Protection**” means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.
- 2.21 “**Youth**” for the purpose of harvesting under the authority of this *Act* and to provide consistency with existing provincial and federal government legislation (i.e. *B.C. Wildlife Act*) means a Métis Citizen between the ages of 10-18 years of age.

ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

3.0 The purpose of this Act is to provide Métis specific legislative authority for the regulated management of all natural resources in British Columbia which are utilized by the Métis Citizens, thus;





- 3.1 Establish natural resource regulation, policy and guidelines by combining both Métis traditional knowledge and western-based science management principles;
- 3.2 Institute sound conservation practices and measures;
- 3.3 Protect the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia;
- 3.4 Ensure adequate consultation on all natural resource issues.

ARTICLE FOUR – FINANCES

- 4.0 The financial requirements for MNBC’s Ministry of Environmental Protection shall be satisfied as follows:
 - 4.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to BCMANR as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
 - 4.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
 - 4.3 The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.
 - 4.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue financial resources for the functions of BCMANR and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
 - 4.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for BCMANR while conducting official BCMANR business, pursuant to this Act.

ARTICLE FIVE – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 5.0 In this Act:
 - 5.1 BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
 - 5.2 All decisions of BCMANR shall be recorded and a report provided to the Citizens at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
 - 5.3 The MNBC’s Minister responsible for Natural Resources will be required to report all updates to the MNBC Board of the Directors.

ARTICLE SIX – HARVESTING FOR PROFIT AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

- 6.0 In this Act the harvesting of wildlife and fish for profit or commercial purposes;
 - 6.1 Is not authorized, and;
 - 6.2 Only permits harvesting by Métis Citizens for food, social, ceremonial and traditional purposes.



ARTICLE SEVEN – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

- 7.0 Management agreements;
 - 7.1 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with Canada or British Columbia pertaining to management, perpetuation or rehabilitation of wildlife or fish populations or the ecosystems of which those populations are a part.
 - 7.2 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with aboriginal nations, non-government organizations and stakeholder groups that pertain or contribute to natural resource management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats.
 - 7.3 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with the owners of lands respecting the management of the lands for the purposes mentioned in **Article 3.0**, and such agreements may authorize BCMANR to carry out habitat improvement work, protective measures, stocking programs, fencing, erection of signs, harvesting activities and any other management practice.
 - 7.4 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements, for the purpose of consultation, as per **Article 11.0** of this Act.

ARTICLE EIGHT – MNBC HARVESTING CARDS

- 8.0 In this Act:
 - 8.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards
 - 8.1.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards may be issued to Métis Citizens who submit applications and meet requirements for approval. This Act applies only to those persons who have chosen to harvest under the authority of the Act.
 - 8.1.2 A MNBC Citizen cannot harvest a wildlife and fish quota (or bag limit) under multiple licensing authorities (i.e. MNBC Harvesting Card and a Province of British Columbia **Wildlife Act** hunting license).
 - 8.1.3 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions for use of the card as outlined in this Act and any subsequent regulations created under the authority of **Article 9.0**.
 - 8.1.4 Contravention of terms is an Offence.
 - 8.1.5 No person shall contravene the terms or conditions of the person’s MNBC Harvesting Card.
 - 8.2 Transfer of MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag;
 - 8.2.1 Except as provided in the regulations, no MNBC Harvesting Card shall be transferred and no person shall buy, sell, exchange or in anyway be a party to the



- transfer of a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, or in any way use or attempt to use a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, issued to any other person.
- 8.3 MNBC Harvesting Cards apply only to those species, areas and times described by regulations developed under the authority of Article 9.0.
- 8.4 Cancellation of MNBC Harvesting Card in event of error;
 - 8.4.1 BCMANR may cancel any MNBC Harvesting Card where an error has been made from any cause when issuing it, and the holder has no claim for indemnity or compensation with respect to it other than the adjustment or refund of any fee collected.
- 8.5 MNBC Harvesting Card is to be carried and produced upon demand;
 - 8.5.1 No holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall hunt, fish, trap or collect natural resources unless at that time they have a valid MNBC Harvesting Card on their person;
 - 8.5.2 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall produce the card to any enforcement officer whenever requested.
- 8.6 MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by misrepresentation;
 - 8.6.1 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by any false or misleading statement made in respect of any information required for the issue of the MNBC Harvesting Card shall be deemed to be the holder of a void MNBC Harvesting Card and the holder will be prosecuted under this Act.
- 8.7 Refusal of MNBC Harvesting Card;
 - 8.7.1 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is due to failure to verify MNBC Citizenship for the applicant or,
 - 8.7.2 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is reasonably necessary for the achievement of the purpose and intent of this Act as per **Article 3.0**.
- 8.8 Notice of refusal
 - 8.8.1 Where an issuer of MNBC Harvesting Card refuses to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card, BCMANR shall serve notice of the refusal on the application for the MNBC Harvesting Card.
- 8.9 A person, who has not complied with terms of any BCMANR Captain's Assembly decisions related to offences under the Act, will not be eligible to apply for a MNBC



Harvesting Card, unless the offence has been overturned by a successful MNBC Senate appeal.

