



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	January 11, 2021	Time:	2:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Derek Robitaille	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

Participating Board: Vice President Lissa Smith, Paulette Flamond, Debra Fisher, Dean Gladue, Shaughn Davoren, Patrick Harriott, Louis De Jaeger, Susie Hooper, Raynie Gervais

Regrets: Dr. Kate Elliott

Absent: President Clara Morin Dal Col

Staff: Daniel Fontaine – CEO/Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Chief Public Affairs Officer, Derek Robitaille – Executive Assistant to the President/Cabinet Secretariat, Lydia Stefan – Executive Assistant to the CEO

1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Vice President Smith chaired the meeting due to the absence of President Morin Dal Col.

After the opening prayer conducted by Director Flamond, it was **MOVED** by (Director Harriott) and **SECONDED** by (Director De Jaeger) THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. MNC Duties

It was **MOVED** by (Director De Jaeger) and **SECONDED** by (Director Gladue) to appoint the MNBC Vice-President as the Designated Representative of the Métis Nation British Columbia in relation to all dealings with, and offices of, the Métis National Council.

“WHEREAS

- A. The Board of Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) passed a motion on March 4, 2020, stating that: all future issues with respect to the Métis Nation Homeland, Citizenship, or conduct of Métis Nation Governing Members – which are of fundamental importance to the future of the Métis Nation as a Nation and are, therefore, of too great of importance for individual MNBC Board Members to act unilaterally – be discussed and deliberated by all MNBC Board Members prior to decision-making at either the Métis Nation General Assembly or Board of Governors;
- B. The MNBC Board of Directors passed a motion on March 4, 2020, stating that: the MNBC, through its elected representatives, including the MNBC Board of Directors, is entitled to participate in the democratic decision-making of the Métis Nation through the Métis Nation General Assembly and Board of Governors;
- C. The MNBC Board of Directors passed a motion on March 4, 2020, stating that: it is the fiduciary responsibility of all MNBC Board Members to act in the best interest of the Citizens of the MNBC, as well as the Métis Nation as a whole, through their decision-making powers at the Métis Nation General Assembly and Board of Governors;
- D. By motion on December 14, 2020, the MNBC Board of Directors directed the MNBC President or the MNBC Vice-President to act as guided by the majority of the MNBC Board of Directors, and be accountable to the MNBC Board of Directors with respect to all positions presented, votes, and actions with respect to the MNBC’s activities as a Governing Member of the Métis National Council;
- E. By the same motion dated December 14, 2020, the MNBC Board of Directors directed the MNBC President or the MNBC Vice-President to take certain actions, within certain prescribed time periods, to seek for the voiding of the suspension of the



Métis Nation Ontario from the Métis National Council and, despite the efforts of the MNBC Vice-President, the MNBC Board of Directors is of the opinion that the MNBC President has failed to take sufficient action, within the prescribed timelines, to fulfil the will of the MNBC Board of Directors with respect to the reinstatement of the Métis Nation Ontario;

- F. The Board of Governors of the Métis National Council consists of the Presidents or designated representatives of each member of the respective Provincial Metis Nations; and
- G. The MNBC Board of Directors wishes to appoint the MNBC Vice-President as its designated representative to the Board of Governors of the Métis National Council and sole representative at the Métis National Council General Assembly, instead of the MNBC President.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the MNBC Vice-President is hereby appointed as the designated representative of the MNBC to the Board of Governors of the Métis National Council;

Further Resolved THAT in accordance with the directions of the MNBC Board of Directors from time to time, the MNBC Vice-President shall have the sole authority to act on behalf of MNBC with respect to any and all affairs between the MNBC and the Métis National Council (including, but not limited to, participation in any and all of the Métis National Council's portfolios, Ministries, interests, meetings, telephone calls, teleconferences, or videoconferences, or in any dialogue, contact or correspondence with representatives of the Métis National Council or its employees, representatives or contractors);

Further Resolved THAT the MNBC President is hereby directed to cease to act as a representative of the MNBC to the Board of Governors of the Métis National Council and the authority of the MNBC President to engage in any of the activities referred to in paragraph 2 of these resolutions on behalf of the MNBC is hereby revoked;

Further Resolved THAT the MNBC Vice-President is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the MNBC, to execute and deliver all such other documents, instruments and agreements, and to do all such acts or things, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions;

Further Resolved THAT these resolutions shall be effective immediately upon being passed by the MNBC Board of Directors.”

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

- Director Gladue – yes
- Director Fisher – yes
- Director Harriott – yes
- Director Flamond – yes
- Director Gervais – yes
- Director Hooper – no
- Director De Jaeger – yes
- Director Davoren – yes

CARRIED by a vote of seven in favor and one against.

While it was stated that the MNBC Board of Directors have not been kept apprised of national issues and there was no strategic discussion regarding the MNC and MNO as planned at an earlier date, one board member expressed concern of stripping President Dal Col's national portfolios as these portfolios were assigned by the MNC. Another board member expressed full support of the motion, indicating it would help protect Indigenous women.

After roll call vote, it was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott) THAT following the meeting, the recording be forwarded to Director De Jaeger.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

- Director Gladue – yes
- Director Fisher – yes



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Director Harriott – yes

Director Flamond – yes

Director Gervais – yes

Director Hooper – yes

Director De Jaeger – yes

Director Davoren – yes

CARRIED by a vote of eight in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:39pm

Director Gervais conducted the closing prayer and it was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott) to adjourn the meeting.



Approval Sheet

Minutes prepared by: _____ Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____ Acting President

Approved by: _____ Secretary

Date: **February 1, 2021**