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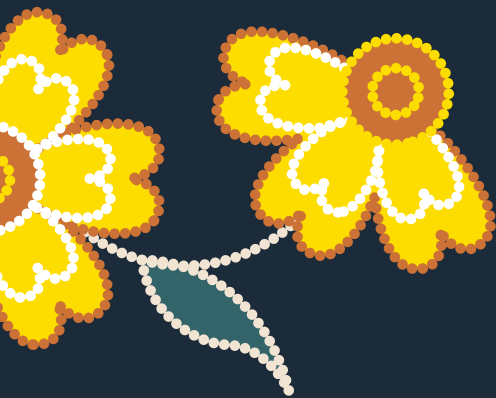


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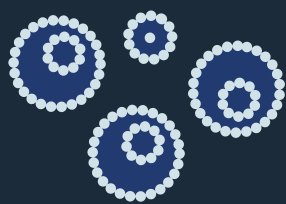
The art featured on the front cover is inspired by seasonal autumn plants important to Métis people. These plants are used medicinally and admired for their beauty on the land.



When maple leaves change hue from vibrant greens to rich oranges and reds, it's a signal that autumn is on its way. Whether in the past or the present day, the collection of sap and preparation of maple syrup remains a part of the yearly cycle for many communities. Medicinally, maple is said to strengthen the liver while the inner bark can be used as a poultice for boils or swelling and can be enjoyed as a tea.

Common sneezewood blooms late summer to fall, attracting bees and butterflies. The name comes from the historical use of its crushed dried leaves to cause sneezing, which was seen as a remedy to loosen head colds. Caution: If eaten in large quantities, common sneezewood is poisonous to humans.

Aster is another pollinator plant for bees and butterflies. Its seed heads are also enjoyed by birds such as cardinals, finches, nuthatches, and chickadees.



Harvested by many coastal Indigenous communities, the huckleberry is a good source of Vitamin C. Gargling an infusion of the leaves and bark can soothe a sore throat. The plants sometimes keep their leaves over winter, providing an important food source for grazing animals. The round berries are eaten by many different animals who spread seeds through their droppings.



As always, please use caution and consult someone with traditional plant knowledge before using plant medicines, as dosages and interactions between medicines are important considerations for health and wellbeing.

More information about these seasonal plants can be found in the book *Medicines to Help Us: Traditional Métis Plant Use* by Métis artist Christi Belcourt.

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MNBC VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous People are recognized.

MISSION

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis Citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities and interests of all Métis in B.C. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in B.C.

GOALS

1. Promote Métis Rights and recognition, and achieve jurisdiction of our children.
2. Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness.
3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.
4. Support Métis Chartered Communities.
5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development.
6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

CULTURAL VALUES

To achieve our vision and mission, we commit to upholding our Métis cultural values in our work together at MNBC, in our communities, and in all our relationships. We embrace the values of integrity, kindness, innovation, respect, teamwork, humility and resilience.



Kwayes'kwât'sowin – Integrity

We hold integrity as a core value. We are honest with ourselves, our colleagues, our communities and our partners. We are reliable and follow through on our word.



Kisîwât'sowin – Kindness

We show and practice lateral kindness in our organization and to everyone with whom we interact on behalf of MNBC. We practice kaa-wichihitoyaahk: we take care of each other.



Ahtisihcikêwin – Innovation

We draw on the spirit of Métis innovation and bring forward our curiosity and creativity to problem solve and develop new solutions for our people.



Manâcihitowin – Respect

We respect ourselves, others, and all Creation.



Atoskâtowin – Teamwork

We work together and actively seek opportunities to share information, collaborate on initiatives, and practice reciprocity for stronger outcomes. We embrace teamwork to achieve greater potential for success.



Tâpahtiyim'sowin – Humility

We show and practice cultural humility and cultural agility. We are open to new ideas and recognize the wisdom that surrounds us from others who carry experiences different than ours.



Sîpihkisôwin – Resilience

We are resilient and do not fear challenges or setbacks but remain courageous and learn from each step of the journey. We channel the courage of our Métis Ancestors who faced adversity and remained resilient.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Anthony Wingham

As the new President of Métis Nation British Columbia, I believe we are at a pivotal time for self-determination in our government's history. With approximately 33,000 registered Citizens, we are the largest Indigenous Nation in the province. And we are growing fast, with more people coming home to the Nation than ever before.

The pathway to Citizenship is now more accessible and transparent, supported by new instructional walkthroughs, Citizen testimonials, and visual guides. MNBC hosted over 10 community sessions, with more to continue throughout the year. We successfully welcomed over 1,400 new Citizens – 60 of whom were children in care – and renewed over 1,000 Citizenship cards.

We remain focused on advancing our constitutional rights as we move our multi-year Section 35 research project forward. The Government of Canada is distracted by geopolitical forces that threaten to undermine our domestic economy, putting the onus on us to identify partnerships that align with the federal priority of infrastructure. We are advancing a portfolio of housing and child care projects in various stages of planning, development, construction, and operation. It's time to build!

Meanwhile, DRIPA is under fire here in B.C. We stand in solidarity with First Nations on that critical piece of legislation, which cannot be weakened in any way. Bilateral processes such as the Métis Relations Table are critical to advancing reconciliation efforts in shared socio-economic areas, such as Health, Education and Justice. I am pleased to announce that our inaugural Premier's Summit will formally kick off this standing process in November. Momentum is building for the Fall.

As the Crown navigates a climate of fiscal constraint, MNBC must be financially prudent and forge ahead with its own economic development initiatives. As a hallmark of self-determination, financial independence is necessary for expanding social services, preserving our culture, and creating opportunities for future generations in every region.

On the municipal front, we will be sending representatives to the annual UBCM conference in September. Maintaining strong relationships with mayors, councillors and senior bureaucrats ensures we have political support for our housing and childcare projects, especially with civic elections coming up.

Looking at our social sector work, the Ministry of Education continues to advance Early Learning through childcare benefits, education bursaries, and mentorship series. On skills training, we offered bursaries for graduates who earned a certificate or diploma in early childhood education. Our Ministry of Health and Wellness introduced Youth Mental Wellness Coordinators who connect our young Citizens with the full range of services available across MNBC. Through the Ministry of Sport and Active Living, we delivered surf programming, expanded Indigenous baseball rookie leagues, and provided self-defense training. The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language offered Michif language grants of up to \$10,000 for community-led learning. Our Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Food Security equipped our Citizens with the tools to navigate extreme heat and wildfires. I encourage you to read each Ministry-specific report to hear about all the work being done across our government.

Fostering respectful relationships with First Nations remains central to MNBC's advocacy. We have launched a pilot project – in partnership with New Relationship Trust – to support our Chartered Communities in building respectful, practical, and locally-informed relationships.

I am humbled by the mandate given to me by our Citizens and look forward to hearing directly from our people at this year's AGM.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work! 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Melanie Allard

As Vice President, it's my honour to continue building up our Nation with a focus on relationship-building. In 2026, MNBC began a pilot project, in partnership with New Relationship Trust, to support Métis Chartered Communities in building respectful, practical, and locally-informed relationships. Since kicking off in the Spring, initial meetings have been held with Kelowna Métis Association, Rocky Mountain Métis Association, MIKI'SIW Métis Association, North Fraser Métis Association, Prince Rupert & District Métis Society, Chilliwack Métis Association, and Two Rivers Métis Society. At the grassroots level, we continue to work hard to address the needs of the 38 Métis Chartered Communities. Our Board recognizes the hard work our communities put in, day in and day out.

In addition to having the privilege of being Vice President, I am also proud to be the Minister of Skills Training, Education and Post-Secondary (STEPS), Minister of Digital Government, and Associate Minister of Elders.

To date this fiscal year, the Ministry of STEPS has distributed \$18.5 million to 2,680 Citizens, representing 3,553 individual requests for funding and program support. This means that Citizens are accessing the means to develop professionally,

reach their goals, and create change that will ripple throughout generations.

The Ministry of Elders has supported the creation of an Elders Circle, in which representatives meet and discuss issues and priorities impacting Elders across the province. These conversations will guide programming and services for Elders and seniors. I had the honour of attending the Elders Circle's in-person gathering on March 20 – 21. The Circle is a meaningful opportunity for us to honour our Elders' knowledge and contributions.

Part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening relationships with Métis Chartered Communities includes the good work being done with the Ministry of Digital Government. Our Ministry provides dedicated IT resources to Chartered Communities. It is also ensuring maintenance of the MNBC Hub, which helps Métis in B.C. to apply and renew their Citizenship, and provides a platform on which Citizens can apply for a Harvesters card. Their contributions ensure that we stay connected and in communication.

I am proud of each of these Ministries and invite you to read their reports for more detailed information on their work over the last year.

As Vice President, I remain committed to meeting with the people. Over the past several months, I had the privilege of attending many Community gatherings.

In the spring, Two Rivers Métis Society, in partnership with ISPARC, created an 8-week walking program. I had the pleasure of walking with community members every Sunday and was thrilled to see participants of all ages participate.

March was an especially busy month, as I joined the Nicola Valley District Métis Association and the Conyat Friendship Society for an exciting groundbreaking. Their joint project will develop 50 units of affordable housing for Elders in Merritt. In mid-March, I attended the Forward Summit, an Indigenous forum for businesses, entrepreneurs, and economic development. It was inspiring to see so many Métis businesses connect and thrive. Later in the month, I attended MNBC's Health Gathering with Two Rivers Métis Society. These are always important opportunities to share our knowledge and learn more about what wellbeing means to us as individuals and communities.

In May, I stood with all of those at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) event in Kamloops. It is powerful to gather and to continue to demand that more be done for our relatives.

As summer approached, I had the opportunity to celebrate Métis graduates at Thompson Rivers University (TRU). It was an especially full day as a Community Leader, an MNBC staff member, and a regional representative all walked across the stage. More celebration was in order for Indigenous Peoples Day, which I spent with Chartered Communities in Vermillion Forks, Kelowna, and Boundary. And in late June, I attended the Community Miyoyâwin (Wellness) Connections Event in Kamloops. This

intergenerational event was a welcoming space to learn about offerings from MNBC and Interior Health.

In August, I attended the annual Métis Jamboree with the Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association at McLeese Lake. It's always a joy to see how many new and familiar faces come out for a day of family fun. Likewise, I had a great time at the Prince George Métis Community Association's Community Picnic.

I want to extend my gratitude to all 38 Chartered Community Leaders and their board members for all that you do. You are the spine of this Nation.

As an MNBC Board, we are united in our efforts to improve the quality of life for all Métis in B.C. I am looking forward to hearing directly from our Citizens at this year's AGM, and encourage everyone to reach out to their local community to get involved and engaged. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 1 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Patrick Harriott

Taanishi,

I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my reflections on all the efforts undertaken since our last Annual General Meeting in 2025. It's also my honour to highlight the outstanding work being done across Region 1 Communities.

HIGHLIGHTING REGION 1 COMMUNITY SUCCESSES

I would like to congratulate the Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and their Board of Directors for being acclaimed unanimously for a new term in office. I had the privilege of being invited to attend their AGM and hear about their tireless efforts on behalf of their members. From working towards food security to hosting cultural events, there is so much time and care being put into serving their community. I also was able to attend the Annual Cultural Camp in partnership with their local school district. I wish all students across the province had the same excellent opportunity to hear from us about our history and culture.

Invitations to attend the Qathet Métis Community AGM in beautiful Powell River are always a welcome event. Congratulations to returning President Zev

Brewer and Vice President Russell Brewer, and to all the community members who have committed to volunteering to make their community thrive. I am also pleased to have finally had a meeting with the leadership and staff of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) to raise awareness around community needs and to strengthen the relationship. Qathet Métis Community hosted a dinner for VCH operational leadership in June, and I was grateful to support the ongoing conversation.

Congratulations President Chrys Sample and Vice President Lauren Dean on being elected in their respective positions at the MIKI'SIW Métis Association AGM. I would also like to recognize the work of former President Tom Adams, who is continuing to serve the community as Director-at-Large. My heartfelt congratulations to all the newly elected and returning board members. The invitation to attend and speak at this gathering was deeply appreciated. I especially enjoyed learning about all the well-attended events and ongoing programs, and hearing from the two social workers doing great work in the community clinic.

To support the exemplary work being done across all Communities, I am pleased to report that MNBC will

be providing capacity funding to build and maintain relationships with local school districts. This funding will be available for at least the next two years. As a former Community Leader myself, I know how this has been a needed support to help communities connect with and assist our young learners in schools.

STEADFAST PROGRESS IN MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS

I am pleased to report that the Ministry of Culture, Language, and Heritage (CHL) made funding available for Community language activities. Streams for community language programs and gatherings were created to help revitalize Michif language use across the province. Language lives in communities, and MNBC has been the first Métis government to support and empower communities to do this important revitalization work.

In the Spring, I was honoured to accept the Reconciliation, Redress, and Expanded Recognition Award from Heritage BC on behalf of the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI). Many thanks to Mallory Blondeau, Thomas Long, and everyone on the CHL team who help serve as interim secretariat for the ADI. Without them, this would still be a dream on paper. Cultural and linguistic revitalization for Métis people is important work. As is educating the public about who we are. Thanks also to the ADI Board of Directors who are volunteering their time to nurture and grow our institute to serve generations to come.

I am also pleased to share that the Ministry of Poverty Reduction has been working to provide supports for Métis Citizens that need our assistance.

The Reaching Home Program provides housing stabilization services. The Welcome Home Kits program provides a package of home essentials to support Citizens building a new future in their homes. The Ma Nîkî Seniors Home Renovation Program offers Métis seniors financial assistance to renovate their

homes, with priority given to low-income families. Additionally, the Transitional Support Program supports Citizens exiting unsafe housing situations, including gender-based violence and intimate partner violence.

If you know any Métis Citizen in need, please have them reach out with any questions to povertyreduction@mnbc.ca or call 1-604-557-5851 ext. 2077.

Finally, I am excited to inform you of the creation of a new Ministry of Research and Consultation. Métis people have not been included in Indigenous statistics and data collection in this province. The stories of Métis Citizens in B.C. are overlooked. While MNBC has been undertaking research for a long time—such as in the Métis Health Surveillance study, and in the Métis Homelessness Point-in-Time (PiT) study, this new Ministry will work towards standardizing and integrating these efforts. We hope to work with the academic community and other governments to tell these stories.

In the future, I hope to see a Métis research centre in the province. If we are going to address the socio-economic issues Métis Citizens are facing, we need to have good data and research. This enables us to make stronger budget submissions for Chartered Community programming and gives us the information we need to offer programs and services that make a lasting impact with our Citizens.

As we gather in this assembly, I want to thank all the MNBC Citizens who have taken the time to reach out for conversations over the last six months. These discussions have been some of the most meaningful moments in this work.

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BOARD REPORTS

REGION 2 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Allan Lavallee

Taanishi everyone. It's my privilege to serve as Region 2 Director. Since being elected, my priority has always been to spend as much time in Community as possible, and to connect with as many of our Citizens as I can. Our people have a long tradition of visiting, and this simple ability to spend time together is what strengthens our Nation. I want to thank Leaders for inviting me into your Communities. It is truly a privilege to be trusted and to have the chance to speak with your Community members. I also want to express my gratitude to each and every Citizen who made the time to speak with me. I continue to be available to you.

Over the course of the last several months, I've attended many gatherings and participated in a lot of meetings and committees. Some of these experiences stand out as particularly meaningful. In January and February, I was honoured to be at the Fraser Health Authority's Regional Gathering, Surrey Family Day, and an Elders Luncheon. Waceya Métis Society and Chilliwack Métis Association hosted sash weaving workshops I was grateful to attend. We also came together to create a weaving workshop for participants across Region 2. This was an invaluable opportunity for community members to learn practical skills to take back to their own communities. In March, I had the opportunity to be at Gathering Our Voices to

support Métis youth. Golden Ears Métis Society hosted an archery event, which was very much enjoyed by those present. April brought more Community events, including Waceya Métis Society's Egg Hunt, Red River Cart Making Workshop, and Garden Clean Up. Chilliwack Métis Society hosted a Men's Gathering, and Fraser Valley Métis Association hosted a Community Dinner. In May, I attended Children of the Fur Trade and supported the Elders Circle.

I am always so inspired by the incredible work Communities are doing to connect and reconnect Citizens to Métis culture and kinship. I'm also proud that this work supports our Métis artists and artisans, who contribute so much by sharing our culture across our communities and beyond. The work that happens in communities is the backbone of our Nation, and I continue to be humbled to be a part of it.

Of course, the events and gatherings I listed don't include the countless meetings, briefings, and many phone calls from Citizens. A lot of the phone calls are on the topic of becoming a Citizen, and I'm always happy to point folks in the right direction. Our Citizenship Navigators are truly an invaluable resource.

I am proud to be Minister of Housing, Associate

Minister of Elders, and Associate Minister of Children and Families. These teams are some of the very best, and I have nothing but respect for the staff who work tirelessly to prioritize the rights and needs of Métis across the province. The Housing team has made great strides in creating more safe and culturally resonant homes for Citizens, the staff with the Ministry of Elders have successfully facilitated the creation of an Elders Circle, and the people in Children and Families are working tirelessly so our Nation secures jurisdiction over our children. Rather than repeat each Ministry's specific milestones, I encourage you to read their reports so you can familiarize yourself with their great work.

On that note, I would like to thank all MNBC staff for their continued contributions to the Nation. Thank you to Community Leaders for your tireless efforts in building community, sharing culture, and providing guidance. I also extend my gratitude to all Citizens who are invested and engaged in the wellbeing of our people across the province.

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BOARD REPORTS

REGION 3 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dean Gladue

Tansi to all attending the 30th Annual MNBC AGM. Wow—what an incredible 30 years for MNBC, and I’m proud to say I was a voting Citizen back in 1996. It’s an honor to work for our Métis Nation BC, and I have high hopes for another amazing 30 years and beyond.

The 2025/26 year has had its ups and downs. Despite the challenges for our Nation, we are now on the mend for a better tomorrow. Our MNBC Board is very dedicated to upholding our Constitution and Board Policies, and I make a pledge to continue to respect and uphold our MNBC Constitution as it’s the foundation of our Nation.



As the MNBC Region 3 Director, I have many responsibilities at the National, Provincial, Regional, and Community levels, and these responsibilities mean I must make many sacrifices and manage my time well. I take my role as Region 3 Director seriously, as the decisions made at the Board-level impact our Métis Nation at all levels.

In my role as Region 3 Director, I attend numerous Board meetings and assist the eight local Chartered Communities within my region. I attend various events when invited, and provided there are no schedule conflicts, I’m always happy to attend. I take calls and emails from many Citizens throughout the region to make sure they are heard and directed to the right place.

I’m also responsible for the following portfolios: Minister of Justice, Minister of Sports and Active Living, and Associate Minister of Rights. I encourage you to read the reports included in this booklet to learn more about the work these Ministries are doing for Citizens.

Throughout the year, I had the opportunity to sit in many meetings and briefings including Regional Governance Council (RGC), Métis Nation Governance

Assembly (MNGA), and special board meetings. I was asked to chair the Vermillion Métis Association AGM, I attended our Michif Language conference in Kelowna, and I participated in the BC Recreation and Sports annual conference in Vancouver. I also went to the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and Reconciliation in Action luncheon, saw off the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship team in Richmond, met with our Section 35 Rights taskforce, presented at the Forum on Human Rights in Regina, Sask., and attended a Métis Nation Policy Reform Meeting in Edmonton, Alta.

These are just some of the highlights in the last six months. One of my priorities continues to be meeting with Leaders and Citizens for what I call “kitchen table talk.” These opportunities give us an informal chance to talk about the issues and concerns that mean the most to Métis people, and I will continue to meet with Citizens across Region 3. Long live the Métis! 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 5 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Raynie Gervais

Taanishi everyone,

I am honored to serve as Director of Region 5. I am the Minister of Elders; and Citizenship. I also serve as the Associate Minister of Culture, Heritage and Language; Justice and Legal Affairs; and Associate Minister of Housing.

