

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held June 1-2, 2024 by videoconference.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Lissa Smith, President

Walter Mineault, Vice-President

Shaughn Davoren, Chair, Métis Youth BC

Kate Elliott, Chair, Métis Women BC

Patrick Harriott, Regional Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer

Louis De Jaeger, Regional Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland) and Secretary

Dean Gladue, Regional Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)

Debra Fisher, Regional Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)

Raynie Gervais, Regional Director, Region 5 (North Central)

Susie Hooper, Regional Director, Region 6 (Northwest)

Paulette Flamond, Regional Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Region 1 – Vancouver Island

Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association

Caitlin Bird, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association

Joy Bremner, Mid Island Métis Nation

June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association

Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association

Tyler Masee, North Island Métis Association

Region 2 – Lower Mainland

Rob Anderson, Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association

Miranda Berard, Golden Ears Métis Society

Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association

Bryanna Pelletier, Chilliwack Métis Association

Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association

Anthony Wingham, Waceya Métis Society

Pixie Wells, Fraser Valley Métis Society

Region 3 – Thompson Okanagan

David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association

Ron Caron, Vernon and District Métis Association

Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association

Marc Dubord, Two Rivers Métis Society

Jamie-Lee Keith, South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association

Betty Ann McDonnell, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society
Daina Shaw, Boundary Métis Community Association
Natasha Smith, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

Region 4 – Kootenays

Topher Burke, Columbia Valley Métis Association
Nicole Courson, West Kootenay Métis Society
Jeff Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association (*June 1, 2024 only*)
Madilynn Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association (*June 2, 2024 only*)
Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Myrtle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis Society

Region 5 – North Central

Sylvia Desrocher, Prince George Métis Community Association
Marlene Swears, The Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

Region 6 – Northwest

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

Region 7 – Northeast

Alana Copeland, Fort St. John Metis Society
George Pope, Métis Community Society of Kelly Lake
Vince van Wieringen, North East Métis Society

ALSO PRESENT:

Carmen Carriere, MNGA Speaker
Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker
John Bieker, MNGA Clerk
Nicole Ludwig, MNGA Deputy Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

DAY ONE – June 1, 2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYERS

The Assembly acknowledged the traditional territories attendees were joining from. Senator Lucier provided the Opening Prayer.

Paulette Flamond, Region 7 Director, shared a few words about Curtis Belcourt, who recently passed. A Minute of Silence was held to honour her and her passion for the Nation.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2024 MNGA

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the MNGA. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered in the order reflected in the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 1-2, 2024 MNGA was called to order on June 1, 2024 at 9:04 a.m.

2. OPENING REMARKS

MNBC President Lissa Smith welcome attendees and guests before acknowledging the territories she currently resides upon. President Smith prefaced the importance of educating the Public Service about the nation's goal and governance structure, as the public service experiences confusion pertaining to MNBC's purpose. She further touched on expanding programming within portfolios by the amalgamation of ministries to enhance and streamline services.

3. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MNGA DRAFT AGENDA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the June 1-2, 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly

The Salmon Arm Métis Association President has requested to withdraw the Resolution #7 titled "Promoting Good Governance." The Resolution is withdrawn from the agenda.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Jeff Crozier) and SECONDED (Vince Van Wierengen)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled June 1-2, 2024, be approved as presented.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Alicia Fernando) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the Agenda be amended as follows:

- On June 1, 2024 consider Resolution #6 after Resolution #3; and
- On June 2, 2024, consider Resolution #4 and #5.

CARRIED (MNGA2402-01)

(34 delegates voted in favour, 7 opposed and 0 abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Alicia Fernando) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the Agenda be amended as follows:

- On June 2, 2024, consider Resolution #5 before Resolution #4.

DEFEATED

(19 delegates voted in favour, 22 opposed and 0 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-02)

4. ADOPTION OF THE MNGA STANDING RULES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): “MNGA Standing Rules”, labelled “For Approval”

It was MOVED (Vince Van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) adopt the “MNGA Standing Rules” for the June 1-2, 2024 MNGA, as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-03)

5. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the 2023 Special MNGA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 1-3, 2024

It was MOVED (Cheryl Dodman) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 1-3, 2023, be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-04)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Recommendation UB1 - Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility / Acceptance

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): “Unfinished Business 1, Postponed to the June 2024 MNGA (Revised) – Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility / Acceptance” submitted by the Métis Nation Columbia River Society and dated April 8, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA but postponed due to time constraints, for consideration at the June 2024 MNGA. In the interim, the resolution was modified (revisions were underlined). At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates needed to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The ability to verify that MNBC citizenship applicants do not hold First Nations status, and the current inability to confirm if they are citizens of another Governing Member
- The feasibility of revising the MNBC Citizenship Application form to explicitly state that applicants cannot be citizens of another Métis Governing Member
- An amendment introduced to remove Item 3.1.4 from the “Be It Resolved” section, which was subsequently withdrawn with the MNGA’s consent.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Travis Jobin) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly adopted the following “National Definition” in 2002: “Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation”;
2. In its judgement in *R. v. Powley 2003*, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that Métis are a rights-bearing Aboriginal people and set out the components of a Métis definition for the purpose of claiming Aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* based on ancestral connection to and acceptance by historic Métis communities; and
3. Pursuant to the Powley decision, Canada has supported the MNC Governing Members in establishing and maintaining citizenship registries. To become a Registered Métis Nation Citizen, a person must apply to the Métis Registry operated by the MNC Governing Member in the province in which they reside. MNBC is the MNC Governing member in the province of British Columbia;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A.** Insert the following as Articles 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5:

“3.1.3 The Applicant recognizes they must not be enrolled on any other Aboriginal registry. This includes being registered as a member, citizen, or beneficiary under the *Indian Act* or with any other organization or group that claims to represent Métis or other Aboriginal peoples for the purposes of rights, interests, and self-government.

3.1.4 The Applicant understands the Métis Nation British Columbia is the Métis National Council Governing Member in the province of British Columbia and is cognizant that they will be represented at the National and International levels by the Métis National Council.

3.1.5 The Applicant agrees that by signing the Oath of Citizenship on the MNBC Citizenship Application and/or the MNBC Citizenship Renewal or Replacement Application, they recognize MNBC as their sole governmental representative for their Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, independent of any other declaration or statement the Applicant may have made previously.”

- B.** Subject to approval of **A** above, in Article 3.2 insert “3.1.3, 3.1.4 and 3.1.5” after “3.1.2” so that the Article will read:

“3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

- C.** In Article 6.1, strike the word “or” and in its place insert “, renewal or replacement” immediately following so that the Article will read:

- “6.1 If, due to information found during an audit, review, renewal, or replacement a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:”

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Marc Dubord)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

- In the “Be It Resolved” Section B, replace “may” with “shall” in the revision to Article 3.2.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-05)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Louis De Jaeger)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

- In the “Be It Resolved” Section A, revise Item 3.1.4 to read: “The Applicant understands that the Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative body for Métis citizens in British Columbia, provincially, nationally and internationally.”

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-06)

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

6.1 Recommendation UB1 - Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility / Acceptance (Continued)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

- In the “Be It Resolved” Section A, replace “must” with “may” in Item 3.1.3.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-07)

Question on the Main Resolution

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

CARRIED (MNGA2402-08)

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

Resolution UB1 as amended, now reads:

“WHEREAS:

1. The Métis National Council (MNC) General Assembly adopted the following “National Definition” in 2002: “Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation”;

2. In its judgement in *R. v. Powley 2003*, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that Métis are a rights-bearing Aboriginal people and set out the components of a Métis definition for the purpose of claiming Aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* based on ancestral connection to and acceptance by historic Métis communities; and
3. Pursuant to the Powley decision, Canada has supported the MNC Governing Members in establishing and maintaining citizenship registries. To become a Registered Métis Nation Citizen, a person must apply to the Métis Registry operated by the MNC Governing Member in the province in which they reside. MNBC is the MNC Governing member in the province of British Columbia;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Citizenship Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Insert the following as Articles 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5:

“3.1.3 The Applicant recognizes they may not be enrolled on any other Aboriginal registry. This includes being registered as a member, citizen, or beneficiary under the *Indian Act* or with any other organization or group that claims to represent Métis or other Aboriginal peoples for the purposes of rights, interests, and self-government.

3.1.4 The Applicant understands that the Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative body for Métis citizens in British Columbia, provincially, nationally and internationally.

3.1.5 The Applicant agrees that by signing the Oath of Citizenship on the MNBC Citizenship Application and/or the MNBC Citizenship Renewal or Replacement Application, they recognize MNBC as their sole governmental representative for their Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, independent of any other declaration or statement the Applicant may have made previously.”

- B. Subject to approval of A above, in Article 3.2 insert “3.1.3, 3.1.4 and 3.1.5” after “3.1.2” so that the Article will read:

“3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5, the Citizenship Authority shall issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.”

