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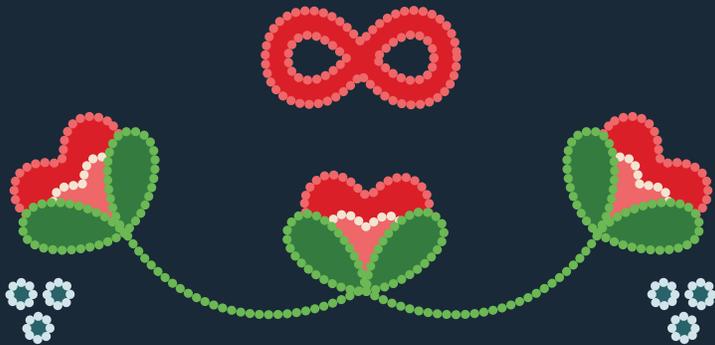
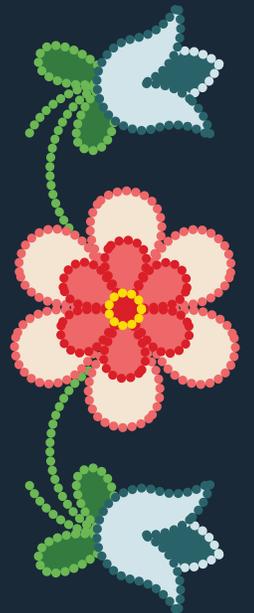
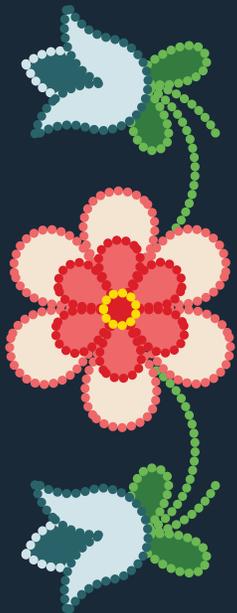
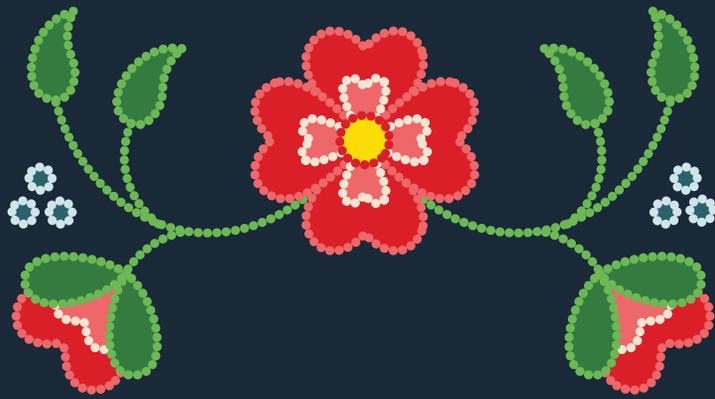
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# AGENDA



## Métis Nation Governing Assembly SPRING 2026

February 28-March 1, 2026  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel  
Draft Agenda

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Pacific Time	Order of Business
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies <i>Anthems (O Canada – Métis Ballad) – Danica Berard</i>
9:30 AM	First Nations Welcome – Alec Dan, x <sup>w</sup> məθk <sup>w</sup> əyəm Opening Prayer
10:00 AM	<b>Greetings and Opening Remarks</b>
10:15 AM	MNGA Clerk confirms quorum Meeting called to Order
10:20 AM	<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b> <b>REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</b>
	<b>1. Winter 2025 MNGA</b> <i>Proposed Motion:</i> THAT the minutes of the Winter 2025 MNGA be adopted as presented.
10:30 AM	<b>2. January 2026 Special MNGA</b> <i>Proposed Motion:</i> THAT the minutes of the special MNGA held January 26, 2026, be adopted as presented.
	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:</b>
	1. President's Report
	2. Vice-President's Report
	3. Treasurer's Report
	4. Region 1 Director's Report
	5. Region 2 Director's Report
	6. Region 3 Director's Report
	7. Region 4 Director's Report
	8. Region 5 Director's Report
10:40 AM	9. Region 6 Director's Report
	10. Region 7 Director's Report
	11. 2SMBC Report
	12. MWBC Report
	13. MYBC Report
	14. MVBC Report
	15. Senate Report
	16. Ministry Reports
	17. Community Reports

*Times subject to change.*

Pacific Time	Order of Business
11:00 AM	<b>MOTION 1:</b> Change to Summer 2026 MNGA <i>Purpose:</i> to remove the Friday date from the Summer 2026 MNGA.
11:10 AM	Health Break
11:20 AM	<b>RESOLUTION 1:</b> Resolution Respecting Non-Implementation of a Duly Adopted MNGA Directive and Placing the MNBC Board of Directors on Notice
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	MNGA Clerk Confirms Quorum Meeting Called to Order
1:05 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 2:</b> Financial Transparency, Disclosure, and Reporting
1:35 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 3:</b> Compensation, Remuneration, and Standardized Honoraria Framework
2:05 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 4:</b> Independent Audit and Organizational Oversight
2:35 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM	MNGA Clerk Confirms Quorum Meeting Called to Order
2:50 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 5:</b> Governance Accountability and MNGA Directive Enforcement
3:20 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 6:</b> Workforce Payroll, Administrative Spending, and Procurement Controls
3:50 PM	<b>RESOLUTION 7:</b> Capital Assets, Program Outcomes, Revenue Strategy, and Strategic Alignment <b>Motion to adjourn and convene In Camera on March 1, 2026</b>
4:20 PM	<b>Proposed Motion:</b> <i>THAT the Spring 2026 MNGA adjourn for February 28, 2026, and reconvene on March 1, 2026, at 9 AM, in an In Camera meeting to discuss matters that need to be held in confidence.</i>
4:30 PM	<b>MNGA Adjourns for Day 1</b>

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*Sunday, March 1, 2026*

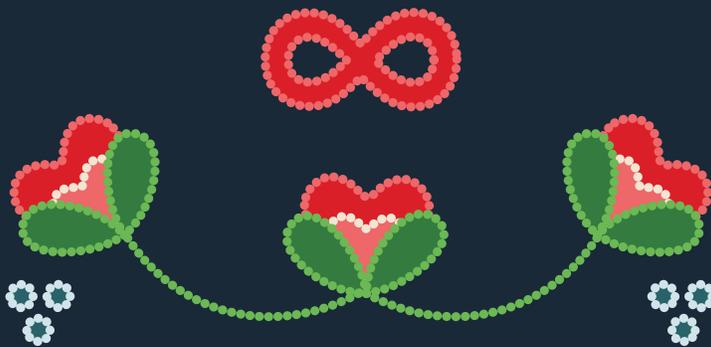
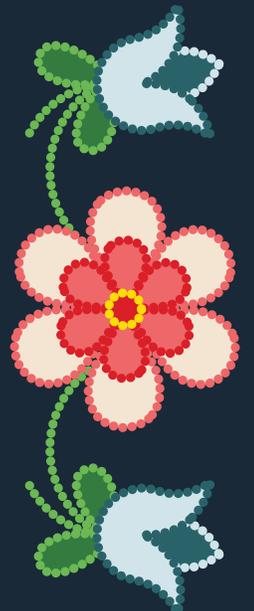
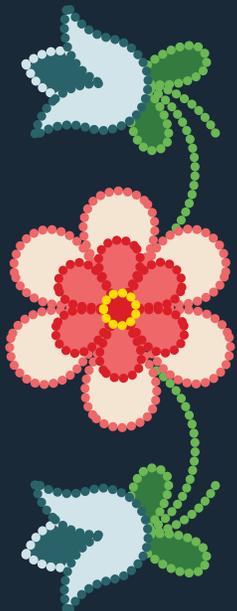
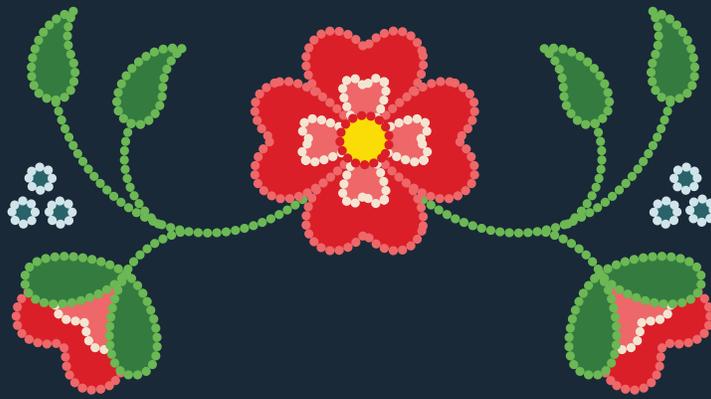
<b>Pacific Time</b>	<b>Order of Business</b>
9:00 AM	IN CAMERA Meeting
12:00 PM	MNGA Returns from In Camera
12:05 PM	MNGA Clerk Confirms Quorum Meeting Called to Order
12:10 PM	Decision from In Camera deliberations
12:20 PM	Closing Prayers
12:30 PM	Spring 2026 MNGA Adjourns

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# DRAFT MINUTES

Draft minutes from the Winter 2025 MNGA  
and the Special 2026 MNGA



## DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2025 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) scheduled December 6-7, 2025, by videoconference.

### **OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### ***Board of Directors***

Melanie Allard, Acting President  
Danielle Bergevin, Chair, Métis Youth of BC (MYBC)  
Carmen Carriere, Chair, Métis Women of BC (MWBC)  
Louis De Jaeger, Chair, Métis 2SLGBTQQA+ 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  
Zevier Brewer, Qathet Métis Community Association  
June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association  
Lloyd Hogue, Mid Island Métis Nation  
Charlotte Lever, North Island Métis Association  
Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association

#### ***Region 2 – Lower Mainland***

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

#### ***Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan***

Dylan Adam, Vermillion Forks Métis Society  
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  
Betty Ann McDonnell, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society  
Daina Shaw, Boundary Métis Community Association  
Deanie Stevens, Two Rivers Métis Society

**Region 4 – Kootenays**

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

**Region 5 – North Central**

Thomas Spence, Prince George Métis Community Association  
Tony Goulet, North Cariboo Métis 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:**

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk  
Laura McKay, MNGA Deputy Clerk  
Dave Peltier, MNGA Chair

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYER**

Senator Lisa Shepherd provided an Opening Prayer.

**ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED**

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2025 MNGA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dave Peltier, MNGA Chair, called the December 6-7, 2025 MNGA to order on December 6, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time (PT).

**1. OPENING REMARKS**

MNBC Acting President Melanie Allard thanked Presidents and staff for their work and emphasized the importance of upholding the Nation’s culture and values and continuing to strengthen the government.

It was clarified that Patrick Harriott was participating at the MNGA as the Regional Director for Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River).

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2.1 Adoption of the Agenda for the December 2025 MNGA**

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the December 6-7, 2025, Métis Nation Governing Assembly*

**Main Resolution**

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

That the agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled for December 6-7, 2025 be adopted.

Pursuant to section 2.5(b) of the *Métis Nation General Assembly Act*, the Clerk acknowledged resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposed for inclusion on the Order of the Day, subject to majority approval of members present.

Discussion ensued on amending the agenda to include consideration of an urgent resolution regarding “Review of Senate Case 187”. David Allard clarified that he had submitted the resolution in his individual capacity and not on behalf of the Salmon Arm Métis Association. Additional comments were offered on:

- Potential implications of the Case 187 Senate ruling for community leaders
- The authority of the MNGA in relation to the MNBC Senate.

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Main Resolution be amended by adding thereto: “as amended to include: Resolution 2 - Review of Senate Case 187”.

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-01)**

(31 delegates voted in favour, 10 opposed, and 3 abstained)

Discussion ensued on further amending the agenda to include consideration of an urgent resolution regarding “Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation Regarding the MNBC President”. Additional comments were offered on:

- Confirmation from the MNBC Acting President that the results of the investigation would be made public
- The importance of prioritizing privacy and confidentiality, ensuring appropriate boundaries were respected and that MNBC fulfilled its obligations in this regard.

**Point of Order**

In response to a point of order, clarification was provided that the intent of the proposed urgent resolution on “Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation Regarding the MNBC President” was to provide the MNGA with an opportunity to make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning the independent investigator’s report.

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Main Resolution be further amended by adding thereto: “Resolution 3 - Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation Regarding the MNBC President”.

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-02)**

(42 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained)

Discussion ensued on further amending the agenda to include consideration of an urgent resolution regarding “Community Funding Update”. Additional comments were offered on:

- The status of funds anticipated by Region 7
- Convening a Town Hall meeting as directed by MNGA Resolution #MNGA2501-14.

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Main Resolution be further amended by adding thereto: “Resolution 4 - Community Funding Update”.

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-03)**

(32 delegates voted in favour, 8 opposed, and 4 abstained)

### **Question on the Main Resolution as Amended**

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2503-04)**

*The resolution to approve the agenda now reads:*

“That the agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled December 6-7, 2025 be adopted as amended to include:

- Resolution 2 - Review of Senate Case 187
- Resolution 3 - Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation regarding the MNBC President
- Resolution 4 - Community Funding Update.”

