



DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held January 26, 2026, by videoconference.

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)
Louis De Jaeger, Chair, Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of BC
Patrick Harriott, Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River)
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)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association
Caitlin Bird, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association
June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association
Lloyd Hogue, Mid Island Métis Nation
Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association
Tyler Masee, North Island Métis Association

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

James Ablitt, Chilliwack Métis Association
Tarina Colledge, Fraser Valley Métis Association
Kim Finlayson, Golden Ears Métis Society
Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association
Dave Morrish, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association
Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association
Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association
Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association
Ross Everatt, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association
Daina Shaw Millett, Boundary Métis Community Association

Natasha Smith, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Tophier Burke, Columbia Valley Métis Association
Suzanne Fiddler, Rocky Mountain Métis Association
Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Sean McGinnis, West Kootenay Métis Society
Myrtle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Sylvia Desocher, Prince George Métis Community Association
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

Bernadette Chaboyer, Northwest BC Métis Association
Dawn McConnell, Tri-River Métis Association
Joy Sundin, Prince Rupert and District Métis Society

Region 7 – Northeast

Alana Copeland, Fort St. John Métis Society
Betty Deck, Moccasin Flats Métis Society

ALSO PRESENT:

Katy Carson, MNGA Speaker
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk
Samantha Furlonger, MNGA Deputy Clerk
Shelley Mac Gregor, MNGA Deputy Clerk
Senator Lisa Shepherd

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

Monday, January 26, 2026

OPENING PRAYER

Senator Lisa Shepherd provided an Opening Prayer and acknowledged the traditional lands on which the meeting was being held.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk, confirmed that a quorum of official voting delegates and a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors were present.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MNGA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special MNGA was called to order at approximately 6:20 p.m. Pacific Time (PT).

2. ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL MNGA AGENDA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the January 26, 2026, Special MNGA

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Dawn McConnell)

That the Agenda for the January 26, 2026, Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly, be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2601-01)

3. RESOLUTION #1 – Changes to the 2026 MNGA Meeting Schedule

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution #1 – Changes to the 2026 MNGA Meeting Schedule” submitted to the MNGA Clerk and dated January 23, 2026

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and explained the suggestion that approval require a two-thirds majority.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Clarification that the resolution related solely to whether the February 28–March 1, 2026, and June 5-7, 2026, MNGA meetings would proceed as originally intended, or be changed to hold the February meeting in person and the June meeting virtually; defeating the resolution would result in the meetings proceeding as originally scheduled
- Cost implications of holding the June 5-7, 2026 meeting in person due to elevated accommodation costs in Vancouver related to major sporting events
- Acknowledging that the MNGA could direct that a majority vote be required to approve this resolution.

It was MOVED (Kim Finlayson) and SECONDED (Sean McGinnis)

WHEREAS:

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia* and the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act* require the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) to meet at least three times per year and empower the MNGA to determine when and how it will meet;
2. At the Summer 2025 MNGA, the following schedule for the 2025-2026 Governance Cycle was approved (Resolution #MNGA2502-09):

MEETING DATES	MEETING METHOD
December 6-7, 2025	Virtual
February 28-March 1, 2026	Virtual
June 5-7, 2026	In Person

3. In order to protect the confidentiality of a report by an independent investigator, it is advisable that the MNGA consider the report in person rather than virtually;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA amend the schedule approved at the Summer 2025 MNGA, by deleting the struck-through text and inserting the underlined text, as indicated below, so that the February 28-March 1, 2026 meeting will be held in person, and the June 5-7, 2026 meeting will be held virtually:

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December 6-7, 2025	Virtual
February 28-March 1, 2026	Virtual <u>In Person</u>
June 5-7, 2026	In Person <u>Virtual</u>

Voting Threshold - Clarification

Prior to considering the main resolution, it was agreed to set the applicable voting threshold.

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That “Resolution #1 - Changes to the 2026 MNGA Meeting Schedule”, be decided by a majority vote.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2601-02)

Question on the Main Resolution

The question was called on the main resolution and it was

ADOPTED (MNGA2601-03)

(35 delegates voted in favour, 9 opposed, and 1 abstained)

CLOSING PRAYER AND CONCLUSION

The Special MNGA concluded with a Closing Prayer offered by June Graham.

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the January 26, 2026, Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly, now conclude.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2601-04)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC Special MNGA held January 26, 2026 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Katy Carson, MNGA Speaker

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk