

MNBC Meetings

RLM - Regional Leadership Meetings

Who:

Board Members of the Communities in each Region at the discretion of their leadership, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional BC Manor Captain, Community Services Team, potentially MNBC Leadership and Ministry guests

What:

These monthly informal meetings are for the dissemination of operational information, the sharing of business strategy, best practice, leadership, ideas, initiatives, community updates, MNBC programs, inquiries and answers, or any other topic that can benefit and strengthen community and leadership knowledge of BC Métis people and communities. There are no voting governance decisions to be made at these meetings, minutes are informational only and do not require adoption. The mandate of this meeting is to foster learning, collaboration, strength in community, and Métis fellowship within the region and beyond.

When:

Once a month; date decided upon by verbal consensus of participants

Where:

Virtually, Chaired by Regional Director and facilitated by Community Services Team; quorum is not required, and meeting minutes are informational only and are not adopted into record.

RGC – Regional Governance Council Meetings

Who:

The Regional Governance Council in each respective Region is made up of Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, and the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative.

The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.

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

If a member of the Regional Governance Council has been disqualified from being a member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly pursuant to any of the provisions under Article 34 (refer to MNBC – CONSTITUTION), or if they have suspended from being a member of the MNGA pursuant to the provisions of Article 35 (refer to MNBC – CONSTITUTION), such disqualification or suspension shall also apply to their membership and participation in the applicable Regional Governance Council.

If the President of a Community is unable to attend an RGC meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member of the Chartered Community to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.

What:

Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts. MNBC leadership is responsible for consulting and engaging with Regional Governance Councils regarding all relevant agreements impacting Citizens.

Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.

When:

Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year.

Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.

Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.

Where:

The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies (MNGA) and Annual General Meetings (AGM) at the request of the Regional Governance Council.

MNGA – Métis Nation Governing Assembly

Who:

A Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be the governing legislative body of the Métis Nation British Columbia and is made up of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

In attendance are the MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and Métis Youth of British Columbia Chairperson and the Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.

All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act ([MNBC – CITIZENSHIP ACT](#))

Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However, quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.

The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers, Swearing-In any new member.

What: All Chartered Communities are required to submit an activity and highlights report from the last year to the MNGA and a deadline date will be provided in advance.

Any Proposed Resolutions can only be submitted by a “MNGA MEMBER” (as defined in the MNGA Act: found here: [MNBC MNGA Act as Ratified at AGM 2021](#))

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall review and ratify legislation, regulations, rules, resolutions and constitutional amendments for presentation and final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out their legislative duties. In appointing such bodies, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.

Roll call voting shall be the method of voting for the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for ratification or amendments to the MNBC Constitution or Legislative Acts.

The MNGA Clerk will call the roll. The procedure for taking roll call votes is to call the names of the representatives or delegates alphabetically, and to have each person indicate orally their vote. All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say, “Yes” as their names are called. Those opposed will say “No”. Those who wish to abstain will say, “Abstain”.

All resolutions submitted as housekeeping as determined by the MNGA shall not require the roll call voting process as described in article 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 and shall be determined by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a General Assembly. Resolutions and ratifications other than Legislation or amendments to the Constitution and the ratification or approval of any appointments shall be made by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly.

When:

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia at a meeting on a date decided upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly at the previous meeting. The meetings shall be held at least three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

Notice of the MNGA date and location shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

Where:

Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1. 32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council, at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to

electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.

For MNGA, MNBC sponsors one (1) MNBC Chartered Community President or board delegate to attend.

AGM – Annual General Meeting

Who:

Only persons who have registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the MNBC Citizenship Act and are registered as a MNBC Citizen within the MNBC Central Registry, are entitled to speak and be issued voting credentials at a MNBC AGM or SGM (Special General Meeting).

What:

The agenda for each AGM shall include:

- 68.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
- 68.2. President's Report for Previous Fiscal Year
- 68.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly
- 68.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.
- 68.5. Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.

When:

An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia must be held annually. The precise dates and locations of an AGM must be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM.

Where:

In person or Virtual, Hybrid meeting type; meeting to be held annually; in person location is chosen at the previous year's AGM.

For an AGM, MNBC sponsors two (2) MNBC Chartered Community board delegates to attend.