



RESOLUTION #9

SUBMITTED TO THE 2020 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Subject: Chartered Community Funding, MNGA, and By-Elections
Legislation Affected: MNBC *Constitution*
Submitted by: Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: January 26, 2020

WHEREAS:

- A. Our Nation needs to prioritise funding our governance structures and mechanisms;
- B. Provisions included into our Constitution when we were a young, small, and vastly less resourced Métis Government, are in need of updating and strengthening to better serve Métis Citizens;
- C. Positive language of 'getting to yes' versus 'default of no' helps ensure the rules we have enacted to govern ourselves receive robust and prioritized resourcing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC Constitution be amended to read:

- A. **FROM:** "13. The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that all requests for resources are unlikely to be met."

TO: "13. *The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that **not** all requests for resources are **likely** to be met.*"

- B. **FROM:** "32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA."

TO: "32.1 *The Métis Nation Governing Assembly **shall meet** at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council **within 90 days if the requesting body or bodies deem it urgent**, or at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances,*

including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.”

- C. **FROM:** “46. Subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the MNBC or of any elected position at the regional level. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the MNBC Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that position.”

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