ARTICLE NINE – REGULATIONS BY BCMANR

- 9.0 BCMANR will make regulations that are consistent with **Article 3.0** and develop regulations based on the principles of existing case law, and whereas;
 - a. An agreement (as per **Article 7.0**) that has been endorsed between the MNBC and a provincial and/or federal government partner, or;
 - b. Legislative or political direction has been provided by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, MNBC Annual General Assembly or a ratified motion of the MNBC Board of Directors, however;
 - c. If neither Articles **9.0 a.** nor **9.0 b.** are present, then provincial and federal government legislation and regulation will be sanctioned.
- 9.1 BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
 - 9.1.1 Respecting threatened species or endangered species;
 - 9.1.2 Application for MNBC Harvesting Cards and permits as per **Article 8.0**;
 - 9.1.3 Prescribing the conditions of a MNBC Harvesting Card and conditions that the Issuer may attach to a MNBC Harvesting Card when they issue it to a Métis Citizen;
 - 9.1.4 Limiting the number and types of tags and permits that may be held by a person;
 - 9.1.5 Prescribing fees;
 - 9.1.6 Prescribing the maximum number of a species of wildlife, by sex and age, that a person may kill or possess in a period of time and the circumstances in which a person may kill or possess wildlife;
 - 9.1.7 Designating no shooting and/or no harvesting areas;
 - 9.1.8 Providing for cancellation or suspension of, periods of ineligibility for and periods of suspension of MNBC Harvesting Cards for specified offences or combinations of offences, and specifying what a second or subsequent offence is, consistent with **Article 12.0**;
 - 9.1.9 Specifying lakes, streams or areas of British Columbia for the purpose of requiring Métis Citizens to hold a MNBC Harvesting Card issued under the authority of this Act to engage in angling in that lake, stream or area for special designated harvests;
 - 9.1.10 Respecting how decision for appeal may be supplied for the purposes of **Article 13.0**;
 - 9.1.11 Prohibiting or regulating methods and devices for hunting or taking wildlife and



- respecting safety in those activities;
- 9.1.12 Providing for the reporting and recording;
- 9.1.13 Requiring wildlife or a part of wildlife to be permanently or temporarily marked or tagged;
- 9.1.14 Requiring that a person who kills wildlife, take that wildlife or a part of it to a place and report to a person specified by BCMANR;
- 9.2 Without limiting *Article 9.1*, BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
 - 9.2.1 Specifying open seasons or closed seasons, or both, for a sex, age or species of wildlife;
 - 9.2.2 Prescribing the hours of the day or night during which the hunting of wildlife is prohibited or allowed;
 - 9.2.3 Prescribing restrictions on the manner in which fish caught by angling may be dressed or packed and limits on the amount of fish or fish parts possessed by a person at a place other than at a private residence;
 - 9.2.4 Prescribing MNBC Harvesting Cards or permits that must be held to angle for or to catch and retain a designated species of fish or to angle in a designated area of British Columbia, including tidal waters;
 - 9.2.5 Prescribing tags that must be attached in the prescribed manner to fish caught by angling;
 - 9.2.6 Prescribing an offence under a specified provision of this Act, or a regulation under this Act, as an offence.
- 9.3 BCMANR, despite anything in this Act, may make regulations respecting the issue of permits.
- 9.4 Regulations must assure public safety and public health.
- 9.5 This Act authorizes the creation of a BCMANR Policy and Procedure section pertaining to the process for regulation development.
- 9.6 All regulation must be approved, via motion, by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly.

ARTICLE TEN – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 10.0 This Act authorizes the development of Environmental Protection Policy.
 - 10.1 The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection.
 - 10.2 BCMANR will be responsible for all Environmental Protection regulations developed under



- the authority of this Act.
- 10.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Environmental Protection Policy.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – CONSULTATION

- 11.0 This Act authorizes the development of an MNBC Consultation Guidelines and supporting procedures.
 - 11.1 The development of MNBC’s Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. The policy will be revised from time to time to reflect MNBC’s position with respect to consultation within context of current Supreme Court of Canada rulings and associated regulatory requirements as they apply to Métis rights and interests;
 - 11.2 The Consultation Guidelines will include a definition of traditional knowledge, written by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly, to ensure adherence to purpose of this Act in *Article 3.0*.
 - 11.2.1 Traditional knowledge protocol and procedure in the Consultation Guidelines will be established by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly.
 - 11.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Consultation Guidelines.
 - 11.4 The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.
 - 11.5 Consultation Guidelines will address the following principles;
 - 11.5.1 Promote the adherence of government, proponent and regulatory agencies to the implementation of Aboriginal consultation in a manner that respects and addresses the unique culture, heritage by:
 - 11.5.1.1 Increasing awareness of the Métis in British Columbia including the cultural, heritage and land use issues of concern to Métis;
 - 11.5.1.2 Strive to ensure the timely and effective avoidance, mitigation, accommodation and/or compensation of potentially adverse impacts to Métis rights and interests in keeping with current MNBC mandates related to consultation;
 - 11.5.2 The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection will endeavor to keep apprised of and inform the MNBC’s Board of Directors of current case law, regulatory requirements, government policies and other matters that may influence Métis rights and interests and have bearing on the MNBC’s Consultation Guidelines;



