



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING		
Date of Meeting:	July 22, 2021	Time:	9:00 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Aimee Patino	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, and Kate Elliot

Staff: Daniel Fontaine – Deputy Minister, Chris Gall – Chief Public Affairs Officer, Leona Shaw, Senior Director Environmental Protection & Métis Rights, Genevieve Gratton - Covid Response Manager, Maryann Morrison - Senior Director of Citizenship and Community Services, Anna Maione – Senior Director of Finance, Colleen Hodgson – Senior Director Métis Education, Madeline Green - Métis Education Coordinator, Sharlene Wedel- Métis Early Years Manager, Lydia Stefan – Executive Assistant to the CEO/Deputy Minister, Brandi Ciampichini – Cabinet Committee Coordinator, Aimee Patino – Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator

Guests: Dr. Alan Davis – KPU President and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh – KPU Provost and VP, Academic, Dr. Steve Cardwell – KPU VP, Students, Chervahun Emilien – KPU Executive Director, Financial Services, Jaret Lang – KPU Associate VP, Campus and Community planning

1. Welcome/Call to Order

At 9:01 am, 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 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:

Deputy Minister Daniel Fontaine, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Chris Gall, Executive Assistant to President and Deputy Minister, Lydia Stefan, Executive Assistant to the Chief Public Affairs Officer, Derek Robitaille, Cabinet Secretariat Coordinator, Aimee Patino and Cabinet Committee Coordinator, Brandi Ciampichini, acknowledged the Nova Métis Heritage Association and traditional territory of the Qayqayt First Nation of which they were calling from.



1.2. Meeting Agenda

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

1.3. Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED by (Director Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Gladue) THAT the minutes of June 01, 2021, Special Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

1.4. Action Items

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

1.5. Record of Decisions

The Record of Decisions document was received for information. It was noted that item number 2019-36 should be changed from completed to in-progress status.

2. CEO | Deputy Minister's Report

PRESENTATION

July 2021

Daniel Fontaine provided an update about the recent senior management retreat, key meetings and events, strategic plans, finance, business architecture review, regional staff meeting, involvement in the hiring process of CEO of other vital organizations, Children and Families, Human Resources, Central Registry, Administration, Public Affairs, and key upcoming dates. Time was allotted for questions and answers after the reporting.

3. Final Approval of the 2021-2024 MNBC Strategic Plan

Daniel Fontaine presented the additional objectives and outcomes for strategic goals #1 and #5. As well, specific objectives relating to the Indigenous Murdered Women should be included.

It was MOVED by (Director Hooper) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the supplemental objectives and outcomes from the Ministry of Health for the 2021-2024 MNBC Strategic plan be approved as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CEO is requested to draft a summary to the citizens.

- Director Gladue left at 10:14 am

Recessed at 10:19 am and reconvened at 10:34 am



4. New Funding for Chartered Community (Wave IV)

Leona Shaw, and Genevieve Gratton, joined to present the recommendations for Wave IV funding of COVID-19 programs to continue supporting Métis people in this prolonged pandemic fight.

It was MOVED by (Director Davoren) and SECONDED by (Director Hooper) THAT the recommendations for investment of Wave IV be approved as presented.

CARRIED by a vote of eight in favour and one abstention.

- Director Gladue rejoined at 11:33 am. He was counted in the vote.

5. Northeast Recruitment

Maryann Morrison discussed community engagement in the Northeast Citizenship drive strategy.

Recessed at 11:46 am and reconvened at 12:15 pm

5. AGM Regional Hub

Maryann Morrison rejoined to present the funding proposal to host a minimum of seven hybrid gatherings to join the MNBC Annual General Meeting.

It was then MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the recommendations to approve up to \$70,000 in funding to support the hosting of regional events for the 2021 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11. Committee Updates

Brandi Ciampichini provided an update on the different cabinet committees.

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

WHEREAS

- A. The MNBC Executive Team meets weekly;
- B. The planning and prioritizing are discussed at the regular Board of Directors meetings.

BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Planning and Priorities Committee be eliminated.

CARRIED



7. Finance Report

Anna Maione joined to provide an overview of the June 2021 financial statements.

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director Gervais) THAT the June 2021 financial statements be received for information.

CARRIED

12. KPU Partnership with Early Childhood Education

Colleen Hodgson, Madeline Green, Sharlene Wedel, and the guests from KPU joined the meeting, briefly introducing themselves. Next, Jaret Lang presented the Childcare facility proposal. Following the presentation, few minutes were allocated for questions and answers.

