

MÉTIS RIGHTS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE (MRSGC)**MEMBERSHIP:**

President – ex officio
Vice-President
Two Board of Director members
BCMANR Chair
External Legal Counsel (non-voting)

TERM: Coinciding with Board of Director terms**CHAIRPERSON:** The Board of Directors will appoint a Chair**APPOINTMENT:** The Board of Directors will appoint its Board of Director members to the committee**DEPARTMENT LEAD:** Chief Public Affairs Officer**SECRETARIAT:** Law Clerk**MEETINGS:** Minimum one meeting annually, called by the Chair or by consensus of the Committee**QUORUM:** Three**VOTING:** Simple majority**PURPOSE:**

The MRSGC Committee's general duties are to review the ongoing discussions with the BC Government and the Government of Canada regarding the recognition of Section 35 Rights for Métis in BC, and any subsequent discussions on MNBC self-governance. The committee's goals and objectives are to:

1. Review documents and materials related to the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination (RIRSD) discussion tables;
2. Set short term and long term objectives for negotiations at RIRSD table;
3. Advocate both provincial and federal governments for policy accommodations in regards to harvesting and land use for MNBC Citizens;
4. Liaise with the British Columbia Métis Association of Natural Resources regarding ongoing issues and concerns of Métis Harvesters in BC;
5. Review various policies, positions, and agreements relating to Métis S. 35 Rights, including government policies, regulations, legislation, and other relevant documents;
6. Develop policies, positions and partnerships relating to Métis S. 35 Rights, including reports and other documents that are directed to them by the MNBC Board of Directors;
7. Assist in developing in person and online workshops for MNBC Citizens relating to Métis S. 35 Rights;
8. Work with the MNBC Chief Public Affairs Officer in developing timely advice regarding Métis S. 35 Rights, that is representative and reflective of the MNBC Board of Directors and MNBC Citizens;
9. Review and make recommendations regarding the Oath of Citizenship;
10. Identify and develop strategies for increased Citizenship engagement on Métis S. 35 Rights issues.

REPORTING MECHANISM:

The committee will keep high-level notes of all meetings which will be forwarded to the MNBC Board of Directors for review. The committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

EXPENSES:

Meeting expenses must be submitted to CEO/Deputy Minister for pre-approval. Individual committee member expenses are reimbursable by MNBC according to approved policy.

TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW:

The Terms of Reference will be revised as appropriate and presented to the Board of Directors for their review and approval when necessary.