- 11.5.3 Establish appropriate, efficient practices that will fulfill MNBC consultation principles in accordance with MNBC Board direction for all natural resource matters.
- 11.5.4 Promote and facilitate the protection of traditional land use locations and other historical resources of significance to Métis within British Columbia;
- 11.5.5 Guide Parties in fulfilling their consultation duties and objectives in a spirit of reconciliation and transparency and will meet each party’s goal of fairness and certainty; and,
- 11.5.6 Guide MNBC’s decision-making processes regarding consultation as it relates to all natural resource matters including resource development and land management practices.
- 11.6 Consultation Guidelines will require the MNBC to;
 - 11.6.1 Represent and advocate for consultation of British Columbia Métis Citizens with governments, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies;
 - 11.6.2 Provide direction and support to the Chartered Métis Communities;
 - 11.6.3 Work with BCMANR to ensure traditional and contemporary land use information is employed to support consultation where such information is available; or,
 - 11.6.3.1 If absent, advocate for resources to compliment the consultation project with adequate traditional and contemporary land use information.
 - 11.6.4 Provide information to government and industry to facilitate consultation activities;
 - 11.6.5 Manage and determine the adequacy of consultation activities within the context of MNBC consultation policies, legal precedents and regulatory requirements;
 - 11.6.6 Report to the Chartered Métis Communities, government, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies regarding decisions concerning consultation as related to their respective mandates; and,
 - 11.6.7 Consider any other issue or take any other action the MNBC deems necessary to ensure consultation adequately protects the rights and interests of British Columbia Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE TWELVE – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 12.0 This Act authorizes the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly to function in the following compliance and enforcement capacities;
 - 12.1 To operate in the capacity of the initial judiciary in relation to offences against this Act or any regulations empowered by this Act.



- 12.2 Powers available to the Captain’s Assembly for offences against this Act are;
 - a. Suspension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed two years, offences greater than two years are considered an apprehension.
 - b. Apprehension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain’s Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection Resources must sanction the apprehension.
 - c. Community service hours
 - d. Reparations or mitigated measures
- 12.3 Determine the policies and procedures for the compliance and enforcement authorities assigned under this Act.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – APPEAL MECHANISM

- 13.0 The MNBC Senate has the authority to hear appeals for;
 - 13.1 Any decisions established under the authority of this Act, or;
 - 13.2 Any offences established by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly under the authority of *Article 12.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – BCMANR NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

- 14.0 BCMANR Natural Resource fund is established to fund projects and activities related to natural resource management, protection, enhancement, education and legal challenges and that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund policy is developed to ensure management of the fund by BCMANR is strategic, effective and transparent.



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Senate Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as “The Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act”

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.0 In this Act:
- 2.1. “**Act**” means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act*.
 - 2.2 “**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (“MNBC”) as amended from time to time.
 - 2.3 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
 - 2.4 “**Métis Nation British Columbia**” means the organization which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which are governed by the provisions of the *Constitution*.
 - 2.5 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia, as set out in the Constitution.
 - 2.6 “**Ordinarily Resident**” means the Region to which the person is registered as a member and the Region of the member’s fixed home address to which whenever they are absent they have the intention of returning.
 - 2.7 “**Region**” means Region as determined by the *Constitution*.



- 2.8 “**Registrar**” means the individual who fulfils the office of Registrar as defined in the Citizenship Act.
- 2.9 “**Senate**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 2.10 “**Senator**” means a member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.

ARTICLE THREE - MANDATE AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

- 3.0 The Senate shall:
- 3.1 Act as the judicial arm of the Métis Nation British Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - 3.2 Consist of seven (7) Senators, one Senator per Region; and
 - 3.3 Determine and abide by guidelines for protocol, policy and procedure and to provide to the MNBC a written copy of those guidelines (the “Protocol Guidelines”).
 - 3.4 A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, suit of prosecution as a result of any things done or not done in relations to the performance of their duties as Senators.