All Ministries across MNBC continue to do exceptional work, and it's my pleasure to report on the Ministries I work with.

The Ministry of Elders has created and continues to support the Elders Circle. This Circle was formed to provide guidance, wisdom and cultural leadership to support Métis Elders across B.C. It ensures that Métis knowledge, values, language and traditions are preserved, practiced and passed on to future generations. Grounded in principles of kindness, integrity, respect, resilience, humility, innovation and teamwork, and in the spirit of kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (we take care of each other), the Circle has now met twice virtually and once in person since 2025. Participants in the Circle were selected through a list of eligible Elders presented at the 2025 AGM at Regional Governance Council meetings. Only non-elected people on the list would be eligible to join

the inaugural Circle, with 2 Elders from each Region required for equitable representation.

The Elders Circle attended the Métis Rendezvous on Vancouver Island in August. This provided members of the Circle with the opportunity to share their knowledge.

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language continues to make progress on the implementation of its 10-year Michif Language Revitalization Plan. I was honoured to attend a gathering centering Michif language and learning in March. The Ministry of CHL highlighted grant opportunities for Communities and Individuals committed to learning and sharing these languages, while also sharing Michif resources and programming and connecting with language champions from across B.C. Our vision in the future is to help Chartered Communities and Citizens promote and run Michif learning initiatives and culture.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Citizenship has completed its Citizenship Information Sessions, touring Communities across the province to answer questions, help with applications, and connect with community members. New applicants can meet virtually or, in some regions, in person with Citizenship

Navigators. New Citizenship forms were created to improve application processes, incorporating community feedback. I am so proud of the success and outcomes of these strategies as we continue to welcome home Métis Citizens to the Nation.

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs has been committed to relationship-building with the B.C. Justice Ministry and are moving at a record pace identifying our needs and opportunities for partnerships. There is a thirst for collaboration with our Indigenous partners in the B.C. Correction Centres for Youth and Women. This is an important opportunity to identify and create opportunities for judicial processes that consider systemic and colonial factors while incorporating traditional ways of learning. While this is my newest portfolio and the beginning of a new field of learning, I am so happy to be a part of the successes we are having.

Finally, in my portfolio as Associate Minister of Housing, I would like to share some highlights of our goals and plans moving forward. I continue to advocate for affordable housing and infrastructure priorities across the province. As Prince George holds

the highest number of Métis Citizens in MNBC, I am working closely to address the need for low-cost housing to accommodate the Métis Citizens that live there. As Region 5 Director, I also attend the quarterly Community meetings with the Ministry of Housing to be involved with updates and address any concerns.

I want to thank everyone across these Ministries for their dedication and great work. I am looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you here at the AGM. All my relations. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

REGION 6 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Susie Hooper

Taanishi from the Northwest Region,

It is my honor to represent Métis Nation British Columbia's Region 6. I am currently in my fourth term as the Northwest Regional Director. It is with your support and trust that I continue to do this work for our Nation, and I'm committed to continuing to advocate for the Citizens of MNBC. In saying that, we still have much work to do. We are going through some interesting times.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Jordana Oliarny as our Region 6 Women's Representative. Jordana was approved and accepted at our Summer MNGA on June 6, 2026, and we look forward to working together. Jocelyn Foidart stepped down from the Women's Representative position and is now our Region 6 Veterans Representative. Thank you, Jocelyn, as this Veteran's role has been vacant for many years. Our other regional representatives are Captain of the Hunt, Rene Lucier, with the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR). Rene is one of the longest sitting captains, along with Mark Carlson from Region 4. Both have been volunteering in these positions for over 25 years. Sandy Dore is our Regional Senator—thank you for representing our region at the Senate. Currently, we are looking to fill our Regional

Youth and Regional 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative positions. Please reach out if you or someone you know might be interested in serving in these important roles.

I am grateful for all the work each Chartered Community continues to do on a volunteer basis for the Citizens in the Northwest.

Tri-River Métis Association held their AGM on May 23. The position of President is currently vacant and ready to be filled. The good news is that they have a strong and committed board, including two Vice Presidents, and everyone is working together to ensure the work continues. Citizens should not notice any interruption to programming, communications, or events.

Bernadette Chaboyer remains President of the Northwest Métis Association, and Joy Sundin remains President of the Prince Rupert & District Métis Society. Thank you to all who have stepped up for all the Board positions in these communities. It's these Community Boards, along with all of our Citizens, that are the backbone of MNBC. Each community puts in many volunteer hours planning and organizing all sorts of exciting events, with many events yet to come. Some of the highlights I have been able to attend in the region are Stone Soup held at Ross Lake,

monthly Kitchen Parties, and Christmas gatherings. I had the pleasure of being in Prince Rupert to help with the Community's popular bison burger booth at Sea Fest. It was a very busy and fun event. It was nice to see the Métis Community float in the parade, with lots of great musicians playing lively Métis music. Our monthly Community Connection calls and Regional Governance calls are an invaluable opportunity to keep in touch and share all the great events and programming happening across the region. I am available anytime to connect and network in Region 6.

A lot of good work continues to happen in the Ministries of Environment and Climate Change, Citizenship, and Health and Wellness. I was able to attend the first pilot tree planting for the Millions of Trees project with MNBC staff, Veritree, Spectrum, and Yinka Dene Economic Development. This first round of tree planting was in one of the areas devastated by forest fires in the Northwest. There is much more to come on this project. I also had the opportunity to attend the Youth ECO Camp held in Manning Park in late August. Our youth are so inspiring. During the Spring, I was in Terrace to support Rene Luciere from BCMANR, and the MNBC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change team to share info on the Harvester cards. Indigenous Geographic was also on site to film some of our Citizens. I attended the Northern Health meeting and health fair in Prince George, and I look forward to coming back for the next ones.

To learn more about the work undertaken by these Ministries, I encourage you to take the time to read through the booklet. Leona Shaw leads the Environment and Climate Change team, and Tanya Davoren leads the Health and Wellness team. Both Ministries are doing exceptional things. And while the Ministry of Citizenship is no longer in my portfolio, I continue to support the Ministry wherever I can and encourage their outstanding work. I would like to thank all the staff at MNBC for their hard work and

dedication, which is evident when witnessing all the efforts they make for Citizens.

Finally, exciting things have been happening at the MNBC property in Terrace. This Fall, the grand opening of the "Kishkayhtaytaahk"(to learn) Child Care Centre will be happening. The Centre is open, and it is beautiful. I was honored to be able to attend a soft opening in the Spring.

This term, I sat on many committees along with my fellow board members. Other positions I have in my region are with School District #54's Indigenous Education Council, and the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre. I have the honour on being the Métis advisor for Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and have held this position for the last several years.

I have and will continue to work with the Citizens of Region 6. With their direction, I will keep aspiring to be their voice for Métis Nation British Columbia. So much great work is happening.

Maarsii 🌸



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REGION 7 DIRECTOR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Paulette Flamond

I am honoured to serve as Director for Region 7, and to be MNBC's Minister of Economic Development and Minister of Food Security. I am pleased to report ongoing progress in work tied to both Ministries and continue to advocate for the economic health of Métis business, entrepreneurs, individuals and families across the province.

Over the past year, I had the opportunity to attend an Indigenous Tourism Conference in Edmonton with staff from MNBC's Ministry of Economic Development. This event was a highlight, as it demonstrated to me the importance of tourism and how it could amplify awareness of Métis culture in B.C. There is an appetite for innovative and authentic offerings from Indigenous businesses, artisans and artists and Métis in B.C. are well-positioned to participate in this market with the incredible variety of skills, talent, and resources on offer.

On that note, I am especially proud of the work that is being done at the Métis Trading Post. Staff at the Ministry of Economic Development undertook a multi-phase project to relaunch the Métis Trading Post website and open opportunities for Métis artists and artisans from across B.C. to showcase and sell their work.



At the International Tourism Conference in Edmonton learning and networking.

Another highlight this year was to receive an invitation for be a capstone judge for a Métis specific training. I enjoyed taking in all of the presentations and ideas, and it was such an honour to provide feedback. I continue to assist the Métis Financial Corporation of B.C. monthly and I am happy to announce that in the past fiscal year, it has provided over \$4 Million to Métis entrepreneurs in B.C. This is in addition to funding for Métis individuals and families through their First Time Homebuyers program. These are integral to helping Métis build self-worth, sustainability, and financial security.

We continue to look for opportunities that will generate income for the Nation. I envision a future in which Chartered Communities are increasingly able to explore opportunities and partnerships in their regions and participate in their local economies. Part of this vision includes training to develop economic plans that promote growth, independence, and financial freedom.

As Minister of Food Security, I am pleased to have the opportunity to work in the Ministry of Agriculture through the B.C. Indigenous Advisory Council on Food and Agriculture. This meaningful work means ensuring Métis voices are heard in food security conversations. This is important to Métis businesses as well as individuals and families who face rising costs and feel the effects of a changing climate on the food supply chain.

With that in mind, I am especially proud of the Home Garden Program at MNBC. The requests from Citizens were overwhelming, and I'm pleased to say that all who applied were supported. This program provides seeds and supplies to home gardeners across the province, providing opportunities to grow food as well as connection and community.

As MNBC continues to grow, it is my hope that we continue to be supportive of our Citizens' economic health and wellbeing. I will continue to strive to be the kind of person who leads through service to my region and to all Métis across the province. I am honoured to hold the role. 🌸



With Region 7 community leaders at the Westcoast Pipeline information session in Fort St. John.



Visited Muskwa Gardens a project by the Métis Community Services in Kelowna. The start of a beautiful food forest.

BOARD REPORTS

MÉTIS WOMEN BC CHAIR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Carmen Carriere

I am honoured to serve Métis Citizens as both the Minister of Women and Gender Equity (MOWGE) and the Chairperson of Métis Women BC (MWBC). During the past sixth months, there have been positive momentum in both the Ministry and in the Council.

I am pleased to report that during this last year, I have been invited to represent and advocate for the Métis women of British Columbia with the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FTP) Indigenous leaders bi-annual meetings with Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada. Along with Métis Youth BC Chair, Danielle Bergevin, I have proudly represented MNBC at this bi-annual table, including at the pre-planning meetings. MNBC has been recognized as a partner with WAGE and as such has been invited to co-create priorities for discussion as well as the formal responses.

During the meeting in the summer of 2025, Minister Bergevin and I were able to participate in discussions on the impact of Gender-based violence (GBV), highlighting the Safe Communities Funding. The impact of resource development projects on the health and welfare of women and girls was another critical topic that we contributed to.

During the 2026 FPT gathering, the discussions continued but also encompassed moving forward the Calls to Action for the MMIWG Inquiry while paying special attention to the growing risk to women and girls in digital spaces. Another related topic of discussion examined the increasing risks of human trafficking through online platforms, which disproportionately affects Indigenous women and girls. As intervenors, Minister Bergevin and I were able to provide commentary regards the impacts of Métis women and girls in B.C.

The MWBC Council continues to meet monthly, providing feedback to MNBC's Ministries wherever projects and initiatives intersect with women's issues. This past winter, the Council voted to divide our limited funding amongst the regions. Each Regional Women's Representative has been tasked with either supporting a regional gathering or supporting Chartered Community women's representatives with community initiatives once the funds have been dispersed.

After months of trying to find a suitable time, this past Spring, MWBC hosted their first Town Hall to introduce the Community to the Council members and take questions. While many of the questions were

specific to operational supports at MNBC, it was clear that our women want to gather. As women are the heart and backbone of our communities, it was good to be in the virtual circle together.

Moreover, with the new governance lead at MNBC, the three Council Chairs have resumed meetings to establish and clarify council roles and accountability within the Nation. While we continue to be challenged with adequate resourcing, the Council Chairs remain committed to defining a more strategic role for the Councils to better inform the work of the Nation that intersects with the issues pertinent to each group.

Council members of MWBC are committed to advocate for our women despite the lack of clarity with our role. Women from community, for example, have come forward with concerns on various issues, and we as a Council have successfully advocated at the board level to initiate change. While we seek to better define our governance role within the Nation, the Council members continue to be committed to supporting community representatives. Please reach out to your Regional Women's Representative to learn more about activities in your area, and to voice any questions or concerns.

Advocacy is a big part of the work as both Minister and Chair. I am pleased to report that I have had two meetings with Jennifer Richardson, the Federal Advisor on human trafficking. In both meetings, Ms. Richardson was able to provide a synopsis of the trafficking risks and problems facing Indigenous women and girls in particular. Moreover, she was open to feedback regarding the challenges specific to Métis women and girls in B.C. Ms. Richardson was aware of the lack of Métis specific data on this topic and has committed to highlighting this in her advocacy report with the federal government. She was further able to inform MNBC of the National Strategy and the Indigenous education supports available through the government and industry.

With Ms. Richardson's preliminary report being made to the government this summer, she has graciously committed to meeting with MNBC twice a year so we can update each other and facilitate further advocacy. She is fully open to hearing from our Citizens through MWBC.

Further advocacy for women has meant being invited to the Indigenous advisory, to represent Métis women in collaboration with the Complex Menopause Clinic at BC Women's Hospital. The clinic seeks to offer services and education for women and persons with uteruses regarding the spectrum of reproductive health. As there have been some leadership changes with the Indigenous advisory, the committee has not met for a few months. However, they are giving MNBC the opportunity to provide a webinar on Métis perspectives and teachings around reproductive health. It is my intention to continue partnering with BC Women's Hospital to ensure Métis voices and perspectives are part of their educational offerings.

Finally, I am proud of the work MOWGE has been doing in achieving their high-level goals. One such goal was to lead and expand comprehensive and culturally grounded Gender-based Violence (GBV) prevention and interventions. MOWGE delivered specific GBV funds to Community through the Safe Communities Fund. Two examples of how these funds were utilized was the offering of self-defence classes with Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association, and a men's gathering with the focus on Tipi teachings in relation to well-being and community responsibility at Chilliwack Métis Association.

I am pleased to report that MNBC has secured another round of GBV funding. This funding will once again be delivered directly to Communities, with improved staff supports to better inform and equip Chartered Communities to deliver programming. In addition, Chartered Communities will have the opportunity to increase their offerings to Community members,

as the scope has been expanded. Communities will be able to offer such programming as prevention and education, training for leaders, financial and technological literacy, and community feasts or gatherings. While GBV remains an epidemic where Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people are at higher risk of negative outcomes, we remain committed to supporting communities to build strong and resilient Citizens.

On a related note, MOWGE hosted an event for a Commemorative Blanket in Prince George in June. The creation of this blanket by community members, and its unveiling during this event, served to honour our missing and murdered Métis relatives and those impacted by GBV. These gatherings in community provide space to honour and to grieve, and to come together to work towards a future where all our community members are safe and supported.

I raise my hand in thanks to the MOWGE staff, to everyone on the MWBC Council, to the Chartered Community Women's Representatives, and to the countless women throughout the province whose labours still too often go unseen. You make a difference, and I am grateful for all you do. Maarsii. 🌸

BOARD REPORTS

MÉTIS YOUTH BC CHAIR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Danielle Bergevin

As Chair of Métis Youth B.C. (MYBC), I first would like to raise my hands in gratitude to the youth serving on the Council. Thank you to:

- Region 1 Youth Representative and MYBC Vice-Chair Seone Anderson;
- Region 2 Youth Representative Brynn Carriere McKenna;
- Region 3 Youth Representative Kestra Franklin;
- Region 4 Youth Representative Charly Defouw;
- Region 5 Youth Representative Marcel Phung; and
- Region 7 Youth Representative and MYBC Secretary Claire Turner.

Without your engagement and leadership, MYBC would not be possible. In this same spirit, I also extend my gratitude to all youth stepping into leadership positions across the province.

MYBC has begun the important work of strengthening relationships with Chartered Community youth representatives, recognizing that these ongoing

efforts are crucial to elevating youth voices throughout all regions. MYBC also attended the Métis Nation General Assembly (MNGA) in February. I am excited to report that MYBC has secured funding, and the Council voted to distribute these funds regionally to support local youth programming.

MNBC's Ministry of Youth continues to attend MYBC meetings to build relationship with Council members and develop programming that responds to the needs and priorities of Youth.

As MYBC Chair, I was honoured to attend the National Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People in January alongside MWBC Chair Carmen Carriere. In this space we advocated for permanent funding streams, meaningful integration of cultural safety and anti-racism standards, calling on elected leadership to uplift and integrate Indigenous voices and lived realities into policy making.

We continue seeking areas of alignment between the three MNBC Governance Councils, identifying intersectional spaces for collaboration. I look forward to participating in more of this work as it unfolds.

I also have the privilege of serving as Minister of Youth, Minister of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, and Associate Minister of Sport and Active Living. I am proud to report that all three Ministries have continued to advance important work.

In March, the Ministry of Youth sent its first-ever delegation to Gathering Our Voices, one of the largest Indigenous youth gatherings on Turtle Island. It was a meaningful space for youth to connect, build relationships, and learn from and with Indigenous youth from across the province. Attending this event was a joy, as I witnessed what becomes possible when Indigenous youth gather together in community, learning, solidarity, and kinship.

MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction has continued important work on behalf of Métis Citizens. I was grateful to attend the Fraser Health Region 2 Gathering in January, which gave Citizens the opportunity to review the Fraser Salish Research and Evaluation Engagement Protocols project and understand how community input was incorporated. I continue to participate in various leadership tables with other health authorities.

I feel deeply privileged and honoured to have attended the Ministry's Silent Sorrows Gathering in March. This gathering held space for those who have lost loved ones to suicide or the toxic drug crisis. It was an impactful event, and it was clear that more dedicated, culturally aware spaces are needed to share grief with care and support in community.

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living continues to strengthen and expand its programming. In April, I attended the Lacrosse Forum where I witnessed youth build confidence in their lacrosse skills while also participating in cultural learning and teachings. Alongside Minister of Sport and Active Living, Dean Gladue, I also had the opportunity to send off Team BC with some good words before they travelled to

the National Aboriginal Hockey Championship in May. This work plays an important role in supporting Métis athletes and encouraging Citizens of all ages to participate in active living.

It is an honour and a deep privilege to serve as the MYBC Chairperson. I look forward to the year ahead, particularly continuing to build and strengthen relationships both internally and externally while prioritizing youth voices across all regions. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

2S MÉTIS BC CHAIR REPORT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Louis De Jaeger, MBA



Taanishi relatives,

As we gather for the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Métis Nation British Columbia, I am pleased to provide this report on behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis British Columbia Provincial Council (2SMBC).

This marks my second AGM as Provincial Chairperson since being elected in January 2025. Over the past year, our Council has continued to evolve from a newly established governance body into an active and engaged Council focused on advocacy, governance development, cultural resurgence, and community building.

The roots of our Council extend back to the MNGA-sanctioned 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee, which worked to ensure that Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Métis Citizens had a voice within MNBC. The transition from an advisory committee to a Provincial Governance Council represents an important step forward in Nation-building and affirms the place of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizens within the governance structures of our Nation. This year, our focus shifted from establishment to implementation.

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

One of the most significant accomplishments of the past year has been the continued development of the governance framework that will guide the work of future Councils.

Working closely with the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity and Governance staff, Council began developing its Policy Manual and governance structure. In February 2026, Council approved its first governance policy, the 2SMBC Roles and Responsibilities Policy, establishing clear expectations and accountability for Council members and future representatives.

Council also continued development of its Code of Care, a foundational document intended to ensure our work remains grounded in respect, inclusion, cultural safety, confidentiality, and shared responsibility.

Throughout the year, Council reviewed governance practices, established meeting schedules, strengthened reporting processes, and continued discussions regarding future policy priorities. These efforts may not always be visible to Citizens, but they are essential to ensuring long-term stability and effectiveness.

