



RESOLUTION 6

SUBMITTED TO THE 2021 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNBC Constitution – MNGA/AGM Timelines
Legislation Affected: MNBC *Constitution*
Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: March 23, 2021

WHEREAS:

- A. A constitution of a Nation represents the will of its people, and sets out the principles under which the citizens of a Nation have agreed to be governed, and is subject to the “living tree” doctrine which provides that a nation should be vigilant to ensure that its constitution is current and adapted to changes brought about through time;
- B. The MNBC *Constitution* is the supreme governing legislation for the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and, from time to time, it is deemed necessary to review its provisions, and to incorporate any changes that may be due to the changing times and the needs and wishes of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia, and to provide clarity where it is seen to be required;
- C. It is good governance for the MNBC to have any rules and restrictions, specifically regarding the threshold of MNBC Citizens that must approve any further amendments to the *Constitution* transparently stated in the *Constitution*;
- D. The current COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the inflexibility of MNBC Legislation, leading to the 2020 AGM passing a motion to suspend an Article of the *Constitution* to allow flexibility in scheduling the dates of the MNGA and AGM; and
- E. MNBC legislation should be written to allow flexibility in extenuating circumstances, and any suspension or overriding of MNBC legislation should be altogether avoided.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following sections of the *Constitution* be amended as follows:

In Article 32:

Change the word “shall” to “must”;

Add the text “Subject to extenuating circumstances” after the text “at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting.”, so it reads:

Article 32: The Métis Nation Governing Assembly *must* meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called with no less than sixty (60) days' notice to the MNGA Members by the MNBC. The meeting *must* be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, *subject to extenuating circumstances*. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.

In Article 68:

Change the word "shall" to "must"; and

Strike the words "during the month of September", so it reads:

Article 68: "An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia *must* be held annually. The precise dates and locations of an AGM *must* be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM."