



RESOLUTION 3

SUBMITTED TO THE 2021 SPECIAL MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNBC By-Election Campaign Finance Limits and Transparency
Offices Affected: MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted by: MNBC Board of Directors
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: September 13, 2021

WHEREAS:

- A. It is of the utmost importance that MNBC elections are conducted in a democratic, fair, and transparent manner;
- B. That Métis Citizens are protected by outside influence in their elections, reinforcing Articles 4, 5, 9, and 10 of the *MNBC Constitution*;
- C. Unfettered monetary funding in MNBC Elections could result in candidates being elected that are beholden to outside interests, or using their monetary advantage to stifle democratic participation;
- D. The *Electoral Act* is currently being reviewed, with the expectation that it will be amended before the 2024 MNBC Provincial Election; and
- E. The *Electoral Act* is silent on the issue of campaign financing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Any candidate for the office of MNBC President must agree in writing to the following conditions and principles prior to the Chief Electoral Officer approving them as a candidate;

Any candidate for President of the MNBC, in the upcoming by-election (December 15, 2021), must disclose any affiliation with any organizations, political or otherwise, that may have an effect on any affairs of MNBC, and this be included when a candidate submits nomination papers to the Chief Electoral Officer, and this disclosure be made public; and

Failure to adhere to these conditions and principles in their entirety may be considered a breach of fiduciary duty to MNBC, resulting in a removal from public office.

A. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE:

All Candidates will:

- a. Publicly disclose the names of all individual contributors to their campaign that have contributed an amount to their campaign of more than \$100.00;
- b. Ensure that cash contributions are not to exceed \$100.00;

- c. Ensure that anonymous contributions shall not exceed \$20.00;
- d. Be responsible to maintain a full record of the contributor, and form of contribution;
- e. Record and report the value of all 'in-kind' contributions, including such as but not limited to:
 - a. Staff resources;
 - b. Telemarketing services;
 - c. Office space; and
 - d. Legal.
- f. This disclosure be made through the Chief Electoral Officer by completing the "President - Campaign Finance Reporting Form"; and
- g. This disclosure is to be made within five (5) business days after the results of the by-election for President are announced by the Chief Electoral Officer.

B. CONTRIBUTION LIMITS:

- a. It is prohibited for any person or entity, other than an individual, to make a contribution to a candidate.
- b. No individual or business enterprise can reimburse an individual for a contribution to a Presidential candidate;
- c. The maximum amount an individual can contribute to a candidate is \$1000.00; and
- d. Only individuals that have ordinarily resided in British Columbia for at least six (6) months prior to the election can contribute to a candidate.

C. CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE LIMITS

- a. The maximum amount of all contributions that a candidate can accept for an election is \$50,000.00.
- b. The maximum amount a Presidential candidate can spend during the writ period is \$50,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

For greater clarity, these principles do not apply to any other by-election conducted by MNBC.