- C. In Article 6.1, strike the word “or” and in its place insert “, renewal or replacement” immediately following so that the Article will read:

“6.1 If, due to information found during an audit, review, renewal, or replacement a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:”

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

6.2 Recommendation UB2 - Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Council

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): "Unfinished Business 2, Postponed to the June 2024 MNGA (Revised) – Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Council" submitted by the South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association and dated April 25, 2023

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution, originally submitted to the March 2023 MNGA but postponed due to time constraints, for consideration at the June 2024 MNGA. In the interim, the resolution was modified (revisions were underlined). At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates needed to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Jamie-Lee Keith) and SECONDED (Ron Caron)

WHEREAS:

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions;
4. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted; and
5. At the March 2024 MNGA, the Assembly postponed consideration of this resolution to the June 2024 MNGA, allowing for amendments to be made to the resolution in the interim.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Constitution*:

"12.1 While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC Board of Directors may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board."

- B. The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act*:

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

- C. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women's Act*: "Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

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

D. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:

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

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

CARRIED (MNGA2402-09)

(39 delegates voted in favour, 3 opposed and 0 abstained)

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Resolution 1 - Conflict of Interest

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): “Resolution 1 – Conflict of Interest” submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated April 25, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was noted that Section 3.11 was added to “Resolution 1 – Conflict of Interest” after the submission deadline. As such, the MNGA needed to waive the notice requirement, before considering the resolution with the additional wording.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to waive the notice requirement for submitting the revision to Resolution 1.

The MNGA Clerk reviewed a presentation related to “Resolution 1 – Conflict of Interest”, and offered additional comments on:

- The Governance Committee’s consideration of “Conflict of Interest”
- Clarifying processes for addressing one-time or ongoing conflicts of interest
- The voting threshold for suspending MNGA members.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. In December 2023, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) referred the matter of conflict of interest in Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) legislation to the MNGA Governance Committee;
2. The Articles in the *MNGA Act* relating to conflict of interest are somewhat vague and can lead to seemingly arbitrary positions taken by the MNGA, and therefore do not fully serve the interests of the MNBC as an organization, its Chartered Communities, and its Citizens; and
3. The MNGA has the ability to determine if a member has a conflict of interest, and therefore needs a clear process which ensures the rights of all MNGA members are protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *MNGA Act* be amended as follows:

A. Strike and replace the definition of “Conflict of Interest” with the following:

“**Conflict of interest**” means that a member, an immediate family member, or a close business associate of the member:

- has a personal or professional interest in the matter at hand that is separate from their role as an MNGA member; and
- the interest is distinct from the interests of the Assembly and/or Métis Nation BC (MNBC), such that the activities could negatively affect MNBC’s ability or authority to negotiate on behalf of and represent Métis people in British Columbia; and
- stands to realize a personal or professional benefit from a favourable decision on the matter that does not provide a similar benefit to MNBC or its Chartered Communities; or
- will provide a benefit to a Métis organization other than MNBC or its Chartered Communities.

And that the interest means that a reasonable person would conclude that the interest or personal benefit to be gained could influence or affect the decision-making of a member.”

B. Insert the following new definition:

“**Immediate Family Member**” means the parent, step-parent, foster parent, sibling, spouse or common-law spouse, ward, parents, or other relative permanently residing with a member.”

C. Strike Article 3.4 and insert the following in its place (Articles 3.4 to 3.11):

“3.4 If a member has a conflict of interest on a matter at the MNGA they must:

- a. Disclose in general terms to the other members the nature of their involvement;
- b. Refrain from voting on the resolution or consenting to a resolution;
- c. Leave the meeting while the matter is under discussion; and
- d. Refrain from any action intended to influence the discussion or vote.

- i. If the member complies with Article 3.4, the minutes will reflect the disclosure, the general nature of the conflict disclosed, the time the member withdrew from the meeting, and the time they returned.

3.5 Despite Article 3.4c, the member experiencing the conflict may remain in the meeting for the purpose of providing information if asked to do so by another member. Once the information is provided and the Assembly has begun to deliberate, the member experiencing the conflict must leave the meeting.

3.6 A person who is listed in any official registry as a decision-maker of a Métis political organization or Métis government that does not recognize MNBC as the representative government of Métis in British Columbia, shall be deemed to be in automatic conflict of interest and may not participate in the MNGA, except as noted in Article 3.5, until they provide proof that they are no longer a member of that Métis organization or Métis government.

- a. Métis organizations which, by their mandate and actions, are primarily advocacy organizations, are not considered political organizations for the purposes of this Act.

- 3.7 If a member wishes the MNGA to determine if another member has a conflict of interest, they shall provide notice of a resolution to the MNGA Clerk or designate no later than 14 days prior to the MNGA:
- a. Such a resolution must include the following:
 - i. The name, Community name, and position (President or Vice-President) of the person believed to have a conflict of interest;
 - ii. Briefly indicate the nature of the conflict of interest; and
 - iii. Indicate the consequence if the MNGA determines the person has a conflict of interest, specifically, whether they are removed under Article 3.9 or 3.10 below.
- And, attach to the resolution:
- iv. A maximum one-page summary of the conflict of interest; and
 - v. Any available proof of the conflict of interest.
- A template of the resolution and attachments may be requested from the MNGA Clerk or designate.
- b. Upon receipt of such a resolution, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:
 - i. Verify the resolution meets the criteria in a(i);
 - ii. Review the summary and proof submitted, if any;
 - iii. Attempt to verify the proof submitted, if any;
 - iv. Send the resolution to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, or Co-Speakers of the MNGA for review and placement on the MNGA Agenda;
 - v. Within 48 business hours of receipt, send the resolution to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, advising that it will be on the MNGA agenda;
 - vi. 24 business hours after sending to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, send the resolution via email to all MNGA Delegates.
- 3.8 Despite Article 3.7, the MNGA may, by a 2/3 vote of members present, agree to waive the notice for a conflict of interest resolution.
- i. If notice is waived, the mover must submit the conflict of interest resolution in the same form as noted in Article 3.7a, to the MNGA Clerk, or designate, by email for display at the MNGA.
- 3.9 If the Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, determines that a member has a conflict of interest, the member must take the steps outlined in Article 3.4, parts b to d, above.
- i. Such a resolution must specify the nature of the conflict in general terms.
 - ii. If the member determined to be in conflict of interest does not take the steps outlined in Article 3.4 parts b to d, they may be removed by the Assembly by an additional 2/3 vote, while the matter is being deliberated.
- 3.10 The Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, may disqualify a person who contravenes Article 3.6, from being a member of the MNGA until proof that the conflict no longer exists is provided to the MNGA Clerk, or designate.
- 3.11 A person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.”

- D. Amend Article 35 of the *Constitution* by removing the struck-through wording, and inserting the underlined wording, as set out below:

“A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of two-thirds the majority of the Members present ~~of the MNGA where at least three quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present.~~ A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.”

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Marc Dubord) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

- In the “Be It Resolved” Section C, replace “by a 2/3 vote of the members present” with “by a majority vote of the members present” in Item 3.8.

CARRIED (MNGA2402-10)

(21 delegates voted in favour, 19 opposed and 2 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-11)

Resolution 1 as amended, now reads:

“WHEREAS:

1. In December 2023, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNBA) referred the matter of conflict of interest in Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) legislation to the MNGA Governance Committee;
2. The Articles in the *MNGA Act* relating to conflict of interest are somewhat vague and can lead to seemingly arbitrary positions taken by the MNGA, and therefore do not fully serve the interests of the MNBC as an organization, its Chartered Communities, and its Citizens; and
3. The MNGA has the ability to determine if a member has a conflict of interest, and therefore needs a clear process which ensures the rights of all MNGA members are protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *MNGA Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Strike and replace the definition of “Conflict of Interest” with the following:

“**Conflict of interest**” means that a member, an immediate family member, or a close business associate of the member:

- has a personal or professional interest in the matter at hand that is separate from their role as an MNGA member; and
- the interest is distinct from the interests of the Assembly and/or Métis Nation BC (MNBC), such that the activities could negatively affect MNBC’s ability or authority to negotiate on behalf of and represent Métis people in British Columbia; and
- stands to realize a personal or professional benefit from a favourable decision on the matter that does not provide a similar benefit to MNBC or its Chartered Communities; or

- will provide a benefit to a Métis organization other than MNBC or its Chartered Communities.

And that the interest means that a reasonable person would conclude that the interest or personal benefit to be gained could influence or affect the decision-making of a member.”

B. Insert the following new definition:

“Immediate Family Member” means the parent, step-parent, foster parent, sibling, spouse or common-law spouse, ward, parents, or other relative permanently residing with a member.”

C. Strike Article 3.4 and insert the following in its place (Articles 3.4 to 3.11):

“3.4 If a member has a conflict of interest on a matter at the MNGA they must:

- a. Disclose in general terms to the other members the nature of their involvement;
- b. Refrain from voting on the resolution or consenting to a resolution;
- c. Leave the meeting while the matter is under discussion; and
- d. Refrain from any action intended to influence the discussion or vote.

- i. If the member complies with Article 3.4, the minutes will reflect the disclosure, the general nature of the conflict disclosed, the time the member withdrew from the meeting, and the time they returned.

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3.7 If a member wishes the MNGA to determine if another member has a conflict of interest, they shall provide notice of a resolution to the MNGA Clerk or designate no later than 14 days prior to the MNGA:

- a. Such a resolution must include the following:
 - i. The name, Community name, and position (President or Vice-President) of the person believed to have a conflict of interest;
 - ii. Briefly indicate the nature of the conflict of interest; and
 - iii. Indicate the consequence if the MNGA determines the person has a conflict of interest, specifically, whether they are removed under Article 3.9 or 3.10 below.

And, attach to the resolution:

- iv. A maximum one-page summary of the conflict of interest; and
- v. Any available proof of the conflict of interest.

A template of the resolution and attachments may be requested from the MNGA Clerk or designate.

- b. Upon receipt of such a resolution, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:
 - i. Verify the resolution meets the criteria in a(i);
 - ii. Review the summary and proof submitted, if any;
 - iii. Attempt to verify the proof submitted, if any;
 - iv. Send the resolution to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, or Co-Speakers of the MNGA for review and placement on the MNGA Agenda;
 - v. Within 48 business hours of receipt, send the resolution to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, advising that it will be on the MNGA agenda;
 - vi. 24 business hours after sending to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, send the resolution via email to all MNGA Delegates.
 - 3.8 Despite Article 3.7, the MNGA may, by a majority vote of the members present, agree to waive the notice for a conflict of interest resolution.
 - i. If notice is waived, the mover must submit the conflict of interest resolution in the same form as noted in Article 3.7a, to the MNGA Clerk, or designate, by email for display at the MNGA.
 - 3.9 If the Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, determines that a member has a conflict of interest, the member must take the steps outlined in Article 3.4, parts b to d, above.
 - i. Such a resolution must specify the nature of the conflict in general terms.
 - ii. If the member determined to be in conflict of interest does not take the steps outlined in Article 3.4 parts b to d, they may be removed by the Assembly by an additional 2/3 vote, while the matter is being deliberated.
 - 3.10 The Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, may disqualify a person who contravenes Article 3.6, from being a member of the MNGA until proof that the conflict no longer exists is provided to the MNGA Clerk, or designate.
 - 3.11 A person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.”
- D. Amend Article 35 of the *Constitution* by removing the struck-through wording, and inserting the underlined wording, as set out below:

“A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of two thirds ~~the majority~~ present of the Members ~~of the MNGA where at least three quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present.~~ A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.”

AGENDA VARIED

By consent, it was agreed to vary the agenda, to adjourn the June 1-2, 2024 Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation General Assembly on June 1, 2024 by 3:30 p.m.

7.2 Resolution 2 – MNGA Act Amendments

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): “Resolution 2 – MNGA Act Amendments” submitted by the MNGA Governance Committee and dated April 25, 2024

A presentation titled, “Resolution 2: MNGA Act Amendments” was provided. Comments were offered on the objectives of the resolution and proposed solutions.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Governance Committee's purpose is to review the governance and decision-making structures within the MNGA and recommend changes to concerns that have a bearing on governance and decision-making structures;
2. In 2022, the MNGA changed its meeting frequency from one meeting per year, to three meetings per year, and the *MNGA Act* has not been updated in a fulsome way to reflect this;
3. The *MNGA Act* contains a number of typographical errors and duplications, and some sections could be reorganized in order to improve comprehension and flow.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *MNGA Act* be amended as follows:

A. Add the following definitions:

- i. **"Abstain"** or **"Abstention"** means a member has not voted, reducing the total number of votes cast on a matter. A call for abstentions during voting may be made by the Clerk or designate to confirm quorum.
- ii. **"Co-Speakers"** means the two people elected as Co-Speakers at the MNGA.
- iii. **"Governance Cycle"** means the cycle of MNGA meetings and the AGM that occurs yearly, starts with MNGAs in the Winter (December), Spring (March), and Summer (June), and concludes with the AGM in September of each year.



- iv. **"Urgent Business"** means business of a time sensitive matter that requires the attention of the MNGA in the current governance cycle.

B. Amend existing definitions indicated by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

- i. **"Legislation"** means ~~legislative documents, laws and/or acts, and includes resolutions that introduce new or amend including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed~~ legislation.
- ii. **"Métis Nation British Columbia"** (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis ~~Women~~ of British Columbia and Chairperson of the Métis Youth BC Council, BCMUYC and which represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.

- iii. **“Roll Call”** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance

C. In Article 4:

- i. Amend Article 4.1 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

“A majority (more than half) 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”

- ii. Strike Articles 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 and insert the following in their place as Article 4.2:

“4.2 Voting thresholds shall be as follows:

- For approval of Legislation, a vote of at least 75% of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of non-Legislative matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of Housekeeping matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA.”

- iii. Strike Article 4.3, and insert the following in its place:

“4.3 Voting procedures shall generally follow the processes set out in “Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting” attached as Appendix A to this Act.

- a) The MNGA may change or amend Appendix A of this Act through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.

- iv. Amend Article 4.4 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

“The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the MNBC Annual General Meeting in the current Governance Cycle. ~~first reading, also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.”~~

- v. Delete Article 4.5 in its entirety.

