

## DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM), held September 19-21, 2025, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, British Columbia (BC).

### 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 2SLGBTQQIA+ of BC  
Patrick Harriott, Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer  
Allan Lavallee, Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland)  
Dean Gladue, Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)  
Debra Fisher, Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)  
Raynie Gervais, Director, Region 5 (North Central)  
Susie Hooper, Director, Region 6 (Northwest)  
Paulette Flamond, Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Peltier, AGM Co-Chair  
Katie Carson, AGM Co-Chair  
Nicole Ludwig, AGM Clerk  
Barinder Lalli, AGM Deputy Clerk  
Judit Nagy, AGM Deputy Clerk  
Laura McKay, AGM Deputy Clerk  
Colleen Hodgson, Executive Director, Citizenship and Children and Families  
Anna Maione, Chief Financial Officer (CFO)  
Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Jordan Waunch, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

#### MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary

### DAY ONE – September 19, 2025

#### OPENING CEREMONIES

##### Flag Party and Grand Entry

The MNBC 2025 AGM commenced with the Grand Entry procession, led by musicians, Métis Veterans, flag bearers, and other dignitaries. Jordan Waunch, MC, welcomed delegates to the MNBC AGM. Attendees joined in singing “O Canada” and the “Métis Ballad”.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

### **Alec Dan, x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵ ə̣ṃ (Musqueam)**

Alec Dan presented a Drum Song and welcomed attendees to the x̣ẉṃə̣θ̣ḳẉə̣ỵə̣ṃ territory on behalf of all territories in the area.

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

Opening Prayers were offered by Senator Alan Edkins and Senator Phillip Gladue.

## **DIGNITARIES**

The Honourable Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes, Ontario, welcomed delegates on behalf of Pierre Poilievre, Member of Parliament, Carleton, and Leader of the Conservative Party. Thanks were offered to the Métis Nation for their ongoing work on behalf of Métis people. Mr. Schmale emphasized the importance of learning from history, celebrating Métis resilience and self-determination, and empowering communities to contribute to a prosperous and thriving Canada.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Acting MNBC President, Melanie Allard, welcomed attendees and offered comments on:

- The decision of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), made in accordance with MNBC policies, to suspend President Mineault pending an independent review
- The strength of MNBC communities, grounded in connection, culture, belonging, and the Métis way of raising children
- The MNBC’s continued pursuit of self-government and recognition of Section 35 rights
- Reducing reliance on government funding through economic development initiatives
- Building partnerships with industry, the provincial government, other Métis and First Nations governments, emphasizing that MNBC was defining its relationship with Canada on its own terms
- Recognizing communities and local leaders as the foundation of MNBC’s strength, and encouraging citizens to connect with their local chartered communities.

## **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Arnold Lucier, Region 5, was sworn in as the North Central Senate Representative.

## **SENATOR RESIGNATION**

The pending resignation of Senator Phillip Gladue, Region 2, was announced. Senator Gladue addressed the Assembly emphasizing the role of matriarchs as the foundation of family and reminding Delegates that while politics could divide, culture had the power to unite.

## **QUORUM CONFIRMED**

Nicole Ludwig, AGM Clerk, confirmed that quorum was achieved.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AGM CO-CHAIRS**

The AGM Clerk called for nominations for the Co-Chairs of the 2025 AGM. Dave Peltier was nominated and consented to the nomination. The AGM Clerk called for further nominations for Co-Chair. Katie Carson was nominated and consented to the nomination. The AGM Clerk called for further nominations and after the third call, with there being no further nominations, declared the nominations closed, and confirmed that Dave Peltier and Katie Carson had been acclaimed as Co-Chairs for the 2025 AGM.

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2025 AGM

### AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the AGM. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2025 AGM was called to order on September 19, 2025, at 2:20 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). It was confirmed that delegates must be at least 18 years of age to vote at an MNBC AGM.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE 2025 AGM AGENDA

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the September 19-21, 2025 Annual General Meeting*

**It was MOVED (Wendy Schneider) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 19-21, 2025, be adopted with an amendment to reschedule the “Board of Directors Question and Answer Session” from September 21, 2025 to September 20, 2025.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-01)**

#### 3. ADOPTION OF THE 2025 AGM STANDING RULES

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “Draft AGM Standing Rules”*

During discussion regarding the 2025 AGM Standing Rules, comments were offered on:

- The rule allowing each Citizen to speak twice for up to two minutes, with additional time requiring Assembly approval
- Encouraging youth under the age of 18 years to speak at the AGM.

**It was MOVED (Tyler Masee) and SECONDED (Rob Anderson)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting (AGM) adopt the “AGM Standing Rules” as presented for the September 19-21, 2025, AGM.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-02)**

### Health Break

The AGM recessed at 2:45 p.m. PT and reconvened at 3:05 p.m. PT.

### QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

#### 4. ADOPT PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Annual General Meeting held September 20-22, 2024*

**It was MOVED (Zelda Hunt) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)**

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Annual General Meeting held September 20-22, 2024, and the MNBC 2025 Special General Meeting held February 9, 2025, be adopted as presented.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-03)**

## 5. DETERMINATION OF DATE OF THE 2026 AGM

*Related information (displayed at the AGM): Draft Resolution regarding, "Determination of Date of the 2026 AGM"*

During discussion on the date of the 2026 MNBC AGM, a poll was conducted to determine Delegate's preferred date. The results of the poll were as follows:

- September 11-13, 2026 (12 votes)
- September 18-20, 2026 (119 votes)
- September 25-27, 2026 (14 votes)

**It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)**

### **WHEREAS:**

1. At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the MNBC Citizens approved an Annual General Meeting (AGM) schedule, with the 2026 AGM to be held in Region 2;
2. The Assembly did not consider dates for upcoming AGMs.

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2026 AGM be held September 18-20, 2026;
- B. Subject to public health/public safety orders, and availability of venues, the 2026 MNBC AGM be held in person with an online participation option;
- C. If public health or safety orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on these dates, or there are significant restrictions on in-person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; such decision must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors no less than 30 days prior to the event;
- D. If no venue is available on this date, the MNBC Board of Directors is authorized to change the date or Region location of the meeting, no later than 90 days prior to the original date.