BUILDING A DISTINCT 2SMBC IDENTITY

A major priority this year was establishing a distinct and recognizable identity for the Council. In September 2025, Council formally adopted the name Two Spirit Métis British Columbia Provincial Council (2SMBC), reflecting our commitment to placing Métis identity at the forefront of our work.

Council also approved the development of official communications materials including Council letterhead, signature blocks, and governance branding. Most notably, Council designed and approved the first official 2SMBC Governance Sash. The sash represents far more than ceremonial regalia. It symbolizes the visibility, inclusion, and contributions of Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Métis Citizens within our Nation and reflects the diversity of our community while remaining grounded in Métis tradition.



ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

Advocacy continues to be a central part of the Council's mandate. This year, Council met with MNBC's Justice team to provide feedback on the implementation of the Métis Justice Strategy. These discussions emphasized the importance of understanding the impacts of colonization, discrimination, poverty, housing insecurity, gender-based violence, and barriers to services experienced by 2SLGBTQIA+ Métis Citizens.

Council also participated in discussions regarding the development of a Métis post-secondary institution in British Columbia. We emphasized the importance of ensuring that future educational opportunities are culturally safe, inclusive, and reflective of the diverse experiences of Métis learners.

Throughout the year, Council members advocated for stronger supports related to mental wellness, suicide prevention, gender-based violence prevention, and culturally relevant community programming.

We also continued to advocate for greater recognition of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit People, and Indigenous Men and Boys, while supporting initiatives aimed at education, awareness, and community healing.

RESURGENCE AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The work of cultural resurgence remains at the heart of our efforts. The Pihtikway (Come In) project continued throughout the year and is expected to be released in 2026. This important initiative gathers stories, teachings, experiences, and reflections from Métis Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Citizens. It creates space for healing, belonging, and cultural reclamation while preserving stories that might otherwise be lost.

Council members provided feedback throughout the project to ensure the resource reflects both historical and contemporary experiences of our community. The project highlights the reality that Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people have always been part of Métis communities and continue to play important roles within our Nation today. Council also supported awareness initiatives around Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQIA+ Awareness Day and encouraged educational opportunities that help increase understanding of Two-Spirit histories, teachings, and community roles.

GROWING REPRESENTATION ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA

Another important achievement this year was the continued expansion of Council representation.

In March 2026, Region 5 and Region 7 representatives were formally sworn into Council, expanding our ability to engage with Citizens throughout the province and ensuring more regional voices are represented in our discussions.

Council members continued building relationships with Chartered Communities, attending AGMs, supporting local gatherings, participating in regional events, and creating opportunities for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis Citizens to connect with one another.

We also strengthened relationships with external partners, including health authorities, veterans' organizations, community service providers, and Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations working toward safer and more inclusive communities.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into the coming year, Council remains committed to the priorities outlined in my mandate letter:

- Addressing gender-based violence impacting Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens.
- Advocating for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit People, and Indigenous Men and Boys.
- Pursuing funding and opportunities for regional and provincial gatherings.
- Continuing development of the 2SMBC Policy Manual and governance framework.

- Expanding representation throughout all regions of British Columbia.
- Strengthening partnerships with Youth, Women, Elders, Veterans, and Chartered Communities.
- Supporting culturally safe counselling, mental wellness, and community programming.
- Developing educational resources that increase understanding of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis experiences and histories.

This year demonstrated that 2SMBC is not simply a representative body—it is an active part of Nation-building within Métis Nation British Columbia. By the conclusion of this reporting period, Council had adopted its first governance policy, expanded regional representation, approved its official governance sash and letterhead, contributed to provincial policy discussions, and established funding streams to support future 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives throughout British Columbia.

I would like to thank our Council members, Ministry of Women and Gender Equity staff, Governance staff, Elders, Senators, Chartered Communities, and all Citizens who continue to support this work.

Most importantly, I want to acknowledge the many Two-Spirit and LGBTQQIA+ Métis people whose courage, resilience, and leadership have helped create the path we walk today. We honour those who came before us by ensuring future generations inherit a Nation where every Citizen is seen, respected, and valued.

We have always belonged in the circle. Our work now is to ensure every Métis Citizen knows that they do. 🌸

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MÉTIS VETERANS BC CHAIR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dave Armitt

Much of the work of the Métis Veterans BC (MVBC) during this time was focused on engaging our growing number of MVBC members and informing them about two specific opportunities in the first months of 2026: the Veterans Service Officers who are trained and available, and the inaugural Métis Veterans Wellness Gathering.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

MVBC has 12 trained Veterans Service Officers (VSO) who play a critical role in supporting and advocating for Veterans and their families by helping them navigate the complex Veterans Affairs Canada systems, access to benefits, and obtain the services they have earned through their service. VSOs act as trusted advocates who understand both the challenges Veterans may face and the programs available to support their health, well-being, and quality of life.

For Métis Veterans, a Veterans Service Officer provides culturally informed guidance and advocacy that recognizes the unique historical and systemic barriers Indigenous Veterans have experienced. Many Métis Veterans have faced challenges accessing benefits, healthcare, disability supports, mental

health services, and recognition programs. A VSO helps bridge these gaps by ensuring Veterans understand their rights, available programs, and application processes.

In addition, the advocacy role of a Veterans Service Officer extends beyond individual case management. VSOs help identify systemic barriers affecting Veterans, promote awareness of Veterans' needs, and work with governments and organizations to improve policies, programs, and services. Through this work, they contribute to improved health outcomes, increased access to benefits, stronger community connections, and greater recognition of the sacrifices and contributions made by Métis Veterans and their families.

Ultimately, a Veterans Service Officer helps ensure that Métis Veterans receive the respect, recognition, care, and support they deserve while honouring their service and strengthening their connection to community, culture, and the Nation.

How do Veterans contact their VSO?

Email veterans@mnbcc.ca and we will put you in touch with an VSO closest to you.

NATIONAL MÉTIS WELLNESS GATHERING

The National Métis Veteran Gathering, supported through funding from Veterans Affairs Canada's Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund, represented a historic opportunity to bring together Métis Veterans, their families, community leaders, and representatives from Métis governments to honour service, strengthen connections, and improve supports for Veterans across the Homeland.

This first-of-its-kind gathering provided a culturally safe and welcoming environment for approximately 100 Métis Veterans and their families from across the Metis Homeland to share experiences, build relationships, and participate in meaningful discussions focused on healing, recognition, and wellness. Grounded in the Veterans Supporting Veterans model and guided by the National Métis Veterans Council, the event emphasized the importance of peer support, community connection, and family involvement in the transition from military to civilian life.

Eleven MVBC members and their family connected with fellow Veterans who share similar experiences, learned about available programs and benefits, contributed to discussions on barriers to care, and helped shape future supports for Métis Veterans and their families. The gathering also provided an opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of Métis Veterans while ensuring their stories, contributions, and

legacies were recognized and preserved for future generations. In particular, the impact of 'the Purge' was a heartfelt presentation that presented the realities of homophobia within the forces on Métis Veterans.

We were pleased that our Ministers of Health were able to attend to better understand the unique health, mental health, social, and cultural needs of Métis Veterans and their families. Their participation supports the development of more responsive and culturally grounded programs, strengthened relationships with Veterans, and may help identify opportunities to improve access to wellness services, benefits navigation, trauma-informed care, Elder support, and community-based healing initiatives.

Key topics explored throughout the gathering included:

- Mental health and wellness supports for Métis Veterans and families
- The role of family caregivers and the impacts of military service on families
- Peer support, mentorship, and Veterans helping Veterans
- Access to Veterans Affairs benefits, programs, and services
- Barriers to healthcare and culturally safe service delivery
- Trauma, healing, resilience, and community connection
- Honouring the contributions and sacrifices of Métis Veterans
- Recognition initiatives, including the Métis Veterans Legacy Program and Commemoration Program



- Preserving Veterans' stories, history, and cultural legacy
- Opportunities for collaboration between Veterans, families, Métis governments, and service providers

By bringing together Veterans, families, and leadership, the National Métis Veteran Wellness Gathering strengthened support networks, advance healing and reconciliation, and ensure that Métis Veterans receive the recognition, respect, and culturally relevant services they have earned through their service to Canada.

EXPANSION OF REGIONAL VETERAN REPRESENTATION

MVBC strengthened regional capacity through the appointment of new Veteran Regional Representatives:

- Region 2: Christopher Koenig
- Region 3: Jodie Webster
- Region 4: Alex Ibbotson
- Region 6: Jocelyn Foidart

BANNER PROJECT 2026

After the success of the Banner Project in 2025, MVBC is working with the Royal Canadian Legion to produce 10 more banners. The Legion Banner Project, located in the Vancouver area, is an initiative that honours and recognizes the service and sacrifice of Métis Veterans by displaying personalized banners featuring Veterans' photographs, military service information, and stories within communities. These banners serve as a visible tribute to Métis men and women who served in Canada's armed forces while helping to raise public awareness of their contributions.

The project is especially important because many Métis Veterans did not receive the same recognition as other Veterans and their stories have often been overlooked in Canadian history. By preserving and sharing their legacies, the Legion Banner Project promotes remembrance, fosters pride within Métis communities, and ensures future generations understand and honour the important role Métis Veterans have played in defending Canada and serving their Nation. 🌸



BOARD REPORTS

BCMANR REPORT



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Mark Carlson

Since the last AGM, the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR), has been working diligently to share knowledge, support Métis Harvesters, and promote awareness around food security across all regions.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

BCMANR Captains of the Hunt have been finding innovative ways to ensure traditional knowledge is passed along through generations. Captain of Region 2, Holly Tennant, conducted a Hide Tanning Workshop for local Communities. This provided an invaluable opportunity to teach and gather around this traditional Métis practice. In Region 1, Captain Curt Smecher and the Huu-ay-aht Nation, along with the BC Trappers Association, conducted a Trapping Course in Bamfield. The course brought together new and experienced trappers to transfer knowledge in a sustainable and meaningful way.

BCMANR joined the Jasper Indigenous Forum of Jasper National Park as part of an ongoing engagement. Captain of Region 5, Gary Ducommun, is representing BCMANR in this important initiative.

We also joined MNBC to participate in a workshop addressing species at risk, hosted by Environment and Climate Change Canada. The aim of our participation was to voice Métis perspectives, and we were represented by Captain of Region 2, Holly Tennant.

Curt Smecher and Holly Tennant also submitted an article and illustration on the topics of Métis cultural practices in Canada's Changing Climate Report, to be published in 2026, with the support of MNBC's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

HARVESTER SUPPORT

The Annual Harvester Survey was updated this year to request more environmental observations and better learn about the quality and uses of harvests by Harvester Card holders. The annual completion rate of this survey continues to be high due to the dedication of Métis harvesters across B.C. We want to include a special thanks to Captain of Region 3, Marlene Beattie for her dedication and outreach in this work.

MNBC and BCMANR co-hosted two Harvester Card drives this year to meet with Community members,

answer questions, and receive applications. The first drive was conducted at the 2025 AGM, while the second was hosted by the Northwest BC Métis Association and Captain of Region 6, Rene Lucier. Since the 2025 AGM, we're pleased to report that 225 new Harvester Cards were issued to Métis Citizens.

Captains of Regions 3 and 7, Marlene Beattie and Vic Lavallee, held CORE and PAL courses in their respective regions to bridge training gaps for youth and adult harvesters in these active regions.

We continue to stay involved with our local Communities, learning about and discussing harvesting-related matters so they may continue to advocate for harvesting-related practices for Métis across B.C.

FOOD SECURITY

To jumpstart the Eco Collective webinar series in July 2026, Captain Holly Tennant shared her knowledge on canning to inspire future generation in enrolling into food security practices. Additionally, BCMANR collaborated with MNBC's Ministry of Food Security for a series of videos on cooking, highlighting Métis family recipes that weave connection and community. Captains of Regions 1 and 2, Curt Smecher and Holly Tennant, provided direction for this project and feature in the videos.

BCMANR continues to make efforts to preserve and transmit traditional knowledge, while also advocating for sustainable food security practices for Métis in B.C.



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SENATE REPORT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Dan McDonald



It is with pleasure that the Senate provides this report on its activities for the information of attendees at the September 2026 Annual General Meeting.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- The MNBC Constitution states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
- The Senate Act mandates the Senate to act as the independent judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
- The Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices, as written and revised by the Senate itself, ensure that Senator/Elders are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, procedures, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system; and legislative requirements.
- Update and refinement of the Senate Act as well as related Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices;
- Research and identification of required legislative amendments in support of increased powers and authorities of the Senate as the judicial arm of the Métis Nation;
- Pursuit of the establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis; and
- Submission of quarterly reporting on the activities of the Senate to the MNBC Board of Directors and chartered community presidents.

Aside from their judicial roles the Senators as Elders and statespersons contribute in significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation, some examples of which include:

- Education of Métis Citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;
- Attendance at numerous community AGMs and meetings.
- Focusing attention and awareness with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at Indigenous women, children, and families.

- Blanketing and Métis cultural education events in school districts.
- Participation in various events including Orange Shirt Day, Remembrance Day, Louis Riel Day, School Graduations, Flag Raisings, etc.
- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver education and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Attendance at regional governance council meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers, answer questions and use the opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate as well as provide an overview on Senate activities.
- Interact with First Nations Elders to develop respectful relationships and attend Aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with the view towards developing a similar model for the Métis.
- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, Aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis Citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk for follow-up attention.
- Interact with MNBC staff and Board of Director members where appropriate.

SENATE JUDICIAL ROLE

During the past year the Senate has accepted, initiated and/or continued several appeals. These appeals have included Citizenship and Central Registry appeals, and the dispute concerning the leadership and governance

of MNBC, requiring significant research, outside advice, allocation of Senator time and excessive expenditure of Senate financial resources. Community appeals have identified a significant lack of Senate jurisdiction and enforcement authorities to which the Senate has been giving considerable research attention. A substantial number of recommended legislative changes were submitted to Minister of Justice in September 2025 and then again to the MNBC Board of Directors in January 2026.

Other Citizens have sought information on a myriad of matters, including Citizenship, their genealogy and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review of their particulars and consultation between the Ministry of Citizenship as well as follow-up research via the St. Boniface Historical Society and other sources it continues that all individuals were treated fairly by the MNBC Ministry of Citizenship. These interactions also provided an opportunity for the Senate Clerk to educate individuals and point them in the right genealogical research direction.

All Senate decisions may be found at the following link: www.mnbc.ca/senate.

OTHER SENATE CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES

- Succession planning for the Senate;
- Redefining the role of Senators and broadening the parameters by which potential candidates are selected for appointment;
- Training for incoming Senators by shadowing sitting Senators and training the new Senate Clerk by shadowing the outgoing Clerk
- MNBC legislation and recommended improvements (forwarded to the Minister of Justice in September 2025)

- Senate budgetary projections; and
- Senate lack of enforcement and jurisdictional powers and the subsequent attacks on the decisions and workings of the Senate.

JUDICIAL MATTERS BEFORE THE SENATE AS OF JUNE 2026

- Three Citizenship appeals
- Dispute concerning the removal of the MNBC President

Your Métis Senators are available and eagerly look forward to hearing from all Métis Citizens whether it be for Elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, feedback and advice related to MNBC legislation. Lisa Shepherd joined the Senate in September of last year but sadly felt forced to resign in June of this year.

- **Region 1:** Administrative Senator – Senator Alan Edkins (re-appointed in 2023)
 - Contact: 250-710-9757
- **Region 2:** VACANT
- **Region 3:** Senator John Sayers (re-appointed 2024)
 - Contact: 250-463-4431
- **Region 4:** Senate Chairperson Kevin Murray (joined in 2023)
 - Contact: 250-908-7252
- **Region 5:** Senator Arnold Lucier (re-appointed in 2025)
 - Contact: 778-349-1094

- **Region 6:** Senator Sandra Dore (joined in 2024)
 - Contact: 250-876-8168
- **Region 7:** Senator Gerald Pope (re-appointed in 2022)
 - Contact: 250-262-6565

SENATE CLERK RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senate Clerk is charged with performance of a wide range of secretariat related duties which include research, support to Senators, processing requests for Senate documents, preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the MNBC Senate Act and the Senate Policies and Administrative Standards, and drafting Senate decisions. The Senate Clerk also provides expert advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policies and procedures, seeks outside advice as necessary, and works closely with the Senate Chairperson, and the Administrative Senator in negotiations, on behalf of the Senate. Importantly, the Senate Clerk is also the sole point of contact for the Senate.

Senate Clerk Bill Bresser retired in early April 2026, after long tenure in the position. The new Senate Clerk is Dan McDonald, who brings Métis community leadership experience, labour negotiations and academia background to the position. Dan is a member of the Mid-Island Métis Nation and currently resides in Nanaimo.

The Senate Clerk may be contacted as follows by email at senateclerk@mNBC.ca and by phone at 250-802-3616. 🌸

MNBC CITIZEN FINANCIAL REPORT

Understanding the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2026



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A Message from the Treasurer

Tansi, Bonjour

I want to begin by thanking our CFO Anna, Diane, DJ and the Finance team, our auditors, and all staff who contributed to the preparation of these audited financial statements.

Overall, these financial statements demonstrate that MNBC remains in a strong financial position. We have grown into a significant organization with approximately **\$146.9 million in assets**, spent approximately **\$94 million** during the fiscal year to deliver programs, services and organizational supports required to serve MNBC Citizens during the fiscal year, and finished the year with only a modest operating deficit of approximately **\$43,000**. That is a commendable result for an organization of our size.

I also want to acknowledge that **\$4.2 million was paid directly to our Chartered Communities during the 2025–26 fiscal year. 2024-25 fiscal year was \$2.66 million**. That is a meaningful increase in investment in local capacity and community delivery, and something we should continue to build upon.

The revised financial statements also provide stronger transparency. The enhanced disclosures around related parties, capital projects, deferred revenue, and controlled entities give our Board greater confidence in understanding the organization's financial position.

As Finance Minister, I believe our focus now shifts to strengthening our long-term financial sustainability.

To that end, I would recommend that we begin building a stronger unrestricted reserve by focusing on five areas over the coming years:

- Maintain a strategic hiring freeze for non-essential administrative positions while protecting frontline services and externally funded program delivery.
- Reduce reliance on consulting services by building internal expertise wherever practical.
- Reduce governance-related legal costs through improved governance practices, clearer decision-making, and early resolution of disputes.
- Continue reviewing travel, meetings, and discretionary expenditures to ensure every dollar supports direct service delivery and Citizen engagement.
- Direct operational savings into a dedicated Sustainability Reserve to strengthen our unrestricted net assets over time.

Finally, I would like to see us continue to mature our financial oversight as a Board. Looking only at dollar values once a year tells us where we have been. Looking at **financial ratios and quarterly variances** helps us understand where we are going.

I would encourage management to develop a simple quarterly financial dashboard for the Board that tracks indicators such as:

- Administration costs as a percentage of total expenditures;
- Salaries and benefits as a percentage of expenditures;
- Consulting costs relative to our staffing investment;
- Legal costs as a percentage of administration;
- Travel and meeting costs as a percentage of program delivery; and
- The growth of our unrestricted reserves measured against months of operating capacity.

Monitoring these indicators each quarter would strengthen the Board's oversight role by allowing us to identify trends early, ask informed questions, and make strategic adjustments before small variances become larger financial challenges.

Where we've landed with presenting the 25/26 Financials is a stronger governance document. It does not materially change the financial story, but it provides better transparency around related parties, capital projects, deferred revenue, and controlled entities. The organization remains financially healthy. Our next challenge is not just balancing the books—it is strengthening long-term financial governance, building unrestricted reserves, and improving cost visibility as our organization continues to grow.

In closing, know that we are listening and adopting your suggestions to better improve how we report out to Métis communities, and to Citizens.

Sincerely,



Louis Maurice De Jaeger MBA

MNBC Treasurer

Glossary of Financial Terms

This glossary explains common financial terms used throughout this report and in the audited financial statements. The definitions are simplified to help readers understand the financial results in plain language.

