

ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)**MEMBERSHIP:**

President – ex officio
Minister of the Environment
Up to four Board of Director members
Up to five citizen representatives

TERM: Citizens serve for a one year term – subject to renewal up to an additional two years

CHAIRPERSON: Minister of the Environment

APPOINTMENT: Committee members are recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Effort will be made to make further appointments to represent each of the 7 MNBC Regions and one citizen will be a BCMANR Captain.

DEPARTMENT LEAD: Senior Director Environmental Protection & Métis Rights

SECRETARIAT: Environmental Program
Coordinator

MEETINGS: To be determined by the Chair of the Committee in consultation with the Senior Director Environmental Protection & Métis Rights

QUORUM: Six, including three Board of Director members

VOTING: None, advisory in nature

PURPOSE:

To promote the conservation and protection of the land, environment, and natural resources in British Columbia through responsible stewardship guided by Métis values and traditional knowledge. The EAC will assist in the development of policies, and pursue relationships with partners, relating to issues concerning environmental protection, conservation, and stewardship on behalf of the Métis Nation Board of Directors and its Members. The Committee will provide advice regarding:

- The preservation and enhancement of land, forests, and waters in British Columbia.
- The environmental impacts of potential or actual outcome of land development.
- Various policies, positions, and frameworks relating to environmental protection, including government policies, regulations and legislation, and other relevant documents on behalf of the Métis Nation Board of Directors and its members.
- Métis traditional knowledge policies and the use of MTK.

REPORTING MECHANISM:

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

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.