**CARRIED (AGM2025-04)**

## 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

*Related information:*

- *Distributed in the Agenda package: "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Consolidated Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2025"*
- *Displayed at the meeting: "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Joint Ventures and Partnerships"*

It was noted that the printed Agenda package contained an incorrect version of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Financial Statements, and that the correct version was available in the online package. Paper copies of the corrected Financial Statements were handed out for in-person delegates.

A representative from Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants reviewed the financial statements provided and confirmed they were fairly presented in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Additional comments were offered on:

- The inclusion of incorporated for-profit entities in the Consolidated Financial Statements, resulting in certain income tax liabilities

- A deficit in the Consolidated Statement of Operations due to timing differences between Joint Venture and Partnership income and related expenses
- An additional \$12 million invested in Guaranteed Investment Certificates in Fiscal Year 2025 resulting in a decrease of “cash on hand” compared to the prior fiscal year
- Completion of obligations related to a long-term debt incurred for the construction of a school.

In response to delegates’ questions regarding the MPCBC Consolidated Financial Statements, clarifications were offered on:

- Modest income from Joint Ventures and Partnerships over the past seven years, with investment in building the Economic Development Ministry in the past fiscal year
- MNBC owned, unmortgaged properties for housing and daycare projects, which were at different stages of development
- Land purchases reflected in financial statements, with Ministry of Housing staff conducting due diligence and related approvals as reflected in Board Minutes available online
- The Auditors’ review process, including examination of supporting documents and approvals for significant purchases
- Providing MNBC citizens with complete information on property purchases and the processes involved in acquiring them.

During discussion regarding conducting a forensic audit on MNBC land and property purchases, comments were offered on:

- Estimating the cost of a forensic audit at \$20,000-\$30,000
- The limited scope of a forensic audit that would likely duplicate information already reviewed in the annual audit, as significant land purchases were previously examined in detail
- Considering a comprehensive forensic audit of all MNBC expenditures, led by an independent Auditor separate from the annual Auditors
- Ongoing projects to construct daycares on MNBC-owned properties across the province
- Ministry of Housing representatives at the AGM to provide updates on current projects
- Improving MNBC’s communication to citizens regarding land purchases and ongoing projects.

**It was MOVED (Leonard Laboucan) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting directs that a forensic audit be conducted on all MNBC land and property purchases.

**DEFEATED**

(19 delegates voted in favour, 138 opposed, and 6 delegates abstained)

Discussion continued on the MPCBC Consolidated Financial Statements, with clarifications on:

- Accounting standards which dictate that unrestricted funds be recorded as revenue in the year they were received
- Increased reporting on MNBC expenditures, with more detailed financial schedules provided to funders
- Variances between accounts payable and receivable that reflect timing differences between the receipt of funding and the incurrence of expenses
- Reducing reliance on government funding by strengthening core capacity and advancing economic development initiatives.

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting accept the “Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2025”, as presented.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-05)**

During discussion on appointing Auditors, it was suggested that MNBC consider engaging new accountants for the 2026–27 fiscal year to provide a fresh perspective on the financial statements.

**It was MOVED (Bernadette Chaboyer) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting appoints Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as the Auditors for the MNBC for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-06)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 19-21, 2025, adjourned on September 19, 2025, at 4:35 p.m. PT after agreeing to reconvene on September 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. PT.

**DAY TWO – September 20, 2025**

**MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER**

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 19-21, 2025, reconvened on September 20, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. PT.

**QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

**8. BRITISH COLUMBIA MÉTIS ASSEMBLY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION**

*Related information (displayed at the meeting): Video titled, “British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR)”*

BCMANR Captains shared a video on their priorities and work in relation to harvesting rights, conservation, and accessing BC’s natural resources. Additional comments were offered on:

- Collecting data on Métis harvesters and their harvesting practices
- Contacting BCMANR at [contact@bcmnr.ca](mailto:contact@bcmnr.ca); contact details were on the MNBC website
- BCMANR workshops topics, including archery, shooting, trapping, and plant knowledge
- Keeping MNBC harvesting cards current by completing the annual survey
- Registering Métis citizens aged ten and older for a harvesting card.

**9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) / SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) UPDATES**

*Related information: Presentation on MNBC’s Recent Achievements*

Colette Trudeau, CEO, reviewed MNBC’s priorities and achievements, highlighting:

- Key initiatives, including development of a Métis family services framework, education curriculum, and programs in Michif language, environment, climate, and food security
- Expanded health and wellness supports, including the addition of a Health Promotion Coordinator, mental health and harm reduction initiatives, and land-based healing programs

- Ongoing investments in education, youth, and Elders through grant programs, a youth leadership gathering in Whistler, and community wellness events
- Advancements in economic development, including a feasibility study for a Métis-owned credit union, expansion of the Métis business directory, establishment of the Métis Prosperity Group, and the full repayment of a long-term loan
- Growth in citizenship registrations and cultural programming, including a redesigned citizenship card, activities at the Amelia Douglas Institute, and initiatives supporting women and gender equity.

In response to delegates' questions, comments were offered on:

- Progress in clearing a backlog in citizenship applications and improving processing efficiency
- The citizenship application process, which could take a few months; citizen navigators were available to assist applicants; citizenship cards could be renewed 30-days prior to expiration
- Including an expiry date on citizenship cards to maintain current photos and contact information, and to serve as a valid secondary form of identification
- Land purchases assessed on merit; all purchases were ratified by the Board
- Contracting work undertaken through a formal "Request for Proposal" process
- Providing increased transparency around MNBC-awarded contracts and recipients
- Advancing Métis procurement and engaging with provincial and federal governments on Indigenous procurement initiatives.

#### **Point of Order**

In response to a Point of Order, it was confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

#### **10. RESOLUTION 1 – Constitutional Amendments**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – Constitutional Updates for Clarity of Equality Rights" submitted by the MNGA via the Métis Nation Greater Victoria and dated May 31, 2025*

During discussion on the resolution, comments were offered on:

- Using broader and more inclusive language which could be more effective in protecting rights
- Maintaining consistency with Sections 2, 7 and 15 of the *Canadian Constitution Act, 1982*
- A citizen's right to hold citizenship cards with both MNBC and the BC Métis Federation.