### **3. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Minutes of the 2025 Summer MNGA**

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held May 30-June 1, 2025.*

**It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)**

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Métis Nation Governing Assembly held May 30-June 1, 2025, be adopted, as presented.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2503-05)**

### **4. RESOLUTION 1: Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee, and the Electoral Act Committee**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee, and the Electoral Act Committee” submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and Region 1 Director and dated November 6, 2025*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that it would require a majority vote in favour to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments emphasized the importance of ensuring efficient committee business operations and continuity of discussions, supported by strong representation.

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) has created the MNGA Governance Committee and the Electoral Act Committee to conduct detailed work on Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) legislation and to bring changes forward for consideration by the MNGA;
2. The Electoral Act Committee was established as an ad hoc committee but has continued to meet to develop amendments to the *Métis Nation Electoral Act*;
3. There have been many staff changes at MNBC, with resulting changes in staff support;

4. Committee members are appointed by their Regional Governance Council, Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC), 2SLGBTQQA+ Métis Nation British Columbia (2SMBC), and the Board of Directors (the “Appointing Authorities”) to ensure representation across the province of BC; and
5. Regular attendance by members is crucial to move the work of committees forward in a timely manner;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee be changed as set out in Attachment A of this resolution, by removing the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words; and
- B. The Terms of Reference for the Electoral Act Committee be changed as set out in Attachment B of this resolution, by removing the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2503-06)**

*See the attached “List of Appendices” to locate Attachments A and B*

**5. RESOLUTION 2: Review of Senate Case 187**

*Related information (displayed): “Review of Senate Case 187” submitted by David Allard and dated December 6, 2025*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that it would require a majority vote in favour to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Collaboration between the MNBC Senate and the Board of Directors to review and improve Senate policies, procedures and communications
- Legislative authority and transparency requirements under the *Métis Nation Senate Act*, including the requirement that Senate decisions be posted publicly on the MNBC website
- The MNGA’s lack of authority to pause the Senate’s work
- Creating an appeal mechanism for MNBC Senate decisions, and improving communications between regions and regional representatives on the Senate
- MNGA approval required on the composition of any proposed commission and its terms of reference
- The importance of community involvement and community-led approaches in reviewing complaints and dispute resolution.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Suzanne Fiddler)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The judgements of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senate Case 187 are posted on the MNBC website;
2. The foundation for these judgements is based on allegations that have been categorically denied and determined to be “unfounded accusations” by the Fraser Valley Métis Association;

3. There are no processes in MNBC legislation that allow for appeals of decisions based on “factual error or an unreasonable verdict”;
4. The consequences of the Senate’s actions and pronouncements in this case have resulted in demonstrable harm; and
5. There is a need to prevent similar outcomes from occurring in the future and to identify mechanisms to strengthen accountability within the judicial branch of MNBC’s governance system;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The MNBC will immediately remove the posting of the judgements related to Senate Case 187 from its website;
- B. The MNGA requires that all Senate activities related to making judgements on cases be paused until further notice;
- C. A commission be created to investigate the overall appropriateness of Senate Case 187 for the purpose of strengthening dispute resolution processes and identifying mechanisms that would allow individuals to formally question Senate decisions and conduct;
- D. The terms of reference for this commission be presented for approval to the MNGA at a special MNGA on or before February 1, 2026; and
- E. The findings of the commission’s investigation be presented at the 2026 Summer MNGA for review.

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Carmen Carriere) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by deleting Clause “B” from the “BE IT RESOLVED” section and renumbering the remaining clauses accordingly.

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-07)**

(29 delegates voted in favour, 12 opposed, and 3 abstained)

**Amendment to the Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Tracey Good) and SECONDED (Topher Burke)**

That the Main Resolution be further amended by adding a clause to the “BE IT RESOLVED” section as follows:

*“The Métis Nation Governing Assembly requires that all Senate activities related to making judgements on community-level matters be conducted in a manner that supports community resolution of the matter.”*

**DEFEATED**

(11 delegates voted in favour, 32 opposed, and 1 abstained)

**Health Break**

The Assembly recessed at 11:35 a.m. PT and reconvened at 11:50 a.m. PT.

## ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

### 5. **RESOLUTION 2: Review of Senate Case 187** (*Continued*)

During further discussion, comments were offered on:

- Clarifying how the actions in the proposed resolution would be implemented, including adjusting timelines to ensure they were realistic and achievable
- Options to mitigate harms arising from the public availability of Senate Case 187.

#### **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

##### **It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Debra Fisher)**

That the Main Resolution be further amended by deleting Clause “A” from the “BE IT RESOLVED” section and renumbering the remaining clauses accordingly.

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-08)**

(31 delegates voted in favour, 11 opposed, and 1 abstained)

#### **Question on the Main Resolution as Amended**

The question was called on the Main Resolution as Amended, and it was

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-09)**

(39 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed, and 1 abstained)

*Resolution 2 as amended now reads:*

“WHEREAS:

1. The judgements of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senate Case 187 are posted on the MNBC website;
2. The foundation for these judgements is based on allegations that have been categorically denied and determined to be “unfounded accusations” by the Fraser Valley Métis Association;
3. There are no processes in MNBC legislation that allow for appeals of decisions based on “factual error or an unreasonable verdict”;
4. The consequences of the Senate’s actions and pronouncements in this case have resulted in demonstrable harm; and
5. There is a need to prevent similar outcomes from occurring in the future and to identify mechanisms to strengthen accountability within the judicial branch of MNBC’s governance system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. A commission be created to investigate the overall appropriateness of Senate Case 187 for the purpose of strengthening dispute resolution processes and identifying mechanisms that would allow individuals to formally question Senate decisions and conduct;
- B. The terms of reference for this commission be presented for approval to the MNGA at a special MNGA on or before February 1, 2026; and
- C. The findings of the commission’s investigation be presented at the 2026 Summer MNGA for review.”

## Meal Break

The Assembly recessed at 12:30 p.m. PT and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. PT.

## ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

### 6. RESOLUTION 3: Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation Regarding the MNBC President

*Related information (displayed): "Communicating the Results of the Independent Investigation regarding the MNBC President" submitted by the Region 6 Director and Presidents, and dated December 6, 2025*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that it would require a majority vote in favour to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Providing the MNGA an opportunity to review the independent investigator's report and to share recommendations with the Board of Directors prior to public release; the report would be submitted first to the Board of Directors, followed by a special MNGA
- Understanding the context of the President's suspension, including the terms of reference provided to the independent investigator
- The MNBC Executive's authority to suspend the President, while emphasizing the importance of transparency and meaningful leadership involvement
- Assurance that the MNBC Executive was not in a conflict of interest regarding the suspension, and that any potential conflicts could be addressed as per established rules and policies
- Confirmation that the MNGA would receive the original independent investigator's report, unamended by the Board of Directors, subject to appropriate privacy and confidentiality measures, and that the President would be included in the special MNGA at which the report is reviewed.

#### Main Resolution

**It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Joy Sundin)**

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors is currently scheduled to receive the independent investigator's report regarding President Walter Mineault during his time in office, and to determine next steps related to President Mineault's position within MNBC;
2. The decision is of importance to MNBC citizens and to the MNBC as a whole; and
3. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) is the legislative body of MNBC, consisting of community representatives from across the province and the MNBC Board of Directors;

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA shall deliberate on this matter and provide recommendations to the MNBC Board of Directors regarding the appropriate course of action;
- B. The independent investigator's report concerning President Mineault be presented in its entirety at a special MNGA; and

- C. Appropriate privacy and confidentiality measures be implemented to protect the sensitive information contained in the report and to uphold the integrity of both the review process and any subsequent decisions.

#### **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

##### **It was MOVED (Tom Adams) and SECONDED (Richard Lewis)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by adding the following to the “BE IT RESOLVED” section:

*“D. President Mineault be invited to participate in any MNGA discussions regarding the report of the independent investigator.”*

**DEFEATED**

(12 delegates voted in favour, 23 opposed, and 6 abstained)

#### **Resolution to Withdraw the Main Resolution**

##### **It was MOVED (Carmen Carriere) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)**

That the Main Resolution be withdrawn.

**DEFEATED**

(17 delegates voted in favour, 19 opposed, and 5 abstained)

#### **Question on the Main Resolution**

The question was called on the Main Resolution, and it was

**CARRIED (MNGA2503-10)**

(27 delegates voted in favour, 4 opposed, and 10 abstained)

### **7. COMMUNITY FUNDING UPDATE**

During discussion, the Acting MNBC President agreed to follow up on the following:

- The status of funds (\$140,000) for Region 7 from the Canada Energy Regulator, the paperwork for which was provided to MNBC representatives in 2024
- Whether the lease for the MNBC head office had been renewed
- The status of a \$500,000 payout to a company related to the MNBC “Métis Hub” and whether efforts to recover the funds had been successful.

Additional comments were provided on:

- The provision of MNBC financial statements at the spring MNGAs
- Challenges associated with holding an MNGA in December, and the possibility of rescheduling future winter MNGAs, to a less busy time of the year.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

June Graham, President, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association, offered a Closing Prayer.

#### **CONCLUSION**

##### **It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled December 6-7, 2025, now conclude.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2503-11)**

Time: December 6, 2025 at 3:10 p.m. PT

These are draft Minutes of the MNBC 2025 MNGA scheduled December 6-7, 2025. Any corrections made at the time of adoption will be incorporated.

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Dave Peltier, MNGA Chair

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Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk

**LIST OF APPENDICES**

*The following items are attached to these minutes, or may be requested through the MNGA Clerk:*

Appendix A: Attachment A - referenced in "Resolution 1 - Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee, and the *Electoral Act* Committee"

Appendix B: Attachment B - referenced in "Resolution 1 - Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee, and the *Electoral Act* Committee"

## APPENDIX A

### MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

*scheduled December 6-7, 2025*

#### MNGA Committee Terms of Reference – MNGA Governance Committee

Referenced as “Attachment A” in Resolution 1 - Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee and the Electoral Act Committee

Appendix A  
Motion 1  
Winter 2025 MNGA



## MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)

### MNGA Committee Terms of Reference

#### MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

##### MEMBERSHIP:

One MNBC Citizen member from each MNBC Region (7)

One MNBC Citizen member designated by the MWBC Provincial Governance Council Committee

One MNBC Citizen member designated by the MYBC Provincial Governance Council Committee

One MNBC Citizen member designated by the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council

One member designated by the MNBC Board of Directors

**TERM:** Standing Committee

Members hold position until replacement appointed

**CHAIRPERSON:** ~~The Committee will select a Chair~~  
Rotating schedule determined by the Committee

**APPOINTMENT:** The respective Regional Governance Councils, the MWBC and MYBC Provincial Committees, the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council, and the Board of Directors will select their representative to the MNGA Governance Committee.

**ATTENDANCE:** A member who

- misses three (3) consecutive meetings in a row in a calendar year without advising of their inability to attend, and
- has not been responsive to efforts to communicate with them from other Committee members, the leader of their appointing authority, or MNBC Support Staff, or
- misses 50% of meetings in a calendar year.

will be deemed to have abandoned their position, and the Committee by resolution may request the appointing authority to appoint a new member, pursuant to APPENDIX A: Attendance Policy and Procedures.

**LEAD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT: Governance**  
**DEPARTMENT LEAD:** Chief Governance Officer  
**SECRETARIAT:** Manager of Governance  
**QUORUM:** Majority of members

**MEETINGS:** To be determined by the Committee  
**VOTING:** Majority

**PURPOSE:**

The MNGA Governance Committee will review the governance and decision-making structures within MNBC and the MNGA, to ensure that these structures operate efficiently and reflect the collective will of MNBC Citizens in their decisions and actions.

The Committee will recommend changes (if any) to concerns of legislation, regulations, rules, policies and any other areas that have a bearing on governance and decision-making structures. These recommendations will be made to the appropriate individual(s) and/or representative bodies, including but not limited to the MNGA and the AGM.

**REPORTING MECHANISM:**

The Committee will post meeting minutes on the MNBC website, once approved by the Committee. The Committee will also present a report to the MNGA once annually, which will include high-level notes of all meetings. The Committee report will be publicly available once presented to the MNGA.

**EXPENSES:**

Meeting expenses must be submitted to the CEO for pre-approval. Individual Committee member expenses are reimbursable by MNBC according to approved policy.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW:**

The Terms of Reference are subject to review and amendment by either the Committee or the MNGA.

**APPENDIX A – Attendance Policy and Procedures**

The MNGA Governance Committee performs important work in the governance of MNBC, and members are appointed by the Regional Governance Councils, Provincial Governance Councils, or the MNBC Board of Directors (the “Appointing Authorities”) to provide representation to their Region, Provincial Governing Council, or the Board. Committee members play a valuable role in bringing their region or group views to the MNGA Governance Committee. Members who miss multiple meetings risk causing a stall in the Committee’s work, and do not bring their appointing authorities’ views to the Committee.