ARTICLE FOUR - QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SENATOR

- 4.0 A person is eligible for appointment to the Senate if they:
- 4.1 Are a Citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
 - 4.2 Are appointed by the Regional Governance Council by a motion at a Regional meeting;
 - 4.3 Are ordinarily resident in the Region from which they were appointed;
 - 4.4 Are non-partisan and non-political, including non-affiliation except as members only of Federal, Provincial and Métis organizations;
 - 4.5 Are at least fifty-five (55) years of age; and
 - 4.6 They have not been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater.
 - 4.7 They are registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

ARTICLE FIVE - APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF SENATORS

- 5.0 Notice of Senate appointments shall be forwarded to the MNBC and the Senate Chairperson, when appointed, by the official charged with recording the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment was made. The submission will include a copy of the minutes of the meeting, indicating the motion and shall be accompanied by a resume and biography of the appointed Senator.





- 5.1 A call for application for Senators will be issued by the MNBC 120 days prior to the Senators term.
- 5.2 The application package must contain:
 - a) Biography of the Applicant.
 - b) Proof of age.
 - c) Copy of the MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
 - d) A Criminal Record Check in accordance with the MNBC Constitution and Senate Act.
 - e) Nomination in writing by a Métis Citizen that holds a MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
 - f) Application package must be submitted to the MNBC Regional Director 30 days prior to the end of the Senator’s term.
- 5.3 The Regional Governance Council shall review the Applicant’s submissions and will reject applications that do not contain the items listed in 5.2.
- 5.4 All or any candidates shall not participate in the Regional Governance Council meeting or when Senator deliberations are being carried out.
- 5.5 The Regional Governance Council will deliberate until the appointment of their Regional Senator is reached by simple majority.
- 5.6 The successful Applicant will upon notification of their appointment, immediately resign any and all positions held within the MNBC, MNGA, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE SIX - TERM AND REMOVAL OF OFFICE

- 6.0 In this Act:
 - 6.1 The term of office for a Senator shall be four (4) years;
 - 6.2 Notwithstanding Article 6.1, the term of office of a Senator shall terminate if a Senator is:
 - a) Disqualified for violating any part of this Act; or
 - b) Is unable to fulfill their duties on a permanent basis.
 - 6.3 A Senator shall be removed or suspended from office by the Senate:
 - a) For being convicted of an indictable offence and all appeals are exhausted;
 - b) If they take up residency outside of the Province of British Columbia;
 - c) For actions unbecoming the stature of a Senator while holding office;



- d) By voluntarily resigning in writing to the Chairperson of the Senate;
- 6.4 A Senator shall take a leave of absence from the office of the Senate upon being charged with an indictable offence and pending final determination of the allegations forming the basis for the charge;
- 6.5 A Senator may be suspended by a seventy five percent (75%) majority of the Senate. The suspension may be with or without remuneration at the sole discretion of the Senate and shall be effective immediately upon that Senator being notified of their suspension;
- 6.6 A Senator my appeal their suspension to the MNGA by written notice to the MNGA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of his suspension.

ARTICLE SEVEN – GUIDELINES FOR PROTOCOL, CODE OF ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 7.0 Within four (4) months of the final ratification of this Act, the Senate shall prepare, compile and deliver to the MNGA a copy of guidelines, in writing, setting out the Protocol, Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct pursuant to which the Senate shall conduct its affairs and manage and administer the duties and functions of the Senate in accordance with this Act and the Senator’s fiduciary duty to the MNGA, the MNBC and Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE EIGHT - COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

- 8.0 Pursuant to this Act the Senate shall establish any such committees as are required by the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution or Legislation and as required to carry out the following duties:
 - a. Mediation;
 - b. Citizenship and Central Registry Appeals;
 - c. Election Appeals;
 - d. Regional and Community Disputes;
 - e. Ceremonial Activities and Exchanges;
 - f. Conducting Opening / Closing Prayers;
 - g. Directing Swearing-In Ceremonies and Oaths;
 - h. Presenting Awards and Gifts of Recognition where applicable;
 - i. Displaying Métis Flags and Sashes; and
 - j. Natural Resources Appeals;
- 8.1 Each committee established pursuant to Article 8.1 shall appoint an individual from among its members to serve as the spokesperson for that committee.



ARTICLE NINE - APPEALS

- 9.0 Members of the Senate conducting appeals shall:
- a) Hear and provide written decisions on all matters and appeals properly before the Senate;
 - b) Have such powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary in regards to attendance, swearing in and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents, the enforcement of its orders and other matters necessary or proper for the due exercise of its jurisdiction.
 - c) The Senate shall determine the tribunal or committees required for the jurisdictions supplied under Article 8.0 of this Act.
 - d) Consider and determine issues with a majority of members in attendance; and
 - e) May appoint an individual(s) to inquire into and report on any matter before making a decision on it.
- 9.1 In all matters concerning appeals, be bound by the rules of natural justice;
- 9.2 Where a time frame to submit an appeal is not otherwise legislated, any appeal by a MNBC Citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event.
- 9.2.1. The Senate will consider an application for an extension of time to appeal.
- 9.3 All decisions of the Senate must be in writing and sealed, then forwarded to the affected parties within thirty (30) days of its decision.
- 9.4 The decisions of the Senate shall be in writing and forwarded to the Métis Nation British Columbia for its review and such action as necessary by the Métis Nation British Columbia.

