



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	February 25, 2021	Time:	9:00am
Minutes Prepared By:	Derek Robitaille	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference
Attendees			
Participating Board: Acting President Lissa Smith, Directors Dr. Kate Elliott, Patrick Harriott, Louis De Jaeger, Dean Gladue, Debra Fisher, Raynie Gervais, Susie Hooper, Paulette Flamond			
Regrets: Shaughn Davoren (joined at 10:00am)			
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, Leona Shaw – Senior Director of Environmental Protection & Métis Rights, Geneviève Gratton – COVID-19 Response Manager			
Guests: Betty Kao-Lin, Adam Calvert, Jenelle McMillan, Maria Reed, Penny Trites, Kyla Darby			
1. Welcome			
At 9:00am, Acting President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Director Gervais. After opening prayer, the Board of Directors acknowledged the traditional territories they were calling in from.			
1.1. Meeting Agenda			
It was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Fisher) THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED			
1.2. Meeting Minutes			
It was MOVED by (Director Gladue) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED			
1.3. Action Items			
Acting President Smith provided a general update on the action items and requested follow up if needed.			
1.4. President's Report			
Acting President Smith thanked the MNBC staff and leadership for all the work put in to make the AGM successful.			



1.5. CEO's Report

PRESENTATION

CEO Report

CEO Daniel Fontaine updated the Board of Directors on what is currently happening at the MNBC office, including annual performance reviews, new staff, Strategic Plan Development, Business Architect Review, finance, Human Resources, Central Registry, Administration and Public Affairs.

Recessed at 10:05am and reconvened at 10:15am

1.6. Senior Director Reports

Due to time, Item 1.6 was revisited after the lunch break at 12:30pm

The January 2021 Senior Director Reports were received for informational purposes.

1.7. Regional Director Reports

Due to time, Item 1.7 was revisited after the lunch break at 12:30pm

The Regional Director reports were received for informational purposes and moving forward, the Regional Director reports will be posted online.

Regional Director Reports

- Director De Jaeger, Region 2
- Director Gladue, Region 3
- Director Hooper, Region 6
- Director Flamond, Region 7

1.8. Director of Finance Report

Due to time, Item 1.8 was revisited after the lunch break at 12:30pm

The January 2021 financial statement will be circulated to the Board of Directors at the beginning of March 2021.

1.9. Record of Decisions

Due to time, Item 1.9 was revisited after the lunch break at 12:30pm

The Record of Decisions document was received for informational purposes.



2. Métis Family Services Expansion

PRESENTATION

Métis Family Services Expansion: 10:15am – 11:05am

Betty Kao-Lin and team at Métis Family Services discussed their interest and plan in expanding their Geographic Service Area to include the Fraser Valley, that includes Agassij, Abbotsford, Langley, Chilliwack, Boston Bar and Hope, with the goal to provide Métis services to their Métis children in care in the Fraser Valley through best practices that recognizes the unique needs of Métis children and families in regards to their connection to their heritage and culture.

PRESENTATION

Métis Family Services Expansion: 11:05am – 12:00pm

Penny Trites and Kyla Darby at Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children & Family Services Society presented their pros and cons of expanding into their Geographical Service Area. The recommended next steps discussed were to continue to develop and implement an internal Métis service delivery model with specific caseloads and family strengthening, gather input from Elders and consultation with the local Métis associations, continue the ongoing dialogue with MNBC, the Métis Commission and ELT, and continue to build alliance with the indigenous community in the Geographical Service Area to continue advocacy for increase in indigenous funding and services.

Director Davoren left at 11:47am.

Given the importance and complexities of Métis children in care, the Board of Directors agreed that a plan must be well thought out in order to work together for the best of the Métis children. Once a recommendation is presented by the ministers of Métis Family Services, a meeting will be arranged to discuss moving forward.

Recessed at 12:00pm and reconvened at 12:30pm

3. COVID-19 Wave 3 Funding Update

PRESENTATION

MNBC COVID-19 Wave 3 Funding Recommendations

Senior Director of Environmental Protection & Métis Rights, Leona Shaw discussed the COVID-19 Wave 3 funding recommendations which included the Indigenous Community Support Fund, covering Housing, Elders, Food Security, Emergency Response, Youth, Women & Gender Equity, Veterans, Culture, Heritage & Language, Chartered Communities, Mental Health, Communications, Staffing/Capacity, and Administration. The top three priorities were identified through 'Citizen Connect' and a budget breakdown was also provided.

It was **MOVED** by (Director Fisher) and **SECONDED** by (Director De Jaeger) THAT the draft COVID-19 Wave 3 Funding Recommendations be approved as presented with noted amendments.

CARRIED

- 'Minister' will be replaced with 'Director'
- Plants to be included in the Harvesting Relief Fund

The CEO advised new terms and conditions will be added to the COVID-19 Wave 3 application to ensure all citizens have access to the program.



4. Citizen Survey

By way of consensus, the Board of Directors agreed that to prevent delayed response to citizens, a single, common board contact email will be established and implemented in a letter of acknowledgement for the citizens to refer to. Furthermore, the MNBC Staff will be directed to conduct quarterly Townhall meetings that will encourage community engagement with Regional Directors. A survey regarding the AGM will also be distributed for citizen feedback.

5. MNBC Online Store

Senior Manager of Communications, Nick Hosseinzadeh joined to provide an update on the progress of the new MNBC online store that will soon be launched and also went in depth about the layout and resources.

6. OnBoard Software

The Cabinet Secretariat, Derek Robitaille followed up with the Board of Directors about the recent training session conducted by Emily Reynolds of OnBoard. Regular meeting agendas are now to be set up using the OnBoard software in order for the Board of Directors to slowly become familiarized prior to switching over from the Microsoft Outlook calendar to access the regular board meetings as well as additional resources.

7. Self-Government Declaration

Since the Self-Government Declaration passed at the February 2021 AGM, a memo is to be drafted for the Board of Directors for discussion at the next regular meeting on March 25, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:38pm

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

Action Items

1	Have Governance Committee meet as soon as possible and elect a chair.	Person Responsible:
2	Develop process around Minutes/Policies of what goes IN CAMERA.	Person Responsible: Chris Gall
3	Develop Recruitment Strategy for the Northeast region by no later than March 15, 2021.	Person Responsible: Daniel Fontaine



4	Prepare a document regarding the establishment of a housing society.	Person Responsible: Bailey Mumford
5	Follow up on development of LGBTQ+ Committee from previous MNGA.	Person Responsible: Chris Gall
6	Come up with motion for Senate Travel.	Person Responsible: Board of Directors
7	Provide citizens with a 15-20 minute presentation on the Societies Act.	Person Responsible: Daniel Fontaine
8	Draft a Self-Government Declaration.	Person Responsible: Chris Gall
9	Create an MNBC Cabinet email.	Person Responsible:

Parked Items

1	Board Salaries
2	Live-Streaming
3	Senate Travel



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Approval Sheet

Approved by: _____ Acting President

Approved by: _____ Secretary

Date: **March 25, 2021**