It was MOVED by (Director Hooper) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT MNBC support the Ministry of Education to establish a childcare agreement with Kwantlen Polytechnic University and pursue funding to support the construction of a childcare centre on the KPU Surrey campus.

CARRIED

6. Truth and Reconciliation Day

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director De Jaeger) that the agenda item Truth and Reconciliation Day be moved to the in-camera agenda.

CARRIED

8. MIRR

Chris Gall and Daniel Fontaine provided an update on the MIRR undertakings. It was agreed to schedule a 2-hour workshop for the Board of Directors on the first or second week of August 2021.

Recessed at 2:38 pm and reconvened at 2:55 pm

9. Employment & Skills Training, and Post-Secondary Education

Daniel Fontaine and Shaughn Davoren disclosed a conflict of interest, so they removed themselves from the discussion and left the conference/meeting room.

Jason Chan joined to answer questions on the modernization of standards and guidelines of the Ministry of Employment and Skills Training and Ministry of Post-Secondary Education.

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

WHEREAS:

A. The MNBC Métis Employment and Training Program (METP) policies were last reviewed and updated in 2016;

B. These 2016 policies reference and support an outdated funding model, which is no longer applicable to a growing number of funding streams and improved relations with funding partners; and



- C. The language and intentions of these 2016 policies do not reflect or address the current employment, skills training, and post-secondary education support needs of Métis in BC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC Board of Directors endorses the draft Employment and Skills Training and Post-Secondary Education policy as presented to the Board,
- B. METP staff are directed to finalize the new policy, completing the operating guidelines, procedures, processes, and documentation, in consultation with the Minister of Employment and Skills Training and the Minister of Post Secondary Education;
- C. The finalized policy for Employment and Skills Training and Post-Secondary Education will be presented to both the Minister of Employment and Skills Training and the Minister of Post Secondary Education for final approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC Board of Directors approves raising the lifetime funding limit for programming within the Ministry of Employment and Skills Training and Post-Secondary Education from \$25,000 per applicant to \$50,000 per applicant;
- B. This funding limit is to be in effect for 12 months, while METP staff completes the programming modernization policy work, at which point, a new funding formula for applicants will be in place; and
- C. This funding limit will be reviewed by the MNBC Board of Directors in July 2022.

CARRIED

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

WHEREAS:

- A. MNBC, being the self-governing representative for all Métis in BC, provides proof of verified Métis ancestry for its Citizens through the Central Registry;
- B. Proof of verified Métis ancestry is required and sought after by industry and for its preferential hiring policies; and
- C. MNBC is obliged to support Métis residing in BC with funding it receives from partners.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The MNBC Board of Directors directs the MNBC Ministry of Employment and Skills Training to research and draft a policy in regard to self-declared Métis applicants, where self-identified applicants will have to demonstrate they are actively seeking MNBC Citizenship while their programs are active.

CARRIED



13. MNBC Housing Authority Model

Daniel Fontaine and Shaughn Davoren rejoined the meeting.

Bailey Mumford joined to present the housing authority model that aims to establish MNBC as the most knowledgeable organization for Métis housing in BC.

- Director Flamond left at 4:29 pm and rejoined at 4:39 pm.

10. Endowment Fund for Arts and Culture

Daniel Fontaine provided an overview for the Nakaatchihtow Arts and Culture Project Grant that encourages Metis artists to showcase their work by using untraditional spaces and platforms creatively in animating different areas of their region or community.

It was MOVED by (Director Harriott) and SECONDED by (Director Flamond) THAT the recommendations for Nakaatchihtow (Skills) Arts and Culture Project Grant be approved with an amendment on page 3 – Application Assessment - Community Impact – by changing LGBTQIA2S+ to 2SLGBTQQIA+.

CARRIED by a vote of eight in favour and one abstention.

14. Public Affairs Committee Terms of Reference

Chris Gall went over the Public Affairs Committee's terms of reference.

It was MOVED by (Director De Jaeger) and SECONDED by (Director Hooper) THAT the draft for Public Affairs Committee's term reference be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 4:59 pm


It was MOVED by (Director Gervais) and SECONDED by (Director Harriott) to adjourn the meeting.


CARRIED



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Approval Sheet

Approved by:  _____ Acting President

Approved by:  _____ Secretary

Date: **September 16, 2021**