



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	CABINET MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	February 10, 2022	Time:	8:30 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Aimee Patino	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

Participating Cabinet: President Lissa Smith, Ministers Louis De Jaeger, Patrick Harriott, Susie Hooper, Debra Fisher, Raynie Gervais, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond, Shaughn Davoren (left at 9:46 am)

Regrets: Minister Dean Gladue

Staff: Daniel Fontaine – CEO | Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Assistant Deputy Minister, Lydia Stefan – Executive Assistant to the CEO/Deputy Minister, Aimee Patino – Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator

Guest staff: Anna Maione – Senior Director of Finance, Nick Hosseinzadeh – Senior Director of Communications, Colette Trudeau – Senior Director of Operations and Administration & Digital Government, Sharlene Wedel – Senior Director of Education, Colleen Hodgson – Senior Director of Children and Families, Anna Sallah – Policy Analyst for Children and Families

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 8:46 am, President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Minister Gervais.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples of which she was calling from.

Region 1 - Minister Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Region 2 - Acting Vice President De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo people of which he was calling from.

Region 4 - Minister Fisher acknowledged Treaty 7 and traditional territory of the Tsuut'ina, Siksika, Stoney Nakoda, Nehiyaw and home to Region 3 Alberta Metis of which she was calling from.

Region 5 - Minister Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.

Region 6 - Minister Hooper acknowledged the Tri-River Métis Community traditional territory of the Gidimt'en of which she was calling from.

Region 7 - Minister Flamond acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which she was calling from.

BC Women Chair - Minister Elliott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Lekwammen of which she was calling from.

BC Youth Chair - Minister Davoren acknowledged the Vernon District Métis Association and traditional territory of the Syeelhwh Nation of which he was calling from.

Staff at HQ - Our work takes place on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt



and Tsawwassen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge their stewardship of this land since time immemorial. MNBC recognizes the 38 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

1.2. Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED by Minister (Fisher) and SECONDED by (Minister Elliott) THAT the Cabinet goes in-camera at 8:52 am.

CARRIED

- All the staff were asked to leave the meeting room.
- Minister Davoren left the meeting at 9:46 am

It was MOVED by (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister Flamond) THAT the Cabinet goes out of camera at 10:28 am.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by (Minister Hooper) and SECONDED by (Minister Gervais) THAT the meeting agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- To be added to in-camera for the next meeting- Naming of the HQ Conference Rooms

CARRIED

1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Minister Hooper) and SECONDED by (Minister Gervais) THAT the minutes of the October December 9-10, 2022, Cabinet meeting be approved as presented

CARRIED

1.4. Action Items

Acting Vice President De Jaeger provided a general update on the action items and requested follow-up if needed.

2. President's Report

PRESENTATION

February 2022

Lissa Smith provided the update about Métis Nation Council (MNC), National Advocacy, Provincial matters, and First Nation relations. Questions have been entertained during the presentation.

It was MOVED by Minister (Hooper) and SECONDED by Minister (Gervais) THAT the 2022 February President's Report be received for information.

CARRIED

3. CEO|Deputy Minister's Report

PRESENTATION

February 2022

CEO/Deputy Minister Daniel Fontaine provided updates about the office of the CEO, finance, human resources, central registry, administration and public affairs, highlighting the implementation of the new accounting software, SAFE INTACCT, KnowHistory



RootsFoward database deployment, BCIT using the Central Registry for Indigenous Award applicants to verify Metis ancestry and potential donation of 500 cell phones for the vulnerable citizens in the communities. Questions and answers followed after the presentation.

It was MOVED by Minister (Hooper) and SECONDED by Minister (Fisher) THAT the 2022 February CEO/Deputy's Report be received for information.

CARRIED

Recessed at 12:39 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm

4. Communications Report

Nick Hosseinzadeh, Senior Director of Communications, joined to present the Communications report focused on team updates, MÉTV transition to in-house videos, Métis speaker series, website rebuilding, Terry Fox project, outsourcing of trading post and the MNBC alternate logo.

It was MOVED by Minister (Hooper) and SECONDED by Minister (Gervais) THAT the MNBC Communications Report Q3 2021 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Revising the agenda

The meeting was way behind schedule. The Cabinet decided to revise the agenda by prioritizing those items for decisions.

