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## MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





## **ARTICLE ONE**

1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

## **ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT**

2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

## **ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP**

3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for a Veteran, being a current member or, a former member of, the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserve Forces), that was released with an honourable discharge and, who successfully underwent basic training is considered to be a Métis Veteran. A Métis Veteran shall also include those still serving or retired RCMP members. The “Veterans” shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).

3.2 The spouses and children of MNBC Veterans shall, upon acceptance and approval of an application submitted to the MVBC, shall become an associate member of the MVBC (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be).

3.3 A Veteran member of a chartered community whose citizenship to MNBC is pending can apply to MVBC as an associate member.

3.4 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.

## **ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS COMMITTEE**

4.1 Métis Veterans Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), and a Woman Veteran Representative being a MVBC member. The MVBC Committee shall elect from among the MVBC Membership a Chairperson and Women’s Representative. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.

4.2 A Secretary, and Treasurer will be appointed by the MVBC committee from the MVBC Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson and the Women’s Representative, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”

4.3 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:



- a.) the creation and maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
- b.) the creation and maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
- c.) prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting;
- d.) co-ordinate and organize the policies and procedures of the *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
- e.) appoint a sergeant at arms to co-ordinate and organize flag processions as may be requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
- f.) conduct promotions and other activities for the purpose of enhancing the status of Métis Veterans;
- g.) provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia.

4.4 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

4.5 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called, or in the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting or by any three MVBC Committee members, on no less than fourteen days' notice to all of the MVBC Committee members.

4.6 A Veteran shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia Veteran.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE – MVBC MINISTER**

5.1 The Minister shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and be accountable to the MVBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors.

5.2 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the Métis Veterans in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the Minister at the direction of the MVBC Committee.