Term	Meaning
Assets	Things MNBC owns or controls, such as cash, investments, receivables, land, buildings, equipment, and other resources.
Liabilities	Amounts MNBC owes or obligations it must fulfill, such as accounts payable, deferred revenue, and loans payable.
Net Assets	The difference between what MNBC owns and what it owes. Net assets represent MNBC's accumulated financial strength.
Revenue	Funding and income recognized during the year, usually when related program work has been completed or eligible expenses have been incurred.
Expenses	Costs MNBC incurred to deliver programs, services, operations, administration, housing activities, governance supports, and other commitments.
Surplus	When revenue is higher than expenses for the year.
Deficit	When expenses are higher than revenue for the year.
Deferred Revenue	Restricted funding MNBC has received but has not yet recognized as revenue because the related work will happen in a future period.
Restricted Funding	Money that must be used for a specific purpose under a funding agreement. It cannot be freely redirected.
Unrestricted Funding	Money that is not tied to a specific program or agreement and can be used more flexibly to support organizational priorities.
Cash and Cash Equivalents	Cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, and short-term deposits that can be accessed quickly.
Restricted Cash	Cash that MNBC holds for specific programs, agreements, or obligations and cannot use for general purposes.
Short-term Investments	Investments, such as guaranteed investment certificates, that mature within a short period and help protect funds until needed.
Capital Assets	Long-term assets used to support MNBC's work, such as land, buildings, equipment, computers, leasehold improvements, and vehicles.
Amortization	The accounting process of spreading the cost of long-term assets over the years they are expected to be used.

Deferred Capital Contributions	Funding received to buy or build capital assets. It is recognized as revenue over time as the related asset is used.
Accounts Receivable	Amounts owed to MNBC, usually by funders or other organizations.
Accounts Payable	Amounts MNBC owes to suppliers, service providers, employees, or others for goods and services already received.
Clean Audit Opinion	An auditor's conclusion that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects under the required accounting standards.
Consolidated Financial Statements	Financial statements that combine MNBC and its controlled entities into one overall set of statements.
Commitments	Future financial obligations MNBC has agreed to, such as lease payments or other contractual commitments.
Contingencies	Possible future obligations or outcomes that depend on uncertain events.
Economic Dependence	When an organization depends significantly on funding from certain funders or agreements to continue its activities.

Financial Snapshot

MNBC ended the 2025/26 fiscal year in a strong and stable financial position. Total assets were approximately \$146.9 million, while net assets remained steady at approximately \$24.8 million. MNBC delivered a significant level of programs, services, and supports during the year, with revenue of approximately \$94.0 million and expenses of approximately \$94.1 million. This resulted in a small annual deficit of approximately \$43,000, which is modest in relation to the overall size of MNBC's operations.

A large portion of MNBC's cash and investments is restricted for approved programs and future obligations. That is why deferred revenue appears as a liability: it represents funding received in advance that must be used for specific purposes.

The small deficit does not indicate financial distress. It shows that revenues and expenses were closely aligned while MNBC continued to deliver services across the Nation.

FINANCIAL HEALTH DASHBOARD

Measure	2026 (in millions)	2025 (in millions)	% Change
Total Assets	\$146.907M	\$144.306M	+1.8%
Total Liabilities	\$122.074M	\$119.430M	+2.2%
Net Assets	\$24.833M	\$24.876M	-0.2%
Cash & Investments	\$81.824M	\$92.364M	-11.4%
Deferred Revenue	\$82.240M	\$88.442M	-7.0%
Revenue	\$94.036M	\$83.616M	+12.5%
Expenses	\$94.079M	\$83.958M	+12.1%
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	\$(43K)	\$(342K)	-87.5%

QUICK TAKEAWAYS

- Clean Audit Received
- Strong Liquidity Position
- Program Funding Protected
- Long-Term Financial Stability

Is MNBC Financially Healthy?

Yes. MNBC is financially healthy. At March 31, 2026, MNBC reported approximately \$146.9 million in total assets, \$24.8 million in net assets, and a clean audit opinion. The annual deficit was approximately \$43,000, which is very small compared with approximately \$94.1 million in total expenses.

Can MNBC pay its bills?

Yes. MNBC had approximately \$36.8 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$45.0 million in restricted short-term investments at year-end. This supports liquidity, while also reflecting funding that must be used for approved purposes.

Is MNBC carrying significant debt?

No. MNBC is not carrying significant traditional long-term debt. The audited statements show that the prior long-term RBC loan was fully repaid during the year, leaving no long-term debt at March 31, 2026. MNBC did have approximately \$1.7 million in BC Housing loans payable, which relate to housing development activity. Compared with MNBC's total assets of approximately \$146.9 million, this debt exposure is low.

Has MNBC's financial position improved?

MNBC's financial position remained stable and continued to reflect growth in important areas. Total assets increased from approximately \$144.3 million in 2025 to \$146.9 million in 2026. Capital assets also increased significantly, from approximately \$44.2 million to \$54.4 million, reflecting continued investment in infrastructure. Net assets remained steady at approximately \$24.8 million. The key improvement is that MNBC continues to hold substantial assets and has reduced its traditional long-term debt to nil, while maintaining stable accumulated net assets.

FINANCIAL HEALTH SCORECARD

The scorecard below summarizes the main indicators: cash position, debt level, net assets, audit opinion, and financial sustainability.

Measure	Status
Cash Position	Strong
Debt Level	Low
Net Assets	Stable
Audit Opinion	Clean
Financial Sustainability	Strong

Five Key Financial Changes This Year

1. Cash and Investments Decreased by Approximately \$10.5M

MNBC's combined cash, restricted cash, and restricted short-term investments decreased from approximately \$92.4 million in 2025 to \$81.8 million in 2026. The decrease primarily reflects the use of restricted funding for approved programs and capital projects, and other strategic initiatives.

2. Deferred Revenue Decreased by Approximately \$6.2M

Deferred revenue decreased from approximately \$88.4 million in 2025 to \$82.2 million in 2026. This means MNBC recognized and spent more previously received restricted funding during the year, while still carrying committed funding into future periods.

3. Capital Assets Increased by Approximately \$10.3M

Capital assets increased from approximately \$44.2 million in 2025 to \$54.4 million in 2026. This reflects continued investment in infrastructure to that support long-term capacity and service delivery for citizens and communities.

4. Net Assets Remained Stable

Net assets remained essentially unchanged, decreasing slightly from approximately \$24.9 million in 2025 to \$24.8 million in 2026. This demonstrates that MNBC maintained its overall financial position while continuing to deliver programs and invest in long-term assets. The small decrease reflects the annual operating deficit of approximately \$43,000, which is discussed further in the operating results section.

5. MNBC Had No Traditional Long-Term Debt at Year-End

The audited statements show that MNBC fully repaid its remaining RBC long-term debt during the year and had no long-term debt outstanding at March 31, 2026. MNBC did report approximately \$1.7 million in BC Housing loans payable, which relate to housing development projects. Relative to MNBC's total assets of approximately 146.9 million, these obligations remain modest.

Understanding Our Financial Position

What MNBC Owns

Assets

Assets are what MNBC owns or controls. At March 31, 2026, MNBC had approximately \$146.9 million in total assets, mainly cash and investments, capital assets such as land and buildings, and amounts owed to MNBC.

Major Asset Category	Amount
Cash	\$7.542M
Investments	\$74.280M
Building and Land	\$54.444M
Receivables	\$1.421M
Other Assets	\$9.217M

What MNBC Owes

Liabilities

Liabilities are what MNBC owes or is responsible for. At March 31, 2026, MNBC had approximately \$122.1 million in total liabilities, mostly deferred revenue, which is restricted funding received in advance. MNBC had no traditional long-term debt at year-end.

Major Liability Category	Amount
Deferred Revenue	\$82.240M
Accounts Payable	\$5.410M
BC Housing Loans Payable	\$1.709M
Long-Term Debt	NIL

What MNBC Has Built

Net Assets

Net assets are what remains after liabilities are deducted from assets. At March 31, 2026, MNBC had approximately \$24.8 million in net assets. This amount remained stable year over year and represents MNBC's accumulated financial foundation.

Why Does MNBC Hold Significant Cash and Investments?

MNBC holds significant cash and investments because many funding agreements provide funding before the related programs, services, and capital projects are fully delivered. A large portion is already committed to approved purposes and is not available for general use.

This is why MNBC reports both strong cash and investment balances and a large deferred revenue balance. The funds are being held until they are used for the programs and commitments they were intended to support.

Where the Money is Committed

Commitment Area	Amount
Education Programs	\$44.922M
Housing Programs	\$17.426M
Employment Programs	\$6.880M
Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security	\$3.987M
Health Programs	\$3.506M
Other Future Obligations	\$5.519M

Most of these funds cannot be redirected for other purposes because funding agreements specify how the money must be used. This protects Citizen and community programming by ensuring that dollars approved for education, housing, employment, health, environment, culture, and other priorities remain connected to those commitments.

Understanding the Operating Results

The operating results explain how much revenue MNBC recognized during the year and how much it spent to deliver programs, services, administration, housing operations, governance supports, and other activities.

For the year ended March 31, 2026, MNBC recognized approximately \$94.0 million in revenue and incurred approximately \$94.1 million in expenses. This resulted in a small annual deficit of approximately \$43,000.

What Does This Mean?

This deficit means expenses were slightly higher than revenues during the year. The deficit was approximately \$43,000. For an organization with more than \$94 million in annual activity, this difference is very small. This result demonstrates that revenues and expenses were closely aligned and that MNBC ended the year ended very close to break-even.

Why Did This Occur?

The small deficit occurred because total expenses were slightly higher than recognized revenue. This can happen when program delivery, staffing, administration, housing operations, and funding recognition do not align perfectly at year-end.

Many MNBC programs are funded through restricted agreements, so revenue is recognized as the related program work is completed. Small timing differences can affect the annual result even when the organization remains financially stable.

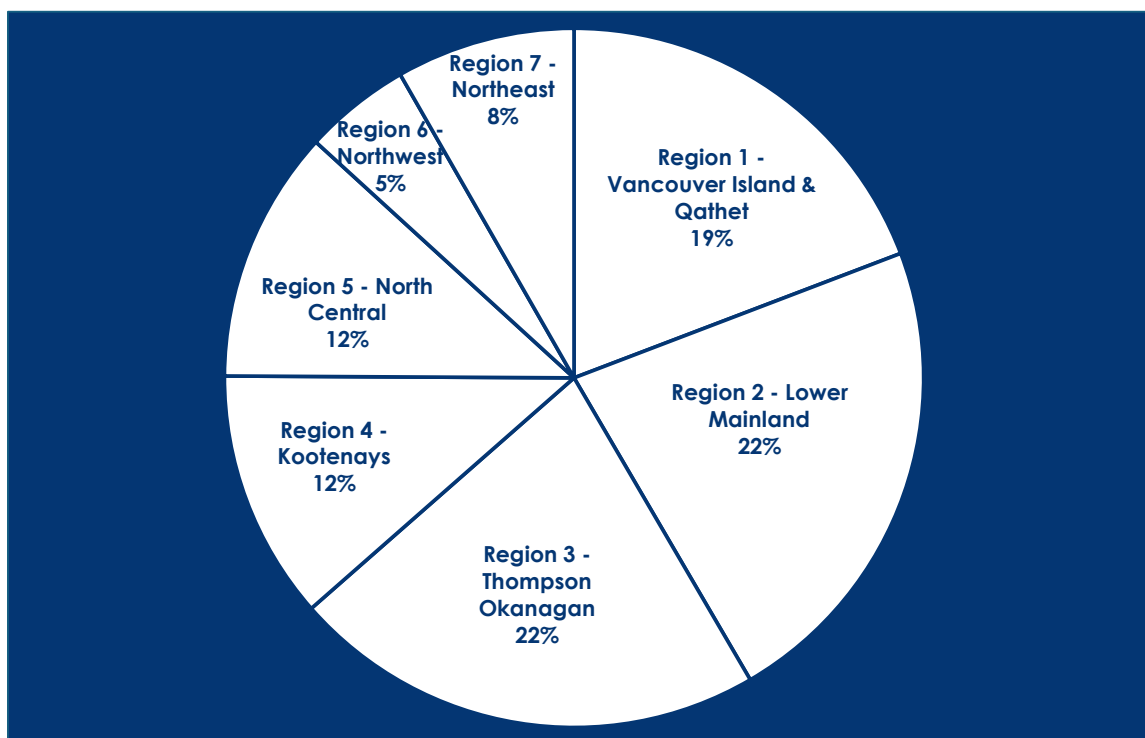
Should You Be Concerned?

No. The small deficit is not a significant in relation to MNBC's overall operations. MNBC continued to deliver extensive programs and services while maintaining a stable financial position and ending the year essentially at break-even.

Direct Funding for Métis Chartered Communities

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, MNBC provided approximately **\$4.2 million** directly to the 38 (39 in Fiscal 2025/26) Métis Chartered Communities. Direct funding to the communities remains a key part of MNBC's commitment to strengthening Métis self-governance throughout British Columbia.

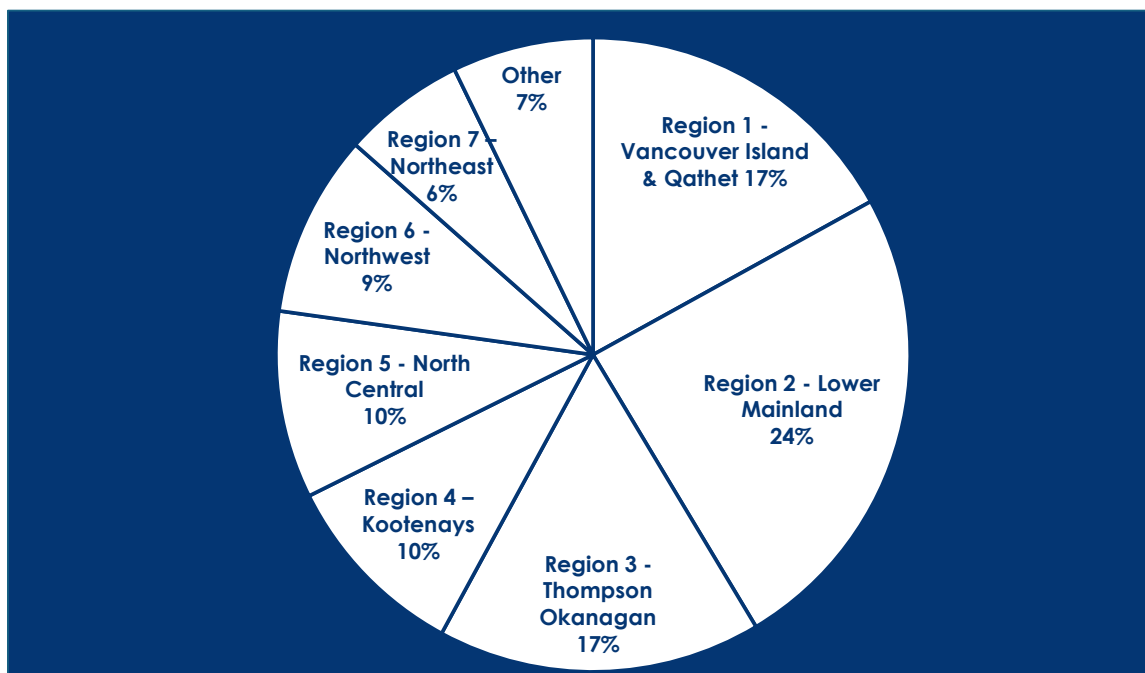
Region	Communities	Amount Funded	% of Total Funding
Region 1 - Vancouver Island & Qathet	7	\$0.808M	19%
Region 2 - Lower Mainland	7	\$0.942M	22%
Region 3 - Thompson Okanagan	8	\$0.923M	22%
Region 4 - Kootenays	5	\$0.486M	12%
Region 5 - North Central	4	\$0.492M	12%
Region 6 - Northwest	3	\$0.207M	5%
Region 7 - Northeast	5	\$0.348M	8%
Total	39	\$4.209M	100%



Funding for Métis Citizens

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, MNBC provided approximately **\$27.0 million** in direct funding and supports for Métis Citizens across British Columbia. Funding was distributed across all seven regions. This funding reflects MNBC's continued commitment to delivering Citizen-focused programs and services throughout the Nation.

Region	Amount Funded	% of Total Funding
Region 1 - Vancouver Island & Qathet	\$4.576M	17%
Region 2 - Lower Mainland	\$6.587M	24%
Region 3 - Thompson Okanagan	\$4.453M	17%
Region 4 – Kootenays	\$2.625M	10%
Region 5 - North Central	\$2.576M	10%
Region 6 - Northwest	\$2.510M	9%
Region 7 - Northeast	\$1.693M	6%
Other	\$1.941M	7%
Total	\$26.963M	100%



Summary of Key Expense Categories

MNBC incurred approximately \$94.1 million in total expenses during the 2025/26 fiscal year. Overall, the expense profile shows that the majority of MNBC's resources were directed toward service delivery, staffing capacity, and the operational supports required to carry out approved work across the Nation.

Expense Category	Amount	% of Total Spending
Programs and projects	\$36.098M	38%
Salaries and benefits <i>(includes programming delivery salaries)</i>	\$39.030M	41%
Professional and legal services <i>(includes programming related services)</i>	\$5.019M	5%
Travel, events, and meetings <i>(includes programming related events)</i>	\$4.255M	5%
Operations	\$9.676M	10%
Total	\$94.078M	100%

What are MNBC's Key Risks?

Every organization faces risks that must be monitored and managed. The audited financial statements identify several areas that MNBC actively manages through Board oversight, internal controls, financial planning, funding agreements, and cash monitoring. These risks do not mean MNBC is financially unhealthy. Rather, they are areas that require ongoing attention as MNBC grows and delivers more programs and services.

Risk area	What it means in plain language	How MNBC manages it
Funding dependence	MNBC depends significantly on government grants and contracts to deliver programs and services.	MNBC monitors funding agreements, reporting requirements, renewal timelines, and program spending to support continued funding stability.
Restricted funding risk	Much of MNBC's cash and investments must be used for specific approved purposes and cannot be freely redirected.	MNBC tracks restricted funding separately and recognizes revenue when related eligible expenses are incurred.
Liquidity risk	MNBC must ensure it has enough cash available to pay bills, payroll, program costs, and other obligations on time.	MNBC maintains significant cash and short-term investments and monitors cash flow against expected payments and commitments.
Interest rate risk	Changes in interest rates can affect investment earnings and borrowing costs, including certain housing-related loans.	MNBC uses short-term investments and monitors market rates when investing funds or managing debt exposure.
Commitments	MNBC has future lease and contractual obligations that must be planned for in future budgets.	MNBC tracks future commitments and includes them in financial planning and budget monitoring.
Contingencies	From time to time, MNBC may be involved in claims or legal proceedings where the final outcome is uncertain.	MNBC monitors these matters on an ongoing basis. The audited statements note that no amount was accrued because the final outcome of any such matters could not be determined at year-end.

The key takeaway is that these risks are manageable but require continued monitoring as MNBC grows.

Understanding Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue is one of the most important parts of MNBC's audited financial statements because it explains why MNBC can show significant cash and investments while also reporting a large liability. At March 31, 2026, MNBC reported approximately \$82.2 million in deferred revenue. This represents restricted funding that has been received but has not yet been recognized as revenue because the related programs, services, or commitments will be delivered in a future period.

One of the Most Misunderstood Areas

Deferred revenue is often misunderstood because it is shown as a liability even though it is connected to cash or investments MNBC may already hold. It does not mean MNBC has borrowed money or that the organization is in financial trouble. It means MNBC has received funding in advance and has a responsibility to use that funding for the specific purposes approved by funders.

In simple terms, deferred revenue is program funding received now for work that will happen later. Until the related program expenses are incurred, the funding remains deferred. Once MNBC delivers the approved work and incurs the eligible costs, the deferred amount is recognized as revenue.

How It Works

Step 1: MNBC receives restricted funding. Funding agreements often provide money before all related services or projects are completed.

Step 2: The funding is recorded as deferred revenue. Because the funding is restricted, MNBC cannot treat it as fully earned revenue until the approved work is completed.

Step 3: MNBC delivers the program, service, or project. As eligible costs are incurred, the funding begins to move out of deferred revenue.

Step 4: Revenue is recognized. Once the related work is delivered and eligible expenses are recorded, the funding is recognized as revenue in the statement of operations.

Why Is Deferred Revenue Important?

Deferred revenue is important because it helps explain why MNBC may hold significant cash and investments that are not available for general use. These funds have been received for specific programs, services, and projects that will be delivered in future periods.

- Program funds remain protected and tied to the purposes approved by funders.
- Funding is recognized as revenue only when the related work is delivered and eligible costs are incurred.
- Readers can distinguish between money MNBC holds and money MNBC can freely redirect.

Clean Audit Explained

MNBC received a clean audit opinion for the year ended March 31, 2026. This means the independent auditors concluded that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, MNBC's financial position, operating results, and cash flows in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Auditor's Conclusion

The auditors issued an unmodified or "clean" opinion. In plain language, this means the auditors did not identify any material misstatements that would prevent readers from relying on the financial statements as a fair summary of MNBC's financial position and results.

What a Clean Audit Means

- The financial statements were prepared using the required accounting standards.
- The auditors found the financial statements to be fairly presented in all material respects.
- No material misstatements were identified that would change a reader's understanding of MNBC's financial position or results.
- Citizens, funders, and other users of the financial statements can rely on the audited statements as a fair summary of MNBC's finances for the year.

What a Clean Audit Does Not Mean

- It does not mean every single transaction was individually reviewed.
- It does not mean there is zero risk of error in any organization.
- It does not mean the auditors are giving an opinion on every management decision or program outcome.
- It does not guarantee future financial results.

Why This Matters

A clean audit opinion gives confidence that MNBC's financial statements have been reviewed by an independent auditor and can be used to understand the organization's financial position. It supports transparency, accountability, and trust in MNBC's financial reporting. The clean opinion provides assurance that the financial statements present MNBC's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

Financial Facts vs. Myths

Financial statements can be easy to misunderstand when large numbers are shown without context. This section addresses a few common myths and explains the facts in plain language so Citizens can better understand what the audited financial statements are really saying.

Myth #1

MNBC has more than \$80 million available to spend however it chooses.

Fact

Much of MNBC's cash and investments are restricted and already committed to specific programs, services, capital projects, or future obligations. Restricted funds cannot be freely redirected.

Myth #2

A deficit means MNBC is running out of money.

Fact

This deficit means expenses were slightly higher than revenues for the year. MNBC's 2026 deficit was approximately \$43,000, which is very small compared with approximately \$94 million in annual revenue and expenses.

Myth #3

Cash equals profit.

Fact

Cash balances and annual operating results measure different things. Cash shows money held at a point in time, while the operating result compares revenue and expenses during the year.

Myth #4

Deferred revenue means unused money.

Fact

Deferred revenue represents restricted funding received for approved work that will happen later.

Other Frequently Asked Questions

Why does MNBC hold investments?

MNBC holds investments because some funding is received before the related programs, services, and commitments are fully delivered. Investing restricted funds safely helps MNBC protect their value and ensure they remain available when needed for the approved purposes.

Why do annual results fluctuate?

Annual results can fluctuate because revenue is recognized when eligible program costs are incurred. Timing differences between when funding is received, when program work is delivered, and when expenses are recorded can affect the year-end result.

Who audits MNBC?

MNBC's consolidated financial statements are audited by independent external auditors. For the year ended March 31, 2026, Manning Elliott LLP issued a clean audit opinion, meaning the financial statements were fairly presented in all material respects.

How are funds protected?

Restricted funds are protected through funding agreements, internal financial controls, financial reporting, and the audit process. MNBC must use restricted funds for the purposes approved by funders, which helps ensure that money intended for programs and services remains tied to those commitments.

What are net assets?

Net assets represent the difference between what MNBC owns and what it owes. They are a measure of the accumulated financial position. At March 31, 2026, MNBC had approximately \$24.8 million in net assets.

Does MNBC have debt?

MNBC had no traditional long-term debt at March 31, 2026. The previous long-term RBC loan was fully repaid during the year. MNBC did have approximately \$1.7 million in BC Housing loans payable related to housing development activity, which is low compared with MNBC's overall asset base.

How are financial decisions approved?

Financial decisions are guided by approved budgets, funding agreements, internal policies, management oversight, and Board governance. Major decisions are reviewed through the appropriate approval processes to support transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of MNBC resources.

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MINISTERS:

Minster Debra Fisher

Associate Minister Allan Lavallee

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Colleen Hodgson

Director, Corinne Thunderchild

MANDATE:

Our mission is to reclaim jurisdiction over Métis children and youth, ensuring their safety and well-being within a culturally grounded, Métis-led child and family service system. We are committed to developing and implementing our own child welfare legislation to empower Métis families and communities in British Columbia, creating a future where every child thrives.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis rights and recognition and achieve jurisdiction of our children.

GOAL 1

Develop a foundational draft of the Métis Child Welfare Law to affirm MNBC's right to self-government and support Métis children and families through a culturally grounded legal framework. This work will enable jurisdiction under Bill C-92 and replace colonial systems with Métis-led approaches rooted in our values, kinship, and caregiving.

This goal is a direct result of the mandate given to MNBC by the Citizens at the 2023 AGM to take back jurisdiction over our children. This law will give our Nation the authority to design and lead our own child

and family services, rather than relying on provincial systems that were not built for or by Métis people.

Our Ministry drafted a Rationale Framework describing purpose, need, and scope of the Métis Child Welfare Law. We then conducted an environmental scan of current Indigenous family laws that other Nations have passed, and documented Bill C 92 legislative references to ensure the Métis Child Welfare Law is aligned with current legislation. Most importantly, we received guidance from Elders, Knowledge Carriers, Métis Citizens, and Métis Chartered Communities. With this foundation, we are pleased to report that our Ministry began drafting the

Métis Child Welfare Law. Next steps include internal policy development and further consultations to ensure the Law reflects the experiences, values, and priorities of Métis people in BC.

GOAL 2

Develop a Métis Family Service System (MFSS) to uphold our inherent right to self-government, and to ensure Métis children, youth, and families are served through systems rooted in Métis culture, values, and ways of being. This work is essential to addressing service gaps, overcoming colonial structures, and building a coordinated, Métis-led approach to child and family wellbeing across B.C.

Guided by the 2023 AGM mandate, the MFSS will create clearer service pathways, improve coordination, and provide culturally grounded, Métis-led supports focused on prevention, family preservation, and lifelong wellbeing.

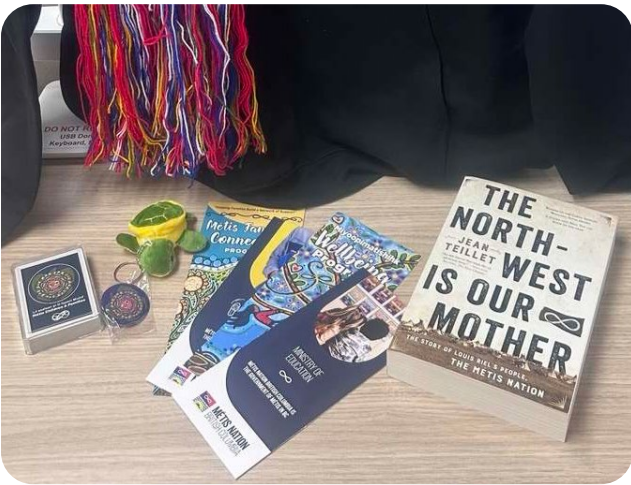
Our Ministry conducted an environmental scan of Métis-specific services across B.C. and began developing a visual map of MNBC programs and

services. The next steps include continuing information-gathering, environmental scans, and engagements, identifying service gaps and opportunities, and developing service inventories and collaboration tools. We will then complete a final recommendations report.

70 participants from across the five Métis service providers participated in virtual children in care Citizenship workshops

32 children in care Citizenship applications completed ¹

61 Métis-specific cultural packages distributed to children and youth in care who recently received Citizenship 🌸



¹ Data from March – June 2026.

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

MINISTER:
Minister Raynie Gervais

STAFF LEAD:
Executive Director, Colleen Hodgson
Director, Quality Assurance Alex Jacquard
Director, Citizenship Denise Jager

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Citizenship promotes Métis Citizenship in B.C. and supports individuals who self-identify as Métis in the Citizenship application process. The Ministry ensures that the Métis government is supported with data collection and information sharing across all ministries and departments and provides statistical analysis for future-facing strategies. The Ministry of Citizenship is responsible for increasing the number of Section 35 rights holders in B.C. and supporting Citizens and Communities to thrive through access to Citizenship-based services.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with all the Goals of the Nation.

GOAL 1

Increase the number of MNBC Citizens.

The Nation is maintaining its strong growth pace, supported by internal capacity and improvements within our Ministry that position us well to sustain the increased demand for Citizenship.

Citizenship Navigators are supporting new applicants from the month prior, while the Indigenous Research team is assessing complete applications one month prior to Citizenship Navigation's output. Renewals are being processed from two months prior with a goal to further improve this timeline.

33,189

total number of Citizens

- Region 1 – 6,472
- Region 2 – 10,442
- Region 3 – 7,264
- Region 4 – 2,482
- Region 5 – 3,991
- Region 6 – 997
- Region 7 – 1,541 ²

5,285

Citizenship applications received ²

² Data from September 1, 2025 – August 1, 2026.

2,466

Citizenship renewals processed ²

With the application backlog eliminated, our Ministry is now directing focus towards how to provide even stronger support to new applicants. The Ministry launched a Citizenship Awareness Campaign in May 2026, introducing a range of new tools and resources to improve access to information and services. New print materials and updated application and renewal forms were released with plans for additional materials to support new applicants. An online ordering form is available for Métis Chartered Communities, allowing them to request posters, postcards, and application materials at no cost for sharing within their communities.

Updates to the Ministry's webpage and a weekly video series aimed to provide clear, accessible information and support public awareness of the Citizenship process.



SCAN QR CODE:
Video playlist
Citizenship Awareness Video Series

A new online booking system was introduced in May 2026 to make it easier for individuals to access Citizenship services, virtually or in-person. In-person appointments can now be booked at both the Region 1 and Region 2 offices. These appointments allow applicants to ask questions, receive assistance with completing applications or renewals, and have photos taken as needed. The system has already seen strong uptake, with over 50 bookings made within the first month, reflecting how easy and convenient it is to use.



SCAN QR CODE:
Book an appointment

GOAL 2

Strengthen relations with Métis Chartered Communities.

As promised at the 2025 AGM, our Ministry launched Citizen Information Sessions, where we were able to reach 25 of the 38 Métis Chartered Communities in just the first year! Ministry staff supported new applicants looking to learn more about the Citizenship process and reconnected with Citizens at the grassroots level. A popular offering was to assist the completion of renewals by taking photos and updating any outdated personal information. Many communities have also extended kind invitations for staff to return, demonstrating the value of continued engagement and the trust being built through these efforts.

*"These should be a yearly event.
The community response has
been incredible."*

*"I have been missing part of my
heritage my whole life and this event
finally gave me the time to do this."*

GOAL 4

Develop and implement a Ministry of Citizenship Standards of Practice.

Our Ministry has begun the development of internal Standards of Practice to ensure consistency for MNBC's Citizen Registry. The establishment of standardized practices supports improved application processing and assessment timelines. We are focused on a modern, client-centered service model that puts Citizens first, builds trust, and ensures compliance with legislative and policy requirements. ✨

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANGUAGE

MINISTERS:

Minister Patrick Harriott

Associate Minister Raynie Gervais

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Mallory Blondeau

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language upholds Métis culture, heritage, and Michif languages in B.C. through our programs, resources and supports for Métis Citizens, MNBC staff and the public. We advance Métis cultural visibility and revitalization through training, advocacy and research, and by providing a central service to all MNBC staff. The Ministry is also the interim secretariate for the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI).

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, and Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities.



ADI was presented with the Honouring Indigenous and Diverse Cultures: Reconciliation, Redress and Expanded Recognition Award from Heritage BC. Photo credit: Ian Babbitt

GOAL 1

Lead Michif language revitalization and create more Michif speakers in B.C. through the implementation of MNBC's 10-Year Michif Language Revitalization Plan.

Our Ministry was proud to host a Community Michif Gathering on March 14 to 15, 2026. This event brought together Community Leaders and Michif language champions to share and discuss opportunities to bring Michif resources and programs into communities. 24 of the 38 Métis Chartered Communities were able to attend.

Language preservation is an important objective for our Ministry. We travelled to Saskatoon and Fort Qu'Appelle to document Southern Michif speakers and help pass down the language to the next generation.

23

Michif Language Grants issued through three different funding streams to support the organization of Michif learning initiatives and events

753

new phrases/words added to the ADI website

GOAL 2

Provide secretariat support to the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) to ensure its successful operations and initiatives, with the goal of achieving sustainability.

As interim secretariat, our Ministry was proud to support the ADI with the launch of "The Gifts We Carry" exhibition. We also hosted three open house weekends for Chartered Communities to visit the ADI and learn more about programming.

We continue to promote ADI through public outreach. Several key events included the Ministry's own Community Michif Gathering, the Gathering Our Voices Indigenous youth event, and the Totest Aleng Learning House Spring Festival, with over 2,202 interactions.

656

visitors to ADI

14,535

views on ADI's Michif phrase search webpage

GOAL 3

Develop educational resources and opportunities that support Métis cultural and historical learning and understanding for MNBC Citizens, MNBC employees, partner organizations and the public.

Our Ministry continues to facilitate presentations on Métis culture and history for all new MNBC staff. This helps to promote cultural competency across MNBC's Ministries and Departments. We also continue to review all Métis culture related content produced by MNBC to ensure accuracy and consistency.

The Michif Minute feature in the internal MNBC newsletter gives employees the opportunity to learn new Michif words and phrases on a weekly basis. We were grateful to provide support with MNBC's relaunched Trading Post—particularly with their artist application vetting process. This ensured a consistent standard across all featured artists and artisans.

GOAL 4

Enhance MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities' capacity for cultural revitalization initiatives through educational resources and funding opportunities.

The Ministry is proud to have developed two new books in our *Exploring Métis Heritage* series, pertaining to the history of Métis beadwork and embroidery. We are currently developing Métis culture and history presentations that will be accessible for Chartered Community Leaders to use within their communities. We hope to share these soon.



SCAN QR CODE:

Community Michif Resources Guide

*Learn more about the free resources
Métis Chartered Community can order*

4,263

**free Michif resources sent to
Métis Chartered Communities 🌟**



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTER:

Minister Melanie Allard

STAFF LEAD:

Director, IMIT Felix Ikem

MANDATE:

Our mandate is to facilitate seamless processes that provide every Ministry with access to essential data within a centralized and standard ecosystem, while also expanding the digital infrastructure to accommodate MNBC's ongoing growth. Our work includes support for Métis Chartered Communities.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following Goals of the Nation: Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities, Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 1

Ensure Metis data sovereignty by creating digital literacy and capacity for Métis Chartered Communities, while providing greater accessible solutions for Citizens to access MNBC services.

Our Ministry has strengthened its support to Métis Chartered Communities through dedicated IT resources. This includes ongoing availability to assist with IT challenges and efforts to attend events to provide in-person technical support and to build stronger relationships with communities. We are looking ahead towards implementing a bi-annual feedback survey to meet community needs as they evolve.

Our Ministry has reviewed the Métis Hub workflows to identify solutions that support system modernization while maintaining a consistent and positive Citizen user experience. We are also looking at expanding and simplifying access to MNBC services through an enhanced Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform.

We continue to make progress towards creating a data system that is owned and managed by MNBC. This would ensure that data collection, storage, and access all align with Métis values, priorities, and data sovereignty.

GOAL 2

Develop and implement a Métis data strategy and collaboratively implement digital governance practices across MNBC.

We have been collaborating with the Ministry of STEPS and the Ministry of Health to implement Records of Processing Activities (RoPA). This is a foundational step toward standardizing data storage, improving naming conventions, and enabling a more streamlined and compliant data environment. Our Ministry has also made progress developing the Records Classification and Retention Schedule (RCRS).

GOAL 3

Pursue strategic partnerships, sponsorships, and funding agreements, particularly in the B.C. technology sector, with the aim of enhancing MNBC's ownership, control, access, and stewardship of Métis data.

Our Ministry participates in cybersecurity roundtables and engages with provincial IT experts to stay informed on trends and best practices. We have also made efforts to create partnerships that highlight Métis values, governance, and priorities through connections made at national conferences, including the Cybersecurity Conference in Ottawa and the Indigenous Tech Conference. We hope to formalize these relationships by hosting a Métis Partnership Roundtable so we can encourage collaboration across sectors. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND TOURISM

MINISTERS:

Minister Paulette Flamond

Associate Minister Louis De Jaeger

STAFF LEAD:

Interim Director, Tracey McBride

MANDATE:

To develop and implement diversified economic initiatives, foster entrepreneurship, and build strong partnerships that generate wealth, create jobs, and enhance the well-being of Métis Citizens across British Columbia.

All of the Ministry's goals are aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation: Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development.

GOAL 1

Develop a regional approach to economic development with other departments and Ministries for procurement, capacity development, employment, training and other revenue opportunities.

Meeting regularly with other departments and Ministries for procurement, capacity development, employment, training and other revenue opportunities has resulted in increased communication, more

collaboration, and awareness of the 477 Métis businesses across B.C. Examples include:

- **Ministry of Sport and Active Living** – Raised awareness of opportunities to support the annual golf tournament
- **Ministry of Housing** – Facilitated connections to major general contractors for procurement opportunities and possible joint venture agreements

GOAL 2

Diversify revenue for MNBC via creating internal revenue and economic development opportunities.

We improved and relaunched the Métis Trading Post website to provide revenue opportunities for B.C. Métis artists and makers online and at events. Onsite events such as Batoche, the Métis Rendezvous, MNBC's AGM, and the Métis Early Years Conference were opportunities to promote the Métis Trading Post, encourage artists across the region to submit applications of interest, and sell Métis artists' work.

15

B.C. artists and business featured

9

new artists and businesses being onboarded for promotion in summer 2026

1,377

orders fulfilled (up 113%)

581

new customers (up 56%)

"I'm not a fan of online shopping but when my order arrived so quickly, nicely packaged and the process was so easy, I'd highly recommend buying any gift that's been difficult for me to find via this website."

— Métis Trading Post Customer

GOAL 3

Develop economic development institutions in collaboration with other MNBC entities and opportunities.

85

attendees at the first Métis Business Mixer held at the 2025 Annual General Meeting

\$12,500

in business mixer sponsorship secured from Métis Financial Corp, British Columbia Lottery Corporation, the Business Development Bank of Canada, and KPMG

477

profiles on the Business Directory (88 new this year)

GOAL 4

Leverage industry and partnership relationships for economic development opportunities.

We participated in ongoing monthly meetings and committees, including with federal, provincial and government-affiliated associations. We also attended conferences and tradeshows to ensure MNBC is at the forefront of economic development discussions and opportunities.

100

industry/government partner meetings

250

procurement and grant funding opportunities shared with Métis businesses 🌟

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MINISTER:

Minister Debra Fisher

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Sharlene Wedel

**Director, Child Care Development
Talia Ahmad**

**Acting Director, Education
Shannon Brassard**

**Director, Early Learning
Danielle Sayers-Jimeno**

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Education (Early Learning and K-12) promotes the healthy growth and development of children and families through experiences grounded in Métis culture and community ways. Métis-specific wrap-around services, programs, and policies support their ongoing well-being.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, and Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.

GOAL 1

Expand and operationalize Métis-led, culturally grounded child care while advancing jurisdiction over child care.

The Ministry continued to facilitate the development of 637 licensed child care spaces for Métis children (birth to age 12) with 14 projects throughout B.C. Notable advancements were made toward licensing and operational readiness for the 44-space Kishkaytaytaahk Child Care Centre in Terrace and the 34-space Zhenn Sayd (Young Cedar) Child Care Centre in Port Alberni.

Our Ministry launched new professional learning and mentorship opportunities to advance Métis representation across the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) workforce. A key milestone was the launch of the new Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Mentorship Program, as well as a two-day professional development gathering in Prince George that brought together ECEs, students, and sector partners for pedagogy-focused learning, networking, and knowledge-sharing.

We also launched a new ECE Practicum Supplement Program in January 2026 to help reduce financial barriers for Métis ECEs completing their practicum placements.

231

child care spaces in active development in:

- Cranbrook — 34
- Campbell River — 61
- Saanich — 24
- Fort St John — 112

167

child care spaces fully operational across 5 facilities

106

child care spaces will be available after projects in Fort St. John and Surrey (Chuck Bailey) are completed in late 2026

821

children accessed the Métis Child Care Benefit (MCCB) which supports families with their child care fees ³



³ Data as of March 31, 2026.

⁴ Data from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

⁵ Data from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

2,130

children (birth – 18) enrolled in the Métis Family Connections (MFC) program ³

419

new enrollments in the Métis Family Connections (MFC) program ⁴

286

children transitioned from the Early Years to the Elementary and Secondary Years MFC stream ⁴

132

community gatherings and events delivered, including 61 Family Gatherings led by Métis Chartered Communities ⁴

28

Métis students supported to pursue their Early Childhood Care and Education diploma ⁵

25

Métis students accessed wraparound supports to help them succeed in their educational journey ⁵

46

Métis ECEs and ECE assistants accessed the ECE Practicum Supplement Program ⁵

20

Métis ECEs accessed paid memberships through the Early Childhood Educators of BC ⁵

GOAL 2

Enhance Métis cultural programming and supports for children and youth.

Through the Miyoopimaatishihk (Wellbeing) Program, we continued to improve access to early intervention supports such as speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, counselling, assessments, and specialized equipment. Last fiscal, a total of \$897,615 was distributed through the program.

259

children accessed Miyoopimaatishihk (Wellbeing) Program funding between January 1 – May 31, 2026

707

early learning and child care professionals strengthened their understanding of Métis culture, history, and early years resources thanks to our Aansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk (Learning Together) workshops

176

parents participated in a 5-week workshop series, “Fostering Resilience” led by Dr. Vanessa LaPointe



GOAL 3

Strengthen Métis presence, increase participation, and obtain equity in K-12 education.

Our Ministry advanced the Métis School Food Initiative through engagements with families, Elders, Métis Chartered Communities, School Districts, and key partners. This informed the development of a Métis School Food Framework and the creation of a Listening and Learning Summary report. The initiative was undertaken to support Métis self-determination in school food systems and to ensure that programming reflects Métis food practices, values, and knowledge.

We launched several initiatives to strengthen recruitment and retention of Métis teachers, including a Community of Practice and a Métis Teacher Mentorship Program. We also developed Classroom Resource Kits as well as a testimonial video project highlighting the experiences of Métis teachers in the K-12 education system. These initiatives engaged more than 50 Métis teachers and generated strong interest from educators across the province. 🌱



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ELDERS

MINISTERS:

Minister Raynie Gervais

**Associate Ministers Allan Lavallee
and Melanie Allard**

STAFF LEAD:

**Executive Director, Health and Wellness
Tanya Davoren**

Director, Social Programs Michelle Fortin

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Elders' mandate is to ensure that Elders and seniors are centered and valued across all MNBC programs and services. We are committed to uplifting Elders as traditional knowledge carriers, and we are working to improve their quality of life across all the Métis Social Determinants of Health.

***The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation:** Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, and Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development.*

GOAL 1

Informed by the results of our first Elders survey, we will work to identify Elders to make up the Elders Advisory Circle and support the participants in the creation of policies and practices that drive their work.

Our inaugural Elders Survey results provided valuable insight into the priorities, strengths, and aspirations of Elders across B.C. We were able to identify Elders who met four foundational criteria for participation the first Provincial Elders Circle: they were MNBC Citizens, they were actively engaged with their communities, they were comfortable using virtual communication tools and interested in contributing to an advisory group.

The Elders Circle held its first virtual gathering in January 2026. Its inaugural in-person event was held March 20-22, 2026, with 10 of the 11 appointed Elders in attendance, alongside MNBC Ministers. Elders drafted Terms of Reference and identified priorities. Virtual meetings are ongoing.

The second annual Elders and Senior Survey launched on June 2, 2026, with a reformatted design. We expanded regional outreach efforts, provided a clearer definition of "Elder," reviewed demographic questions, and improved accessibility.

213

responses received to the inaugural Elders Survey

11 of 14

Elders Circle positions filled with efforts towards full representation in all regions

GOAL 2

We will maintain, deliver, evaluate and, where possible, expand the Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP).

Formerly known as the Elders Assistance Pilot Program (EAPP), MESAP provides financial support to lower-income Métis Elders and seniors across B.C. by enabling access to essential health related items not covered under the provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) and working with service providers to direct bill.

54

MESAP applicants (27 individual and 27 couple)

- Region 1 – 11
- Region 2 – 17
- Region 3 – 17
- Region 4 – 1
- Region 5 – 6
- Region 6 – 2
- Region 7 – 0⁶

\$146,508.45

distributed (\$55,366.69 to individual applicants and \$91,141.76 to couple applications)⁶

⁶ Data from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

59

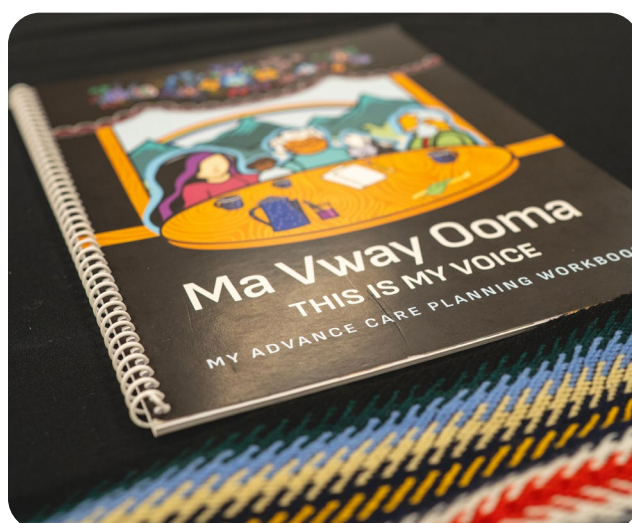
MESAP service providers⁶

GOAL 3

We aim to expand MNBC engagement in long-term continuing care and in the end-of-life care continuum through diverse funding opportunities and program development in partnership with other relevant MNBC Ministries.

While we continue to seek funding supports for this work, our relationships with individual Health Authorities have been nurtured, leading to an opportunity to provide feedback on a new facility in the Interior Health catchment.

We launched the MNBC advance care planning handbook, *Ma Vway Ooma/This is My Voice*, at health fairs and community events during the summer 2026. The workbook is a tool to help individuals document their personal values, beliefs and health care wishes in the event that they become unable to speak for themselves. The resource was developed with the aim of promoting intergenerational conversations across kitchen tables throughout the province. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

MINISTER:

Minister Susie Hooper

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Leona Shaw

Director, Environment Danielle Courcelles

Director, Climate Change Drew Stewart

MANDATE:

The Ministry advances research, advocacy, and programs to help connect Métis Citizens to the natural environment in British Columbia. This is done through centering and empowering Métis voices and values in matters related to climate change, conservation, and food security. These efforts honour the connections between Métis Citizens and all our relations so we may strive for a healthy and thriving planet for current and future generations.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships, and Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness.

GOAL 1

Ensure a Métis environmental voice is brought forward on all relevant projects related to climate change and conservation/nature.

Our Ministry collaborated with MNBC's Ministry of Sport and Active Living, and the Ministry of Youth to offer joint programs such as nature walks and the Eco Collective program. We also encouraged participation in monitoring programs such as iNaturalist and eBirds to increase Métis connection with nature.

We moved forward nature policy and legislation work. This included contributing to the Right to a Healthy Environment Implementation Framework.



SCAN QR CODE:

Video

Métis Voices on Conservation

28

Citizens attended the Ministry's Annual Environment Workshop in October 2025

37

Citizens participated in nature walks

20

Citizens participated in the pollinators at risk gathering in Manning Park

GOAL 2

Advocate for more programs to help connect Métis Citizens to the natural environment and adapt and respond to climate change in British Columbia.

Our Ministry published two priority papers which serve as guiding documents for our work to be easily shared with partners, funders, and Métis Chartered Communities.



SCAN QR CODE:
Document
Climate Change Priority Paper



SCAN QR CODE:
Document
Nature Priority Paper

MNBC staff built a relationship with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and Yinka Dene Economic Development Limited Partnership with the goal to plant 400,000 trees south of Burns Lake through 2026–2027 (200,000 trees planted in May 2026). Our Ministry is also working with the Ministry of STEPS to provide wage subsidies for silviculture (cultivation of forests) related jobs with 4 Citizens employed for summer 2026.

Our Emergency Preparedness webinars continue with seven held in 2025 and eight scheduled over 2026. These webinars provide an opportunity for community members to listen and chat with experts in the emergency response and preparedness field. 40 people attended the first three webinars of 2026 which covered the topics of flooding, wildfire, and extreme heat.

12 Citizens and 5 staff

trained in emergency management and marine safety

Over \$1 million

distributed to 95 households for energy efficiency upgrades through the Sîpihkisôwin Low Carbon Energy Program

99

cooling kits distributed to Citizens in Interior Health and Fraser Health regions

30

Citizens participated in a flood risk knowledge gathering supported by Public Safety Canada

GOAL 3

Supporting BCMANR's growth and development, ensuring BCMANR can contribute to their purpose and priorities in a sustainable and meaningful way, including succession planning, conservation, training, knowledge sharing, and harvesting advocacy.

Our Ministry, on behalf of MNBC, continues to work with the Captains of the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR). BCMANR marks its 25th anniversary in September 2026.

With the Captains' support, MNBC hosted two Harvester Card Drives, continued to plan and collaborate on land-based activities including a trapping course, a youth workshop at a marine ecosystem event, and pilot fishing excursion.

As holders of Métis Traditional Knowledge, BCMANR are often invited share their wisdom with MNBC Ministries, which reflect the Captains' priorities for sustaining Métis communities, Métis heritage, and building long-lasting connections. Through our collaborative relationship with BCMANR, we deepen meaningful relationships to community members, harvesters, and other partners who support this work.



⁷ Data since September 2025.

255

new Harvester Cards issued ⁷

55

renewal Harvester Cards issued



SCAN QR CODE:

Video

Meet the BCMANR

Captains of the Hunt

GOAL 4

Mitigate the effect of future climate hazards by building relationships with regional, provincial, and federal partners to ensure Métis' right to self-government is respected, and Métis voices are included at emergency management planning tables.

We continue to strengthen our relationships with the Province and the Health Authorities to enhance connections and participation in provincial emergency plans and responses. These relationships were key during last year's Kiskatinaw River wildfire emergency operations and evacuation of the Kelly Lake area.

Our Ministry has also created an internal Emergency Preparedness Working Group with several MNBC Ministries to better coordinate our responses to emergencies and supports to impacted Métis Chartered Communities. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF FOOD SECURITY

MINISTER:

Minister Paulette Flamond

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Leona Shaw

MANDATE:

The Ministry is mandated to advance and strengthen Métis long-term access to cultural and nutritious foods and practices. This is achieved through research, advocacy, and programming that promotes skill-building and education around practices such as harvesting (hunting, fishing, gathering, etc.), agriculture, and gardening. By incorporating a lens of sustainability, responsibility, and stewardship, we uplift Métis people and all our relations to support healthy and self-sufficient Métis food systems.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, and Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities.

GOAL 1

Increase internal capacity and resources.

We continue to apply for grants and funding opportunities and have completed internal strategic planning sessions to guide the work of our Ministry.

\$5,000

Distributed to the 14 Métis Chartered Communities in Interior Health Region to support local food security initiatives



SCAN QR CODE:

Video playlist

Métis Food Security

Video Series

GOAL 2

Increase programing and educational opportunities for Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens.

The Home Garden Program entered its sixth year with another record number of applications. The program supports Citizens with a \$75 gift card to EC Eco Seed Co-op and/or \$200 to purchase gardening equipment and supplies. A monthly live webinar series touching on various gardening subjects and a monthly newsletter enhance everyday gardening knowledge.

8

Métis Chartered Communities opted in to receive BC Eco Seed Co-op packets to support their community gardens

774

Home Garden Program applications received

GOAL 3

Create a Métis Food Security Alliance with collaborations across MNBC Ministries and Métis Chartered Communities, as well as externally with other Métis Nations, governments, and organizations.

Our Ministry reached out to key internal MNBC Ministries and Departments to set up an Internal Food Security Working Group. In this group, we share ideas, create stronger proposals for MNBC, and encourage early collaboration to ensure food security initiatives align with overall strategic planning as well as emergency needs. We recently collaborated the Ministry of Sport and Active Living on healthy living activities. We also supported the Ministry of Education with their School Food Program initiative and in November 2025, hosted a joint virtual presentation for

Métis Chartered Community leaders. This meeting was a first step in establishing communication channels with Chartered Communities.

We continued to build relationships with provincial and federal ministries and agencies, other Métis Nations, and other organizations working in the food security sphere, such as i-SPARC and Farm Folk City Folk. We provided feedback on legislation and policies from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, as well as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. MNBC sits on British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC's) working committee on Food Security Indicators and advocate for participating in more committees to promote Métis perspectives on food security.

GOAL 4

Seek accommodations for harvesters to be able to access the land and resources for harvesting and sustenance purposes.

British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMNR) supported ongoing knowledge-sharing food security initiatives, such as raising awareness around acquiring and preparing harvested foods, piloting outdoor excursions to introduce youth to trapping, working with harvesters to understand the impacts of Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) regulations, and organizing PAL and CORE firearms courses for community members.

117

grants of \$200 distributed through the Harvester Support Fund ☘

MINISTRY REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND STRATEGIC RELATIONS

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Jeremy Twigg

MANDATE:

Our mandate to improve the quality of life of all Métis in B.C. by pursuing Métis-specific social and economic programs and services, and by creating the political conditions to achieve self-determination. We advocate for predictable, long-term funding to enable the delivery of culturally distinct programs and services to Métis Citizens.

The Department's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 1 – Promote Métis rights and recognition and achieve jurisdiction of our children, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 1

Strengthen MNBC's relationship and processes with the Province of British Columbia.

This goal is underpinned by a 2021 Letter of Intent that commits the Province to fulfilling commitments in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA). Our Department is using a whole-of-government approach to advance reconciliation work. We are focused on advancing socio-economic priorities through the Métis Relations Table. Sub-tables include health, housing, culture, economic

development and emergency management. The long-term goal is to develop a reconciliation agreement with the Province, and positive momentum is building.

An Education table was established in April 2026 to advance shared priorities such as culturally distinct education materials and dedicated K-12 funding to support Métis learners. Endorsed last year by the Minister of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation, we hope to hold an annual Premier's Forum, which will set the political direction for advancing a shortlist of priority topics.

We regularly participate in a week-long Lobby Days at the Provincial Legislature and find opportunities to promote Métis culture through including a Louis Riel Day proclamation ceremony and a Métis cultural reception for all MLAs. The long-term goal is to develop a reconciliation agreement with the Province, and positive momentum is building.

GOAL 2

Strengthen MNBC's relationship and processes with the Government of Canada.

Work with the federal government is based on the Canada-Métis Nation Accord of 2017, to which MNBC is a signatory. The agreement lists priority subject matter areas that range from education and skills training to health and housing. Our team continues making trips to Ottawa to advocate for the renewal of 10-year federal funding agreements—referred to as sub-accords—which have significantly advanced the Nation in the areas of listed above. MNBC also has a 2018 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Canada that commits to strengthening our government-to-government relationship.

While working with the Carney administration presents new economic and geo-political challenges for reconciliation, MNBC is well-positioned to be a constructive partner to the federal government. Our Department attended the Liberal Party of Canada convention in April 2026 to maintain and establish relationships. Our team also had the opportunity to provide updates to Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

Our department supports with the Ministry of Rights by coordinating bilateral processes and lobbying elected officials, with the ultimate goal being recognition of Section 35 rights. While MNBC supports the self-determination of other Métis

governments, each must represent Citizens within its own provincial jurisdiction.

We participated in the Métis Policy Forum in Edmonton in June 2026 to co-develop policy with other Métis governments, and to support MNBC's Build Canada Homes funding application.

GOAL 3

Establish and strengthen MNBC's relationships with First Nations. Our Department takes a strategic approach to restoring and developing respectful relationships with First Nations by employing consistent messaging, and by engaging with individual Nations rather than advocacy organizations.

MNBC elected leadership recently met with Tkemlups First Nation, who requested the creation of a communications protocol that includes MNBC, Two Rivers Métis Society and Lii Michif Otipemisiwak. This protocol will inform the development of a broader MOU to solidify the relationship.



MNBC Acting Vice President Dean Gladue met with Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow at the Vancouver Board of Trade Reconciliation in Action event on May 1, 2026.

Through New Relationship Trust (NRT) funding, we are empowering Métis Chartered Communities to undertake their own First Nations engagement by developing tailored strategies based on existing relationships. Findings from the NRT project and our First Nations work broadly will feed into a cultural competency training program for MNBC staff.

GOAL 4

Establish and strengthen relationships with stakeholders, including municipalities, Chartered Communities and other Métis governments.

Our team meets regularly with external stakeholders, including Crown corporations, who are seeking MNBC's input in their development of Indigenous relations strategies. In September 2026, we sent delegation to the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Vancouver.

We regularly engage in advocacy to support our housing and child care developments across the province. With the removal of the provincial Indigenous Housing Fund and Community Housing Fund dollars, MNBC pivoted to focus on a Build Canada Homes submission. Our submission was strengthened with letters of support from each priority municipality. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

MINISTERS:

Minister Louis De Jaeger

Associate Minister Susie Hooper

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Health and Wellness

Tanya Davoren

Director, Clinical Operations

Rochelle Le Sueur

Director, Health Governance

Stephen Thomson

MANDATE:

Our Ministry works to enable Métis to self-determine their own health and wellness needs and have equitable access to culturally safe resources and services. We serve all Métis in B.C., supporting system navigation, providing advocacy supports, and breaking down barriers faced by our Nation. We promote lifestyle as medicine, provide wholistic health and cultural wellness programs and resources, and advocate for the removal of all systemic gaps and barriers to ensure Métis health policy, legislation and outcomes are driven by community.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 1 – Promote Métis rights and recognition and achieve jurisdiction of our children, Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 1

Advance Métis health sovereignty by providing distinctions-based policy expertise and culturally grounded advocacy that honours Métis ways of knowing and being.

Advocacy for Métis rights with respect to health and wellness continues to build momentum in pressing the Provincial Government and their partners to meet the needs of the Nation, with consistent participation from B.C. at the Métis Health and Wellness Sub-Table, and MNBC being included in consultation on regulatory changes under the Health Professions and Occupations Act, and Evidence Act.

Our policy work included the creation of culturally safe research protocols with Fraser Health. Our academic engagement included membership on the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Medical School Governance Council, and planning for medical school research through SFU.

Internally, we worked to support Naomie's Legacy and the Provincial Metis Elders Circle (PMEC) as well as the MNBC Policy Review Committee.