ARTICLE TEN - QUORUM AND VOTING

- 10.0 To conduct official Senate business:
- 10.1 A simple majority of the Senators will constitute a quorum for a full Senate sitting and/or a simple majority of the composition of a Senate committee and/or tribunal.
- 10.2 Decisions made by a quorum of the Senate shall be deemed to be a decision of the Senate.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The Financial requirements for the institution and operation Senate shall be satisfied as follows:
- 11.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the Senate as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- 11.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.



- 11.3 The Chairperson of the Senate shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the Senate.
- 11.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the Senate.
- 11.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for the Senate while conducting official Senate business, pursuant to this Act.
- 11.6 In the absence of timely Senate resources, the Senate will be provided full consideration for required resources on a case-by-case basis through mutual consultation between the Senate and MNBC.

ARTICLE TWELVE - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 12.0 In this Act:
- 12.1 The Senate shall keep written minutes of all meetings and shall issue such reports to those persons or individuals as may be required.
- 12.2 All decisions of the Senate shall be recorded and a report and posted on the MNBC website for general Citizenship to view.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – CLERK OF THE SENATE

- 13.0 The Clerk of the Senate shall:
- 13.1 Operate independent of MNBC;
- 13.2 Operate under the authority and direction of the MNBC Senate;
- 13.3 Shall be remunerated by the MNBC;
- 13.4 Shall hold no other seat as MNGA/AGM Clerk or administrator/staff personnel within MNBC.



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Veterans Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE

1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for a Veteran, being a current member or, a former member of, the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserve Forces), that was released with an honourable discharge and, who successfully underwent basic training is considered to be a Métis Veteran. A Métis Veteran shall also include those still serving or retired RCMP members. The “Veterans” shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).
- 3.2 The spouses and children of MVBC Members who wish to join MVBC may apply for associate membership of MVBC and may be accepted as an associate member (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be) of MVBC. The MVBC Committee will assess and accept or deny applications for Associate Membership.
- 3.3 The MVBC Committee may, at their sole discretion, revoke a person’s associate membership.



- 3.4 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.
- 3.5 A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), a Woman Veteran Representative, and a Service Officer, all being MVBC members.
- 4.2 The MVBC Membership shall elect from among themselves the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.
- 4.3 The term of office for all MVBC Committee members shall be no more than four (4) years. Elections and appointments shall be held at a MVBC General Meeting, in the year on which the term for those MVBC Committee members shall expire.
- 4.4 The MNBC Minister of Veterans will notify the relevant Regional Director no less than ninety (90) days before their MVBC Regional Representative term will expire, and an appointment must be made by the Regional Governance Council, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.5 No Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson, Women’s Representative, or Service Officer, without the approval of the MNBC Minister of Veterans.
- 4.6 At least one member of the MVBC Committee shall be a serving or retired member of the RCMP, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.7 A Treasurer and Membership Clerk will be appointed by the MVBC Committee from the MVBC Committee Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”.
- 4.8 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:
 - a.) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
 - c.) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;
 - d.) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;





- e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
 - f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
 - h.) Represent themselves as Métis veterans at municipal, provincial, federal, commemorative, or other events.
- 4.9 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.
- 4.11 No less than seven (7) days’ notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.
- 4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS

- 5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.
- 5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate MNBC Board Member and the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.
- 5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.



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Women’s Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREAMBLE

- 0.0 Mission Statement of the Métis Women of British Columbia:
- “We the Métis women of B.C. have an agenda of an open heart and we respect and trust in the process. We are encouraging appropriate relationships, principles and procedures.”*

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

- 1.0 This act may be cited as the MNBC *Women’s Act* (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Women of British Columbia (the “MWBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Women are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 “**MWBC Provincial Governance Council**” means the seven elected Métis Women’s representatives, one from each Region and the Métis Women’s Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women.
- 3.3 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 “**MWBC**” means the Métis Women of British Columbia.



- 3.5 “**Minister Responsible for Métis Women**” means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 3.6 “**The Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson**” the MNBC Métis Women’s representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 “**Regional Métis Women’s Representative**” means the MNBC Métis Women’s Representative elected to represent the Métis Women of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 “**Métis Women**” means those Métis Women residing in British Columbia, 18 years of age and older.
- 3.9 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 3.10 “MNBC Assembly” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MWBC shall:
 - 4.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the MWBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.
 - 4.3 The objective of MWBC is to listen to Métis Women, to voice Métis Women’s perspectives, and to acknowledge the past and present contributions of Métis Women for the benefit of Métis People and the Métis Nation.
 - 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MWBC Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE – MWBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MWBC shall:
 - 5.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
 - 5.3 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.