Note: The Articles of the MNGA Act referenced below are the sections enumerated in the MNGA Act as ratified in September 2023. The final resolution will allow for reordering and renumbering all definitions, sections, and subsections, as appropriate.

- vi. Amend Articles 4.6 and 4.7 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

4.6 Legislation or amendments to the *Constitution* that have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ~~ratification~~ adoption by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

4.7 Legislation or amendments to the *Constitution* which have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

D. Insert the following as a new Article 5:

“ARTICLE FIVE – MEETINGS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

5.0 Pursuant to Article 32 of the *Constitution*, the MNGA shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia.

5.1 Meetings shall ordinarily be scheduled for Winter, Spring, and Summer of each year, specifically the first weekends of December, March, and June. Should any of these dates fall on a designated holiday or a time change, the meeting will be held on the last weekend in November, February, or May.

5.2 One MNGA shall be held in person, and two MNGAs shall be held virtually every year. When determining the dates for the MNGA, the Assembly will also indicate which meeting is to be held in person.

5.3 Should a member wish to change part of a previously-approved resolution related to Legislation, they may suggest changes by submitting a “Resolution to Amend a Previously Adopted Resolution”, which:

- Requests the Assembly to amend the resolution;
- Specifies the title of the resolution and the date of adoption by the MNGA
- Briefly explains why the resolution should be amended; and
- Explicitly notes the proposed amendments.

i. The resolution to amend the previously adopted resolution is subject to the same notice deadline and voting threshold as the original resolution.

ii. The mover or seconder of a resolution to amend a previously-adopted resolution must have voted on the prevailing side of the original resolution.

5.4 Resolutions related to Legislation, which have received approval at an MNGA during a Governance Cycle, and which require adoption at the AGM, will be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same Governance Cycle.

5.5 Resolutions scheduled for consideration at an MNGA, which are not considered due to time constraints or other extenuating circumstances will automatically be added to the next MNGA in the same Governance Cycle.

i. If a resolution proposed at a Summer MNGA is not considered, the submitter may resubmit the resolution for consideration during any MNGA of the next Governance Cycle.

5.6 The MNGA shall adopt Standing Rules that will govern the proceedings of the Governing Assembly, which shall be appended to this Act as Appendix B.

a) The MNGA may change or amend its Standing Rules through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.

- E. Amend Article Five, its title and Sections 5.0 and 5.1 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

“ARTICLE FIVE – SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, OR CO-SPEAKERS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, or two Co-Speakers shall:

5.1 Be ~~appointed~~ elected by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;

- F. Delete Article 5.10 in its entirety, because it is not reflective of current practice.
- G. Amend Articles 6.3 and 6.5 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[The Clerk of the MNGA shall:]

6.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda and notice prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC, the minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA;

6.5 Provide the certified draft minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption by ~~to~~ the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;

- H. In Article 9 insert the word “Spring” as follows in Article 9.0:

“Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the Spring MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day:”

- I. In Article 11:

- i. Amend Article 11.1, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Legislation, legislative amendments]

a) Shall ~~only be tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA

b) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted to ~~with~~ the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.

d) ~~Be given first reading and~~ If approved by the MNGA, ~~ratified by the MNGA for presentation~~ will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with, and for the purpose as set out in, Article 4 ~~herein~~.

- ii. Amend Article 11.2, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Constitutional amendments]

- a) Shall ~~only be tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA.
- b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to with~~ the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed changes to the Constitution.
- d) ~~Be given first reading and~~ If approved by the MNGA, ~~ratified by the MNGA for presentation~~ will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with, and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 ~~herein~~.

- iii. Amend Articles 11.3 a and b, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Other Matters]

- a) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to with~~ the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;

- iv. Strike Article 11.3 c, and insert the following as a new Article 11.3 c:

“c) Notice of all other matters, including minutes, reports, and decisions which relate to the powers delegated to the MNGA by MNBC Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held.”

- v. Strike Articles 11.4 and 11.5 and insert the following in their places:

“11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors

- a) Shall be submitted to the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held;
- b) Shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

11.5 Urgent Business

- a) Legislation of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the ~~Order Paper~~ Orders of the Day by the Clerk, subject to approval by a 2/3 vote of members present at an MNGA.
- b) Resolutions relating to other matters than Legislation, of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk and may have implications for the Métis Nation if not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders

of the Day by the Clerk, if approved by a majority of members present at an MNGA.

