



RESOLUTION 4

SUBMITTED TO THE DECEMBER 2024 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING
ASSEMBLY

Subject: AGM Voting Expansion and Inclusivity
Legislation Affected: *MPCBC Bylaws, Constitution*
Submitted by: Two Rivers Métis Society
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: October 20, 2024
Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. The 2024 General Election of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) saw 12.1% voter turnout, with 2,661 ballots cast from a voting population of 22,000, with the assistance of mail-in and electronic ballot voting.
2. At the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), between 99 to 170 votes were collected per resolution, from both in-person and virtual participants in attendance, or approximately 0.4 to 0.8% of the Citizens eligible to vote at the AGM participating.
3. MNBC sponsors two (2) citizens per Chartered Community, seven (7) senators, and eleven (11) board members (12, following the election of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Chairperson), and the seven (7) Regional Representatives from MWBC, MYBC, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ (following their election), to attend the AGM, for a minimum of one hundred-and-eighteen (118) sponsored attendees (2x39+7+12+21), not including MNBC staff who may be citizens.
4. The established process under which business is conducted and resolutions are voted on at Annual General Meetings does not provide flexibility for Citizens to participate.
5. It is pivotal to ensure that the AGM is accessible for all citizens by reducing attendance barriers to support flexible participation in MNBC's democracy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The *Constitution* be amended as follows:

- A. A new Article 71 to be inserted under the Section of "Annual General Meeting" which states:

“71. Resolutions considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be debated during the meeting, and the vote postponed to voted on by electronic means, between 6 PM to 11:59 PM on the final day of the Annual General Meeting, following adjournment.”

B. The Article numbers impacted be renumbered accordingly.

FURTHER THAT the *MPCBC Bylaws* be amended as follows:

C. Insert a new Article 3.11 as follows:

3.11 Pursuant to Article 84 of the *Societies Act*, changes to legislation shall be conducted by an electronic ballot or voting system, between 6:00 PM (Pacific Time) and 11:59 PM (Pacific Time), following the adjournment of the AGM or SGM.

And renumber the Bylaws accordingly.