**It was MOVED (Angel Robinson) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution* (the "*Constitution*") serves as the foundational piece of governing legislation for Métis citizens;
2. All Métis citizens are valued members of our Nation;
3. The wording of the equality rights provisions in the *Constitution* were not consistent with modern forms of equality rights provisions in other jurisdictions;
4. Due, in part, to the impact of colonization, the rights and dignity of individuals are more likely to be infringed upon on the basis of any of the characteristics listed in the proposed amendment to Article 5;

5. It is important to uphold the spirit of *Wahkohtowin* by affirming the rights and dignity of individuals and the protection of the characteristics listed in the proposed amendment to Article 5 in a time of heightened discriminatory rhetoric across Turtle Island;
6. It is necessary to clarify that the Nation may act in an ameliorative way that could otherwise be considered to discriminate on the basis of a protected characteristic;
7. It is necessary to enshrine the rights of all citizens in our *Constitution*; and
8. The proposed amendment to Article 6 seeks to prevent an interpretation that may exclude children and gender-diverse individuals from the fundamental right of equal enjoyment of civil and political rights within our *Constitution*.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

- 5.1. Race, including perceived race and colour;
- 5.2. Ethnic background, origin or expression, including language and Métis identity;
- 5.3. Religion or creed, religious belief, religious association, or religious activity;
- 5.4. Political or other views, including political association or activity;
- 5.5. Spousal or family status;
- 5.6. Age;
- 5.7. Genetic characteristics;
- 5.8. Physical or mental disability or related characteristics or circumstances, including reliance on a service animal, a wheelchair, or any other remedial appliance or device;
- 5.9. Sex, including sex-determined characteristics or circumstances, such as pregnancy, the possibility of pregnancy, or circumstances related to pregnancy;
- 5.10. Gender identity or expression;
- 5.11. Sexual orientation; and
- 5.12. Social condition, including income, source of income, occupation, and education.

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

- B. Article 6 of the *Constitution* be amended by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words, as set out below:
  6. ~~Métis men and Métis women~~ All Métis Citizens equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.



## **Amendment to the Main Resolution**

### **It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Samantha Furlonger)**

That the Be It Resolved portion of the main resolution be amended by adding the words “such as” to Item A, so that the first section of the revised Article 5 reads as follows:

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

**CARRIED (AGM2025-07)**

(121 delegates voted in favour, 24 opposed, and 19 delegates abstained)

It was confirmed that MNBC’s in-house legal counsel had not yet had an opportunity to consider the potential implications of Resolution 1.

## **Ruling of the AGM Co-Chair**

The AGM Co-Chair ruled that a revision proposed to the Amendment to the Main Resolution was out of order, as the discussion on the matter had been closed.

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

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

**DEFEATED**

(82 delegates voted in favour, 69 opposed, and 14 delegates abstained)

## **Health Break**

The AGM recessed at 11:07 a.m. PT and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. PT.

## **11. AWARDS CEREMONY**

Patrick Harriott, Acting Vice President and Chair of the MNBC Awards Committee, presented the first annual Nation Builder Awards to the following recipients:

- Jan Ovans, Vice President, Cowichan Valley Métis Association
- Lisa Shepherd, President, Golden Ears Métis Society
- Cheryl Dodman, President, Kelowna Métis Association
- Elder Mert Servatious, Kootenay South Métis Association
- Elder Denise McCuaig, North Okanagan Métis Association
- Bernadette Chaboyer, President, Northwest BC Métis Association
- Elder Sadie Lukan, North East Métis Association
- Elder Lottie Kozak, Vernon District Métis Association

Community Service Awards were presented to Presidents of the Chartered Communities. In addition, Senator Phil Gladue was recognized in honour of his retirement as an MNBC Senator.

## **Meal Break**

The AGM recessed at 12:35 p.m. PT and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. PT.

## QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

### 12. MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Question and Answer Session

The AGM Co-Chair invited members of the Board to respond directly to delegate's questions. Their categorized responses are summarized below:

- *Government Relations*
  - MNBC chose not to participate in a federal meeting on *Bill C-5*, as the MNBC had been invited only as a virtual observer rather than a full participant. After consulting with intergovernmental advisors, the Executive Committee decided to decline the invitation.
  - Dialogue with the federal government on Section 35 rights was described as ongoing and incremental, with challenges noted in convening participants, adapting to a shifting political climate, and navigating slow federal processes. While no definitive timeline was available, the Board intended to engage directly with the Government of Canada.
  - MNBC was actively pursuing conversations with other Métis governments based on mutual priorities and jurisdictional respect.
- *Governance and Suspension of the MNBC President*
  - President Mineault was suspended, not dismissed, by the Executive Committee. Legal matters were subject to a fair and impartial process, with decisions made in accordance with established procedures. Delegates were encouraged to avoid speculation and to trust that the Executive Committee was following the *MNBC Constitution*, and relevant policies and laws.
  - Section 25 of the *MNBC Constitution* outlined the Board's authority regarding suspensions, with conflicts of interest taken into account.
  - The MNBC Senate served as an appeal body with the authority to review decisions.
  - Melanie Allard was serving as Acting President on an interim basis, while President Mineault continued to receive remuneration for his position.
- *Communications*
  - Community Presidents were notified by email of the MNBC President's suspension; however it was acknowledged that communication was not timely enough. The Board was committed to exploring faster communication methods, such as text messaging, to improve information sharing.
  - The Board did not disclose information about the President's suspension to the media; it became public sometime after information was shared with Community Presidents
- *Board and Citizen Relations*
  - Assistance was offered to two citizens whose Harvesting Card applications were delayed.
  - A reply was pending from the Board to a citizen who raised safety concerns
  - A response was forthcoming to an email from a citizen to Director Gladue
  - The Board affirmed its role as a governance body; any threats or safety concerns reported by citizens should be directed to law enforcement.

### Point of Order

In response to a Point of Order, it was confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

**13. RESOLUTION 2 – By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 2 – By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” submitted by the MNGA via the MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 31, 2025*

The AGM Clerk read Resolution 2 aloud. During ensuing discussion, it was noted that:

- “Be it Resolved” Section C referenced Article 47.4 for direction on which body would make recommendations to fill vacant positions
- The resolution provided up to 180 days from the date of the original election to hold a by-election, though it may be held earlier if feasible
- The proposed amendments were being introduced in response to challenges encountered in conducting past by-elections (e.g., during a Canada Post strike).

