



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	March 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 11:40am)

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, Anna Maione – Senior Director of Finance, Bailey Mumford – Senior Director of Housing and Homelessness / Sport, Jason Chan – Senior Director of Employment & Skills Training / Post-Secondary Education, Maryann Morrison – Registrar and Senior Director of Citizenship and Community Services

Guests: Jennifer Melles, Carl Mashon, Susan Kelly, Rob Parenteau, Colleen Lucier, Lindsay Monk, Jen Casorso

1. Welcome

At 9:01am, Acting President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Director Gladue.

1.1. Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the meeting agenda be approved as amended with the following items added:

Item 9 – MNBC Board Policy Manual

CARRIED

1.2. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Board of Directors:

Acting President Lissa Smith acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which she was calling from.
 Director Elliott acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lekwammen of which she was calling from.
 Director Harriott acknowledged the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.
 Director De Jaeger acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which he was calling from.
 Director Gladue acknowledged the traditional territory of the Secwepemc Nation of which he was calling from.
 Director Fisher acknowledged the traditional shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc Nations of which she was calling from.
 Director Gervais acknowledged the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh of which he was calling from.
 Director Hooper acknowledged the Tri-River Métis Community and traditional territory of the Gidim't'en of which she was calling from.
 Director Flamond acknowledged the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which she was calling from.

Staff:

CEO, Daniel Fontaine acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which he was calling from.
 Chief Public Affairs Officer, Chris Gall acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which he was calling from.
 Cabinet Secretariat, Derek Robitaille acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which he was calling from.



1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Director Elliott) and SECONDED by (Director De Jaeger) THAT the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

1.4. Action Items

Acting President Smith provided a general update on the action items and requested follow up if needed.

1.5. CEO's Report

PRESENTATION

March 2021

CEO Daniel Fontaine provided a March 2021 update for the Board of Directors on what is currently happening at MNBC Headquarters, including annual performance reviews, key meetings and events, Finance, Human Resources, Central Registry, Administration, Public Affairs, and the 2021 budget.

The Senior Director Reports were also received for informational purposes.

Recessed at 10:09am and reconvened at 10:21am

1.6. Regional Director Reports

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 Fisher, Region 4
- Director Gervais, Region 5
- Director Hooper, Region 6
- Director Flamond, Region 7
- Director Elliott, Métis Women BC Chair

1.7. Director of Finance Report

It was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the February 2021 financial statement be received for informational purposes.

CARRIED

1.8. Record of Decisions

The Record of Decisions document was received for informational purposes.



2. 2021/2022 Operating Budget

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the 2021/2022 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

Amendment

AMENDMENT MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the Senate Clerk position remains at .50 FTE.

CARRIED

(Director Hooper opposed)

Following vote on the amendment, it was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the 2021/2022 Operating Budget be approved as amended with the Senate Clerk position to remain at .50 FTE.

CARRIED

MNC Board Resolution:

It was MOVED by (Director Flamond) and SECONDED by (Director De Jaeger)

WHEREAS

- A. Suspended President Clara Morin Dal-Col announced on her website on March 2, 2021 that she was involved in developing a 2.8 billion dollar Métis Nation federal budget ask;
- B. The Métis National Council (MNC) confirmed to the MNBC CEO this week that a budget submission was made on behalf of MNBC;
- C. This budget submission was made without input from the MNBC CEO and Senior Directors;
- D. The MNBC CEO has not been provided a copy of this budget submission by the MNC, notwithstanding several requests;
- E. MNC advised the CEO that the MNBC President, currently under suspension, and her advisor provided input and approved the budget submission on behalf of MNBC;
- F. The MNBC Board of Directors, as a collective, is the only authority that can approve such a budget submission to the MNC; and
- G. The CEO and MNBC Board of Directors require access to relevant information for effective governance, proper oversight, and sound decision making.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. A letter from the MNBC CEO be sent to President Morin Dal Col requesting:
 - a. A detailed and unredacted copy of the budget submission that was provided to Canada on behalf of MNBC;
 - b. A copy of any documentation related to the budget submission; and
 - c. A copy of the document making the submission, including the date the submission was made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- A. This Board Motion, once approved, be immediately made public to MNBC Citizens.

CARRIED

8. Proclamation - Wahkohtowin Day

It was MOVED by (Director Hooper) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais)

WHEREAS



- A. The Ministry of Citizenship and Community Services has undergone a paramount database restructure;
- B. The Ministry of Citizenship and Community Services strives to continue the improvement of our citizenship process;
- C. The priority of serving the Métis Citizens of BC is of greatest importance;
- D. The Michif word, 'Wahkohtowin' has been chosen to represent the Central Registry renewal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the MNBC Board of Directors hereby proclaims April 23, 2021 as Wahkohtowin Day.

CARRIED

3. Métis Secretariat Creation

PRESENTATION

MIRR Secretariat

Jennifer Melles, Carl Mashon, and Rob Parenteau of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation joined to present a draft provincial approach to Métis Relations, focusing on a Métis Relations Working Table and the form and function of the Secretariat. MIRR suggested further conversations with MNBC to happen immediately regarding potential options.

Recessed at 12:11pm and reconvened at 1:00pm

4. Housing

PRESENTATION

Kamloops Housing Development

Colleen Lucier and Lyndsay Monk of LMO and M'akola Development Services joined to present their vision & opportunity for Métis supported family housing, the development process and next steps. Senior Director of Housing and Homelessness, Bailey Mumford provided further clarification on the questions asked. With concerns surrounding contamination, it was noted that all underground storage tanks were removed circa 1994 and the Ministry of Environment has issued a certificate of compliance prior to listing the property for sale and development; full reports of the Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessment were circulated to the Board of Directors.

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director Fisher) THAT the MNBC Board of Directors approves a deposit of \$50,000 toward the final purchase of 800 Victoria Street, Kamloops that is contingent upon:

- (a) the seller has completed a satisfactory result of all environmental remediation that minimizes the risk to MNBC for the cost of unforeseen environmental cleanup to an acceptable level.
- (b) a satisfactory result from the property appraisal as conducted by Flynn Mirtle Moran Real Estate Appraiser & Consultants.
- (c) a successful LMO Community Housing Fund application with BC Housing.
- (d) an acceptable final sale price based on the tendered appraisal and other supporting reports.

A roll call vote was ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Director Harriott – yes
Director De Jaeger – no
Director Gladue – yes
Director Fisher – yes
Director Gervais – abstain



Director Hooper – no
Director Flamond – yes
Director Elliott – yes
Director Davoren – yes

CARRIED by a vote of six in favour, two against, and one abstention.

Recessed at 2:44pm and reconvened at 2:55pm

5. Northeast Recruitment Strategy

Registrar and Senior Director of Citizenship and Community Services, Maryann Morrison apprised the Board of Directors that the Northeast Region is a critical component of the recruitment strategy - expected to be enacted by Fall of 2021 once COVID-19 has subsided. The strategy will include an in-person intake conducted throughout the province with staff from Community Services and will be presented at the regular Board of Directors meeting in July 2021.

- Shaughn Davoren left at 3:00pm

9. MNBC Board Policy Manual

It was MOVED by (Director Gladue) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott)

WHEREAS

- A. The MNBC Board Policy manual needs to be amended from time to time to reflect the Board of Director's governance direction;
- B. There is no longer the position of Chief Financial Officer in our Nation;
- C. The MNBC is preparing to move towards self-government and Directors with portfolios are being described as Ministers responsible for their ministries;
- D. The MNBC Chief Executive Officer is being described as Deputy Minister;
- E. For the efficacious governance and direction of their ministry, Ministers need effective and responsive bilateral communication directly with their Deputy Minister.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT after further debate and amendment, Page. 30 of the MNBC Board Policy Manual under the section titled "BOARD/SENIOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP" be amended to read as follows:

The Métis Nation British believes there is a clear distinction between Governance (a Board role) and Management (a staff role). To ensure role clarity between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer in regards to the direction of staff:

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) receives their overall direction from the Board. In the case of individual portfolios, the Director of the Board responsible for the portfolio, works directly with the CEO and President to set the direction of that portfolio, ensuring it aligns with the strategic plan of the Board of Directors. The CEO then directs the staff under that portfolio to carry out the work needed.
2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) liaises with the portfolio holder regarding information pertaining to the ongoing fulfillment of the work within that portfolio.
3. No individual member of the Board has the authority to direct the activities of Staff either in Head Office or in the Regions of the MNBC. This does not restrict a Director from:
 - a. Requesting information via the Board in order to better inform their decision-making process in their governance role, and to



ensure proper oversight of operations; and

- b. Interacting with a senior MNBC staff person assigned by the CEO to work on a portfolio for the purposes of obtaining general information and/or providing feedback when required.

CARRIED

7. Committee and Board Meetings

The CEO advised that it would be beneficial to coordinate regular board meetings every other month with committee meetings in between. The Executive Committee has been tasked with determining a meeting schedule for the latter part of 2021.

6. Institution Representation

Senior Director of Employment & Skills Training, Jason Chan joined to speak about Indigenous Board of Director seat appointments at all provincially funded public post-secondary education institutions. Jason apprised the board that over the past few weeks, the Province's Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST) has engaged MNBC on the upcoming Indigenous Post-Secondary Board Member Virtual Gathering and would like MNBC to consider a list of its own nominees for appointment.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20pm

Director Fisher conducted the closing prayer and it was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) to adjourn the meeting.



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Approval Sheet

Approved by: _____ Acting
President

Approved by: _____ Secretary

Date: **April 17, 2021**