

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	May 20, 2021	Time:	9:00am
Minutes Prepared By:	Derek Robitaille	Location:	Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendees

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

Regrets: Dr. Kate Elliott, Clara Morin Dal Col

Staff: Daniel Fontaine – CEO/Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Chief Public Affairs Officer, Derek Robitaille – Executive Assistant to the Chief Public Affairs Officer, Lydia Stefan – Executive Assistant to the CEO/Deputy Minister, Aimee Patino – Cabinet Secretariat

Guests: None

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 9:02am, Acting President Lissa Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening prayer was conducted by Director Fisher.

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 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 WSÁNEĆ 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.

Executive Assistant to the Chief Public Affairs Officer, Derek Robitaille acknowledged the traditional territory of the Kwantlen First Nation of which he was calling from.

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1.2. Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director De Jaeger) THAT the meeting agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Affidavit Discussion

Due to President Clara Morin Dal Col' meeting regrets, it was deemed no longer necessary to discuss the submitted affidavits. Acting President Lissa Smith confirmed she sent an invitation to attend the meeting, following a final reminder that was sent during the early evening of May 19, 2021. Upon receiving response from President Clara Morin Dal Col, Acting President Lissa Smith indicated that the demands listed could not be met and that the Board of Directors would be conducting the meeting as normal, and in-camera due to the sensitive matters on the agenda.

3. Motions

Acting President Smith read out a statement issued to the Board of Directors as well as President Morin Dal Col regarding the purpose of holding the meeting.

It was then MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Davoren)

WHEREAS the Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is a government, governed by a constitution adopted by its citizens, and represents the Metis peoples in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the MNBC has passed certain motions, including removing certain portfolios and temporarily suspending its President, Clara Morin Dal Col, on January 11, 2021 and January 18, 2021 respectively, which motions were passed as a result of the President's actions;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors specifically convened this board meeting on April 17, 2021 to hear from the President, and among other things, to consider the President's reinstatement;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors specifically convened a further meeting on May 15, 2021, rescheduled to May 20, 2021, to again hear from the President, and among other things, to consider the President's reinstatement;

AND WHEREAS given the serious nature of the President's conduct leading to those two motions, and the fact that the President has declined to attend the April 17th board meeting and this meeting, and certain questions of the board regarding the President's conduct remain unanswered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the MNBC board convene a further meeting at a time to be determined by the Executive before June 30, 2021 to consider three of the same resolutions being considered today, those being (1) the immediate reinstatement of the President, (2) the reinstatement of the President on certain terms, and (3) varying the terms of the President's suspension.

CARRIED

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Meeting Adjourned at 9:33am

It was MOVED by (Director Fisher) and SECONDED by (Director Davoren) to adjourn the meeting.

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Approved by: _		Acting President

Approved by: ______ Secretary

Date: June 1, 2021

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