To ensure the Committee can do its work and hear from all of the relevant rights-holding groups:

1. Members are expected to attend meetings and actively participate.
2. Members are expected to advise support staff (Governance) if they are unable to attend at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
3. If there are circumstances beyond the control of a member that makes it unfeasible for them to advise of their absence in advance of the meeting, the member or someone on their behalf, must contact support staff as soon as possible after the meeting.
4. A member who has missed three consecutive meetings in a year without advising of their absences, or misses 50% of meetings in a year, will be deemed to have abandoned their appointment and the Committee may, by resolution, request the relevant appointing authority to authorize a new appointment.
5. Members’ attendance records will be shared with the appointing authority once per year, or upon request by the appointing authority.

## Procedures

1. Support staff will maintain an attendance list of all meetings.
2. After the second meeting missed without notice, or once a member is two meetings or less from reaching the 50% yearly threshold, the next business day, support staff will:
  - a. Send an email to the member advising them of their attendance and reminding them of the attendance protocols, with copy to the Chair of the relevant appointing authority.
  - b. Follow up in one week's time with both the Chair and the member if no response is received, and request the Chair of the appointing authority to investigate whether there are extenuating circumstances of the member which prevent them from communicating.
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  - a. Send an email to the member advising them that they have missed three consecutive meetings and advising them that their appointment to the Committee is deemed to have been abandoned, with copy to the Chair of the appointing authority.
  - b. Prepare a resolution for the next Committee meeting requesting the appointing authority to consider a new representative on the Committee.
4. The resolution identified above will be placed on the next Committee agenda for consideration, and if approved, forwarded to the Chair of the appointing authority and the support staff for that authority for addition to an upcoming agenda.

## APPENDIX B

### MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

*scheduled December 6-7, 2025*

#### MNGA Committee Terms of Reference – Electoral Act Committee

Referenced as “Attachment B” – in Resolution 1 - Changes to Terms of Reference for the MNGA Governance Committee and the Electoral Act Committee

Appendix B  
Motion 1  
Winter 2025 MNGA



## MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)

### MNGA Committee Terms of Reference

#### ELECTORAL ACT COMMITTEE

##### MEMBERSHIP:

One MNBC Citizen member from each MNBC Region (7)  
One MNBC Citizen member designated by the MWBC Provincial Governance Council Committee  
One MNBC Citizen member designated by the MYBC Provincial Governance Council Committee  
One member designated by the MNBC Board of Directors  
One MNBC Citizen member designated by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council

~~TERM: Ad-hoc – Committee dissolved once recommendations are delivered to the MNGA Standing Committee~~

**CHAIRPERSON:** The Committee will select a Chair

**APPOINTMENT:** The respective Regional Governance Councils, the MWBC and MYBC Provincial Councils, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and the Board of Directors will select their representative to the Electoral Act Committee.

##### ATTENDANCE: A member who:

- misses three (3) consecutive meetings in a calendar year without advising of their inability to attend, and
  - has not been responsive to efforts to communicate with them from other Committee members, the lead of their appointing authority, or MNBC Support Staff, or
  - misses 50% of meetings in a calendar year
- will be deemed to have abandoned their position, and the Committee by resolution may request the appointing authority to appoint a new member, pursuant to APPENDIX A: Attendance Policy and Procedures.

**DEPARTMENT LEAD:** Governance  
**SECRETARIAT:** Governance Manager  
**QUORUM:** Majority of members

**MEETINGS:** To be determined by the Committee  
**VOTING:** Simple Majority

**PURPOSE:**

The Electoral Act Committee will review the *Métis Nation Electoral Act*, and any other pertinent MNBC legislation regarding elections, to ensure that the legislation is up to date, reflects current realities of MNBC Provincial Elections, and that the legislated rules are fair to both candidates for office and for Citizen electors wishing to vote in provincial elections.

The Committee will recommend legislative changes (if any) to the MNGA for implementation.

**REPORTING MECHANISM:**

The committee will present an annual progress report to the MNGA, which will include high-level notes of all meetings. The progress report and notes of all meetings will be publicly available once presented to the MNGA.

**EXPENSES:**

Meeting expenses must be submitted to the CEO for pre-approval. Individual Committee member expenses are reimbursable by MNBC according to approved policy.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW:**

The Terms of Reference are subject to review and amendment by either the Committee or the MNGA. Not pertinent as it is an ad-hoc committee.

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## **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**

Topher 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:

MEETING DATES	MEETING METHOD
December 6-7, 2025	Virtual
February 28-March 1, 2026	<del>Virtual</del> - <u>In Person</u>
June 5-7, 2026	<del>In Person</del> - <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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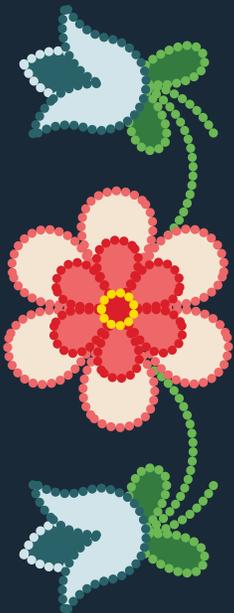
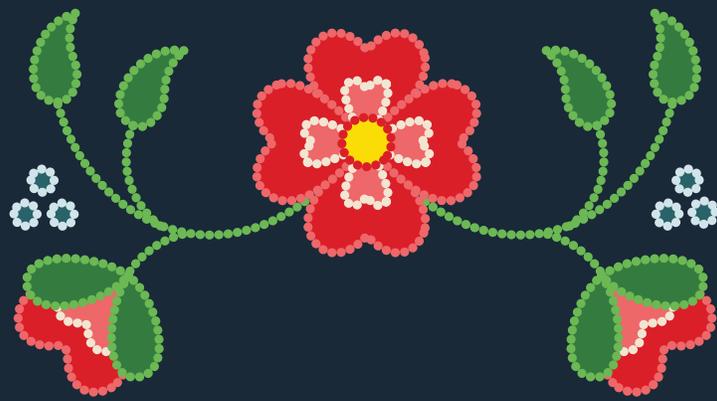
This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC Special MNGA held January 26, 2026 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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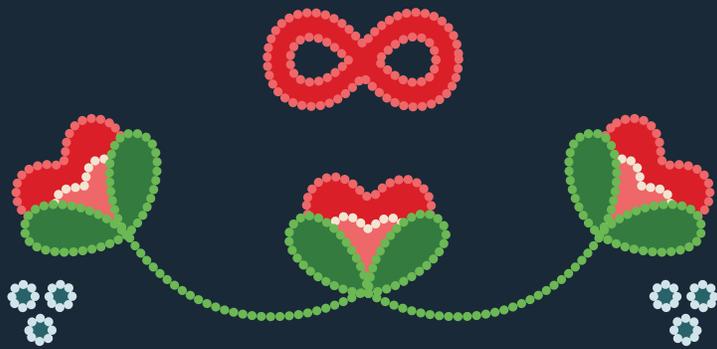
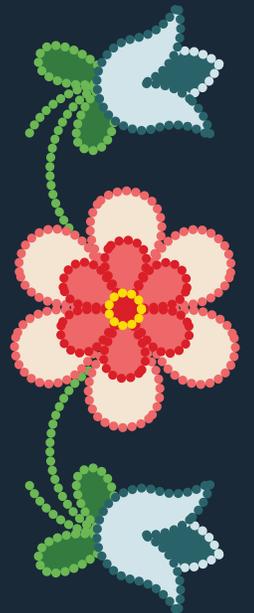
Katy Carson, MNGA Speaker

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Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Clerk



# MOTION 1





## **MOTION 1**

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Change to Summer MNGA

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: Statutory Requirement

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 29, 2026

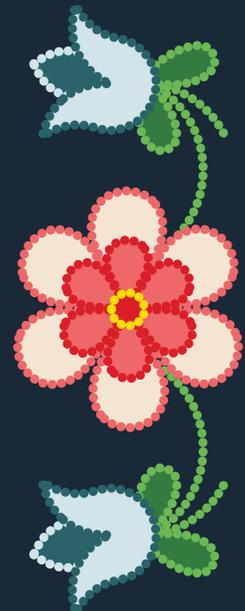
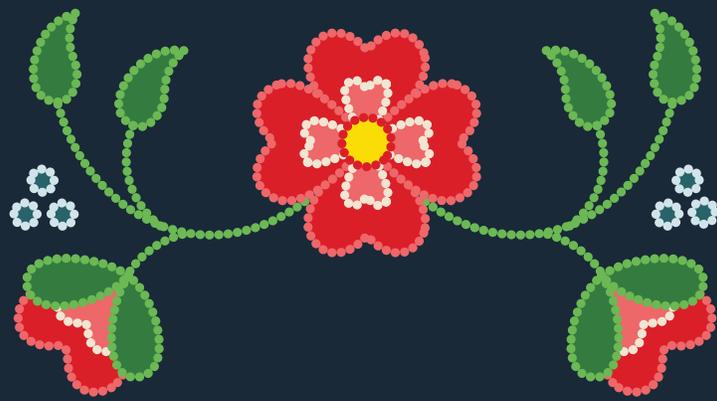
Vote Required for Approval: Majority

### **WHEREAS**

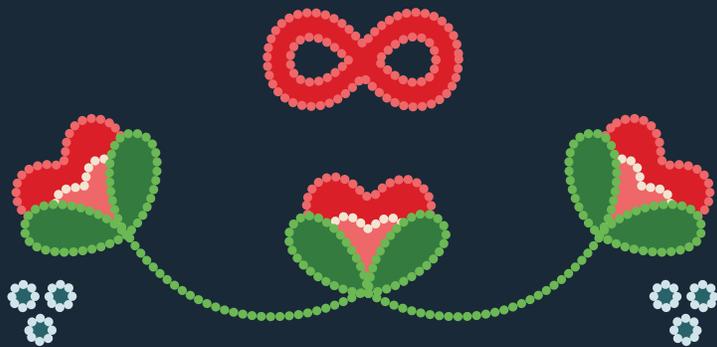
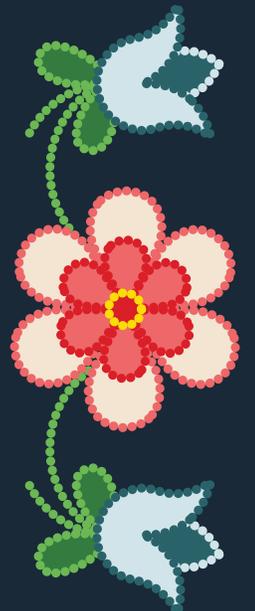
1. At the Summer 2025 MNGA, the Assembly approved the Summer 2026, MNGA to be held in person from June 6-8, 2026 (three days, Friday-Sunday), with the Friday generally being ceremonial matters)
2. At a Special MNGA on January 26, 2026, the Assembly approved changing the 2026 in person MNGA from Summer to Spring, and changing the Summer MNGA to a virtual meeting.
3. Virtual MNGAs are ordinarily held over two days (Saturday-Sunday).
4. Once approved by the MNGA, any changes to the dates of the meeting must be approved by the assembly.
5. Changing the dates of the Summer 2026 MNGA was inadvertently missed in the resolution approved at the January 26, 2026, Special MNGA.

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- A. The MNGA change the dates of the Summer 2026 MNGA from June 6-8, 2026, to June 7-8, 2026.



# RESOLUTION 1





## RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Resolution Respecting Non-Implementation of a Duly Adopted MNGA Directive and Placing the MNBC Board of Directors on Notice

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: President, Salmon Arm Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 29, 2026

Vote Required for Approval: Majority

### WHEREAS

1. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (“MNGA”) is the supreme legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia and issues binding resolutions within its jurisdiction, including the creation of Committees and Commissions or other subsidiary bodies it deems necessary (*Constitution*, Art. 17);
2. The MNGA adopted an urgent resolution directing the creation of a Commission of Inquiry into Senate Case 187, including the development and approval of Terms of Reference, no later than February 1, 2026;
3. Pursuant to the direction in the resolution, a Special MNGA was scheduled for January 17, 2026, for the purpose of approving the Terms of Reference, thereby acknowledging the MNGA’s authority and the necessity of Assembly approval;
4. The Board subsequently cancelled the January 17 Special MNGA, notwithstanding that the MNGA-established implementation deadline of February 1, 2026 remained in effect;
5. No alternative MNGA or Special MNGA process was convened, and no formal explanation or revised implementation plan has been presented to the MNGA;
6. Failure to implement, respond to, or seek clarification regarding duly adopted

MNGA resolutions undermines governance accountability, procedural integrity, and confidence in MNBC institutions.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

**A. Formal Notice**

The MNGA hereby places the MNBC Board of Directors on formal notice that failure to implement, respond to, or seek clarification regarding duly adopted MNGA resolutions constitutes non-compliance with Assembly authority and may result in further action by the MNGA.

**B. Direction to Act**

The MNBC Board of Directors is directed, within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this resolution, to

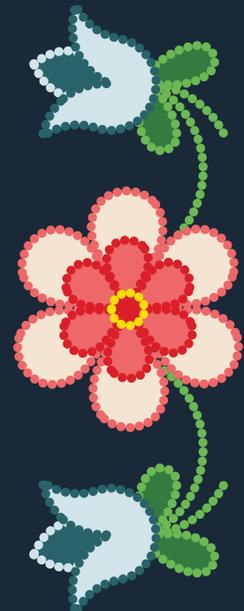
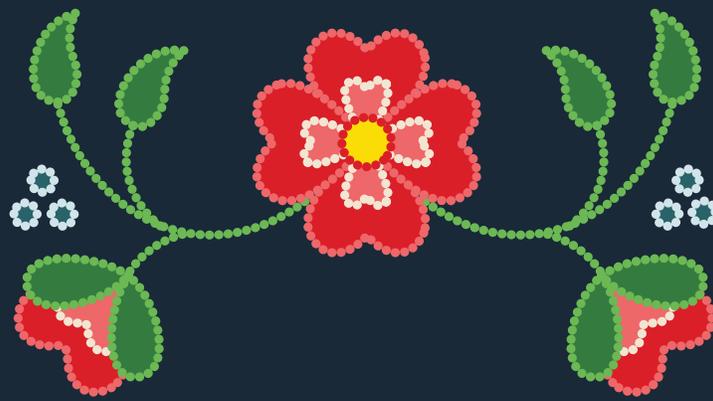
- i. convene the appropriate MNGA or Special MNGA to approve the Terms of Reference for the Commission of Inquiry into Senate Case 187; or
- ii. formally report to the MNGA with written reasons for non-implementation and a proposed timeline for Assembly consideration.

**C. Conditional Censure**

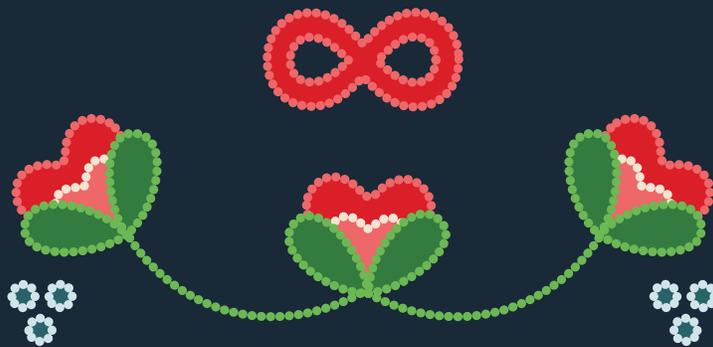
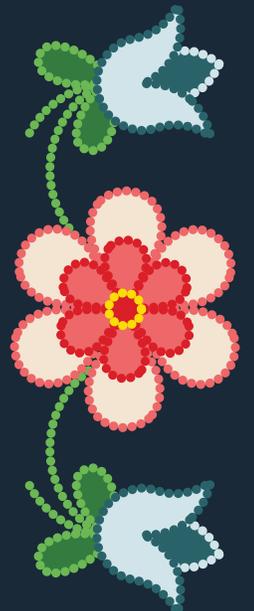
Should the MNBC Board of Directors fail to comply with paragraph 2 of this resolution within the prescribed timeframe, the MNGA shall deem such failure to constitute grounds for formal censure of the Board for non-compliance with Assembly directives.

**D. Purpose**

This resolution is adopted for the purpose of affirming MNGA authority, ensuring implementation of duly adopted resolutions, and maintaining transparent, accountable governance. It is not intended to adjudicate the merits of Senate Case 187 or discipline individual directors.



# RESOLUTION 2





## RESOLUTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Financial Transparency, Disclosure and Reporting

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 29, 2026

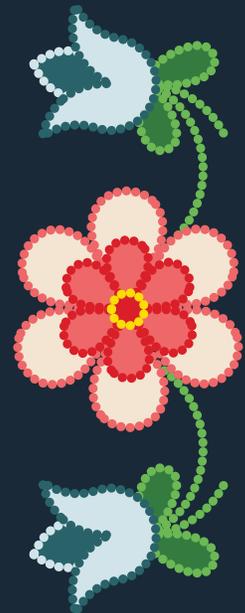
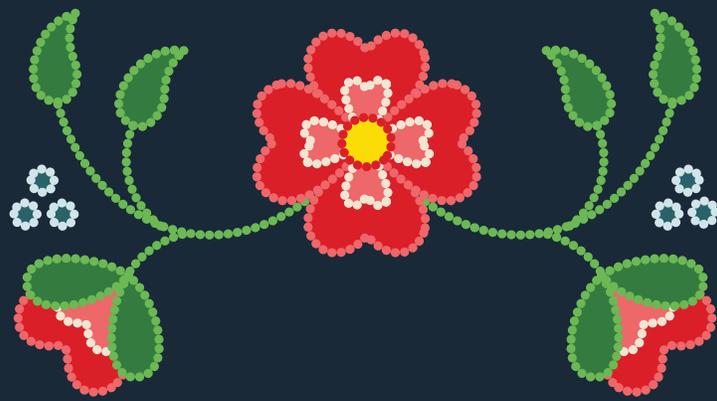
Vote Required for  
Approval: Majority

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

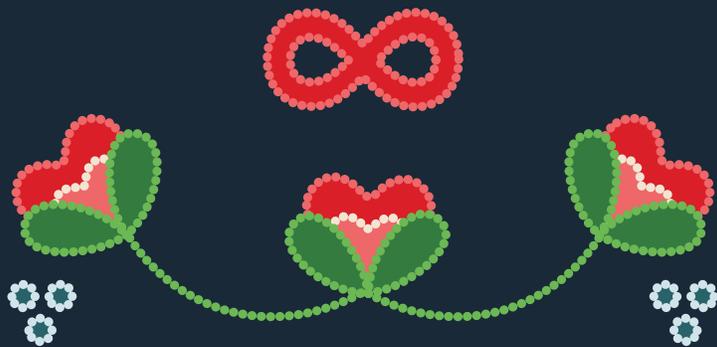
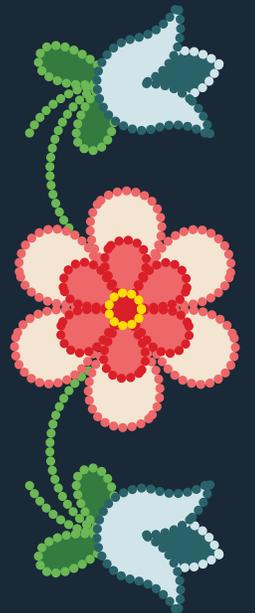
- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to implement a standardized financial transparency and reporting framework that applies to all funds paid, allocated or administered by MNBC for the benefit of Chartered Communities, regardless of funding source, internal classification or delivery mechanism, including but not limited to Chartered Community Funding, board-discretionary funding, program-based funding, flow-through funding and any other MNBC-controlled funding streams. This framework shall include:
- i. Annual public disclosure of total compensation paid to all elected officials, executives, directors and committee members;
  - ii. Standardized financial reporting to all Chartered Communities using approved templates, including approved budgets, actual expenditures and variances, provided at least twice annually, with authority retained by MNGA to require more frequent reporting as capacity permits, and with the first report delivered within one fiscal quarter of adoption of this resolution;
  - iii. Annual disclosure, by Chartered Community and by funding stream, of all funds paid or allocated, including amounts approved, amounts paid, timing of payments, purpose, conditions and current status; Annual disclosure of all restricted, deferred, unspent and returned funds, including purpose and status;

- iv. Annual disclosure of all restricted, unrestricted, deferred, unspent, reallocated and returned funds, including purpose, conditions and status;
  - v. Mandatory reconciliation of all departmental, program-level and funding-stream financial summaries with audited financial statements, including written explanations for all material variances and reclassifications;
  - vi. Quarterly reporting on liquidity, unrestricted cash, deferred revenue movements and material cash obligations;
  - vii. Confirmation that all financial statements and reporting are prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles applicable to non-profit organizations.
- B. Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal financial frameworks to accurately implement the requirements of this resolution.

**Note:** a backgrounder for Resolutions 2 to 7 has been included in this package following Resolution 7. The resolutions are numbered from 1 to 6 in the backgrounder.



# RESOLUTION 3





## RESOLUTION 3

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Compensation, Remuneration and Standardized Honoraria Framework

Legislation Affected: n/a

Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

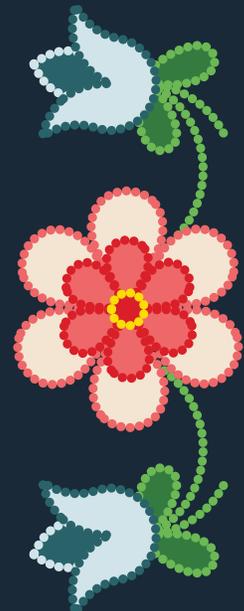
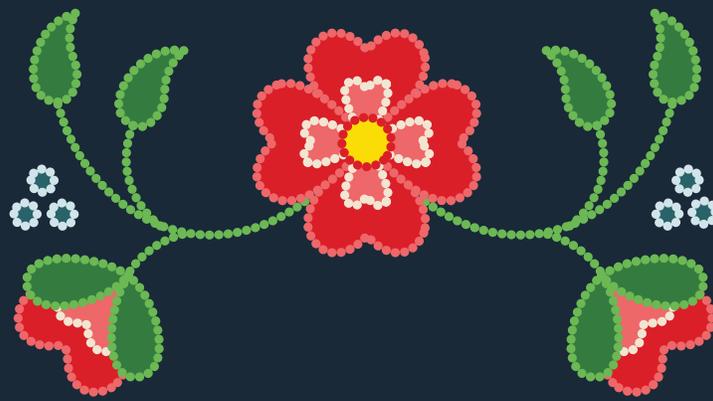
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Vote Required for Approval: Majority

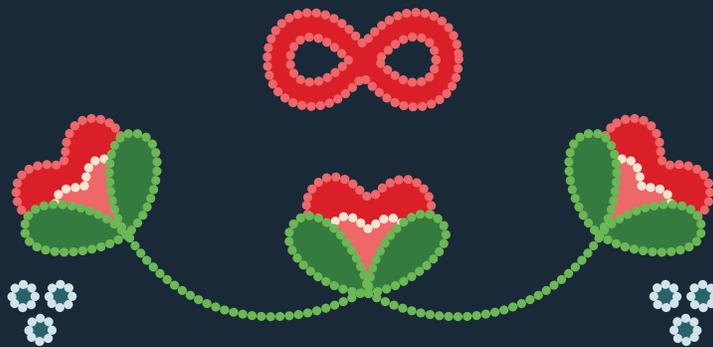
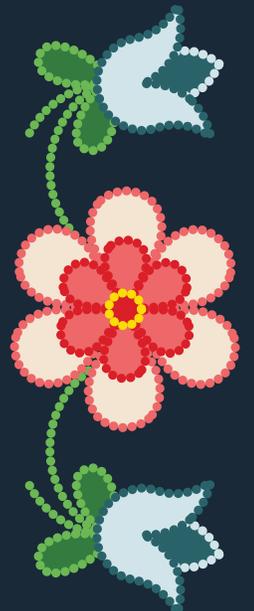
### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. That the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to develop and implement a single, comprehensive compensation and remuneration framework that includes:
- a. Standardized, province-wide honoraria and per diem rates for all MNBC committees, tables and working groups, with per diem rates aligned to those used by the Government of British Columbia and adjusted, where appropriate, for high-cost or peak-season locations;
  - b. A consolidated compensation policy covering elected officials, directors and executives, including salary bands, travel and accommodation standards;
  - c. Explicit recognition and compensation for administrative, reporting and implementation work required of Chartered Communities by federal and provincial funders; and
  - d. Demonstrated alignment of compensation and remuneration practices with the MNBC Strategic Plan through the annual budget and reporting process.
- B. That MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal compensation frameworks to accurately implement this resolution, and that the framework be presented to MNGA for review and endorsement within twelve months.

**Note:** a backgrounder for Resolutions 2 to 7 has been included in this package following Resolution 7. The resolutions are numbered from 1 to 6 in the backgrounder.