GOAL 2

Advance Métis health sovereignty by strengthening health system governance, fostering meaningful engagement and education, and speaking truth to Métis experiences in health care.

We continued our regular leadership meetings with all five regional health authorities. Our Ministry made progress on all three published Métis Health and Wellness Plans, with focus on Métis workforce representation in Fraser Health and Interior Health, and education with Northern Health. These

relationships expand Métis-specific education for healthcare professionals and support more culturally safe care for Citizens across the province.

We hosted the Community Miyoyâwin Connections event in Prince George on May 12, 2026, and in Kamloops on June 24, 2026, with 110+ attendees and 27+ booths at each event. Activities included beading, medicine bag making, an Elders' Tea Corner, and involvement from health services organizations.

75+

participants across three sessions of Miyomahcihō, an experiential learning opportunity with Lisa Shepherd⁸

115

healthcare professionals have taken MNBC's accredited Métis Cultural Wellness Course, Miyo-Pimâtisowin⁸



⁸ Data from 2026.

GOAL 3

Advance Métis health sovereignty by centering and responding to the voices of Métis communities, ensuring they are empowered to choose culturally grounded programs and services, and actively shape the growth of MNBC's direct health care programs and service delivery.

Regional Health Coordinators are a key support offered by the Ministry. They provide wellness navigation support, held workshops including on how to build air purifiers, set up immunization clinics, and support at community events.

The Health Promotion Program is a newly launched program with initial funding from the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. The program development was guided by the Nācinīhikēwin (Making offerings to ask for help/healing) working group comprised of Métis Citizens and MNBC staff. This is the first cancer related program that will have Métis-specific resources developed for our communities.

57

referral requests submitted to Miyo Saantii Wellness Centre Pathfinders⁹

48

requests submitted to the Métis Health Experience Program

963

requests for support navigating the healthcare system managed by Métis Regional Health Coordinators

⁹ Data from April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

GOAL 4

Advance Métis health sovereignty through evidence-informed decisions, Métis-led research, and Métis data governance.

Developed in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the Taanishi Kiya Interim Report provides a clearer picture of Métis health in B.C., with a specific focus on mental health and wellness. This report is the second publication of the Métis Population Health Program.

Our Ministry secured federal funding for a new Métis-led health research initiative. This work included a survey to gather Métis lived experiences during public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings will help ensure Métis perspectives are reflected in Canada's Pandemic Preparedness Plan and future emergency response planning. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF HOUSING

MINISTERS:

Minister Allan Lavallee

Associate Minister Raynie Gervais

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Chris Tupy

MANDATE:

The Ministry is mandated to increase the supply of safe, affordable, and culturally grounded housing for Métis Citizens across British Columbia through strategic partnerships, capital development, and the integration of Métis design and governance principles.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 1

Expand Métis housing by successfully advancing at least four priority projects to “shovel-ready” status. This includes securing land, completing detailed designs, and finalizing external funding commitments for construction start.

We achieved significant progress this year on several key projects:

- **Campbell River:** We are currently at the advanced design work stage, in collaboration with the municipality and North Island Métis Association for a planned 45-unit, six-story mixed-use building with child care and Chartered

Community space. We received conditional approval for approximately \$16M in combined grants and loans through CMHC's Affordable Housing Fund, with MNBC Board of Directors committing up to \$20M from existing funding agreements. The development permit application was submitted in April 2026, with an anticipated construction start in early 2027.

- **Saanich:** We are designing the site in partnership with the Ministry of Education to prioritize delivery of the child care facility while maintaining a future housing component. This pivot will allow the child care centre to open within the federally required timeline and avoid loss of funding.

- **Terrace:** We are proceeding toward the development permit application for Building 1 in Fall 2026. We secured CMHC pre-development funding to support early project phases and have applied for Build Canada Homes support for construction.
- **Invermere:** Our development permit for the 51-unit apartment building was approved on March 5, 2025. We have also applied for Build Canada Homes support for construction.
- **Fort St. John:** We are doing advanced planning, design, and procurement activities for a building envelope renewal project at Crosstown Apartments in collaboration with Fort St John Métis Society. The project is intended to improve energy efficiency, enhance the building's exterior through culturally informed design features, and extend the long-term lifespan of the property. An Invitation to Tender was issued in 2026, and MNBC is continuing to assess next steps to support successful project delivery.

GOAL 2

Create a sustainable governance model through the launch of a Métis Housing Authority by March 2027, ensuring long-term operational excellence, financial sustainability, and community accountability.

Throughout 2025–2026, the Ministry worked with legal counsel, Governance staff, housing sector partners, and MNBC leadership to develop a new housing governance model focused on strengthening MNBC's ability to plan, develop, own, and manage housing assets over the long term. As MNBC's housing portfolio continues to grow, there is an increasing need for a dedicated housing organization with a sole focus on advancing housing and related social infrastructure opportunities for Métis Citizens in B.C. We will have more to share on this very soon.

GOAL 3

Build a diversified and resilient funding base by securing at least three multi-year, multi-partner agreements by March 2027 to strengthen MNBC's ability to plan and deliver housing at scale.

In February 2026, BC Housing announced plans to reallocate funding from many in-process affordable housing developments, including from approximately 2,000 Indigenous housing units. This impacted two of MNBC's projects. BC Housing has since revised its plans, leveraging existing MNBC resources with CMHC support to advance the Campbell River development toward groundbreaking in early 2027, while also revising the Saanich development project.

We continue to advocate alongside the provincial government for appropriate access to housing funding in the spirit of reconciliation and to ensure appropriate affordable housing for Métis in B.C.

MNBC submitted its housing portfolio application to the Federal Build Canada Homes program which included 8 potential projects and up to 476 potential housing units across B.C.

53

Citizens supported through the MNBC funded First Time Homebuyer Program, administered by the Métis Financial Corp of BC 🍀

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

MINISTERS:

Minister Dean Gladue

Associate Minister Raynie Gervais

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Legal Counsel, Carly Teillet

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs is committed to ensuring ongoing transformative change for Métis people in British Columbia impacted by colonization. This includes continuing to address over-representation of Métis in the justice system, fostering new and existing partnerships towards reconciliation at the federal, provincial and trilateral levels, creating and sustaining culturally safe, accessible and equitable programming, establishing space for Métis voices where rights and interests are affected, and pursuing Métis law revitalization initiatives. The Ministry is guided by the justice needs of the Metis Nation and the individual lived experiences of our people.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with all the Goals of the Nation.

GOAL 1

Implement the Métis Justice Strategy.

With the support of the BC Indigenous Justice Secretariat, the Ministry completed a comprehensive engagement with input of multiple Provincial Ministries and Branches, MNBC Ministries, and perspectives from MYBC, MWBC, and 2SMBBC, to create an Implementation Plan which captures the need for an intersectional, trauma-informed approach to all Métis Justice Strategy work.

Co-developed with the Province, the 5-year Métis Justice Strategy Implementation Plan prioritizes the needs of Métis Citizens, develops Métis specific services and programs, and addresses harms while working towards long term systems change. The adaptive Implementation Plan builds on work currently underway, sets immediate priorities for 2026-2027 while building towards multi-year objectives, and takes into consideration the current fiscal climate and priorities of MNBC and the Government of B.C.

While formal implementation planning was underway, work on the recommendations of the Métis Justice Strategy has already been in action:

- We engaged with multiple provincial partners to begin developing a snapshot of existing Métis justice data.
- We worked to map justice services that are accessible to Métis people for Citizen referrals.
- We strengthened partnerships with Legal Aid BC, Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC, municipal police forces, and the RCMP to support implementation of the recommendations of the Métis Justice Strategy.
- We identified and pursued Métis appointments to external justice-related advisory councils and committees.

GOAL 2

Revitalize, strengthen and support a Métis Justice System.

We are excited to share that this year we created a new Métis Justice Services Advisory Committee, designed to provide advice to the Minister of Justice on the development and delivery of trauma-informed, dignity-based, low-barrier, and intersectional Métis-specific justice programs and services across B.C.

The new committee is comprised of the Minister and Associate Minister, representatives of the three governing Councils, the Senate, and five Citizen representatives. Guided by Métis values and traditional knowledge, the committee will promote Métis concepts of justice and the inclusion of lived experience in all work, provide strategic guidance on revitalizing and strengthening the MNBC Métis Justice

System, and support the implementation of the Métis Justice Strategy.

The preparatory phase focused on creating the structure, mandate, and terms of reference required for the committee to operate effectively.

GOAL 3

Develop and deliver Métis Justice programs and services.

We are excited to be commencing a multi-year research and law revitalization project to revitalize Métis concepts of justice and dispute resolution. This research will support strengthening elements of Métis society disrupted by colonization as well as codify Métis legal principles and processes to provide a solid foundation for justice for and within Métis communities.

GOAL 4

Uplift restorative justice for healing and reconnection.

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs is prioritizing uplifting restorative justice pathways that reflect the Métis wholistic worldview, encompassing healing, reconnection, accountability, dispute resolution, community-based problem-solving, and the restoration of balance. This approach recognizes that Métis restorative justice is not limited to post-harm processes but includes proactive supports that help prevent conflict and strengthen community wellness.

Over the past year, the Ministry advanced foundational work to build strong partnerships with community-based service providers and to advocate for increased accessibility to restorative justice programming across the province. This included exploring opportunities for Métis-specific restorative justice services, as well as identifying and promoting

off-ramps from the colonial justice system—particularly within youth justice, policing, prosecution services, and corrections—essential to reducing system involvement, supporting early intervention, and ensuring that Métis people, especially youth, have meaningful alternatives that reflect their rights, identities, and community connections.

A significant focus of this work involved strengthening relationships with existing restorative justice organizations, including deepened engagement with the Restorative Justice Association of BC (RJABC) and community-based programs. The Ministry has worked to map service landscapes, identify partnership opportunities, and support capacity-building efforts that will enable Métis-led and Métis-informed restorative justice pathways to flourish. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

MINISTER:

Minister Danielle Bergevin

STAFF LEAD:

**Executive Director, Health and Wellness
Tanya Davoren**

**Director, Mental Health and Harm
Reduction Jillian Jones**

MANDATE:

Our Ministry is working towards fully realized mental health and wellness for Métis people in B.C. We advocate for culturally appropriate mental health and harm reduction programs and services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed to better foster the health, wellness, and resilience of Métis individuals and communities. We seek to develop and implement mental wellness programming that is grounded in Métis culture and Métis ways-of-knowing. Métis-led mental health, harm reduction, and substance use programs, policies, and initiatives are at the core of our Ministry. We strive to create whole-life, wraparound mental wellness initiatives; centered in community wisdom and rooted in the idea of “culture as medicine”.

The Ministry’s goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 3 – Promote socio-economic reconciliation, and Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development.

MÉTIS SPEAKER SERIES PODCAST

Season 8 of the Métis Speaker Series podcast focused on mental health and harm reduction.¹⁰ It was featured by Apple and Spotify during Indigenous History Month as the go to show about Métis life and culture in Canada.



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40,017
episode downloads

120,000
listens

8,200
YouTube video views

¹⁰ Data as of mid July 2026.

GOAL 1

Gather knowledge to support the creation of culturally grounded mental wellness, substance use, and harm reduction resources that are of, by, and for Métis rooted in Métis ways of knowing and being.

The Ministry's Knowledge Translation team has worked to develop phase one of MNBC's mental health and harm reduction framework, providing a guiding structure that outlines our principles, values, and approaches. This work was undertaken to ensure that all Ministry programs and initiatives are meaningful and informed by community needs. The framework is grounded in knowledge, perspectives, and experiences from Métis communities. Next steps include having this draft reviewed by communities and expanding the framework to encompass a wraparound approach to fostering mental wellness for Métis individuals in all stages of life

GOAL 2

Develop and deliver barrier-free, Métis-grounded mental health, substance use, and harm reduction programs and services that seek to uplift the mental wellness of Métis individuals and communities throughout B.C.

The Youth Mental Wellness Coordinator program was launched in January 2026 to support the mental wellness needs of Métis youth navigating the mental health system. They also lead youth-focused mental wellness initiatives. To contact the team, email youthmentalwellness@mNBC.ca.

44
attendees at an Intergenerational
Healing Gathering

35

Métis peers, families, and community members who have experienced loss related to suicide and the toxic drug crisis participated in a Silent Sorrows Gathering

50

individuals a month (on average) seen by Miyaayaawiin social workers

235

Citizens accessed counselling and other mental health services through the Métis Counselling Connection program ¹¹

577

Métis individuals supported by Regional Mental Wellness Coordinators ¹²

225

Métis individuals supported by the Harm Reduction Family Support Specialist ¹²

1,400

underserved and unhoused individuals supported through the Moonchikanihtaahk aen paykiiwayhk (Homecoming) Program ¹²

589

Métis individuals connected to cultural supports and substance use resources by Harm Reduction Coordinators ¹²

¹¹ Data as of mid July 2026.

¹² Data from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

GOAL 3

Pursue and advocate for flexible, sustainable funding to support the ongoing operations and services of the Ministry.

We successfully applied for four years of funding through Indigenous Services Canada's Youth Mental Health Fund. Our leadership continues to advocate to provincial and federal governments for sustainable, ongoing funding. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF POVERTY REDUCTION

MINISTER:

Minister Patrick Harriott

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Chris Tupy

Director, Dillon McLellan

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Poverty Reduction is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness for MNBC Citizens by addressing root causes and advancing equitable, community-driven solutions. Through partnerships, inclusive policies, and culturally grounded supports, the Ministry works to improve access to housing, income, and essential services.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 3 – Promote socio-economic reconciliation, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 1

Develop and implement an MNBC specific strategy for reducing poverty and addressing homelessness grounded in data, community input, and culturally safe principles by March 31, 2027.

Our Ministry worked with Big River Analytics to complete the *Understanding the Scale of Métis Homelessness* report in February 2026. We reviewed data from engagements with Métis Chartered Communities, and key research including the Housing Needs Assessment and poverty reduction gap analysis. The report will help inform the MNBC Poverty

Reduction Strategy, including how to address Métis homelessness across the province. Work has already begun with a draft anticipated March 31, 2027.

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Full Report



One-Pager

GOAL 2

Secure two or more long-term funding agreements by March 2027 to support culturally appropriate homelessness prevention and poverty reduction programs.

\$1.7M

provided to Citizens across all Ministry programs

573

individuals and families received financial support, service referrals, homeless prevention assistance, or housing placements through the Reaching Home Program

\$50,000

SPARC-BC funding received to create another round of Welcome Home Kits¹³

210

individuals and families supported through the Métis Rent Supplement Program (Citizens living in market housing) and the Métis Rent Credit Program (Citizens living in MNBC owned housing)

33

Ma Nîki Seniors Home Renovation Program projects complete to help Elders and Seniors age in place

¹³ Welcome Home Kits support Citizens who have recently experienced precarious housing, or are transitioning from a hospital, treatment facility, or correctional facility, with gift cards for housing necessities and groceries.

GOAL 3

Gain access to Métis-specific data from the 2025 Point-in-Time (PiT) homeless count for all 30 participating communities by March 31, 2026, to inform MNBC programming and advocacy.

The PiT report is a valuable way to determine where Métis in B.C. are most in need. The Ministry has data agreements for 29 of the 30 participating communities and expects to have consent from the remaining community very soon. Reviewing this data will help us understand whether provincial and federal initiatives are effective in addressing homelessness. We will then create an addendum to the *Understanding the Scale of Métis Homelessness* report.

GOAL 4

Co-develop at least one agreement with an Indigenous service provider to expand culturally grounded homelessness and poverty supports by March 2027.

In November 2025, MNBC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA). This will help us expand culturally grounded homelessness and poverty supports, while also supporting advocacy for safe and affordable housing for MNBC Citizens. AHMA is the first for Indigenous, by Indigenous housing authority in Canada, serving over 10,000 Indigenous individuals and families living in urban, rural and northern parts of the province. Our Ministry will continue pursuing mutually beneficial relationships with other Indigenous service providers to benefit Métis Citizens across B.C. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF RIGHTS, RESEARCH, AND CONSULTATION

MINISTERS:

Minister Dean Gladue
Associate Minister Patrick Harriott

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Legal Counsel, Carly Teillet

MANDATE:

The Ministry is committed to ensuring that the inherent Métis rights of MNBC Citizens are recognized, affirmed and protected. This includes continuing to advocate for our rights to self-determination, and self-government through negotiations with provincial and federal governments, fulfilment of federal and provincial commitments to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and development of legislative and industry consultation processes.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation: Promote Métis rights, recognition, and achieve jurisdiction of our children.

GOAL 2

Develop and advance Métis rights research that provides a strong evidence base for recognition and respect of Métis self-determination, governance, and rights assertion within B.C. and simultaneously strengthening MNBC's Métis led research capacity to ensure sustained leadership and autonomy in rights-based research.

With federal government funding support, MNBC launched a comprehensive research project to tell the story of Métis people and our collective inherent Métis rights in B.C. The goal is to establish, through Métis

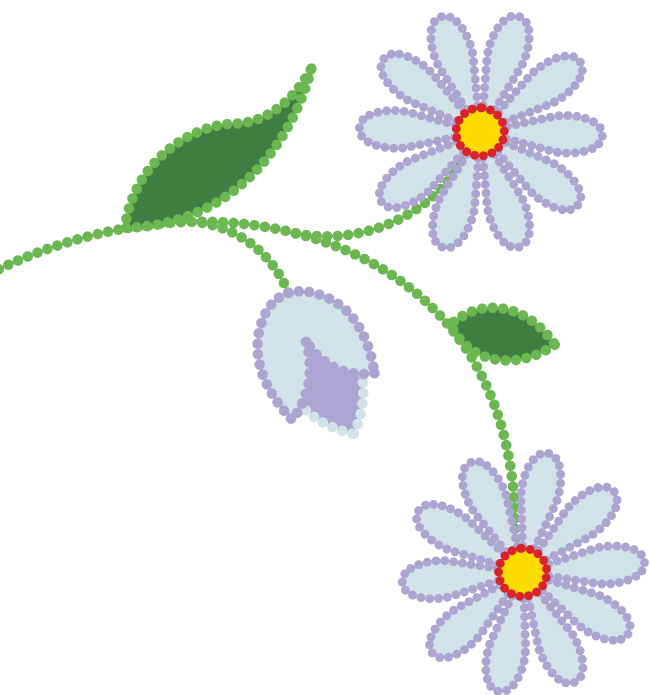
oral histories and supplemental documents, the Métis presence in B.C. and the Pacific Northwest region. This research has been informed by the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on R. v. Powley (2003), Métis identity, and the importance of connection to ancestral and modern Métis communities.

Our comprehensive research plan serves both to elevate and to deepen existing research, and to fill gaps in critical areas to understand the complex and diverse picture of Métis communities across the province from the 1800s to present day. In addition to oral interviews and conversations, we collected and analyzed archival, historical, and secondary-source materials, supporting

the development of Métis research methodologies to honour oral history foundations. We gathered and preserved a substantial body of oral history that serves as the foundation for understanding Métis communities and history within B.C., and to inform future phases of research. We explored and documented numerous previously untold or underrepresented stories emerging from the research, presenting three featured histories in the form of written vignettes. This work also helped create networks of academics and community partners in support of community focused Métis research.

We recognize that these efforts are complex and time intensive, requiring ongoing review and refinement to ensure Métis histories are not fragmented, misrepresented, or interpreted solely through dominant colonial or western frameworks. We are proud that this research strengthens connections between communities, generations, oral histories, and historical records, while addressing longstanding gaps and misrepresentations, and supporting a stronger collective understanding of Métis presence, relationships, and lived experiences in B.C.

VIGNETTES



MÉTIS WOMEN IN B.C. RECEIVE SCRIP

In 1885, Métis woman Bella Todd applied for scrip as head of her family. She traveled across provinces from B.C. to achieve this. The trip would have been arduous and full of uncertainty. Would the Canadian government agents mock her claim as head of her family? Would her application even be accepted? After all, applying for scrip was a dizzying process: Bella had to collect at least nine official documents, including witness declarations and certificates. But Bella had been determined.