J. Insert the following as Appendix A to the *MNGA Act*:

“Appendix A – Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting

1. Establishing Quorum

- a. At the start of each MNGA and after every recess, the MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the roll to establish quorum.
- b. To establish quorum:
 - The MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the name of each voting member in alphabetical order by last name:
 - If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
 - If not present, the MNGA Clerk or designate shall ask if an alternate representative is present. If present, alternate representative shall respond by providing their name;
 - The MNGA Clerk or designate shall advise if a quorum is present.

2. Changes to Legislation or Introduction of New Legislation

- a. Votes on Legislation:
 - i. Will require a roll call vote where the MNGA Clerk or designate will call the names of the delegates in alphabetical order, or reverse alphabetical order, and the delegate will indicate their vote as follows:
 - Yes: in favour of the resolution
 - No: opposed to the resolution
 - Abstain: no vote.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number votes in favour, the number opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.

- b. Votes on housekeeping matters to correct Legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at one MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
 - ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a roll call vote as outlined in Section 2a above will be taken.

3. Votes on Resolutions relating to Other Matters

- a. Votes on Resolutions not related to changes to or introduction of new legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at an MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
 - ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a vote by show of hands will be taken.

- iii. To conduct a vote by show of hands, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:
 - Ask for votes in favour and count the number of hands raised.
 - Ask for votes opposed, and count the number of hands raised.
 - Ask for any abstentions, and count the number of hands raised.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number of votes in favour, the number of votes opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.”

- K. Insert the following as Appendix B to the *MNGA Act*:

“Appendix B – MNGA Standing Rules

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and *MNGA Act*.
 2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
 3. On each issue or resolution, a delegate is entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
 4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three minute time slot.
 5. To speak a second time on the same resolution or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
 6. Debate must be related to the pending resolution or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending resolution, if needed.
 7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a resolution or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 8. A resolution to Amend a resolution or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main resolution, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 9. Delegates must observe decorum, avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.”
- L. All sections, articles, sub-articles, and definitions of the *MNGA Act* be reordered and renumbered as appropriate.

CARRIED (MNGA2402-12)

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

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

The MNBC MNGA scheduled June 1-2, 2024, adjourned on June 1, 2024 at approximately 3:00 p.m.

DAY TWO – June 2, 2024

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC MNGA scheduled June 1-2, 2024, reconvened on June 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

7.3 Resolution 3 – Report from the MNGA Clerk: MNGA Members Oath

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): “Resolution 3 – Report Back from MNGA Clerk: MNGA Members Oath” submitted by the MNGA Clerk and dated May 2, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. At least 75% of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified. In response to a question raised, it was confirmed that if a President and Vice President were unable to attend the MNGA, a designate could attend on their behalf.

It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Cheryl Dodman)

WHEREAS:

1. At the June 2024, MNGA, the Assembly approved the following resolution:
 - A. The following be inserted as Article 3.3.1 in the *MNGA Act*:

“Prior to representing their Community at the MNGA, the President and Vice President of each Community must make a declaration with the Clerk of the MNGA, or designate, affirming that they are not an officer or director of a provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, other than a Métis Chartered Community.”
 - B. The MNGA Clerk be directed to prepare a draft declaration outlined above, for approval at the next MNGA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Subject to adoption at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of **A**, above, the MNGA approve the following wording for the affirmation to be signed by each member of the MNGA prior to their participation as an MNGA Member, and re-signed every two years:

“MNGA Members Oath

I am the [President/Vice-President] of [Community Name].

I will execute and perform the duties required of me by the members of [Community Name] as their representative to the MNGA, in accordance with the *MNGA Act*;

I affirm that I am not a director or officer of a provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, other [Chartered Community Name] and am in compliance with the conflict of interest provisions of the *MNGA Act*, which I have reviewed.

If at any time I cease to be the President or Vice-President of [Community Name], or I become an officer or director any other provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, except for an MNBC Chartered Community, I will inform my Community and the MNGA Clerk, and resign my position as [Community Name] representative to the MNGA”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (MNGA2402-13)

7.4 Resolution 6: Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Funding

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda): “Resolution 6 – Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Funding” submitted by the Cowichan Valley Métis Nation and dated April 29, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. A majority of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Remunerating volunteers or extending appreciation in a non-financial manner
- The importance of acknowledging MNBC’s volunteers and seeking access to funding to support communities.

In response to questions raised, Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, offered comments on:

- Funding received previously, through programs administered by the federal government
- Renewed funding opportunities being pursued through Indigenous Services Canada, which could help to support communities
- Funding commitments through the fiscal framework with the provincial government.