It was MOVED by Minister (Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister Flamond) that the following items be:

- Item 6 - Finance report (removed as this is for information only)
- Item 7 - Correspondences – Federal and Provincial (removed as this for information only)
- Item 9 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Collaborations (removed as this for information only)
- Item 16 - 2022-2023 MNBC Operating Budget (scheduled for a technical briefing)

CARRIED

14. Regional Governance Council Funding (SG1-12120, SG1-12121)

Discussion ensued on the critical role of the Regional Governance Council in bringing forward the issues of importance to the Métis citizens. The funding will allow for greater capacity at the local level to host meetings and planning sessions.

It was MOVED by (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister De Jaeger) THAT the Cabinet directs staff to allocate \$70,000 funding for the Regional Governance Council meeting and provides a mechanism for distributing the funding to the regions.

CARRIED

7. CBF - Policy - (SG2-770)

Colette Trudeau, Senior Director of Operations and Administration, joined to present the CBF implementation guidelines for MNBC citizen-employees. The policy ensured a procedural process to provide accountability and transparency in handling citizen-employee applications to MNBC programs and services.

It was MOVED by Minister (Hooper) and SECONDED by Minister (Gervais) THAT the Cabinet receives for information the Citizenship-Based Funding Initiative policy.



CARRIED

8. Laserfiche Implementation -(SG1-23230, SG1-552, SG1-441)

Colette Trudeau, Senior Director of Digital Government, presented the Laserfiche program and software background to transform many of MNBC's inefficient business processes and practices digitally.

It was **MOVED** by Minister (Harriott) and **SECONDED** by Minister (Hooper) **THAT** the Cabinet approves the procurement of Laserfiche in the maximum amount of \$174,190 to support the Ministry of Digital Government to launch MNBC's digital transformation initiative.

CARRIED

11. First Time Home Owners Program (H&H and MFCBC) (SG1-880)

Since there is a scheduled Housing visioning and planning with the Cabinet, it was decided to table it for the next meeting.

It was **MOVED** by (Minister Harriott) and **SECONDED** by (Minister Gervais) **THAT** the First Time Home Owners item be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting.

CARRIED

12. Children and Families Welfare Providers - (SG2-660,SG2-661, SG2-990, SG2-10100)

Colleen Hodgson, Senior Director of Children and Families and Anna Sallah, Policy Analyst, joined to discuss the ministry's initiatives to enhance cooperation, support and relationships with children and families welfare providers.

Discussion ensued on the trust issues between the Ministry of Children and Families and service providers and further improving the content and wordings of the motion. A meeting with Chris Gall, Colleen Hodgson and Anna Sallah will be scheduled to refine the motion and present it to the next Cabinet meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Minister (Fisher) and **SECONDED** by Minister (Flamond) the motion on Children and Families Welfare Providers be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting.

CARRIED

15. Métis Child Care Benefit (SG2-883, SG2-13130)

Sharlene Wedel, Senior Director of Education, joined to present the additional funding for Métis families in BC to mitigate the increasing cost of child care.

It was **MOVED** by Minister Fisher and **SECONDED** by Minister (Flamond)

WHEREAS:

- A. The BC Government, through the Minister of State for Childcare, has set a goal to have no family pay more than \$10 a day for licenced childcare;
- B. There are little to no Métis specific childcare supports to assist with the costs of childcare in BC; and
- C. Many Métis families do not qualify for assistance in childcare costs under the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC Cabinet endorses the Métis Child Care Benefit program;
- B. This program is to apply to eligible Métis children up to 12 years in age;



- C. This benefit program will provide funds to Métis families for childcare costs, and said funds are not to exceed \$500 per month per child, or \$6000 per child, until allocated funding is exhausted; and
- D. This program is to be administrated by the MNBC Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 3:36 pm


It was MOVED by (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister Flamond) to adjourn the meeting.

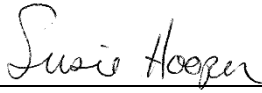
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Approval Sheet

Approved by:  President

Approved by:  Secretary

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