



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	April 17, 2021	Time:	10:30am
Minutes Prepared By:	Derek Robitaille	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

Participating Board: Acting President Lissa Smith, Directors Dr. Kate Elliott, Shaughn Davoren, Patrick Harriott, Louis De Jaeger, Debra Fisher, Raynie Gervais, Susie Hooper, Paulette Flamond

Regrets: Dean Gladue (joined at 10:40am)

Staff: Daniel Fontaine – CEO/Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Chief Public Affairs Officer

Guests: None

1. Welcome

At 10:30am, Acting President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Director Gladue.

1.1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

Board of Directors:

Acting President Lissa Smith acknowledged the Malahat First Nation and traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples of which she was calling from.

Director Elliott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the Lekwammen of which she was calling from.

Director Davoren acknowledged the Vernon District Métis Association and traditional territory of the Syeelhwh Nation of which he was calling from.

Director Harriott acknowledged the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria and traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples of which he was calling from.

Director De Jaeger acknowledged the Chilliwack Métis Association and traditional territory of the Sto:lo people of which he was calling from.

Director Fisher acknowledged the Columbia Valley Métis Association and 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 traditional territory of the Gidimt'en of which she was calling from.

Director Flamond acknowledged the Kelly Lake Métis Society and the traditional territory of the Dunne-za of which she was calling from.

Staff:

CEO, Daniel Fontaine acknowledged the Nova Métis Heritage Association and traditional territory of the Qayqayt First Nation of which he was calling from.

Chief Public Affairs Officer, Chris Gall acknowledged the Musqueam Indian Band and traditional territory of the Coast Salish people of which he was calling from.



1.2. Meeting Agenda

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

In Camera Item – Calls for Justice/Action for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women

CARRIED

1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the minutes of the March 25, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved as amended with the following changes:

In Item 1.2 – Traditional Territory Acknowledgement, add “Tri-River Métis Community” in Director Hooper’s Traditional Territory acknowledgement.

CARRIED

1.4. Action Items

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

- Director Fisher stepped out at 10:43am

2. MNBC Purchase Delegation and Process

The Board of Directors were advised that in the last several months, staff have been working on a more modernized and efficient financial approval system. An updated document will be circulated to the Board of Directors for review, following an approval via electronic vote within seven days.

3. New Headquarters Lease Space

It was MOVED by (Director Gladue) and SECONDED by (Director De Jaeger) THAT the Board of Directors endorse and supports the decision of the Executive Committee to authorize the CEO to extend MNBC’s new office lease to the 9th and 17th floors.

CARRIED

- Director Fisher returned at 11:11am

4. Op-ed Piece

Discussions ensued about a draft response to an article previously published by the Globe and Mail filled with misinformation. By way of consensus, the response will be submitted for publishing and the Governance Committee will be tasked to implement/review a media policy to ensure procedures and etiquette are being followed moving forward.

5. Support Letter for MLA Wat

It was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the Board of Directors supports MLA Teresa Wat’s call for declaration of Anti-Racism Education Day in British Columbia for May 29, 2021.

CARRIED



6. WIPG Signing

A Board Director followed up about a presentation conducted by the WIPG which focused on participating communities, collaboration to advance Indigenous employment and education, contracting opportunities, skills and training targets, and decision making for environmental concerns. A briefing note will be prepared for the Board of Directors with the plan of inviting WIPG representatives present at an upcoming meeting where an opportunity to have questions answered will be available.

7. MNGA Speaker

It was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott) to recommend Dave Peltier as the 2021 MNGA Chair.

CARRIED

(Director Hooper opposed)

8. MNGA Agenda

It was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott) THAT the 2021 draft MNGA Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Acting President Smith clarified that the Vice President and Acting President reports will need to be separate. Métis Financial Corporation will also be invited to present at the next regular board meeting on May 20, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40pm

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: **May 20, 2021**