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Monique Courcelles) and SECONDED (Wendy Schneider)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. If vacant seats on the MNBC Board, MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council remain after an election, the *Constitution* requires that a by-election be called within 120 days of the date of that vacancy;
2. 120 days is a short time period to take all the steps necessary to meet the other deadlines, set out in the *Electoral Act*, including convening the MNGA to set an election date and preparing materials to ensure the by-election is run properly;
3. Discrepancies in legislation must be rectified;
4. It is important that MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council have all positions filled;
5. The *Constitution* and the *Electoral Act* are silent on the process that occurs after a by-election is held and vacancies in Regional Representative positions remain, which could lead to ongoing by-elections at a substantial cost to MNBC.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. Article 47 of the *Constitution* be amended by striking the words “one hundred and twenty (120)” and inserting the words “one hundred and eighty (180)” in their place AND that the following words be added after the word “level”: “For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted”
- B. Insert the underlined words in Article 47.4 of the *Constitution*, as set out below:
  - 47.4. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. In the case of a vacancy on the 2SLGBTQQIA+

Provincial Governance Council, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.

- C. The following be added as a new article before Article 48 of the *Constitution*:
- If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council following a by-election to fill vacancies that were not filled in the original election, a recommendation to fill the position(s) until the end of the current term will be submitted to the MNGA for approval, as set out in Article 47.4.
- D. All Articles in the *Constitution* be renumbered as appropriate.
- E. Article 10.1 of the *Electoral Act* be amended by deleting the struck-through text and inserting the underlined text as set out below:
- If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for a an Election by-election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than 180 days ~~six (6) months~~ from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.
- (a) If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council following a by-election to fill vacancies that were not filled in the original election, a recommendation to fill the position(s) until the end of the current term will be submitted to the MNGA for approval, as set out in Article 47.4 of the *Constitution*.
- F. Article 4.11 of the MPCBC Bylaws be amended by striking “one hundred and twenty (120)” and inserting “one hundred and eighty (180)” in its place. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.

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

#### **It was MOVED (Louis De Jaegar) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by replacing all references to the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” with “2SMBC.”

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-08)**

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

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

**CARRIED (AGM2025-09)**

(121 delegates voted in favour, 15 opposed, and 4 abstained)

“Resolution 2 – By-election Timing and Filling Vacancies on MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” as amended now reads:

“WHEREAS:

1. If vacant seats on the MNBC Board, MWBC, MYBC, or the 2SMBC remain after an election, the Constitution requires that a by-election be called within 120 days of the date of that vacancy;
2. 120 days is a short time period to take all the steps necessary to meet the other deadlines, set out in the *Electoral Act*, including convening the MNGA to set an election date and preparing materials to ensure the by-election is run properly;
3. Discrepancies in legislation must be rectified;
4. It is important that MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SMBC have all positions filled;
5. The *Constitution* and the *Electoral Act* are silent on the process that occurs after a by-election is held and vacancies in Regional Representative positions remain, which could lead to ongoing by-elections at a substantial cost to MNBC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Article 47 of the *Constitution* be amended by striking the words “one hundred and twenty (120)” and inserting the words “one hundred and eighty (180)” in their place AND that the following words be added after the word “level”: “For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted”
- B. Insert the underlined words in Article 47.4 of the *Constitution*, as set out below:  
  
47.4. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. In the case of a vacancy on the 2SMBC, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the 2SMBC in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the *Constitution*.
- C. The following be added as a new article before Article 48 of the *Constitution*:  
  
If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the 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.
- D. All Articles in the *Constitution* be renumbered as appropriate.
- E. Article 10.1 of the *Electoral Act* be amended by deleting the struck-through text and inserting the underlined text as set out below:  
  
If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding.

Nominations shall be received for an ~~Election~~ by-election to be held ~~no earlier than three (3) months and~~ no later than 180 days ~~six (6) months~~ from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.

(a) If a vacancy remains in any Regional Representative position for MWBC, MYBC, or the ~~2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council~~ 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*.

F. Article 4.11 of the MPCBC Bylaws be amended by striking “one hundred and twenty (120)” and inserting “one hundred and eighty (180)” in its place. For the purposes of counting the 180 days, every day from December 24 to January 2 (inclusive) is not counted.”

**14. RESOLUTION 3 – Community Representation at the MNGA**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 3 – Community Representation at the MNGA” submitted by the MNGA via the Cowichan Valley Metis and dated November 30, 2024*

The AGM Clerk read aloud the resolution. In response to a question, it was clarified that a Community Board may, by resolution, appoint an elected Board member to attend the MNGA, ensuring there was a formal record of the appointment.

**It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Greg Stanwood)**

**WHEREAS:**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The following be added as a new sub-article (a) to Article 3.2 of the *MNGA Act*:
- a) In the event that neither the President nor the Vice President can attend the MNGA, the Community Board may, by resolution, appoint an elected Board member to attend, provided that they are a MNBC Citizen and over the age of 18.
    - i. The Community shall notify the MNGA Clerk, or designate, as far in advance as possible of the meeting;
    - ii. The Board member serving as an alternate must make a declaration with the MNGA Clerk, or its designate, affirming that they are not in a Conflict of Interest as per Article 2.8 of the *MNGA Act*.

B. The underlined text be added to Article 29.1 of the *MNBC Constitution*, as set out below:

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

**CARRIED (AGM2025-10)**

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

**13. RESOLUTION 4 – Citizenship Act Amendments**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 4 – Citizenship Act Amendments" submitted by the MNGA via the MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 1, 2025*

The AGM Clerk summarized the resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The role of Chartered Communities in supporting citizenship applications
- Encouraging eligible individuals to apply for citizenship, which was a central function of the Citizenship Authority, supported by an established process to promote applications
- Confirmation that when a citizen's application was under review, they would be eligible to continue receiving supports for at least 60 days, with a possible further extension of 90 days
- Retaining Article 4.8 of the Citizenship Act which reads as follows: "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."
- Removing the proposed deletion of Article 6.6.1 from the Citizenship Act which would retain a citizen's ability to appeal to the MNBC Board regarding the extension of supports if their citizenship was under review
- Ensuring the integrity of the Citizenship Registry by leaving the authority to make decisions on the extension of supports within the Registry, rather than with Program Coordinators
- Ensuring a citizen's right to appeal a decision of the Citizenship Authority through the MNBC Senate, as noted in Article 10 of the Citizenship Act
- A review of Article 6.4 of the Citizenship Act which provides for a citizen's right to appeal the revocation of citizenship by the Citizenship Authority
- Clarification that the proposed Resolution called for the removal of only the title of Article 8 of the *Citizenship Act*, not the content of Article 8.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Sandra Murray) and SECONDED (Lorelei Lyons)**

**WHEREAS:**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A.** Strike the following definitions:
- i. 2.20 “Registration”
  - ii. 2.26 “Registered”
- B.** Amend the following definitions as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
- i. **“Appeal”** or **“Appeals”** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen Registry, ~~a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry,~~ or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;
  - ii. **“Applicant”** means an individual who applies for a Provincial MNBC Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Citizenship Authority Ministry of Citizenship.
  - iii. **“Application”** means the Provincial MNBC Citizenship Standardized Application Form provided by MNBC through the Ministry of Citizenship or on the MNBC website.
  - iv. **“Citizenship Authority”** (the “Authority”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
    - The Executive Director of Citizenship
    - The Director of Citizenship
    - The ~~Citizenship Assessment~~ Indigenous Research Manager
  - v. ~~“Métis”~~ or “Citizen” means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
  - vi. **“Under Review”** means a citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit of the Citizen Registry. ~~means a previously registered Citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit or review of the Central Registry.~~
- C.** Insert definitions as follows:
- “Application Process”** means the process to receive Applications and determine Métis Citizenship, outlined in Article 4 of this *Act*, and that is operationalized, maintained, and updated from time to time by the Ministry of Citizenship.
- “Ministry of Citizenship”** means the Ministry at MNBC that promotes Métis Citizenship in British Columbia and supports people who self-identify as Métis through the citizenship application process, while ensuring integrity of the Registry.



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

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

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

**ARTICLE FOUR – ~~REGISTRATION~~ APPLICATION PROCESS**

4.1 An individual is entitled to apply for Métis Citizenship by submitting an ~~application~~ Application directly to the Ministry of Citizenship or through a Métis Chartered Community; ~~An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Chartered Community;~~

4.2 Upon approval of ~~registration~~, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a ~~Provincial~~ MNBC Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen;

4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under nineteen (19) years of age may apply ~~for registration~~ on behalf of the child;

4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply ~~for registration~~ on behalf of that individual;

4.6 The Applicant must provide the Ministry of Citizenship with the necessary supporting documentation, as described in the Application Process for the Applicant to be considered for Métis Citizenship. In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Citizenship Authority with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;

4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall provide final review of complete Applications ~~applications~~ for Métis Citizenship registration and approve the application ~~shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if the Applicant is eligible~~ entitled to be registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

ii. ~~Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and~~

iii. ~~The application~~ Application ~~fulfills all the requirements of the Application Process is properly made.~~

- F. Delete Article 4.8 entirely.

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

5.1 An MNBC Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Citizen Registry;

5.2 The Citizenship Authority shall remove an MNBC Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be ~~registered as~~ an MNBC Citizen;

- 5.3 An MNBC Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply upon following the application procedure for becoming an MNBC Citizen, as set out in this Act.~~may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.~~
- H. Amend Articles 6.5 and 6.6 as indicated by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for MNBC Citizenship by completing the Application Process. ~~may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.~~
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Citizenship Authority is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship ~~Citizenship~~ has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further ninety (90) days.
- i. ~~Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.~~
- I. Amend the title and certain parts of Article Seven as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
- ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL CITIZEN REGISTRY**
- 7.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall maintain an objectively verifiable uniform system for the processing of Metis Citizenship Applications; ~~Registration of Métis Citizens;~~
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration ~~Citizenship eligibility~~; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.
- 7.3 The Ministry of Citizenship may collect and ~~register~~ maintain additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Ministry of Citizenship's sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Community, ~~a regional registry clerk,~~ or directly to the Ministry of Citizenship ~~Métis Nation British Columbia registry;~~
- 7.8 ~~Application~~ Applications may ~~shall~~ be submitted by a ~~the~~ Chartered Community ~~of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk~~ to the Ministry of Citizenship on behalf of the applicant for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 7.10 An Applicant, ~~having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and~~ whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued ~~a Provincial~~ an MNBC Citizenship Card by the ~~Central Registry~~ Ministry of Citizenship; ~~and forwarded directly to the Applicant;~~

- J. Strike Article 7.11 because its purpose is covered in 7.10.
- K. Strike the title “ARTICLE EIGHT – REGISTRY OFFICE” because its purpose is covered by Article Seven.

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

- L. Amend Article 9 as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
  - 9.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the ~~Provincial~~ MNBC Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be a Métis Citizen. ~~registered pursuant to this Act;~~
  - 9.5 Maintain the ~~Central~~ Citizen Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
  - 9.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant ~~and/or Chartered Community~~, as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;
  - 9.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship ~~by the Central Registry~~ may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- M. Delete Articles 9.8 and 9.12 entirely.
- N. Strike all remaining instances of the following words and phrases, and insert the words and phrases indicated throughout the *Citizenship Act* in their places:

| Strike                      | Insert                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Registry                    | Citizen Registry      |
| Central Registry            |                       |
| Provincial MNBC Card        | MNBC Citizenship Card |
| Provincial Citizenship Card |                       |
| citizenship                 | Citizenship           |

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

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

**It was MOVED (Dakoda Kelm) and SECONDED (Anya McVean)**

That the Main Resolution be amended by striking the words, “F. Delete article 4.8 entirely”.

**CARRIED (AGM2025-11)**

(91 delegates voted in favour, 32 opposed, and 23 abstained)

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

**It was MOVED (Ashley Mantel) and SECONDED (Dakoda Kelm)**

That the Main Resolution be further amended by removing the proposed deletion of Article 6.6.1 of the *Citizenship Act* which reads, “i. Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the

responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.”

**DEFEATED**

(40 delegates voted in favour, 78 opposed, and 13 abstained)

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

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

**CARRIED (AGM2025-12)**

(110 delegates voted in favour, 10 opposed, and 10 abstained)

“Resolution 4 – Citizenship Act Amendments” as amended now reads:

“WHEREAS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike the following definitions:
  - i. 2.20 “Registration”
  - ii. 2.26 “Registered”
- B. Amend the following definitions as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
  - i. “Appeal” or “Appeals” means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen Registry, a ~~Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry~~, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;
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  - iii. “Application” means the Provincial MNBC Citizenship Standardized Application Form provided by MNBC through the Ministry of Citizenship or on the MNBC website.
  - iv. “Citizenship Authority” (the “Authority”) means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
    - The Executive Director of Citizenship
    - The Director of Citizenship
    - The ~~Citizenship Assessment~~ Indigenous Research Manager

- v. ~~“Métis” or “Citizen”~~ means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
  - vi. ~~“Under Review” means a citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit of the Citizen Registry. means a previously registered Citizen whose Citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit or review of the Central Registry.~~
- C. Insert definitions as follows:
- “Application Process” means the process to receive Applications and determine Métis Citizenship, outlined in Article 4 of this *Act*, and that is operationalized, maintained, and updated from time to time by the Ministry of Citizenship.
- “Ministry of Citizenship” means the Ministry at MNBC that promotes Métis Citizenship in British Columbia and supports people who self-identify as Métis through the citizenship application process, while ensuring integrity of the Registry.
- D. Amend Article 3.1 as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for ~~citizenship~~ Citizenship upon ~~the Applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority~~ the Applicant providing to the Ministry of Citizenship a written ~~application~~ Application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:
- E. Amend the title and certain parts of Article Four as indicated, by deleting the struck-through words and inserting the underlined words:
- ARTICLE FOUR – ~~REGISTRATION~~ APPLICATION PROCESS
- 4.1 An individual is entitled to apply for Métis Citizenship by submitting an ~~application~~ Application directly to the Ministry of Citizenship or through a Métis Chartered Community; ~~An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Chartered Community;~~
- 4.2 Upon approval of ~~registration~~, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a ~~Provincial~~ MNBC Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen;
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under nineteen (19) years of age may apply ~~for registration~~ on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply ~~for registration~~ on behalf of that individual;
- 4.6 The Applicant must provide the Ministry of Citizenship with the necessary supporting documentation, as described in the Application Process for the Applicant to be considered for Métis Citizenship. ~~In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Citizenship Authority with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;~~
- 4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall provide final review of complete Applications ~~applications for Métis Citizenship registration and approve the application shall~~

~~register an Applicant as a Métis only if the Applicant is eligible entitled to be registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the provisions of this Act.~~

ii. ~~Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and~~

iii. ~~The application Application fulfills all the requirements of the Application Process is properly made.~~

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

5.1 An MNBC Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Citizen Registry;

5.2 The Citizenship Authority shall remove an MNBC Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be ~~registered~~ as an MNBC Citizen;

5.3 An MNBC Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply upon following the application procedure for becoming an MNBC Citizen, as set out in this Act. ~~may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.~~

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

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

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL CITIZEN REGISTRY

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

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

- 7.3 The Ministry of Citizenship may collect and ~~register~~ maintain additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Ministry of Citizenship's sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Community, ~~a regional registry clerk,~~ or directly to the Ministry of Citizenship ~~Métis Nation British Columbia registry;~~
- 7.8 ~~Application~~ Applications may ~~shall~~ be submitted by a ~~the~~ Chartered Community ~~of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk~~ to the Ministry of Citizenship on behalf of the applicant for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 7.10 An Applicant, ~~having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and~~ whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued ~~a Provincial~~ an MNBC Citizenship Card by the ~~Central Registry~~ Ministry of Citizenship; ~~and forwarded directly to the Applicant;~~

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

J. Strike the title "ARTICLE EIGHT – REGISTRY OFFICE" because its purpose is covered by Article Seven.

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

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

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

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

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

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

L. Delete Articles 9.8 and 9.12 entirely.

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

| Strike                      | Insert                |
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| Registry                    | Citizen Registry      |
| Central Registry            |                       |
| Provincial MNBC Card        | MNBC Citizenship Card |
| Provincial Citizenship Card |                       |
| citizenship                 | Citizenship           |

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

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 19-21, 2025, adjourned on September 20, 2025, at 4:45 p.m. PT after agreeing to reconvene on September 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. PT.

### **DAY THREE – September 21, 2025**

#### **MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER**

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 19-21, 2025, reconvened on September 21, 2025, at 8:40 a.m. PT.

#### **QUORUM CONFIRMED**

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

#### **14. RESOLUTION 5 – Enhancing MVBC Representation at the MNGA and Clarifying the Relationship with MNBC Board of Directors**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 5 – Enhancing MVBC Representation at the MNGA and Clarifying the Relationship with MNBC Board of Directors” submitted by the MNGA via the Region 1 Director and dated May 31, 2025*

The AGM Clerk read aloud the resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Longstanding underrepresentation and lack of national-level connections to effectively support Métis Veterans, with some improvement over the past years through greater engagement with Veterans Affairs Canada
- Advocating for inclusion on national advisory and policy groups, securing a fast-track process for obtaining military service records for Indigenous veterans, and strengthening relationships with Library and Archives Canada
- Creation of the Indigenous Veterans Engagement Team and the training of Métis Veterans Service Officers to better assist Veterans with disability and service-related claims.

**It was MOVED (Dave Armitt) and SECONDED (Tom Adams)**

#### **WHEREAS:**

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



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A.** The following be added as a sub-article to Article 29 of the *MNBC Constitution*:
- 29.4 The Chairperson of the MVBC shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA for the purposes of:
- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
  - b. Participating in discussion and providing information on the above-noted matters;
- B.** The following be added as a sub-article to Article 4.2 of the *Métis Nation Veterans Act*:
- The Chairperson of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA, for the purposes of:
- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
  - b. Participating in discussion and providing information on the above-noted matters.
- C.** The following be added as a sub-article to Article 3.1 of the *MNGA Act*:
- The Chairperson of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) shall be a non-voting member of the MNGA, for the purposes of:
- a. Submitting resolutions to enact new or change existing Legislation or the *Constitution* regarding matters that directly impact Veterans on behalf of MVBC;
  - b. Participating in discussion and debate on the above-noted matters.
- D.** The following underlined text be added as a sub-article to Article 12.1(a), 12.2(a), and 12.3(a) of the *MNGA Act*:
- i. Despite article 12.1(a), the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) Committee may, through the MVBC Chair, submit resolutions to the MNGA on matters that directly affect Métis Veterans.
- E.** Insert the following as a new Article to the end of *Veterans Act*:
- ARTICLE # - NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MNBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- #.1 The MVBC Chair (or designate) shall be a non-voting liaison for the MVBC to the MNBC ~~GA~~ Board of Directors.
  - #.2 Despite any changes to MNBC's relationships with other levels of government or other Métis organizations, MVBC will continue to work for MNBC Veterans at a national level, particularly with regard to:
    - Providing necessary opportunities for MVBC to participate on Veterans Affairs Canada Advisory Committees;
    - Working with the Canadian Armed Forces;
    - Working with other appropriate partners, such as Library and Archives Canada.

(a) Nothing should preclude MVBC from receiving funding from other governments, organizations, or agencies.

#.3 MVBC will provide written reports of activities and partnerships to the Board of Directors at the MNBC Annual General Meeting and the in-person MNGA.

F. Renumber all articles in the *Constitution*, the *MNGA Act*, and the *Veterans Act* as necessary.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-13)**

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

**15. RESOLUTION 6 – Amendments to the *Veterans Act***

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 6 – Amendments to the Veterans Act” submitted by the MNGA via the Region 1 Director and dated May 31, 2025*

The AGM Clerk summarized the resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on adding reference to a 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative to Articles 4.4 and 5.1 of the proposed Resolution.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Dave Armitt) and SECONDED (Tom Adams)**

**WHEREAS:**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

A. A section “**DEFINITIONS**” be added prior to Article One of the *Veterans Act*, and the following definitions inserted:

“**Chief Service Officer**” or “**CSO**” is the MVBC Committee member appointed to assist Métis Veterans in accessing Veterans’ benefits (e.g. through Veterans Affairs Canada), and connecting Métis Veterans with other supports through their local Legion.

“**Métis Veteran**” is a person who:

- Has received an MNBC Citizenship Card in accordance with the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, and
- Meets the Veterans Affairs Canada definition for Veteran, as amended from time to time, or
- Is a current member of the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve Forces), or
- Is a serving or retired Regular RCMP Member; and
- Has submitted an application form, proof of service, proof of MNBC Citizenship, and has been approved by the MVBC.

“**MNBC**” means Métis Nation British Columbia.

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

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

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

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

**B.** The following changes be made to Article Three of the *Veterans Act*:

i. Strike Article 3.1 and insert the following in its place:

Métis Veterans are the Members of the MVBC.

ii. Strike articles 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 entirely.

iii. Delete the words struck through in Article 3.2, as set out below:

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

iv. Insert the following after Article 3.2:

A member may be removed from the organization by a 2/3 vote of the MVBC committee, for conduct deemed detrimental to the integrity, mission, or reputation of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior unbecoming of a member, harassment, violation of the organization's code of conduct, inability to complete their duties and responsibilities, or actions contrary to the best interests of the organization.

v. An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, because of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

**C.** Strike all of Article Four except for the title, and insert the following in its place:

4.1 The 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 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.

**D.** Strike Article 5 and insert the following in its place:

**ARTICLE 5 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women's Representative, Chief Service Officer, Treasurer and Membership Clerk.
- 5.2 The Executive Committee shall meet on a regular basis, the schedule to be determined by the members of the Executive Committee.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee is responsible for dealing with duties or matters delegated to it by the MVBC Committee.

- 5.4 Between MVBC Committee Meetings, the Executive Committee is authorized by the MVBC Committee to make decisions on behalf of the MVBC Committee, and to make decisions regarding any urgent circumstances.
- 5.5 The Executive Committee is required to report to the MVBC Committee, at the earliest opportunity, any decisions made by the Executive Committee
- 5.6 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.

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

##### **It was MOVED (Angel Robinson) and SECONDED (Cathy McPherson)**

That the Main Resolution be amended to include a reference to a 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative in Article 4.4 and in Article 5.1, so that these articles read as follows:

- “4.4 The Women’s Veteran Representative, **2SLGBTQIA+ 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.”
- 5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women’s Representative, **2SLGBTQIA+ Representative**, Chief Service Officer, Treasurer and Membership Clerk.”

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-14)**

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

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

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-15)**

(121 delegates voted in favour, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained)

“Resolution 6 – Amendments to the Veterans Act” as amended now reads:

#### **WHEREAS:**

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

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. A section “DEFINITIONS” be added prior to Article One of the *Veterans Act*, and the following definitions inserted:

“Chief Service Officer” or “CSO” is the MVBC Committee member appointed to assist Métis Veterans in accessing Veterans’ benefits (e.g. through Veterans Affairs Canada), and connecting Métis Veterans with other supports through their local Legion.

“Métis Veteran” is a person who:

- Has received an MNBC Citizenship Card in accordance with the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, and

- Meets the 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.

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B. The following changes be made to Article Three of the *Veterans Act*:

- i. Strike Article 3.1 and insert the following in its place:  
Métis Veterans are the Members of the MVBC.
- ii. Strike articles 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 entirely.
- iii. Delete the words struck through in Article 3.2, as set out below:  
3.2 ~~A Member or Associate Member~~ may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.
- iv. Insert the following after Article 3.2:  
A member may be removed from the organization by a 2/3 vote of the MVBC committee, for conduct deemed detrimental to the integrity, mission, or reputation of the organization. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior unbecoming of a member, harassment, violation of the organization's code of conduct, inability to complete their duties and responsibilities, or actions contrary to the best interests of the organization.
- v. An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, because of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

C. Strike all of Article Four except for the title, and insert the following in its place:

- 4.1 The 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, 2SLGBTQIA+ 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.

- D. Strike Article 5 and insert the following in its place:

**ARTICLE 5 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 The Executive Committee consists of the members MVBC Committee appointed or elected as MVBC Chairperson, MVBC Women’s Representative, 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.
- 5.5 The Executive Committee is required to report to the MVBC Committee, at the earliest opportunity, any decisions made by the Executive Committee
- 5.6 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.”

**16. RESOLUTION 7 – Update to Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Legislation**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 7 – Update to Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Legislation” submitted by the MNGA via the Métis Women British Columbia Chairperson, in consultation with MWBC Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ British Columbia Chairperson, in consultation with the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, Métis Youth British Columbia Chairperson, in consultation with MYBC and dated May 31, 2025*

The AGM Clerk summarized the resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Changing any reference to the “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” in the proposed resolution to the Council’s new formal name, “2SMBC”
- The current governance structure of Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) which does not presently reference MNBC or MWBC.

**Main Resolution**

**It was MOVED (Carmen Carriere) and SECONDED (Mia Yule)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is the recognized provincial body to represent the interests of Métis people living in British Columbia.
2. MNBC has undergone significant changes in strategic partnership in 2024.



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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

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

In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council ~~shall~~ arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the position shall be filled ~~the 2SLGBTQQA+ Provincial~~

Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Legislation, as amended from time to time. ~~Electoral Act.~~

- E. Article 4.4 of the *Youth Act* be amended by removing the struck-through words and inserting the underlined terms, as set out below:

4.4 The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, ~~Métis National Council~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MYBC Committee Provincial Governance Council.

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

In the event a vacancy in the MYBC ~~Committee Provincial Governance Council~~ shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC ~~Committee Member~~, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation. ~~MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Electoral Act.~~

- G. The *Youth Act* be amended by striking all instances of “MYBC Committee” and replacing it with “MYBC Provincial Governance Council.”

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

#### **It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Angel Robinson)**

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

1. Replace all references to “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” with “2SMBC”; and
2. Append the following “Be it Resolved” clause:

“H. The *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be further amended by replacing all instances of “M2SBC” and “2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” with “2SMBC”.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-16)**

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

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

**CARRIED (AGM2025-17)**

(117 delegates voted in favour, 8 opposed, and 14 abstained)

“Resolution 7 – Update to the Strategic Partnerships and Synchronization of Métis Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth Legislation” as amended now reads:

“WHEREAS:

1. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is the recognized provincial body to represent the interests of Métis people living in British Columbia.
2. MNBC has undergone significant changes in strategic partnership in 2024.
3. On November 30, 2024, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) voted to depart the Métis National Council (MNC) due to concerns pertaining to inequitable voting structures impacting non-founding members.

4. On December 5, 2024, the MNBC Board of Directors released a statement outlining concerns over the conduct and operations of Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) in British Columbia, with ceasing further support of LFMO until remedying actions are taken.
5. Legacy language pertaining to the MNC and LFMO remains in the legislations for the Youth, Women, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Acts, which are now outdated.
6. The Métis Councils for Women, 2SLGBTQQIA+, and Youth in BC look towards building a Nation that has a strong presence both on a national and international level, ensuring the well-being and vibrance of the BC Métis Community.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The *Women's Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words, in Articles 4.4 and 5.4:
  - 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, ~~Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the ~~MWBC Committee~~ Provincial Governance Council.
  - 5.4 The Provincial Women's Chairperson shall provide Provincial, ~~and Federal, and~~ international representation for Métis Women, and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- B. The following be added as a sub-article to Article 6 of the *Women's Act*:  
 In the event a vacancy in the MWBC Provincial Governance Council arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of an MWBC Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation.
- C. The *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words, in Articles 2.3 and 5.3 as set out below:
  - 2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, ~~Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the ~~2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council~~ 2SMBC.
  - 5.3 The ~~Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+~~ 2SMBC Chairperson shall provide Provincial, ~~and~~ Federal, ~~and international~~ representation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizens and be accountable to the ~~Provincial Governance Council~~ 2SMBC and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- D. Article 6.3 of the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words:  
 In the event a vacancy in the ~~2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council~~ shall 2SMBC arises due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a ~~2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council~~ 2SMBC member, the position shall be filled the ~~2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council~~ shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Legislation, as amended from time to time. ~~Electoral Act~~.

- E. Article 4.4 of the *Youth Act* be amended by removing the struck-through words and inserting the underlined terms, as set out below:
- 4.4 The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, ~~Métis National Council~~, Federal and Provincial Governments, international organizations and associations through the MYBC Committee Provincial Governance Council.
- F. Article 6.3 of the *Youth Act* be amended by removing the struck-out words and inserting the underlined words:
- In the event a vacancy in the MYBC ~~Committee~~ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC ~~Committee~~ Member, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with MNBC legislation. ~~MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Electoral Act.~~
- G. The *Youth Act* be amended by striking all instances of “MYBC Committee” and replacing it with “MYBC Provincial Governance Council”.
- H. The *2SLGBTQIA+ Act* be further amended by replacing all instances of “M2SBC” and “2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” with “2SMBC”.

**17. RESOLUTION 8 - Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 8 – Ensuring Representation for 2SLGBTQIA+ Citizens at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils” submitted by the MNGA via the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Society and dated March 1, 2025*

The AGM Clerk read aloud the resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Aligning the 2SLGBTQIA+ Regional positions with those of the Métis Youth BC and Métis Women BC
- Concerns that the proposed changes fail to consider the unique challenges of both the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, as well as small and rural communities, where individuals often hold multiple roles due to limited capacity.

**It was MOVED (Charlie Defouw) and SECONDED (Ron Caron)**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
4. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted;

5. A similar resolution for the Métis Women BC and the Métis Youth BC was approved by the assembly at the 2024 MNBC AGM, and approval of this resolution will align the *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* with the *Métis Nation Women's Act* and *Métis Nation Youth Act*.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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

8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+, Regional Women's, or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

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

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

- i. If the position of Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the Constitution and the *MNGA Act*.

**DEFEATED**

(29 delegates voted in favour, 102 opposed, and 12 abstained)

**CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER**

Senator Phillip Gladue extended appreciation to attendees for the fulsome conversations and offered a Closing Prayer.

**MOTION TO CONCLUDE**

**It was MOVED (Wendy Schneider) and SECONDED (Melissa Kelm)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2025 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 19-21, 2025, now conclude.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2025-18)**

Time: September 21, 2025, at approximately 10:25 a.m. PT.

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC 2025 AGM held September 19-21, 2025, and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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Dave Peltier, Co-Chair

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Jas Rehal, AGM Clerk

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Katie Carson, Co-Chair

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