



Monthly Report

Paulette Flamond, Region 7 Director

December 2020

December 2, 2020:

Board of Directors meeting with the Metis Financial Corporation B.C. This was my first full meeting with this board (I had been on a few short calls). I really enjoyed the professionalism and the skills that the Board Chair Paul Richard has. It was also an honour to review the business case that the CEO put forward in a very concise manner. The whole board was able to approve a business loan and it was rewarding for me to be involved.

December 4, 2020:

- Participated in Cabinet Meeting via Zoom.
- Listened to a presentation from David Chartrand on MNS, MNO, MNA.
- Attended the Metis Nation B.C.- Interior Health Leadership Table meeting by Zoom

Topics included:

- COVID-19 Updates-Overview of key deliverables in Rural, Remote, and Aboriginal Framework.
- Opioid Response- Current Status of Overdose Epidemic.
- Addressing Racism in the B.C. Health Care System- Update on Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond investigation.
- Review of key activities in the IH Region.
- IH Aboriginal Culture Safety and Humility Policy.
- Presentation on the Forest to Fork Traditional Foods Project- a very important program to provide traditional food to Elders in partnership with the Tsilgot'in Government. I believe this is a great way to allow our Elders access to foods that are part of our traditions (wild meat, berries, and salmon).



December 7, 2020:

Meeting with Senior Health Director Tanya Davoren to review updated COVID-19 benefits for Elders and membership.

December 9, 2020:

- CPWEP and Opportunities in the Northeast.
- Zoom call with Jason Chan, Daniel Fontaine, and Dean Gladue.
 - This Zoom call came about because of my concern for access to training in the Northeast and the small amount of dollars that are being spent in the Northeast. Also, discussion was around how to improve services. I have also requested that as Regional Director I should be able to have reports, but unfortunately, MNBC does not have the proper software in place to issue targeted reports around the Province, so for the time being I am unable to get a full synopsis of what Metis citizens are benefiting in the Northeast Region.

December 11, 2020:

COVID-19 update with MNC, MMF, LMFO and MNBC. These are bi-weekly meetings organized by First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

December 14, 2020:

Cabinet Meeting

December 15, 2020:

Cabinet Meeting

December 16, 2020:

Kelly Lake update with MIRR and MNBC on the provincial governments on work that has been done in Kelly Lake over the past two years. For the province Stewart Gale, Rob Parenteau, Susan Kelly, and Jennifer Mellius. MNBC- Paulette Flamond Region 7 Director, CEO Daniel Fontaine, and Christopher Gall.



Specific Highlights for December 2020:

I was able to connect with the three chartered communities: Fort St. John Metis Society, Moccasin Flats Metis Society, and North East Metis Association, as well as several phone calls with Curtis Belcourt from the Metis Community Society of Kelly Lake (who are working on becoming an MNBC Chartered Community).

I also had the opportunity to meet twice with Mr. Belcourt in Dawson Creek to hear about the many concerns of the Metis in Kelly Lake. Issues such as: substandard housing, access to clean drinking water, emergency preparedness, poverty, and a division of their people in the community. Mr. Belcourt tirelessly advocates for his people and since I have been elected in the MNBC, I have been able to advocate for money from MNBC to get firewood to our Metis people. Most of these residents are elderly and are unable to get their own wood which the homes are heated by. With this assistance Mr. Belcourt, was able to get wood for the residents. At our last meeting in Dawson Creek, on December 17, I heard of the need for food for our Metis people in this community. I asked our President Clara Dal Cal Moin if MNBC could help but it could not. So, I came up with a solution: I went on to the MNBC Presidents, VPs and invited guest Facebook page and raised \$4490 in 24 hours from our generous Metis people in B.C., Alberta, and Manitoba. Delivering these gift cards in time for Christmas was the proudest moments of my month. I really believe that we as a Nation leave no one behind. Our people should not be on the streets cold, lonely, and hungry. We have a duty to help the less fortunate and I have always believed in a grassroots Metis movement. I grew up in Saskatchewan on squatted crown land and I know firsthand what it is like to be cold and hungry. The COVID-19 relief programs, which MNBC made available, are not accessible to people that do not have computer access or the means to call in a request. With this success under my belt, I assisted Region 4 Director Debra Fisher in raising \$1300 for a Metis elder in her community that needed help with food and medical help.

My leadership style is that as a "Servant Leader".

Long live the Metis!

Paulette Flamond



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Photo Above:

Left to Right: Region 7 Director Paulette Flamond, President Metis Community Society of Kelly Lake Curtis Belcourt, and President Fort St. John Metis Society Jacqueline Alderking. Meeting in Dawson on December 17 to hand over gift cards to Mr. Belcourt.

Photos to Right:

Gathering firewood for the Elders in Kelly Lake.

