

## DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), held October 20, 2024 by videoconference.

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

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

Walter Mineault, President  
Melanie Allard, Vice President  
Danielle Bergevin, Chair, Métis Youth of BC (MYBC)  
Patrick Harriott, Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer  
Allan Lavallee, Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland)  
Dean Gladue, Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)  
Debra Fisher, Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)  
Susie Hooper, Director, Region 6 (Northwest)  
Paulette Flamond, Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

### **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

#### ***Region 1 – Vancouver Island***

Tom Adams, MIKI'SIW Métis Association  
Caitlin Bird, The Métis Nation of Greater Victoria Association  
Joy Bremner, Mid Island Métis Nation  
June Graham, Alberni Clayoquot Métis Association  
Charlotte Lever, North Island Métis Association (*non-voting observer*)  
Richard Lewis, Cowichan Valley Métis Association  
Tyler Masee, North Island Métis Association

#### ***Region 2 – Lower Mainland***

Katy Carson, North Fraser Métis Association  
Anthony Krilow, Surrey Delta Métis Association  
Peter Lang Chilliwack Métis Association  
Lisa Shepherd, Golden Ears Métis Society  
Greg Stanwood, North Fraser Métis Association  
Pixie Wells, Fraser Valley Métis Society  
Anthony Wingham, Waceya Métis Society

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

David Allard, Salmon Arm Métis Association  
Cheryl Dodman, Kelowna Métis Association  
Marc Dubord, Two Rivers Métis Society  
Betty Ann McDonnell, Nicola Valley and District Métis Society  
Natasha Smith, Vermillion Forks Métis Society

**Region 4 – Kootenays**

Topher Burke, Columbia Valley Métis Association  
Madilynn Crozier, Rocky Mountain Métis Association  
Travis Jobin, Métis Nation Columbia River Society  
Myrtle Servatius, Kootenay South Métis Society

**Region 5 – North Central**

Thomas Spence, Prince George Métis Community Association  
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 Métis Society  
Vince van Wieringen, North East Métis Society

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Carrie Peacock, Recording Secretary

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Senator Kevin Murray provided an Opening Prayer and acknowledged the traditional lands on which the meeting was being held.

**QUORUM CONFIRMED**

John Bieker, MNGA Clerk, confirmed quorum was achieved with the attendance of a total of 36 official voting delegates, and a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Mineault extended appreciation to delegates for attending the Special MNGA and confirmed that “Motion #1” had been withdrawn from the agenda and may be brought back for consideration at the November 30 - December 1, 2024, Assembly.

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MNGA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special MNGA was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. Pacific Time.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL MNGA AGENDA**

*Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the October 20, 2024 Special MNGA*

It was confirmed that the agenda had been amended to exclude the health break and consideration of Motion #1.

**It was MOVED (Katy Carson) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)**

That the Agenda for the October 20, 2024, Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly, be adopted as amended.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2403-01)**

**3. BY-ELECTION DATES**

*Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Motion #2 – By-Election Dates” submitted to the MNGA Clerk and dated October 11, 2024*

The MNGA Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and presented additional information on two potential by-election dates, January 17 and 30, 2025, the election process, and nomination criteria.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The requirement to conduct by-elections within 120 days following a vacancy
- Considerations related to scheduling by-elections, including potential delays around the holidays, and the need to give candidates adequate time to prepare
- The possibility of a future bylaw amendment, to allow flexibility in scheduling by-elections, during holiday periods and/or MNBC office closures
- Clarifying by-election procedures, including:
  - By-election ballot witnesses, who are not required to be MNBC citizens
  - The requirement for eligible citizens to self-declare in order to vote in the MWBC, MYBC and 2SLGBTQQIA+ by-elections.

**It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Betty Ann McDonnell)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation General Assembly consider January 5, 2025, as a third option for the by-election date in “Motion #2 – By-Election Dates”, updating the options to January 5, 17, and 30, 2025.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2403-02)**

Through electronic polling, January 5, 2025, was selected as the by-election date to be included in “Motion #2 – By-Election Dates”.

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

**WHEREAS:**

1. *OneFeather* was appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer for a four-year term in March 2024;
2. The *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* was approved at the September 2024, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting (AGM), creating the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial

Governance Council, consisting of a Provincial Chairperson and seven Regional Representatives;

3. Following the 2024 MNBC election, several vacancies remain on the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) Councils;
4. Article 12.1 of the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Act* empowers the MNGA to set the date of the next MNBC election, and Article 4 of the *Electoral Act* allows for Election dates to be set by the MNGA in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*;
5. Article 8.1 of the *Electoral Act* requires the Chief Electoral Officer to give 60 days' notice of the elections.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The election for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, along with current Regional Representative vacancies on MWBC and MYBC, and any other vacancies that may occur, be held on January 5, 2025.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2403-03)**

**CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER**

It was confirmed that the recording of the meeting would be accessible online later in the day. Delegates were reminded of the deadlines for submitting proposed resolutions for consideration at the November 30 - December 1, 2024, MNGA. Senator Kevin Murray provided a Closing Prayer.

**MOTION TO CONCLUDE**

**It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)**

That the October 20, 2024, Métis Nation British Columbia Special Métis Nation Governing Assembly, now conclude.

**ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (MNGA2403-04)**

Time: 10:10 a.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC Special MNGA held October 20, 2024 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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David Peltier, Chair

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John Bieker, MNGA Clerk