# RESOLUTION 4





## RESOLUTION 4

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Independent Audit and Organizational Oversight

Legislation Affected: N/A

Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

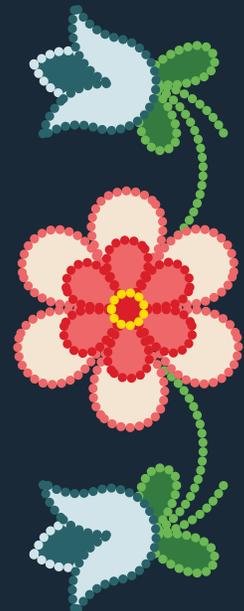
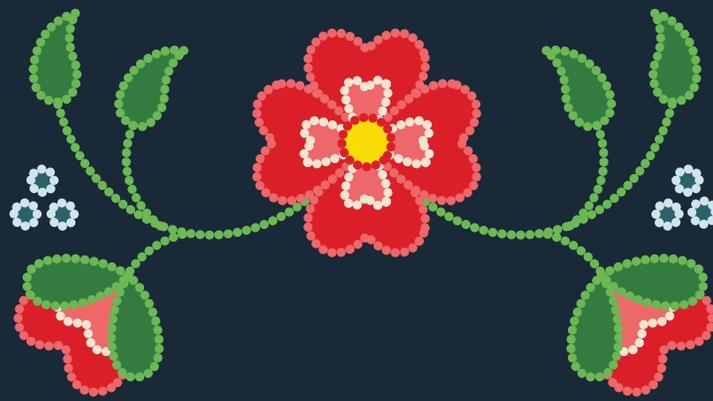
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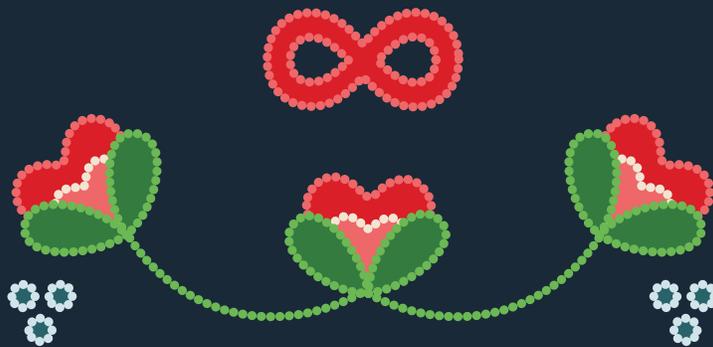
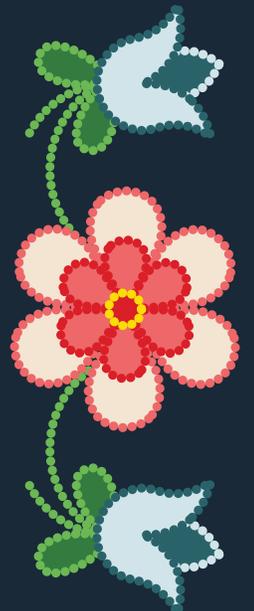
### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to establish strengthened independent audit and organizational oversight, for the purpose of supporting transparency, accountability and capacity for Chartered Communities, by requiring:
- a. An external audit and review conducted by an independent third party examining recent fiscal years of Chartered Community funding flows, including timeliness, transparency, compliance and any withheld or delayed amounts;
  - b. Inclusion within the audit scope of an organizational efficiency review across MNBC departments and functions, assessing alignment with core mandates to support communities and citizens;
  - c. Benchmarking of executive and senior management salary bands against comparable provincial, regional, local government and Indigenous governance organizations of similar scale;
  - d. Identification and reporting of work generated by paid MNBC personnel that is delivered or implemented by unpaid Chartered Community volunteers, including how such work is communicated and assigned; and
  - e. Public reporting of audit findings, recommendations and management responses to MNGA and all Chartered Communities, in a format that clearly identifies impacts and implications for Chartered Communities.
- B. MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal frameworks to accurately implement the requirements of this resolution.

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# RESOLUTION 5





## RESOLUTION 5

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Governance Accountability and MNGA Directive Enforcement

Legislation Affected: N/A

Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

Date Submitted: January 29, 2026

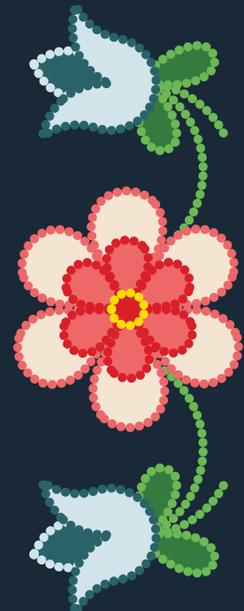
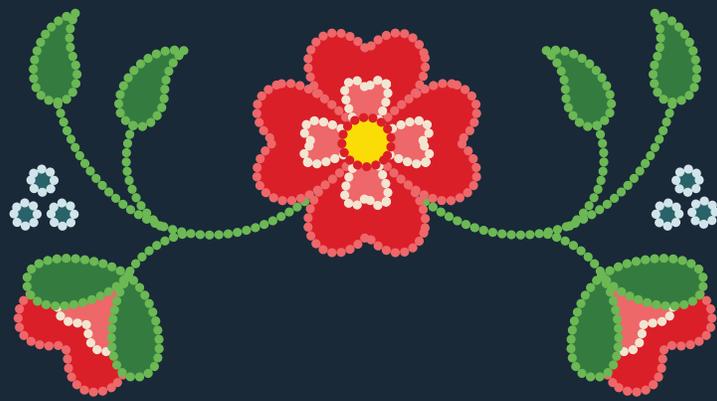
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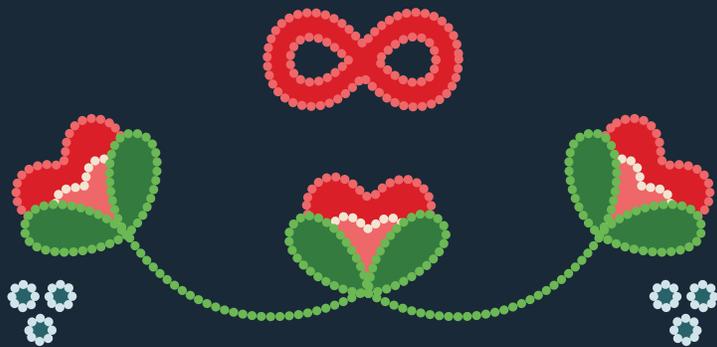
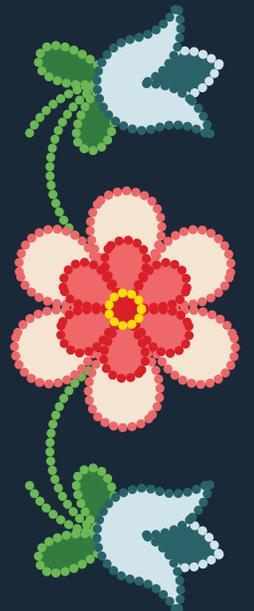
- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly establishes clear and enforceable governance accountability by directing:
- i. The creation of a Governance Accountability Committee deriving its authority directly from MNGA, composed primarily of Chartered Community representatives, with a defined mandate, term and reporting relationship to MNGA;
  - ii. That, as an initial priority, the Governance Accountability Committee shall review existing governance assessments and reports relevant to MNBC governance and accountability, including A Governance Review of Métis Nation British Columbia (<https://www.mnbc.ca/media/2802>), and determine any additional information required to fulfill its mandate;
  - iii. That the sole mandate of the Governance Accountability Committee shall be to monitor, track and publicly report on the implementation status of all resolutions and directives duly adopted by MNGA;
  - iv. Development and maintenance of a publicly accessible resolution tracking mechanism that records each MNGA resolution, actions taken, current status and outstanding items;
  - v. Regular reporting by the Governance Accountability Committee to MNGA and Chartered Communities on compliance, delays and non-implementation of MNGA directives;

- vi. Authority for the Governance Accountability Committee to require written responses from MNBC leadership where MNGA directives have not been implemented within approved timelines; and
  - vii. Provision of adequate and dedicated financial and administrative resources support the operations, reporting and public disclosure functions of the Governance Accountability Committee.
- B. MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to governance legislation, policies, procedures or internal legislation and budgeting frameworks to give full effect to the authority and functions established by this resolution.

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# RESOLUTION 6





## RESOLUTION 6

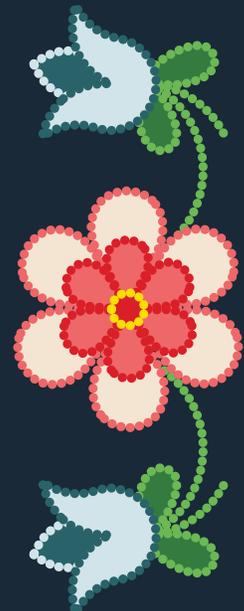
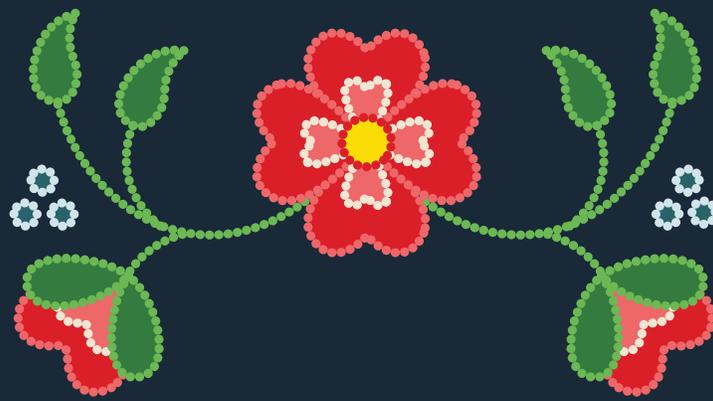
SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Workforce, Payroll, Administrative Spending and Procurement Controls  
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Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association  
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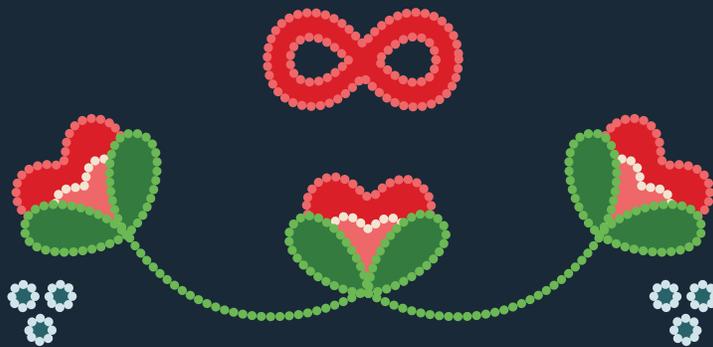
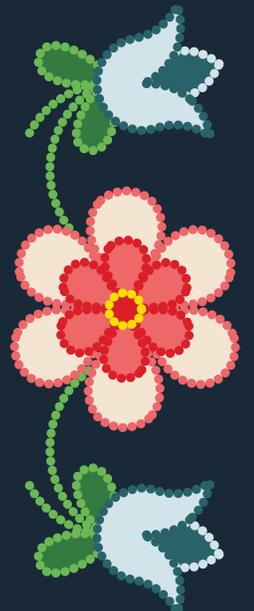
### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to strengthen workforce and spending accountability by requiring:
- i. Annual public reporting of total workforce headcount, including salary bands and disclosure of individual salaries for all personnel and elected representatives earning more than \$75,000 per year;
  - ii. Defined caps on administration, travel, legal, meetings and consulting expenditures, expressed as a proportion of total organizational spending and disclosed annually;
  - iii. Annual publication of a comprehensive procurement, contractor and vendor ledger listing all contractors, consultants and suppliers, including aggregate payment totals;
  - iv. Maintenance of a public registry of agreements, contracts and memorandums of understanding, including date, scope, purpose, location, value and term; and
  - v. Adoption of transparent procurement policies aligned with core British Columbia public-sector procurement principles, adapted to MNBC's governance role.
- B. The MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures and procurement frameworks to implement this resolution.

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# RESOLUTION 7





## RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 SPRING  
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Capital Assets, Program Outcomes, Revenue Strategy and Strategic Alignment

Legislation Affected: N/A

Submitted by: Miki'siw Métis Association

Submitted to: MNGA Clerk

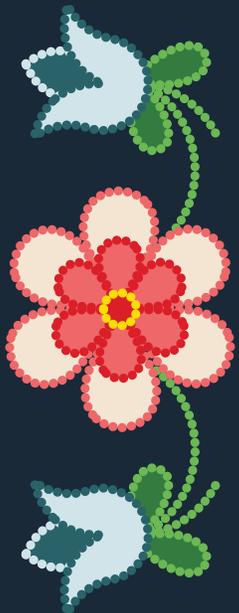
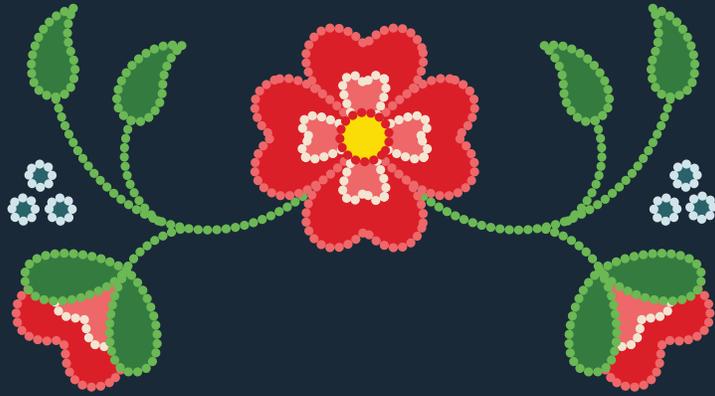
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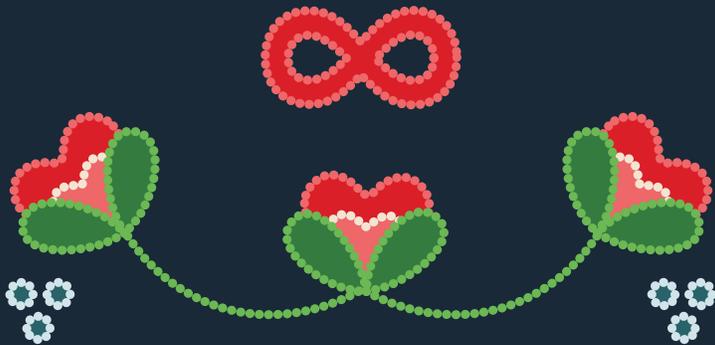
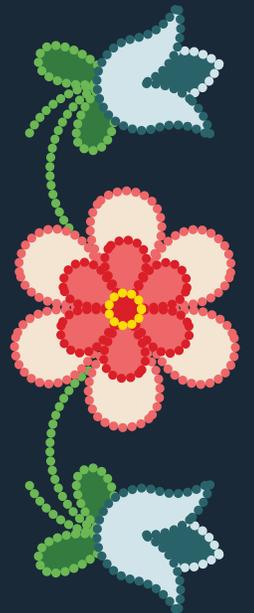
### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to strengthen long-term sustainability and strategic accountability by requiring
- i. Full public disclosure of all idle or underutilized capital assets and land holdings, including operating plans and timelines for use;
  - ii. Annual outcome reporting for all major programs, including programs exceeding five million dollars, with clear objectives, measures and results;
  - iii. Development and publication of a rolling three-year economic development and own-source revenue strategy; and
  - iv. Formal MNGA review and opportunity for comment on multi-year strategic plans prior to adoption, including disclosure of anticipated resource implications, any governance or policy changes required to support implementation, and the measures that will be used to track progress against the strategic plan over its term.
- B. The MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to strategic planning and reporting frameworks to give effect to this resolution.

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# BACKGROUNDER ON RESOLUTIONS 2-7



# Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Resolutions on Transparency, Accountability and Sustainable Support for Chartered Communities

Submitted to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly  
for inclusion on the agenda of the February 2026 MNGA

January 29, 2026

Submitted by:  
Miki'siw Métis Association

Supported by:  
Fraser Valley Métis Association  
Boundary Métis Community Association  
Salmon Arm Métis Association

## Cover Letter

Dear Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly,

Chartered Communities are the frontline of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC). They deliver programming, support citizens, manage volunteers, administer funds and carry much of the day-to-day work of governance in communities across the province. The attached resolution package has been developed to support that reality.

These resolutions are not about restructuring MNBC's constitutional framework, nor are they about limiting the authority of the Board or administration. They are about clearly defining what MNBC is already required to do, and ensuring that those obligations are carried out in a consistent, transparent and accountable way in support of Chartered Communities.

MNBC's Constitution establishes the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) as the governing legislative body of the Nation and requires regular reporting, audited financial disclosure and clear accountability relationships between MNBC and its affiliated bodies. The Constitution also recognizes the central role of Chartered Communities through Community Governance Charters, which are intended to define political and financial accountability between MNBC and Chartered Communities.

MNBC's Strategic Plan further acknowledges that Chartered Communities are under-resourced, carry significant volunteer and administrative burden and require improved communication, transparency and capacity support. The plan commits MNBC to strengthening Chartered Community support, improving reporting, building core organizational capacity and developing sustainable fiscal frameworks.

The resolutions in this package are designed to give practical effect to those existing commitments.

Specifically, the resolutions:

- Clarify and standardize financial reporting so Chartered Communities can clearly see how funds approved for their benefit are allocated, paid and administered, regardless of funding stream;
- Establish fair and consistent compensation and honoraria frameworks that recognize the work communities are required to do to deliver funded programs;
- Provide independent audit and organizational oversight to ensure resources intended for communities are flowing efficiently and transparently;
- Create an unmistakable and enforceable mechanism to track and report on whether MNGA directives are implemented;
- Increase transparency around workforce, administrative spending and procurement so community resources are used responsibly; and
- Require clear reporting on assets, program outcomes and long-term revenue strategies, and ensure strategic plans are transparent about resource implications and how progress will be measured.

Each resolution is intentionally drafted to be clean, stand-alone and operational. Together, they form a coherent governance package focused on transparency, accountability and sustainable support for Chartered Communities.

Where appropriate, the resolutions also establish clear mechanisms to ensure MNGA directives are tracked, implemented and publicly reported.

These resolutions do not introduce new constitutional authorities. They sit squarely within MNGA's existing legislative role and give structure to obligations MNBC has already articulated in its Constitution, Acts, Board policies and Strategic Plan.

We offer this package in the spirit of collaboration, accountability and shared responsibility, with the goal of ensuring that Chartered Communities are properly supported to continue the essential work they do on behalf of Métis citizens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Adams, President  
Miki'siw Métis Association  
On behalf of participating Chartered Communities

## Appendix A: Framing Note – Financial Transparency and Governance Usability for Chartered Communities

This appendix is provided to clarify the governance intent and rationale underlying Resolution 1: Financial Transparency, Disclosure and Reporting.

MNBC's audited financial statements can be technically correct, compliant with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles applicable to not-for-profit organizations and professionally audited, and still fail to meet the practical governance needs of Chartered Communities.

This is not an accounting problem. It is a governance usability problem.

Audited financial statements are designed primarily to meet the needs of auditors, regulators and accounting professionals. They are not designed to support community-level governance, program planning or funding accountability.

When it is stated that MNBC already provides audited financial statements, that statement can be accurate while still missing the core issue. Audited financial statements do not answer the questions Chartered Communities need answered in order to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

Audited financial statements typically present consolidated information, including total revenues by broad category, total expenses by functional area and organization-wide financial results, supported by notes written for accounting interpretation. They do not typically present information in a way that shows how funding flows to individual Chartered Communities or how approved funds are administered at the community level.

Specifically, audited financial statements do not generally show how much funding was approved for each Chartered Community, how much was actually paid, when payments were delayed or withheld, what conditions are attached to specific funds, how board discretionary funds are allocated, how program dollars flow across Chartered Communities or how year-end balances relate to community-level approvals.

In practical terms, audited financial statements show what MNBC spent in aggregate. They do not show what Chartered Communities experienced. As a result, Chartered Communities are not routinely provided with clear, standardized information showing what funding was approved for them, what was paid, when payments were made and what conditions applied. In the absence of consistent Chartered Community-level reporting, significant differences can exist between Chartered Communities in funding amounts, timing and treatment without being visible, comparable or readily explainable. This limits the ability of Chartered Communities to understand their own funding position, to compare experiences across Chartered Communities and to assess whether funding is being administered equitably and consistently.

The governance principle underlying Resolution 1 is that Chartered Communities are entitled to understand how funds approved for their benefit are administered, not only whether MNBC's books balance at year end. This principle is consistent with fiduciary duty and stewardship under non-profit accounting standards, MNBC's constitutional obligation to support and be accountable to Chartered Communities and MNBC's Strategic Plan commitments to improved communication, transparency and community capacity support.

Resolution 1 does not seek forensic accounting, alter accounting standards or interfere with the audit process. It seeks decision-useful information that allows Chartered Communities to understand funding approvals, payments, timing and conditions in a clear, standardized and comparable way.

Resolution 1 addresses this governance gap by requiring standardized reporting templates, disclosure at the Chartered Community and funding-stream level, reconciliation to audited financial statements and explanations for material variances, delays or reallocations. These requirements are intended to make existing financial information usable for the people MNBC is constitutionally required to support.

Audited financial statements are necessary, but they are not sufficient. They are not designed to show Chartered Community-level funding flows or to support planning by Chartered Communities. Resolution 1 is intended to complement, not replace, MNBC's audited financial reporting by ensuring that financial information is transparent, meaningful and accessible to Chartered Communities.

## Proposed MNGA Resolutions

### Resolution 1: Financial Transparency, Disclosure and Reporting

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to implement a standardized financial transparency and reporting framework that applies to all funds paid, allocated or administered by MNBC for the benefit of Chartered Communities, regardless of funding source, internal classification or delivery mechanism, including but not limited to Chartered Community Funding, board-discretionary funding, program-based funding, flow-through funding and any other MNBC-controlled funding streams.

This framework shall include:

- Annual public disclosure of total compensation paid to all elected officials, executives, directors and committee members;
- Standardized financial reporting to all Chartered Communities using approved templates, including approved budgets, actual expenditures and variances, provided at least twice annually, with authority retained by MNGA to require more frequent reporting as capacity permits, and with the first report delivered within one fiscal quarter of adoption of this resolution;
- Annual disclosure, by Chartered Community and by funding stream, of all funds paid or allocated, including amounts approved, amounts paid, timing of payments, purpose, conditions and current status;
- Annual disclosure of all restricted, unrestricted, deferred, unspent, reallocated and returned funds, including purpose, conditions and status;
- Mandatory reconciliation of all departmental, program-level and funding-stream financial summaries with audited financial statements, including written explanations for all material variances and reclassifications;
- Quarterly reporting on liquidity, unrestricted cash, deferred revenue movements and material cash obligations; and
- Confirmation that all financial statements and reporting are prepared in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles applicable to non-profit organizations.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal financial frameworks to accurately implement the requirements of this resolution.

### Resolution 2: Compensation, Remuneration and Standardized Honoraria Framework

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to develop and implement a single, comprehensive compensation and remuneration framework that includes:

- Standardized, province-wide honoraria and per diem rates for all MNBC committees, tables and working groups, with per diem rates aligned to those used by the Government of British Columbia and adjusted, where appropriate, for high-cost or peak-season locations;
- A consolidated compensation policy covering elected officials, directors and executives, including salary bands, travel and accommodation standards;
- Explicit recognition and compensation for administrative, reporting and implementation work required of Chartered Communities by federal and provincial funders; and

- Demonstrated alignment of compensation and remuneration practices with the MNBC Strategic Plan through the annual budget and reporting process.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal compensation frameworks to accurately implement this resolution, and that the framework be presented to MNGA for review and endorsement within twelve months.

### **Resolution 3: Independent Audit and Organizational Oversight**

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to establish strengthened independent audit and organizational oversight, for the purpose of supporting transparency, accountability and capacity for Chartered Communities, by requiring:

- An external audit and review conducted by an independent third party examining recent fiscal years of Chartered Community funding flows, including timeliness, transparency, compliance and any withheld or delayed amounts;
- Inclusion within the audit scope of an organizational efficiency review across MNBC departments and functions, assessing alignment with core mandates to support communities and citizens;
- Benchmarking of executive and senior management salary bands against comparable provincial, regional, local government and Indigenous governance organizations of similar scale;
- Identification and reporting of work generated by paid MNBC personnel that is delivered or implemented by unpaid Chartered Community volunteers, including how such work is communicated and assigned; and
- Public reporting of audit findings, recommendations and management responses to MNGA and all Chartered Communities, in a format that clearly identifies impacts and implications for Chartered Communities.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures or internal frameworks to accurately implement the requirements of this resolution.

### **Resolution 4: Governance Accountability and MNGA Directive Enforcement**

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly establishes clear and enforceable governance accountability by directing:

- The creation of a Governance Accountability Committee deriving its authority directly from MNGA, composed primarily of Chartered Community representatives, with a defined mandate, term and reporting relationship to MNGA;
- That, as an initial priority, the Governance Accountability Committee shall review existing governance assessments and reports relevant to MNBC governance and accountability, including *A Governance Review of Métis Nation British Columbia* (<https://www.mnbc.ca/media/2802>), and determine any additional information required to fulfill its mandate;
- That the sole mandate of the Governance Accountability Committee shall be to monitor, track and publicly report on the implementation status of all resolutions and directives duly adopted by MNGA;
- Development and maintenance of a publicly accessible resolution tracking mechanism that records each MNGA resolution, actions taken, current status and outstanding items;
- Regular reporting by the Governance Accountability Committee to MNGA and Chartered Communities on compliance, delays and non-implementation of MNGA directives;

- Authority for the Governance Accountability Committee to require written responses from MNBC leadership where MNGA directives have not been implemented within approved timelines; and
- Provision of adequate and dedicated financial and administrative resources to support the operations, reporting and public disclosure functions of the Governance Accountability Committee.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to governance legislation, policies, procedures or internal legislation and budgeting frameworks to give full effect to the authority and functions established by this resolution.

#### **Resolution 5: Workforce, Payroll, Administrative Spending and Procurement Controls**

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to strengthen workforce and spending accountability by requiring:

- Annual public reporting of total workforce headcount, including salary bands and disclosure of individual salaries for all personnel and elected representatives earning more than \$75,000 per year;
- Defined caps on administration, travel, legal, meetings and consulting expenditures, expressed as a proportion of total organizational spending and disclosed annually;
- Annual publication of a comprehensive procurement, contractor and vendor ledger listing all contractors, consultants and suppliers, including aggregate payment totals;
- Maintenance of a public registry of agreements, contracts and memorandums of understanding, including date, scope, purpose, location, value and term; and
- Adoption of transparent procurement policies aligned with core British Columbia public-sector procurement principles, adapted to MNBC's governance role.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to legislation, policies, procedures and procurement frameworks to implement this resolution.

