



MEETING MINUTES

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| Meeting: | CABINET MEETING | | |
| Date of Meeting: | December 9-10, 2021 | Time: | 9:00 am |
| Minutes Prepared By: | Aimee Patino | Location: | Microsoft Teams Video Conference |

Attendees

Participating Board: Acting President Lissa Smith, Ministers Louis De Jaeger, Patrick Harriott, Susie Hooper, Dean Gladue, Debra Fisher, Raynie Gervais, Kate Elliott, Paulette Flamond

Regrets: Minister Shaughn Davoren

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

Guest staff: Anna Maione – Senior Director of Finance, John Bieker - Law Clerk/Policy Analyst, Colette Trudeau – Senior Director of Operations and Administrative Services, Maryann Morrison – Senior Director of Citizenship and Community Services and Registrar, Leona Shaw – Senior Director of Environmental Protection & Métis Rights

Guest: Cassidy Caron, MNC President

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 9:01 am, Acting President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Minister Fisher.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

On behalf of Ministers and Staff, Acting President Lissa Smith acknowledged the traditional and ancestral lands of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations and recognized the 38 Métis Chartered Communities we serve across British Columbia.

1.2. Meeting Agenda

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

- To be added – RBC Increase in Credit Facility
- To be moved to in-camera – Reallocation of the Funding from Nova to WACEYA
- To be removed – Request to Name

CARRIED

1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Minister Gladue) and SECONDED by (Minister Gervais)

- THAT the minutes of the October 28-29, 2021, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented
- THAT the minutes of the November 30, 2021, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented

CARRIED (with two abstentions)



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

December 2021

Lissa Smith provided the update about Métis Nation Council (MNC), National Advocacy, Provincial matters, and First Nation relations. Questions and answers followed the reporting.

Recessed at 10:15 am and reconvened at 10:30 am

3. Dialogue with the MNC President Cassidy Caron

President Cassidy Caron joined to meet entire Cabinet members and provided updates for MNC. She assured the Cabinet that she fully supports MNBC in achieving its self-government agreement with Canada, creating a space or opportunity for conversation in core funding, policy table, and clarifying the respect for jurisdictions. She also acknowledged the issues over jurisdiction were not just tearing apart the communities and nation but also families.

4. CEO | Deputy Minister's Report

PRESENTATION

December 2021

Daniel Fontaine provided the update about ongoing engagements at the CEO's office, finance, human resource, central registry, administration, and public affairs matters, highlighting the registry with an increased number of processed applications and registration of a 103-year-old new citizen. Questions and answers followed the reporting.

5. 2022 Cabinet Meeting Locations

In February, the plan to visit Kootenay – Region 4 was brought up to schedule the two town hall meetings in Elk Valley, and West Kootenay Chartered communities between the Cabinet meeting. The visit could be after or before the February 7-9 Métis Youth Parliament Forum in Victoria. It was noted that Minister Fisher was not available on February 9.

For budgeting and planning purposes, it was suggested to explore regions 1 and 6 for the potential venues for the in-person Cabinet meetings.

Recessed at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 12:45 pm



6. Year-End Report

Daniel Fontaine presented the significant MNBC monthly accomplishments for the year 2021. The presentation was concluded with a Christmas message video from selected MNBC staff, appreciating the Cabinet for the hard work for MNBC.

7. Finance Report/Budget Consultation

Anna Maione, Senior Director of Finance, presented an overview of the MNBC financials for October 2021.

It was **MOVED** by (Minister Harriott) and **SECONDED** by (Minister Hooper) THAT the October 2021 finance statement be received for information.

CARRIED

The MNBC – Community Budget Consultation survey results were presented following the finance report. The survey was sent to all chartered communities and received 33% of community participation.

8. Increase Credit Card Facility with Royal Bank of Canada to \$ 100,000

It was **MOVED** by (Minister Harriott) and **SECONDED** by (Minister De Jaeger)

WHEREAS:

- A. It is the responsibility of the Board to authorize an increase in the credit card facility with Royal Bank for Métis Provincial Council British Columbia
- B. The current credit card facility is \$ 39,000 which would need to be increased to \$ 100,000 in order to implement the RBC Commercial Expense Card Program

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC Board of Directors affirms their support to increase credit card facility with Royal Bank of Canada to \$ 100,000 (One hundred thousand dollars only).

CARRIED

Recessed at 2:00 pm and reconvened at 2:20 pm

9. Committee Updates

The respective staff and ministers have provided updates on the following committees:

- Emergency Preparedness - Leona Shaw
- Environment Advisory - Susie Hooper/Leona Shaw
- Awards and Recognition - Maryann Morrison
- Métis Business Advisory - Louis De Jaeger
- 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory - Louis De Jaeger
- Métis Rights and Self-Government - Lissa Smith
- Finance and Audit - Patrick Harriott
- Social Policy and Equity - Patrick Harriott
- Governance and Policy - Patrick Harriott

It was noted that the Métis Financial Corporation of BC should be requested to report every quarter to the Cabinet.



10. Review of Cabinet Committees

The committee's review is set for the next year after the by-election, and concurrently, that will coincide with the Cabinet portfolio review.

11. MYBC and MWBC to join MNGA table (SG3-11113)

These two motions were deferred to the Governance Policy Committee. The procedural process on how to bring out resolutions has been clarified. A meeting among Youth and Women Ministers with the Chair of the Governance and Policy will be scheduled to discuss bringing the motion to the MNGA table.

11. BC Gaming Revenue Sharing Agreement

It was MOVED by (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister Hooper)

WHEREAS:

- A. A Long-term BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing and Financial Agreement exists between the Government of British Columbia, First Nations Summit, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs;
- B. Long-term funding agreements with Canada's colonial governments position Métis Nation British Columbia to provide stable support to improve the quality of life of its more than 23,000 citizens;
- C. The Government of British Columbia's Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples pledges a distinctions-based approach in its dealings with Indigenous Peoples, including the Métis Nation;
- D. Métis Nation British Columbia is pursuing a new Métis Nation Equity and Reconciliation Agreement that seeks to strengthen bilateral relations with the Government of British Columbia through the development of specific subject matter area sub-agreements, one of which will advance economic opportunities; and
- E. Métis Nation British Columbia does not currently enjoy a gaming revenue sharing and financial agreement with the Government of British Columbia.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Métis Nation British Columbia's Cabinet should send a letter to Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, requesting formal negotiations with the objective of securing a gaming revenue sharing and financial agreement that will serve to financially support its citizens.

CARRIED

Recessed at 4:30 pm and reconvened on the following day, December 10, at 9:00 am

12. MNGA 2022

John Bieker joined the meeting to answer clarificatory questions for the MNGA 2022.

It was MOVED by (Minister Harriott) and SECONDED by (Minister Hooper)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The 2022 MNGA be held on March 4-6, 2022;
- B. Subject to public health orders, the MNBC 2022 AGM be held in person in Richmond, BC; and
- C. If public health orders do not allow for an in-person MNGA on this date, or there are significant restrictions on in-person



gatherings, the MNGA will be held virtually.

CARRIED

13. Live Streaming Policy

It was MOVED by (Minister Hooper) and SECONDED by (Minister Gladue) THAT CABINET approved the live streaming policy as presented in the briefing note.

CARRIED

All the Cabinet meetings scheduled for the first six months will be recorded and edited before posting online. Expecting the Cabinet to be comfortable, the live streaming will be implemented. It was also noted that new software and hardware are needed for live streaming.

14. Historical and Research Strategy

Chris Gall has presented the research team composed of John Dewhirst, George Jones and Terry Tobias. Through oral history and supplemental documents, the goal is to establish an undisputable Métis presence in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest.

It was requested to schedule a meeting with the Métis Right and Self Government Committee to discuss the research strategy and finalize the plan and legal instructions.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:51 am

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

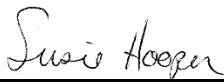
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Approval Sheet

Approved by:  Acting President

Approved by:  Secretary

Date: **February 10, 2022**