
MONTHLY REPORT

Region: 3

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SUMMARY

This is officially my first report, as the newly elected Metis Nation BC Region 3 Director, an elected position I take very seriously and to heart. Since our official swearing-in ceremony in Harrison BC, we all have been very busy repairing and rebuilding our beloved Metis Nation from the previous leadership.

I would like to first congratulate all the newly elected Metis Nation BC Board of Directors and wish you all the best of luck, as we serve our Metis Nation BC Citizens together for the next four years and beyond. As an elected board we will have many important discussions that will most certainly impact our citizens throughout BC while respecting the concept of democracy through board resolutions and proper taking of minutes.

MNBC Region Director 3 report in chronological order:

September 21st: Officially voted in as the new MNBC Region 3 Director and received a strong mandate from MNBC Region 3 Metis Citizens and the two other candidates received a much lower vote count. I'm very honored to accept this strong mandate as noted from our Metis Citizens in Region 3.

October 14th: After 3 weeks of being elected as the MNBC Region 3 Director, the newly elected MNBC Board was sworn in at Harrison BC.

October 15th and 16th: The next two days were filled with gaining a better understanding of specific Ministries and making many enquiries about our roles and responsibilities as it pertains to MNBC Board roles etc. We also had our first Board of Directors meeting while at this location. This newly elected board are very committed to change and have a real respect for democracy and the process Roberts Rules of Order. This will be reflected in all our board minutes as this is the foundation of good governance and leadership.

October 18th: Completed and submitted an updated resume as per the request of MNBC President Morin-Dal Col.

October 23rd: MNBC Cabinet meeting to discuss roles of each Minister for the next four years.

October 28th: Participated in video conference call with CEO Fontaine, Chief Public Affairs Officer Chris Gall and Minister of Children & Families, Debra Fisher.

October 28th: MNBC Board of Director video conference to discuss Covid 19 related concerns and action taken for our Metis Nation BC.

October 29th: Teleconference with Interior Health to discuss the art work, that is to be commissioned at the front entrance of the new Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops BC. Present on the teleconference, were Metis Elder, (Sandi Henri), local First Nation leaders and senior staff of Interior Health.

November 3rd: MNBC Board meeting in Richmond BC.

November 8th: As the new MNBC Veterans Affairs Minister, I travelled to Vancouver BC and participated in the Annual Indigenous Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Victory Square Memorial Park. Gave tribute to all Metis Veterans.

November 9th: Video conference meeting with MNBC CEO Daniel Fontane and Senior Director of Sports, (Bailey Mumford). This was my first official meeting as the new MNBC Minister of Sports. It was a great initial meeting and the goal is to expand this portfolio within the next 4 years. One goal to mention, is to develop a strong relationship with the Terry Fox Foundation.

November 9th: Video conference meeting with MNBC CEO Daniel Fontaine and Senior Director of Employment & Skills Training, Jason Chan. This was my first official meeting as the new MNBC Employment & Skills Training Minister. This portfolio is a critical one, as it is vital that we as a Metis Nation develop our citizens by assisting them to be adequately prepared for the work force and also attain the proper training to go into the workplace.

November 9th: Video conference meeting with MNBC CEO Daniel Fontaine and Senior Director of Veterans Affairs, Chris Gall. This was my first official meeting as the new MNBC Minister of Veterans Affairs. As a Veteran myself, I take the role as Minister of Veterans Affairs very seriously and with extreme pride to once again serve my Metis Nation and the lives of our Metis Veterans in BC. Very honored to have this portfolio for the next 4 years

November 11th: Honored all Veterans as the MNBC Minister of Veterans Affairs.

November 19th: Video conference meeting with MNBC Veterans Committee Chair (Dave Armitt). We had a great first discussion and I was brought up to speed, as what has been happening with our MNBC Veterans Committee. One goal we came up with is to solidify funds from MNC or other sources that would assist our MNBC Veterans with various administration and travel costs?

November 23rd: Participated in a Metis Nation BC Board of Directors meeting via video conference.

November 24th: Video conference on racism in the health system, with Marie Ellen Turpel-Lafond.

December 1st: MNBC Board of Directors participated in a video conference with the Vice President of Metis National Council, David Chartrand. We discussed the serious issue of Metis national unity, in regards to the suspension of Metis Nation of Ontario and our Metis homeland concerns. This discussion was very informative and it is imperative that all sides of the this debate come to the table and allow democracy to dictate the direction of our Metis Nation and Metis National Council (MNC).

December 3rd: Video conference with the MNBC Board of Directors and Senior Staff, to discuss the terms of reference in regards to the various MNBC committees.

December 3rd: Video conference with Metis National Council, Minister of Veterans Affairs (David Chartrand) and his staff to discuss the portfolio our Metis Veterans both Nationally and Provincially. This was great first discussion with MMF President Chartrand.

December 4th: Video conference with the MNBC Board of Directors and Senior Staff.

December 4th: Video conference with the Interior Health leadership table and MNBC Minister of Health, Region 7 Director (Paulette Flammond).

As one can see, being elected to our MNBC Board of Directors by our Metis Citizens, presents many different challenges and commitments. It is vital as the MNBC Board of Directors we all respect our democratic process and stay on the proper path of Nation-building. This board does not and will never be operated by one or two directors including our MNBC Executive. All matters that pertain to our Metis Nation BC, must be discussed at the highest level and given proper direction by consensus through our 11 voting members of the MNBC Board of Directors.

I truly look forward to working with our MNBC Staff, Senior Staff and each of our MNBC Board of Directors for the next 4 years. It is also a great pleasure to serve my Metis Nation in BC.

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“We much cherish our inheritance. We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The story should be written down to pass on.”
Louis Riel