#### **Resolution 6: Capital Assets, Program Outcomes, Revenue Strategy and Strategic Alignment**

Be it resolved that the Métis Nation Governing Assembly directs Métis Nation British Columbia to strengthen long-term sustainability and strategic accountability by requiring:

- Full public disclosure of all idle or underutilized capital assets and land holdings, including operating plans and timelines for use;
- Annual outcome reporting for all major programs, including programs exceeding five million dollars, with clear objectives, measures and results;
- Development and publication of a rolling three-year economic development and own-source revenue strategy; and
- Formal MNGA review and opportunity for comment on multi-year strategic plans prior to adoption, including disclosure of anticipated resource implications, any governance or policy changes required to support implementation, and the measures that will be used to track progress against the strategic plan over its term.

Be it further resolved that MNBC shall make any consequential amendments necessary to strategic planning and reporting frameworks to give effect to this resolution.

## Appendix B: Plain-Language Guide to MNGA Resolutions

This appendix explains each resolution in plain language to support understanding by Chartered Community leadership, members and delegates. The explanations describe what each resolution is intended to do and why it matters. The resolutions themselves remain the authoritative governance directions.

What the Resolution Does	What This Means in Plain Language
<b>Resolution 1: Financial Transparency, Disclosure and Reporting</b>	
Establishes standardized financial reporting for all funds administered by MNBC for the benefit of Chartered Communities, regardless of funding source or delivery method.	Chartered Communities should be able to clearly see, in plain non-technical language, what funding was approved for them, what was paid, when it was paid and under what conditions, no matter which program or funding stream was used.
Requires regular, standardized financial reporting to Chartered Communities, with reporting provided at least twice annually and authority for MNGA to require more frequent reporting where appropriate.	Chartered Communities should not have to wait a full year to understand their funding position. Regular reporting supports planning, program delivery and early identification of issues.
Requires public disclosure of compensation paid to elected officials, executives, directors and committee members.	This provides transparency about how leadership and governance roles are compensated.
Requires disclosure of restricted, unrestricted, deferred, unspent and reallocated funds.	Chartered Communities can understand what money is available, what is delayed, what is restricted and what has been moved or returned.
Requires reconciliation of program and Chartered Community-level reporting with audited financial statements, with explanations for material differences.	The information Chartered Communities receive should match the audited statements, with clear explanations where it does not.
Requires quarterly high-level reporting on liquidity and cash position.	This gives Chartered Communities visibility into MNBC’s overall financial position without replacing audited financial statements.
<b>Resolution 2: Compensation, Remuneration and Standardized Honoraria Framework</b>	
Directs MNBC to develop a single, province-wide framework for honoraria, per diems and compensation.	People doing similar work across the province should be treated consistently, rather than different rules applying in different places.
Includes elected officials, directors and executives within the framework.	Leadership compensation is addressed openly and consistently.
Recognizes administrative and reporting work carried out by Chartered Communities.	The unpaid work Chartered Communities do to deliver programs and meet reporting requirements is acknowledged as real work with real costs.
Requires the framework to align with the Strategic Plan and be brought to MNGA for review within twelve months.	MNGA will have an opportunity to review whether compensation practices support long-term goals and fairness.
<b>Resolution 3: Independent Audit and Organizational Oversight</b>	
Calls for an independent audit and review of recent years of Chartered Community funding flows.	An outside reviewer will examine whether funding intended for Chartered Communities was paid in full, on time and according to agreed terms.

Includes an organizational efficiency review within the audit scope.	This looks at whether MNBC’s internal structure supports Chartered Communities effectively or creates unnecessary barriers.
Requires benchmarking of executive and senior management compensation.	This checks whether compensation levels are reasonable compared to similar organizations.
Requires identification of work delivered by unpaid Chartered Community volunteers that originates from MNBC operations.	This makes visible how much work is being downloaded onto volunteers so it can be addressed appropriately.
Requires public reporting of audit findings to MNGA and Chartered Communities in a usable format.	Chartered Communities should be able to understand how the findings affect them, not just see technical audit language.
<b>Resolution 4: Governance Accountability and MNGA Directive Enforcement</b>	
Establishes a Governance Accountability Committee reporting directly to MNGA and composed primarily of Chartered Community representatives.	Chartered Communities have a formal role in ensuring MNGA decisions are followed through.
That, as an initial priority, the committee will review existing governance assessments and reports, including <i>A Governance Review of Métis Nation British Columbia</i> .	The committee starts with existing governance work already produced for MNBC, so it can move quickly and avoid duplicating past reviews.
Sets the committee’s sole mandate as monitoring, tracking and publicly reporting on the implementation of MNGA resolutions and directives.	This committee does not manage operations. Its job is to make implementation visible and ensure MNGA decisions are not stalled or forgotten.
Requires a publicly accessible resolution tracking mechanism.	Everyone can see what has been implemented, what is delayed and what remains outstanding.
Allows the committee to request written responses from MNBC leadership.	MNBC is expected to explain delays or non-implementation rather than remaining silent.
Requires that the committee be adequately resourced.	Accountability work is supported properly and not placed on unpaid volunteers.
<b>Resolution 5: Workforce, Payroll, Administrative Spending and Procurement Controls</b>	
Requires reporting on workforce size, salary bands and individual salaries above \$75,000.	Chartered Communities can better understand how staffing and compensation align with priorities and resources.
Requires limits on administrative and professional spending as a proportion of total expenditures.	This supports responsible use of funds and helps ensure resources flow to programs and Chartered Communities.
Requires publication of contractor, vendor and agreement information.	Chartered Communities can see who is being paid, for what purpose and under what terms.
Requires procurement policies aligned with public-sector standards.	Purchasing decisions follow transparent and fair practices.
<b>Resolution 6: Capital Assets, Program Outcomes, Revenue Strategy and Strategic Alignment</b>	
Requires disclosure of idle or underused land and assets and plans for their use.	Chartered Communities can see what assets exist and how they are intended to support the Nation.
Requires outcome reporting for major programs.	This shows whether programs are achieving their intended results, not just spending money.
Requires publication of a rolling three-year economic development and revenue strategy.	This supports long-term sustainability and reduces reliance on short-term funding.

<p>Requires MNGA review and opportunity for comment on multi-year strategic plans prior to adoption, including disclosure of anticipated resource implications, any governance or policy changes required to support implementation and the measures that will be used to track progress against the strategic plan over its term.</p>	<p>A plan without resources is a wish. Chartered Communities and MNGA should be able to see what resources are needed to carry out the plan, what governance or policy changes may be required and how progress will be measured before the plan is finalized.</p>
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## Appendix C: Constitutional and Strategic Alignment of MNGA Resolutions

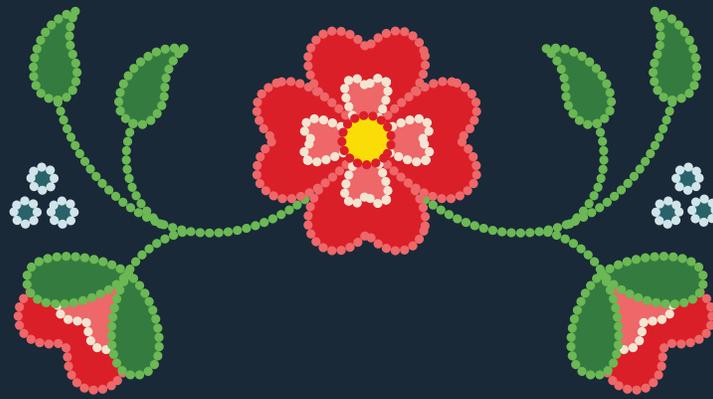
This table summarizes how each proposed MNGA resolution aligns with existing obligations and commitments set out in the MNBC Constitution (September 2025) and MNBC Strategic Plan 2023—2027. It demonstrates that the resolutions give practical, operational effect to existing governance duties and strategic commitments, rather than creating new constitutional authorities.

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Alignment with MNBC Constitution</b>	<b>Alignment with MNBC Strategic Plan</b>
Resolution 1: Financial Transparency, Disclosure and Reporting	The MNBC Constitution requires MNBC to prepare audited financial statements and to provide financial and activity reporting to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. It also establishes accountability relationships with affiliated bodies, including Chartered Communities, through Community Governance Charters. Resolution 1 operationalizes these requirements by specifying how financial information must be disaggregated, reconciled and shared so that Chartered Communities can meaningfully understand how funds approved for their benefit are administered, without altering accounting or audit standards.	The Strategic Plan commits MNBC to improved transparency, clearer communication and strengthened support for Chartered Communities. Resolution 1 supports these commitments by requiring standardized, comparable financial reporting that enables planning, equity and accountability at the Chartered Community level.
Resolution 2: Compensation, Remuneration and Standardized Honoraria Framework	The Constitution anticipates the development of governance policies and frameworks to support elected officials, committees and effective leadership. Resolution 2 aligns with this authority by directing MNBC to formalize compensation and honoraria practices within existing governance and policy-making powers.	The Strategic Plan acknowledges the administrative and volunteer burden carried by communities and emphasizes fairness, respect and sustainability. Resolution 2 supports these commitments by recognizing Chartered Community administrative work and promoting consistent, transparent compensation practices aligned with strategic priorities.
Resolution 3: Independent Audit and Organizational Oversight	The Constitution establishes audit, reporting and oversight as core governance functions of MNGA and authorizes the creation of committees and oversight mechanisms. Resolution 3 exercises this authority by directing independent review of funding flows, organizational efficiency and workload distribution affecting Chartered Communities.	The Strategic Plan emphasizes effective use of resources, accountability and organizational efficiency. Resolution 3 aligns with these commitments by requiring independent assessment of whether MNBC’s structures and practices are supporting communities as intended.

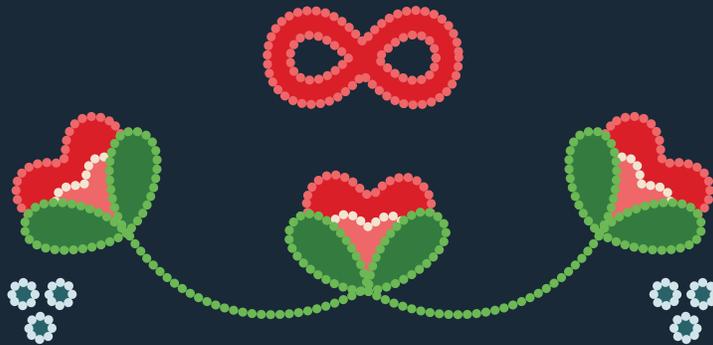
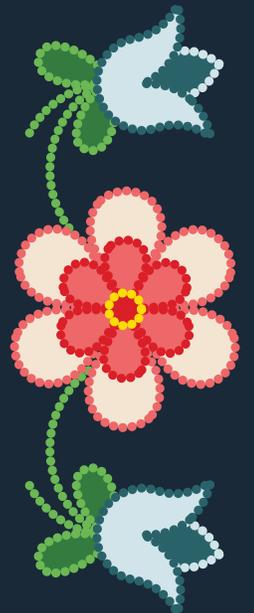
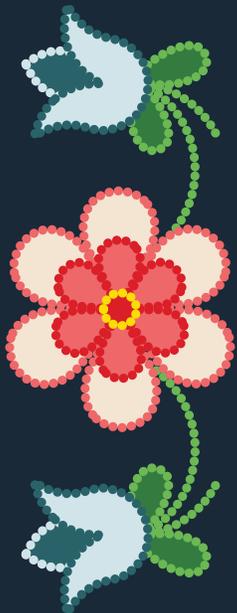
<p>Resolution 4: Governance Accountability and MNGA Directive Enforcement</p>	<p>The Constitution establishes MNGA as the legislative authority of MNBC and provides for accountability for the implementation of MNGA resolutions and directives. Resolution 4 gives practical effect to this authority by creating a formal, resourced mechanism to track, monitor and publicly report on implementation.</p>	<p>The Strategic Plan identifies the need for clearer governance processes, transparency and follow-through. Resolution 4 supports these commitments by ensuring that MNGA decisions are implemented, monitored and communicated in a visible and consistent manner.</p>
<p>Resolution 5: Workforce, Payroll, Administrative Spending and Procurement Controls</p>	<p>The Constitution anticipates responsible stewardship of MNBC resources and transparency in their use. Resolution 5 aligns with this obligation by strengthening visibility into staffing, compensation, administrative spending and procurement practices across MNBC.</p>	<p>The Strategic Plan commits MNBC to responsible resource allocation, improved internal controls and long-term sustainability. Resolution 5 supports these goals by promoting transparency, cost discipline and alignment between spending and organizational priorities.</p>
<p>Resolution 6: Capital Assets, Program Outcomes, Revenue Strategy and Strategic Alignment</p>	<p>The Constitution assigns MNBC responsibility for stewarding assets and resources for the benefit of the Nation. Resolution 6 aligns with this duty by requiring disclosure of asset use, program outcomes and long-term revenue planning, while preserving the Board’s role in implementation.</p>	<p>The Strategic Plan emphasizes sustainability, economic development and outcomes-based planning. Resolution 6 gives effect to these commitments by requiring multi-year economic development planning, outcome reporting and transparent linkage between strategic objectives, resource implications and progress measurement.</p>

**Closing note**

This alignment table is provided for clarity and reference. The resolutions themselves remain the authoritative governance directions of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.



# LEGISLATION



# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## CONSTITUTION

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 breached 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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. 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
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 eighty (180) days of the date of any vacancy on the Board of Directors or of any elected position at the regional level. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted. 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the



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Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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. In the case of a vacancy on 2SMBC, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by 2SMBC in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.
48. If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or 2SMBC 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.
49. 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

50. The Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
51. 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.
52. 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.
53. 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.
54. Senators shall be appointed for a term and conditions as set out in the Senate Act.
55. A person ceases to be a Senator when:
  - 55.1. They resign.
  - 55.2. They die.
  - 55.3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty over two (2) years (2) years or greater.



55.4. They take a salaried position prohibited by Article 51.

55.5. Or as outlined in the provisions of the Senate Act.

56. 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

57. 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.

57.1. 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;

57.2. Geographical boundaries of Community/Communities seeking Community Governance Charter shall be submitted as part of the motion to the MNGA;

57.3. Ratification by seventy five (75) percent of the MNGA is required.

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

58.1. 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.

58.2. 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.

58.3. 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.

58.4. An Interim Chartered Community shall have observer status at an MNGA, and shall not have voting rights.

58.5. An Interim Chartered Community may receive benefits and services from MNBC at the sole discretion of the MNBC.

59. 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”.

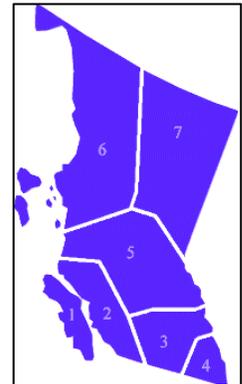
- 60. All Communities shall, as soon as possible, enact a Constitution that is consistent with this Constitution.

**REGIONS**

- 61. 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



- 62. 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 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director shall be the non-voting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.

62.1. All members of a Regional Governance Council must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry as MNBC Citizens.

62.2. 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.

62.3. 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.

- 62.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.
- 62.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.
- 62.6. 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.”
- 62.7. 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.
- 62.8. 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

63. 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.
  - 63.1. “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
  - 63.2. “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.
  - 63.3. "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.
  - 63.4. “Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.
64. 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.



65. Citizenship cards shall be issued to all Métis upon a person presenting themselves for citizenship and satisfying the definition set out above.
66. 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**

67. 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.
68. 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.
69. All Members of the Board of Directors, MNGA and Senate shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking office.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

70. 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:
  - 70.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
  - 70.2. President's Report for Previous Fiscal Year
  - 70.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly
  - 70.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.
  - 70.5. 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.
71. 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**

72. 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.
73. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the Members of the MNBC.

## **AMENDMENT**

74. 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.
75. This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:
  - 75.1. Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the *MNGA Act*;
  - 75.2. Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.
  - 75.3. At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

## MÉTIS NATION CITIZENSHIP ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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**” means the 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 Citizen 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 MNBC Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Ministry of Citizenship.
- 2.7 “**Application**” means the MNBC Citizenship Standardized Application Form, provided by MNBC through the Ministry of Citizenship or on the MNBC Website.
- 2.8 “**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.
- 2.9 A “**Chartered Community**” is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.10 “**Child**” means a child of a Métis citizen.
- 2.11 “**Citizen**” means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.12 “**Citizen Registry**” means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens.
- 2.13 “**Citizenship Appeal Committee**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Appeal Committee as established and maintained by the Senate.
- 2.14 “**Citizenship Authority**” (the “*Authority*”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, and 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 Indigenous Research Manager



- 2.15 “**Community Governance Charter**” means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Chartered Community and the MNBC.
- 2.16 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as amended from time to time.
- 2.17 “**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.
- 2.18 “**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*.
- 2.19 “**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.
- 2.20 “**Historical and Customary Practices**” The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.
- 2.21 “**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*.
- 2.22 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents or acts pursuant to which the administrative affairs and constitutional requirements of the MNBC shall be carried out.
- 2.23 “**Métis Nation Governing Assembly**” (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.24 “**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.
- 2.25 “**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*.
- 2.26 “**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 the integrity of the Citizen Registry.
- 2.27 “**MNBC 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.



- 2.28 **“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 **“Under Review”** means a previously registered Citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit of the Citizen Registry.

### ARTICLE THREE – MÉTIS NATION ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for Citizenship upon the Applicant providing to the Ministry of Citizenship 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, 3.1.3, 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 - APPLICATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to apply for Métis Citizenship by submitting an Application directly to the Ministry of Citizenship or through a Métis Chartered Community;



- 4.2 Upon approval, the Citizenship Authority shall issue an 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 on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply on behalf of that individual;
- 4.5 No individual is obliged to apply for Citizenship;
- 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.
- 4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall provide final review of complete Applications for Métis Citizenship, and approve the application only if the Applicant is eligible to be a Métis Citizen pursuant to the provisions of this *Act*.
- 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 CITIZEN REGISTRY**

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

#### **ARTICLE SIX – REMOVAL FROM CITIZEN REGISTRY DUE TO INELIGIBILITY**

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit, review, renewal, or replacement, a person on the Citizen 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 MNBC Citizenship by completing the Application Process.
- 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.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN – CITIZEN REGISTRY**

- 7.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall maintain an objectively verifiable system for processing of Métis Citizenship Applications;
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine 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 maintain 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 Citizen 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 Citizen 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, or directly to the Ministry of Citizenship;
- 7.8 Application maybe submitted by a Chartered Community to the Ministry of Citizenship on behalf of the applicant for consideration and entry into the Citizen 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, whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued a MNBC Citizenship Card by the Ministry of Citizenship;
- 7.11 Each MNBC Citizenship Card shall bear a personal and individual registration number and clearly identify which MNBC Region the Citizens resides;
- 7.12 MNBC 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;
- 7.13 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 MNBC Citizenship Card.
- 7.14 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and MNBC Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT - THE MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP**

- 8.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
- 8.2 Receive and review applications for Citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the MNBC Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be a Métis Citizen;
- 8.3 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;
- 8.4 Provide a report in writing to MNGA and the MNBC upon their reasonable request;
- 8.5 Maintain the Citizen Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
- 8.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant, as may be appropriate under the circumstances



- concerning an application;
- 8.7 Include with any written decision, written instruction on the procedure for commencing an appeal from a decision of the Ministry of Citizenship;
- 8.8 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- 8.9 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;
- 8.10 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;
- 8.11 Respond to any reasonable request for information from an Applicant, the appropriate Chartered Community or the MNBC concerning an application.

## **ARTICLE NINE - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL**

- 9.0 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 TEN - FINANCES**

- 10.0 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 Citizen Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - ADOPTION**

- 11.1 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*.
- 11.2 The adopted Métis Citizen's Citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;
- 11.3 The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their Citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.
- 11.4 An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per *Article Eleven*.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## MÉTIS NATION ELECTORAL ACT

AS RATIFIED AT THE SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizen who is eighteen (18) years or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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;



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- 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 Nation 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 for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
  - 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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:
  - a. 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;
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 by-election to be held no earlier than 180 days 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 2SMBC 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*.

#### **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 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.

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
  - 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 from 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 it 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.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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 or 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.

3.1.2 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.

3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that Community.

- 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*.



- 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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;
  - 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.
- 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;
  - i. Despite article 12.2(a), the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee may, through the MVBC Chair, submit resolutions to the MNGA on matters that directly affect Métis Veterans.
- 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;
  - i. Despite article 12.3(a), the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee may, through the MVBC Chair, submit resolutions to the MNGA on matters that directly affect Métis Veterans.



- 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;
    - If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
    - 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.

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## MÉTIS NATION NATURAL RESOURCES ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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:

- 2.0 “**Act**” means the *MNBC Natural Resource Act*.
- 2.1 “**Addendums**” are Ministerial approved supplements to the *Natural Resource Act* that enables the development of annually renewed, low-level legislation.
- 2.2 “**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.
- 2.3 “**Captain’s Assembly**” consists of the eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt.
- 2.4 “**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.
- 2.5 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the MNBC as amended from time to time.
- 2.6 “**Issuer**” means a person that is delegated the authority by BCMANR to issue licensing, tags and permits.
- 2.7 “**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.
- 2.8 “**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*.
- 2.9 “**Métis Citizen**” as defined by the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.10 “**Minister of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.
- 2.11 “**Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry.
- 2.12 “**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.



- 2.13 “**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.
- 2.14 “**Parties**” for the purpose of consultation means government, proponents, regulatory agencies and other external entities whose mandate includes Aboriginal consultation.
- 2.15 “**Region**” means a MNBC Region as determined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.16 “**Regulation**” is the annually renewed provincial and regional rules that manage the Métis harvest.
- 2.17 “**Senate**” means the MNBC Senate.
- 2.18 “**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.
- 2.19 “**Senior Director of Environmental Protection**” means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.
- 2.20 “**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.

8.2.2 MNBC Harvesting Cards apply only to those species, areas and times described by regulations developed under the authority of *Article 9.0*.

8.3 Cancellation of MNBC Harvesting Card in event of error;

8.3.1 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.

8.4 MNBC Harvesting Card is to be carried and produced upon demand;

8.4.1 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;

8.4.2 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall produce the card to any enforcement officer whenever requested.

8.5 MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by misrepresentation;

8.5.1 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.

8.6 Refusal of MNBC Harvesting Card;

8.6.1 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,

8.6.2 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*.

8.7 Notice of refusal

8.7.1 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.

8.8 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:
    - 11.5.2 Increasing awareness of the Métis in British Columbia including the cultural, heritage and land use issues of concern to Métis;
    - 11.5.3 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;
    - 11.5.4 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;
    - 11.5.5 Establish appropriate, efficient practices that will fulfill MNBC consultation principles in accordance with MNBC Board direction for all natural resource matters.
    - 11.5.6 Promote and facilitate the protection of traditional land use locations and other historical resources of significance to Métis within British Columbia;
    - 11.5.7 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,
    - 11.5.8 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.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## MÉTIS NATION SENATE ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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.



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- 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 may 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.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## DEFINITIONS

In this *Act*:

“**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

## 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 Veterans are the members of the MVBC

3.2 A Member or may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.



- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE**

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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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, 2SLGBTQQA+ 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.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women's Representative, 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6.1 The MVBC Chair (or designate) shall be a non-voting liaison for the MVBC to the MNBC-~~GA~~



Board of Directors.

- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

## 2SLGBTQQIA+ ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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 niwahnōmāc, 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 in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

2.1 The 2SMBC acknowledges and accepts the MNBC Constitution as the law governing the 2SMBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation

2.2 The objective of 2SMBC 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, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the 2SMBC.

## ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

3.0 In this Act:

3.4 “**2SMBC**” means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson also known as the Minister responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

3.5 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.

3.6 “**Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual**” means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.

3.7 “**2SMBC**” means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia



- 3.8 **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.9 **"MNBC Assembly"** means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### **ARTICLE FOUR - 2SMBC**

- 4.1 The 2SMBC 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 2SMBC 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 - 2SMBC STRUCTURE**

- 5.0 The 2SMBC shall,
- 5.1 The 2SMBC Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SMBC shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson will serve as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The 2SMBC Chairperson shall provide Provincial, Federal and international representation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizens and be accountable to the 2SMBC and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.



- 5.5 The regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SMBC, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.6 The 2SMBC shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SMBC.
- 5.7 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes”).
- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.10 The 2SMBC shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives.

## ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

- 6.0 2SMBC electoral processes are,
  - 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ 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 2SMBC 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 2SMBC shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of 2SMBC member, the position shall be filled in accordance with MNBC Legislation, as amended from time to time.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

## MÉTIS NATION WOMEN'S ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.

#### 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, Federal and international representation for Métis Women, 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*.
- 6.4 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.

# MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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## MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## 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 Provincial Governance Council**” 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) 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 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 Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC*



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*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, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MYBC Provincial Governance Council.
- 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 Provincial Governance Council 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 Provincial Governance Council 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 Provincial Governance Council.
  - 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 Provincial Governance Council 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 Provincial Governance Council 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 Provincial Governance Council 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 Provincial Governance Council, 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*.<sup>1</sup>
  - 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Provincial Governance Council arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> Amended September 2021 Annual General Meeting, not in force until 2024 MNBC Provincial Election.



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**BYLAWS  
OF  
METIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
(the “MPCBC” or the “Society” as the case may be)

**1. 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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. 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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 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. 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 2SLGBTQQA+ 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 eighty (180) 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.

## **5.1 Relationship with MNBC**

5.2 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.

5.3 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.

## **6.1 Financial**

6.2 The Society shall be the subject of an Audit each year by an auditor in good standing in in the Province of British Columbia.

## **7.1 Dissolution**

7.2 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.

## **8.1 Amendment**

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 All approved amendments to the Bylaws shall be appended to the Bylaws.



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