- 5.4 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
 - a) 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 the procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*
- 5.5 The seven Regional Women’s Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 All Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Women of British Columbia representatives.
- 5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer.
- 5.8 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Women or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Women is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair.
- 5.9 MWBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the “MWBC Minutes”).
- 5.10 MWBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.11 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MWBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional well being Métis Women or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.1 MWBC electoral processes are:



- 6.2 Métis Women seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a 4-year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.



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Youth Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the Youth Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Youth of British Columbia (the “MYBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Youth are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 “**MYBC Committee**” means the seven elected youth representatives, one from each Region and the Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Youth.
- 3.3 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 “**MYBC**” means the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 3.5 “**Minister Responsible for Youth**” means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Youth Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and appointed as the Minister Responsible for Youth by the MNBC President. All Métis Youth BC (MYBC) committee members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Youth BC representatives.
- 3.6 “The Provincial Youth Chairperson” the MNBC Youth representative elected in a Province



wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

- 3.7 “Regional Youth Representative” means the MNBC Youth Representative elected to represent the Métis Youth of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 “Métis Youth” means those Métis Citizens between 15 to and including 30 years of age.
- 3.9 “Ministry of Youth Lead” shall mean an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Ministry of Youth Lead to support and further the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MYBC shall:
 - 4.2 The MYBC Committee acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the supreme law governing the MYBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.
 - 4.3 The objective of MYBC is to advance and enhance valuable Métis Youth perspectives, and to acknowledge Métis Youth for the benefit of the Métis Nation.
 - 4.4 The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MYBC Committee.
 - 4.5 The Ministry of Youth Lead shall assist MYBC in all administrative functions in advancing all MYBC youth initiatives throughout the Province.
 - 4.6 The Ministry of Youth Lead shall actively pursue funding to support and maintain the activities of the MYBC.

ARTICLE FIVE – MYBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MYBC shall:
 - 5.2 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, attend every MNGA and MNBC.
 - 5.3 The Provincial Youth Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
 - 5.4 The Provincial Youth Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the MYBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors
 - 5.5 The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils and on the MYBC Committee.
 - a) 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*.

- 5.6 The regional youth representatives should be accountable to the Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Committee, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.7 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”.
- 5.8 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, hold no less than four meetings, including telephone, video, or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Youth or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Youth is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Co-Chair.
- 5.9 MYBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the “MYBC Minutes”).
- 5.10 MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.11 The MYBC Committee shall, on behalf of the MYBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to enhance the status of Métis Youth or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.0 MYBC electoral processes shall:
 - 6.1 Métis Youth seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - 6.2 The MYBC Committee, including the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act* and MNBC Guidelines.¹
 - 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Committee shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Committee Member, the MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

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2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

OF THE MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission statement of the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia:

“We, the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of B.C. vow to walk with integrity as the proud Otipemisiwak (people who govern themselves) our ancestors prayed for; to elevate and center the voices of our people in the decisions that impact our nation; to foster a culture of wahkohtowin (kinship/interconnectedness) within our Nation; and to build a future where 2SLGBTQQIA+ can thrive alongside niwahkōmāk, anak (our relatives).”

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act (“the “Act”)

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this act is to entrench Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.
- 2.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the MNBC Constitution as the law governing the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and agrees to comply with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation
- 2.2 The objective of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is to advance and enhance Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ perspectives, and to acknowledge the contributions of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people for the benefit of Métis people and the Métis Nation.
- 2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC,



Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this Act:
- 3.1 “**2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council**” means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson also known as the Minister responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- 3.2 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.3 “**Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual**” means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.
- 3.4 “**M2SBC**” Means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia
- 3.4 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.5 “**MNBC Assembly**” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

- 4.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be the representative body of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia, comprised of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson and the seven (7) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives
- 4.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be chaired by a person elected through the Electoral Act as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Minister Responsible for Metis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia will be the person elected as MNBC Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the MNBC Electoral Act, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives will be elected by Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in their respective region in accordance with the provision of the MNBC *Electoral Act*.
- 4.5 The Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity will be an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ to support and further Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia.

ARTICLE FIVE - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- 5.0 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall,





- 5.1 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQIA+ Chairperson will serve as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The Provincial 2SLGBTQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.5 The regional 2SLGBTQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.6 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- 5.7 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.7 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the “2SLGBTQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes”).
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ people living in British Columbia take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support equity for, and the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well being of Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQIA+ initiatives.

ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

- 6.0 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council electoral processes are,
 - 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the MNBC *Constitution*, the MNBC *Electoral Act*, and the MNBC



- guidelines.
- 6.2 The 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the MNBC *Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC *Electoral Act*.





Bylaws

OF THE MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BC

1.0 Definitions

“**Act**” means the *Societies Act* of British Columbia as amended from time to time; “AGM” means the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

“**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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.

“**Bylaws**” means these Bylaws as may be altered from time to time.

“**Community**” means those individuals who, residing in a defined geographical area, are related to each other through Métis connections of a historical, cultural, or traditional nature.

“**Constituent**” means an individual who has a connection with a Métis Community and wishes to enjoin with Métis Citizens in celebrating the Métis cultural heritage. A Constituent shall not be entitled to a vote at meetings of the Society.

“**Director**” means a member of the Board of Directors.

“**Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples**” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.

“**Member**” means a Métis Citizen

“**Métis Citizen**” or “**Citizen**” as the case may be, means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples and is accepted by the Métis



Nation as a Métis Citizen in accordance with the provisions of the *Citizenship Act*.

“**Métis Nation**” means the Aboriginal peoples descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation Citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within s.35 of the *Constitution Act* of 1982.

“**Métis Nation British Columbia**” (the “**MNBC**”) means the governing body of the Métis Citizens and Métis Communities in British Columbia which has as its Constitution the Constitution of the MNBC and as its administrative arm and secretariat, the MPCBC.

“**Officer**” means a person elected or appointed with the authority to sign documents and agreements on behalf of MPCBC if so authorized by the Board of Directors.

“**SGM**” means a special general meeting of the Society.

1.1

Subject to the Definitions herein provided the Definitions in the *Act* shall apply to these Bylaws.

1.2

In these Bylaws, words importing the singular include the plural and visa versa and words importing a gender applies to both genders.

1.3

Unless specified to the contrary in these Bylaws, any conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and the Act or the regulations to the Act the provisions of the Act or the regulations will prevail.

2.0 Membership

- 2.1

Annual Dues, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2

Constituents shall not be deemed to be Métis Citizens and shall not be entitled to a vote.
- 2.3

A person shall cease to be a Member in the event of the following:

a)

upon delivering a written letter of resignation to the Society or that Member’s Regional Director;

b)

the death of the Member; or

c)

the removal of the Member as a result of being confirmed on the Indian Registry System as maintained by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
- 2.5

Any Member may be suspended or removed from the Society or have their name removed from the list of the Members of the Society by a ¾ majority vote at an AGM or SGM called for that purpose if notice of that suspension or removal is given to that person at least 30 days prior to the AGM or SGM and that person has had an opportunity to give an oral and/or written response to the suspension or removal.
- 2.6

Notice of a suspension or removal shall be made to the Member being suspended or removed in a written document which describes in plain, unambiguous language, the





proposed suspension or removal and the reasons therefore as described in the MNBC policy and procedure manual as amended from time to time.

- 2.7 A Member shall not be suspended or removed from the Society or have their name removed from the list of Members in any way except as is set out in these Bylaws.
- 2.8 No Member may be suspended for more than four (4) years. A suspended Member may not run for any office or sit on any board.
- 2.9 The Society will strive to ensure that the Society its Members and Constituents gain fair benefit from, and have equal access to, all aboriginal programs in Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

3.0 Meetings

- 3.1 A general meeting shall be held at the time and place that the Board determines.
- 3.2 Ordinary business to be conducted at a general meeting includes the following:
 - a) adoption of the rules of order;
 - b) financial statements of the Society;
 - c) consideration of officers, Directors or auditors reports, if any;
 - d) election or appointment of Directors when applicable;
 - e) appointment of an auditor, if required;
 - f) business arising out of a report of the directors not requiring the passing of a special resolution; and
 - g) such other matters as shall be included on the Agenda for that AGM.
- 3.3 Annual General Meetings (“AGM”) shall be held in September of each year with no less than fourteen (14) days’ notice to the Members at a time, date and location chosen by the Board of Directors and, unless otherwise specified, shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the MNBC. The agenda for each AGM shall be provided to the Members no less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the AGM.
- 3.4 Special or Extraordinary General meetings (“SGM”) shall be held when circumstances deemed required by the Board of Directors on seven (7) days’ notice to the Members.
- 3.5 Notice of an AGM or SGM shall be provided to Members by facsimile, email or post at the last known facsimile number, email contact or address and must state the nature of any business, other than ordinary business, to be transacted at the meeting in sufficient detail to permit a member receiving the notice to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business.
- 3.6 Only Members shall be entitled to participate at an AGM or SGM. Only those Members who are 18 years of age or older on the date of the AGM or SGM; who have been a resident of



British Columbia for at least 12 months prior to the date of the AGM or SGM; will be entitled to vote at a AGM or SGM.

- 3.7 Except for Annual General Meetings that are held in conjunction with the MNBC AGM the Chair for a general meeting shall be the President of the MNBC. If the President is unavailable the Vice-President shall act as Chair and in the event the President and Vice-President are unavailable the voting Members in attendance at the meeting shall elect an individual from the Members present at the meeting.
- 3.8 The quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is thirty-six (36) of the voting members.
- 3.9 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time set for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date to be set by the Board of Directors and if a quorum is not present at that meeting within 30 minutes of the time set for that meeting, the Members who are present for that meeting constitute a quorum.
- 3.10 Voting at a general meeting shall be by voting cards or in the absence of such by a show of hands unless a secret ballot vote is requested by a majority of the members in attendance.
- 3.11 Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- 3.12 All matters to be decided at a general meeting are decided by ordinary resolution and adopted by simple majority unless the matter is required, by these Bylaws to be decided by a special resolution or another resolution with a higher voting threshold.

4.0 Directors

- 4.1 A Directors’ meeting may be called by the President or by two (2) other Directors on seven (7) days’ notice unless that notice period is waived by the Directors.
- 4.2 50% of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- 4.3 The President of the Society and in their absence, the Vice-President shall be the Chairperson for meetings of the Board of Directors. In the event the President or Vice-President is not available or does not attend at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors in attendance at the meeting shall, upon confirming quorum, appoint a Director from among them to be the chairperson for the meeting.
- 4.4 The Board of Directors may exercise all the powers and do all the acts and things that the Society may do and may, in the exercise of their duties and on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise or secure funds and the payment or repayment of money in the manner they decide.
- 4.5 The Board of Directors may institute annual Membership fees and such other fees or charges as are reasonable and necessary for application for membership or for the



- provision of services by the Society.
- 4.6 An officer who has been appointed to hold an office as set out in Sub-Article 3.2 may be suspended or removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at attendance at a meeting of the Board called for that purpose. The suspension or removal of a Director from a position as an officer does not suspend or remove that Director from his or her position as a director.
- 4.7 A Director may be removed from office:
- a) when the Director is disqualified;
 - b) when the Director is convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two years or greater; or
 - c) when the Director has been removed by a majority vote of the Members in attendance and entitled to vote at an AGM or an SGM when notice of that Director's removal has been provided to the Director prior to the AGM or SGM.
- A Director so removed may appeal the removal to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 4.8 A Director ceases to be a Director when that Director
- a) dies;
 - b) resigns by written instrument delivered to the Society;
 - c) 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 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;
 - d) ceases to be a Citizen;
 - e) is convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two years or greater; or
 - f) is removed as a Director in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.
- 4.9 A Director may be suspended by a vote of the majority of the Members of the Board of Directors. A Director so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding. A suspension may be with or without pay at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 4.10 A Director shall be given notice of any proposed resolution to remove or suspend that Director and he or she shall be given an opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors or to the Society Members in attendance at an AGM or SGM where the removal or suspension will be subject to discussion and/or vote.



- 4.11 In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Directors and subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of vacancy except in the case of the office of President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that purpose. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors will request the assistance of the MNGA who, in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council where appropriate, appoint a Director to fill the vacancy for such term and with such rights of participation in all of the governance processes as may be determined by the MNGA.
- 4.12 A Director may be remunerated for performing their duties as a director.
- 5.0 Relationship with MNBC**
- 5.1 The Society acknowledges that the MNBC is the governing Provincial body of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia and in the geographical Area of the Society and shall, as the Administrative arm and secretariat of the MNBC, provide such support and assistance to the MNBC to fulfill its governance role as may be appropriate or required.
- 5.2 Any provisions of these Bylaws that are inconsistent with the MNBC Constitution shall be null and void as it relates to that matter. The Society acknowledges that the governance of the Society is intended to be consistent with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and Legislated Acts.
- 6.0 Financial**
- 6.1 The Society shall be the subject of an Audit each year by an auditor in good standing in in the Province of British Columbia.
- 7.0 Dissolution**
- 7.1 On the winding up or dissolution of the Society any and all assets remaining after all the just debts of the Society have been paid shall be transferred to a society having a charitable purpose similar to that of the Society. Any transfer of assets to such society shall be sufficient to discharge any and all obligations and responsibilities of the Society in relation to those assets.
- 8.0 Amendment**
- 8.1 Subject to the amendment by the MNBC Board of Directors of matters that are "Housekeeping Matters" as defined in the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*, these Bylaws shall only be amended by a Special Resolution requiring the approval of at least 75% of the Society Members in attendance at a AGM or SGM where no less than fifteen (15) days



notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

- 8.2
- Amendments to Bylaws 1, Definition of Constituent; 2.3; 2.4; and 3.6 shall only be amended by a Special Resolution requiring the approval of at least 85% of the Members in attendance at an AGM or SGM where no less than thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to the Members.
- 8.3
- Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be registered with the Board of Directors no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the AGM or SGM and if approved, shall come into effect on the later of the date at which it is filed with the registrar of Societies or the date specified in the special resolution.
- 8.4
- All approved amendments to the Bylaws shall be appended to the Bylaws.

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