Applying for scrip was fraught for many Métis. The Canadian scrip system was enacted to address Métis land claims after the 1870 transfer of Rupertsland and the implementation of the Dominion Land Act. At this time, Métis people were displaced from their historical communities and had no formal recognition of their land rights. Scrip was a certificate redeemable for land or money, yet this land was often unviable or at a great distance from historical Métis communities. On the

other hand, accepting the sum of money often meant further dispossession for Métis like Bella. The sum was usually negligible, and it contributed to a sense of uprootedness that many Métis still grapple with today.

Records of scrip are often used to better understand Métis family units, movements and displacement—especially across the prairie provinces. Stories like Bella's reveal that Métis presence in B.C. has been enduring and ongoing. Métis people in B.C. were advocating for their right to scrip and were successful in receiving it.

Métis women like Sophia Favel, born in Trout Lake, B.C., advocated for their rights. She teamed up with her brother to apply for scrip, and even listed herself as co-heir on the application for their deceased sister Christine Favel, born in Stuart Lake, B.C. Would the agents take this seriously? How could she make herself heard when she couldn't express herself through writing? Yet, in the very margins of Sophia's application, someone wrote on her behalf that she had the right to scrip despite her birthplace. She signed for it successfully with an 'x'.

In Fort St. John, B.C., Adele Richards marked her scrip certificate with an 'x'. And at the time of her application in 1900, Justine Frayer was living in Cranbrook, B.C. She traveled to Calgary, Alta. to submit her claim, which was ultimately stamped at the Dominion Land Office in Kamloops. Her death was later registered in Vancouver. That Adele and Justine's scrip made it for processing in Fort St. John and Kamloops, respectively, demonstrates that scrip was being processed beyond the prairies, and well into B.C.

Through stories like Bella's, Sophia's, Adele's and Justine's, we see an emerging picture: Métis people were navigating the scrip system while in or born in B.C. Many scrip certificates were stamped at the Kamloops and New Westminster, B.C. Dominion Land Offices. These documents connect Métis in B.C. to the broader story of scrip.

MÉTIS STRENGTH WEST OF THE ROCKIES

Surrounded by the great pines of Northern B.C., a Métis man named Joseph Tappage worked many jobs with the Hudson's Bay Company during the 19th century. He was renowned for his ability to carry heavy loads, vying with other men to be the strongest among them.

Memories of gold rush expeditions passing through on their way to the Yukon, full of chaos and excitement, stayed with Joseph. He cut cordwood for the company during the winters, worked as a packer and a boatman, and fished for salmon along the Fraser River. Oral history states that Joseph's father came to B.C. in the early 1800s with the great explorer Simon Fraser, who charted most of the province.

Joseph, born in New Caledonia, B.C. between 1820 and 1850, held fast to his Métis identity throughout his life. In a census from 1881, Joseph was asked about his heritage. How might he have honoured his full identity in his answer? Joseph was documented as 'Ancestor Red River half-breeds born in B.C.'

Joseph grew up knowing who he was: he spoke French patois better than English, and he married a Métis fur-trader's daughter, Nellie Boucher. His father-in-law was none other than Jean Baptist "Waccan" Boucher. A Métis man himself, Waccan and his brothers all joined the Hudson's Bay Company and worked a variety of jobs. Waccan was with John Stuart, Simon Fraser's lieutenant, during his famous expedition to Fraser Lake in 1806.

It was this community that Joseph grew up with and married into. When Joseph moved to the outskirts of Fort George, it was alongside others of mixed ancestry. He managed to stay on this land, eventually receiving a grant for 87.6 acres. Joseph fought hard for this during a time when all odds would have been against him. He signed for the grant with an 'x', which suggests that he could not write his name.

Joseph's fight to stay near Fort George contributed to a vibrant community. He and the others first shared a household together. Over time, this grew into a neighbourhood. Oral history reveals that there were many Métis homes, and that this became known as the area where the Métis lived. In Northern B.C. and throughout the province, Métis people wove communities of kinship rooted in the historic Red River community.

MÉTIS PRESENCE IN THE PEACE RIVER BLOCK

Deep in the forest, communities of Métis hunted, fished and danced together. They built cabins or set up tents, laid down traplines, shared food, married, had children and lived with the land. This type of roadside allowance life has not been uncommon for Métis due to dispossession after Canada implemented the Dominion Land Act in 1872.

When Alexander Mackenzie explored what is now Northeastern B.C. in 1792, his foray preceded fur trade activities and the establishment of several forts. Métis people then began living on the land at first seasonally, and then year-round in interdependent satellite communities.

What is generally still unknown is that these communities were in a massive 3.5-million-acre area known as the Peace River Block. The area was large enough to encompass Moberly Lake, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Dawson Creek and Pouce Coup. The land was held as 'Railway Reserve Land' and overseen by Canada from 1871 until 1912.

For those Métis living in the region, life was communal and imbued with a felt sense of belonging. Oral history says that everyone helped each other with cooking and with preparations for weddings and other celebrations. There were fiddlers and guitarists and toe-tapping in

moccasins, dancing and jigging. They hunted moose, gathered wild plants and sometimes made modest kitchen gardens.

Eventually, Canada began distributing the land and returned it from federal reserve to B.C.

As the area became assimilated into the province, the Métis presence on the land began to shift. Yet, it never quite disappeared. According to oral history, some recall being raised in tents as late as the 1960s.

Resisting the dispossession that rings throughout much of Métis history, these communities were disrupted without recognition of their rights. How might it have been for them to part ways with their homes and their relatives while still carrying the echoes of their ancestors? For those few who managed to hold onto land in the area, archival records reveal that it was transferred to create new reserves and townships.

While many Métis remained in the area despite the challenges, others moved throughout the province to establish new communities. In either case, it was easy to identify kin. Clothing was emblazoned with signature Métis beadwork: the five-petal prairie rose, the vines, and the mouse-tracks symbolizing, for some, the diaspora of Métis still connecting to our historic communities. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY

MINISTER:

Minister Melanie Allard

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Katie Trace

**Strategic Policy, Partnerships and
Initiatives Director Anca McHollister**

**Director, Programs and Operations
Derek Lacey**

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary (STEPS) works to lift our Citizens into a confident self-knowing so that they can secure the education and career that supports enriched, socioeconomic-resilient lives for themselves and their families. STEPS aims to eliminate barriers and inspire Citizens, offering culturally safe programs and services that are grounded in Métis knowledge.

***The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation:** Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, Goal 5 – Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.*

GOAL 1

Advance educational and employment success for Métis Citizens.

STEPS focuses on increasing participation, completion, and employment outcomes for Métis Citizens by delivering responsive, culturally grounded education, training, and funding supports aligned with their goals, workforce needs, and MNBC priorities.

\$40,000

distributed to individuals to purchase items required for their employment (e.g. personal protective equipment)¹⁴

\$741,000

in scholarships and bursaries distributed to 200 students¹⁴

157

Citizens participated in 20 skills training cohorts or cultural training programs¹⁴

112

individuals received employment counselling and career decision-making supports¹⁴

18

paid practicums arranged¹⁴

8

wage subsidy agreements signed with employers¹⁴

¹⁴ Data from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

\$18.5M

distributed to 2,680 Citizens supported through 3,553 funding agreements

- **Region 1 – 607**
- **Region 2 – 798**
- **Region 3 – 613**
- **Region 4 – 226**
- **Region 5 – 245**
- **Region 6 – 81**
- **Region 7 – 110¹⁴**

GOAL 2

Develop a Métis-led post-secondary and skills training college.

This year marked a significant milestone as the MNBC Board of Directors approved the MNBC College Business Plan and multi-year operating budget. This approval represents a major step forward in advancing the College from concept to implementation and lays the foundation for the continued development of a recognized Métis-governed post-secondary institution in B.C.

A comprehensive Métis labour market study was completed with Big River Analytics to better understand current and emerging workforce needs, identify opportunities for Métis learners, and inform the development of future academic and continuing education programming. The findings will help ensure that the MNBC College is responsive to regional labour market demands while supporting Métis employment and career pathways across the province.

GOAL 3

Strengthen strategic partnerships.

MNBC and the Provincial Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills signed a first-of-its-kind Protocol Agreement to strengthen collaboration and advance outcomes for Métis learners and job seekers across B.C. The agreement supports the development and delivery of culturally informed programs and services designed to reduce barriers, improve access to education and training, and increase Métis participation and success in post-secondary education and the labour market.

The Ministry continues to advance initiatives that strengthen Métis presence, visibility, and belonging within B.C.'s post-secondary system. This year, a pilot post-secondary graduation recognition program was successfully launched in partnership with interested Métis Chartered Communities. Métis graduates were proudly sashed, creating a meaningful celebration that connected academic achievement with Métis culture, identity, and community.

GOAL 4

Deliver holistic, culturally rooted supports.

STEPS regularly updates our Standards of Practice (SOP), incorporating feedback from both Citizens and staff to ensure programs and services remain responsive and effective. We released a new SOP in February 2026.

Looking ahead, STEPS will continue to invest in modern digital tools and software solutions that streamline staff workflows, strengthen data and reporting capabilities for federal and provincial funding partners, and, most importantly, enhance the overall Citizen experience.

\$500,000

distributed to 100 nursing students

24

Métis students pursuing STEM and environment science studies received scholarships valued at \$2,500

39

students in the healthcare field received grants of \$2,000+ through a partnership with Fraser Health and MNBC's Ministry of Health and Wellness

\$2,500

K-12 Teachers Bursary distributed to 39 students in the education field 🌟

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING

MINISTERS:

Minister Dean Gladue

Associate Minister Danielle Bergevin

STAFF LEAD:

Senior Manager, Adam Fitchett

MANDATE:

The Ministry is committed to providing accessible sporting opportunities, fostering athletic excellence, instilling a sense of pride in our Métis athletes, and empowering communities through active living. Through strategic collaborations and innovative programs, we aim to build a strong, united community where every Citizen can thrive, excel in sports, and celebrate our rich cultural heritage on and off the playing field.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities, and Goal 6 – Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.

GOAL 2

Increase visibility by building strategic partnerships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, government agencies, and sport bodies. These partnerships will support provincial and national events and help gain recognition from professional sporting teams and emerging sport organizations.

Our Ministry continues to build and maintain key partnerships with the Jays Care Foundation, the

Vancouver Warriors, ISPARC, Gathering Our Voices, Vancouver FC, and the Vancouver Canucks. We also worked closely with Métis Chartered Communities, First Nations partners, recreation providers, and provincial sport organizations to deliver meaningful programming and expand access to sport and active living opportunities.

Through these partnerships, the Ministry was able to deliver its second annual Provincial Lacrosse Forum, bringing together athletes from across B.C. for a high-



performance lacrosse experience in partnership with the Vancouver Warriors. In addition to on-field skill development, participants had the opportunity to engage in cultural learning through a paddle-carving workshop led by Métis carver Pat Calihou, creating connections between sport, culture, and community.

250+

professional sporting tickets distributed

6

partnerships and collaborators
with professional sporting teams

12

Métis-inspired workshops facilitated
at Gathering Our Voices, reaching
more than 300 Indigenous youth

900+

Citizens supported across the
Ministry's programing and events

GOAL 3

Develop and deliver sustainable sport and active living programs, including culturally rooted active living camps and initiatives for all age groups, to promote physical activity, skill development, and overall well-being.

We continued to develop and deliver sustainable sport and active living programs that promoted physical activity, skill development, cultural connection, and overall well-being for Métis Citizens of all ages.

The Ministry launched the MNBC Surf Camp, providing Métis youth with a unique opportunity to experience surfing and ocean-based recreation on the west coast over 4 days in Tofino. The camp combined physical activity with cultural teachings, wellness activities, and community-building experiences. Additional program offerings included swimming, rifle shooting, Walking Like Warriors, Pickleball, Voyageur Games with the Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous, and more.

In partnership with the Toronto Blue Jays charitable arm, the Jays Care Foundation, the Indigenous Rookie League (IRL) has expanded from four to five teams in its second season, now engaging more than 85 Indigenous youth across the Lower Mainland. The season includes a special outing to Nat Bailey Stadium, where participants can watch the Vancouver Canadians in action. The championship wrap-up tournament is hosted in partnership with Tsawwassen First Nation.



GOAL 4

Ensure that sports and active living programs are inclusive and accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds within MNBC.

The Ministry strengthened its partnership with This Tournament Has Everything (TTHE), which sponsored 9 Métis and Indigenous hockey players. Collaborating with MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction and the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity, an inclusive and welcoming sporting environment that celebrates the 2SLGBTQIA+ community was fostered.

A workshop featuring Team BC and Sledge Hockey facilitator Maddison McKenzie brought together sport coaches and partner organizations to learn about the sport, participate in on-ice activities, and gain a deeper understanding of the skill, resilience, and athleticism required to compete in sledge hockey. This workshop was attended by 50 individuals in the Sunshine Coast.

The Ministry also partnered with Indigenous Bridging the Gap to deliver Have a GO Basketball, an initiative designed to introduce Indigenous youth with disabilities to basketball in a supportive and culturally safe environment. 🌸

MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

MINISTERS:

Minister Carmen Carriere

Minister Louis De Jaeger

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Rachel Perkins

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Women and Gender Equity elevates Métis women and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities by fostering a space for sharing to ensure their voices are heard by the wider community, and by advocating for, and delivering on, resources, programs and services that reflect their unique needs.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation: Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.

GOAL 1

Address and advocate for the needs of Métis women and the 2SLGBTQIA+ community within MNBC and to external partners, through strong advocacy, needs assessment and collaboration with other Ministries and external partners.

The Ministers participated in key provincial and national meetings, advocating on behalf of MNBC Citizens. Meeting topics included Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit Plus (MMIWG2S+) in February, and the Status of Women in July.

We are developing a Gender and Sexual Orientation-Based Violence research project utilizing a needs assessment tool to identify community priorities, experiences, and needs. This will focus on learning about strengths and areas for improvement in current policies, programs, services and systems related to gender and sexual orientation-based violence.

We continue to regularly engage with the Gender Equity Office of B.C. and the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

GOAL 2

Lead and expand comprehensive, culturally grounded Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention, intervention, and healing initiatives across Métis communities.

We stewarded the *Honouring our Missing and Murdered Métis Relatives* commemorative project, which included the distribution of cultural materials to develop squares for a commemorative blanket and wrapped up with a gathering to unveil it in Prince George in June 2026.

78

individuals contributed blanket squares

32

Citizens supported to access
MMIWG2S+ counselling services

MNBC's 2026 Sashing Our Warriors campaign included a Wahkohtowin webinar panel in May 2026 on Métis kinship, interrelatedness, and reciprocal responsibility to each other and all of creation, and what it means to be a good relative. As part of the campaign, we also

distributed gender-based violence resources in June to Métis Chartered Communities and 2SMBC, MWBC, and MYBC Governance Council members who expressed interest.

We continued the expansion of gender-based violence supports and services that fulfill on MNBC's *Safe Métis Communities: Gender-based Violence Strategy*. We established an Auntie's pilot project in Prince George to support northern women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people experiencing violence.

39

men per month supported with one-on-one counselling through partnership with the Men's Therapy Centre in Victoria, alongside monthly Urban Indigenous men's group gatherings

\$400,000

distributed through the Safe Métis Communities Fund to increase capacity of Métis Chartered Communities to provide culturally safe and Métis-specific violence informed programing for women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and families who have been victims of crime





GOAL 3

Develop and deliver initiatives specific to Métis women and girls to close socio-economic gaps.

MOWGE and MWBC brought MWBC Community Representatives to the AGM to contribute to the gender-based violence needs assessment, and to enhance women's voices in governance.

Ministers Carriere and Bergevin attended the Status of Women meeting in July. This annual meeting brought together Indigenous organizations and federal and provincial governments to share best practices and strategies around preventing and addressing gender-based violence, human trafficking, online exploitation and the impact of the resource extraction industry on women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals.

GOAL 4

Develop and deliver initiatives specific to the Métis 2SLGBTQIA+ community to close intersectional socio-economics gaps.

The Ministry co-created *Piihtikway/Come In: Two-Spirit Resurgence and Healing through Kinship and Culture*, with contributions from MNBC's former 2SLGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee, 2SMBC, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members.

MOWGE, the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction, and the Ministry of Sport and Active Living attended and supported This Tournament Has Everything (TTHE)—an annual women's/trans/Two-Spirit/nonbinary inclusive hockey tournament—in Sechelt in March 2026. 🌸



MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF YOUTH

MINISTER:

Minister Danielle Bergevin

STAFF LEAD:

Executive Director, Rachel Perkins

MANDATE:

The Ministry of Youth aims to revitalize and strengthen Métis culture and community by providing Métis youth in B.C. with low-barrier, culturally relevant education, life skills, programs, supports, and events. Through these initiatives, the Ministry aims to foster a deep sense of connection, pride, and engagement among Métis youth while equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead fulfilling and empowered lives as Métis Citizens.

The Ministry's goals are aligned with the following goals of the Nation: Goal 2 – Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness, Goal 3 – Pursue socio-economic reconciliation, and Goal 4 – Support Métis Chartered Communities.

GOAL 1

Create inclusive and culturally rooted opportunities for Métis youth to learn, lead, connect and heal through land-based programming, cultural workshops, and civic engagement, while honouring youth achievements with the annual Métis Spirit Award.

Currently in its third cohort, the Eco Collective empowers Métis youth and young adults in B.C. to explore their environmental passions and drive climate action. Guided by Elders and Knowledge Carriers, participants engaged in six monthly sessions between April and September 2026. The conversations centered on climate change, wildfire and emergency preparedness, sustainable living, and conservation

and fisheries—building practical knowledge while strengthening relationships with the environment and each other.

763

volunteer hours supporting community causes completed by youth participating in the Eco Collective

350

wellness-focused fire bags distributed through the Pack Your Path campaign with the Métis Youth B.C. Council

25

Métis youth attended Gathering Our Voices, Canada's largest Indigenous youth conference.

- Region 1 – 7 youth
- Region 2 – 7 youth
- Region 3 – 4 youth
- Region 4 – 1 youth
- Region 5 – 5 youth
- Region 6 – 1 youth
- Region 7 – None

"GOV helped me meet and connect with youth my age making me feel more connected with MNBC as a whole."

GOAL 2

Promote opportunities for education, training, employment, and life skills enhancement among Métis youth in British Columbia through fostering strategic internal and external partnerships, identifying and understanding the unique needs of Métis youth, and staying attuned to current labour market dynamics and industry trends.

13

youth and 6 caregivers participated in MY TRU Experience¹⁵

¹⁵ MY TRU includes a guided tour and explorations of programs at Thompson Rivers University including business, science, culinary arts, trades, and veterinary technology. The event also included cultural activities such as jigging and beading.

100%

of MY TRU participants reported an increased interest or maintained a high level of interest in pursuing post-secondary education

15

spots through the Youth Employment & Training Initiative (Y.E.T.I.) help youth looking to enter the workforce, re-engage in education or employment, or explore new career pathways

GOAL 3

Advance the effective representation of Métis youth by working closely with MYBC Council, strengthening provincial and federal visibility of youth priorities, developing capacity-building resources, supporting the inclusion of community youth representatives, and conducting engagement sessions to gather feedback and ensure youth voices inform decision-making.

The Ministry undertook a study, *Clearing the Path*, to explore the motivators and barriers that shape Métis youth participation and engagement in programs and cultural activities. The feedback received will help shape future programs, events, and engagement opportunities. As part of the process, the Ministry hosted a feedback circle with seven Métis participants. Youth were invited to share whether the findings resonated with their lived experiences and provide feedback on whether the report accurately reflected Métis youth perspectives.

334

Métis youth aged 15–30 completed the *Clearing the Path* survey 🌟



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