It was MOVED (Richard Lewis) and SECONDED (Bernadette Chaboyer)

WHEREAS:

1. There is a need to show recognition and appreciation for volunteer services;
2. Most Chartered Communities rely on volunteers for their operation and existence;
3. Governance and support services is the strength and fabric that binds the Community to MNBC, and the Citizen to their Community;
4. Recognition by saying “Thank you” is not enough to acknowledge the dedicated, hardworking volunteers that give countless hours of their time supporting their Communities;
5. Funding should be available to each Community that accepts it, used solely to provide a method of recognizing volunteers who freely give their time supporting their Community on an ongoing basis.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNGA recommends the MNBC offer funding up to \$10,000 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) annually, to each MNBC Chartered Community, subject to acceptance by the Community for Volunteer and Appreciation funding. Disbursement of the funding will occur through the regular Community Board of Directors process.

- B. Communities who accept the funding described in **A**, above, are required to provide annual reporting to MNBC, ~~requirements to be set out by MNBC.~~
- C. This funding is in addition to administrative and operational capacity funding already being provided by MNBC to all Chartered Communities as per Resolution 5 approved at the March 2023 MNGA.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

That the Main Resolution be amended by revising the second “Be It Resolved” section to read:

“The MNGA recommends the MNBC offer funding up to \$10,000 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) when available annually, to each MNBC Chartered Community, in good standing (with the Registrar of Societies Act) subject to acceptance by the Community for Volunteer and Appreciation funding. Disbursement of the funding will occur through the regular Community Board of Directors process.”

Amendment to the Amendment

It was MOVED (Walter Mineault) and SECONDED (Susie Hooper)

That the amendment be amended by adding “with BC Societies” after “in good standing”

CARRIED (MNGA2402-14)
(36 delegates voted in favour)

Amendment to the Amendment

It was MOVED (Pixie Wells) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the amendment be amended by replacing “when” with “where”.

CARRIED (MNGA2402-15)
(24 delegates voted in favour)

Question on the Amendment

The question was called on the amendment to the Main Resolution and it was

CARRIED (MNGA2402-16)
(31 delegates voted in favour, 8 opposed, and 2 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

DEFEATED
(14 delegates voted in favour, 20 opposed, and 7 abstained)

AGENDA VARIED

By consent, it was agreed to vary the agenda, to conclude the June 1-2, 2024 Métis Nation British Columbia, Métis Nation General Assembly on June 2, 2024 by 2:00 p.m.

Health Break

The Assembly recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL - QUORUM CONFIRMED

The MNGA Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

7.5 Resolution 4 – Youth Age Requirements / Resolution 5 – Métis Nation Youth Definition

Related information (displayed and provided with the Agenda):

- “Resolution 4 – Youth Age Requirements” submitted by the Nicola Valley & District Métis Society; Two Rivers Métis Society and dated April 17, 2024
- “Resolution 5 – Métis Nation Youth Definition” submitted by the MYBC Chairperson and dated April 22, 2024

The MNGA Clerk read aloud Resolution 4 and Resolution 5, as they were deemed similar, to provide the opportunity for the Assembly to determine how to proceed.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- Clarifying the objectives of Resolution 4 and Resolution 5, which appeared similar
- Safety considerations required for persons under the age of 19
- Benefits of Elders providing guidance and mentorship to Youth
- Tasking the Governance Committee and MYBC Council to consider Resolutions 4 and 5, and potentially amalgamate them into a single resolution for consideration at a future MNGA.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Caitlyn Bird)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) directs that “Resolution 4 – Youth Age Requirements” and “Resolution 5 - Métis Nation Youth Definition”, be referred to the MNGA Governance Committee and MYBC Council.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

That the Main Resolution be amended as follows:

- Omit “MNGA Governance Committee and”; and
- Insert “for broader consultation with Chartered Communities and community youth representatives”.

Amendment to the Amendment

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Miranda Berard)

That the amendment be amended by striking “Chartered Communities and”.

DEFEATED

(11 delegates voted in favour, 22 opposed and 3 abstained)

Question on the Amendment to the Main Resolution

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

CARRIED (MNGA2402-17)

(28 delegates voted in favour, 7 opposed and 1 abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

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

CARRIED (MNGA2402-18)

(25 delegates voted in favour, 12 opposed and 0 abstained)

The resolution as amended, now reads:

“That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) directs that “Resolution 4 – Youth Age Requirements” and “Resolution 5 - Métis Nation Youth Definition”, be referred to the MYBC Council, for broader consultation with Chartered Communities and Community Youth Representatives.”

8. CLOSING PRAYER

A Closing Prayer was offered by Madilynn Crozier.

CONCLUSION

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2024 Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled June 1-2, 2024, now conclude.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2402-19)

(Time: June 2, 2024 at 1:10 p.m.)

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the MNBC 2023 MNGA held June 1-2, 2024 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Carmen Carriere, MNGA Speaker

Dave Peltier, MNGA Deputy Speaker

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk