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ANTHEMS



O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

MÉTIS ANTHEM

We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
In the forest, on the river, and across the western plain,
As the white man journeyed westward to the land of the Indian.
A new race was created, a new nation rose up strong.
Hardship as its destiny, and its curse to not belong.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
Never more forgotten people, we're the true Canadian.
For this newest generation, and the future ones to come.
With the past to motivate us, it will help to keep us strong.
As we build the Métis Nation, as we watch it rise again,
Our past loss is motivation, to inspire our future gain.
We are proud to be Métis, watch our Nation rise again.
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VISION

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous People are recognized.

MISSION

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities and interests of all Métis in BC. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in BC.

GOALS

- 1. Promote Métis Rights and recognition, and achieve jurisdiction of our children.*
- 2. Promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness.*
- 3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation.*
- 4. Support Métis Chartered Communities.*
- 5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure and economic development.*
- 6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships.*



CULTURAL VALUES

To achieve our vision and mission, we commit to upholding our Métis cultural values in our work together at MNBC, in our communities, and in all our relationships. We embrace the values of integrity, kindness, innovation, respect, teamwork, humility and resilience.



Kwayes'kwât'sowin - Integrity: We hold integrity as a core value. We are honest with ourselves, our colleagues, our communities and our partners. We are reliable and follow through on our word.



Kisîwât'sowin - Kindness: We show and practice lateral kindness in our organization and to everyone with whom we interact on behalf of MNBC. We practice kaa-wichihitoyaahk: we take care of each other.



Ahtisihcikêwin - Innovation: We draw on the spirit of Métis innovation and bring forward our curiosity and creativity to problem solve and develop new solutions for our people.



Manâcihitowin - Respect: we respect ourselves, others, and all Creation.



Atoskâtowin - Teamwork: We work together and actively seek opportunities to share information, collaborate on initiatives, and practice reciprocity for stronger outcomes. We embrace teamwork to achieve greater potential for success.



Tâpahtiyim'sowin - Humility: We show and practice cultural humility and cultural agility. We are open to new ideas and recognize the wisdom that surrounds us from others who carry experiences different than ours.



Sîpihkisôwin - Resilience: We are resilient and do not fear challenges or setbacks but remain courageous and learn from each step of the journey. We channel the courage of our Métis Ancestors who faced adversity and remained resilient.

CHEF DU NOUVEAU PARTI DÉMOCRATIQUE DU CANADA



LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CANADA



JAGMEET SINGH

DÉPUTÉ | MP, BURNABY SOUTH | BURNABY-SUD

September 20, 2024

Dear friends,

On behalf of the New Democratic Party of Canada, it is an honour to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered to attend Métis Nation British Columbia's Annual General Meeting.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who made this significant gathering possible. It is a privilege to recognize the constitutional rights of the over 26,000 people who make up the Métis Nation of British Columbia and the dedication with which MNBC advocates for the approximately 98,000 self-identified Métis in the province. Your work towards negotiating a self-government agreement with the Government of Canada is not only a testament to your resilience but also a critical step toward achieving true autonomy and self-determination.

In our recent discussions, we addressed key priorities vital to the Métis community, including our support for distinctions-based health legislation, which aim to better support Métis citizens across Canada. We also discussed ensuring that national pharmacare and dental plans effectively reach and benefit Métis families. These initiatives are part of our shared commitment to improving the quality of life for Métis citizens and ensuring equitable access to essential services.

New Democrats remain steadfast in our dedication to justice and reconciliation. Together, we can continue to build a future where the rights and identities of Métis people are fully recognized and respected.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and leadership. I wish you a successful and productive Annual General Meeting.

In solidarity,

Jagmeet Singh, M.P. (Burnaby South)
Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada

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MNBC 2024 AGM AGENDA

Friday, September 20, 2024

Time (PT) **Time (MT)** **Order of Business**

10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies Flag Party and Grand Entry Anthems (O Canada – Métis Ballad)
10:40 AM	11:40 AM	Opening Prayer – Senator Edkins; Senator Gladue
10:50 AM	11:50 AM	Greetings and Opening Remarks/Videos Dignitaries: <i>x^wmaθk^wəy̓əm</i> <i>Skwxwú7mesh</i> <i>salilwatał</i> Métis National Council – President Cassidy Caron Métis Nation Saskatchewan – Vice-President Michelle LeClair Métis Nation of Alberta Métis Nation of Ontario – President Margaret Froh Video Greetings
11:20 AM	12:20 PM	Inauguration Swearing in of MNBC Board of Directors and Regional Representatives Swearing in of Region 6 Senator
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	Lunch Break

DRAFT AGENDA



1:15 PM	2:15 PM	AGM Clerk confirms quorum MOTION 1: Adopt Agenda for 2024 AGM Meeting called to Order
1:20 PM	2:20 PM	MOTION 2: Nomination and Election of Co-Chairs MOTION 3: Adopt 2024 AGM Standing Rules
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	MOTION 4: Review and Adopt 2023 AGM Minutes
1:40 PM	2:40 PM	MOTION 5: Location of 2025 AGM
1:55 PM	2:55 PM	CEO Presentation Q and A session to follow
2:45 PM	3:45 PM	Financial Statements Overview – Presentation by Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants Q and A Session to follow MOTION 6: Acceptance of Financial Statements MOTION 7: Appointment of Auditors for next fiscal year
3:15 PM	4:15 PM	Health Break
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
3:35 PM	4:35 PM	MNBC Board Introduction Q and A Session to follow
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Adjourn for Day 1

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MNBC 2024 AGM AGENDA

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Time (PT) Time (MT) Order of Business

8:30 AM	9:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
8:35 AM	9:35 AM	RESOLUTION 1: 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act
9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Health Break
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
10:05 AM	11:05 AM	RESOLUTION 2: MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province
10:35 AM	11:35 AM	RESOLUTION 3: Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility/Acceptance
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	RESOLUTION 4: Conflict of Interest
11:45 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
1:05 PM	2:05 PM	Métis Financial Corporation of BC (MFCBC) Presentation Paul Ricard, Chair Austen Houle, General Manager
1:35 PM	2:35 PM	RESOLUTION 5: Amendments to the MNGA Act
2:35 PM	3:35 PM	Health Break
2:45 PM	4:00 PM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
2:50 PM	4:05 PM	RESOLUTION 6: MNGA Members Oath
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	RESOLUTION 7: Constitutional Clarifications
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adjourn for Day 2

DRAFT AGENDA



MNBC 2024 AGM AGENDA

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Time (PT) **Time (MT)** **Order of Business**

8:30 AM	9:30 AM	AGM Clerk confirms Quorum/Meeting called to Order
8:35 AM	9:35 AM	RESOLUTION 8: Youth Chair
8:45 AM	9:45 AM	RESOLUTION 9: MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils
8:55 AM	9:55 AM	RESOLUTION 10: Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	RESOLUTION 11: MWBC Secretary-Treasurer
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	RESOLUTION 12: MWBC Representation at the MNGA
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	RESOLUTION 13: MYBC Representation at the MNGA
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	RESOLUTION 14: Updating the Youth Act
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Closing Remarks – President Closing Prayers – Senator Sayers
12:15 PM	1:15 PM	2024 MNBC AGM Adjourns

MNBC AGM STANDING RULES



MNBC AGM STANDING RULES

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNBC Citizens in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the B.C. Societies Act, the MNBC Bylaws, and Constitution.
2. Only MNBC Citizens are entitled to speak and vote at this meeting.
3. A Citizen who is attending the meeting in person and wishes to speak will approach the microphone or have the microphone brought to them, wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking, and open by stating their name.
4. A Citizen who is attending the meeting virtually and wishes to speak will request to do so by using the "raise hand" function, wait to be recognized by the Chair and be unmuted, and open by stating their name.
5. As much as possible, the Chair will alternate between recognizing virtual speakers and in person speakers.
6. On each issue or motion, a Citizen will be entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than two (2) minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than two minutes will require permission from the assembly.
7. If a Citizen has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same two minute time slot.
8. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a Citizen must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
9. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Chair may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
10. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
11. Speakers must observe decorum, must avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.

2023 AGM MINUTES



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held September 22-24, 2023 in Kamloops, BC

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting, held September 22-24, 2023 at the Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, British Columbia (BC).

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors

Lissa Smith, President

Walter Mineault, Vice-President

Shaughn Davoren, Chair, Métis Youth BC

Dr. Kate Elliott, Chair, Métis Women BC

Patrick Harriott, Regional Director, Region 1 (Vancouver Island and Powell River) and Treasurer

Louis De Jaeger, Regional Director, Region 2 (Lower Mainland) and Secretary

Dean Gladue, Regional Director, Region 3 (Thompson Okanagan)

Debra Fisher, Regional Director, Region 4 (Kootenays)

Raynie Gervais, Regional Director, Region 5 (North Central)

Susie Hooper, Regional Director, Region 6 (Northwest)

Paulette Flamond, Regional Director, Region 7 (Northeast)

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Pelletier, AGM Co-Chair

Carmen Carriere, AGM Co-Chair

John Bieker, AGM Clerk

Nicole Ludwig, AGM Deputy Clerk

Cal Robinson AGM Deputy Clerk

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Jordan Waunch, Master of Ceremonies (MC)

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Diane Parsons, Recording Secretary



OPENING CEREMONIES

The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) commenced with the Grand Entry procession, led by musicians and a jigger, Métis Veterans, flag bearers, and other dignitaries. Jordan Waunch, MC, welcomed Delegates to the MNBC AGM. Attendees joined Tricia Tucker in singing “O Canada” and the “Métis Ballad.”

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Tkwenem7íple7 Nikki Fraser, Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc

Tkwenem7íple7 Fraser welcomed attendees to the territory of Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING PRAYERS

Senator Betty Hoogendoorn and Senator Alan Edkins acknowledged the traditional lands on which the AGM was being held and provided Opening Prayers.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Senator Gerald Pope administered the “Oath of Office” for Region 1 Senator, Alan Edkins. Senator Hoogendoorn administered the “Oath of Office” for Region 4 Women’s Representative, Michele Morin.

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

President Cassidy Caron, Métis National Council (MNC)

MNC President Caron extended appreciation for the welcoming remarks from Tkwenem7íple7 Fraser and recognized the importance of taking time to celebrate and to re-establish connections. She acknowledged that 2023 marked the 40th year of the MNC and credited its success to the active involvement of its Governing Members.

President Margaret Froh, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

MNO President Froh conveyed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the AGM and to visit BC. She recognized efforts being made across the Métis Nation, the need for sharing stories and achievements, and the successes that were yet to be achieved.

Constable Paula Haider, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

Constable Haider commented on her work with Indigenous Services Canada in BC as a Community Initiatives Coordinator and reviewed her role to build relationships with communities.

Marc Dubord, President, Two Rivers Métis Society

President Dubord welcomed attendees, noting it was a privilege to host the AGM. He encouraged delegates and the Board of Directors to collaborate, and approach matters with open minds.

Lissa Smith, President, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)

MNBC President Smith welcomed attendees, and highlighted some of the activities and events outlined in the “MNBC 2023 Annual Report”, including:

- Assistance provided to citizens affected by wildfire evacuations in 2023
- Attendance at gatherings including Back to Batoche in Saskatchewan, and the Mid-Island Métis Rendezvous in Duncan
- Rolling out the First Time Homeowners’ Program in the fall of 2023

- The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* Action Plan which included a MNBC-specific measure that mandated Canada to work collaboratively with the MNBC
- Continued efforts towards achieving Indigenous Governing Body status with the federal government
- Developing a 10-year Michif language revitalization plan, through engagement with citizens.

President Glen McCallum, Métis Nation of Saskatchewan (MN-S) *(recorded video message)*

MN-S President McCallum extended best wishes on behalf of the MN-S for a successful AGM and acknowledged the MN-S' strong working relationship with the MNBC.

Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations *(recorded video message)*

Minister Anandasangaree reflected on the history of the MNBC which had changed the lives of many Métis citizens, and recognized the challenges presented during the 2023 wildfire season. He commended the MNBC for its efforts to support housing and noted that he looked forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship with the MNBC.

Honourable David Eby, Premier of BC *(recorded video message)*

Premier Eby thanked President Smith for the invitation to attend the AGM and extended best wishes to the Board of Directors and delegates for a successful meeting, noting that the Métis Nation has a strong partner in the Provincial Government.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

John Bieker, AGM Clerk, confirmed that quorum was achieved with 167 official voting delegates attending in person and 24 official voting delegates attending virtually.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AGM CO-CHAIRS

The AGM Clerk called for nominations for the Co-Chairs of the 2023 AGM, which prompted the following:

1. Dave Pelletier was nominated as Co-Chair and consented to the nomination;
2. Carmen Carriere was nominated as Co-Chair and consented to the nomination.

The AGM Clerk called for further nominations and after the third call, with there being no further nominations, declared the nominations closed. The AGM Clerk declared that Carmen Carriere and Dave Pelletier had been accepted unanimously as Co-Chairs for the 2023 AGM.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE 2023 AGM

AGENDA VARIED

The order of the agenda varied during the AGM. Items are presented in these minutes in the order they were considered and are numbered in the order reflected in the approved agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 2023 AGM was called to order on September 22, 2023, at 2:52 p.m.

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 2:52 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

Point of Information

In response to a request for a point of information, the AGM Clerk confirmed that notice of Resolutions #110 was posted on the MNBC website and sent by email 32 days in advance of the AGM, which satisfied notice requirements.

2. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 AGM DRAFT AGENDA

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Agenda for the September 22/24, 2023 Annual General Meeting

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 22-24, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Debra Fisher) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Agenda be amended by including consideration of "Resolution A - C92 Resolution" at the start of the meeting on September 24, 2023.

CARRIED (AGM2023-01)

(78 delegates voted in favour, 9 opposed, and 8 abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Marie Zwingley)

That the Agenda be amended to reschedule the "Board of Directors Townhall – Q and A Session" from September 24, 2023 at 9:55 a.m. to September 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED (AGM2023-02)

(87 delegates voted in favour, 29 opposed, and 7 abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Linda van Wieringen)

That the Agenda be amended to consider "Financial Statements Overview" prior to "Review and Adopt 2022 AGM Minutes".

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-03)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-04)

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGM STANDING RULES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Draft AGM Standing Rules"

It was MOVED (Brooklyn Chalmers) and SECONDED (Steve Arnette)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting (AGM) adopt the "AGM Standing Rules" as presented for the September 22-24, 2023 AGM.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-05)

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2023"

Jeffrey Hunt, Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants, reviewed the financial statements provided and confirmed they were fairly presented in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

In response to delegates questions, comments were offered on:

- Further information on joint venture returns, in the "Notes to the Financial Statements"
- Consultation fees included in the "Schedule of Expenses"
- MNBC's Central Service departments, including Operations, People and Culture, Finance, Intergovernmental Relations, and Communications.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting accept the "Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Financial Statements, for the year ended March 31, 2023", as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-06)

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Betty Ann MacDonnell)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Annual General Meeting appoints Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as the Auditors for the MNBC for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-07)

5. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE 2022 AGM MINUTES

Related information (distributed in the Agenda package): Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting held September 23-25, 2022

It was MOVED (Greg Stanwick) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2022 Annual General Meeting held September 23-25, 2022, be adopted as presented.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-08)

6. Chief Executive Officer – Presentation

Colette Trudeau, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the MNBC's senior leadership team. She provided a presentation and highlighted the work of MNBC Ministries and Departments as outlined in the "MNBC 2023 Annual Report", including:

- Efforts of the Ministry of Children and Family Services, towards seeking MNBC's designation as a representative for Métis children, youth and families within the child welfare system
- The Ministry of Citizenship's work towards decreasing timelines for completing MNBC citizenship applications
- A commitment from Canadian Heritage to provide funding over five years to support Michif language revitalization work
- Supports available for Métis families impacted by wildfire evacuations in BC

- Efforts of the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction and Ministry of Health towards developing “Naomie’s Principle”, a community-driven initiative advocating for and detailing the unequivocal need for Métis-led substance use and recovery services
- The Skills Training, Employment and Post-Secondary (STEPS) Education Program and efforts towards developing a Métis-led post-secondary institute.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Recognizing Tracey Thornhill

Delegates recognized Tracey Thornhill and her dedicated 25-years of service with the MNBC.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 22-24, 2023, adjourned on September 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 23, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. with the Board of Directors Townhall “Question and Answer” Session.

DAY TWO – September 23, 2023

MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 22-24, 2023, reconvened on September 23, 2023, at 8:40 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOWNHALL – Question and Answer Session

The AGM Co-Chair reviewed the AGM Standing Rules and welcomed the Board of Directors to respond to delegates’ questions. Their responses are summarized below:

- Nicola Valley suggested a Sunshine Valley site for youth camps and land-based education; however updates were not provided. The Minister of Housing and Homelessness apologized for the oversight and committed to improved communications and further discussions towards a land purchase for gatherings.
- MNBC participates in the Vancouver Pride Parade and has zero tolerance for homophobia and transphobia. The MNBC’s Two-Spirit Committee could be asked to develop educational resources for communities. The Ministry of Youth collaborated with the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity, to create a lapel sash for allies, to emphasize their support.
- In accordance with the Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (Section 3.8), the quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is thirty-six (36) of the voting members.
- The MNBC employs Two-Spirit individuals in leadership and other roles, but not based on their Two-Spirit identity. The MNBC prioritizes creating a safe work environment and selects employees to fit their roles. Additionally, MNBC proactively welcomes pronoun preferences.
- A resolution was presented at a recent General Assembly, which addressed challenges faced by Two-Spirit peoples. Some members abstained from voting due to insufficient information, or to provide more time to collaborate on the resolution. Future discussions may still occur.
- In BC, Grade 12 students are required to complete education on anti-Indigenous racism. The MNBC K-12 Manager is collaborating with the BC Teachers Federation to enhance MNBC’s role in this initiative. If necessary, a complaint can be filed. The MNBC support Elders and knowledge carriers in educating about Métis-specific racism.
- There is a lack of funding for MNBC’s Community representatives and women. Funding for a Women’s Gathering and core support for the Women’s Council has been secured. Discussions with the Provincial Government focus on improving MNBC’s funding structure.

- MNBC supports Métis businesses and seeks to ensure an economic strategy aligned with Métis values. Consultations are ongoing, and member input is essential. The Minister of Environmental Protection, Agriculture, and Food Sovereignty, recognizes the importance of sustainability, climate change, and industry participation in discussions.
- MNBC's annual budget and financial statements are posted online. MNBC is transitioning to new financial software for real-time, user-friendly reports. Plans include posting detailed quarterly reports. Details on the current operational budget, can be requested by email.
- MNBC purchased seven properties to help stabilize regions and support communities and may purchase more to help accommodate its Citizens.
- MNBC Board of Directors' salaries increased but are still low compared to other Governing Members. Their raise compensated for underpayment and additional duties and hours. MNBC communities also want to be compensated, which is a key priority in MNBC's Strategic Plan. MNBC distributed COVID-19 funding to its communities.
- The Minister of Post-Secondary Indigenous Studies and the Minister of Employment and Skills Training will convey to MNBC's STEPS program concerns that some Indigenous courses lack Métis information, and should involve Métis curriculum-writers and Elder storytellers.
- Communities are concerned about insufficient capacity funding to support youth involvement and for housing projects The Minister of Housing and Homelessness acknowledged that some housing projects did not proceed.
- Highlights of the MNBC's Strategic Plan will be shared with members. The MNBC has been given a 45-day period to review the Manitoba Métis Federation Treaty and will seek an extension to expand the consultation period, and to enable further review.
- MNBC secured federal funding for self-governance studies and programs. The MNBC plans to meet with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations in November 2023, and will address Canada's skepticism about MNBC citizens' Section 35 rights.

Health Break

The AGM recessed 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 187 official voting delegates registered in person and 25 official voting delegates attending virtually.

Meeting Recessed

The AGM recessed at 10:54 a.m. (due to technical issues) and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

8. LOCATION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Discussion ensued on considerations related to scheduling the 2024 AGM.

Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held September 20-22, 2024;
- Subject to public health and/or public safety orders, the MNBC 2024 AGM be held in-person, with an online participation option, in the Lower Mainland;
- If public health or public safety orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on this date, or there are

significant restrictions on in-person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; and

- A decision to hold the MNBC 2024 AGM virtually must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors 90 days prior to the AGM (June 30, 2024).

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

That the Main Resolution be amended by changing the dates for the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to June 7-9, 2024, and the date for the decision to hold the MNBC 2024 AGM virtually, to March 9, 2024.

DEFEATED

(21 delegates voted in favour, 117 opposed, and 6 delegates abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Anya McVane) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

That the Main Resolution be amended by striking the words, "Subject to public health and/or public safety orders," in the second bulleted item.

CARRIED (AGM2023-09)

(133 delegates voted in favour, 14 opposed, and 3 delegates abstained)

Discussion Suspended

Consideration of the Resolution on "Location of the 2024 Annual General Meeting" was temporarily suspended to allow for a previously scheduled Signing Ceremony and Health Break.

SIGNING CEREMONY: Letter of Understanding with Interior Health

Doug Cochrane, Chair, Interior Health Authority (IHA), Addie Pryce, Vice President, Aboriginal Partnerships, IHA, President Lissa Smith, and Minister Louis De Jaeger participated in the signing of a Letter of Understanding between MNBC and the Interior Health Authority.

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

8. LOCATION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Continued)

Discussion resumed on the resolution related to "Location of the 2024 Annual General Meeting".

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Vince van Wieringen) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)

That the Main Resolution be amended by adding the words, "with an online participation option," to the second bulleted item, to now read: "The MNBC 2024 AGM be held in-person in the Lower Mainland, with an online participation option".

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-10)

Question on the Main Resolution

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-11)

The Resolution on "Location of the 2024 Annual General Meeting" as amended now reads:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held September 20-22, 2024;
- The MNBC 2024 AGM be held in-person in the Lower Mainland, with an online participation option;
- If public health or public safety orders do not allow for an in-person AGM on this date, or there are significant restrictions on in-person gatherings, the AGM will be held virtually; and
- A decision to hold the MNBC 2024 AGM virtually must be made by the MNBC Board of Directors 90 days prior to the AGM (June 30, 2024)."

9. RESOLUTION 1 - Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 1 – Evolution and Reorganization of the Ministry of Citizenship" submitted by the MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 5, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. The Ministry of Citizenship has undergone, and continues to undergo substantial changes to provide better service to Citizens;
2. Many current practices do not align with the language in the Citizenship Act;
3. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and,
4. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered, the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes to the *Citizenship Act* be made:

- A. Strike definition 2.5, because it is not used in any current MNBC Legislation;
- B. Strike definition 2.9 and insert the following in its place:
"2.9 "Registry" means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens."
- C. Strike definition 2.12 and insert the following in its place:
"2.12 A "Chartered Community" is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC."
- D. Strike definition 2.21 and insert the following in its place:
"Registration" means citizenship in the MNBC"
AND strike all instances of the word "Membership" and insert "Registration" in its place throughout the Act
- E. Strike definition 2.23, and replace all instances of "Métis Community" in the Act with "Chartered Community";
- F. Strike the word "Standardized" from definition 2.27, so that the title is "Provincial Citizenship Card";

- G.** Strike definition 2.31, and insert the following in its place:

"Citizenship Authority" (the "Authority") means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:

- The Executive Director of Citizenship
- The Director of Citizenship
- The Citizenship Assessment Manager"

- H.** Reorder and renumber all definitions so that they are in alphabetical and numerical order;

- I.** Replace all instances of "Community" and "Chartered Métis Community" with "Chartered Community";

- J.** Strike the words "as a Métis Citizen" and the second instance of the words "is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry" in Article 3.1, because these phrases are redundant;

- K.** Delete the current Article 4.2 and insert the following in its place:

"4.2 Upon approval of registration, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen"

- L.** Replace all instances of "Registrar" with "Citizenship Authority" in the other definitions, and in Articles 3 to 6, 7.10, 7.11, 8, and 10 to 13 inclusively;

- M.** Strike the word "sixteen (16)" in Article 4.3 and insert "nineteen (19)" in its place;

- N.** Replace all instances of "Registrar" with "Ministry of Citizenship" in Articles 7.1 to 7.9 inclusively, 7.12, 7.13 and 9;

- O.** Strike the current Article 7.2 and insert the following in its place:

"7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time"

- P.** Insert the word "shall" following the words "Ministry of Citizenship", and strike the word "Central" before the word "Registry" in Article 7.5 so that it will read:

"The Ministry of Citizenship shall cause the Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;"

- Q.** Strike Articles 8.1 to 8.3 and insert the following as a new Article 8.0 in their place:

"8.0 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant."

- R.** In Article 9.1, strike the phrase "retained and/or employed by the MNBC", so that it will read as follows:

"9.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:"

- S.** Strike the word "that" in Article 11.4 and insert "than" in its place, so that the first sentence reads:

"11.4 The parties shall be provided no less than two (2) weeks' notice of the date on which the appeal will be heard."

- T.** In Article 12.0, replace the first instance of "Registry Office" with "Ministry of Citizenship", and the second instance with "Citizenship Authority", so that Article 12.0 will read:

- "12.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Ministry of Citizenship including the remuneration for the office of the Citizenship Authority and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources."

CARRIED (AGM2023-12)

(124 delegates voted in favour, 19 opposed, and 6 delegates abstained)

10. RESOLUTION 2 - Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 2 – Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process" submitted by the MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 5, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Susie Hooper) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

WHEREAS:

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia* defines Métis as "a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples, and is accepted by the Métis Nation";
2. The *Citizenship Act* authorizes the Registrar to determine whether a person is entitled to be registered as a Citizen, and to determine whether a registered Citizen is found to be ineligible during an audit or review; and
3. Challenges to a person's Métis citizenship by someone other than the Registrar is contrary to the provisions of self-identification essential to citizenship and the role of the Registrar;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Article 11 be struck from the *Citizenship Act*;
- B. Current articles 12 and 13 in the *Citizenship Act* be renumbered accordingly;
- C. In the new 12.4 (previously 13.4) of the *Citizenship Act*, change the words "Article 12.0" to "Article 11.0"; and
- D. Subject to approval of A above, Article 8.1(k) be struck from the *Senate Act*.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Jayden Rogers) and SECONDED (Shaughn Davoren)

That the Main Resolution be amended by correcting the referenced Article in Item D. from "Article 8.1(k)" to "Article 8.0(k)."

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-13)

Postponement

It was MOVED (Anya McVane) and SECONDED (Marie Zwingley)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting postpone consideration of Resolution 2, indefinitely.

DEFEATED

(34 delegates voted in favour, 120 opposed, and 4 delegates abstained)

Question on the Resolution

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED (AGM2023-14)

(126 delegates voted in favour, 28 opposed, and 4 delegates abstained)

Resolution 2 - Protecting Métis Citizens and the Citizenship Process as amended now reads:

"WHEREAS:

1. The *Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia* defines Métis as "a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples, and is accepted by the Métis Nation";
2. The *Citizenship Act* authorizes the Registrar to determine whether a person is entitled to be registered as a Citizen, and to determine whether a registered Citizen is found to be ineligible during an audit or review; and
3. Challenges to a person's Métis citizenship by someone other than the Registrar is contrary to the provisions of self-identification essential to citizenship and the role of the Registrar;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Article 11 be struck from the *Citizenship Act*;
- B. Current articles 12 and 13 in the *Citizenship Act* be renumbered accordingly;
- C. In the new 12.4 (previously 13.4) of the *Citizenship Act*, change the words "Article 12.0" to "Article 11.0"; and
- D. Subject to approval of A above, Article 8.0(k) be struck from the *Senate Act*."

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

11. RESOLUTION 3 - Increasing Opportunities for Voting

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 3 – Increasing Opportunities for Voting" submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated March 5, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on the oversight responsibilities of the Chief Electoral Officer, and costs associated with mail-in voting and mobile polling station options.

It was MOVED (Paulette Flamond) and SECONDED (Pixie Wells)

WHEREAS:

1. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia and its citizens to have as many people vote as possible in elections;
2. It is often difficult for people to access a ballot box, particularly in large, rural areas of the province;
3. Métis Citizens expressed interest in having more opportunities to cast ballots in elections;
4. Not all Citizens are comfortable casting votes online or are able to vote online;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

A. Strike the current Article 5.6 and replace with:

- "5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.
- (a) An MNBC Chartered Community may, via written request to the Chief Electoral Officer, request a secured ballot box to the Community, for the deposit of mail-in ballots.
- i. The ballot box will be secured through the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act, and
- (a) The person appointed as Returning Officer pursuant to Section 14.1 of the *MNBC Electoral Act* shall be responsible for the security of the above-noted ballot box.
- ii. The ballot box shall be placed in an accessible location pursuant to the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act.
- iii. The Returning Officer shall send, by mail or courier, Mail-in Ballots deposited by Electors in a secured ballot box in a Community to the location and by the date designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- iv. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the date that the secured ballot box will be closed, and when the ballots must be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer."

B. Insert the following definition as number 3.23:

"Mobile Polling Station" means an advance poll consisting of a team of election officials who visit Communities and have two secure ballot boxes: one to collect Mail-in Ballots, and one to collect ballots issued by the team to electors who have not previously received a Mail-in Ballot."

AND renumber the remaining definitions accordingly;

C. Insert the following as (a) to Article 15.1:

- "(a) Advance polls shall be open for at least four (4) consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled."

D. Strike Article 26 and replace with the following Articles 26.1 to 26.5:

- "26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish at least one advance poll to accommodate electors. Such a poll may take place at a location of a Community which has requested and received a secure ballot box, or may be a mobile polling station, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. The dates, times, and locations of advance polls will be scheduled to provide reasonable access to as many electors as possible.
- 26.2 Advance Poll(s) shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- (a) The days and times of a Mobile Polling Station in Communities shall be included in the list of polling stations referenced in Section 16.4 of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 26.3 Any person on the list of electors and in possession of a mail ballot who attends an advance poll may mark their ballot and deposit it at that advance poll, in the ballot box reserved for Mail Ballots.
- 26.4 Any person who meets the criteria set out in Article 6 of this Act and:
- Has not received a mail-in ballot, and

- Has not voted online, and
- Signs a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person;

May receive a ballot from the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person.

26.5 Any person who has received a mail ballot and has spoiled it:

- i. May exchange the spoiled ballot for a replacement ballot, or
- ii. If not in possession of the spoiled ballot, may receive a replacement ballot after signing a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person;

The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept."

CARRIED (AGM2023-15)

(126 delegates voted in favour, 13 opposed, and 7 delegates abstained)

12. RESOLUTION 4 - Elector Outreach and Education

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 4 – Elector Outreach and Education" submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated June 4, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. Discussion ensued on time commitments and expectations related to serving in an elected position; and costs related to advertising through newspaper versus email and online options.

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Linda van Wieringen)

WHEREAS:

1. Historically, only about 10% of Métis have voted in past elections in British Columbia;
2. For many people, voting can be a confusing and intimidating experience; and
3. Democratic best practices include outreach to electors to inform them of when, where, and how to vote, along with the candidates who are running to represent their interests;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes be made to the *Electoral Act*:

A. In Article 5.2, strike the word "may" and insert "shall" in its place;

B. Add the following to the end of Article 5.2a:

"activities may include, but are not limited to:

- i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voter's guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;
- ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);
- iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;
- iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;

- v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;
 - vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
 - vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for all or for a specific region or Community."
- C.** Add the following as a new Article 5.2b and renumber existing Article 5.2b as Article 5.2c:
- "b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments."
- D.** Insert the following in Section 8.1 as a new Part b:
- "b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment."
- AND renumber the remaining subsections in Section 8.1 accordingly.

CARRIED (AGM2023-16)

(128 delegates voted in favour, 9 opposed, and 7 delegates abstained)

13. RESOLUTION 5 - Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 5 – Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments" submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated June 4, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Jayden Rogers) and SECONDED (Greta Henning)

WHEREAS:

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and
2. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The MNBC *Electoral Act* be amended as follows:

- A.** Strike the words "Returning Clerk" in existing Section 14.1f. and insert "Returning Officer" in their place;
- B.** Renumber parts c to f of Article 14.1 so that they are subsections of part b, as follows:
 - "b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - i. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - ii. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - iii. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate's representative;
 - iv. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location."

- C. In Article 31.2, strike the second instance of the word “in” and insert “is” in its place so that Article 31.2 will read:
- “31.2 An individual other than an Election Officer must not act to assist more than one Elector in an Election to mark a ballot unless the individual is assisting more than one member of their family.”

CARRIED (AGM2023-17)

(132 delegates voted in favour, 2 opposed, and 1 delegate abstained)

MEETING ADJOURNED

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 22-24, 2023, adjourned on September 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. after agreeing to reconvene on September 24, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

DAY THREE – September 24, 2023

MEETING RECONVENED – CALL TO ORDER

The MNBC AGM scheduled September 22-24, 2023, reconvened on September 24, 2023, at 8:38 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved with 194 official voting delegates attending in person and 19 official voting delegates attending virtually.

14. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: RESOLUTION A – C92 RESOLUTION

Related information: “Resolution A – C92 Resolution” submitted by Debra Fisher to the AGM and dated September 22, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution and confirmed that at least two-thirds of the eligible voting delegates were required to vote in favour, for the resolution to be duly ratified.

It was MOVED (Sasha Hobbs) and SECONDED (Peter Lang)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting (AGM) directs that if the remaining resolutions included on the distributed AGM agenda, are not considered by 11:00 a.m., “Resolution A – C92 Resolution” be considered at that time as a “Special Order of Business”.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-18)

15. RESOLUTION 6 - Regulatory Authority for Elections

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): “Resolution 6 – Regulatory Authority for Elections” submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated June 4, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Caitlin Bird) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. After an election is called, there may be an urgent need for additional or amended rules specific to the election;
2. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Citizens meet once, annually, at the Annual General Meeting

(AGM) and urgent changes to the rules for an election may not be dealt with in a timely fashion; and

3. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) is the legislative body of the MNBC as set out in the Constitution and it is well within the MNGA mandate to provide additional guidance to the MNBC's democratic processes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added to the *Electoral Act* as Section 45:

"REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to."

- B. The following be added as Article 4.8 to the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*:

"4.8 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to."

Postponement

It was MOVED (David Allard) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting postpone consideration of "Resolution 6 - Regulatory Authority for Elections", indefinitely.

DEFEATED

(32 delegates voted in favour, 84 opposed, and 3 delegates abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Louis De Jaeger) and SECONDED (June Graham)

That the Main Resolution be amended by appending the following to Section B:

"4.8.1 That any elected representative, who is a declared candidate in a current election, who is a member of the MNGA, may not propose such a rule."

CARRIED (AGM2023-19)

(87 delegates voted in favour, 26 opposed, and 7 delegates abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

CARRIED (AGM2023-20)

(98 delegates voted in favour, 21 opposed, and 5 delegates abstained)

Resolution 6, as amended, now reads:

WHEREAS:

1. After an election is called, there may be an urgent need for additional or amended rules specific to the election;
2. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Citizens meet once, annually, at the Annual General Meeting

(AGM) and urgent changes to the rules for an election may not be dealt with in a timely fashion; and

3. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) is the legislative body of the MNBC as set out in the Constitution and it is well within the MNGA mandate to provide additional guidance to the MNBC's democratic processes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The following be added to the *Electoral Act* as Section 45:

"REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Métis Nation Governing Assembly may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to."

- B. The following be added as Article 4.8 to the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*:

"4.8 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to."

"4.8.1 That any elected representative, who is a declared candidate in a current election, who is a member of the MNGA, may not propose such a rule."

16. RESOLUTION 7 - Extension of Voting Timelines

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 7 – Extension of Voting Timelines" submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated June 4, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Jayden Rogers)

WHEREAS:

- A. Mail-in ballot voting is one of the options for Métis Citizens to cast their votes and the length of time for receipt and return of mail ballots can be affected by a variety of issues, many of which are beyond the control of MNBC;
- B. Citizens have expressed concerns regarding the tight turnaround time for mail-in ballots to be received and returned;
- C. It is in MNBC's interest to have as many Citizens vote as possible, and short timelines to return mail-in ballots may deter people from voting; and
- D. Approval of this resolution will give Electors an additional week to return their mail-in ballots;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. In Article 8.2, strike the number "40" and insert "45" in its place;
- B. In Article 9.1, strike the word "immediately", and insert "the day after the close of nominations" at the end so that the article will read:

"9.1 If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office the day following the close of nominations."
- C. In Article 11.1, strike the number "seven (7)" and insert "five (5)" in its place.

CARRIED (AGM2023-21)

(115 delegates voted in favour, 1 opposed, and 3 delegates abstained)

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved.

17. RESOLUTION A – C92 Resolution

Related information: “Resolution A – C92 Resolution” submitted by Debra Fisher to the AGM Clerk and dated September 22, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

During discussion, comments were offered on:

- The federal and provincial governments refusal to recognize MNBC as having the authority to represent Métis children, youth and families within the child welfare system BC
- Keeping the Métis Children and Family Service providers updated regarding the MNBC's authorization to exercise jurisdiction
- Partnership and transparency between the MNBC and BC Children and Family Services.

It was MOVED (Lauren Peterson) and SECONDED (Vince van Wieringen)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation is an Indigenous people and one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of Section 35 (2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
2. The Métis Nation within British Columbia (BC) - which is an integral part of the larger Métis Nation - holds inherent rights to self-government and self-determination, as well as those rights as recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
3. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within BC - which includes the Métis Nation's citizens - with respect to their rights, claims, and interests;
4. Through policy development and advocacy, MNBC actively represents our thirty-nine (39) Métis Communities in BC and MNBC citizens. MNBC engages Chartered Communities and citizens to address sensitive and critical matters, including but not limited to the *Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act*, social work oversight, review of child protection responses, youth justice, youth transitions, children and youth with support needs, and the complexities associated with each of these issues;
5. MNBC and the Province of BC signed a Joint Commitment to collaboratively work towards MNBC's authority over child welfare for Métis children and families in BC;
6. On June 12, 2019, Canada, represented by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Métis National Council (MNC) regarding the Canada-Métis Nation Child and Family Services Accord (CFS MOU). The MNBC is a signatory to the CFS MOU, which states promoting Métis jurisdiction over the design and delivery of child and family programs and services as a primary goal;
7. The federal *Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* affirms that the “inherent right of self-government recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* includes jurisdiction in relation to child and family services, including legislative authority in relation to those services and authority to administer and enforce laws made under that legislative authority” and recognizes numerous rights, opportunities, and responsibilities of Indigenous governing bodies in the provision of child and family services to their citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A.** MNBC is authorized to exercise the Métis Nation within BC's inherent jurisdiction over child and family services, including through the development of a Métis child welfare law related to child and family services, the negotiation of related interim agreements, and/or any other necessary or related actions required to advance or exercise that jurisdiction.

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Patrick Harriott)

That the "Be it Resolved" section be amended by replacing "MNBC Is authorized to exercise the Métis Nation within BC's inherent jurisdiction" with "MNBC is authorized to exercise the inherent jurisdiction of the Métis Nation within BC".

WITHDRAWN BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Daylene Thomas) and SECONDED (Patricia Paulson)

That the Main Resolution be amended by changing the "Be It Resolved" clause to read:

- "A.** MNBC declares inherent jurisdiction over child and family services of Métis in BC. MNBC will develop Métis child welfare laws and will provide Métis child and family services including negotiating agreements and any other instrument that recognizes this jurisdiction. This declaration was authorized by the citizens of MNBC."

Secondary Amendment

It was MOVED (June Graham) and SECONDED (Fleurette Boorsboom)

That the Amendment to the Main Motion be amended by revising the first sentence to read "MNBC citizens declare inherent jurisdiction over child and family services of Métis in BC and authorize MNBC to exercise jurisdiction on our behalf"; and striking the last sentence, thereby revising the proposed amendment to the "Be It Resolved" clause to now read:

- "A.** MNBC citizens declare inherent jurisdiction over child and family services of Métis in BC and authorize MNBC to exercise jurisdiction on our behalf. MNBC will develop Métis child welfare laws and will provide Métis child and family services including negotiating agreements and any other instrument that recognizes this jurisdiction".

CARRIED (AGM2023-22)

(125 delegates voted in favour, 11 opposed, and 3 delegates abstained)

Amendment to the Main Resolution

It was MOVED (Anya McVean) and SECONDED (Linda van Wieringen)

That the Main Resolution be amended by changing the "Be It Resolved" clause to read:

- "A.** The Citizens of MNBC declare inherent jurisdiction over child and family services of Métis in BC and authorize MNBC to exercise jurisdiction on our behalf. MNBC will develop Métis child welfare laws and will provide Métis child and family services including negotiating agreements and any other instruments that recognizes this jurisdiction."

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-23)

Question on the Main Resolution as Amended

The question was called on the Main Resolution as amended, and it was

(137 delegates voted in favour, 6 opposed, and 1 delegate abstained)

Resolution A - C92 Resolution as amended, now reads:

"WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Nation is an Indigenous people and one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of Section 35 (2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
2. The Métis Nation within British Columbia (BC) - which is an integral part of the larger Métis Nation - holds inherent rights to self-government and self-determination, as well as those rights as recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
3. Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is mandated to represent the Métis Nation within BC - which includes the Métis Nation's citizens - with respect to their rights, claims, and interests;
4. Through policy development and advocacy, MNBC actively represents our thirty-nine (39) Métis Communities in BC and MNBC citizens. MNBC engages Chartered Communities and citizens to address sensitive and critical matters, including but not limited to the *Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act*, social work oversight, review of child protection responses, youth justice, youth transitions, children and youth with support needs, and the complexities associated with each of these issues;
5. MNBC and the Province of BC signed a Joint Commitment to collaboratively work towards MNBC's authority over child welfare for Métis children and families in BC;
6. On June 12, 2019, Canada, represented by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Métis National Council (MNC) regarding the Canada-Métis Nation Child and Family Services Accord (CFS MOU). The MNBC is a signatory to the CFS MOU, which states promoting Métis jurisdiction over the design and delivery of child and family programs and services as a primary goal;
7. The federal *Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* affirms that the "inherent right of self-government recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* includes jurisdiction in relation to child and family services, including legislative authority in relation to those services and authority to administer and enforce laws made under that legislative authority" and recognizes numerous rights, opportunities, and responsibilities of Indigenous governing bodies in the provision of child and family services to their citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Citizens of MNBC declare inherent jurisdiction over child and family services of Métis in BC and authorize MNBC to exercise jurisdiction on our behalf. MNBC will develop Métis child welfare laws and will provide Métis child and family services including negotiating agreements and any other instruments that recognizes this jurisdiction."

Health Break

The AGM recessed at 11:50 a.m. after unanimously agreeing to continue with the business of the AGM when the meeting resumed. The AGM reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

QUORUM CONFIRMED

The AGM Clerk confirmed that quorum was achieved. Elder Barbara Rhodes provided a Prayer and Blessing.

18. RESOLUTION 8 - Changes to the Veterans Act

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 8 – Changes to the Veterans Act" submitted by the MNGA via the Electoral Act Committee and dated March 5, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution. During discussion, comments were offered on

criteria for membership in the Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) and its alignment with Veterans Affairs Canada.

It was MOVED (Lissa Smith) and SECONDED (Brooklyn Chalmers)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) Committee has undergone some changes, and the MVBC Act needs to be updated to reflect these changes;
2. The relationship of the MVBC to the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), and the qualifications for membership and associate membership in MVBC should be stated clearly and succinctly;
3. The role of the Minister of Veterans to the MVBC needs to be clearly defined and understandable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The *Veterans Act* be amended as follows:

- A. Remove the second instance of "of" in Section 2.1 so that it shall read: "The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the MVBC within the MNBC";
- B. Strike Section 3.2 and insert the following in its place: "The spouses and children of MVBC Members who wish to join MVBC may apply for associate membership of MVBC and may be accepted as an associate member (the "Associate Member" or "Associate Members" as the case may be) of MVBC. The MVBC Committee will assess and accept or deny applications for Associate Membership";
- C. Strike Section 3.3 and insert the following in its place: "The MVBC Committee may, at their sole discretion, revoke a person's associate membership";
- D. Insert new Section 3.5 as follows: "A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee";
- E. Insert the acronym "BC" following the word "Veterans" in the title of Article Four, so that the new title will be: **ARTICLE FOUR – MÉTIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE**
- F. Strike existing Sections 4.1 to 4.6 and insert the following new Sections 4.1 to 4.12 in their place:

4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (the "MVBC Committee") shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the "Regional Representatives"), a Woman Veteran Representative, and a Service Officer, all being MVBC members.

4.2 The MVBC Membership shall elect from among themselves the Chairperson, Women's Representative, and Service Officer. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.

4.3 The term of office for all MVBC Committee members shall be no more than four (4) years. Elections and appointments shall be held at a MVBC General Meeting, in the year on which the term for those MVBC Committee members shall expire.

4.4 The MNBC Minister of Veterans will notify the relevant Regional Director no less than ninety (90) days before their MVBC Regional Representative term will expire, and an appointment must be made by the Regional Governance Council, if a suitable candidate can be found.

4.5 No Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson, Women's Representative, or Service Officer, without the approval of the MNBC Minister of Veterans.

4.6 At least one member of the MVBC Committee shall be a serving or retired member of the RCMP, if a suitable candidate can be found.

4.7 A Treasurer and Membership Clerk will be appointed by the MVBC Committee from the MVBC Committee Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson, Women's

Representative, and Service Officer, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”.

4.8 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:

- a.) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
- b.) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
- c.) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;
- d.) Serve as Gabriel Dumont Scouts as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
- e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
- f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
- g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
- h.) Represent themselves as Métis veterans at municipal, provincial, federal, commemorative, or other events.

4.9 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.

4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.

4.11 No less than seven (7) days’ notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.

4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.”

G. Strike the current title of Article Five of the *Veterans Act* and insert the following in its place:
ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS

H. Strike existing Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Veterans Act* and insert the following new Sections 5.1 to 5.3 in their place:

“5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.

5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate MNBC Board Member and the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.

5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.”

CARRIED (AGM2023-25)

(101 delegates voted in favour, 1 opposed, and 1 delegate abstained)

MOTION TO CONCLUDE

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Daylene Thomas)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 22-24, 2023, now conclude.

DEFEATED

(31 delegates voted in favour, 65 opposed, and 3 delegates abstained)

19. RESOLUTION 9 - Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 9 – Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members" submitted by the MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 5, 2023 and will require a majority vote to adopt.

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Shaughn Davoren) and SECONDED (Anya McVane)

WHEREAS:

1. A principle in any deliberative assembly is that each member is entitled to one vote; and
2. While Community Presidents may also hold a second post as a Regional Representative, there is a mechanism in the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Act* for the Vice-President to attend MNGA meetings if the President is unable to do so;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes be made to the *MNGA Act*:

A. Insert the following as Article 3.1.1

"3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1 above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling."

B. Insert the following as Article 4.2.1 a):

"a) Each member of the MNGA is entitled to one vote per motion at meetings."

Postponement

It was MOVED (Marc Dubord) and SECONDED (Caitlin Bird)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting postpone consideration of "Resolution 9 - Clarification of Voting for MNGA Members", indefinitely.

DEFEATED

(6 delegates voted in favour, 89 opposed, and 0 delegates abstained)

Question on the Main Resolution

The question was called on the Main Resolution and it was

CARRIED (AGM2023-26)

(91 delegates voted in favour, 2 opposed, and 0 delegates abstained)

20. RESOLUTION 10 - MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments

Related information (displayed and distributed in the Agenda package): "Resolution 10 – MNGA Act: Housekeeping Amendments" submitted by the MNGA via MNBC Board of Directors and dated March 5, 2023

The AGM Clerk read aloud the displayed resolution.

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Jeff Crozier)

WHEREAS:

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated; and,
2. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following changes be made to the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*:

- A. In definition 2.17, add an "s" to the word "order" so that the phrase being defined is "Orders of the Day".
- B. Subject to approval of A above, replace all instances of "Order of the day" with "Orders of the Day", so that the phrase matches definition 2.17 throughout the Act;
- C. Strike the word "General" in definition 2.10 and insert "Governing" in its place, so that the phrase being defined is "Governing Assembly";
- D. Strike definition 2.11 and renumber all subsequent definitions accordingly; and
- E. Subject to approval of C, above, strike the word "General" from Article 3.2 and insert the word "Governing" in its place, so that 3.2 will read:

"3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community's Vice-president may represent that Community."

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-27)

CLOSING REMARKS

President Smith extended appreciation to the Veterans for undertaking the duties of the Dumonts Scouts, the MNC President Caron for attending, staff for their efforts in organizing the AGM, and delegates for their participation. Senator Fern Hinse offered a Closing Prayer.

MOTION TO CONCLUDE

It was MOVED (Patrick Harriott) and SECONDED (Louis de Jaeger)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia 2023 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 22-24, 2023, now conclude.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT (AGM2023-28)

(Time: September 24, 2023 at approximately 1:00 p.m.)

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This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MNBC 2023 AGM held September 22-24, 2023 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Co-Chair

John Bieker, AGM Clerk

Co-Chair

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-2024



MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (the "Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Manning Elliott LLP

MANNING ELLIOTT LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Abbotsford, British Columbia
July 8, 2024

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,843,324	\$ 44,512,022
Short term investments (Note 3)	30,066,575	30,063,316
Accounts receivable	3,242,162	1,347,042
Goods and services tax receivable	363,018	391,695
Prepaid expenses and deposits	2,046,702	1,954,481
Advances to related parties (Note 4)	7,475	6,385
	85,569,256	78,274,941
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	52	52
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 7)	32,126,242	19,139,237
COLLECTIONS (Note 1(d))	11,255	11,255
	\$118,956,805	\$ 98,675,485
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,490,143	\$ 2,349,107
Vacation payable	904,660	480,300
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	78,473,074	74,256,253
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 9)	502,296	596,386
Advances from related party (Note 4)	50,135	-
	83,420,308	77,682,046
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 10)	14,441,238	4,288,373
LONG-TERM DEBT (Note 9)	-	304,386
	97,861,546	82,274,805
COMMITMENTS (Note 11)		
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Note 11)		
CONTINGENCIES (Note 12)		
NET ASSETS		
ENDOWMENT (Note 6)	1,250,000	1,250,000
UNRESTRICTED	2,149,000	288,561
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	17,696,259	14,862,119
	21,095,259	16,400,680
	\$118,956,805	\$ 98,675,485

Approved by the Directors:


 Director


 Director

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2024	2023
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 288,561	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 16,400,680	\$ 15,553,596
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	592,423	-	592,423	736,333
DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	1,130,066	(1,130,066)	-	-
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND (<i>Note 7</i>)	-	-	4,102,156	4,102,156	110,751
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	(11,247,485)	11,247,485	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	1,232,570	(1,232,570)	-	-
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	-	11,642,865	(11,642,865)	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-	(1,490,000)	1,490,000	-	-
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 2,149,000	\$ 17,696,259	\$ 21,095,259	\$ 16,400,680

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	Endowment	Unrestricted	Invested in Capital Assets	2023	2022
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ (447,772)	\$ 14,751,368	\$ 15,553,596	\$ 521,230
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	736,333	-	736,333	280,998
FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF LAND <i>(Note 7)</i>	-	-	110,751	110,751	14,751,368
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	(2,173,627)	2,173,627	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	744,657	(744,657)	-	-
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	-	2,173,627	(2,173,627)	-	-
AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	-	(744,657)	744,657	-	-
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 288,561	\$ 14,862,119	\$ 16,400,680	\$ 15,553,596

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
ISSET - CRF (Schedule 2)	6,131,375	6,131,375	-	9,897,827	9,897,827	-
ISSET - EI (Schedule 3)	2,646,724	2,646,724	-	-	-	-
ISC - PSE (Schedule 4)	3,691,326	3,691,326	-	6,730,085	6,730,085	-
AEST - PSFS-III (Schedule 5)	6,526,471	6,526,471	-	247,483	247,483	-
AEST - PSFS-III (Schedule 6)	145,819	145,819	-	-	-	-
AEST - MNBC Institute & Capacity (Schedule 7)	127,861	127,861	-	38,490	38,490	-
AEST - Scholarships (Schedule 8)	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
MAEST - Sexual Violence Policy (Schedule 9)	5,630	5,630	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Basic Operational Capacity (Schedule 10)	421,475	421,475	-	421,475	421,475	-
CIRNAC - Capacity Proposal for Métis Women's Consultation (Schedule 11)	102,530	102,530	-	167,615	167,615	-
CIRNAC - Community Based Climate Monitoring Initiative (Schedule 12)	105,492	105,492	-	132,206	132,206	-
CIRNAC - Climate Leadership Co-Development (Schedule 13)	238,036	238,036	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Housing Strategy and Implementation (Schedule 14)	7,311,956	7,311,956	-	4,363,472	4,363,472	-
CIRNAC - Indigenous Community Infrastructure Plan (Schedule 15)	1,037,180	1,037,180	-	4,062	4,062	-
CIRNAC - Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Discussion Table (Schedule 16)	519,343	519,343	-	410,683	410,683	-
CIRNAC - The Métis Nation Table on Climate Change (Schedule 17)	162,722	162,722	-	117,528	117,528	-
CIRNAC - Tobacco Control Strategy (Schedule 18)	359,772	359,772	-	81,828	81,828	-
CIRNAC - Ventilation in Public Buildings (Schedule 19)	14,689	14,689	-	1,417	1,417	-
Subtotal	<u>29,598,401</u>	<u>29,598,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,664,171</u>	<u>22,664,171</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	29,598,401	29,598,401	-	22,664,171	22,664,171	-
CIRNAC - Family Violence Prevention (Schedule 20)	31,084	31,084	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Métis Adaptation Priorities in British Columbia (Schedule 21)	19,151	19,151	-	-	-	-
CIRNAC - Section 35 Research project (Schedule 22)	858,019	858,019	-	-	-	-
ISC - Anti-Racism (Schedule 23)	495,829	495,829	-	111,267	111,267	-
ISC - Core Governance (Schedule 24)	4,640,625	4,640,625	-	4,604,419	4,604,419	-
ISC - Emergency COVID19 Funding (Schedule 25)	1,927,917	1,927,917	-	2,466,776	2,466,776	-
ISC - Health Core Capacity (Schedule 26)	40,000	40,000	-	80,000	80,000	-
ISC - Health Legislation Engagement (Schedule 27)	107,078	107,078	-	112,868	112,868	-
ISC - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - The "Mamawii" Gathering Place (Schedule 28)	1,378	1,378	-	1,115	1,115	-
ISC - Mental Health (Schedule 29)	2,710,990	2,710,990	-	819,197	819,197	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Schedule 30)	832,272	832,272	-	1,278,420	1,278,420	-
ISC - Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (Research and Innovation) (Schedule 31)	1,667	1,667	-	-	-	-
ISC - Trauma-Informed Health Support (Schedule 32)	336,554	336,554	-	-	-	-
ISC - Intergovernmental Relations (Schedule 33)	575,000	575,000	-	-	-	-
ISC - Long-term and Continuing Care Engagement Plan (Schedule 34)	79,199	79,199	-	-	-	-
ISC - Governance Engagement Mechanism (Schedule 35)	464,000	464,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>42,719,164</u>	<u>42,719,164</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,138,233</u>	<u>32,138,233</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	42,719,164	42,719,164	-	32,138,233	32,138,233	-
ISC - Enhanced Federal Procurement for Métis Business (Schedule 36)	22,492	22,492	-	-	-	-
PHAC - Health Capacity (Schedule 37)	490,420	490,420	-	60,790	60,790	-
PHAC - Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (Schedule 38)	1,109,020	1,109,020	-	727,775	727,775	-
Health Canada - SUAP Outreach (Schedule 39)	317,372	317,372	-	77,146	77,146	-
Health Canada - End of Life Care (ELOC) (Schedule 40)	13,162	13,162	-	-	-	-
Health Canada - Palliative Care (Schedule 41)	294,100	294,100	-	-	-	-
Department of Justice - Indigenous Justice Strategy (Schedule 42)	9,941	9,941	-	6,348	6,348	-
Department of Justice - Métis 101 for Justice System Professionals (Schedule 43)	46,117	46,117	-	-	-	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women In Leadership (Schedule 44)	75,851	75,851	-	14,433	14,433	-
ECCC - Canadian Wildlife Services (Schedule 45)	93,369	93,369	-	83,847	83,847	-
ECCC - Metis Guardian Harvesters (Schedule 46)	293,826	293,826	-	22,827	22,827	-
ECCC - Canada Nature Fund (Schedule 47)	127,926	127,926	-	-	-	-
ECCC - Land Use Changes of Métis Citizens in BC (Schedule 48)	425	425	-	-	-	-
ECCC-Canada Nature Fund -IPCA (Schedule 49)	34,213	34,213	-	-	-	-
ECCC - Pollinators at risk in BC (Schedule 50)	31,490	31,490	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>45,678,888</u>	<u>45,678,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,131,399</u>	<u>33,131,399</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	45,678,888	45,678,888	-	33,131,399	33,131,399	-
ECCC - Métis Climate Action in British Columbia (Schedule 51)	20,400	20,400	-	-	-	-
ESDC - Early Learning and Child Care (Schedule 52)	9,567,865	9,567,865	-	9,408,303	9,408,303	-
ESDC - Follow MY Lead (Schedule 53)	5,941	5,941	-	152,065	152,065	-
ESDC - Reaching Home (Schedule 54)	1,398,759	1,398,759	-	718,422	718,422	-
ESDC - Summer Student Program (Schedule 55)	9,790	9,790	-	32,382	32,382	-
IAAC - Spanish Mountain Gold (Schedule 56)	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
CEAA - Eskay Creek Revitalization Grant (Schedule 57)	4,599	4,599	-	-	-	-
CEAA - Ksi Lisims LNG Grant (Schedule 58)	11,394	11,394	-	-	-	-
CER - NEBC Connector Project (Schedule 59)	8,462	8,462	-	5,889	5,889	-
CER - Post GIC Decision Grant for NEBC Connector Project (Schedule 60)	3,500	3,500	-	-	-	-
Parks Canada - Métis Involvement & Capacity in Urban parks (Schedule 61)	93,426	93,426	-	10,094	10,094	-
Parks Canada - Exhibit Content (Schedule 62)	2,205	2,205	-	-	-	-
Indigenous Languages Component #4 (Schedule 63)	259,875	259,875	-	40,125	40,125	-
Indigenous Languages Component #5 (Schedule 64)	284,919	284,919	-	-	-	-
Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Funding (Schedule 65)	300,000	300,000	-	-	-	-
MNC Conference (Schedule 66)	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
MNC Videography Project (Schedule 67)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>57,715,023</u>	<u>57,715,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,498,679</u>	<u>43,498,679</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	57,715,023	57,715,023	-	43,498,679	43,498,679	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Métis Justice Strategy (Schedule 68)	4,360	4,360	-	104,441	104,441	-
Ministry of Attorney General - Anti-Racism (Schedule 69)	87,018	87,018	-	4,203	4,203	-
MIRR - Core Governance (Schedule 70)	400,000	400,000	-	732,362	732,362	-
MIRR - Declaration Act (Schedule 71)	3,327	3,327	-	200,000	200,000	-
MIRR - Métis Nation BC Relations Table (Schedule 72)	587,191	587,191	-	584,688	584,688	-
MIRR - UAYC Youth Engagement (Schedule 73)	18,473	18,473	-	18,215	18,215	-
MIRR - UAYC Youth Engagement III (Schedule 74)	51,319	51,319	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Youth Engagement (Schedule 75)	9,067	9,067	-	21,103	21,103	-
MIRR - Chartered Communities and Cultural Initiatives (Schedule 76)	390,000	390,000	-	-	-	-
MIRR - Action Plan Engagement UN Declaration (Schedule 77)	18,870	18,870	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Capacity Funding (Schedule 78)	123,411	123,411	-	105,288	105,288	-
MCFD - Permanency Planning for Children in Care (Schedule 79)	428,752	428,752	-	500,000	500,000	-
MCFD - Métis Early Years Navigators (Schedule 80)	688,374	688,374	-	564,661	564,661	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund - FSJ (Schedule 81)	249,453	249,453	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund - Kamloops (Schedule 82)	1,648,876	1,648,876	-	-	-	-
MCFD - Métis Child Care Navigation and Support Program (Schedule 83)	499,994	499,994	-	499,692	499,692	-
Subtotal	<u>62,923,508</u>	<u>62,923,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,833,332</u>	<u>46,833,332</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	62,923,508	62,923,508	-	46,833,332	46,833,332	-
MCFD Grant - ELCC Engagement (Schedule 84)	125,000	125,000	-	132,458	132,458	-
MCFD - Transformative Changes (Schedule 85)	107,280	107,280	-	131,241	131,241	-
MCFD - CYSN Services (Schedule 86)	1,541	1,541	-	-	-	-
MOE - Core Operations K-12 (Schedule 87)	124,318	124,318	-	60,091	60,091	-
Feeding Futures (Schedule 88)	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-
MOE - Distinctions Based Space Fund - Mission (Schedule 89)	7,797	7,797	-	-	-	-
MOE - Distinctions Based Space Fund - Kamloops (Schedule 90)	120,000	120,000	-	-	-	-
Métis Pedagogy Services (Schedule 91)	122,987	122,987	-	-	-	-
MOF - Gender-Based Violence (Schedule 92)	98,338	98,338	-	1,662	1,662	-
MOH -Capacity Funding (Schedule 93)	94,782	94,782	-	197,646	197,646	-
MOH - In Plain Sight (Schedule 94)	933,340	933,340	-	1,136,997	1,136,997	-
MOH - In Plain Sight Task Team Planning (Schedule 95)	49,645	49,645	-	40,284	40,284	-
MOH - Health & Wellness Grant (Schedule 96)	310,284	310,284	-	-	-	-
MMHA - Engagement Sessions (Schedule 97)	375,000	375,000	-	375,000	375,000	-
MMHA - Self-Harm & Alcohol-Related Issues (Schedule 98)	132,112	132,112	-	-	-	-
MoSD - Poverty Reduction Engagement Sessions (Schedule 99)	16,913	16,913	-	-	-	-
MoSD - Poverty Reduction Recommendations (Schedule 100)	50,143	50,143	-	-	-	-
PHSA Grant - School Food Guidelines (Schedule 101)	2,840	2,840	-	17,160	17,160	-
Subtotal	<u>65,620,828</u>	<u>65,620,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,925,871</u>	<u>48,925,871</u>	<u>-</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	65,620,828	65,620,828	-	48,925,871	48,925,871	-
PHSA - Unintended Consequences (Unicorn) (Schedule 102)	8,760	8,760	-	79,506	79,506	-
Arts Impact Grant (Schedule 103)	100	100	-	26,375	26,375	-
Arts Infrastructure Grant (Schedule 104)	46,809	46,809	-	14,067	14,067	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Cultural Kinections (Schedule 105)	8,584	8,584	-	28	28	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Sashing Our Warriors (Schedule 106)	792	792	-	127	127	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Healing and Rebuilding (Schedule 107)	317	317	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Ask the Kihit̓yak (Elders) Virtual Circle (Schedule 108)	20,569	20,569	-	-	-	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Metis Youth Governance Forum (Schedule 109)	852	852	-	-	-	-
CPAC - Métis Cancer Strategic Plans (Schedule 110)	50,000	50,000	-	29,119	29,119	-
SPARC (Schedule 111)	50,363	50,363	-	-	-	-
Co-Development of the Modernized Emergency Program (Schedule 112)	48,628	48,628	-	6,372	6,372	-
FHA - Experiential Learning (Schedule 113)	45,212	45,212	-	-	-	-
FHA - Health Systems Advocate (Schedule 114)	107,581	107,581	-	-	-	-
FHA - Engagement (Schedule 115)	39,700	39,700	-	-	-	-
FHA - HHR & STEPS Connection (Schedule 116)	91,640	91,640	-	-	-	-
Interior Health - Aboriginal Health Care Advocate (Schedule 117)	179,650	179,650	-	6,055	6,055	-
Subtotal	<u>66,320,385</u>	<u>66,320,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,087,520</u>	<u>49,087,520</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	66,320,385	66,320,385	-	49,087,520	49,087,520	-
Interior Health - HARS/Emergency Preparedness Grant (Schedule 118)	18,000	18,000	-	19,400	19,400	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness (Schedule 119)	60,948	60,948	-	140,463	140,463	-
Interior Health - Community Food Action Initiative (Schedule 120)	42,289	42,289	-	-	-	-
Island Health - Wellness Advocate (Schedule 121)	15,214	15,214	-	-	-	-
Northern Health Capacity (Schedule 122)	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000	-
Northern Health - Health & Wellness Checkup Program (Schedule 123)	32,000	32,000	-	-	-	-
FNHA - Fraser Salish Indigenous Cultural Safety Event (Schedule 124)	3,205	3,205	-	-	-	-
Métis Nation's Aboriginal Health Initiative Committee (AHIC) (Schedule 125)	220	220	-	11,104	11,104	-
New Relationship Trust - Indigenous Food Security & Sovereignty Grant (Schedule 126)	154,680	154,680	-	-	-	-
General Justice Fund (Schedule 127)	223	223	-	-	-	-
SOW - Shock Proofing Communities Grant (Schedule 128)	3,251	3,251	-	71,148	71,148	-
Heritage BC - Time Immemorial Grant (Schedule 129)	24,343	24,343	-	15,606	15,606	-
CMCH - Core Housing Need Research (Schedule 130)	40,600	40,600	-	71,223	71,223	-
Subtotal	<u>66,765,358</u>	<u>66,765,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,466,464</u>	<u>49,466,464</u>	<u>-</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	66,765,358	66,765,358	-	49,466,464	49,466,464	-
Healthcare Excellence Canada (Schedule 135)	56,657	56,657	-	-	-	-
University of Western Ontario - Early Childhood Pedagogy Network (Schedule 136)	83,275	83,275	-	186,730	186,730	-
Aboriginal Service Plan (ASP) - Thompson River University (Schedule 137)	34,241	34,241	-	13,984	13,984	-
Capilano University - Cultural Specialist Funding (Schedule 138)	32,000	32,000	-	-	-	-
UPHN - HPV Immunization Project (Schedule 139)	101,456	101,456	-	70,764	70,764	-
Vancouver Coastal Health - Health Through Culture (Schedule 140)	97,992	97,992	-	13,629	13,629	-
Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak Funding (Schedule 141)	300	300	-	3,813	3,813	-
BCSSA - Métis Peoples & Community (Schedule 142)	8,511	8,511	-	34,989	34,989	-
BC Arts Council - Professional Arts Training Program (Schedule 143)	13,316	13,316	-	2,084	2,084	-
Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Schedule 144)	11,500	11,500	-	100,000	100,000	-
Vancity Grant (Schedule 145)	105,138	105,138	-	26,812	26,812	-
TD Bank - Cervix Check (Schedule 146)	4,506	4,506	-	-	-	-
Port of Vancouver - Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (Schedule 147)	13,883	13,883	-	-	-	-
Enbridge - Sunrise Expansion (Schedule 148)	11,710	11,710	-	-	-	-
Natural Resources - Various Federal Grants (Schedule 149)	878	878	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>67,340,721</u>	<u>67,340,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,919,269</u>	<u>49,919,269</u>	<u>-</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	67,340,721	67,340,721	-	49,919,269	49,919,269	-
Destination Greater Victoria Sponsorship (Schedule 150)	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-
Point Ellice House (Schedule 151)	38,316	38,316	-	-	-	-
Sports Grant (Schedule 152)	53,935	53,935	-	91,988	91,988	-
Elders Assistance Program (Schedule 153)	275,000	275,000	-	356,215	356,215	-
Batoche (Schedule 154)	34,960	34,960	-	50,264	50,264	-
AGM (Schedule 155)	349,317	349,317	-	387,743	387,743	-
MNGA (Schedule 156)	310,667	310,667	-	250,056	250,056	-
Merch sales (Schedule 157)	8,880	-	8,880	-	-	-
Administration (Schedule 158)	11,188,939	10,657,979	530,960	7,334,964	7,052,148	282,816
JV & Partnerships (Schedule 159)	223,830	-	223,830	420,962	-	420,962
Housing Operations (Schedule 160)	209,767	12,491	197,276	-	-	-
Culture Program (MNBC Store) (Schedule 161)	46,403	141,396	(94,993)	125,149	75,888	49,261
Other programs	4,933	4,933	-	-	-	-
AEST - SITEM-II	-	-	-	7,484,345	7,484,345	-
CIRNAC - Infrastructure Engagement Project	-	-	-	195,649	195,649	-
ISC - Métis Minor Infrastructure	-	-	-	391	391	-
ISC - Métis Women of British Columbia - Consultation, Leadership and Governance	-	-	-	30,645	30,645	-
ISC - Supportive Care Assessment	-	-	-	506,664	506,664	-
Women and Gender Equality Canada - Métis Women Empowerment Project	-	-	-	27,699	27,699	-
Subtotal	<u>80,089,668</u>	<u>79,223,715</u>	<u>865,953</u>	<u>67,182,003</u>	<u>66,428,964</u>	<u>753,039</u>

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	67,182,003	66,428,964	753,039
ECCC - Métis Guardians - Conserving Nature	-	-	-	267,819	267,819	-
Health Canada - Safe Restart	-	-	-	407,922	407,922	-
MHCC - Cannabis Grant	-	-	-	71,609	71,609	-
IAAC - Castle Project	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
IAAC - CER - NGTL System	-	-	-	1,512	1,512	-
IAAC - Onshore Pipelines	-	-	-	12,000	12,000	-
Indigenous Languages Component #3	-	-	-	238,069	238,069	-
MIRR - Residential School Response	-	-	-	250,000	250,000	-
MCFD - Child Care BC New Spaces Fund	-	-	-	2,100,000	2,100,000	-
MCFD - Child Care Rapid Renovation Grant	-	-	-	577,956	577,956	-
MMHA - Métis Youth Mental Health and Wellness	-	-	-	140,046	140,046	-
PHSA - Bursaries	-	-	-	50,000	50,000	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Métis Elder's & Knowledge Keepers	-	-	-	30,000	30,000	-
Civil Forfeiture Grant - Learn, Heal, Rebuild - Métis Speaker Series	-	-	-	807	807	-
Interior Health - Métis Mental Health and Wellness	-	-	-	112,824	112,824	-
UNBC - Cervix Cancer Strategy	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
Rise Consulting - Orange Shirt Donation	-	-	-	1,955	1,955	-
BC Hydro - ITUF	-	-	-	230,000	230,000	-
National Indigenous Peoples Day	-	-	-	7,742	7,742	-
Subtotal	<u>80,089,668</u>	<u>79,223,715</u>	<u>865,953</u>	<u>71,702,264</u>	<u>70,949,225</u>	<u>753,039</u>

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024			2023		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>
Balance forward	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	71,702,264	70,949,225	753,039
Métis Language Institute	-	-	-	26,000	26,000	-
CWRG Driver's Training	-	-	-	169,730	169,730	-
	80,089,668	79,223,715	865,953	71,897,994	71,144,955	753,039
Other reimbursements	(68,780)	(68,780)	-	-	-	-
Internally allocated administration (Note 13)	(8,449,199)	(8,449,199)	-	(7,287,033)	(7,287,033)	-
	71,571,689	70,705,736	865,953	64,610,961	63,857,922	753,039
OTHER ITEMS						
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	1,490,000		1,490,000	744,657		744,657
Amortization of capital assets		1,232,570	(1,232,570)		744,657	(744,657)
Loss on disposal of capital assets		530,960	(530,960)		-	-
Interest expense from loan financing (Note 9)		-			16,706	(16,706)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR (Schedule 1)	73,061,689	72,469,266	592,423	65,355,618	64,619,285	736,333

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 592,423	\$ 736,333
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	1,232,570	744,657
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(1,490,000)	(744,657)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	530,960	-
Interest expense from loan financing	-	16,706
	865,953	753,039
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(1,895,120)	(698,207)
Goods and services tax receivable	28,677	(199,543)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(92,221)	(1,525,223)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,141,036	321,142
Vacation payable	424,360	262,543
Deferred revenue	4,216,821	25,447,079
	3,823,553	23,607,791
	4,689,506	24,360,830
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Advances from related party	50,135	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(398,476)	(425,990)
Funding for purchase of land	4,102,156	110,751
Deferred capital contributions received	11,642,865	2,173,627
	15,396,680	1,858,388
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of land	(4,102,156)	(110,751)
Purchase of capital assets	(11,247,485)	(2,173,627)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets	599,106	-
Purchase of short term investments	(3,259)	(30,063,316)
Advances to related parties	(1,090)	-
	(14,754,884)	(32,347,694)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR	5,331,302	(6,128,476)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	44,512,022	50,640,498
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 49,843,324	\$ 44,512,022

MÉTIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia ("the Council") was incorporated on October 23, 1996 under the British Columbia Society Act and subsequently transitioned to the British Columbia Societies Act. The Council was established to represent and serve the needs of the Métis people and to deliver employment and training services to the Métis people of British Columbia. The Council is exempt from corporate income taxes pursuant to paragraph 149(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).

As of April 1, 2019 the Council operated under the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISETP). Prior to this, the Council operated under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS).

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, which are also in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). In management's opinion, these financial statements have been prepared within reasonable limits of materiality using the significant accounting policies noted below:

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is defined as cash on hand, cash on deposit, short-term deposits with maturity dates of less than 90 days at the date of purchase and bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn. Cash subjected to restrictions that prevent its use for current purposes, including endowments, is excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

(b) Short term investments

Short term investments include guaranteed investment certificates. The investments are carried at cost which approximates their fair value as the maturity date is less than one year.

(c) Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization which is recorded over the useful lives of the assets on a straight line basis over the following periods:

Buildings	20 years
Furniture and equipment	10 years
Computers	5 years
Software	3 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

The Council's policy is to record a write-down to a capital asset's fair value or replacement cost when conditions indicate that a capital asset is impaired. Such conditions include when the capital asset no longer contributes to the Council's ability to provide goods and services or when the value of future economic benefits or service potential associated with the capital asset is less than its net carrying amount. Write-downs are recognized as an expense in the statement of operations and are not reversed. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no write-downs have been recognized.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

(d) Collections

Collections held by the Council include artwork. The Council records collections at cost. If cost is not determinable, collections are recorded at nominal value. The Council writes down the value of a collection if any events or changes in circumstances indicate that its net carrying value may exceed its fair value. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no write-downs have been recognized.

(e) Interest in joint ventures

The Council's joint ventures are not consolidated but are reported using the equity method of accounting for investments and by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Handbook - Accounting.

(f) Controlled not-for-profit organization

The Council's controlled not-for-profit organization is not consolidated, but is reported by providing the disclosure recommended under Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting.

(g) Revenue recognition

The Council follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are recorded as deferred capital contributions and are amortized to revenue at the same rate as the related capital assets.

Contributions restricted for the purchase of land are recognized as direct increases to net assets.

Deferred revenue represents operating funding received in the current period that is designated for future periods.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

(h) Financial instruments

i) Measurement

The Council's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, accounts receivable, advances to related parties, accounts payable, vacation payable, long-term debt, and advances from related party.

The Council initially measures all of its financial instruments at fair value except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Council subsequently measures all of its financial instruments at amortized cost. Changes to financial instruments measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred.

ii) Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of any write-down that is determined is recognized in the statement of operations. A previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of any improvement, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations in the period in which it is determined.

iii) Transaction costs

Transaction costs related to financial instruments that will be subsequently measured at fair value are recognized in the statement of operations in the period incurred. Transaction costs related to financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost are included in the original cost of the asset or liability and recognized in the statement of operations over the life of the instrument using the straight-line method.

(i) Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as at the end of or during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates used are reasonable and prudent, however, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant areas requiring the use of management estimates relate to the valuation of accounts receivable and related party balances, determination of the useful lives of capital assets for computing amortization, amounts recorded as accrued liabilities and measurement of deferred revenue and deferred capital contributions.

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2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISKS

The Council is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Council's risk exposure and concentration of risk as at March 31, 2024, which remain significantly unchanged from the prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Council is exposed to credit risk from its accounts receivable, and advances to related parties. The Council deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Council's accounts receivable includes amounts receivable from various government agencies which have minimal risk of default. As at March 31, 2024 and 2023, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recognized.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Council is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable, vacation payable, long-term debt, and advances from related party. The Council mitigates liquidity risk by ensuring it documents when authorized payments become due and monitors cash balances and cash flows generated from operations against its anticipated, committed and contemplated outflows.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Council's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Council is not exposed to currency risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments in foreign currency and all transactions are conducted in Canadian dollars.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Council is not exposed to this risk as it does not hold any credit facilities or investments with floating interest rates.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Council is not exposed to other price risk as the Council does not hold any financial instruments which may be affected by changes in market prices.

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3. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Included in short term investments are two (2023 - four) guaranteed investment certificates with interest rates ranging from 5.38% to 5.41% (2023 - 5.01% to 5.17%) per annum and with maturity dates between May 2024 and September 2024 (2023 - May 2023 and August 2023).

4. RELATED PARTY BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of the Council's related party balances and transactions:

	2024	2023
<u>Advances to related parties</u>		
<u>Wholly owned by the Council</u>		
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	\$ 6,385	\$ 6,385
Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation	1,090	-
	\$ 7,475	\$ 6,385
<u>Advances from related party</u>		
<u>Under common control due to same board of directors</u>		
Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society	\$ 50,135	\$ -
<u>Related party transaction</u>		
<u>Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society</u>		
Programs and projects expense	\$ 50,000	\$ -

The advances are unsecured, non-interest bearing, and have no fixed terms of repayment, and are therefore classified as current.

The related party transaction is in the normal course of operations and is measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Council holds various interests which are accounted for in the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(e) and 1(f):

	2024	2023
TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership	\$ 1	\$ 1
Williams Scotsman Joint Venture	43	43
Ironwood Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture	1	1
Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture	1	1
Iridia Medical Joint Venture	1	1
MVS / MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture	1	1
Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation	1	1
Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc.	1	1

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5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

The Council holds 51% interest in the TNT/MNBC Crane and Rigging Limited Partnership and the remaining 49% interest is held by unrelated parties. The purpose of the limited partnership is to provide crane and lifting services in BC.

The Council holds 51% interest in the Williams Scotsman Joint Venture and the remaining 49% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide marketing in certain circumstances where it would have preferential access to opportunities for providing the services to clients in BC.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Ironwood Métis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related equipment to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Little Fox MNBC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide services to future development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Prospective Partner Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide a variety of services such as construction and maintenance activities related to forestry, mining, oil and gas utility, infrastructure and renewable projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the NCS Metis Nation BC Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the Iridia Medical Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to provide medical services contract associated with Cord project.

The Council holds 50.1% interest in the MVS/MNBC Equipment Rental Services Joint Venture and the remaining 49.9% interest is held by an unrelated party. The purpose of the Joint Venture is to construction and access matting, including installation and removal, as well as servicing related to equipment to development projects.

Income earned by the Council from the above investments is recorded within the JV and Partnerships program in the statement of operations.

There are significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the above organizations, as these organizations report under a different framework than ASNPO.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Nation British Columbia Trustee Corporation ("the Trustee Corporation"). The activity in the Trustee Corporation is minimal.

The Council holds 100% interest in the Métis Financial Corporation of BC Inc. ("the Corporation"). The purpose of the corporation is to provide supporting economic development of Metis Nation by providing financial assistance to Metis entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs through business loans and other funding mechanisms. The Corporation is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada) Section 149(1)(e) as a non-profit corporation.

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5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

There are no significant differences in the accounting policies between the Council and the Corporation. A summary of assets, liabilities, operations and cash flows of the Corporation for the years ending March 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows as the March 31, 2024 figures are unavailable:

	2023	2022
Total assets	\$ 23,794,556	\$ 22,002,332
Total liabilities	\$ 15,158,747	\$ 14,962,332
Net assets	\$ 8,635,809	\$ 7,040,000
Total revenue	\$ 4,015,136	\$ 2,416,435
Total expenses	\$ 2,419,327	\$ 1,184,515
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 1,595,809	\$ 1,231,920
Cash inflow (outflow) from:		
Operating activities	\$ (2,437,415)	\$ 1,622,508
Investing activities	\$ (3,769)	\$ 997,657
Financing activities	\$ -	\$ -

Amelia Douglas Métis Institute Society ("the Society") is governed by the same of board of directors as the Council. No activity has taken place in the Society other than the related party transaction and balance disclosed in Note 4.

6. ENDOWMENT

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Council received \$1,250,000 from the Government of Canada for the purpose of establishing an Endowment Fund to support Métis students in the pursuit of post secondary education. Endowment contributions are presented as direct increases in net assets. The Council will maintain the capital amount of the Endowment Fund and income earned from the Endowment fund will be used to support activities per the funding agreement.

Investment income earned on the endowment is accounted for as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance deferred, beginning of year	\$ 40,929	\$ -
Investment income earned during the year	70,883	40,929
Balance deferred, end of year	\$ 111,812	\$ 40,929

The balance deferred is included in Central Services – Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding (Note 8).

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7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Land	\$ 18,576,022	\$ -	\$ 18,576,022	\$ 14,862,119
Buildings	9,681,994	235,437	9,446,557	1,225,874
Furniture and equipment	1,507,152	244,780	1,262,372	788,199
Computers and software	2,422,749	1,208,593	1,214,156	1,198,579
Leasehold improvements	1,903,782	667,397	1,236,385	1,064,466
Vehicles	390,750	-	390,750	-
	\$ 34,482,449	\$ 2,356,207	\$ 32,126,242	\$ 19,139,237

Included in buildings are seven (2023 - four) properties with total cost of \$852,532 (2023 - \$764,824) which are not available for use and have not been amortized.

Vehicles of \$390,750 are not available for use and have not been amortized.

During the year, the Council received funding of \$4,102,156 (2023 - \$110,751) to meet its housing objectives. This funding was used by the Council to purchase land and is recorded as a direct increase to net assets in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(g).

8. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents unspent restricted funding for subsequent years and are deferred in accordance with the accounting policy disclosed in Note 1(g). The changes in the deferred revenue balance is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 74,256,253	\$ 48,809,174
Amount received during the year	19,239,734	30,082,211
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(15,022,913)	(4,635,132)
Balance, end of year	\$ 78,473,074	\$ 74,256,253

Deferred revenue by source of funding is as follows:

Central Services - Capacity, Infrastructure, Governance & Rights Funding		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 2,037,400	\$ 1,986,345
Provincial Funding	1,386,332	102,411
Administration and Other Funding	6,384,729	5,333,121
Ministry of Skills Training, Employment & Post Secondary (STEPS)		
Federal - ISC	\$ 1,370,859	\$ -
Federal - ESDC	956,061	1,640,821
Provincial Funding	8,866,734	7,541,704
Other Funding	-	74,177
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal Funding - CIRNAC	\$ 13,451,588	\$ 20,452,140
Federal Funding - ESDC	-	1,273,934

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8. DEFERRED REVENUE (*continued*)

	2024	2023
Ministry of Housing and Homelessness		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 26,053	\$ -
Provincial Funding	332,725	300,000
Other Funding	-	71,918
Ministry of Women and Gender Equity		
Federal Funding	\$ 15,062	\$ 127,207
Provincial Funding	2,299	11,674
Other Funding	1,012	1,312
Ministry of Youth		
Federal Funding	\$ 196,116	\$ 199,652
Provincial Funding	83,718	57,962
Other Funding	24,442	47,683
Ministry of Health and Wellness		
Federal Funding	\$ 791,340	\$ 3,774,395
Provincial Funding	1,640,297	823,658
Other Funding	4,795	893,879
Ministry of Children and Families		
Provincial Funding	\$ 348,638	\$ -
Other Funding	23,239	38,350
Ministry of Education: Early Learning K-12		
Federal Funding	\$ 22,165,744	\$ 15,831,428
Provincial Funding	15,216,392	10,025,000
Other Funding	32,000	90,226
Ministries of Environment, Climate Change & Food Security; Economic Development, Partnerships, and Tourism; and Sport and Active Living		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 1,483,170	\$ 3,091,996
Provincial Funding	212,432	48,628
Other Funding	53,102	246,380
Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language		
Federal Funding - Other	\$ 1,294,461	\$ 116,299
Provincial Funding	72,334	32,559
Other Funding	-	21,394
	\$ 78,473,074	\$ 74,256,253

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9. LONG TERM DEBT

	2024	2023
Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") non-interest bearing loan, repayable in monthly payments of \$42,599, secured by a general security agreement, due February 1, 2025	\$ 881,338	\$ 1,279,814
Less: Interest free portion of the RBC long-term debt	(379,042)	(379,042)
	502,296	900,772
Less: Current portion	(502,296)	(596,386)
	\$ -	\$ 304,386

Under the terms of the agreement, the loan balance is to be repaid on an interest-free basis. Management determined the fair market value of a similar loan would bear interest at a rate of 6% per annum. As a result, the gain amortized and expensed into the statement of operations is \$Nil (2023 - \$16,706).

10. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The continuity of the Council's deferred capital contributions is as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,288,373	\$ 2,859,403
Amount received during the year	11,642,865	2,173,627
Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(1,490,000)	(744,657)
Balance, end of year	\$ 14,441,238	\$ 4,288,373

11. COMMITMENTS

The Council leases various equipment and office space under agreements expiring in February 2029. Minimum lease commitments during the next five fiscal years are as follows:

2025	\$ 1,678,868
2026	1,619,029
2027	531,140
2028	35,296
2029	32,355
	\$ 3,896,688

At March 31, 2024, the Council has entered into purchase agreements for four properties and has made total deposits in the amount of \$395,379. The purchase of one of the properties was completed in April 2024 in the total amount of \$1,295,196. The purchase of the other three properties is not completed yet and total purchase price for the three properties is \$978,237.

12. CONTINGENCIES

The Council, from time to time, is subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Management is of the view that these will not have a material adverse effect on the Council and its operations. As at the date of these financial statements, the final outcome is not determinable and as such, no amount has been accrued in these financial statements.

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13. INTERNALLY ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The Council has established a fund to track administration expenses within operating expenses. The Council's various programs are allocated a share of the direct administration expenses based upon an estimate of resources used. These allocations are eliminated from the Council's statement of operations.

In 2024, Employment and Training operating expenses were allocated between CRF and EI at 70% and 30% (2023 - 74% and 26%), respectively.

14. REMUNERATION TO DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS

In accordance with the British Columbia Societies Act, remuneration paid by the Council in excess of \$75,000 to employees and contractors must be disclosed, in addition to any remuneration paid to directors.

In 2023 fiscal year, salaries and remuneration for the board also includes amounts paid (payable) which relate to benefit entitlements from the 2022 fiscal year which were paid out in the 2023 fiscal year.

With respect to the directors' remuneration, all directors receive a standard compensation amount; the executive positions receive set additional compensation amounts which are dependant on the executive position.

	2024	2023
Employees - 85 people (2023- 54 people)	\$ 8,541,969	\$ 5,546,608
Contractors - None (2023 - 1 person)	-	83,311
MNBC Directors' Remuneration:		
President - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	\$ 176,881	\$ 181,218
Vice President - 1 person (2023 - 2 people)	123,816	114,777
Provincial Women's Chairperson - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Provincial Youth Chairperson - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region One - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	88,440	98,870
Director - Region Two - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	88,440	93,687
Director - Region Three - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region Four - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
Director - Region Five - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,505
Director - Region Six - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	86,777
Director - Region Seven - 1 person (2023 - 1 person)	76,648	85,305
	\$ 1,014,113	\$ 1,087,359

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. This reclassification had no impact on the previously stated total assets, total liabilities, total net assets and excess of revenue over expenses for the year.



RESOLUTIONS





RESOLUTION 1

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act

Legislation Affected: Constitution, MNGA Act, Electoral Act

Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Region 1 Director

Submitted to: AGM Clerk

Date Submitted: December 2, 2023

Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ have a desire to organize themselves;
2. The "2Spirit 2Worlds report" has identified statistics on the overrepresentation of egregious harms being endured by our 2SLGBTQQIA+ Citizens;
3. Advocacy and resources are necessary to address the inequity faced by the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community; and
4. A 2SLGBTQQIA+ voice at the Métis Nation Governing Assembly would be beneficial to the entire Métis Nation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* be created with the intention of instating an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each Métis Nation of British Columbia region.
- B. The attached *2SLGBTQQIA+ Act* (attached as "Appendix A") as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for the purpose stated in "A", above, for the Métis Nation of British Columbia.
- C. Métis Nation British Columbia will endeavour to secure funding for a staff position to support the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.
- D. The **Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution** (the "Constitution") be amended as follows:
 - a. In Article 12:
 - i. Insert the words "the elected Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" before the words "the President and the Vice-President";
 - ii. Change all instances of "elected representative" to "elected Chairperson"; and
 - iii. Strike the words "eleven (11)" and insert the words "twelve (12)" in its place,

So that Article 12 will read:

12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, the President and Vice-President for a total of twelve (12) Members.

- b. Insert a new Article 23.6 as follows:

23.6 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- c. In Article 29, strike the word "and" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and add ", and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article, so that it will read:

"The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- d. Insert a new Article 34.7 as follows:

"34.7 They are no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- e. Add new Article 39 as follows:

39. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is of eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- f. In Article 41, strike the word "and" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", and insert the words "and the Chairperson for that 2sLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" at the end of the article, so that it will read:

"The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot."

- g. Add the following as Article 46.3:

46.3 In the case of a vacancy in the position of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- h. In Article 60, strike the word "and" following the words "Regional Director of the MNBC" and insert ", and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative." at the end of the sentence, so that it will read:

"There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative, and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the nonvoting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council."

- i. In Article 66, strike all instances of “he or she” and insert “they” in its place, so that it will read:

“Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that they may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.”

- j. Renumber all Sections and sub-Sections of the Constitution accordingly.

E. The **Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act** (the “Electoral Act”) be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 3.4, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Board of Directors” means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- b. In Article 3.5, strike the words “and/or” prior to the words “the Métis Youth” and insert a comma; and add “, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“By-Election” means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and/or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the Constitution;

- c. In Article 3.7, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and add “, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Candidate” means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- d. In Article 3.11, strike the word “and” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and insert a comma in its place; and add “, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, so that it will read:

“Election(s)” means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.”

- e. In Article 3.15, the sentence “Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.” to the end of the article, so that it will read:

“Elector” means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia’s Constitution, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia. Any self-identifying 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council of British Columbia.”

- f. In Article 3.16, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative” and insert a comma in its place, and, add “, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative” following the words “MYBC Regional Representative”, so that it will read:

“Interim Appointee” means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the Constitution.”

- g. Add the following to Article 6.2 as indicated:

“h. Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ and 18 years of age and older.

- (i) For greater certainty, identification of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons for the purposes of voting and seeking elected office will not be kept by Métis Nation British Columbia, and ballots will be open to all eligible voters respond to voluntarily if they self-identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.”

- h. Add the following as Article 6.3e:

“e. Any Métis citizen who self-identifies as 2SLGBTQQIA+ and is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- i. Add the following as Article 6.4e:

“e. Individuals who are not 2SLGBTQQIA+ 18 years of age and older on Election Day may vote for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- j. In Article 7.3, strike the second sentence in its entirety, and insert the following in its place:

“Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

so that Article 7.3 will read:

“On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.”

- k. Strike Article 7.6a and insert the following in its place:
- "The Chief Electoral officer shall submit a copy of the provincial List of Electors to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia. Also, the applicable Regional List of Electors will be provided to each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women's Representative, Regional Youth Representative, and the Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."
- l. In Article 8.2, strike the word "and" following the words "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and add ", and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:
- "Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 40 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer."
- m. Add the following after Article 8.3d:
- "e. Any self-identified 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."
- n. In Article 8.3f., strike the word "or" following the words "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and insert ", or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council," following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia" so that it will read:
- "If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representative on the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, and have been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months"
- o. In Article 8.5, strike the word "and" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:
- "All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:"
- p. In Article 8.4, strike the word "and" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the follow" at the end of the Article, and insert ", and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:
- "All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall include:"
- q. Add the following as Article 8.4e.:
- e. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of 2SLGBTQQIA+ electors who reside in

the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- r. Add the following as Article 8.5d:

"A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election in which the Candidate for the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council seeks to be nominated."

- s. In Article 8.6, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" to the end of the article, so that it will read:

"A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council."

- t. In Article 8.7, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:

"No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise. The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise."

- u. In Article 13.1, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia" so that it will read:

"If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held."

- v. In Article 13.2, strike the word "or" following the word "Métis Youth of British Columbia" and the words "the following" at the end of the Article, and add ", or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" following the words "Métis Women of British Columbia", so that it will read:

"If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held."

- w. In Article 19.2:

- Strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Youth of British Columbia” and the words “the following” at the end of the Article, and
- Add “, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the first instance of the words “Secretariat-British Columbia”, and “, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be” following the second instance

so that Article 19.2 will read:

“Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia, or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.”

- x. In Article 38.2a, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;”

- y. In Article 38.2b, strike the word “or” following the words “Métis Women of British Columbia”, and add “or Regional Representative of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article”, so that it will read:

“The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC), Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council;

- z. Renumber all Articles and sub-Articles of the Electoral Act accordingly.

F. That the *MNGA Act* be amended as follows:

- a. In Article 2.16,
 - strike the acronym “BCMUYC” and insert “MYBC” in its place; and,
 - Insert “, and the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” following the above-noted acronym

So that Article 2.16 will read

“Métis Nation British Columbia” (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives (“Directors”), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia, Chairperson of the MYBC, and Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.”

- b. Add the following as Article 9.1.9:

“9.1.9 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governing Council Report”

- c. In Article 12.2, strike the word “or” following the words “MWBC Regional Representative”,

and add “or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the article, so that it will read:

“The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the *MNBC Constitution*, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors, MWBC Regional Representative, MYBC Regional Representative, or the Regional Representative for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.”

- G. That the **Bylaws of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia** be amended as follows:
- a. In Article 1, Add “the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson” following the words “Métis Youth Provincial Representative” to the definition “Board or Board of Directors”, so that it will read:
- “**Board**” or “**Board of Directors**” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Representative/Chairperson; and the Regional Directors.
- b. In Article 4.8c), Insert “or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council” at the end of the Article, so that it will read:
- ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

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PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission statement of the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia:

"We, the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of B.C. vow to walk with integrity as the proud Otipemisiwak (people who govern themselves) our ancestors prayed for; to elevate and center the voices of our people in the decisions that impact our nation; to foster a culture of wahkohtowin (kinship/interconnectedness) within our Nation; and to build a future where 2SLGBTQQIA+ can thrive alongside niwahkōmāk,anak (our relatives)."

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act ("the "Act")

ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this act is to entrench Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia (the "2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council") in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.
- 2.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the MNBC Constitution as the law governing the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council and agrees to comply with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation
- 2.2 The objective of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council is to advance and enhance Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ perspectives, and to acknowledge the contributions of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people for the benefit of Métis people and the Métis Nation.
- 2.3 The voice of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this Act:
- 3.1 "2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council" means the seven elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives, one from each Region, and the chairperson also known as the Minister responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- 3.2 "Legislation" means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.3 "Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ person/individual" means those Métis individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQQIA+.
- 3.4 "M2SBC" Means the Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ of British Columbia

- 3.4 "Métis Nation Governing Assembly" (MNGA) means the governing legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 3.5 "MNBC Assembly" means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

- 4.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be the representative body of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in British Columbia, comprised of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson and the seven (7) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Regional Representatives
- 4.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council will be chaired by a person elected through the Electoral Act as the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Minister Responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia will be the person elected as MNBC Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the MNBC Electoral Act, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 4.4 The Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives will be elected by Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in their respective region in accordance with the provision of the MNBC Electoral Act.
- 4.5 The Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity will be an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ to support and further Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia.

ARTICLE FIVE - 2SLGBTQQIA+ PROVINCIAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE

- 5.0 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall,
- 5.1 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council Chairperson or, in the event the Chairperson is unable to attend, an appointed representative on behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.2 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson will serve as a voting Director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.3 The Provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+ Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The seven Regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.5 The regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representatives will be accountable to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.6 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including virtual or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People or, in the event the Minister Responsible for 2SLGBTQQIA+ Métis People is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by a majority vote of the members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

- 5.7 Quorum of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council is a majority of currently sitting members.
- 5.7 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all in person or virtual meetings (the "2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes").
- 5.8 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council Meeting Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Equity/head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.9 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people living in British Columbia take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support equity for, and the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional well being of Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, including seeking funding for 2SLGBTQQIA+ initiatives.

ARTICLE SIX - ELECTORAL PROCESS

- 6.0 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council electoral processes are,
- 6.1 Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the MNBC Constitution, the MNBC Electoral Act, and the MNBC guidelines.
- 6.2 The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the MNBC Electoral Act.
- 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council member, the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council shall hold a by-election in accordance with the MNBC Electoral Act.



RESOLUTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	MNBC Citizenship for Métis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province
Legislation Affected:	<i>Citizenship Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Cowichan Valley Métis Association
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	December 2, 2023
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. All Métis are entitled to be connected to their Métis heritage and have their Métis identity validated; and
2. All BC Métis are entitled to stay apprised of events and information available through Métis Nation British Columbia; and
3. It is in the interests of the Métis Nation British Columbia to have as many citizens with ties to British Columbia as possible represented by MNBC; and
4. All Métis persons should have the right to be connected to their Métis Community and/or their Métis Immediate or Extended Family Members; and
5. Not all Provinces have representative Métis bodies recognized by the Métis National Council, in which MNBC is a member.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The ***Citizenship Act*** be amended as follows:

- A. Strike articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 and insert the following in their place:
 - 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC, or;
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant submits an application for Citizenship as described in Article 3.1 and meets the citizenship criteria set out in Section 61 of the *Constitution*, and:
 - resides outside of the Historic Métis Homeland,
 - is endorsed by a MNBC Métis Chartered Community, and;
 - can demonstrate an immediate family tie to a Métis Citizen in British Columbia, is eligible to apply for MNBC Citizenship, if;

- 3.1.3 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC,
- B. In Article 3.2, strike the words “Articles 3.1., 3.1.1 and 3.1.2” and insert “Articles 3.1.1, or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3” in their place so that the Article will read as follows:
- 3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 or 3.1.2, and 3.1.3, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of Chartered Community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.



RESOLUTION 3



**SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Subject:	Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility/Acceptance
Legislation Affected:	<i>Citizenship Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Métis Nation Columbia River Society
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	June 2, 2024
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. The Métis National Council General Assembly adopted the following “National Definition” in 2002: “Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation.”
2. In its judgement in *R. v. Powley* 2003, the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that Métis are a rights-bearing Aboriginal people and set out the components of a Métis definition for the purpose of claiming Aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 based on ancestral connection to and acceptance by historic Métis communities.
3. Pursuant to the *Powley* decision, Canada has supported the Métis National Council (MNC) Governing Members in establishing and maintaining citizenship registries. To become a Registered Métis Nation Citizen, a person must apply to the Métis Registry operated by the MNC Governing Member in the province in which they reside. MNBC is the MNC Governing Member in the province of British Columbia.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The ***Citizenship Act*** be amended as follows:

- A. Insert the following as Articles 3.1.3, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5
 - 3.0.3 The Applicant recognizes they may not be enrolled on any other Aboriginal registry. This includes being registered as a member, citizen, or beneficiary under the Indian Act or with any other organization or group that claims to represent Métis or other Aboriginal peoples for the purposes of rights, interests, and selfgovernment.
 - 3.0.4 The Applicant understands Métis Nation British Columbia is the representative body for Métis Citizens in BC provincially, nationally, and internationally.
 - 3.0.5 The Applicant agrees that by signing the Oath of Citizenship on the MNBC Citizenship Application and/or the MNBC Citizenship Renewal or Replacement Application, they recognize MNBC as their sole governmental representative for their Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution, independent of any other declaration or statement the Applicant may have made previously.

- B. Subject to approval of A above, in Article 3.2 insert “, 3.1.4 and 3.1.5” after 3.1.2 so that the article will read:
- 3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.4, and 3.1.5, the Citizenship Authority shall issue the Applicant notification of community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.
- C. In Article 6.1, strike the word “or” and in its place and insert “, renewal or replacement” immediately following so that the article will read:
- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit, review, renewal, or replacement a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:



RESOLUTION 4

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	Conflict of Interest
Legislation Affected:	<i>MNGA Act and Constitution</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via MNGA Governance Committee
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	June 1, 2024
Vote Required for Adoption:	75%

WHEREAS

1. In December 2023, the MNGA referred the matter of conflict of interest in MNBC legislation to the MNGA Governance Committee;
2. The Articles in the *MNGA Act* relating to conflict of interest are somewhat vague and can lead to seemingly arbitrary positions taken by the MNGA, and therefore do not fully serve the interests of Métis Nation BC as an organization, its Chartered Communities, and its Citizens.
3. The MNGA has the ability to determine if a member has a conflict of interest, and therefore needs a clear process which ensures the rights of all MNGA members are protected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The **MNGA Act** be amended as follows:

- A. Strike and replace the definition “**Conflict of Interest**” with the following:

“**Conflict of interest**” means that a member, an immediate family member, or a close business associate of the member:

- Has a personal or professional interest in the matter at hand that is separate from their role as an MNGA member; and,
- The interest is distinct from the interests of the Assembly and/or Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), such that the activities could negatively affect MNBC’s ability or authority to negotiate on behalf of and represent Métis people in British Columbia; and,
- Stands to realize a personal or professional benefit from a favourable decision on the matter that does not provide a similar benefit to MNBC or its Chartered Communities; or,
- Will provide a benefit to a Métis organization other than MNBC or its Chartered Communities.

And that the interest means that a reasonable person would conclude that the interest or personal

benefit to be gained could influence or affect the decision-making of a member.

B. Insert new definition:

“Immediate Family Member” means the parent, step-parent, foster parent, sibling, spouse or common-law spouse, ward, parents, or other relative permanently residing with a member.

C. Strike Article 3.4 and insert the following in its place:

3.4 If a member has a conflict of interest on a matter at the MNGA they must:

- a. Disclose in general terms to the other members the nature of their involvement;
- b. Refrain from voting on the resolution or consenting to a resolution;
- c. Leave the meeting while the matter is under discussion; and
- d. Refrain from any action intended to influence the discussion or vote.
 - i. If the member complies with Article 3.4, the minutes will reflect the disclosure, the general nature of the conflict disclosed, the time the member withdrew from the meeting, and the time they returned.

3.5 Despite Article 3.4c, the member experiencing the conflict may remain in the meeting for the purpose of providing information if asked to do so by another member. Once the information is provided and the Assembly has begun to deliberate, the member experiencing the conflict must leave the meeting.

3.6 A person who is listed in any official registry as a decision-maker of a Métis political organization or Métis government that does not recognize MNBC as the representative government of Métis in British Columbia, shall be deemed to be in automatic conflict of interest and may not participate in the MNGA, except as noted in Article 3.5, until they provide proof that they are no longer a member of that Métis organization or Métis government.

a. Métis organizations which, by their mandate and actions, are primarily advocacy organizations, are not considered political organizations for the purposes of this Act.

3.7 If a member wishes the MNGA to determine if another member has a conflict of interest, they shall provide notice of a motion to the MNGA Clerk or designate no later than 14 days prior to the MNGA.

a. Such a resolution must include the following:

- i. The name, Community name, and position (President or Vice-President) of the person believed to have a conflict of interest;
- ii. Briefly indicate the nature of the conflict of interest;
- iii. Indicate the consequence if the MNGA determines the person has a conflict of interest, specifically, whether they are removed under Article 3.9 or 3.10 below.

And, attached to the resolution:

- iv. A maximum one-page summary of the conflict of interest, and
- v. Any available proof of the conflict of interest.

A template of the resolution and attachments may be requested from the MNGA Clerk or designate.

b. Upon receipt of such a resolution, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:

- i. Verify the resolution meets the criteria in a(i);
 - ii. Review the summary and proof submitted, if any;
 - iii. Attempt to verify the proof submitted, if any;
 - iv. Send the resolution to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, or Co-Speakers of the MNGA for review and placement on the MNGA Agenda;
 - v. Within 48 business hours of receipt, send the resolution to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, advising that it will be on the agenda for the MNGA;
 - vi. 24 business hours after sending to the submitter and the person alleged to have the conflict, send the resolution via email to all MNGA Delegates.
- 3.8 Despite Article 3.7, the MNGA may, by a 2/3 vote of members present, agree to waive the notice for a conflict of interest resolution.
 - i. If notice is waived, the mover must submit the conflict of interest resolution in the same form as noted in Article 3.7a, to the MNGA Clerk, or designate, by email for display at the MNGA.
- 3.9 If the Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, determines that a member has a conflict of interest, the member must take the steps outlined in Article 3.4, parts b to d, above.
 - a. Such a motion must specify the nature of the conflict in general terms.
 - b. If the member determined to be in conflict of interest does not take the steps outlined in Article 3.4 parts b to d, they may be removed by the Assembly by an additional 2/3 vote, while the matter is being deliberated.
- 3.10 The Assembly, by a 2/3 vote, may disqualify a person who contravenes Article 3.6 from being a member of the MNGA until proof that the conflict no longer exists is provided to the MNGA Clerk, or designate.
- 3.11 A Person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.
- D. Amend Article 35 of the *Constitution* by removing the struck-through wording and inserting the underlined wording as set out below:

A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of two-thirds the majority of the Members present of the MNGA ~~where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present~~. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.



RESOLUTION 5

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: MNGA Act Amendments
Legislation Affected: MNGA Act
Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via MNGA Governance Committee
Submitted to: AGM Clerk
Date Submitted: June 2, 2024
Vote Required for Adoption: Majority

WHEREAS

1. The MNGA Governance Committee's purpose is to review the governance and decision-making structures within the MNGA and recommend changes to concerns that have a bearing on governance and decision-making structures;
2. In 2022, the MNGA changed its meeting frequency from one meeting per year, to three meetings per year, and the MNGA Act has not been updated in a fulsome way to reflect this;
3. The MNGA Act contains a number of typographical errors and duplications, and some sections could be reorganized in order to improve comprehension and flow.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The **MNGA Act** be amended as follows

- A. Add the following definitions:
 - i. "**Abstain**" or "**Abstention**" means a member has not voted, reducing the total number of votes cast on a matter. A call for abstentions during voting may be made by the Clerk or designate to confirm quorum.
 - ii. "**Co-Speakers**" means the two people elected as Co-Speakers at the MNGA.
 - iii. "**Governance Cycle**" means the cycle of MNGA meetings and the AGM that occurs yearly, starting with MNGAs in the Winter (December), Spring (March), and Summer (June), and concluding with the AGM in September of each year.



- iv. **"Urgent Business"** means business of a time sensitive matter that requires the attention of the MNGA in the current governance cycle.
- B. Amend existing definitions indicated by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:
 - i. **"Legislation"** means ~~legislative documents, laws and/or acts, and includes resolutions that introduce new or amend including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts- and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.~~
 - ii. **"Métis Nation British Columbia"** (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the Métis Youth BC Council, BCMUYC and which represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
 - iii. **"Roll Call"** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly ~~and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance~~
- C. In Article 4:
 - i. Amend Article 4.1 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

~~A majority (more than half) Fifty percent (50%) plus one~~ of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;
 - ii. Strike Articles 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 and insert the following in their place as Article 4.2:

4.2 Voting thresholds shall be as follows:

 - For approval of Legislation, a vote of at least 75% of votes cast at an MNGA;
 - For approval of non-Legislative matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA;
 - For approval of Housekeeping matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA.
 - iii. Strike Article 4.3, and insert the following in its place:

4.3 Voting procedures shall generally follow the processes set out in "Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting" attached as Appendix A to this Act.

 - a) The MNGA may change or amend Appendix A of this Act through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.
 - iv. Amend Article 4.4 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the MNBC Annual General Meeting in the current Governance Cycle. first reading, also referred to as ratification ~~herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting;~~
 - v. Delete Article 4.5 in its entirety.

Note: the following Articles of the MNGA Act referenced below are the sections enumerated in the MNGA Act as ratified in September 2023. The final resolution will allow for reordering and renumbering all definitions, sections, and subsections, as appropriate.

- vi. Amend Articles 4.6 and 4.7 as indicated below, by deleting the struck through words and inserting the underlined words:

- 4.6 Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ~~ratification~~ adoption by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.7 Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

- D. Insert the following as a new Article 5

ARTICLE FIVE – MEETINGS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 Pursuant to Article 32 of the *Constitution*, the MNGA shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia.
- 5.1 Meetings shall ordinarily be scheduled for Winter, Spring, and Summer of each year, specifically the first weekends of December, March, and June. Should any of these dates fall on a designated holiday or a time change, the meeting will be held on the last weekend in November, February, or May.
- 5.2 One MNGA shall be held in person, and two MNGAs shall be held virtually every year. When determining the dates for the MNGA, the Assembly will also indicate which meeting is to be held in person.
- 5.3 Should a member wish to change part of a previously-approved resolution related to Legislation, they may suggest changes by submitting a Motion to Amend a Previously Adopted Resolution, which
- Requests the Assembly to amend the resolution;
 - Specifies the title of the resolution and the date of adoption by the MNGA;
 - Briefly explains why the resolution should be amended; and
 - Explicitly notes the proposed amendments.
- i. The resolution to amend the previously adopted resolution is subject to the same notice deadline and voting threshold as the original resolution.
- ii. The mover or seconder of a resolution to amend a previously-adopted resolution must have voted on the prevailing side of the original resolution.
- 5.4 Resolutions related to Legislation, which have received approval at an MNGA during a Governance Cycle, and which require adoption at the AGM, will be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same Governance Cycle.
- 5.5 Resolutions scheduled for consideration at an MNGA meeting and which are not considered due to time constraints or other extenuating circumstances will automatically be added to the next MNGA in the same Governance Cycle.
- i. If a resolution proposed at a Summer MNGA is not considered, the submitter may resubmit the resolution for consideration during any MNGA of the next Governance Cycle.
- 5.6 The MNGA shall adopt Standing Rules that will govern the proceedings of the Governing Assembly, which shall be appended to this act as Appendix B.

- a) The MNGA may change or amend its Standing Rules through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.
- E. Amend Article Five, its title and Sections 5.0 and 5.1 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

ARTICLE FIVE – SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, OR CO-SPEAKERS, OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, or two Co-Speakers, shall:
 - 5.1 Be ~~appointed~~ elected by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
- F. Delete article 5.10 in its entirety, because it is not reflective of current practice.
- G. Amend articles 6.3 and 6.5 as indicated, by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[The Clerk of the MNGA shall:]

 - 1.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda and notice prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC, the minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA;
 - 1.5 Provide the ~~certified draft~~ minutes of the previous MNGA for adoption by to the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
- H. In Article Nine insert the word “Spring” as follows in Article 9.0:

Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the Spring MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day:
- I. In Article Eleven:
 - i. Amend Article 11.1, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Legislation, legislative amendments]

 - a) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA.
 - b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to~~ with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
 - d) ~~Be given first reading and~~ If approved by the MNGA, ratified by the MNGA for presentation will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with, and for the purpose as set out in, Article 4 ~~herein~~.
 - ii. Amend Article 11.2, a, b, and d, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:

[Constitutional amendments]

 - a) Shall ~~only~~ be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by members of the MNGA.
 - b) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted to ~~with~~ the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the

MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed changes to the Constitution.

- d) ~~Be given first reading and if approved by the MNGA, ratified by the MNGA for presentation~~ will be presented to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with, and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.
- iii. Amend Articles 11.3 a and b, as indicated by deleting the struck through text and inserting the underlined text:
[Other Matters]
 - a) Shall be ~~tabled~~ submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be ~~tabled submitted to with~~ the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- iv. Strike Article 11.3 c, and insert the following as a new Article 11.3 c:
 - c) Notice of all other matters, including minutes, reports, and decisions which relate to the powers delegated to the MNGA by MNBC Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held.
- v. Strike Articles 11.4 and 11.5 and insert the following in their places:
 - 1.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors
 - a) shall be submitted to the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held;
 - b) shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.
 - 1.5 Urgent Business
 - a) Legislation of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders of the Day by the Clerk, subject to approval by a 2/3 vote of members present at an MNGA.
 - b) Resolutions relating to other matters than Legislation, of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk and may have implications for the Métis Nation if not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders of the Day by the Clerk, if approved by a majority of members present at an MNGA.

J. Insert the following as Appendix A to the MNGA Act:

Appendix A – Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting

1. Establishing Quorum

- a. At the start of each MNGA and after every recess the MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the roll to establish quorum.
- b. To establish quorum:

- The MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the name of each voting member in alphabetical order by last name;
 - o If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative;
 - o If not present, the MNGA Clerk or designate shall ask if an alternate representative is present. If present, alternate representative shall respond by providing their name;
- The MNGA Clerk or designate shall advise if a quorum is present.

2. **Changes to Legislation or Introduction of New Legislation**

- a. Votes on Legislation:
 - i. Will require a roll call vote where the MNGA Clerk or designate will call the names of the delegates in alphabetical order, or reverse alphabetical order, and the delegate will indicate their vote as follows:
 - Yes: in favour of the resolution.
 - No: opposed to the resolution.
 - Abstain: no vote.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number votes in favour, the number opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.
 - b. Votes on housekeeping matters to correct Legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at one MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
 - ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a roll call vote as outlined in Section 2a above will be taken.

3. **Votes on Resolutions relating to Other Matters**

- a. Votes on Resolutions not related to changes to or introduction of new legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at an MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
 - ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a vote by show of hands will be taken.
 - iii. To conduct a vote by show of hands, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:
 - ask for votes in favour and count the number of hands raised.
 - ask for votes opposed, and count the number of hands raised.
 - ask for any abstentions, and count the number of hands raised.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number of votes in favour, the number of votes opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.

K. Insert the following as Appendix B to the *MNGA Act*:

Appendix B – MNGA Standing Rules

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and *MNGA Act*.
 2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
 3. On each issue or motion, a delegate is entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
 4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three-minute time slot.
 5. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
 6. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
 7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 8. A motion to Amend a motion or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main motion, unless approved by unanimous consent.
 9. Delegates must observe decorum, avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.
- L. All sections, articles, subarticles, and definitions of the *MNGA Act* be reordered and renumbered as appropriate

EXPLANATION CHART – RESOLUTION 2: MNGA ACT AMENDMENTS

Resolution Section	Function	Explanation
A.	Adds definitions	
i.	Abstain	Clarifies that abstentions are null votes and will not affect the proportion of votes in favour of a resolution
ii.	Co-Speakers	Allows for Co-Speakers to be elected for the MNGA. Current wording allows only for Speaker and Deputy Speaker. This will catch up the language in the legislation to what is currently being practiced.
iii.	Governance Cycle	Defines the Governance cycle now that there are three MNGAs per year.
iv.	Urgent Business	Defines urgent business to allow for time-sensitive matters to be dealt with by the MNGA.
B.	Amends existing definitions	Provides for clarity by correcting small errors (housekeeping), and simplified wording for existing definitions.
C.	Amends Article 4	Provides clarity and changes for Voting and Quorum requirements for the MNGA
i.	Amends 4.1	Changes 50%+1 to a majority (more than half); this is consistent with language used across assemblies.
ii.	Replaces Articles 4.2.1 to 4.2.3	Clearly defines voting thresholds for Legislation, non-Legislative matters, and Housekeeping.
iii.	Inserts voting procedures as an appendix	Moves voting procedures to an appendix, which can be modified by a 2/3 vote at an MNGA. This consolidates voting procedures for the MNGA in one place.
iv.	Amends 4.4	Simplifies language and incorporates Governance Cycle into meetings.
v.	Removes article 4.5	No longer needed since voting thresholds are changed in Cii.
vi.	Amends 4.6 and 4.7	Provides for clearer language.
D.	Adds new Article 5	Generally provides clarity around timing and scheduling of meetings; provides for hallows for previously-approved resolutions to be brought back
5.1 and 5.2		Provides for scheduling and format (virtual or in person) of MNGAs.
5.3		Adds a process for a resolution related to Legislation approved at a previous MNGA to be brought back, subject to notice, and requires that the mover or the seconder must have voted in the affirmative on the original resolution.
5.4		Provides for scheduling legislative resolutions at the AGM in the same governance cycle.
5.5		Provides for automatic rescheduling of a resolution if it is not considered at an MNGA due to extenuating circumstances.
5.6		Adds Standing Rules as an appendix to the MNGA Act so that the same rules do not need to be adopted at every meeting. 5.6a provides a formula for changing those rules at an MNGA.

Note: the following Articles of the MNGA Act referenced below are the sections enumerated in the MNGA Act as ratified in September 2023. The final resolution will allow for reordering and renumbering all definitions, sections, and subsections, as appropriate.

E.	Adds Co Speakers	The Speaker and Deputy Speaker have in practice been acting as Co-Speakers. This adds the concept of Co-Speakers to catch the Legislations up to practice, without eliminating Speaker and Co-Speaker; provides ample choice for the Assembly. Adds language to clarify that the Speaker/Deputy Speaker/Co-Speaker positions are elected, not appointed.
F.	Deletes 5.10	In practice, the Speaker does not approve the addition of documents and reports for the MNGA, so there is no need for this to be in the Act.
G.	Clarifies Language	Clarifies role of MNGA Clerk and changes language to better express that the MNGA will adopt draft minutes prior to the Speaker/Deputy Speaker/Co-Speakers certifying them.
H		
i.	Updates language for three MNGAs per year	Accommodates three MNGAs per year by limiting reports to the Spring MNGA.
i, ii, iii.	Clarifies Language	Changes "tabled" to "submitted"; Removes "First Reading" and extra words to provide clarity.
iv.	Replaces 11.3 c	Reduces and clarifies. Adds in MNGA delegated powers.
v.		Replaces 11.4 for added clarity Adds requirements around Urgent Business
J.		Adds voting procedures as an appendix to the Act
K.		Adds Standing Rules as an appendix to the Act
L.		Renumbers all sections as required.

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MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.0 This Act may be cited as "*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

2.0 In this Act:

2.1. “Abstain” or “Abstention” means a member has not voted, reducing the total number of votes cast on a matter. A call for abstentions during voting may be made by the Clerk or designate to confirm quorum.

2.2 “Act” shall mean the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.

2.3 “Chartered Community” are those Métis Communities that have entered in a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.

2.4 “Co-Speakers” means the two people elected as Co-Speakers at the MNGA.

2.42.5 “Constitution” shall mean the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the "MNBC") as amended from time to time.

2.52.6 “Clerk” shall mean the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

2.62.7 “Community Governance Charter” means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.

2.72.8 “Conflict of Interest” shall exist when an immediate family member of a member of the MNGA or a person or individual has an interest in a matter being dealt with by the MNGA. An immediate family member is defined as father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent, brother, sister, spouse (including a common law spouse), child (including a child with a common law spouse), ward, father-in-law, mother-in-law or relative permanently residing with a member or any close personal or business associate. An interest in a matter will arise when a person or individual may benefit financially or otherwise as a result of a matter being dealt with by the MNGA.

A conflict of interest shall also exist when a member of the MNGA is or has become a director or officer, whether elected, appointed or otherwise, of a Métis provincial organization, association or group whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC in that their activities could negatively affect MNBC’s ability or authority to operate, negotiate on behalf of and represent the Métis people in British Columbia.

2.82.9 “Deputy Speaker” shall mean the Deputy Speaker of the MNGA.

2.92.10 “Executive” shall mean the Executive members of the MNBC who are elected province-wide and which includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

2.102.11 **“Gabriel Dumont Scout” or “Dumont Scouts”** shall mean the individual or individuals appointed and responsible for the keeping of the peace at the MNGA, named in honor of Gabriel Dumont’s peacemakers historically called ‘Scouts.’

2.12 **“Governance Cycle”** means the cycle of MNGA meetings and the AGM that occurs yearly, starts with MNGAs in the Winter (December), Spring (March), and Summer (June), and concludes with the AGM in September of each year.



2.112.13 **“Governing Assembly”** shall mean a meeting of the MNGA as set out in the Constitution.

2.122.14 **“Housekeeping Matters”** in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislations of the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning of intent of the Article of the subject Legislation of the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation of the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter.”

2.132.15 **“Legislation”** means ~~legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, and includes resolutions that introduce new or amend laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.~~

2.142.16 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.

2.152.17 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.

2.162.18 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the ~~BCMUYC~~ Métis Youth BC Council and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.

2.172.19 **“Orders of the Day”** shall mean the compilation of documentation for members of the MNGA including the Agenda, Reports, Minutes, Draft Legislation, Motions and Constitutional Amendments to be tabled at a General Assembly of the MNGA.



2.182.20 “**Regions**” shall mean the MNBC regions as are defined by the Constitution.

2.21 “**Roll Call**” shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly ~~and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance.~~

2.192.22 “**Senate**” shall mean the MNBC Senate.

2.202.23 “**Speaker**” shall mean the Speaker of the MNGA.

ARTICLE THREE - COMPOSITION OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

3.0 In this Act:

3.1 The MNGA shall be composed of:

- a) The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and MYBC Chairperson; and
- b) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1 above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling.

3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.

3.3 All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

3.4 No member of the MNGA shall be allowed to be in conflict of interest. If found to be in a conflict of interest by a majority of the MNGA, that member shall be subject to a permanent or temporary suspension from being a Member of the MNGA by a majority vote of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and finding.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING AND QUORUM

4.0 In this Act:

4.1. ~~Fifty percent (50%) plus one~~ A majority (more than half) of the members of the



Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;

4.2 ~~Roll call voting~~ Voting thresholds shall be as follows:

- For approval of Legislation, a vote of at least 75% of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of non-Legislative matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA;
- For approval of Housekeeping matters: a majority vote of votes cast at an MNGA.

4.3 Voting procedures shall generally follow the method of voting processes set out in “Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting” attached as Appendix A to this Act;

4.3.1 The MNGA may change or amend Appendix A of this Act through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for ratification or amendments to the MNBC Constitution or Legislative Acts.;

4.24.4 The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for first reading, ~~also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to for consideration at the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in the current Governance Cycle;~~

~~4.3. Ratification of Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that are properly before a Governing Assembly shall require majority of seventy five percent (75%) of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;~~

4.34.5 Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ~~ratification~~ adoption by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

4.44.6 Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been ~~ratified~~ approved by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

4.54.7 The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.

4.87.1 That any elected representative, who is a declared candidate in a current election, who is a member of the MNGA, may not propose such a rule.

ARTICLE FIVE ~~–SPEAKER–~~ MEETINGS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

5.0 Pursuant to Article 32 of the Constitution, the MNGA shall meet at least three (3) times per year



in British Columbia.

- 5.1 Meetings shall ordinarily be scheduled for Winter, Spring, and Summer of each year, specifically the first weekends of December, March, and June. Should any of these dates fall on a designated holiday or a time change, the meeting will be held on the last weekend in November, February, or May.
- 5.2 One MNGA shall be held in person, and two MNGAs shall be held virtually every year. When determining the dates for the MNGA, the Assembly will also indicate which meeting is to be held in person.
- 5.3 Should a member wish to change part of a previously-approved resolution related to Legislation, they may suggest changes by submitting a Motion to Amend a Previously Adopted Resolution, which
- Requests the Assembly to amend the resolution;
 - Specifies the title of the resolution and the date of adoption by the MNGA
 - Briefly explains why the resolution should be amended; and
 - Explicitly notes the proposed amendments.
- i. The resolution to amend the previously adopted resolution is subject to the same notice deadline and voting threshold as the original resolution.
- ii. The mover or second of a resolution to amend a previously-adopted resolution must have voted on the prevailing side of the original resolution.
- 5.4 Resolutions related to Legislation, which have received approval at an MNGA during a Governance Cycle, and which require adoption at the AGM, will be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same Governance Cycle.
- 5.5 Resolutions scheduled for consideration at an MNGA meeting and which are not considered due to time constraints or other extenuating circumstances will automatically be added to the next MNGA in the same Governance Cycle.
- (i) If a resolution proposed at a Summer MNGA is not considered, the submitter may resubmit the resolution for consideration during any MNGA of the next Governance Cycle.
- 5.6 The MNGA shall adopt Standing Rules that will govern the proceedings of the Governing Assembly, which shall be appended to this act as Appendix B.
- a) The MNGA may change or amend its Standing Rules through a 2/3 vote at a meeting of the Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE SIX – SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER, OR CO-SPEAKERS OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

5.06.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker, or two co-speakers shall:



- ~~5.16.1~~ Be ~~appointed~~elected by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
- ~~5.26.2~~ May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;
- ~~5.36.3~~ Be for a term of two (2) years subject to re-appointment;
- ~~5.46.4~~ Be responsible for the procedures, rules, debates and decorum of the Governing Assembly;
- ~~5.56.5~~ Receive the list of members and seating arrangements of the Governing Assembly from the Clerk as established by the Roll Call;
- ~~5.66.6~~ Approve all participation in debates and voting;
- ~~5.76.7~~ Secure a written record of the Governing Assembly and certify the minutes;
- ~~5.86.8~~ Require Gabriel Dumont Scouts to expel for the remainder of the day any MNGA member or any observer from the Governing Assembly for failing to follow the ruling of the Speaker;
- ~~5.96.9~~ Ensure that only MNGA members are seated in the designated Assembly area with all other individuals or observers seated outside of the designated Assembly area;
- ~~5.0 — Approve all documentation to be circulated to MNGA members.~~

ARTICLE ~~SIX~~SEVEN - CLERK

7.0 The Clerk of the MNGA shall:

- 7.1 Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia;
- 7.2 Be responsible for compiling the necessary documentation for the Orders of the Day;
- 7.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda ~~prepared by and notice, the minutes of the previous MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA as directed by the MNBC;~~ prepared by and notice, the minutes of the previous MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the adoption, and all reports to be presented to the MNGA as directed by the MNBC;
- 7.4 Obtain and retain a certified copy of the minutes from the Speaker;
- 7.5 Provide the ~~certified draft~~ minutes of the previous MNGA ~~to for adoption by~~ the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
- 7.6 Secure, by contract, an independent person or agency to duly record the minutes and procedures of the MNGA;
- 7.7 Ensure that the necessary staff are in place for a Governing Assembly;



- 7.8 Also hold the seat as Clerk at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC; and
- 7.9 Be authorized to appoint or designate a Deputy Clerk to assist in carrying out their duties.

ARTICLE ~~SEVEN~~EIGHT - SENATE

8.0 The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA:

8.1 Maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by:

8.1.1 Being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers;

8.1.2 Swearing-In any new members.

ARTICLE ~~EIGHT~~NINE - GABRIEL DUMONT SCOUTS

9.0 In this Act:

9.1 Gabriel Dumont Scouts will be appointed by the MNBC to maintain order and ensure proper procedure during a Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE ~~NINE~~TEN - REPORTING

10.0 Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the Spring MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day:

10.1 Executive Reports;

10.1.1 President

10.1.2 Vice-President

10.1.3 Secretary

10.1.4 Treasurer

10.1.5 Regional Director Reports;

10.1.6 Métis Women of British Columbia Report;

10.1.7 Ministerial Reports, including, where applicable, program reports and audits;

10.1.8 Senate Report;

10.1.9 Métis Youth of British Columbia Report; and

10.1.10 Any other reports required by the Constitution or Legislation.

9.2 Expenditure Report

9.2.1 An interim Expenditure Report for the period between April 1st and December 31st of the current fiscal year shall be given, which shall contain all spending by MNBC elected members and the Executive Director/CEO including but not limited to: remuneration, travel costs, accommodation costs, per diems, honoraria, legal and professional fees, consultant and contractor fees and reimbursed expenses. Each year the Expenditure Report



of the entire previous fiscal year's expenditures of MNBC elected members and executive staff shall be posted on the MNBC website by June 1st.

ARTICLE ~~TENELEVEN~~ - MINUTES

11.0 The Minutes of a Governing Assembly shall:

- 11.1 Be received and prepared by an independent individual or person;
- 11.2 Be forwarded to the Clerk; and
- 11.3 Refer to the Minutes of the previous Governing Assembly, which shall be included in the Orders of the Day.

ARTICLE ~~ELEVENTWELVE~~ - NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS

12.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:

- a) Shall be ~~tabled~~submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be ~~tabled with~~submitted to the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held ~~in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
- c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held, and
- d) ~~Be given first reading and if~~approved, ratified by the MNGA ~~for presentation, will be presented~~ to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance with, and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 ~~herein~~.

12.2 Constitutional Amendments

- a) Shall be submitted only ~~be tabled~~ by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall ~~be tabled with~~submitted to the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting ~~being held in the manner required~~ and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
- c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) ~~Be given first reading and if~~approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 ~~herein~~.



12.3 Other Matters

- a) Shall be ~~tabled~~submitted only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall ~~be tabled with~~submitted to the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- c) Notice of ~~the all other~~ matters, ~~the including~~ minutes ~~of the previous MNGA, and all, reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are, and decisions which relate to be presented~~ the powers delegated to the MNGA by MNBC Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; ~~and.~~
- d) Be considered at the MNGA.

12.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors

- ~~a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with~~submitted to the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held; ~~and;~~
- ~~a)b)~~ shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

~~11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature~~

12.5 Urgent Business

- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the ~~Order Paper~~Orders of the Day by the Clerk, ~~if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA subject to approval by a 2/3 vote of members in attendance agree~~present at an MNGA.
- ~~b)~~ Resolutions relating to other matters than Legislation, of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk and may have implications for the Métis Nation if not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Orders of the Day by the Clerk, if approved by a majority of members present at an MNGA.

~~12.5~~12.6 Notice of the MNGA

- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

ARTICLE ~~TWELVE~~THIRTEEN - APPLICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS

13.0 The MNGA shall be authorized to receive and determine applications for Métis Community Governance Charter from applications in accordance with the requirement as outlined in Article 56.1 of the MNBC Constitution. The application terms of the Métis Community Governance Charter shall consider any special circumstances that may affect the status on an existing or prospective Métis Community Governance Charters.

13.1 The MNGA shall proclaim:

13.1.1 The date of the next MNBC election, as set out in the Constitution; and

13.1.2 Holidays and days of commemoration, such as Louis Riel Day.

13.2 The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors and the position MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative.

ARTICLE ~~THIRTEEN~~FOURTEEN - FINANCING

14.0 Fiscal resources for the institution and maintenance of the MNGA shall be provided by the MNBC if available, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the MNGA as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

14.1 The fiscal resources allocated by the MNBC for the purposes in 13.1 shall be those fiscal resources that are within the means available to the MNBC for those purposes.

14.2 The Speaker shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the MNGA.

14.3 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the MNGA.

14.4 The MNBC will be responsible for the expenses and any remuneration for the MNGA in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.



Appendix A – Procedures for Establishing Quorum and Voting

1. Establishing Quorum

- a. At the start of each MNGA and after every recess the MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the roll to establish quorum.
- b. To establish quorum:
 - The MNGA Clerk or designate shall call the name of each voting member in alphabetical order by last name:
 - If present, the member shall respond in the affirmative.
 - If not present, the MNGA Clerk or designate shall ask if an alternate representative is present. If present, alternate representative shall respond by providing their name:
 - The MNGA Clerk or designate shall advise if a quorum is present.

2. Changes to Legislation or Introduction of New Legislation

- a. Votes on Legislation:
 - i. Will require a roll call vote where the MNGA Clerk or designate will call the names of the delegates in alphabetical order, or reverse alphabetical order, and the delegate will indicate their vote as follows:
 - Yes: in favour of the resolution.
 - No: opposed to the resolution.
 - Abstain: no vote.After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number votes in favour, the number opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.
- b. Votes on housekeeping matters to correct Legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at one MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the same governance cycle.
 - ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a roll call vote as outlined in Section 2a above will be taken.

3. Votes on Resolutions relating to Other Matters

- a. Votes on Resolutions not related to changes to or introduction of new legislation:
 - i. Require a majority vote at an MNGA to be added to the agenda for the AGM in the



same governance cycle.

ii. May be adopted by unanimous consent. If a member objects to unanimous consent, a vote by show of hands will be taken.

iii. To conduct a vote by show of hands, the MNGA Clerk or designate will:

- ask for votes in favour and count the number of hands raised.
- ask for votes opposed, and count the number of hands raised.
- ask for any abstentions, and count the number of hands raised.

After every delegate has had an opportunity to vote, the MNGA Clerk or designate will announce the outcome of the vote, and the number of votes in favour, the number of votes opposed, and the total number of votes cast excluding abstentions.

RESOLUTION 5 - REDLINE VERSION



Appendix B – MNGA Standing Rules

The rules of order below are intended to facilitate progress, include MNGA delegates in debate and decision making, and ensure fairness, equality, and common sense:

1. The meeting will be run in accordance with the relevant provisions of the MNBC Constitution and MNGA Act.
2. A delegate who wishes to speak at the MNGA will request to do so, wait to be recognized by the Speaker, and open by stating their name and Community.
3. On each issue or motion, a delegate is entitled to speak up to two (2) times, for no longer than three minutes each time. Speaking a third time or longer than three minutes will require permission from the assembly.
4. If an individual has questions, they may ask one follow-up question within the same three minute time slot.
5. To speak a second time on the same motion or agenda item, a delegate must wait until those who wish to speak on it for the first time have done so.
6. Debate must be related to the pending motion or agenda item. The Speaker may alternate between proponents and opponents to a pending motion, if needed.
7. Previous Question is not in order prior to 30 minutes of discussion on a motion or agenda item, unless approved by unanimous consent.
8. A motion to Amend a motion or agenda item is not in order prior to five delegates speaking to the main motion, unless approved by unanimous consent.
9. Delegates must observe decorum, avoid personal attacks and disorderly or discourteous behaviors, and are expected to help maintain a safe and respectful meeting environment.



RESOLUTION 6

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	MNGA Members Oath
Legislation Affected:	MNGA Act
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via MNGA Governance Committee
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	March 2, 2024
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. Article 3.4 of the *MNGA Act* does not allow participating MNGA members to be in a conflict of interest;
2. "Conflict of Interest" in Article 2.6 of the *MNGA Act* includes becoming a director or officer of a Métis provincial organization whose interests are in conflict with MNBC, or whose activities could negatively affect MNBC's authority to represent Métis people in British Columbia;
3. Not all MNGA members may know that conflict of interest includes part 2, above.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be inserted as Article 3.3.1 in the *MNGA Act*:

Prior to representing their Community at the MNGA, the President and Vice-President of each Community must make a declaration with the Clerk of the MNGA, or designate, affirming that they are not in a Conflict of Interest as per Article 2.6 of this Act.

Note: At the March 2024 MNGA, the Clerk of the MNGA was also directed to prepare a draft oath for the MNGA to consider at the June MNGA. The Oath approved by the MNGA is attached as Appendix A. If the above resolution is approved, the Oath set out in Appendix A will come into effect for the December 2024 MNGA.



MNGA Members Oath

I am the [President/Vice-President] of [Community Name].

I will execute and perform the duties required of me by the members of [Community Name] as their representative to the MNGA, in accordance with the *MNGA Act*;

I affirm that I am not a director or officer of a provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, other [Chartered Community Name] and am in compliance with the conflict of interest provisions of the *MNGA Act*, which I have reviewed.

If at any time I cease to be the President or Vice-President of [Community Name], or I become an officer or director any other provincial Métis body or association beyond MNBC, except for an MNBC Chartered Community, I will inform my Community and the MNGA Clerk, and resign my position as [Community Name] representative to the MNGA.

Print Name

Signature

Witnessed:

[Name]

[MNGA Clerk/MNGA Deputy Clerk]

Signed this ____ day, of _____, 20__, in [LOCATION], BC.



RESOLUTION 7

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: Constitutional Clarifications
Legislation Affected: *Constitution*
Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via South Okanagan
Similkameen Métis Association
Submitted to: AGM Clerk
Date Submitted: December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure that they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language; and,
2. In the event an error or inconsistency is discovered the error must be rectified as a housekeeping matter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The *Constitution* be amended as follows:

- A. Insert the words "AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS" in the title "MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)" so that it will read "MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC) AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS".
- B. Strike the word "MNBC" from Articles 12, 14 to 16, 18 to 27, 36, 41 to 45, 47, 51, 54, 67, 71, and insert "Board of Directors" in its place.
- C. In Article 17, strike the first instance of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place.
- D. In Article 46:
 - strike first instance of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place; and
 - delete the second instance of "MNBC"
- E. In Article 59, strike the second, fourth, and fifth instances of "MNBC" and insert "Board of Directors" in its place.
- F. In Article 60: Strike all instances of "of the MNBC"



RESOLUTION 8

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: Provincial Youth Chair – Clarification of Candidate Qualifications
Legislation Affected: *Electoral Act, Constitution*
Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Salmon Arm Métis Society
Submitted to: AGM Clerk
Date Submitted: December 2, 2023
Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. Legislative provisions require vigilant review to ensure they are correctly stated and written in unambiguous language;
2. Article 23.6 of the *Constitution* stipulates a minimum age of 18 years to hold a position on the MNBC Board of Directors, and this age restriction is not mentioned in the *Electoral Act* or the *Constitution* under candidate qualifications for positions within Métis Youth British Columbia, which includes the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia; and
3. Prospective candidates for this office should be clearly aware of the candidate qualifications for this office.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following text be added to Article 8.3 c) of the *Electoral Act*:
 - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia, except for the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- B. The following be added to Article 38 of the *Constitution*:
 38. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia, except for the office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - 38.1 Any Métis Citizen who is between eighteen (18) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek the elected office of Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.



RESOLUTION 9

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	MYBC Representation at Regional Governance Councils
Legislation Affected:	<i>Constitution</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Provincial Youth Chairperson
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions;
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Regional Governance Council (RGC), another member of their Board may assume their duties, so long as they are a Métis Citizen; and
3. A Regional Youth Representative may not be available to attend all RGCs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added at the end of Article 60.8 of the *Constitution*:

If a Regional Youth Representative is unable to attend an RGC meeting, that Representative may designate a Community Youth Representative to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen.



RESOLUTION 10

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	Ensuring Representation for Women and Youth at the MNGA and Regional Governance Councils
Legislation Affected:	<i>Constitution, Electoral Act, Métis Nation Women's Act, Métis Nation Youth Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Society
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	June 1, 2024
Vote Required for Approval:	75%

WHEREAS

1. Chartered Community Presidents constitute a majority of the membership of Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President cannot attend an RGC or MNGA Meeting, the Vice-President may attend in their place;
3. Chartered Community Presidents and Vice-Presidents are leaders in their community, and as such may also hold elected Regional positions; and
4. If a President or Vice-President is also an elected Regional representative, reduction of representation at an RGC or MNGA for groups such as women and youth may be negatively impacted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as Article 12.1 to the *Constitution*:
 - 12.1 While serving in one of the positions noted in Article 12, a member of the MNBC Board of Directors may not hold a position on a Chartered Community Board.
- B. The following be added as Article 8.10 to the *Electoral Act*:
 - 8.10 Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's or Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.
- C. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.4 of the *Métis Nation Women's Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Women's Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

- i. If the position of Regional Women's Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.
- D. The following be added as a sub-Article to Article 5.5 of the *Métis Nation Youth Act*:

Upon election, by vote or acclamation, as a Regional Youth Representative, a Citizen who holds the position of President or Vice-President on a Chartered Community Board must immediately resign from that position.

 - i. If the position of Regional Youth Representative is vacant between elections, a President or Vice-President of a Chartered Community may be appointed to the position on an interim basis, subject to procedures set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNGA Act*.



RESOLUTION 11

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: MWBC Representation at the MNGA
Legislation Affected: *Constitution, MNGA Act*
Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Kelowna Métis Association
Submitted to: AGM Clerk
Date Submitted: December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. The Métis Women British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Chair, along with Chartered Community Presidents and others, are equal members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA);
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend the MNGA, the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative; and,
3. The MWBC Provincial Chair currently has no alternate to attend the MNGA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as an additional sub-Article to Article 29 of the *Constitution*:
If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.
 - B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:
If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Women of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MWBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place.
- AND all subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.



RESOLUTION 12

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject:	MWBC Secretary-Treasurer
Legislation Affected:	<i>MNBC Women's Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Kelowna Métis Association
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. The current *MNBC Women's Act* does not permit the appointment of a Treasurer for the MWBC;
2. On October 11, 2023, the MWBC Provincial Governance Council approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MWBC will replace the Secretary position with the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The word "Secretary" be struck from Article 5.7 of the *MNBC Women's Act* and the word "Secretary-Treasurer" inserted in its place, so that the article will read as follows:
 - 5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer.



RESOLUTION 13

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Subject: MYBC Representation at the MNGA
Legislation Affected: *Constitution, MNGA Act*
Submitted by: Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Provincial Youth Chairperson
Submitted to: AGM Clerk
Date Submitted: December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval: 75%

WHEREAS

1. It is critical that Youth voices are always at the table during discussions.
2. In the event a Community President is unable to attend the MNGA, the Vice-President may attend as an alternate Community Representative;
3. MYBC elects a Vice-Chair from among the elected Regional Representatives, who can assume the duties of as the Chair, if the Chair is unavailable.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The following be added as a sub-article of Article 29 to the *Constitution*:
If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place so long as they are at least 18 years of age.
- B. The following be added to the *MNGA Act* before Article 3.4:
If the Provincial Chair of the Métis Youth of British Columbia is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the MYBC Vice-Chair may attend in their place so long as they are at least 18 years of age.
AND all subsequent Articles be renumbered accordingly.



RESOLUTION 14

SUBMITTED TO THE 2024 MÉTIS NATION
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Subject:	Updating the Youth Act
Legislation Affected:	<i>Youth Act</i>
Submitted by:	Métis Nation Governing Assembly via Provincial Youth Chairperson
Submitted to:	AGM Clerk
Date Submitted:	December 3, 2023
Vote Required for Approval:	Majority

WHEREAS

1. MYBC has gone through many changes since the previous election; and
2. The *Youth Act* is outdated and no longer reflective of how MYBC operates.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The following changes to the *Youth Act* be made:

- A. Strike all instances of "the Director of Youth" and replace with "Ministry of Youth Lead."
- B. In Article 5.2 strike "MNGA Assembly" and "MNBC Assembly" and replace with "MNGA" and "AGM" respectively.
- C. In Article 5.5 insert "and on the MYBC Committee" so it will read, "The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Council *and on the MYBC Committee.*"
- D. Strike Article 5.7 and insert the following in its place: "*The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and may elect a secretary, and treasurer who shall be referred to as the "Executive".*"
- E. In Article 5.8 insert the word "video" so it reads "Including telephone, *video*, or in person meetings.
- F. Strike Article 5.10 and replace it with "*The MYBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.*"



CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION



MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

CONSTITUTION

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





Original Ratification - September 27, 2003

Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia

Whereas the Métis People in British Columbia assert their inherent right of self-government and hereby establish the Government of the Métis Nation British Columbia:

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

1. The Métis Nation is distinct within the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The Métis are distinct from First Nations and Inuit and are the descendants of the historic Métis who evolved as a people with a common political will and consciousness.
2. Having experienced physical and political conflict and being deprived of property in the late 1800's, we are still engaged in a continuing struggle to rebuild our government and revive our cultural heritage and pride. As such, we are striving for the political, legal and constitutional recognition and guarantees of the rights of Métis people, including the right to a land and resource base, self-governance and self-government institutions. In order to achieve these objectives we are hereby re-establishing a strong and revitalized government within the province of British Columbia, which involves all sectors of Métis society.
3. In accordance with Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, the Métis people are an Aboriginal people within Canada whose existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF MÉTIS PEOPLE

4. The Métis Nation has the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right we, the citizens of the Métis Nation, will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
5. The Métis Nation undertakes to respect and ensure to all Métis citizens within the Nation rights without distinction of any kind such as sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other views.
6. Métis men and Métis women equally enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
7. Every Métis citizen has the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
8. No Métis Citizen shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
9. Every Métis citizen has the right to freedom of thought, expression, conscience and religion.





10. Every Métis Citizen has the right of association and to assemble and organize at the community level. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those necessary to protect the peace and order of the Métis Nation as prescribed by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
11. Nothing in this Constitution abrogates or derogates from the rights Métis people have or may exercise under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (MNBC)

12. Subject to the provisions of Article 46, the MNBC shall be comprised of the seven (7) Elected Regional Directors, the elected representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia, the elected Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, the President and Vice-President for a total of eleven (11) Members.
13. The MNBC shall be responsible for ensuring that Communities, departments, programs and services are running smoothly and have the necessary resources to enable them to operate efficiently. This responsibility recognizes that funding may be limited, that there will be competing priorities for resources and that all requests for resources are unlikely to be met.
14. The MNBC shall provide a written Activity Report and a written Financial Report at each session of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
15. The Executive of the MNBC shall be comprised of four (4) Members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
16. The MNBC shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer to the Executive from among its Members.
17. The MNBC shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out the activities and functions of the MNBC or the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. In appointing such bodies, the MNBC must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
18. The MNBC shall designate persons who may have signing authority for the purposes of conducting the affairs of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall include the Treasurer.
19. The MNBC shall meet at least four (4) times per year at the call of the President or Vice-President in the absence of the President. The President or Vice-President as the case may be shall give two (2) days written notice of all MNBC meetings to all the Members of the MNBC. The two (2) day notice period may be waived by the Members in attendance at a meeting.
 - 19.1. A meeting of the MNBC can be called by a majority of the Board of Directors.
20. Quorum of the MNBC shall be the majority of the Board of Directors.
21. Decisions of the MNBC shall require a simple majority.



22. A person may not be a Member of the MNBC when they hold a salaried position directly with the Métis Nation Governing Assembly or the MNBC. This does not disqualify a person from being a Member of the MNBC when that person receives an honorarium, salary or per diem for performing the duties of that elected office.
23. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC when:
 - 23.1. They die.
 - 23.2. They resign.
 - 23.3. They are no longer the President of the MNBC, or are no longer the Vice- President of the MNBC or are no longer a Regional Director.
 - 23.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia
 - 23.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 23.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - 23.7. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater. A person disqualified from being a member of the MNBC by this sub-section may appeal that disqualification to the Senate.
 - 23.8. They have clearly been identified as having breeched their fiduciary duty to the Members or to Métis citizens.
24. A member of the MNBC shall not be removed from the MNBC for any reason other than as set out in Article 23 or through an election held in accordance with this Constitution.
25. A person may be suspended from being a Board Member of the MNBC, with or without pay, by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNBC. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.
26. Should there no longer be a President of the MNBC pursuant to Article 23 and 25, the Vice-President shall fulfill the Office of the President until a by-election is held to elect a new President in accordance with Article 46.
27. The Secretary or the Treasurer may resign from the Executive without being disqualified from being a Member of the MNBC.

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY (MNGA)

28. There shall be established a Métis Nation Governing Assembly, which shall be the governing legislative body of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
29. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of the elected Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Communities, the elected Regional Directors of the MNBC, the elected President and Vice-President of the MNBC, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.





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- 29.1. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
30. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall review and ratify legislation, regulations, rules, resolutions and constitutional amendments for presentation and final ratification at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
31. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall have the authority to appoint Commissions, Committees or other subsidiary bodies, where they are deemed necessary in order to effectively carry out their legislative duties. In appointing such bodies, the Métis Nation Governing Assembly must ensure that adequate financial resources are available to permit the bodies to conduct their assigned activities and that all such bodies have clear terms of reference, including reporting requirements.
32. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least three (3) times per year in British Columbia at a meeting on a date decided upon by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly at the previous meeting. The meetings shall be held at least three (3) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting, except as required in Article 32.1. Meetings may take place over one (1) or two (2) days, as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. Two meetings will be virtually and one in-person, or as determined by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The notice requirement does not apply to Article 32.1.
- 32.1 The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall, subject to the availability of financial resources, meet at the request of the MNBC or on the request of a Regional Governance Council, at such times and in such manner as may be appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to electronic or telephone communication, to consider motions that may have, as their effect, the resolve of matters that are urgent or require a decision prior to the next annual sitting of the MNGA.
33. Fifty (50) per cent plus one of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors.
34. A person is disqualified from being a Member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly when:
- 34.1. They die.
- 34.2. They resign.
- 34.3. They are no longer the President or Vice-President of a Community.
- 34.4. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 34.5. They are no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.6. They are under eighteen (18) years of age, except for the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 34.7. They have clearly breached their fiduciary duty to the Members or the Métis citizens.



35. A person may be suspended temporarily or permanently from being a Member of the MNGA by a vote of the majority of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.

ELECTIONS

36. Any Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
37. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
38. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
39. Any person seeking elected office must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to seek elected office as a Community President or Regional Director.
40. To vote in an election, a person must have been a resident of British Columbia at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the election and must have been a resident of a Region at least six (6) months prior to the date of the election in order to vote for a Community President or Regional Director. A person who wishes to vote for a Community President or Regional Director, but has not been a resident of a Region for six (6) months may vote for a Community President or Regional Director in the Region that they lived immediately prior to the election, provided that they meet the other voting requirements.
41. The President and the Vice-President of the MNBC, the Chairperson for the Métis Women of British Columbia and the Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia shall be elected by a province-wide ballot.
42. Elections for the MNBC shall be held once every four (4) years on any date within 6 months prior to the 4th year anniversary.
43. Elections for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly who are not also Members of the MNBC shall be held at least every two (2) years.
44. There shall be no limits on the number of terms that may be served by anyone elected to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, the MNBC or a Community.
45. In order to run for elected office in the MNBC, a candidate must provide a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the Chief Electoral Officer with the filed nomination papers for the purpose of satisfying Article 23.7. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the candidate voluntarily consents in writing.





46. Subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the MNBC or of any elected position at the regional level. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the MNBC Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that position.
- 46.1. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Women's Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MWBC Provincial Governance Council.
- 46.2. In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Provincial Youth Chairperson, an interim chairperson will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors on the advice of the MYBC Committee;
- 46.3. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, an interim Director, as selected by the RGC will be recommended to the MNGA by the Board of Directors and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim Director. In the case of a vacancy in a position of a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative, an interim Representative will be recommended to the MNGA by the respective RGC, and if approved by the MNGA, the vacancy shall be filled by the interim representative. An interim Director or Representative shall be subject to Article 45 of the Constitution.
47. When nominations close, all candidates holding a salaried position with the MNBC or MNGA must submit in writing, notice of a leave of absence.

SENATE

48. The Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
49. The Senate shall be comprised of seven (7) Senators. Each of the seven (7) Regions shall appoint one (1) Senator in the manner and process as set out in the Senate Act.
50. In order to be considered for a Senate appointment, a Senate candidate must be a Métis citizen and must have provided a Criminal Record Check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Municipal Police Detachment to the MNBC who will review the Criminal Record Check in confidence to ensure compliance with sub-section 54.3. The results and content of the Criminal Record Check shall not be made public, unless the Senate candidate voluntarily consents in writing.
51. No Senator may hold any elected or salaried position within the MNBC, MNGA, Community, or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia or the Métis Youth of British Columbia and must resign from any such position prior to appointment to the Senate.
52. Senators shall be appointed for a term and conditions as set out in the Senate Act.



53. A person ceases to be a Senator when:
- 53.1. They resign.
 - 53.2. They die.
 - 53.3. They have been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty over two (2) years (2) years or greater.
 - 53.4. They take a salaried position prohibited by Article 51.
 - 53.5. Or as outlined in the provisions of the Senate Act.
54. The MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the first term of the Senate. Thereafter, the MNBC shall determine the rate of remuneration and expenses for the Senate, based on financial resources, which may be available for that purpose.

COMMUNITIES

55. Communities shall be the basic unit of the Métis Government. No community (city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit) shall have more than one (1) Community.
- 55.1 Communities seeking chartered designation shall require written approval by motion of seventy five (75) percent of the Applicable Regional Governance Council members and such motion to be submitted to the MNGA;
 - 55.2 Geographical boundaries of Community/Communities seeking Community Governance Charter shall be submitted as part of the motion to the MNGA;
 - 55.3 Ratification by seventy five (75) percent of the MNGA is required.
56. A Community shall be made up of at least twenty-five (25) Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 56.1 If a group of Métis Citizens residing in a city, town, municipality or unincorporated municipal unit in which there is no existing Chartered Community, that group of Citizens may apply to the applicable Regional Governance Council for interim Chartered Community designation (hereinafter referred to as an “Interim Chartered Community” or having “Interim Chartered Community Status” as the case may be) provided the application is signed by at least 15 Members who are Métis Citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - 56.2 The process for seeking Interim Chartered Community Status must follow the process set out in Articles 55.1, 55.2 and 55.3 of this Constitution.
 - 56.3 If the application is approved by the MNGA, Interim Chartered Community Status can be granted for a maximum two (2) year period from the date ratification is confirmed by the MNGA, or when the Interim Chartered Community achieves twenty-five (25) Members and then applies for Chartered Community status pursuant to the provisions of Article 55, and then is approved.





- 56.4 An Interim Chartered Community shall have observer status at an MNGA, and shall not have voting rights.
- 56.5 An Interim Chartered Community may receive benefits and services from MNBC at the sole discretion of the MNBC.
57. Métis communities recognized by the MNBC Constitution and Legislation are required to enter into Community Governance Charters that define an affiliated relationship for financial and political accountability, mutual recognition and dispute resolution. Hereinafter known as “Community Governance Charter”.
58. All Communities shall, as soon as possible, enact a Constitution that is consistent with this Constitution.

REGIONS

59. In the event that a Community is in contravention of the terms of its Community Governance Charter or of the provisions of the MNBC Constitution, the MNBC will do all within its ability to assist the community to come into compliance within the Community Governance Charter and/or MNBC Constitution as the case may be and, in the event the Community, in the discretion of the MNBC, remains or continues to be non-compliant, the MNBC shall make such recommendations to the MNGA as may be deemed appropriate, with the effect of dissolving that community’s Community Governance Charter and affiliation with the MNBC.

- 59.1 There shall be seven (7) Regions as set out in the adjacent map:

Region 1 Vancouver Island
Region 2 Lower Mainland
Region 3 Thompson/Okanagan
Region 4 Kootenays
Region 5 North Central
Region 6 Northwest
Region 7 Northeast



60. There shall be formed in each Region a Regional Governance Council comprised of the Presidents of the Communities in each respective Region, the Métis Youth of British Columbia Regional Representative, Regional Director of the MNBC, and the Métis Women of British Columbia Regional Representative. The Regional Director of the MNBC shall be the non-voting Chairperson of the Regional Governance Council.
- 60.1. All members of a Regional Governance Council must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry as MNBC Citizens.
- 60.2. Each Regional Governance Council will meet at minimum four times per year. The meeting may be in person, by phone, or by video link. Time and space will be provided for Regional Governance Council Meetings at MNBC Governing Assemblies and Annual General Meetings at the request of the Regional Governance Council.



- 60.3. Regional Governance Councils are responsible for: informing MNBC of Chartered Community efforts and opportunities for the purpose of obtaining support from MNBC Ministries, MNBC political relationships, assisting in prioritizing the aspirations of MNBC annual and ongoing budgeting efforts, and inform the search for new funding opportunities. Regional Governance Councils are also responsible for informing Community leadership of progress and developments in all MNBC portfolios to ensure a well-informed Métis Governance, and provide opportunities for feedback and concerted efforts. MNBC leadership is responsible for consulting and engaging with Regional Governance Councils regarding all relevant agreements impacting Citizens.
- 60.4. Quorum for Regional Governance Councils is a simple majority of Council Members.
- 60.5. Regional Governance Councils may be called by the Regional Director or a simple majority of Council Members.
- 60.6. Written notice of the date, time, and location of a Regional Governance Council meeting must be provided to each member listed in Article 60 at least five (5) days before the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived by unanimous consent of the Regional Governance Council members.”
- 60.7. If a member of the Regional Governance Council has been disqualified from being a member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly pursuant to any of the provisions under Article 34, or if they have suspended from being a member of the MNGA pursuant to the provisions of Article 35, such disqualification or suspension shall also apply to their membership and participation in the applicable Regional Governance Council.
- 60.8. If the President of a Community is unable to attend an RGC meeting, each Chartered Community Board may designate an Elected Board Member of the Chartered Community to participate with voting privileges, provided they are a Métis Citizen ..

CITIZENSHIP

61. Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation.
 - 61.1. “Historic Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-Breeds who resided in Historic Métis Nation Homeland.
 - 61.2. “Historic Métis Nation Homeland” means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-Breeds as they were then known.
 - 61.3. “Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within Section 35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.
 - 61.4. “Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.





62. The MNBC has a unique citizenship card for citizens of the Métis Nation in BC. These cards are numbered and the numbers recorded in the central registry by the office of the registrar.
63. Citizenship cards shall be issued to all Métis upon a person presenting themselves for citizenship and satisfying the definition set out above.
64. Where there is a dispute as to citizenship, a ruling shall be made by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Senate Act or the policies and procedures to be developed by the Senate, which ruling shall be final and binding.

MÉTIS INDEPENDENCE

65. The Métis Nation is seeking a third order of government within Canada, so the Métis Nation is non-partisan in respect of federal and provincial politics. This does not restrict the right of Métis individuals to hold Memberships in or to express personal opinions about federal, provincial, municipal partisan politics.
66. Any person seeking federal government or provincial government elected office shall take an unpaid leave of absence from any elected position that he or she may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, and Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee at the close of nominations. Any person elected to federal government or provincial government elected office shall resign from any elected position that he or she may hold with the MNBC, MNGA, Senate, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee.
67. All Members of the MNBC, MNGA and Senate shall swear an Oath of Allegiance prior to taking office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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. The agenda for each AGM shall include:
 - 68.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year
 - 68.2. President's Report for Previous Fiscal Year
 - 68.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly
 - 68.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.
 - 68.5. Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.
69. Only persons who have registered as a Métis Citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*, and are registered as a MNBC Citizen within the MNBC Central Registry, are entitled to speak and be issued voting credentials at a MNBC AGM or SGM.



SECRETARIAT

70. A Secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia shall be continued or created under the BC Society Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the MNBC, MNGA and the Senate.
71. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the Members of the MNBC.

AMENDMENT

72. All legislation, legislative amendments, constitutional amendments and resolutions shall be considered and given first reading by the MNGA in accordance with the provisions of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act.
73. This Constitution will only be amended by the following process:
- 73.1. Any amendment must be ratified by the MNGA, pursuant to the legislation of the *MNGA Act*;
 - 73.2. Amendments ratified by the MNGA are then presented for final approval to the Citizens present at the MNBC AGM.
 - 73.3. At least seventy-five (75%) of votes cast in favor of the proposed amendment is required for ratification.



MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION CITIZENSHIP ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In this Act:
- 2.2 **"Act"** means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 2.3 **"Adoption"** Act of transferring parental rights and duties to someone other than the adopted person's biological parents by means of a statutory adoption or a customary Métis adoption.
- 2.4 **"Adopted Métis Citizen"** A Métis Citizen that has acquired their Métis Citizenship as per Article 12 of the MNBC Citizenship Act.
- 2.5 **"Appeal"** or **"Appeals"** means a written document submitted by: an Applicant who has been rejected entry in the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizen who is objecting to the registration of any Applicant to the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry, or a person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six of this Act;
- 2.6 **"Applicant"** means an individual who applies for a Provincial Citizenship Card by filing the necessary documentation with the Citizenship Authority.
- 2.7 **"Application"** means the Provincial Citizenship Standardized Application Form.
- 2.8 A **"Chartered Community"** is a Métis Community that has entered into a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.9 **"Child"** means a child of a Métis citizen.
- 2.10 **"Citizenship Appeal Committee"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Appeal Committee as established and maintained by the Senate.
- 2.11 **"Citizenship Authority"** (the "Authority") means the office in the Ministry of Citizenship which processes, assesses, ensures Chartered Community acceptance is approved within the required timeframe, and issues citizenship cards. The Authority consists of:
- The Executive Director of Citizenship
 - The Director of Citizenship
 - The Citizenship Assessment Manager
- 2.12 **"Community Governance Charter"** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Chartered Community and the MNBC.
- 2.13 **"Constitution"** means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as amended from time to time.





- 2.14 **“Customary Adoption”** An adoption that is consistent with the historical and customary practices of the Métis Nation which has occurred at an early age by an immediate or extended family member.
- 2.15 **“Extended Family Member”** Is a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew and/or niece that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.16 **“Genealogical Evidence”** means evidence which indicates proof that an Applicant’s parent is, or parents are, of Métis Ancestry and that the Applicant is Métis and which can be verified by an objective and valid process.
- 2.17 **“Historical and Customary Practices”** The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.
- 2.18 **“Immediate Family Member”** Is a parent (mother/father), child (son/daughter) or sibling (sister/brother) that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 2.19 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents or acts pursuant to which the administrative affairs and constitutional requirements of the MNBC shall be carried out.
- 2.20 **“Registration”** means citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.21 **“Métis”** or **“Citizen”** means a Métis Citizen as defined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.22 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia as set out in the *Constitution*.
- 2.23 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization previously known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia which represents and is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution* which is also the *Constitution* of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.
- 2.24 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the governing body with the secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia, which represents and is comprised of the Métis citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provision of the *Constitution*.
- 2.25 **“Provincial Citizenship Card”** means the identification card that shall be issued by the Citizenship Authority to all Métis Citizens who have had their Genealogy and supporting documentation validated and verified by the Office of the Citizenship Authority.
- 2.26 **“Registration”** means Citizenship in the MNBC.
- 2.27 **“Registry”** means the data and systems used by the Ministry of Citizenship to gather and store information about Métis Citizens.



- 2.28 **“Statutory Adoption”** An adoption that is granted under the authority of provincial and/or territorial government legislation.
- 2.29 **“Supporting Documentation”** is defined as records used to support an application for Citizenship, including Vital events records, historical records, church records, archival records, and census records.
- 2.30 **“Registered”** means registered as a Métis Citizen under this Act.
- 2.31 **“Under Review”** means a previously registered Citizen whose citizenship is currently being reviewed by the Citizenship Authority following an audit or review of the Central Registry

ARTICLE THREE – MÉTIS NATION ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship upon Applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority a written application together with sufficient Genealogical evidence which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, is proof that the Applicant is of Métis ancestry, and that the Applicant complies with the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1 The Applicant normally resides within the Chartered Community area and the jurisdiction of the MNBC; and
 - 3.1.2 The Applicant expressly holds themselves out to be Métis in the Chartered Community and/or within the jurisdiction of the MNBC;
- 3.2 Once the Citizenship Authority is satisfied that the Applicant has met the conditions in Articles 3.1, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, the Citizenship Authority may issue the Applicant notification of Chartered Community acceptance not exceeding 90 days, and then issue a Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Card.
- 3.3 The Citizenship Authority shall provide a list of new Citizens to their respective Communities on a monthly basis, unless operational circumstances prevent that from happening, and in such a case the list of new Citizens must be provided by the end of the following month

ARTICLE FOUR - REGISTRATION PROCESS

- 4.1 An individual is entitled to make application for registration as a Métis Citizen by making application to the MNBC or to a Chartered Community;
- 4.2 Upon approval of registration, the Citizenship Authority shall issue a Provincial Citizenship Card recognizing the Applicant as a Métis Citizen.
- 4.3 The parent or guardian of a child under nineteen (19) years of age may apply for registration on behalf of the child;
- 4.4 The guardian of an individual who is under a mental or legal disability may apply for registration on behalf of that individual;





- 4.5 No individual is obliged to apply for registration;
- 4.6 In the case of an application for registration, the Applicant must provide the Citizenship Authority with genealogy and the supporting documentation necessary to validate and verify that the Applicant is Métis;
- 4.7 The Citizenship Authority shall review applications for registration and shall register an Applicant as a Métis only if:
 - a) The Applicant is entitled to be registered as a Métis pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
 - b) Upon completion of the Métis Nation acceptance process; and
 - c) The application is properly made.
- 4.8 The Citizenship Authority shall establish and implement a process to seek out and encourage the application for registration of all qualified individuals who are entitled to be registered as Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE FIVE - VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY

- 5.1 A Métis Citizen may, at any time, voluntarily remove themselves from the Registry;
- 5.2 The Citizenship Authority shall remove a Métis Citizen who, by written request, declares that they no longer wish to be registered as a Métis Citizen;
- 5.3 A Métis Citizen who has removed themselves from the Registry may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.

ARTICLE SIX – REMOVAL FROM REGISTRY DUE TO INELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 If, due to information found during an audit or review, a person on the Central Registry is found to be ineligible for Métis citizenship:
 - a) The Citizenship Authority will notify the person, in writing, that their Métis citizenship is under review, and provide the reason(s) for ineligibility, and, if relevant, the Supporting Documentation required to restore citizenship status.
 - b) Supporting Documentation requested to restore citizenship status must be provided within sixty (60) days of the review notice being sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the Citizen, by a further ninety (90) days.
 - (i) Extension requests are granted solely at the discretion of the Citizenship Authority.
- 6.2 If the Citizenship Authority has received Supporting Documentation to their satisfaction that the person is eligible for Métis Citizenship, the review status of their citizenship will be immediately removed.



- 6.3 If the Citizenship Authority has not received any further Supporting Documentation, or, the Supporting Documentation is insufficient to objectively verify and meet the criteria for Métis citizenship, the citizenship of the person will be revoked, and the person will be notified of this revocation in writing.
- 6.4 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may appeal the Citizenship Authority's decision to the Senate, within sixty (60) days of the date removal notice is sent by the Citizenship Authority. The Senate's decision on this Appeal will be final and binding.
- 6.5 A person whose citizenship has been revoked under Article Six may re-apply for Registration upon following the procedure for Registration as a Métis Citizen as set out in this Act.
- 6.6 A person who is placed under review by the Citizenship Authority is not eligible to apply for any further supports, programs, or funding through MNBC until their citizenship has been reaffirmed. A person currently receiving supports will continue to receive them for at least sixty (60) days following the notice sent by the Citizenship Authority. This time frame can be extended, by request of the person under review, by a further sixty (60) days.
- (i) Extension requests are granted at the discretion of the responsible program director. A negative decision can be appealed within thirty (30) days to the MNBC Board, who can overturn the decision by a majority vote.

ARTICLE SEVEN – CENTRAL REGISTRY

- 7.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall maintain a uniform system for the Registration of Métis Citizens;
- 7.2 The Ministry of Citizenship shall collect and maintain the information necessary to determine registration; the information to be collected is listed on the MNBC Citizenship Application Package and updated from time to time.
- 7.3 The Ministry of Citizenship may collect and register additional demographic information about Métis Citizens as, in the Ministry of Citizenship's sole discretion, is deemed necessary and/or expedient;
- 7.4 All information concerning Applicants or Métis Citizens located at the Central Registry is confidential and the Ministry of Citizenship shall adhere to or cause to be adhered to, all federal and provincial Privacy Laws;
- 7.5 The Ministry of Citizenship shall cause the Registry to be kept safely by administrative, physical, and technological safeguards that are reasonable and consistent with this Act;
- 7.6 The Ministry of Citizenship will, with the consent of the MNBC Board of Directors obtain permission from Citizens to release certain personal information of Citizens to the Provincial or Federal Governments for health and social determinants of health research purposes only, provided that each Citizen affected by that permission has been provided with an information document fully describing the information proposed by the Ministry of Citizenship to be released, including a release statement that provides that Citizen with an opportunity to





decline or refuse to permit the release of the personal information proposed to be released.

- i) In the event a Citizen, having been provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the Ministry of Citizenship at the address provided, declines to give their consent for the information to be released, then that information will not be released.

- 7.7 Applicants may apply for Citizenship by written Application through a Chartered Community, a regional registry clerk, or directly to the Métis Nation British Columbia registry;
- 7.8 Application shall be submitted by the Chartered Community of the MNBC and/or the Regional Registry Clerk to the Ministry of Citizenship for consideration and entry into the Central Registry;
- 7.9 An Applicant whose application is not approved by the Ministry of Citizenship shall be notified, in writing of the decision;
- 7.10 An Applicant, having applied for Citizenship directly to the MNBC and whose Application the Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 7.11 An Applicant, who has applied for MNBC Citizenship, where the application has been forwarded by a Chartered Community or Regional Registry Clerk, and whose application the Provincial Citizenship Authority approves, shall be issued a Provincial Citizenship Card by the Central Registry and forwarded directly to the Applicant;
- 7.12 Each Provincial Citizenship Card shall bear a personal and individual registration number and clearly identify which MNBC Region the Citizens resides;
- 7.13 Provincial Citizenship Cards issued pursuant this Act shall constitute the only legitimate and valid proof of Métis Citizenship to the exclusion of all other cards and/or documents of any nature;
- 7.14 Except as may be otherwise provided by this Act, the MNBC shall be solely responsible for the development and distribution of the Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and the Provincial Citizenship Card.

ARTICLE EIGHT - REGISTRY OFFICE

- 8.0 The MNBC shall establish a Citizenship Authority which shall maintain and provide Provincial Citizenship Application Forms and Provincial Citizenship Cards to Applicants or Chartered Communities when consent to Release of Personal information forms have been signed and submitted by the Applicant.



ARTICLE NINE - THE MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

- 9.1 The Ministry of Citizenship shall be required to follow all policies and procedures developed by the MNBC and shall:
- 9.2 Receive and review applications for citizenship submitted by an Applicant on the Provincial Standardized Citizenship Application Forms and shall render a decision whether a person is entitled to be registered pursuant to this Act;
- 9.3 Be and is authorized to request and obtain Genealogical evidence and/or any other documentation and information which may be relevant to an application and the proper discharge of the Ministry of Citizenship's duties;
- 9.4 Provide a report in writing to MNGA and the MNBC upon their reasonable request;
- 9.5 Maintain the Central Registry in a suitable and proper manner;
- 9.6 Provide a written decision to the Applicant and/or the Chartered Community, as may be appropriate under the circumstances concerning an application;
- 9.7 Include with any written decision, written instruction on the procedure for commencing an appeal from a decision of the Ministry of Citizenship;
- 9.8 Be authorized to render decisions on the voluntary removal of Métis Citizens from the Central Registry;
- 9.9 Applicants whose applications are not approved for Citizenship by the Central Registry may appeal such decision to the Senate;
- 9.10 Ensure that all documentation and information in the possession of the Ministry of Citizenship with respect to the application under appeal is provided, together with the Ministry of Citizenship's report, to the Senate prior to the date upon which the appeal is to be heard;
- 9.11 Comply with any reasonable request of the Senate or of the Citizens' Appeal Committee or other appropriate Senate Tribunal for information or material concerning the Application or an appeal;
- 9.12 Supervise the staff and operation of the Registry Office;
- 9.13 Respond to any reasonable request for information from an Applicant, the appropriate Chartered Community or the MNBC concerning an application.

ARTICLE TEN - CITIZENSHIP APPEAL

- 10.0 An Applicant, Chartered Community or the MNBC may appeal a decision of the Citizenship Authority concerning the application of an Applicant for Citizenship to the Senate pursuant to the provisions of this Act or the Senate Act.





ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The expenses and costs associated with the maintenance of the Ministry of Citizenship including the remuneration for the office of the Citizenship Authority and the Registry office staff shall be established by the MNBC based on the availability of fiscal resources.

ARTICLE TWELVE - ADOPTION

- 12.1 The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon applicant providing to the Citizenship Authority objectively verifiable proof of an adoption which, if accepted by the Citizenship Authority, proves that the Applicant has been adopted by a Métis Citizen or is eligible for citizenship as per the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
- 12.2 The adopted Métis Citizen's citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;
- 12.3 The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.
- 12.4 An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per *Article 12.0*.

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MÉTIS NATION ELECTORAL ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – NAME

- 1.0 This *Electoral Act* of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be cited as the "*MNBC Electoral Act*" and hereinafter be referred to as the "*Electoral Act*".

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE, SEAL AND NAME

- 2.0 The purpose of the *Electoral Act* is to establish fair, open and democratic procedures and rules for the Elections of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

ARTICLE THREE – DEFINITIONS

- 3.0 In this document:
- 3.1 **“Advance Poll”** means a vote held prior to the designated Election Day so as to allow those voters who may be unable to attend a Polling Station the ability to vote either by voting at a Polling Station or by Mail-in Ballot;
 - 3.2 **“Ballot”** or **“ballot”** means a paper or document representing a vote by an Elector and means vote where the context so dictates;
 - 3.3 **“Board Member”** means a person that currently holds a position on the MNBC Board of Directors.
 - 3.4 **“Board of Directors”** means the governing body of the MNBC made up of the President, Vice-President, the Regional Directors, the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - 3.5 **“By-Election”** means an Election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women of British Columbia and/or the Métis Youth of British Columbia when such vacancy exists as the result of a lack of nominations for candidacy at an Election or is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in *Article 23* of the *Constitution*;
 - 3.6 **“Campaign Period”** means that period of time from the date that the MNBC Election is called and the date at which the Chief Electoral Officer declares the successful Candidates elected;
 - 3.7 **“Candidate”** means a person who is nominated and qualified to compete for an office in the Métis Nation British Columbia Election for President, Vice-President, Regional Director, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia;



- 3.8 **“Chief Electoral Officer”** means a contractor appointed in writing after final approval of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors is charged with developing a call for proposals and short listing potential contractors to operate Elections for the Métis Nation British Columbia. This short list will be presented to the MNGA for final approval of the successful Chief Electoral Officer;
- 3.9 **“Conflict of Interest”** means the circumstances in which there is a real, potential or apparent conflict between the private interests of a person and the interests of the Métis Nation. This also includes circumstances in which a person represents or is a director/officer of an organization, association or party whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC;
- 3.10 **“Constitution”** means the *Constitution* of the Métis Nation British Columbia as adopted by the Métis citizens at the Annual General Meeting September 2003 and revised from time to time thereafter;
- 3.11 **“Election(s)”** means an Election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the Election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.
- 3.12 **“Election Day”** means the official day when the votes cast by Electors at an Election are counted;
- 3.13 **“Election Voting Period”** means, in the case of a Polling Station vote, that period of time as designated by the Chief Electoral Officer and in the case of a Mail-in Ballot or online voting Election, that period of time as set by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Sub-Article 15.2 of this *Electoral Act*.
- 3.14 **“Election Officer”** means the Chief Electoral Officer, Returning Officers and Poll Clerks appointed for a particular Election or by-Election;
- 3.15 **“Elector”** means a Métis citizen who, pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia’s *Constitution*, is no less than 18 years of age as of the date of the Election, has been registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the Métis Nation British Columbia *Citizenship Act*, and has resided in British Columbia for a minimum of twelve (12) months for a provincial office or six (6) months for voting in regional offices. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may vote or seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 3.16 **“Interim Appointee”** means a person who is appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, or a MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative on an interim basis pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the *Constitution*.





- 3.17 **“Leave of Absence”** means an unpaid leave of absence for an MNBC employee, however, where applicable, an employee may use any accrued annual vacation.
- 3.18 **“List of Electors”** means a list made pursuant to this *Electoral Act* and prepared by the MNBC Central Registry of individuals entitled to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election;
- 3.19 **“Mail-in ballot”** means a vote that is cast by an Elector and delivered by mail or courier to the location or individual designated by the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with Sub- Article 5.6 herein;
- 3.20 **“Métis Citizen”** is a Métis person as defined in the *Constitution* and listed in the central registry;
- 3.21 **“Métis Community”** shall mean the Métis Nation British Columbia communities as set out in the *Constitution*;
- 3.22 **“Métis Nation British Columbia Senate”** means the judicial arm of the of the Métis Nation British Columbia and in accordance with *Senate Act*;
- 3.23 **“Mobile Polling Station”** means an advance poll consisting of a team of election officials who visit Communities, and have two secure ballot boxes: one to collect Mail-in Ballots, and one to collect ballots issued by the team to electors who have not previously received a Mail-in Ballot.
- 3.24 **“Online Voting”** means a vote that is cast by an Elector using a web-based voting system;
- 3.25 **“Ordinarily Resident”** means a Métis citizen who actually lives and has lived continuously in British Columbia for at least twelve (12) full months prior to the date of the Election. In making such determination, temporary absences from British Columbia for reasons such as travel, education, medical treatment, military service or incarceration shall be considered periods of residence provided the person was ordinarily resident prior to such temporary absences. A person can have only one place of Ordinarily Residence;
- 3.26 **“Poll Book”** means a list of names of persons who have received ballots at an Election pursuant to the *Electoral Act*;
- 3.27 **“Poll Clerk”** means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to assist a Returning Officer at the polls pursuant to this *Electoral Act*;
- 3.28 **“Polling Station”** means a place established by the Election Officers where Electors cast their vote or send their ballots by Mail-In Ballots in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein and which is set up pursuant to the *MNBC Electoral Act*;
- 3.29 **“Region or Electoral Region”** means one of the seven (7) regions of the Métis Nation British Columbia;



- 3.30 “**Regional Director**” means a person who holds the position of Regional Director of one of the seven (7) Métis Nation British Columbia regions after being elected pursuant to the *Electoral Act* or after a By-Election pursuant to *Section 47* of the *Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution*;
- 3.31 “**Returning Officer**” means a person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to the *Electoral Act*; and
- 3.32 “**Scrutineer**” means a person appointed in writing who is authorized to represent a Candidate’s interests at a Polling Station pursuant to the *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FOUR – DATE OF ELECTION

- 4.0 The date of the Election shall be established by the MNGA in conjunction with the terms outlined in the *Constitution*.

ARTICLE FIVE – CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

- 5.0 The Chief Electoral Officer shall be appointed by the MNGA to hold office for each Election. This individual shall manage and conduct an Election. The Chief Electoral Officer shall also have the responsibility of conducting any necessary By-Elections while their appointment remains in effect. The Chief Electoral Officer shall:

- 5.1 Provide guidance and supervision respecting the conduct of the Election:
- a. Create all electoral notifications, forms, ballots and documents as may be required;
 - b. Decide the eligibility of all Candidates seeking office in an Election;
 - c. Prepare the List of Electors;
 - d. Appoint Returning Officers and Poll Clerks;
 - e. Ensure that all Election Officers are in compliance with this *Electoral Act* and use the guiding principles of fairness and impartiality when conducting an Election;
 - f. Issue to Election Officers any information and guidance they consider necessary for the administration of the *Electoral Act*;
 - g. Reconcile all ballots and prepare an official Election report for the Métis Communities and Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors; and
 - h. Perform all duties assigned pursuant to this *Electoral Act*.
- 5.2 In addition, the Chief Electoral Officer shall:
- a. Implement public education and information activities to make the electoral process better known to the public, particularly to those persons most likely to experience difficulties in exercising their democratic rights; activities may include, but are not limited to:





- i. Working with MNBC staff to develop and distribute a voters guide for electors, that explains in plain language where, when, and how to vote;
 - ii. Newspaper advertisements in local papers where there is a Chartered Community (if available and subject to funding);
 - iii. Social media, including the purchase of ads;
 - iv. Direct mail and email notices to electors;
 - v. Arranging for virtual townhall meetings, either individually in each region, or in combination with other regions, for provincial and regional Candidates to respond to questions and comments from electors;
 - vi. Working with MNBC committees and Chartered Communities to provide outreach opportunities in their communities, especially youth outreach;
 - vii. Any other opportunities that may be requested by a Chartered Community or Region, or considered by the Chief Electoral Officer to be appropriate for all or for a specific region or Community.
 - b. The Chief Electoral Officer shall, as much as reasonably possible in as many outreach activities as possible, include information regarding the positions available for election, a description of responsibilities, and time commitments
 - c. Remove from office and replace Election Officers upon being satisfied that the officers:
 - i. Refuse, neglect or have an inability to act;
 - ii. Have failed to perform satisfactorily the duties of their office; or
 - iii. Is engaging in partisan political activities.
- 5.3 The Chief Electoral Officer shall consult with the Solicitor for the MNBC, when and if necessary with respect to issues that may arise from time to time concerning the Election process.
- 5.4 If during the course of an Election, it transpires that insufficient time has been allowed, or insufficient Election Officers or Polling Stations have been provided, for the execution of any of the purposes of the *Electoral Act*, by reason of the operation of any provision of this *Electoral Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer, notwithstanding anything in the *Electoral Act* may:
- a. Increase the number of Election Officers (subject to financial resources);
 - b. Increase the number of Polling Stations (subject to financial resources);
- 5.5 However, the Chief Electoral Officer may not extend the hour for the opening or closing of an ordinary or advance polling station, or for accepting nomination packages on nomination day or change the date of ordinary polling day.



- 5.6 The Chief Electoral Officer shall conduct Elections by Mail-in Ballot and by Online Voting.
- a. An MNBC Chartered Community may, via written request to the Chief Electoral Officer, request a secured ballot box to the Community, for the deposit of mail-in ballots.
 - i. The ballot box will be secured through the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act, and
 - (a) The person appointed as Returning Officer pursuant to Article 14.1 of the *MNBC Electoral Act* shall be responsible for the security of the above-noted ballot box.
 - ii. The ballot box shall be placed in an accessible location pursuant to the requirements provided in Article 18 of this Act.
 - iii. The Returning Officer shall send, by mail or courier, Mail-in Ballots deposited by Electors in a secured ballot box in a Community to the location and by the date designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - iv. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the date that the secured ballot box will be closed, and when the ballots must be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORS

- 6.1 Any Métis Citizen of the MNBC who is Ordinarily Resident in British Columbia is eligible to be an Elector subject to *Article 6.2* herein.
- 6.2 An Elector is entitled to cast one (1) vote for the each of the following offices:
- a. President;
 - b. Vice President;
 - c. Regional Director;
 - d. Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia for the Region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being 15 years of age to 30;
 - e. Chairperson for the Métis Youth of British Columbia 15 years of age to 30.
 - f. Regional Women's representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia for the region in which the Elector is entitled to vote being female 18 years of age and older.
 - g. Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia being female eighteen (18) years of age and older
- 6.3 Any person is eligible to vote if:
- a. A Métis person, pursuant to the *MNBC's Constitution*;
 - b. No less than 18 years of age of the date of the Election;
 - c. No less than 15 years of age and no more than 30 years of age for the MYBC;





- d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may vote for the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. Registered as a Métis citizen pursuant to the *MNBC Citizenship Act*; and
 - f. Ordinarily resident in British Columbia.
- 6.4 The following individuals are not eligible to vote in a Métis Nation British Columbia Election:
- a. Individuals who are not registered on the MNBC Central Registry;
 - b. Individuals who are not 18 years of age on Election Day; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Individuals who are not 15 years of age and older than 30 on Election Day for the MYBC;
 - d. Individuals who are not female 18 years of age and older on Election Day for the MWBC; and
 - e. The Chief Electoral Officer;
- 6.5 Each Elector shall, before voting, affirm that they are a Métis Citizen of British Columbia and identify as such. In addition, electors must affirm that they are not registered under either the Indian Act or the Inuit Registry.
- 6.6 In the case of Online Voting, an elector shall have the option of voting by a Mail-in Ballot or at a Polling Station designated by the Chief Electoral Officer on Election day, if they are not able to vote online.

ARTICLE SEVEN – LIST OF ELECTORS

- 7.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall obtain from the MNBC Central Registry a final listing of registered voters no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight time on or before the 45th day. Subject only to the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer as set out in *Article 7.7* herein, no individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on or before the 45th day.
- 7.2 Upon receipt of the final lists as stated herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall, from the Central registry listing, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- 7.3 On or before the 39th day before the Election Day the Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for a vacancy in the Office of President, Vice President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia and Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also a list for each of the nominated and official Candidates for a vacancy in the office of Regional Director, Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia, and the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia a copy of the applicable Regional List of Electors. In addition, a copy of the applicable community List of Electors will be provided to each Métis community.



- 7.4 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot shall send their ballot by mail or courier to a location so designated by the Chief Electoral Officer within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period, or, in the case of Online Voting, within the time set by the Chief Electoral Officer as the Election Voting Period.
- 7.5 In the event an Elector, who, being on the List of Electors, attends a Polling Station other than the Polling Station at which their name is included on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer at that Polling Station shall deal with that Elector's ballot as set out in *Article 28* herein.
- 7.6 No individual shall be permitted to be included or accepted on the List of Electors after the 45-day timeline. The Chief Electoral Officer shall then, from the list of registered electors, prepare a List of Electors and satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the List of Electors.
- a. The Chief Electoral Officer shall submit to each nominated and official Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of the provincial List of Electors. Also this will be submitted to each of the nominated and official Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia a copy of the applicable regional List of Electors;
 - b. The List of Electors referred to in *Article 7.3* herein shall be provided to the Candidates no less than 39 days prior to the date of the Election;
 - c. The Chief Electoral Officer may amend the List of Electors as necessary; and
 - d. The Chief Electoral Officer shall place a copy of the List of Electors with each Métis community.
- 7.7 Upon provision of evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief Electoral Officer, of a legitimate error or omission, a Métis citizen can have their name added to, or removed from the List of Electors at any time up to fourteen (14) days prior to the Election.
- 7.8 Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are ordinarily resident. In the event of any discrepancy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the determination as to which Polling Station is deemed closest. Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the List of Electors of another polling station and such determinations shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 7.9 No Métis citizens shall:
- a. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors in a name that is not their own; and
 - b. Willfully apply to be included in the List of Electors for a region that they are not qualified or entitled to vote as an Elector.





ARTICLE EIGHT – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- 8.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, 60 days before the date of the Election, through a mail-out to all Electors and a posting on the MNBC website, provide notice of the Election and the applicable rules surrounding the Election and the preparation of the List of Electors:
- a. The place and hours fixed for the nomination of Candidates and the date fixed for closing nominations;
 - b. The positions available for election, including a description of responsibilities and time commitment.
 - c. The nomination papers required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer; and
 - d. The address, email and phone number of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.2 Nominations of all Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall be received in writing or electronically no less than 45 days prior to the date of the Election by the Chief Electoral Officer at a location to be specified in the notice by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.3 Any Métis Citizen is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if, on the day their nomination papers are filed:
- a. They are an ordinarily resident in British Columbia
 - b. Is 18 years of age or older; with the exception of the MYBC;
 - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
 - e. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;
 - f. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia has been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;
 - g. If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
 - i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;



- ii. At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
 - i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
 - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
 - iii. If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.
 - h. If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.
 - i. At the close of nomination has provided a letter of resignation to the CEO for any salaried (contractor or employment) position held within the MNBC;
 - j. In accordance with *Article 23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*, has provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with *Articles 45* and *23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*; and
 - k. Is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central registry pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 8.4 All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the follow:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
 - b. A minimum of twenty (20) original signatures of Electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the position of President and Vice President;
 - c. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - d. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of female electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia;
- 8.5 All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the following:
- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;





- b. A minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidate's Nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for Regional Director seeks to be nominated;
 - c. A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia seeks to be nominated.
 - d. A minimum of five (5) signatures of female electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 8.6 A Candidate may not accept a nomination for more than one position on the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- a. If a current Board Member wishes to stand as a candidate in a by-election, they must resign their current position on the Board of Directors at the date the elections is announced.
- 8.7 No Métis citizen may accept or place a nomination for a position on the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or the Métis Women of British Columbia if that person is or was, at any time during the one year period prior to the date of the Election, a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association, other than a Métis community, whereby being a director or officer, the Candidate would constitute circumstances in which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.
- The Chief Electoral Officer shall determine whether circumstances exist under which a real, potential or apprehended conflict of interest would arise.
- 8.8 Candidates who use malicious or objectionable practice or conduct themselves in a malicious or objectionable manner during the Campaign Period shall be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.9 Candidates shall not be permitted to use the offices or equipment of the MNBC or any program delivery offices for the purposes of presenting or advancing their campaign at any time during the campaign period.

ARTICLE NINE – ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

- 9.1. If only one Candidate is nominated for any one office at the close of nominations the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare that Candidate acclaimed to office, the day following the close of nominations.



ARTICLE TEN – NO CANDIDATES NOMINATED

- 10.1. If, after the close of nominations there are offices that remain without Candidates or without persons elected by acclamation, the Chief Electoral Officer shall set another day for the receipt of nominations for the remaining offices subject to available funding. Nominations shall be received for an Election to be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the processes and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – POSTING OF NOTICE OF POLL & CANDIDATES

- 11.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall, within five (5) days after the close of nominations, post on the MNBC website a notice indicating the names of the Candidates, the voting method options, and the date and time for voting.
- 11.2 Candidates whose nominations are accepted by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be entitled to receive a copy of the applicable List of Electors, a copy of the *Electoral Act* and other materials as deemed appropriate by the Chief Electoral Officer.

ARTICLE TWELVE – WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE

- 12.1. A Candidate may withdraw at any time up to twenty-one (21) days prior to Election Day by filing with the Chief Electoral Officer a written, signed and witnessed declaration to that effect.
- 12.2. When a Candidate has withdrawn, the Chief Electoral Officer shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Electors are advised when receiving a ballot.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – DEATH OF CANDIDATE

- 13.1. If a Candidate for the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.
- 13.2. If a Candidate for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia dies after close of nominations and prior to closing of the Polling Stations on Election Day, the Election shall be held.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND POLL CLERK

- 14.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and a Poll Clerk for each location where a Polling Station is to be established in the electoral region, or in the case of a Mail-in Ballot in accordance with Sub-Article 5.6 herein the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a Returning Officer and Poll Clerks for the location designated to





receive ballots.

- a. The Returning Officer with assistance from a Poll Clerk is responsible for the conduct at a Polling Station in an electoral region.
 - b. The following persons shall not be appointed as either a Returning Officer or a Poll Clerk:
 - i. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or individual who lives with any Candidate;
 - ii. A member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate;
 - iii. An individual who is a Candidate or a Candidate's representative.
 - iv. A person who is the spouse, child, brother, sister, mother, father, common-law partner, or who lives with either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall not be appointed for the same Polling Station location.
- 14.2 A person appointed, as either a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall hold office from the time appointed until thirty (30) days after the Election Day.
- 14.3 The Chief Electoral Officer may remove from office any Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who:
- a. Is incapable, by reason of illness, of satisfactorily performing their duties under the *Electoral Act*;
 - b. Fails to discharge competently their duties as Returning Officer or Poll Clerk so as to comply with an instruction of the Chief Electoral Officer;
 - c. Knowingly makes a contribution to a Candidate's campaign whether or not the contravention occurs in the exercise of his or her duties under the Act.
- 14.4 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, the Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – POLLING HOURS

- 15.1. Polling shall begin at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time in accordance with the particular time zone on the date of the Election and close at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time or Mountain Daylight Time on that same day.
- a. Advance polls shall be open for at least four (4) consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the day they are scheduled.
- 15.2 In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, Electors shall be able to mail or deliver their ballots to the location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days.
- 15.3 In the case of an Election by Online Voting System, Voters shall be able to vote within such specified period of time as may be established by the Chief Electoral Officer but in any event such period of time shall not be less than 14 calendar days.



ARTICLE SIXTEEN – LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS

- 16.1. A Polling Station shall be in a location that in the determination of the Chief Electoral Officer is convenient for the Electors.
- 16.2. In the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot there shall be a location or locations established by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of receiving Mail-In Ballots.
- 16.3. In the case of online voting, the system used shall be secure.
- 16.4. A final List of the Polling Stations will be listed twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election Date.
- 16.5. Best efforts will be made to ensure that every Polling Station will be accessible to persons who have a disability that could affect their ability to vote on the Election date.
- 16.6. No Polling Station may be located in the following places:
 - a. Premises where alcohol or spirits are served; or
 - b. Premises in which a Candidate has an interest.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – SCRUTINEERS

- 17.1. Each Candidate may appoint Scrutineers in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer to represent them at each Polling Station, and to observe the Election procedures on their behalf.
 - a. A Candidate may appoint more than one Scrutineer to attend a particular Polling Station while voting is in progress but only one Scrutineer per Candidate may be present in the polling area at any one time.
 - b. A Candidate shall supply their scrutineer with a form approved for such use by the Chief Electoral Officer, appointing them as a scrutineer. If scrutineers are only present for part of a day and are replaced by another scrutineer, the replacement scrutineer must have their own form to show the Returning Officer.
- 17.2. Scrutineers may observe the operation of the Polling Station and observe the counting of the ballots.
- 17.3. In the case of a Mail-in Ballot Election a Candidate may appoint up to 2 scrutineers to be present at the designated location or locations during the opening of the ballot boxes and the counting of the ballots.





ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – BALLOT BOXES

- 18.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall provide each Returning Officer with a ballot box to conduct the Election in his or her region. The ballot box shall be made of durable non-see-through material and accompanied by a sufficient number of appropriate seals. The ballot box shall permit the deposit of ballots but not permit their removal without breaking the seals after they have been attached.

ARTICLE NINETEEN – CONTENTS OF BALLOTS

- 19.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall ensure that a sufficient number of ballots are prepared for an Election.
- 19.2 Each ballot shall be printed in the English language and shall contain the name of the Candidates which shall be arranged with the Candidates for the Offices of President, Vice- President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Chairperson of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia located first and arranged alphabetically in order of their surnames. The Candidates for Regional Director, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women’s Representative of the Métis Women’s Secretariat-British Columbia located second and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames.
- 19.3 If two (2) or more Candidates for the same office have the same surnames, their names shall be listed in alphabetical order according to their given names.
- 19.4 Ballots shall be printed on one side only.

ARTICLE TWENTY – POLLING BOOTHS

- 20.1. Each Polling Station shall contain one or more polling booths arranged so that when an Elector is in the polling booth they are screened from observation and may mark their ballot without interference.
- 20.2. In each polling booth, Electors will be provided with a suitable table, desk or shelf and a suitable marking instrument for marking their ballots. These materials shall be properly maintained during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE – MATERIAL AT POLLING STATION

- 21.1 The Returning Officer shall before the opening of the Poll ensure the following are available:
- a. An area where Electors can mark their ballots in private;
 - b. A document providing voting instructions for Electors;
 - c. A Poll Book where the names of all Electors who vote are to be entered;
 - d. A copy of the final List of Electors;
 - e. A ballot box or ballot boxes as required;
 - f. Tape to secure the ballot box or ballot boxes until the ballots are ready to be counted;



- g. A sufficient number of ballot papers;
- h. The material necessary to enable Electors to mark the ballot papers;
- i. Instructions for the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks; and
- j. Such other forms, office stationery and materials as may be required to enable the Returning Officer to perform their duties.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO – PERSONS ENTITLED TO REMAIN IN POLLING AREA

- 22.1 Only the following individuals may remain in a polling area during polling hours:
- a. Returning Officer;
 - b. Poll Clerk;
 - c. Chief Electoral Officer;
 - d. One Scrutineer per Candidate; and
 - e. Interpreters.
- 22.2 Nothing in this *Electoral Act* restricts a Candidate from briefly visiting a Polling Station during polling hours.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE – SECRET BALLOT

- 23.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot and in the case of an Election by Mail-in Ballot, a double envelope system as defined by the Chief Electoral Officer shall be used by Electors to send their ballots to the designated location or locations for receiving ballots.
- 23.2 In the case of online voting, the voter shall be required to authenticate their identity. Their identity and the personal authenticity information of the voter shall remain confidential.
- 23.3 No person in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of votes shall fail to maintain or fail to aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR – SECRECY OF VOTING

- 24.1 Each Returning Officer, Poll Clerk, Candidate and/or Scrutineer in attendance at a Polling Station or at the counting of the ballots shall assist in maintaining the secrecy of the voting process and they shall not communicate or attempt to communicate any information obtained at the Polling Station regarding which Candidate an Elector has voted for or is about to vote for.
- 24.2. Returning Officers and Poll Clerks shall not communicate any information obtained at the counting of the ballots to any person other than the Chief Electoral Officer or those in their office.



ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE – OPENING OF POLLING STATION - DISPLAY OF BALLOT BOX

- 25.1. Each Returning Officer shall attend the Polling Station at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of his or her Polling Station.
- 25.2. During the 30 minutes immediately prior to the opening of the Polling Station, the Returning Officer shall show the ballot box to Candidates, Scrutineers and other persons entitled to be present so that they may see that the ballot box is empty.
- 25.3. After the ballot box has been shown, it shall be locked or sealed for receipt of ballots and at all times during the hours of voting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX – ADVANCE POLLS

- 26.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish at least one advance poll to accommodate electors. Such a poll may take place at a location of a Community which has requested and received a secure ballot box, or may be a mobile polling station, or both, at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer. The dates, times, and locations of advance polls will be scheduled to provide reasonable access to as many electors as possible.
- 26.2 Advance Poll(s) shall be held on a day or days designated by the Chief Electoral Officer.
 - a. The days and times of a Mobile Polling Station in Communities shall be included in the list of polling stations referenced in Section 16.4 of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 26.3 Any person on the list of electors and in possession of a mail ballot who attends an advance poll may mark their ballot and deposit it at that advance poll, in the ballot box reserved for Mail Ballots.
- 26.4 Any person who meets the criteria set out in Article 6 of this *Act* and:
 - Has not received a mail-in ballot, and
 - Has not voted online, and
 - Signs a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer, attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person,May receive a ballot from the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person.
- 26.5 Any person who has received a mail ballot and has spoiled it:
 - i. May exchange the spoiled ballot for a replacement ballot, or
 - ii. If not in possession of the spoiled ballot, may receive a replacement ballot after signing a document witnessed by the Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer,



attesting that they have not voted before and will not vote again in the current election, online, by mail, or in person;

at an advance poll conducted in their Community or Region where they are ordinarily resident and vote in person

The Chief Electoral Officer or Returning Officer shall ensure a log of replacement ballots is kept.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN – POLL BOOKS

- 27.1 Each Returning Officer shall be provided with a Poll Book in which the Returning Officer or the Poll Clerk shall enter the names of all Electors who attend the Polling Station and apply to vote unless those names are previously printed therein. The Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall record whether those Electors are objected to or vouched for and by whom and if objected to whether the Elector voted or not.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT – GENERAL PROCEDURES AT POLLING STATION

- 28.1 Where an Elector presents themselves at the Polling Station for the purpose of voting, the voting process shall proceed as follows:
- a. Each Elector shall present their MNBC Citizenship Card for the purpose of proving their identity and Métis citizenship to the Returning Officer.
 - b. The Returning Officer shall ascertain whether the name of the person applying to vote (the “Applicant”) is on the List of Electors and, if it is,
 - c. Each eligible Elector shall be given a ballot to be marked clearly, in secret, for the Candidate of that Elector’s choice which thereafter shall be placed in a ballot box as instructed by the Returning Officer.
 - d. If the Applicant’s name is not on the List of Electors, the Returning Officer shall not permit that person to vote unless the Applicant can present a valid MNBC Citizenship Card that can be verified by the Returning Officer as being the MNBC Citizenship Card of the Applicant.
 - e. In the event that the Applicant can produce a valid MNBC Citizenship Card, the Returning Officer shall record, in the proper column of the Poll Book, the Applicant’s name, address and MNBC Citizenship number and shall provide that Applicant with a ballot paper on which the Applicant shall clearly mark, in secret, the Applicant’s choice of Candidate.
 - f. Upon being presented with a completed ballot by a person who is not on the List of Electors at the Polling Station where the Applicant has attended to vote and was permitted to vote by the Returning Officer, the Returning Officer shall:
 - i. Place the Applicant’s ballot in an envelope with the Applicant’s name, the date and time noted;
 - ii. Place that envelope into another envelope that shall be kept separate from the ballots cast by Electors (whose names were located on the List of Electors for that Polling Station) and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer for verification of the eligibility of the Applicant.





- g. If verified as eligible by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Applicant's vote shall be counted.
- h. Any Candidate or their scrutineer may object to the eligibility of any Métis citizen requesting a ballot. If in the opinion of the Returning Officer such objection is reasonable, it shall be noted in the Poll Book and shall include the reason for the objection along with the name of the Candidate on whose behalf the objection is being made. The Returning Officer may then give the Métis Citizen a ballot paper so that the Métis Citizen may cast their ballot. In the event of an objection to the Métis Citizen, the Returning Officer shall follow the procedure under *Article 36.7* of this *Electoral Act*.
- i. The Returning Officer shall record the names and obtain the signatures of all persons who, although deemed ineligible to vote, attended at the Polling Station and requested a ballot."

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE – CONDUCT AT POLLING STATION

- 29.1. No person shall interfere or attempt to interfere with an Elector who is marking their ballot or casting their vote or otherwise make any attempt to obtain, at the Polling Station, information as to the Candidate or Candidates for whom an Elector at that Polling Station is about to vote or has voted.
 - a. No individual shall, directly or indirectly, threaten to inflict injury, damage, harm or loss on or against an Elector so as to persuade or compel the Elector to vote or refrain from voting, or because the Elector voted or refrained from voting.
- 29.2. No person shall, having voted, apply at the same Election for a ballot paper in the Elector's own name, or vote more than once at the same Election.
- 29.3. No individual shall vote knowing that they have no right to vote, or induce or persuade any other individual to vote knowing that the other individual has no right to vote.
- 29.4. No person shall apply at an Election for a ballot paper in the name of another person, whether living or dead, or a fictitious person.
- 29.5. The campaign office of a Candidate must not be within one (1) kilometer of a Polling Station.
- 29.6. There shall be no campaigning in or in the vicinity of a Polling Station on Election Day.
- 29.7. Every Returning Officer and Poll Clerk is responsible for maintaining peace and order in their Polling Station during an Election.
- 29.8. During an Election, no Candidate or other person on behalf of a Candidate shall, directly or indirectly, or as an accessory, give or cause to be given any alcohol or spirits to or for any person, for the purpose of persuading that person to vote for the Candidate or for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person to vote or



refrain from voting at an Election.

- 29.9. No Candidate shall make or take a share or interest in a bet or wager based on the result of the Election.
- 29.10. Any person in breach of *Article 29* of this *Electoral Act* will be removed from the Polling Station and will not be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE THIRTY – EXPLANATION OF VOTING

- 30.1 The Returning Officer may and upon request shall, either personally or through their Poll Clerk explain to the Elector as concisely as possible the way in which voting is to be performed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE – VOTING BY A DISABLED PERSON

- 31.1. Where an Elector on the List of Electors comes to a Polling Station to vote and is unable to mark a ballot due to an inability to read or has a physical or mental disability, the Returning Officer shall:
- a. Have a friend or relative complete an Elector Assistance Form indicating the name of the Elector, their own name and the reason the person is incapable of voting alone;
 - b. Permit that person to accompany the Elector into the polling area to mark the ballot in accordance with the Elector's instructions;
 - c. Receive the completed ballot, check their initials and place the ballot in the ballot box; and
 - d. Enter the reason the Elector was permitted to vote in this manner, and the name of the person who assisted the Elector, in the Poll Book.
- 31.2. An individual other than an Election Officer must not act to assist more than one Elector in an Election to mark a ballot unless the individual is assisting more than one member of their family.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO – APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERPRETER

- 32.1 Where the Returning Officer has been given thirty (30) days advance notice by a Métis Community or an Elector in that Métis Community, that an Elector or Electors who are unable to speak or read the English Language may present themselves at a Polling Station, subject always to availability, an interpreter may be provided by the Returning Officer for the purpose of explaining to those Electors, questions and answers concerning voting in the following languages: Michif, French or Cree.
- 32.2. The interpreter must make a solemn declaration that they are able to make the translation and will do so to the best of their abilities.
- 32.3. Every interpreter shall make a declaration of secrecy.





ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE – REMOVAL OF BALLOT FROM POLLING STATION

- 33.1. Except in the case of a Mail-in Ballot an Elector who has received a ballot paper shall not take it out of the Polling Station.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR – FORFEITURE OF VOTING RIGHTS

- 34.1. Where an Elector leaves the Polling Station without first delivering their ballot paper to the Returning Officer or returns it after declining to vote, they forfeit their right to vote and the Returning Officer shall make an entry in the Poll Book in the column for remarks to the effect that the Elector received the ballot paper, but took it out of the Polling Station or returned it declining to vote.
- 34.2. Where an Elector returns their ballot paper declining to vote, the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “declined” upon it and preserve the ballot paper.

ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE – SPOILED BALLOT

- 35.1. An Elector, who upon voting, has inadvertently spoiled their ballot paper may on returning it to the Returning Officer obtain another ballot paper and the Returning Officer shall immediately write the word “spoiled” upon the returned ballot paper and preserve it as set out in this Article.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX – PROCEDURE ON CLOSE OF POLL

- 36.1. After the closing of the poll, the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the Poll Clerk and any Candidate and/or Scrutineers who may be present, immediately:
- a. Count the number of spoiled and declined ballots and record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and then seal it; and comply with the procedures as set out in Article 28 herein.
- 36.2. On complying with subsection 36.1, the Returning Officer shall count the number of Electors whose name appears on the List of Electors and the number of Electors recorded in the Poll Book as having voted and those persons who having attended were deemed ineligible to vote and shall draw a line immediately under the last name in the Poll Book and affix their initials to the list.
- 36.3. On complying with *Subsection 36.2*, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box and proceed with a count of vote and record the result.
- 36.4. The Returning Officer shall endorse with the words “not initialed” any ballot paper that does not have their initials or the initials of such person acting on their behalf on the back thereof and any such ballot shall be counted with the other ballots but immediately upon the conclusion of the count, the Returning Officer shall:
- a. Count the number of “not initialed” ballots, and
 - b. Record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these ballots and seal it.



- 36.5 In counting votes, the Returning Officer shall reject any ballot that:
- a. Was not supplied by them;
 - b. Does not indicate any vote for any Candidate;
 - c. Contains votes for more Candidates than are to be elected;
 - d. Is so marked, that it is uncertain for which Candidate the vote was cast; and
 - e. Contains any writing or mark enabling the Elector to be readily identified.
- 36.6 Notwithstanding *Subsection 36.5*, a ballot shall not be rejected:
- a. By reason of any writing, numbering or mark omitted by the Returning Officer; or
 - b. When the vote, though incorrectly made on the ballot, clearly indicates the Elector's intention to vote for one particular Candidate.
- 36.7 In the event the Returning Officer determines that an Elector's right to vote has been reasonably disputed pursuant to *Article 28*, the Returning Officer shall make a note in the Poll Book of every objection and the name of any Candidate on whose behalf such objection was made. The Returning Officer shall place such ballot in a special envelope that shall, on its cover, contain the name of the Elector, their MNBC Citizenship number, the name of the Polling Station and the Returning Officer initials. Such envelopes shall be preserved by the Returning Officer and forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer. The Returning Officer shall also forward the specific objection to such Elector, as noted in the Poll Book. The Chief Electoral Officer shall investigate the objection of such Elector and in the event the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is valid, the ballot shall be placed in a separate envelope and shall not be counted. If the Chief Electoral Officer determines that the objection is without merit, the envelope shall be opened and the Chief Electoral Officer shall count the vote(s).
- 36.8 The Returning Officer at the conclusion of the count shall complete a statement of poll, indicating the number of votes for each Candidate, which shall be signed by the Returning Officer and Poll Clerk. The Returning Officer shall then immediately inform the Chief Electoral Officer, by phone or by fax, as to the number of votes for each Candidate, the number of spoiled ballots and any disputed Electors.
- 36.9 A copy of the statement of poll shall be attached to the Poll Book and one page shall be retained by the Returning Officer to be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 36.10 Upon completion of the statement of poll, the Returning Officer shall in presence of the persons authorized to be present, place into separate packets the:
- a. Statement of poll;
 - b. The ballots objected to but counted;
 - c. The ballots objected to but not counted;
 - d. The rejected ballots not objected to;
 - e. The rejected ballots objected to;
 - f. The spoiled and declined ballots;





- g. The discarded ballots;
 - h. The unused ballots;
 - i. The envelopes containing the ballots of those persons who voted in accordance with *Article 28* herein;
 - j. The Poll Book with the declaration of the Returning Officer therein;
 - k. The List of Electors used at the poll;
 - l. The declaration of Electors;
 - m. The statement of the number of Electors as marked by the Returning Officer as “Voter assistance”;
 - n. The notes taken of objections to ballot papers found in the ballot box; and
 - o. All other documents that were completed prepared or used at the Election.
- 36.11 The Returning Officer shall seal each of the envelopes mentioned in *Section 36.10* with their own seal and initial the outside of the envelopes.
- 36.12 The Returning Officer shall mark on the outside of each of the envelopes a short statement of the contents of the envelopes, the date and name of the Election and their name.
- 36.13 The Returning Officer shall then return all envelopes and relevant documents to the Chief Electoral Officer as directed.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN – ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOTE

- 37.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly announce the results of the Election and declare elected the Candidates who received the largest number of votes.
- 37.2 When the original reports and ballots have been received from the Returning Officers, the Chief Electoral Officer shall check the reports, but not the ballots, and verify or confirm the results.

ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT – RECOUNT

- 38.1 Subject to *Article 37.2* herein, the Chief Electoral Officer shall recount the ballots where applicable if the Chief Electoral Officer decides that there is a need for a recount or if they receive a written request to recount from a Candidate within seven (7) days from the date of the Election;
- 38.2 A Candidate shall be entitled to require a recount if:
- a. The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - b. The Candidate has been nominated to contest the position of Regional Director, Regional Representative for the Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) or Regional Youth Representative for the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
 - c. There are no more than fifteen (15) votes difference between the Candidate who has the most votes for that position and the Candidate requesting a



- recount; and
- d. Two (2) or more Candidates for the same position have an equal number of votes, the Chief Electoral Officer shall declare a tie and conduct a recount.

ARTICLE THIRTY-NINE – RECOUNT PROCEDURE AND TIE BREAKING VOTE

- 39.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall give written notice to each Candidate of the place, date and hour of the recount
- 39.2 The recount shall, if possible, be held within the next seven (7) days from receipt of a Candidate's written request for a recount.
- 39.3 No person may be allowed in the room where the recount is being conducted except the following:
 - a. The Chief Electoral Officer;
 - b. The Returning Officer (at the CEO recommendation);
 - c. The Candidates or an Elector appointed in writing to be present on behalf of each of the Candidates.
- 39.4 In recounting the ballots, the Chief Electoral Officer shall follow the same counting rules that a Returning Officer is required to follow under this *Electoral Act*.
- 39.5 The Chief Electoral Officer will be required to set another Election Day in the event of a tie between two or more Candidates receiving the most votes for the same position. The Election in that event would be conducted solely for the purpose of filling the subject position and only the tied Candidates would be eligible to run. Such Election shall be held no earlier than three (3) months and no later than six (6) months from the date of the original Election and shall follow the process and rules set out in this *Electoral Act*.

ARTICLE FORTY – ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOUNT RESULTS

- 40.1 Upon the completion of any and all recounts, the Chief Electoral Officer shall certify the final results of the Election publicly announce the results of the recount and declare the names of the successful Candidate who received the largest number of votes.

ARTICLE FORTY-ONE – DESTROYING BALLOTS

- 41.1 The Chief Electoral Officer shall destroy all ballots ninety (90) days from the date of the Election unless:
 - a. Directed by an order of a Court; or
 - b. Directed by an order of the Senate; or
 - c. A request for a recount is received in which case the ballots shall be destroyed after ninety (90) days from the date of the recount unless otherwise ordered.





ARTICLE FORTY-TWO – ELECTION APPEAL

- 42.1 Decisions of the Chief Electoral Officer during an Election may be appealed to the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- a. The Chief Electoral Officer will have the authority to refuse Candidates and voters who do not meet the required eligibility pre-requisites and deadlines set out in the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - b. All Candidates or electors refused will have the option to file a written Election appeal before the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
- 42.2 A Candidate or elector will have fourteen (14) days from the date of the Election or fourteen Days from the date of the recount to file a written Election appeal before the MNBC Senate.
- a. The written appeal sent to the MNBC Senate should outline the rationale of the Election appeal, along with any documents or other materials that should assist the appeal.
 - b. As part of filing an Election appeal, the Candidate or elector shall deposit with the MNBC Finance Department the sum of \$150.00 in cash or money order. This deposit is non-refundable and serves as security for administrative costs in connection with carrying out the appeal process.
- 42.3 The Chief Electoral Officer will provide information at the request of the MNBC Senate during the Election appeals process so as to deliver a fair and balanced decision.
- a. The Chief Electoral Officer will be responsible in providing reasons for refusal as supported by the Articles in the *Electoral Act*.
 - b. The MNBC Senate reserves the right to set a date when the Candidate or elector who filed the Election appeal may present their arguments in person. The onus to prove the appeal to the satisfaction of the MNBC is upon the individual who filed the Election appeal.

ARTICLE FORTY-THREE – GENERAL

- 43.1 The appeal will not be successful if it is shown that the Election was conducted in accordance with this *Election Act* and that the irregularity, failure, non-compliance or mistake did not materially affect the result of the Election, and no Election is void by reason of:
- a. Failure to publish, late distribution or non-receipt of the Métis communities;
 - b. A failure to hold a poll at any place appointed for holding a poll;
 - c. A non-compliance with the provisions of this *Electoral Act* relating to the counting of the votes or with regard to limitations of time; or
 - d. Any mistake in the use of the prescribed forms.



ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR – INTERPRETATION

- 44.1. Unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural number, as the case may be, and vice-versa.

ARTICLE FORTY-FIVE – REGULATORY AUTHORITY

45. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.0 In this Act:

- 2.1. **“Act”** shall mean the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*.
- 2.2 **“Chartered Community”** are those Métis Communities that have entered in a Community Governance Charter agreement with the MNBC.
- 2.3 **“Constitution”** shall mean the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the "MNBC") as amended from time to time.
- 2.4 **“Clerk”** shall mean the Clerk of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 2.5 **“Community Governance Charter”** means the written document that shall set out the terms of the relationship between a Community and the MNBC.
- 2.6 **“Conflict of Interest”** shall exist when an immediate family member of a member of the MNGA or a person or individual has an interest in a matter being dealt with by the MNGA. An immediate family member is defined as father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent, brother, sister, spouse (including a common law spouse), child (including a child with a common law spouse), ward, father-in-law, mother-in-law or relative permanently residing with a member or any close personal or business associate. An interest in a matter will arise when a person or individual may benefit financially or otherwise as a result of a matter being dealt with by the MNGA.
- A conflict of interest shall also exist when a member of the MNGA is or has become a director or officer, whether elected, appointed or otherwise, of a Métis provincial organization, association or group whose interests are in conflict with the interests of the MNBC in that their activities could negatively affect MNBC’s ability or authority to operate, negotiate on behalf of and represent the Métis people in British Columbia.
- 2.7 **“Deputy Speaker”** shall mean the Deputy Speaker of the MNGA.
- 2.8 **“Executive”** shall mean the Executive members of the MNBC who are elected province-wide and which includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 2.9 **“Gabriel Dumont Scout”** or **“Dumont Scouts”** shall mean the individual or individuals appointed and responsible for the keeping of the peace at the MNGA, named in honor of Gabriel Dumont’s peacemakers historically called ‘Scouts.’
- 2.10 **“Governing Assembly”** shall mean a meeting of the MNGA as set out in the Constitution.





- 2.11 **“Housekeeping Matters”** in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislations of the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning of intent of the Article of the subject Legislation of the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation of the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter.”
- 2.12 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purpose of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
- 2.13 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the Constitution.
- 2.14 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** means, the organization that represents the Métis Citizens pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2.15 **“Métis Nation British Columbia”** (MNBC) means the organization which is comprised of the Regional Representatives ("Directors"), the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Chairperson from the Métis Women of British Columbia and Chairperson of the BCMUYC and which, represents the Métis Citizens and for the purpose of this Act will be referred to as the MNBC.
- 2.16 **“Orders of the Day”** shall mean the compilation of documentation for members of the MNGA including the Agenda, Reports, Minutes, Draft Legislation, Motions and Constitutional Amendments to be tabled at a General Assembly of the MNGA.
- 2.17 **“Regions”** shall mean the MNBC regions as are defined by the Constitution.
- 2.18 **“Roll Call”** shall mean the call to order of a General Assembly and shall include the identification and an announcement of the Speaker for that General Assembly, the names of all members of the MNGA, Gabriel Dumont Scouts, and invited guests in attendance at the General Assembly and shall state whether a Quorum of MNGA members are in attendance.
- 2.19 **“Senate”** shall mean the MNBC Senate.
- 2.20 **“Speaker”** shall mean the Speaker of the MNGA.

ARTICLE THREE - COMPOSITION OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

3.0 In this Act:

3.1 The MNGA shall be composed of:



- a) The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and MYBC Chairperson; and
- b) The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

3.1.1 A person shall hold one member position at MNGA meetings. If the person holds more than one role that is part of the membership of the MNGA as set out in 3.1 above, they must inform the Clerk of the role they will be fulfilling.

3.2 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a Governing Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.

3.3 All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

3.4 No member of the MNGA shall be allowed to be in conflict of interest. If found to be in a conflict of interest by a majority of the MNGA, that member shall be subject to a permanent or temporary suspension from being a Member of the MNGA by a majority vote of the Members of the MNGA where at least three-quarters of the Members of the MNGA are present. A person so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and finding.

ARTICLE FOUR - VOTING AND QUORUM

4.0 In this Act:

4.1. Fifty percent (50%) plus one of the members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for the General Assembly. However quorum must include a majority of the MNBC Board of Directors;

4.2.1 Roll call voting shall be the method of voting for the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly for ratification or amendments to the MNBC Constitution or Legislative Acts.

a) Each member of the MNGA is entitled to one vote per motion at meetings.

4.2.2 The procedure for taking roll call votes is to call the names of the representatives or delegates alphabetically, and to have each person indicate orally their vote. All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say, "Yes" as their names are called. Those opposed will say "No". Those who wish to abstain will say, "Abstain". The MNGA Clerk will call the roll.





- 4.2.3 All resolutions submitted as housekeeping as determined by the MNGA shall not require the roll call voting process as described in article 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 and shall be determined by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a General Assembly.
- 4.3. Resolutions and ratifications other than Legislation or amendments to the Constitution and the ratification or approval of any appointments shall be made by a simple majority of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.4. The MNGA shall, at a Governing Assembly, draft, review and consider Legislation and amendments to the Constitution for first reading, also referred to as ratification herein, and presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting;
- 4.5. Ratification of Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that are properly before a Governing Assembly shall require majority of seventy-five percent (75%) of the Roll Call at a Governing Assembly;
- 4.6. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution that have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be presented for final approval or ratification by the Métis Citizens in attendance at an MNBC Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.7. Legislation or amendments to the Constitution which have been ratified by the Governing Assembly shall be provided to the MNBC at least forty-five (45) days prior to an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be included in the agenda of that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- 4.8. The MNGA may, by resolution, make election rules regarding matters not specifically set out in the *Electoral Act*. Such rules will expire 30 days after election day for the election they pertain to.
 - 4.8.1 That any elected representative, who is a declared candidate in a current election, who is a member of the MNGA, may not propose such a rule.

ARTICLE FIVE - SPEAKER OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

- 5.0 The Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall:
 - 5.1 Be appointed by the MNGA at a Governing Assembly;
 - 5.2 May be made from within or outside the MNGA, but must be a registered MNBC Citizen pursuant to the *Citizenship Act*;
 - 5.3 Be for a term of two (2) years subject to re-appointment;
 - 5.4 Be responsible for the procedures, rules, debates and decorum of the Governing Assembly;



- 5.5 Receive the list of members and seating arrangements of the Governing Assembly from the Clerk as established by the Roll Call;
- 5.6 Approve all participation in debates and voting;
- 5.7 Secure a written record of the Governing Assembly and certify the minutes;
- 5.8 Require Gabriel Dumont Scouts to expel for the remainder of the day any MNGA member or any observer from the Governing Assembly for failing to follow the ruling of the Speaker;
- 5.9 Ensure that only MNGA members are seated in the designated Assembly area with all other individuals or observers seated outside of the designated Assembly area;
- 5.10 Approve all documentation to be circulated to MNGA members.

ARTICLE SIX - CLERK

- 6.0 The Clerk of the MNGA shall:
 - 6.1 Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia;
 - 6.2 Be responsible for compiling the necessary documentation for the Orders of the Day;
 - 6.3 Be responsible for the presentation of the agenda prepared by the MNGA, for a Governing Assembly of the MNGA as directed by the MNBC;
 - 6.4 Obtain and retain a certified copy of the minutes from the Speaker;
 - 6.5 Provide the certified minutes of the MNGA to the members of the MNGA at least 14 (fourteen) days prior to the date set for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.6 Secure, by contract, an independent person or agency to duly record the minutes and procedures of the MNGA;
 - 6.7 Ensure that the necessary staff are in place for a Governing Assembly;
 - 6.8 Also hold the seat as Clerk at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC; and
 - 6.9 Be authorized to appoint or designate a Deputy Clerk to assist in carrying out their duties.





ARTICLE SEVEN - SENATE

7.0 The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA:

7.1 Maintain a Ceremonial Role in the MNGA and Governing Assemblies by:

- a) Being responsible for Opening and Closing Prayers;
- b) Swearing-In any new members.

ARTICLE EIGHT- GABRIEL DUMONT SCOUTS

8.0 In this Act:

8.1 Gabriel Dumont Scouts will be appointed by the MNBC to maintain order and ensure proper procedure during a Governing Assembly.

ARTICLE NINE - REPORTING

9.0 Notwithstanding any sittings or meetings of the MNGA to conduct business that is not the subject of a Governing Assembly, the following written reports shall be tabled by the Clerk for the MNGA and shall be included in the Orders of the Day:

9.1 Executive Reports;

- 9.1.1 President
- 9.1.2 Vice-President
- 9.1.3 Secretary
- 9.1.4 Treasurer
- 9.1.5 Regional Director Reports;
- 9.1.6 Métis Women of British Columbia Report;
- 9.1.7 Ministerial Reports, including, where applicable, program reports and audits;
- 9.1.8 Senate Report;
- 9.1.9 Métis Youth of British Columbia Report; and
- 9.1.10 Any other reports required by the Constitution or Legislation.

9.2 Expenditure Report

- 9.2.1 An interim Expenditure Report for the period between April 1st and December 31st of the current fiscal year shall be given, which shall contain all spending by MNBC elected members and the Executive Director/CEO including but not limited to: remuneration, travel costs, accommodation costs, per diems, honoraria, legal and professional fees, consultant and contractor fees and reimbursed expenses. Each year the Expenditure Report of the entire previous fiscal year's expenditures of MNBC elected members and executive staff shall be posted on the MNBC website by June 1st.



ARTICLE TEN- MINUTES

- 10.0 The Minutes of a Governing Assembly shall:
- 10.1 Be received and prepared by an independent individual or person;
 - 10.2 Be forwarded to the Clerk; and
 - 10.3 Refer to the Minutes of the previous Governing Assembly, which shall be included in the Orders of the Day.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - NOTICE OF LEGISLATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND NOTICE OF OTHER MATTERS

- 11.1 Legislation or amendments to Legislation:
- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation.
 - c) Notice of the proposed Legislation or amendments to the Legislation shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held, and
 - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.
- 11.2 Constitutional Amendments
- a) Shall only be tabled by the members of the MNGA;
 - b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution;
 - c) Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
 - d) Be given first reading and if approved, ratified by the MNGA for presentation to the MNBC at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting in accordance and for the purpose as set out in Article 4 herein.





11.3 Other Matters

- a) Shall be tabled only by the members of the MNGA;
- b) Shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 30 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held in the manner required and shall be included in the Orders of the Day for the MNGA, which shall consider the matters;
- c) Notice of the matters, the minutes of the previous MNGA, and all reports of Ministers, Regions, and all other reports that are to be presented to the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 21 days prior to the MNGA being held; and
- d) Be considered at the MNGA.

11.4 Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments, and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors

- a) Notice of Legislation and proposed Constitutional amendments and other matters from the MNBC Board of Directors shall be tabled with the Clerk no less than 45 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held, and shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 40 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

11.5 Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature

- a) Resolutions of an urgent and pressing nature proposing to deal with a matter(s) that has arisen after the filing deadline with the Clerk, and that such matter(s) may have implications for the Métis Nation if it is not dealt with on an urgent basis by the MNGA, may be added to the Order Paper by the Clerk, if at least 50% plus one of the MNGA members in attendance agree.

11.6 Notice of the MNGA

- a) Notice of the date and location of the MNGA shall be distributed to the members of the MNGA no less than 60 days prior to the MNGA meeting being held.

ARTICLE TWELVE - APPLICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS

- 12.0 The MNGA shall be authorized to receive and determine applications for Métis Community Governance Charter from applications in accordance with the requirement as outlined in Article 56.1 of the MNBC Constitution. The application terms of the Métis Community Governance Charter shall consider any special circumstances that may affect the status on an existing or prospective Métis Community Governance Charters.



- 12.1 The MNGA shall proclaim:
- a) The date of the next MNBC election, as set out in the Constitution; and
 - b) Holidays and days of commemoration, such as Louis Riel Day.
- 12.2 The MNGA shall, at the request of the MNBC in accordance with Article 46 of the MNBC Constitution, receive nominations for the appointment of an MNBC Director (except for the office of President) to fill vacancies on the MNBC Board of Directors and the position MWBC Regional Representative or MYBC Regional Representative.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - FINANCING

- 13.0 Fiscal resources for the institution and maintenance of the MNGA shall be provided by the MNBC if available, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the MNGA as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- 13.1 The fiscal resources allocated by the MNBC for the purposes in 13.1 shall be those fiscal resources that are within the means available to the MNBC for those purposes.
- 13.2 The Speaker shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the MNGA.
- 13.3 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the MNGA.
- 13.4 The MNBC will be responsible for the expenses and any remuneration for the MNGA in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.



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MÉTIS NATION NATURAL RESOURCES ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

- 1.0 This Act is cited as “Métis Nation British Columbia - Natural Resource Act.”

ARTICLE TWO – INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.0 In this Act and subsequent Addendums and Regulations:
- 2.1 “**Act**” means the *MNBC Natural Resource Act*.
 - 2.2 “**Addendums**” are Ministerial approved supplements to the *Natural Resource Act* that enables the development of annually renewed, low-level legislation.
 - 2.3 “**BCMANR**” means the British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources which is a non-political committee that manages the natural resources on behalf of the MNBC.
 - 2.4 “**Captain’s Assembly**” consists of the eight voting regional Captains of the Hunt.
 - 2.5 “**Captain of the Hunt**” means a MNBC citizen who has been selected, through the BCMANR Policies and Procedures, and endorsed by the Regional Governance Council of their respective region.
 - 2.6 “**Constitution**” means the *Constitution* of the MNBC as amended from time to time.
 - 2.7 “**Issuer**” means a person that is delegated the authority by BCMANR to issue licensing, tags and permits.
 - 2.8 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
 - 2.9 “**MNBC**” means the Métis Nation British Columbia which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which is governed by the provisions of the *Constitution*.
 - 2.10 “**Métis Citizen**” as defined by the *MNBC Citizenship Act*.
 - 2.11 “**Minister of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Environmental Protection and Métis Rights Ministry.
 - 2.12 “**Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources**” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry.
 - 2.13 “**Ministry of Environmental Protection**” means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all environmental protection regulations and policy, under the authority of the Minister of Environmental Protection (political), Senior Director of Environmental Protection (technical) and BCMANR.





- 2.14 **“Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means the MNBC Secretariat department that is responsible for all natural resource issues under the authority of the Minister of Economic Development and Natural Resources (political), Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources (technical) and BCMANR.
- 2.15 **“Parties”** for the purpose of consultation means government, proponents, regulatory agencies and other external entities whose mandate includes Aboriginal consultation.
- 2.16 **“Region”** means a MNBC Region as determined by the *Constitution*.
- 2.17 **“Regulation”** is the annually renewed provincial and regional rules that manage the Métis harvest.
- 2.18 **“Senate”** means the MNBC Senate.
- 2.19 **“Senior Director of Economic Development and Natural Resources”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat and has expertise and experience in the natural resource section.
- 2.20 **“Senior Director of Environmental Protection”** means a person that is employed by the MNBC Secretariat with the requisite expertise and experience in environmental protection.
- 2.21 **“Youth”** for the purpose of harvesting under the authority of this *Act* and to provide consistency with existing provincial and federal government legislation (i.e. *B.C. Wildlife Act*) means a Métis Citizen between the ages of 10-18 years of age.

ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 3.0 The purpose of this Act is to provide Métis specific legislative authority for the regulated management of all natural resources in British Columbia which are utilized by the Métis Citizens, thus;
- 3.1 Establish natural resource regulation, policy and guidelines by combining both Métis traditional knowledge and western-based science management principles;
- 3.2 Institute sound conservation practices and measures;
- 3.3 Protect the sustenance and cultural needs of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia;
- 3.4 Ensure adequate consultation on all natural resource issues.

ARTICLE FOUR – FINANCES

- 4.0 The financial requirements for MNBC’s Ministry of Environmental Protection shall be satisfied as follows:
- 4.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to BCMANR as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of



this Act.

- 4.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
- 4.3 The Senior Director of Environmental Protection shall make a formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of BCMANR.
- 4.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue financial resources for the functions of BCMANR and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
- 4.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for BCMANR while conducting official BCMANR business, pursuant to this Act.

ARTICLE FIVE – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

5.0 In this Act:

- 5.1 BCMANR shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and shall issue these minutes to the Senior Directors and Ministers of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
- 5.2 All decisions of BCMANR shall be recorded and a report provided to the Citizens at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the MNBC and the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.
- 5.3 The MNBC's Minister responsible for Natural Resources will be required to report all updates to the MNBC Board of the Directors.

ARTICLE SIX – HARVESTING FOR PROFIT AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

6.0 In this Act the harvesting of wildlife and fish for profit or commercial purposes;

- 6.1 Is not authorized, and;
- 6.2 Only permits harvesting by Métis Citizens for food, social, ceremonial and traditional purposes.

ARTICLE SEVEN – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

7.0 Management agreements;

- 7.1 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with Canada or British Columbia pertaining to management, perpetuation or rehabilitation of wildlife or fish populations or the ecosystems of which those populations are a part.
- 7.2 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with aboriginal nations, non-government organizations and stakeholder groups that pertain or contribute to natural resource management and conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats.
- 7.3 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements with the owners of lands





respecting the management of the lands for the purposes mentioned in *Article 3.0*, and such agreements may authorize BCMANR to carry out habitat improvement work, protective measures, stocking programs, fencing, erection of signs, harvesting activities and any other management practice.

- 7.4 The MNBC Board of Directors may enter into agreements, for the purpose of consultation, as per *Article 11.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE EIGHT – MNBC HARVESTING CARDS

- 8.0 In this Act:

8.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards

8.1.1 MNBC Harvesting Cards may be issued to Métis Citizens who submit applications and meet requirements for approval. This Act applies only to those persons who have chosen to harvest under the authority of the Act.

8.1.2 A MNBC Citizen cannot harvest a wildlife and fish quota (or bag limit) under multiple licensing authorities (i.e. MNBC Harvesting Card and a Province of British Columbia *Wildlife Act* hunting license).

8.1.3 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions for use of the card as outlined in this Act and any subsequent regulations created under the authority of Article 9.0.

8.1.4 Contravention of terms is an Offence.

8.1.5 No person shall contravene the terms or conditions of the person's MNBC Harvesting Card.

8.2 Transfer of MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag;

8.2.1 Except as provided in the regulations, no MNBC Harvesting Card shall be transferred and no person shall buy, sell, exchange or in anyway be a party to the transfer of a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, or in any way use or attempt to use a MNBC Harvesting Card, validation or tag, issued to any other person.

8.3 MNBC Harvesting Cards apply only to those species, areas and times described by regulations developed under the authority of *Article 9.0*.

8.4 Cancellation of MNBC Harvesting Card in event of error;

8.4.1 BCMANR may cancel any MNBC Harvesting Card where an error has been made from any cause when issuing it, and the holder has no claim for indemnity or compensation with respect to it other than the adjustment or refund of any fee collected.

8.5 MNBC Harvesting Card is to be carried and produced upon demand;



- 8.5.1 No holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall hunt, fish, trap or collect natural resources unless at that time they have a valid MNBC Harvesting Card on their person;
- 8.5.2 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card shall produce the card to any enforcement officer whenever requested.
- 8.6 MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by misrepresentation;
 - 8.6.1 The holder of a MNBC Harvesting Card obtained by any false or misleading statement made in respect of any information required for the issue of the MNBC Harvesting Card shall be deemed to be the holder of a void MNBC Harvesting Card and the holder will be prosecuted under this Act.
- 8.7 Refusal of MNBC Harvesting Card;
 - 8.7.1 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is due to failure to verify MNBC Citizenship for the applicant or,
 - 8.7.2 An issuer of MNBC Harvesting Cards may refuse to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card where the refusal is reasonably necessary for the achievement of the purpose and intent of this Act as per *Article 3.0*.
- 8.8 Notice of refusal
 - 8.8.1 Where an issuer of MNBC Harvesting Card refuses to issue a MNBC Harvesting Card, BCMANR shall serve notice of the refusal on the application for the MNBC Harvesting Card.
- 8.9 A person, who has not complied with terms of any BCMANR Captain's Assembly decisions related to offences under the Act, will not be eligible to apply for a MNBC Harvesting Card, unless the offence has been overturned by a successful MNBC Senate appeal.

ARTICLE NINE – REGULATIONS BY BCMANR

- 9.0 BCMANR will make regulations that are consistent with *Article 3.0* and develop regulations based on the principles of existing case law, and whereas;
 - a. An agreement (as per *Article 7.0*) that has been endorsed between the MNBC and a provincial and/or federal government partner, or;
 - b. Legislative or political direction has been provided by the Métis Nation Governing Assembly, MNBC Annual General Assembly or a ratified motion of the MNBC Board of Directors, however;
 - c. If neither *Articles 9.0 a.* nor *9.0 b.* are present, then provincial and federal government legislation and regulation will be sanctioned.





- 9.1 BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
 - 9.1.1 Respecting threatened species or endangered species;
 - 9.1.2 Application for MNBC Harvesting Cards and permits as per *Article 8.0*;
 - 9.1.3 Prescribing the conditions of a MNBC Harvesting Card and conditions that the Issuer may attach to a MNBC Harvesting Card when they issue it to a Métis Citizen;
 - 9.1.4 Limiting the number and types of tags and permits that may be held by a person;
 - 9.1.5 Prescribing fees;
 - 9.1.6 Prescribing the maximum number of a species of wildlife, by sex and age, that a person may kill or possess in a period of time and the circumstances in which a person may kill or possess wildlife;
 - 9.1.7 Designating no shooting and/or no harvesting areas;
 - 9.1.8 Providing for cancellation or suspension of, periods of ineligibility for and periods of suspension of MNBC Harvesting Cards for specified offences or combinations of offences, and specifying what a second or subsequent offence is, consistent with *Article 12.0*;
 - 9.1.9 Specifying lakes, streams or areas of British Columbia for the purpose of requiring Métis Citizens to hold a MNBC Harvesting Card issued under the authority of this Act to engage in angling in that lake, stream or area for special designated harvests;
 - 9.1.10 Respecting how decision for appeal may be supplied for the purposes of *Article 13.0*;
 - 9.1.11 Prohibiting or regulating methods and devices for hunting or taking wildlife and respecting safety in those activities;
 - 9.1.12 Providing for the reporting and recording;
 - 9.1.13 Requiring wildlife or a part of wildlife to be permanently or temporarily marked or tagged;
 - 9.1.14 Requiring that a person who kills wildlife, take that wildlife or a part of it to a place and report to a person specified by BCMANR;
- 9.2 Without limiting *Article 9.1*, BCMANR will make regulations as follows:
 - 9.2.1 Specifying open seasons or closed seasons, or both, for a sex, age or species of wildlife;



- 9.2.2 Prescribing the hours of the day or night during which the hunting of wildlife is prohibited or allowed;
- 9.2.3 Prescribing restrictions on the manner in which fish caught by angling may be dressed or packed and limits on the amount of fish or fish parts possessed by a person at a place other than at a private residence;
- 9.2.4 Prescribing MNBC Harvesting Cards or permits that must be held to angle for or to catch and retain a designated species of fish or to angle in a designated area of British Columbia, including tidal waters;
- 9.2.5 Prescribing tags that must be attached in the prescribed manner to fish caught by angling;
- 9.2.6 Prescribing an offence under a specified provision of this Act, or a regulation under this Act, as an offence.
- 9.3 BCMANR, despite anything in this Act, may make regulations respecting the issue of permits.
- 9.4 Regulations must assure public safety and public health.
- 9.5 This Act authorizes the creation of a BCMANR Policy and Procedure section pertaining to the process for regulation development.
- 9.6 All regulation must be approved, via motion, by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.

ARTICLE TEN – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 10.0 This Act authorizes the development of Environmental Protection Policy.
 - 10.1 The Environmental Protection Policy is the responsibility of the MNBC Ministry of Environmental Protection.
 - 10.2 BCMANR will be responsible for all Environmental Protection regulations developed under the authority of this Act.
 - 10.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Environmental Protection Policy.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – CONSULTATION

- 11.0 This Act authorizes the development of an MNBC Consultation Guidelines and supporting procedures.
 - 11.1 The development of MNBC's Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the MNBC Ministries of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. The policy will be revised from time to time to reflect MNBC's position with respect to consultation within context of current Supreme Court of Canada rulings and associated regulatory requirements as they apply to Métis rights and interests;



- 11.2 The Consultation Guidelines will include a definition of traditional knowledge, written by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly, to ensure adherence to purpose of this Act in *Article 3.0*.
 - 11.2.1 Traditional knowledge protocol and procedure in the Consultation Guidelines will be established by the BCMANR Captain's Assembly.
- 11.3 The MNBC Board of Directors has the approval authority for all Consultation Guidelines.
- 11.4 The implementation of the Consultation Guidelines is the joint responsibility of the Senior Directors of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, under the direction and guidance of the respective MNBC Ministers, where relevant.
- 11.5 Consultation Guidelines will address the following principles;
 - 11.5.1 Promote the adherence of government, proponent and regulatory agencies to the implementation of Aboriginal consultation in a manner that respects and addresses the unique culture, heritage by:
 - 11.5.1.1 Increasing awareness of the Métis in British Columbia including the cultural, heritage and land use issues of concern to Métis;
 - 11.5.1.2 Strive to ensure the timely and effective avoidance, mitigation, accommodation and/or compensation of potentially adverse impacts to Métis rights and interests in keeping with current MNBC mandates related to consultation;
 - 11.5.2 The MNBC Ministry of Economic Development and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environmental Protection will endeavor to keep apprised of and inform the MNBC's Board of Directors of current case law, regulatory requirements, government policies and other matters that may influence Métis rights and interests and have bearing on the MNBC's Consultation Guidelines;
 - 11.5.3 Establish appropriate, efficient practices that will fulfill MNBC consultation principles in accordance with MNBC Board direction for all natural resource matters.
 - 11.5.4 Promote and facilitate the protection of traditional land use locations and other historical resources of significance to Métis within British Columbia;
 - 11.5.5 Guide Parties in fulfilling their consultation duties and objectives in a spirit of reconciliation and transparency and will meet each party's goal of fairness and certainty; and,
 - 11.5.6 Guide MNBC's decision-making processes regarding consultation as it relates to all natural resource matters including resource development and land management practices.
- 11.6 Consultation Guidelines will require the MNBC to;



- 11.6.1 Represent and advocate for consultation of British Columbia Métis Citizens with governments, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies;
- 11.6.2 Provide direction and support to the Chartered Métis Communities;
- 11.6.3 Work with BCMANR to ensure traditional and contemporary land use information is employed to support consultation where such information is available; or,
 - 11.6.3.1 If absent, advocate for resources to compliment the consultation project with adequate traditional and contemporary land use information.
- 11.6.4 Provide information to government and industry to facilitate consultation activities;
- 11.6.5 Manage and determine the adequacy of consultation activities within the context of MNBC consultation policies, legal precedents and regulatory requirements;
- 11.6.6 Report to the Chartered Métis Communities, government, regulators, proponents and other relevant agencies regarding decisions concerning consultation as related to their respective mandates; and,
- 11.6.7 Consider any other issue or take any other action the MNBC deems necessary to ensure consultation adequately protects the rights and interests of British Columbia Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE TWELVE – COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 12.0 This Act authorizes the BCMANR Captain's Assembly to function in the following compliance and enforcement capacities;
 - 12.1 To operate in the capacity of the initial judiciary in relation to offences against this Act or any regulations empowered by this Act.
 - 12.2 Powers available to the Captain's Assembly for offences against this Act are;
 - a. Suspension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed two years, offences greater than two years are considered an apprehension.
 - b. Apprehension of a MNBC Harvesting Card for a period not to exceed five years. If the apprehension is recommended by the Captain's Assembly to be greater than five years; the MNBC Minister of Environmental Protection Resources must sanction the apprehension.
 - c. Community service hours
 - d. Reparations or mitigated measures





- 12.3 Determine the policies and procedures for the compliance and enforcement authorities assigned under this Act.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – APPEAL MECHANISM

- 13.0 The MNBC Senate has the authority to hear appeals for;
- 13.1 Any decisions established under the authority of this Act, or;
- 13.2 Any offences established by the BCMANR Captain’s Assembly under the authority of *Article 12.0* of this Act.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – BCMANR NATURAL RESOURCE FUND

- 14.0 BCMANR Natural Resource fund is established to fund projects and activities related to natural resource management, protection, enhancement, education and legal challenges and that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund policy is developed to ensure management of the fund by BCMANR is strategic, effective and transparent.

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MÉTIS NATION SENATE ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This Act may be cited as "The Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act"

ARTICLE TWO - INTERPRETATION

- 2.0 In this Act:
- 2.1. **"Act"** means the *Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act*.
 - 2.2 **"Constitution"** means the Constitution of the Métis Nation British Columbia ("MNBC") as amended from time to time.
 - 2.3 **"Legislation"** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts and, for the purposes of this Act, will include draft or proposed Legislation.
 - 2.4 **"Métis Nation British Columbia"** means the organization which represents and/or is comprised of the Métis Citizens of British Columbia and which are governed by the provisions of the Constitution.
 - 2.5 **"Métis Nation Governing Assembly"** (MNGA) means the legislative authority of the Métis Nation British Columbia, as set out in the Constitution.
 - 2.6 **"Ordinarily Resident"** means the Region to which the person is registered as a member and the Region of the member's fixed home address to which whenever they are absent they have the intention of returning.
 - 2.7 **"Region"** means Region as determined by the Constitution.
 - 2.8 **"Registrar"** means the individual who fulfils the office of Registrar as defined in the *Citizenship Act*.
 - 2.9 **"Senate"** means the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.
 - 2.10 **"Senator"** means a member of the Métis Nation British Columbia Senate.

ARTICLE THREE - MANDATE AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

- 3.0 The Senate shall:
- 3.1 Act as the judicial arm of the Métis Nation British Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - 3.2 Consist of seven (7) Senators, one Senator per Region; and



- 3.3 Determine and abide by guidelines for protocol, policy and procedure and to provide to the MNBC a written copy of those guidelines (the “Protocol Guidelines”).
- 3.4 A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, suit of prosecution as a result of any things done or not done in relations to the performance of their duties as Senators.

ARTICLE FOUR - QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SENATOR

- 4.0 A person is eligible for appointment to the Senate if they:
 - 4.1 Are a Citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia;
 - 4.2 Are appointed by the Regional Governance Council by a motion at a Regional meeting;
 - 4.3 Are ordinarily resident in the Region from which they were appointed;
 - 4.4 Are non-partisan and non-political, including non-affiliation except as members only of Federal, Provincial and Métis organizations;
 - 4.5 Are at least fifty-five (55) years of age; and
 - 4.6 They have not been convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two (2) years or greater.
 - 4.7 They are registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

ARTICLE FIVE - APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF SENATORS

- 5.0 Notice of Senate appointments shall be forwarded to the MNBC and the Senate Chairperson, when appointed, by the official charged with recording the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment was made. The submission will include a copy of the minutes of the meeting, indicating the motion and shall be accompanied by a resume and biography of the appointed Senator.
 - 5.1 A call for application for Senators will be issued by the MNBC 120 days prior to the Senators term.
 - 5.2 The application package must contain:
 - a) Biography of the Applicant.
 - b) Proof of age.
 - c) Copy of the MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
 - d) A Criminal Record Check in accordance with the MNBC Constitution and Senate Act.





- e) Nomination in writing by a Métis Citizen that holds a MNBC Provincial Métis Citizens card.
- f) Application package must be submitted to the MNBC Regional Director 30 days prior to the end of the Senator's term.
- 5.3 The Regional Governance Council shall review the Applicant's submissions and will reject applications that do not contain the items listed in 5.2.
- 5.4 All or any candidates shall not participate in the Regional Governance Council meeting or when Senator deliberations are being carried out.
- 5.5 The Regional Governance Council will deliberate until the appointment of their Regional Senator is reached by simple majority.
- 5.6 The successful Applicant will upon notification of their appointment, immediately resign any and all positions held within the MNBC, MNGA, Community or subsidiary Board, Commission or Committee, Métis Women of British Columbia, or the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE SIX - TERM AND REMOVAL OF OFFICE

- 6.0 In this Act:
 - 6.1 The term of office for a Senator shall be four (4) years;
 - 6.2 Notwithstanding Article 6.1, the term of office of a Senator shall terminate if a Senator is:
 - a) Disqualified for violating any part of this Act; or
 - b) Is unable to fulfill their duties on a permanent basis.
 - 6.3 A Senator shall be removed or suspended from office by the Senate:
 - a) For being convicted of an indictable offence and all appeals are exhausted;
 - b) If they take up residency outside of the Province of British Columbia;
 - c) For actions unbecoming the stature of a Senator while holding office;
 - d) By voluntarily resigning in writing to the Chairperson of the Senate;
 - 6.4 A Senator shall take a leave of absence from the office of the Senate upon being charged with an indictable offence and pending final determination of the allegations forming the basis for the charge;
 - 6.5 A Senator may be suspended by a seventy five percent (75%) majority of the Senate. The suspension may be with or without remuneration at the sole discretion of the Senate and shall be effective immediately upon that Senator being notified of their



suspension;

- 6.6 A Senator may appeal their suspension to the MNGA by written notice to the MNGA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of his suspension.

ARTICLE SEVEN – GUIDELINES FOR PROTOCOL, CODE OF ETHICS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 7.0 Within four (4) months of the final ratification of this Act, the Senate shall prepare, compile and deliver to the MNGA a copy of guidelines, in writing, setting out the Protocol, Code of Ethics and Standard of Conduct pursuant to which the Senate shall conduct its affairs and manage and administer the duties and functions of the Senate in accordance with this Act and the Senator's fiduciary duty to the MNGA, the MNBC and Métis Citizens.

ARTICLE EIGHT - COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

- 8.0 Pursuant to this Act the Senate shall establish any such committees as are required by the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution or Legislation and as required to carry out the following duties:
- a. Mediation;
 - b. Citizenship and Central Registry Appeals;
 - c. Election Appeals;
 - d. Regional and Community Disputes;
 - e. Ceremonial Activities and Exchanges;
 - f. Conducting Opening / Closing Prayers;
 - g. Directing Swearing-In Ceremonies and Oaths;
 - h. Presenting Awards and Gifts of Recognition where applicable;
 - i. Displaying Métis Flags and Sashes; and
 - j. Natural Resources Appeals;
- 8.1 Each committee established pursuant to Article 8.1 shall appoint an individual from among its members to serve as the spokesperson for that committee.

ARTICLE NINE - APPEALS

- 9.0 Members of the Senate conducting appeals shall:
- a) Hear and provide written decisions on all matters and appeals properly before the Senate;
 - b) Have such powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary in regards to attendance, swearing in and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents, the enforcement of its orders and other matters necessary or proper for the due exercise of its jurisdiction.





- c) The Senate shall determine the tribunal or committees required for the jurisdictions supplied under Article 8.0 of this Act.
 - d) Consider and determine issues with a majority of members in attendance; and
 - e) May appoint an individual(s) to inquire into and report on any matter before making a decision on it.
- 9.1 In all matters concerning appeals, be bound by the rules of natural justice;
- 9.2 Where a time frame to submit an appeal is not otherwise legislated, any appeal by a MNBC Citizen must be made within sixty (60) days of the event.
- 9.2.1 The Senate will consider an application for an extension of time to appeal.
- 9.3 All decisions of the Senate must be in writing and sealed, then forwarded to the affected parties within thirty (30) days of its decision.
- 9.4 The decisions of the Senate shall be in writing and forwarded to the Métis Nation British Columbia for its review and such action as necessary by the Métis Nation British Columbia.

ARTICLE TEN - QUORUM AND VOTING

- 10.0 To conduct official Senate business:
- 10.1 A simple majority of the Senators will constitute a quorum for a full Senate sitting and/or a simple majority of the composition of a Senate committee and/or tribunal.
- 10.2 Decisions made by a quorum of the Senate shall be deemed to be a decision of the Senate.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - FINANCES

- 11.0 The Financial requirements for the institution and operation Senate shall be satisfied as follows:
- 11.1 Where fiscal resources are available, the MNBC, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the MNBC Financial Policies and Procedures, shall provide financial resources to the Senate as required for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- 11.2 Such resources shall be within the means available to the MNBC for such purposes.
- 11.3 The Chairperson of the Senate shall make formal written request to the MNBC for all expenditures of the Senate.
- 11.4 The MNBC shall actively pursue fiscal resources for the functions of the Senate.



- 11.5 The MNBC will be responsible for travel expenses and honorariums for the Senate while conducting official Senate business, pursuant to this Act.
- 11.6 In the absence of timely Senate resources, the Senate will be provided full consideration for required resources on a case-by-case basis through mutual consultation between the Senate and MNBC.

ARTICLE TWELVE - RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 12.0 In this Act:
 - 12.1 The Senate shall keep written minutes of all meetings and shall issue such reports to those persons or individuals as may be required.
 - 12.2 All decisions of the Senate shall be recorded and a report and posted on the MNBC website for general Citizenship to view.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – CLERK OF THE SENATE

- 13.0 The Clerk of the Senate shall:
 - 13.1 Operate independent of MNBC;
 - 13.2 Operate under the authority and direction of the MNBC Senate;
 - 13.3 Shall be remunerated by the MNBC;
 - 13.4 Shall hold no other seat as MNGA/AGM Clerk or administrator/staff personnel within MNBC.

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MÉTIS NATION VETERANS ACT

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ARTICLE ONE

- 1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and position of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who meet the Department of Veterans Affairs Canada definition for a Veteran, being a current member or, a former member of, the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserve Forces), that was released with an honourable discharge and, who successfully underwent basic training is considered to be a Métis Veteran. A Métis Veteran shall also include those still serving or retired RCMP members. The “Veterans” shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).
- 3.2 The spouses and children of MVBC Members who wish to join MVBC may apply for associate membership of MVBC and may be accepted as an associate member (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be) of MVBC. The MVBC Committee will assess and accept or deny applications for Associate Membership.
- 3.3 The MVBC Committee may, at their sole discretion, revoke a person’s associate membership.
- 3.4 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.
- 3.5 A Member or Associate Member may resign their membership in MVBC, through a written request submitted to the MVBC Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR – METIS VETERANS BC COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Métis Veterans BC Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of a Métis Veteran Chairperson, seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), a Woman Veteran Representative, and a Service Officer, all being MVBC members.
- 4.2 The MVBC Membership shall elect from among themselves the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer. The MVBC Regional Representatives shall be appointed in consultation with the appropriate MNBC Regional Governance Council.





- 4.3 The term of office for all MVBC Committee members shall be no more than four (4) years. Elections and appointments shall be held at a MVBC General Meeting, in the year on which the term for those MVBC Committee members shall expire.
- 4.4 The MNBC Minister of Veterans will notify the relevant Regional Director no less than ninety (90) days before their MVBC Regional Representative term will expire, and an appointment must be made by the Regional Governance Council, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.5 No Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson, Women’s Representative, or Service Officer, without the approval of the MNBC Minister of Veterans.
- 4.6 At least one member of the MVBC Committee shall be a serving or retired member of the RCMP, if a suitable candidate can be found.
- 4.7 A Treasurer and Membership Clerk will be appointed by the MVBC Committee from the MVBC Committee Regional Representatives, who, together with the Chairperson, Women’s Representative, and Service Officer, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee”.
- 4.8 The MVBC Committee shall be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of the Métis Veterans British Columbia:
- a.) Maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
 - b.) Maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia as defined by article three (3);
 - c.) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting, and other reports as requested by the MNBC Minister of Veterans;
 - d.) Serve as *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e.) Co-ordinate and organize flag processions and flag placement as requested or appropriate from time to time; and other duties as required;
 - f.) Advocate to enhance the status of Métis Veterans;
 - g.) Provide service and support to Métis Veterans in British Columbia;
 - h.) Represent themselves as Métis veterans at municipal, provincial, federal, commemorative, or other events.
- 4.9 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or a MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly. The MVBC General Meeting will generally be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting.
- 4.10 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, three MVBC Committee members may call a meeting.



- 4.11 No less than seven (7) days' notice of a MVBC Committee meeting will be provided to all MVBC Committee members.
- 4.12 An MVBC Member, while conducting their duties of the MVBC, shall not be subject to any civil action, lawsuit, or prosecution, as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties.

ARTICLE FIVE – MNBC MINISTER OF VETERANS

- 5.1 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall be an MNBC Board Member.
- 5.2 The MNBC Minister of Veterans shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and will be accountable to the MVBC Committee. In the event the Minister of Veterans is unable to attend, the Minister may request that an alternate MNBC Board Member and the Chairperson of the MVBC attend in their place.
- 5.3 For the purpose of official business, the voice of the MVBC shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations, and associations through the Minister in consultation with the MVBC Committee.

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MÉTIS NATION WOMEN'S ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





PREAMBLE

0.0 Mission Statement of the Métis Women of British Columbia:

*“We the Métis women of B.C. have an agenda of an open heart and we respect and trust in the process.
We are encouraging appropriate relationships, principles and procedures.”*

ARTICLE ONE – TITLE

1.0 This act may be cited as the *MNBC Women’s Act* (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Women of British Columbia (the “MWBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Women are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 **“MWBC Provincial Governance Council”** means the seven elected Métis Women’s representatives, one from each Region and the Métis Women’s Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women.
- 3.3 **“Legislation”** means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 **“MWBC”** means the Métis Women of British Columbia.
- 3.5 **“Minister Responsible for Métis Women”** means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, who shall serve as the Minister Responsible for Métis Women on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 3.6 **“The Provincial Métis Women’s Chairperson”** the MNBC Métis Women’s representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 **“Regional Métis Women’s Representative”** means the MNBC Métis Women’s Representative elected to represent the Métis Women of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 **“Métis Women”** means those Métis Women residing in British Columbia, 18 years of age and older.
- 3.9 **“Métis Nation Governing Assembly”** (MNGA) means the legislative body of the MNBC, as set out in the *Constitution*.





3.10 “**MNBC Assembly**” means MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MWBC shall:
- 4.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the law governing the MWBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the *MNBC Constitution* and MNBC Legislation.
- 4.3 The objective of MWBC is to listen to Métis Women, to voice Métis Women’s perspectives, and to acknowledge the past and present contributions of Métis Women for the benefit of Métis People and the Métis Nation.
- 4.4 The voice of the Métis Women in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Women of the Métis Nation Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MWBC Committee.

ARTICLE FIVE – MWBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MWBC shall:
- 5.2 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.3 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The Provincial Women’s Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the Provincial Governance Council and the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.5 The seven Regional Women’s Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 All Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) Provincial Governance Council members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Women of British Columbia representatives.
- 5.7 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall elect, from among its members, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.
- 5.8 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Women or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Women is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair.
- 5.9 MWBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference



calls (the “MWBC Minutes”).

- 5.10 MWBC Minutes shall be archived in the head office of the Métis Nation British Columbia.
- 5.11 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall, on behalf of the MWBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to encourage and support the Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Emotional well being Métis Women or for funding purposes.

ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.1 MWBC electoral processes are:
- 6.2 Métis Women seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *MNBC Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 6.3 The MWBC Provincial Governance Council shall be elected for a 4-year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.



MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



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MÉTIS NATION YOUTH ACT

AS RATIFIED SEPTEMBER 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

- 1.0 This act may be cited as the Youth Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

- 2.0 The purpose of this Act is to entrench the Métis Youth of British Columbia (the “MYBC”) in the MNBC governance structure to ensure that Métis Youth are equally represented and engaged in all levels of governance.

ARTICLE THREE - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Act:
- 3.2 “**MYBC Committee**” means the seven elected youth representatives, one from each Region and the Chairperson also known as the Minister Responsible for Youth.
- 3.3 “**Legislation**” means legislative documents, laws and/or acts including amendments to existing legislative documents, laws and/or acts.
- 3.4 “**MYBC**” means the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
- 3.5 “**Minister Responsible for Youth**” means the person elected as MNBC Provincial Youth Chairperson in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*, and appointed as the Minister Responsible for Youth by the MNBC President. All Métis Youth BC (MYBC) committee members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Youth BC representatives.
- 3.6 “**The Provincial Youth Chairperson**” the MNBC Youth representative elected in a Province wide election in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.7 “**Regional Youth Representative**” means the MNBC Youth Representative elected to represent the Métis Youth of a Region in accordance with the provisions of the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
- 3.8 “**Métis Youth**” means those Métis Citizens between 15 to and including 30 years of age.
- 3.9 “**The Director of Youth**” shall mean an employee of Métis Nation BC who is hired or appointed as the Director of Youth to support and further the Métis Youth of British Columbia.

ARTICLE FOUR – GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 MYBC shall:
- 4.2 The MYBC Committee acknowledges and accepts the *MNBC Constitution* as the supreme law governing the MYBC and agrees to comply with the provisions of the





Constitution and MNBC Legislation.

- 4.3 The objective of MYBC is to advance and enhance valuable Métis Youth perspectives, and to acknowledge Métis Youth for the benefit of the Métis Nation.
- 4.4 *The voice of the Métis Youth in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the MYBC Committee.*
- 4.5 The Director of Youth shall assist MYBC in all administrative functions in advancing all MYBC youth initiatives throughout the Province.
- 4.6 The Director of Youth shall actively pursue funding to support and maintain the activities of the MYBC.

ARTICLE FIVE – MYBC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- 5.1 MYBC shall:
- 5.2 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, attend every MNGA Assembly and MNBC Assembly.
- 5.3 The Provincial Youth Chairperson is a voting director on the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.4 The Provincial Youth Chairperson shall provide Provincial and Federal representation and be accountable to the MYBC Committee and the MNBC Board of Directors
- 5.5 The seven Regional Youth Representatives each shall hold voting seats on their respective Regional Governance Councils.
- 5.6 The regional youth representatives should be accountable to the Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Committee, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.
- 5.7 The MYBC Committee shall elect, from among its members, a Co-Chair, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall collectively be known as the “Executive”.
- 5.8 The MYBC Committee shall, subject to available funding, hold no less than four meetings, including telephone or in person meetings, each year called by the Minister Responsible for Youth or, in the event the Minister Responsible for Youth is unwilling or unable to call a meeting shall be called by the Co-Chair.
- 5.9 MYBC shall prepare and maintain written minutes of all meetings and conference calls (the “MYBC Minutes”).
- 5.10 MYBC Minutes shall be retained in the office of the Director of Youth.
- 5.11 The MYBC Committee shall, on behalf of the MYBC take such action or hold such functions as may be deemed appropriate to enhance the status of Métis Youth or for funding purposes.



ARTICLE SIX – ELECTORAL PROCESSES

- 6.0 MYBC electoral processes shall:
- 6.1 Métis Youth seeking elected office must meet all eligibility requirements as set out in the *Constitution* and the *MNBC Electoral Act*.
 - 6.2 The MYBC Committee, including the Provincial Métis Youth Chairperson, shall be elected for a four (4) year term in conjunction with the *MNBC Electoral Act* and *MNBC Guidelines*.¹
 - 6.3 In the event a vacancy in the MYBC Committee shall arise due to the resignation, removal, suspension or otherwise of a MYBC Committee Member, the MYBC Committee shall hold a by-election in accordance with the *MNBC Electoral Act*.

¹ Amended September 2021 Annual General Meeting, not in force until 2024 MNBC Provincial Election.




CAROL PREST

**BYLAWS
OF
METIS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**
(the “MPCBC” or the “Society” as the case may be)

1. Definitions

“Act” means the *Societies Act* of British Columbia as amended from time to time;

“AGM” means the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

“Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Directors of the Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) which are the MNBC President; Vice-President; Métis Women’s Provincial Representative; the Métis Youth Provincial Representative; and the Regional Directors.

“Bylaws” means these Bylaws as may be altered from time to time.

“Community” means those individuals who, residing in a defined geographical area, are related to each other through Métis connections of a historical, cultural, or traditional nature.

“Constituent” means an individual who has a connection with a Métis Community and wishes to enjoin with Métis Citizens in celebrating the Métis cultural heritage. A Constituent shall not be entitled to a vote at meetings of the Society.

“Director” means a member of the Board of Directors.

“Distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples” means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.

“Member” means a Métis Citizen

“Métis Citizen” or “Citizen” as the case may be, means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation as a Métis Citizen in accordance with the provisions of the *Citizenship Act*.

“Métis Nation” means the Aboriginal peoples descended from the Historic Métis Nation, which is now comprised of all Métis Nation Citizens and is one of the “aboriginal peoples of Canada” within s.35 of the Constitution Act of 1982.

“Métis Nation British Columbia (the “MNBC”) means the governing body of the Métis Citizens and Métis Communities in British Columbia which has as its Constitution the Constitution of the MNBC and as its administrative arm and secretariat, the MPCBC.

“Officer” means a person elected or appointed with the authority to sign documents and agreements on behalf of MPCBC if so authorized by the Board of Directors.

“SGM” means a special general meeting of the Society.

- 1.1 Subject to the Definitions herein provided the Definitions in the Act shall apply to these Bylaws.
- 1.2 In these Bylaws, words importing the singular include the plural and visa versa and words importing a gender applies to both genders.
- 1.3 Unless specified to the contrary in these Bylaws, any conflict between the provisions of these Bylaws and the Act or the regulations to the Act the provisions of the Act or the regulations will prevail.

2. Membership

- 2.1 Annual Dues, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 Constituents shall not be deemed to be Métis Citizens and shall not be entitled to a vote.
- 2.3 A person shall cease to be a Member in the event of the following:
 - a) upon delivering a written letter of resignation to the Society or that Member’s Regional Director;
 - b) the death of the Member; or
 - c) the removal of the Member as a result of being confirmed on the Indian Registry System as maintained by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.
- 2.5 Any Member may be suspended or removed from the Society or have their name removed from the list of the Members of the Society by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote at an AGM or SGM called for that purpose if notice of that suspension or removal is given to that person at least 30 days prior to the AGM or SGM and that person has had an opportunity to give an oral and/or written response to the suspension or removal.
- 2.6 Notice of a suspension or removal shall be made to the Member being suspended or removed in a written document which describes in plain, unambiguous language, the proposed suspension or removal and the reasons therefore as described in the MNBC policy and procedure manual as amended from time to time.
- 2.7 A Member shall not be suspended or removed from the Society or have their name removed from the list of Members in any way except as is set out in these Bylaws.
- 2.8 No Member may be suspended for more than four (4) years. A suspended Member may not run for any office or sit on any board.

- 2.9 The Society will strive to ensure that the Society its Members and Constituents gain fair benefit from, and have equal access to, all aboriginal programs in Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

3 Meetings

- 3.1 A general meeting shall be held at the time and place that the Board determines.
- 3.2 Ordinary business to be conducted at a general meeting includes the following:
- a) adoption of the rules of order;
 - b) financial statements of the Society;
 - c) consideration of officers, Directors or auditors reports, if any;
 - d) election or appointment of Directors when applicable;
 - e) appointment of an auditor, if required;
 - f) business arising out of a report of the directors not requiring the passing of a special resolution; and
 - g) such other matters as shall be included on the Agenda for that AGM.
- 3.3 Annual General Meetings (“AGM”) shall be held in September of each year with no less than fourteen (14) days’ notice to the Members at a time, date and location chosen by the Board of Directors and, unless otherwise specified, shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the MNBC. The agenda for each AGM shall be provided to the Members no less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the AGM.
- 3.4 Special or Extraordinary General meetings (“SGM”) shall be held when circumstances deemed required by the Board of Directors on seven (7) days’ notice to the Members.
- 3.5 Notice of an AGM or SGM shall be provided to Members by facsimile, email or post at the last known facsimile number, email contact or address and must state the nature of any business, other than ordinary business, to be transacted at the meeting in sufficient detail to permit a member receiving the notice to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business.
- 3.6 Only Members shall be entitled to participate at an AGM or SGM. Only those Members who are 18 years of age or older on the date of the AGM or SGM; who have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 12 months prior to the date of the AGM or SGM; will be entitled to vote at a AGM or SGM.
- 3.7 Except for Annual General Meetings that are held in conjunction with the MNBC AGM the Chair for a general meeting shall be the President of the MNBC. If the President is unavailable the Vice-President shall act as Chair and in the event the President and Vice-President are unavailable the voting Members in attendance at the meeting shall elect an individual from the Members present at the meeting.
- 3.8 The quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is thirty-six (36) of the voting members.

- 3.9 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time set for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date to be set by the Board of Directors and if a quorum is not present at that meeting within 30 minutes of the time set for that meeting, the Members who are present for that meeting constitute a quorum.
- 3.10 Voting at a general meeting shall be by voting cards or in the absence of such by a show of hands unless a secret ballot vote is requested by a majority of the members in attendance.
- 3.11 Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- 3.12 All matters to be decided at a general meeting are decided by ordinary resolution and adopted by simple majority unless the matter is required, by these Bylaws to be decided by a special resolution or another resolution with a higher voting threshold.

4. Directors

- 4.1 A Directors' meeting may be called by the President or by two (2) other Directors on seven (7) days' notice unless that notice period is waived by the Directors.
- 4.2 50% of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- 4.3 The President of the Society and in their absence, the Vice-President shall be the Chairperson for meetings of the Board of Directors. In the event the President or Vice-President is not available or does not attend at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors in attendance at the meeting shall, upon confirming quorum, appoint a Director from among them to be the chairperson for the meeting.
- 4.4 The Board of Directors may exercise all the powers and do all the acts and things that the Society may do and may, in the exercise of their duties and on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise or secure funds and the payment or repayment of money in the manner they decide.
- 4.5 The Board of Directors may institute annual Membership fees and such other fees or charges as are reasonable and necessary for application for membership or for the provision of services by the Society.
- 4.6 An officer who has been appointed to hold an office as set out in Sub-Article 3.2 may be suspended or removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at attendance at a meeting of the Board called for that purpose. The suspension or removal of a Director from a position as an officer does not suspend or remove that Director from his or her position as a director.
- 4.7 A Director may be removed from office:
 - a) when the Director is disqualified;

- b) when the Director is convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two years or greater; or
- c) when the Director has been removed by a majority vote of the Members in attendance and entitled to vote at an AGM or an SGM when notice of that Director's removal has been provided to the Director prior to the AGM or SGM.

A Director so removed may appeal the removal to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding.

4.8 A Director ceases to be a Director when that Director

- a) dies;
- b) resigns by written instrument delivered to the Society;
- c) ceases to be the President of the MNBC, or is no longer the Vice-President of the MNBC, or is no longer a Regional Director of the MNBC, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia, or is no longer the Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.;
- d) ceases to be a Citizen;
- e) is convicted of a criminal offence carrying a penalty of two years or greater; or
- f) is removed as a Director in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

4.9 A Director may be suspended by a vote of the majority of the Members of the Board of Directors. A Director so suspended may appeal the suspension to the Senate whose decision shall be final and binding. A suspension may be with or without pay at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

4.10 A Director shall be given notice of any proposed resolution to remove or suspend that Director and he or she shall be given an opportunity to speak to the Board of Directors or to the Society Members in attendance at an AGM or SGM where the removal or suspension will be subject to discussion and/or vote.

4.11 In the event of a vacancy in the Board of Directors and subject to available financial resources, a by-election shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of vacancy except in the case of the office of President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President and financial resources are unavailable, the sitting Vice-President will fill the office of President and the Board of Directors will appoint, from among them, a person to fill the office of Vice-President until a by-election or election is held for that purpose. In the case of any other vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors will request the assistance of the MNGA who, in consultation with the relevant Regional Governance Council where appropriate, appoint a Director to fill the vacancy for such term and with such rights of participation in all of the governance processes as may be determined by the MNGA.

4.12 A Director may be remunerated for performing their duties as a director.

5.0 Relationship with MNBC

- 5.1 The Society acknowledges that the MNBC is the governing Provincial body of the Métis Citizens in British Columbia and in the geographical Area of the Society and shall, as the Administrative arm and secretariat of the MNBC, provide such support and assistance to the MNBC to fulfill its governance role as may be appropriate or required.
- 5.2 Any provisions of these Bylaws that are inconsistent with the MNBC Constitution shall be null and void as it relates to that matter. The Society acknowledges that the governance of the Society is intended to be consistent with the provisions of the MNBC Constitution and Legislated Acts.

6.0 Financial

- 6.1 The Society shall be the subject of an Audit each year by an auditor in good standing in the Province of British Columbia.

7.0 Dissolution

- 7.1 On the winding up or dissolution of the Society any and all assets remaining after all the just debts of the Society have been paid shall be transferred to a society having a charitable purpose similar to that of the Society. Any transfer of assets to such society shall be sufficient to discharge any and all obligations and responsibilities of the Society in relation to those assets.

8.0 Amendment

- 8.1 Subject to the amendment by the MNBC Board of Directors of matters that are “Housekeeping Matters” as defined in the *Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act*, these Bylaws shall only be amended by a Special Resolution requiring the approval of at least 75% of the Society Members in attendance at a AGM or SGM where no less than fifteen (15) days notice of the proposed amendment has been given.
- 8.2 Amendments to Bylaws 1, Definition of Constituent; 2.3; 2.4; and 3.6 shall only be amended by a Special Resolution requiring the approval of at least 85% of the Members in attendance at an AGM or SGM where no less than thirty (30) days notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to the Members.
- 8.3 Except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be registered with the Board of Directors no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the AGM or SGM and if approved, shall come into effect on the later of the date at which it is filed with the registrar of Societies or the date specified in the special resolution.
- 8.4 All approved amendments to the Bylaws shall be appended to the Bylaws.



CABINET REPORTS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Respectfully submitted: Lissa Dawn Smith

Dear Citizens, Elders, Youth, Veterans, and Friends of Métis Nation BC,
As we gather for this year's Annual General Meeting, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have taken together. Our Nation has grown, strengthened, and thrived, and it has been the honour of my life to serve as your President. Today, I am proud to share with you the highlights of what has been an extraordinary year for MNBC.



Reaching 27,000 Citizens: A Testament to Our Unity

One of the most significant milestones we have reached is the registration of 27,000 Citizens. This achievement is not just a number; it represents the strength and resilience of our community. Each one of you plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our Nation. Our growth reflects the deepening pride in our Métis identity and the collective effort to build a strong and united community across British Columbia. It is a privilege to witness our Nation expanding and to see so many Métis people embracing their heritage and contributing to our shared future.

The Amelia Douglas Institute: A Beacon of Métis Culture, Heritage, and Language

This year, we celebrated the grand opening of the Amelia Douglas Institute, a landmark achievement for MNBC and the only institute in British Columbia dedicated to Métis culture, heritage, and language. Named after Amelia Douglas, a prominent Métis woman and a symbol of strength and resilience, this institute stands as a testament to our commitment to preserving and promoting our rich cultural heritage. The Amelia Douglas Institute is not just a space; it is a living, breathing embodiment of our past, present, and future. It will serve as a hub for education, cultural preservation, and the celebration of our unique Métis identity. This institute will empower future generations to learn about and take pride in their Métis roots, ensuring that our culture, language, and traditions continue to thrive.

Point Ellice House: Honouring Métis History in British Columbia

Another historic achievement was being awarded the contract to operate Point Ellice House in Victoria. This significant heritage site will now serve as a place to honour and share the vibrant Métis history in British Columbia. Point Ellice House has long been a symbol of the early colonial history of our province, but now, under MNBC's stewardship, it will also tell the story of the Métis people who played a crucial role in the development of this region. This opportunity allows us to reclaim and share our history, ensuring that the contributions of the Métis people are recognized and celebrated. It is a profound responsibility and a privilege to manage this site, and I am confident that our efforts will bring to light the rich tapestry of Métis history that has long been overlooked.

Fraser Salish - MNBC - Fraser Health Partnership Accord: A Groundbreaking Collaboration

This year, we also marked a groundbreaking moment with the signing of the Fraser Salish - MNBC - Fraser Health Partnership Accord. This historic agreement is the first of its kind in BC and represents a new era of collaboration between MNBC, First Nations, and health authorities. The Accord is designed to address the unique health needs of Métis citizens in the Fraser region and to improve health outcomes through culturally appropriate care. It is a powerful example of what can be achieved when we work together in the spirit of partnership and mutual respect. This Accord will pave the way for better health services and support for our Citizens, ensuring that our community's health and well-being are prioritized.

Métis Rendezvous 2024: Celebrating Our Culture and Community

The annual Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous continues to be a cornerstone of our community, and this past August's event was no exception. I honour the work of the Vancouver Island communities for their work to bring together Métis citizens from across the province to celebrate our culture, heritage, and shared identity. This year's gathering was particularly special, with a record number of attendees and an atmosphere of joy, pride, and connection. The Métis Rendezvous is more than just an event; it is a celebration of who we are as a people. It is a time to come together, share our stories, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a Nation. The success of this year's Rendezvous is a testament to the vibrancy and resilience of our community, and I am deeply proud of the sense of unity and pride that was so palpable throughout the event.

Reconciliation Agreement with the provincial government

MNBC made significant progress in the development of a Reconciliation Agreement with the provincial government. The agreement will include chapters that advance our Nation's priorities in key areas, such as health, housing and education. We received endorsement from the Premier to establish an annual Métis Summit and bi-annual meetings with key provincial cabinet ministers. The new reconciliation table structure will advance commitments under the Letter of Intent (LOI) signed between our two governments in 2021. The LOI builds on the Métis Nation Relationship Accords of 2006 and 2016. We are advocating for a Métis-specific approach to reconciliation that respects the unique rights of our citizens in British Columbia.

Advancements in Métis-Specific Child Care

In partnership with Mission Public Schools and the Fraser Valley Métis Association, MNBC has brought culturally responsive child care spaces to the West Heights Community, with a groundbreaking ceremony held on January 9th.

Additionally, the MNBC Board of Directors has endorsed the creation of 24 new child care spaces in Saanich. This initiative will not only support the successful rezoning of the project but also include a community space and housing, further embedding Métis-specific care into the fabric of our communities.

Furthermore, our Ministry of Education offered the "Good Beginnings – Growing Our Children" course in January and February, which prepares individuals to become registered with our Child Care Resource and Referral Program. This 30-hour online course, enriched with Métis cultural content, is another step towards ensuring that our children receive the culturally distinct education

and early learning services they deserve. MNBC also collaborated with School District 70 – Pacific Rim and the Alberni Clayoquot Métis Society to co-develop the tripartite Métis Education Agreement for kindergarten through grade 12. Taanishi aen ishi Nakishkaatooyaahk ('how we connect') stands as a testament to the voice of our people, ensuring that Métis children receive education that reflects their culture and identity.

A Final Reflection: Gratitude and Farewell

I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude. This is my final Annual General Meeting as your President, and as I prepare to pass the torch, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Serving as President of MNBC has been life changing. The trust, support, and encouragement you have shown me over the years have been invaluable, and I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to lead our Nation.

Together, we have achieved so much, and I am confident that MNBC will continue to thrive and grow in the years to come. Our future is bright, and I look forward to watching our Nation continue to flourish under new leadership. Thank you for your unwavering support and for allowing me to serve you. I will forever carry the memories and experiences of these years in my heart.

With deep gratitude and respect,

Lissa Dawn Smith

President, Métis Nation British Columbia

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Respectfully submitted: Walter Mineault

It is my honour to serve as the Vice President of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and to hold the portfolios of Métis Rights and Housing and Homelessness.



As the Minister of Métis Rights, I am dedicated to ensuring the recognition of our Section 35 rights, guaranteed by the Constitution Act. The future of our children and grandchildren is at the forefront of this work, and I am committed to seeing it through so they can be confident in the nation backing them.

MNBC continues active and strong negotiations with the Government of Canada through our Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination table. We are progressing on topics of rights, interests, and self-government and are holding the Government of Canada accountable for Métis in B.C. Our distinctive rights as an Indigenous People should not be impacted by provincial borders nor Western government beliefs; this is a time of reconciliation, and with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People at our forefront, we will continue to move MNBC's priorities forward.

Our Ministry of Métis Rights team has made significant progress in our Tâpwêwin Research Project, our truth-telling historical and contemporary research project. Year one was successful, and I thank all who participated and supported our research team as they travelled around B.C. last year. We engaged with Métis Elders and knowledge carriers and will continue this work – we successfully launched year 2 with interviews on Vancouver Island last month. I am confident that we are making substantial progress toward a positive outcome for our citizens regarding meaningful recognition of Métis rights in B.C.

We continue to receive federal funding through the Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord and the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund, which have allowed MNBC to initiate affordable housing and chartered community projects across B.C.

It was with great disappointment that we received the Province's Distinctions-Based Approach Primer late last year, a document developed without meaningful consultation with MNBC and its citizens. This Primer, which did not adequately address the unique rights and interests of Métis in B.C., has prompted us to develop a new policy document, an interim approach, to address the gaps left by the Primer. This will be crucial in our distinctive rights assertion in B.C.

Our Ministry of Housing and Homelessness, in partnership with the Métis Financial Corporation of B.C., continues to deliver the First Time Home Buyers Grant. The 2024/25 allocation has been

doubled to \$2 million, and we expect up to 74 families to receive support to purchase their first home. This is one of the many programs that is supported through the Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord.

With an award of \$1 million in assistance through B.C. Housing's Proposal Development Fund, MNBC has several affordable housing projects in various phases of development to boost the supply of Indigenous-specific housing. MNBC has applied for \$52 million in funding from B.C. Housing's Indigenous Housing Fund to support the construction of three projects in Campbell River, Saanich, and Invermere to build 141 housing units.

MNBC continues to seek greater data-sharing on housing and homelessness between MNBC, the Province, B.C. Housing, and other relevant organizations. We have made significant progress in accessing anonymous data from B.C. Housing, such as shelter data for homeless Métis through the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System, the Homeless prevention Program, and with Housing Registry data. Collaboration with the Homelessness Services Association of B.C. has also led MNBC to access point-in-time homeless count data for Métis in over 25 communities across B.C.

We remain steadfast in developing a Métis-specific Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Strategy. Phase One of our Poverty Reduction Recommendations Project, conducted in collaboration with Kwusen Research, has laid the groundwork for this initiative. The Ministry of Housing also advocates for Métis-specific funding for housing and social infrastructure projects within B.C. With our Poverty Reduction Recommendations Project and Métis-specific funding for housing, MNBC is positioning itself to implement targeted programs and services that address the unique housing challenges Métis communities face, instilling hope for a brighter future.

I have been busy keeping up with our citizens and Chartered Communities this year, including chairing several Community Annual General Meetings across the province. As Vice President, it is an honour to hear their concerns and raise them at the provincial and national levels. I enjoyed attending the second annual Métis National Council versus Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami hockey game.

Finally, MNBC celebrated the grand opening of the Amelia Douglas Institute, located at our headquarters in Surrey. This centre for Métis culture and language in British Columbia connects Métis throughout the province with our culture, heritage, and languages through virtual and in-person resources and initiatives, educating the public about the contributions of Métis and Métis culture.

The future looks bright for MNBC and its citizens. I will continue to fight on behalf of Métis in B.C. to ensure our rights are asserted and that everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home.

REGION 1



VANCOUVER ISLAND AND POWELL RIVER

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Harriott

Taanishi!

As I write my third AGM report, I have had the opportunity to reflect on all the work we have accomplished over the last term in office and examine the challenges remaining on road ahead in the next four years.



Connecting our children to their culture, community, and identity is essential. It is the foundation of our Nation's revitalization efforts. I am pleased to see the work our Early Years Ministry has done to create programming and starting to build daycares across the province. While a few of our Communities have a great relationship with their School Districts, and we have been able to help some others sign agreements with their districts, there is still a lot of work to be done. Changes to the School Act and discriminatory policies are attempting to shut out our collective voice at those tables. Our children have the right to see themselves and our culture represented in the funding that, supposedly, goes to those schools for specifically for their educational benefit as Indigenous people.

Growing our Chartered Community capacity remains a fundamental element of nation building. The work being done to address this is two-fold. Working on fulfilling the government of BC's commitment in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Action Plan to have an all of government funding relationship with MNBC. This means doing away with the 100 contribution agreements, with the administrative burden and restrictions, by having a single funding mechanism. This will allow the flexibility we need to focus on the priority of building our Nation together. The second is economic development. We are prioritizing economic development to create own-source revenue. We cannot realize true self-determination without economic independence.

Asserting our internationally recognized inherent Indigenous rights to our children, the highest attainable health outcomes, equitable education outcomes, and to revitalize our language and cultural institutions is paramount. We have concluded a very positive first year of research and are now focusing on completing our assertion framework and strategy. It will take all our Citizens demanding fair and equitable treatment from Canada to address their historic treatment of Métis people. We are all descendants of those ancestors to whom Canada, as the courts have shown, have breached the honour of the Crown and their fiduciary duty.

I am proud to have initiated an external governance review of MNBC. It was Conducted by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Research Chair in Métis Governance and Policy.

It can be found here:

<https://www.mnbc.ca/sites/default/files/2024-05/MNBC%20governance%20review%20final%201.pdf>

It affirmed the positive direction MNBC has been going in as we continue to build our Nation, and ensure we foster good governance as not just an ideal but a standard of practice. It also identified some key areas where there is work to be done. Our Senate should have a larger role in dispute resolution, not just at the provincial level, but also at the Chartered Community level and between MNBC Citizens. I am hopeful that as our Provincial Métis Justice Strategy gets final approval from the BC government, more resources will be available to fulfill this expanded work. There is also a call to have more engagement with MNBC Citizens and find ways to include Citizens in conversations regarding the important issues facing our Nation. We will have to find better ways to meaningfully involve our people, without causing engagement fatigue.

Finally, I want to thank everyone of our Citizens that contribute to our Métis Nation. All those that contribute to our Chartered Communities, speak up in places where they are the only Métis voice in the room, come out to events, speak what Michif they know, retell our stories, and take care of each other. Every effort from each and every one of you, no matter how small it may seem, is contributing to rebuilding our Nation and the pride our children feel in being Métis.

Anavant pimohtanaan naansaamb wiiyaanaan.

(We walk forward together)

REGION 2



LOWER MAINLAND

Respectfully Submitted: Louis De Jaeger

Minister of Health, Minister of Economic Development
Minister of Tourism, Secretary MNBC Executive



Committees & Boards

Chair – Amelia Douglas Institute
Chair – 2SLGBTQQIAA+ Committee
Chair – Business Advisory Committee
Co-Chair – Emergency Preparedness Committee
Co-Chair – People & Culture Committee (Human Resources)
Co-Chair – Northern Health Leadership Committee
Co-Chair – Interior Health Leadership Table (MILT)
Member - Environment Advisory Committee
Member – Finance & Audit Committee
Member – Governance & Policy Committee
Member - Métis Rights & Self-Governance Committee
Member – RIRSD Leadership Table
Member – MIRR Leadership Table
Member – Data Governance Committee
Member – Aboriginal Health Steering Committee
Member – Feedback and Accountability Sub-Committee
Member – Finance Review, Recruit & Retention, UNDRIP
Member – Indigenous Monitoring Advisory Committee (IMAC-TMX)
Member – Western Indigenous Pipeline Group
Métis Financial Corporation of BC – Board Member

External

Member - Indigenous Advisory Board UFV School of Business
The Chilliwack Social Research and Planning Council
Indigenous Advisory Board UFV School of Business
UFV Senate Committee on Indigenization
Chair – Indigenous People's Commission for British Columbia

Tansi, Bonjour and Hello,

It has been an honour to serve Region 2 communities for the past 4 years. We have seen our numbers increase in every lower mainland community as we welcomed back more and more citizens to Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC). Connection to community is the lifeblood for the exchange of knowledge, culture and wellness for our Nation. Communities are Healthcare and play a crucial role in developing pathways to Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (we take care of each other). Communities are the safe spaces that we build to protect, nourish, and foster nationhood. They are our places to learn, teach and grow. It was great to see the Métis Experience (Ken Robillard & Lorelei Lyons) again this year at both the Festival du Bois and the Indigenous Village (Cloverdale Rodeo). I was able to drive the MNBC Red River Cart float in the Rodeo parade with the Waceyja jiggers in tow. Our 2SLGBTQQIA+ committee participated in the 46th Vancouver Pride Parade (our 3rd time participating) in August in front of over 100,000 attendees and well-wishers. It was great exposure for our newest Chartered Community (Vancouver Sea2Sky Métis Association) and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Métis fiddle and jigging.

For me, 2024 serves as the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter for MNBC. I am proud of so many things, but sorry that time is cut short on others. Our accomplishments in 2024 are:

- The birth of the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI). ADI is a registered charitable organization that was developed by MNBC's Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language. It was a pleasure to be interim-Chair while we were building out its infrastructure and business model. Now, with its own independent Board of Directors, ADI will be guided by experts following the paths of other governing member institutions such as the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Louis Riel Institute, and Métis crossing in Alberta.
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee continues to do good work at educating and advocating within MNBC. Hands up to Angel Robinson and many others in the community that have pushed this legislation forward. The 2SLGBTQQIA+ Act's intention is to create an elected 2SLGBTQQIA+ Provincial Governance Council, composed of an elected provincial 2SLGBTQQIA+



representative and an elected regional 2SLGBTQQIA+ representative from each MNBC region.

- MNBC's Health file – I am so appreciative to work with such a fantastic team at MNBC's Ministry of Health, and with Senior Director Tanya Davoren. Our team signed the first ever Fraser Salish Partnership Accord this past February at a ceremony at Shxwhá:y Village in Chilliwack. We continue to press for more inclusion for our communities at every table with all of BC's Health Authorities. This term has seen more meetings with Provincial and Federal Senior Directors, including Health Ministers than ever before. Métis voices are being heard and included to help reframe how healthcare is delivered to Indigenous people.
- MNBC's Economic Development – Our team has finalized our Economic Strategy, and we are already implementing our Nation's six pillar roadmap to self-governance, sustainability, and economic independence.



1. To promote Métis rights and recognition and achieve jurisdiction of our children:

We have increased our presence at both Federal and Provincial tables and have made real progress in our negotiations with the Ministry for Recognition and Reconciliation in regard to economic development. We will not rest until we have Indigenous Governing Body Status as mandated by a motion passed at our Annual General Meeting in 2023.

2. To promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness:

With the opening of the Amelia Douglas Institute and Point Ellice House in Victoria, we are telling our story of the history of Métis in BC.

3. Pursue socio-economic reconciliation:

Our economic strategy includes our communities, entrepreneurs, and Métis businesses in all aspects of economic activity. Equitable access to procurement opportunities and building our business directory will ensure we are fully participating in the economic benefits provincially, nationally, and internationally.

4. Supporting Métis chartered communities:

We are investing \$1.2 million dollars in chartered communities, building programs and support and advocating for more core funding.

5. Generate core capacity, infrastructure, and economic development:

We will continue to include communities as we build out our economic strategy and continue to prioritize self-sustainability. We have made available grants for community and office renovations. Our Métis Financial Corporation can now assist communities in developing 'for profit' businesses with loans.

6. Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships:

We have signed the first ever Health Partnership Accord with 32 First Nations, the Fraser Health Authority, and our Health Ministry. We are moving ahead with our Justice Strategy and its integration with Indigenous Justice Centers and First Nations in BC.

Our Credit Union Advisory Committee is pressing on with discussions on opening our own Métis Credit Union and relationships with Industry and Joint Ventures continues to increase.

Our Métis Financial Corporation continues to grow with re-financing from the Federal Government and moving to their new offices in Kelowna. We have completed a major re-organization and have doubled our First Time Homeowner's Grant from \$1 million to \$2 million for 2024-25. We have put 34 families into their first homes and plan on placing another 70 families soon.

In closing, I would like to thank you the citizens of Métis Nation BC for giving me this opportunity to use my skills in business and trusting me to help build our Nation. It certainly is nice to start seeing our hard work pay off.

REGION 3



THOMPSON AND OKANAGAN

Respectfully Submitted: Dean Gladue

Tansi to all attending the 28th Annual MNBC AGM in beautiful Vancouver BC.



This has been another busy year on the Métis Trail for me as well as our entire MNBC Board of Directors, staff, and Métis Chartered Communities throughout British Columbia (BC). We, the Métis Nation in BC, have many challenges ahead of us as we head into another provincial election. This new MNBC Board of Directors will be tasked with a real challenge, as our Métis Rights (Section 35) is being ignored by both Federal and Provincial Governments. Another major hurdle will be to develop stronger relationships with our First Nations cousins throughout BC.

As the MNBC Region 3 Director, I have many responsibilities at the National, Provincial, Regional and Community levels, and these responsibilities come with many sacrifices and time management. I take my role as Region 3 Director very seriously, as important decisions are made at the Board-level that impact our Métis Nation at all levels of government and leadership.

These are my current duties and responsibilities with Métis Nation BC.

- Region 3 Director (Thompson/Okanagan): This also includes attending numerous Board of Directors meetings throughout the year and assisting eight local Chartered Communities within my region. I attend various meetings/events when invited to do so if time permits with my schedule. I also take calls and emails from many MNBC citizens throughout Region 3 and ensure they are heard and directed to the proper department for guidance and direction.
- I have the following MNBC Ministry portfolios: Minister of Partnerships and Development, Minister of Sports and Active Living, Associate Minister of Justice, and Associate Minister of Tourism.
- I currently sit on the following MNBC Committees: Social Infrastructure and Development Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Presidential Task Force Committee, Interior Health Table (MILT), and Environmental Advisory Committee.
- I am the Chair of the Region 3 Regional Governance Council.

Here are some highlights and activities I participated in throughout the year from our last MNBC AGM in Kamloops BC to this year's 2024 AGM.

September 2023:

- MNBC Board of Directors meeting
- MNBC AGM - Kamloops BC
- Meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Department.
- Travel to Quebec City for the annual Conservative Party Convention
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee x 3
- Travel to Vancouver and participated in the Annual Terry Fox Run
- Regional Governance Council (RGC) meeting

October 2023:

- Travel to Kelowna for the MNBC Health Gathering Conference
- Meeting with MNBC CEO
- Meeting with MNBC Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- MNBC Justice Council meeting
- TV interview with CBC regarding Justice and the RCMP
- Meeting with MNBC Environmental Advisory Committee
- Meeting with MNBC Communications Department
- MNBC Board meeting.

November 2023:

- MNBC Board meeting
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Community Services
- Meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Department
- Travel to Ottawa to testified in front of committee in regard to Bill C-53
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- Meeting with MNBC Elders Committee
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living.
- Meeting with MNBC Citizenship Department
- Travel to Kelowna for Annual AGM
- Meeting with BC Law Society
- Regional Governance Council (RGC) meeting.



December 2023:

- MNBC Environmental Advisory Committee meeting
- Bi-weekly update meeting with MNBC CEO
- MNBC Regional Governance Council meeting
- MNBC Board of director meeting
- Two-day MNBC MNGA virtual meeting
- Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC) Special AGM
- Travel to Ottawa for the Annual Métis National Council Governance Assembly
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee x 2
- Meeting with Interior Health.

January 2024:

- MNBC Regional Governance Leadership meeting
- Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council meeting regarding the U18 National Male and Female Hockey Championship, in Grande Prairie, AB May 2024
- MNBC Board of Directors Informal meeting
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting x 2
- Meeting MNBC CEO
- MNBC Board of Director meeting at MNBC H.Q. in Surrey
- Meeting with Interior Health
- Meeting with MNBC Justice Committee
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Executive Director
- Meeting with BCMANR in regard to an updated MOU
- Travel to Vancouver and met with the First Nations Justice Council
- Meeting with research project scoping for Métis Rights in BC
- MNBC Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting
- MNBC In-Camera Special Cabinet meeting

February 2024:

- A well-deserved holiday to a tropical place from Feb 1st to 14th.
- Meeting with MNBC's Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living x 3
- Meeting with MNBC Education Department
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting
- Meeting with Region 3 Community Coordinator
- Meeting with MNBC Technical Briefing Team
- Travel to Princeton, BC, for their annual Vermillion Métis AGM
- Travel to Vernon Métis Association for their new office grand opening.

March 2024:

- Meeting with MNBC Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Region 3 RGC meeting
- MNGA – Richmond, BC
- Weekly informal meeting with MNBC Board of Directors x 2
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting
- Travel to Ottawa and met with various Federal Ministers and played in the Annual Bannock Cup Hockey Challenge vs. The Inuit Nation.
- Meeting with local MLA Jackie Tagert and Nicola Valley Métis Association Leader
- Meeting with MNBC Environmental Advisory Committee
- Region 3 Leadership meeting
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting
- Meeting with MNBC Technical Briefing Department.



April 2024:

- Travel to Abbotsford and participated in a hockey match with the Vancouver Canucks Farm Team, Abbotsford Canucks. This was organized by MNBC Sports & Active Living Department
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting x 2
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- Region 3 RGC meeting
- Travel to Vancouver for the Grand Opening of the Indigenous Sports Hall of Fame
- Bi-Weekly Board of Directors meeting with CEO and her Senior Leadership Team
- Travel to Kelowna for the Métis Development Corporation Grand Opening of new office
- Meeting with the MNBC Presidential Economic Task Force Committee
- Meeting with the MNBC Senior Director of Justice and Justice Committee.

May 2024:

- Travel to Delta, BC to meet with the U18 Provincial Men's and Women's Hockey team, as they travel to Grande Prairie, Alberta for the Annual U18 National Hockey Championship
- Travel to Grande Prairie, Alberta for the Annual U18 National Hockey Championship
- Meeting with MLA Harwinder Sundhu in Vernon, BC
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director of Sports and Active Living
- Travel to Vernon for a Region 3 RGC meeting

- Travel to Cranbrook and met with Senior Director of Health and Interior Health Leadership Table
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee x 2
- Meeting with Minister of Sports and Active Living Coordinator
- MNBC Board of Directors weekly informal meeting
- Meeting with MNBC Technical Briefing Team
- MNBC Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting

June 2024:

- Virtual MNBC MNGA
- Meeting with MNBC Social Infrastructure Committee
- Meeting with new MNBC Sports and Active Living Manager
- MNBC Special Board meeting
- Minister Roundtable Digital Government, Community Services, Sports and Active Living
- MNBC Board of Directors meeting
- MNBC Justice Committee meeting
- MNBC Economic Development Strategy Roundtable
- Travel to Kelowna and met with the MNBC Economic Development and MNBC Tourism
- National Indigenous Days celebration, Juneau, Alaska
- Chaired Region 3 Regional Leadership meeting
- Meeting Senior Director of Métis Rights to discuss historical research acquired by the Kelly Lake BC Métis Settlement.



July 2024:

- Submitted papers to be re-elected for the MNBC Region 3 Director.
- Roundtable meeting with MNBC Intergovernmental Affairs Department



- Travel to MNBC H.Q for our last Board meeting before the writ is dropped
- Meeting with MNBC Senior Director and Manager of Sports and Active Living
- Travelled to Halifax, NS
- MNBC informal board meeting.

August 2023:

- Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC) AGM
- MNBC Social Infrastructure Development Committee meeting.
- On the MNBC election trail. Good luck to all who have submitted their names to help lead our Métis Nation BC.



I had another busy year as the MNBC Region 3 Director. It should also be noted that I continue to receive many calls and emails from numerous MNBC Citizens throughout BC. I also committed to several in-person discussions that relate to Métis issues and concerns; also known as “kitchen table talk”.

LONG LIVE THE MÉTIS!

REGION 4



KOOTENAYS

Respectfully Submitted: Debra Fisher

A look back...

Wow, where did the time go? It had been four years since my first AGM as Region 4 Director (Kootenay) where I was so nervous, scared, and I genuinely thought I was going to be physically ill, and it was online! I cannot imagine if it had been in-person, but then COVID had hit and our world changed, so did our needs, our citizens, and our Métis Nation BC.



Our 2019 MNGA was a turning point for me, as a founding community president and citizen. I was so distraught and embarrassed that our nation was being led by someone I had supported, and whom I could not trust nor respect whatsoever after that meeting. I came home absolutely gutted as my heart, my blood memory, my family's history was Métis...proud Métis...and I was not feeling it. I shared with my husband how I felt so let down and discouraged, after working hard over forty years to build Métis pride in our family, the schools I worked in for over twenty-six years, within our valley by being the founding president of Columbia Valley Métis and was it all for nothing? I had taught my children and students that when you keep hitting the same obstacle, issue, or complaint you must look deep inside yourself and decide if you are a part of the problem or part of the solution? So, I practiced what I preached and came to two solutions. I either must leave my nation and never look back, or I must fight for it like my grandmother's Uncle Gabriel Dumont. After much reflection, tears and heartbreak, and with my family's support...I chose the latter. If Gabriel and Louis and many more sacrificed their lives for our Métis people with guns blazing and nooses around their neck, then I was willing to fight for it too.

Over those first two years, I wondered what I had gotten myself into, literally. I put myself and my family in physical, mental, and emotional harm. I had personal threats, we as a board had threats, we had a bomb threat, and I even had to do a police report on someone due to inappropriate keyboard warrior tactics against some of us women. I had a citizen who is on the "other side" call me at home and say after we suspended the president to "Walk it back Deb...because you don't know how powerful the people you are dealing with are! You are over your head, experience and believe me... you don't want to mess with them. I am telling you this as a friend!" This is someone I had worked side by side with for years in different capacities, adored, trusted and now feel ashamed as I had respected him so much. I had put my husband, our children and our life's work and personal savings at risk for my nation and no one seemed to care. Only the Board of Directors and some close supporters understood what risk we had taken to protect our beloved Métis

Nation BC. We, “the board of nine” as we were called...and I’m sure many other things... had all put our necks out for our nation. Looking back, it was worth it!

Did you know it only takes 10% of a population to overthrow 90%? Look at history... when the people in power put their own interests in front of the people they represent and break down support system instead of building them up, everyone suffers. However, there is always someone who is willing to go up against that and fight for what is right for the benefit of all including those who don’t support and don’t want change. Our nation has stood firmly, beside and together to bring the change needed. I am so grateful for every one of you who shared our vision.

Citizens, presidents, board members, MNBC Directors and Provincial Representative, somewhere along the way must be willing to stand up for something or someone you believe in. If you do not...then you are part of the problem. You cannot complain...you cannot shoot arrows at something you have not reached out to say...hey, how can I help? How can I support you as president of our Chartered Community, as Regional Director, as Board of Directors but most importantly our nation?

We have laid the foundation...now let us work together over the next four years to build...support and grow as a healthy nation and nation that believes in Kaa-Wiichihitoyaahk... “We take care of each other!”

To my Ministry Leads, Colleen Hodgson, Sharlene Wedel and Lauren Petersen and the teams that they have built within Children & Families, Education (Early Years & K-12). My hands are up in complete respect, love, and admiration. Your dedication, expertise, and wisdom blow me away! Your incredible gifts and insights and the work you do for our nation daily are changing lives...our Métis children’s lives... and that is the best work we can ever do! I am so appreciative of how you crawl into my heart and soul and set the vision we all so believe in... into fruition. You all have a piece of my heart forever!

To our CEO Colette Trudeau, and to every person who works for Métis Nation BC, and our outside supports such as legal, my hands are up to you with immense gratitude. It is through your professionalism, commitment and ability that moves mountains for us to achieve our dreams for our Nation. I will not forget!

Please read our Ministry Reports...they are proof of the work all our ministries do.

In closing it has been an honor to be a servant leader these last four years! It has been an honor to sit at the table with every one of you. I have instilled on this board and staff that “we must put the Métis child in the middle of all our work” and if that is my legacy...then I am fulfilled. If I am graced with another term...right on...if not...I am here to support always.

Long Live the Métis!

The future is now!

In the Spirit of higher learning,

REGION 6



NORTHWEST

Respectfully Submitted: Susie Hooper

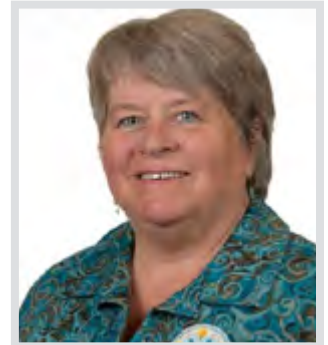
Hello once again from the Northwest Region!

This is my regional report from February 2024 to August 2024.

As my 2020 - 2024 term comes to an end, I am pleased and honored to say that I have been acclaimed as your Northwest Regional Director. Thank you for your continued support and trust. I will continue to focus my energy representing your voice for our region. It is greatly appreciated that Jayden Rogers put his name forward as our Regional Youth Representative; Jayden was acclaimed into his position. Unfortunately, our Regional Women's position remains vacant currently. Rene Lucier is our BCMANR captain and has held this position for over 20 years. Thank you for your dedication and commitment, Rene.

I am pleased to welcome our new senator Sandy Dore to Region 6. Sandy will be sworn in as our Northwest Senator at the 2024 AGM. A big thank you to Senator John Sayer who stepped in and shared his knowledge as our interim Senator until we filled the position.

The Ministries I have had the pleasure of holding this past term were Environmental Protection and Food Security, Citizenship, and Community Services. Instead of repeating what is presented in the Ministry staff reports I encourage you to take the time to read the reports on: Environmental



Protection by Leona Shaw, Citizenship by Colleen Hodgson, and Community Services by Celina Moore. These reports highlight all the work and continued endeavors of these Ministries. I am grateful for all the staff that I get to work with, and I am fortunate to work with some of the best. I would like to thank all the staff of MNBC for their hard work and dedication which are evident in the great things that are happening for the Citizens of MNBC.

This term I sat on many committees along with my fellow board members. Other positions I have in my region are with School District #54 Indigenous Education Council, the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre board member. I have the honor on being the Métis advisor for Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and have held this position for the last several years.

I value all the work of the volunteer boards of Tri River Métis, Northwest BC Métis and Prince Rupert & District Métis Communities. Our Métis Community boards and all our Citizens, are the backbone of Métis Nation British Columbia. I am looking forward to continuing to be an active part of all three communities as your rep. I had fun attending and working at all three community Indigenous days in June, flipping burgers and meeting with you in person. Each Community puts in hours planning and organizing all sorts of exciting events, with many still to come.

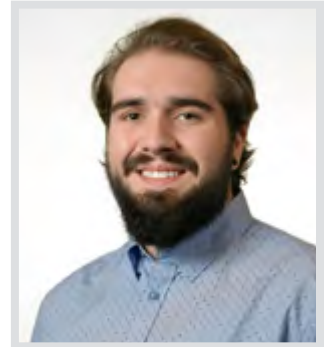
Our 2020-2024 MNBC Board worked hard together, and we were all very busy. I look forward to continuing to advocate and network every day for our nation; we still have much work to do. I have and will continue to work with the citizens of region 6 and, with their direction, be their voice on the board. So much great work is happening. As I've said before, it is a very exciting time for Métis in British Columbia.





PROVINCIAL YOUTH CHAIR'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Shaughn Davoren



Tawnshi and welcome to the 2024 AGM,

I want to start my report by congratulating the new Board of Directors and all who ran! I am very grateful to all who dedicate themselves to our Nation. Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) has had a great year growing and planning events. Outside of our monthly meeting we are attending more events than ever before with many of MYBC even getting to travel out of province to see how things work on the National level and build friendships with other Métis Youth across our homeland. Our in-person meetings have also been amazing, and we are so thankful to the staff who make them possible.

One amazing event was the Métis Spirit Award which took place at Métis crossing where we brought recipients of the award and as many community youths as possible. It was an unforgettable weekend and had one of the largest youth turnouts I have seen in my 13 years. As per our commitment last year all MYBC members were also able to attend Back to Batoche and we have made it our priority for all MYBC to continue to be able to attend. I am also happy to say some of MYBC made the Métis Rendezvous on Vancouver Island and the Youth event put on by the Region 1 Representative. Brookelyn Chalmers.

I have been so grateful for the Youth that I got to work with over the last four years. It is in my opinion that our Youth have some of the most brilliant minds. When Youth talk people listen, and I think that is so great and NEEDS to continue. Youth are not just the future of our Nation; they are also leaders now. I am so incredibly proud to see Youth taking positions in Métis leadership and think it signals our want to be involved in all things Métis.

I will also share that, I, as Provincial Youth Chair, have a standing weekly meeting with Rachel Perkins, who is the Director of Ministry of Youth, and I meet with other Ministry of Youth staff every other week. These are opportunities to connect with MOY and let them know what MYBC has been up to and vice versa to and to keep us on the same page. We appreciate their guidance and support of youth initiatives and support with our meetings.

I also am on the Canadian Mental Health Association's Board of Directors and Chair their Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee to ensure that there is Métis and Gender-diverse representation there. As the first non-binary Métis Minister, it is critical for me to ensure that there are safe spaces

for people like me, and that minority groups are not left behind. I was also able to represent our Nation on the international scale as the United Nations Meeting on Indigenous People in New York.

From the bottom of my heart thank you Brookelyn Chalmers, Jaime-Lee Keith, Allie Caron, and Jayden Rogers, and my Vice Chair Danielle Bergevin, who has done so much to assist me in this role. You folks make me be proud to be Métis.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted: Colette Trudeau



I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 2024 MNBC Annual General Meeting. The AGM plays a vital role in our governance framework, facilitating meaningful discussions on resolutions that shape our Métis government.

Each day, we strive to strengthen our resilient Nation. The AGM serves as an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue and showcases our people's fierce independence within our democratic tradition as the Otipemisiwak. I have always valued the AGM as a key opportunity to share the important work being accomplished by our government, hear directly from our Citizens, and advance our proud Métis Nation.

I am thrilled to welcome our newly elected Board of Directors to MNBC. They will lead us through this exciting yet complex time. Their leadership will be critical in guiding our way forward while navigating the unique challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. As we embrace our rich cultural values, it is essential that we work collaboratively to empower our communities and build upon our successes.

Our Métis public service is dedicated to our Citizens and Chartered Communities. We are exploring new avenues for greater engagement and stronger advocacy. MNBC aims to strengthen our relationships with local, provincial, and federal governments through various negotiation, lobbying, and priority initiatives. We have also taken strong stances with governments to ensure justice and accountability for our people.

Through deliberate action, MNBC has been committed to securing recognition of our collectively held Section 35 rights. Our team has been focused on completing critical research and developing crucial strategies connected to the Goals of the Nation as outlined in our Strategic Plan – Our Way Forward. Our continuous efforts are directed towards ensuring the inclusion and visibility of Métis people in the social sector.

We are progressing toward a more holistic and values-driven approach that prioritizes initiatives designed to serve our communities and foster respectful relationships in all our endeavours. We have formed a robust leadership team that collaborates closely with our Board of Directors to advance our strategic direction and address the priorities of Métis people in BC. We are committed to excellence in governance, as demonstrated by our positive external governance review, and effective

operations. MNBC is committed to an open, effective, and citizen-driven government that respects and celebrates Métis culture and values. There is much to celebrate and be proud of. Some of our key accomplishments include:

- 27,000 registered Métis Citizens compliant with the 2002 Métis National Council definition and growing.
- Caretaking Point Ellice House in Victoria, in partnership with MNGV.
- Acquired properties and buildings across the province to support building Métis housing and childcare.
- Launched the Amelia Douglas Institute for Métis culture and language.
- Hosted MNBC's very first golf tournament.

As you review reports from our various Ministries and Departments, you will witness the remarkable achievements of our staff and committees. I take great pride in the work we are doing and the kaa-wiichihitoyaahk (we take care of each other) culture we are fostering, which emphasizes lateral kindness. We are genuinely dedicated to cultivating a positive workplace that supports, nurtures, and values the unique contributions each of our diverse staff members brings to our government. Together, we are grounded in the mission and vision of our Métis government and committed to serving our Chartered Communities and Citizens.

MNBC stands at a pivotal moment where it is essential for us to remain united and showcase the strength of our Nation in the province. Let us come together and work towards creating a proud Métis Nation that future generations will cherish. Your presence and engagement this weekend will play an important role in continuing to shape our shared direction. I wish all AGM delegates a positive and productive weekend.



SENATE REPORT



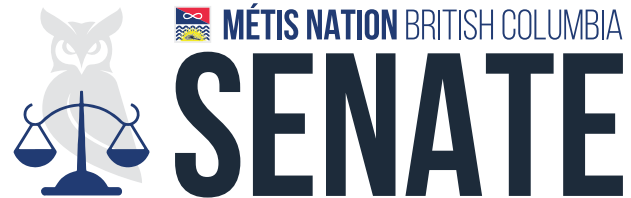
SENATE REPORT



Respectfully Submitted:

Senate Clerk: Bill Bresser

It is with pleasure that the Senate provides this report on its activities.



Responsibilities:

- The MNBC Constitution states the Senate shall be responsible for the provisions outlined in the legislation known as the Senate Act.
- The Senate Act mandates the Senate to act as the judicial arm of MNBC in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.
- The Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices ensure that Senator/Elders are provided with the opportunity to review pertinent information concerning the state of the judicial system, including the condition of its proceedings; the policies, procedures, guidelines, and programs of MNBC and Senate that relate to the guiding of the judicial system; and legislative requirements.
- *Senate priorities include:*
 - Education of Métis citizens on role of the Senate, and related legislation;
 - Update and refine the Senate Act as well as related Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices;
 - Define the powers and authorities of Senate as judicial arm of the Métis Nation; and
 - Pursue establishment of a restorative justice system for the Métis.

Aside from their judicial roles the senators as elders and statespersons contribute in several significant ways throughout British Columbia on behalf of the Métis Nation some examples of which include:

- Attendance at numerous community AGMs and meetings.
- Focussing attention and awareness with respect to the violence and impacts that have and continue to be directed at indigenous women, children, and families.
- Blanketing and Métis cultural education events in school districts.
- Participation in various Orange Shirt and Remembrance Day events.

- Attendance at all grade levels within schools to deliver education and practical exercises related to the Métis people.
- Participation in Louis Riel Day events and flag raising ceremonies.
- Attendance at regional governance council meetings to deliver opening and closing prayers and use the opportunity to educate attendees on role of the Senate.
- Continue key role as Elder in Residence at Justice Institute of BC for delivery of Métis cultural training to law enforcement, fire, and other first responder trainees.
- Interact with First Nations elders to develop respectful relationships and attend aboriginal justice sessions at the courts for education and exposure to the First Nation restorative justice system with view to development of a similar model for the Métis.
- Work with the Sports Fishing Advisory Board to advocate for salmon hatcheries, aboriginal allocation of stocks, and fishing rights.
- Respond to numerous calls from Métis citizens, providing direction and procedural advice, or referring questions to the Senate Clerk for follow-up attention.

Senate Judicial Role:

During the past year the Senate has accepted several appeals. These appeals include citizenship and community matters some involving significant research and allocation of Senate resources. All Senate decisions may be found at the following link: <https://www.mnbc.ca/about/senate/>

Your Métis Senators are available and eagerly look forward to hearing from all Métis citizens whether it be for elder support, ceremonies or interpretation, feedback and advice related to MNBC legislation. We are pleased to announce that Senator Kevin Murray has been appointed for Region 4. Senator Murray brings a wealth of knowledge to this role and has taken to learning Michif with passion. Sadly, the Senate has lost Senators Hoogendoorn and Hinse. Interim Senator Sayers is representing the Senate role for Region 6 which will be filled in September, and Region 3 Senator vacancy is currently posted.

- Region 1 – Senate Chairperson - Senator Alan Edkins – Joined Senate in 2005
Contact: 250 710-9757
- Region 2 – Senator Phillip Gladue - Joined Senate in 2006
Contact: 778 828-8640
- Region 3 – Currently vacant
- Region 4 – Senate Secretary Kevin Murray – Joined Senate in 2023
Contact: 250 344-1216
- Region 5 – Senator Arnold Lucier – Joined Senate in 2017
Contact: 778 349-1094

- Region 6 – Currently vacant but filled on interim basis by former Senator Sayers
Contact: 250 463-4431
- Region 7 – Administrative Senator Gerald Pope – Joined Senate in 2008
Contact: 250 262-6565

This past year, a number of individuals have contacted the Senate Clerk or surfaced through file reviews who have expressed concerns with respect to chartered community issues. Others have sought information on a myriad of matters, including Métis Citizenship, their genealogy and requesting review of documentation previously submitted. Through review of their particulars and consultation between the Ministry of Citizenship as well as and follow-up research via the St. Boniface Historical Society it has been determined that all individuals were treated fairly by the MNBC of Citizenship. This exercise did, however, serve as an opportunity for the Senate Clerk to educate individuals, and point them in the right genealogical direction.

Senate Clerk Responsibilities:

The Senate Clerk is charged with performance of various clerical and secretariat related duties which includes processing requests for Senate documents and preparing a variety of forms and reports as mandated by the MNBC Senate Act and the Senate Policies and Administrative Standards and Practices. Further, the Senate Clerk provides expert advice on MNBC legislation, guidelines, policies and procedures, and works with the Administrative Senator/Elder in negotiations, on behalf of the Senate, with federal and government partners.

The Senate Clerk may be contacted as follows:

- E-mail: senateclerk@mNBC.ca
- Cellular: 250 488-1509



MINISTRY REPORTS





MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Debra Fisher

Executive Director: Colleen Hodgson

Ministry of Children and Families Mission:

The Ministry of Children and Families exercises inherent jurisdiction over child and family services and supports the unique needs of Métis children, youth, and families interacting with the child welfare system in British Columbia.

Ministry of Children and Families Goals:

Ministry Goal 1: Receive designation as the legislated representative for Métis children, youth, and families in BC and establish an information-sharing agreement with Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and a legally binding agreement under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA).

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation

MNBC Ministry of Children and Families is seeking designation from MCFD as the legislated representative for Métis children, youth, and families in British Columbia. An MNBC-MCFD Joint Child and Family Services Table has been established to support the regulatory and legislative work that is required to assume designation and co-develop joint agreements that commit to fulfilling a shared commitment to the upbringing and wellbeing of Métis children.

MNBC is involved in the recruitment of a new provincial Indigenous Child Welfare Director (ICWD). This is an Assistant Deputy Minister position that provides leadership and practice oversight for services delivered under the CFCSA for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families in B.C. The new ICWD will champion change but also how to honour the diversity of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit contexts, cultures, rights, experiences, priorities, and histories. MNBC's relationship with MCFD is growing stronger and being involved in this historic decision is evidence that there is a path forward.

Ministry Goal 2: Indigenous Governing Body Status

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation

MNBC is the Métis government in British Columbia. The Citizens of the Nation have given MNBC the authority to represent their collective interests, including the best interests of Métis children in the child welfare system in British Columbia. This authority is being exercised as an Indigenous

Governing Body regardless of Canada's denial of IGB status.

MNBC signed the *Memorandum of Understanding on Developing a Canada-Métis Nation Child and Family Services 10-year Sub-Accord* on March 19th, 2024. A Métis Joint Child and Family Services Committee has been established to co-develop the sub-accord with Canada. The goal is to have a final sub-accord signed by March 31st, 2025.

Ministry Goals 3 and 4: Draft Métis Child Welfare Law Framework and Develop a Métis Children and Families Service System Model Framework

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation

At the 2023 AGM, Citizens passed a resolution declaring inherent jurisdiction over Métis child and family services in BC and authorizing MNBC to exercise jurisdiction on their behalf. Citizens directed MNBC to develop Métis child welfare laws and provide Métis child and family services, including negotiating agreements and any other instrument that recognizes jurisdiction.

The Ministry of Children and Families has been engaging with Métis Chartered Communities, citizens, families, leadership and Métis children and family service providers in response to the Métis government's decision. Engagement and research include:

- Métis child welfare law
- Métis child and family services model
- Métis children and youth with support needs
- Restorative interventions and support for Métis youth and the justice system
- Adoption
- Citizenship

The first engagement sessions focused on Métis Child Welfare Law.

To view the report, *Opikinawasowin: Growing a Métis Child*, go to

<https://www.mnbc.ca/media/2942> or scan the QR code to see the video



Adoption Gathering

MNBC has initiated an engagement process to better understand the challenges faced by adopted Métis children, youth, and their families. As part of this effort, MNBC's Ministry of Children and Families hosted an adoption gathering providing a platform for Métis adoptive parents, non-Métis adoptive parents, Métis birth parents, and Métis adoptees to share



MNBC Child & Family Services Manager Carly Hale presents Métis Family Services staff member Alyssa Graeme with a gift for her work in adoption services. Métis Family Services is one of the five Métis service providers and the only provincial Indigenous adoption agency.

their personal experiences, perspectives, and concerns regarding the adoption

care system in British Columbia. The data gathered from this engagement will be used to evaluate different adoption approaches and to develop evidence-based practices that inform decision-making, program development, and policy recommendations.



Elder Marie Bercier



MINISTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Susie Hooper

Executive Director: Colleen Hodgson

Ministry Mission:

The Ministry of Citizenship promotes Métis citizenship in British Columbia and supports people who self-identify as Métis in the citizenship application process. We ensure that the Métis government is supported with data collection and information sharing across all ministries and with all Métis Chartered communities. The Ministry of Citizenship develops policies and legislation that ensure the integrity of the ministry and advance Section 35 collectively held rights of Métis citizens in British Columbia.

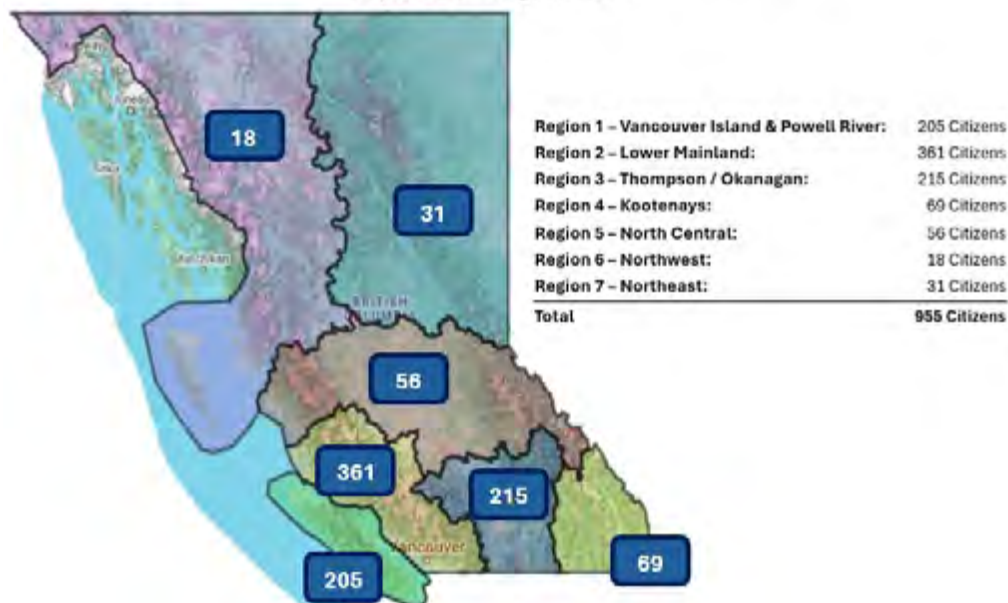
Ministry of Citizenship Goals:

Ministry Goal 1: Increase the number of MNBC Citizens

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Nation.

New Citizens Per Region Since 2023 AGM:

Sept 2023 - August 2024



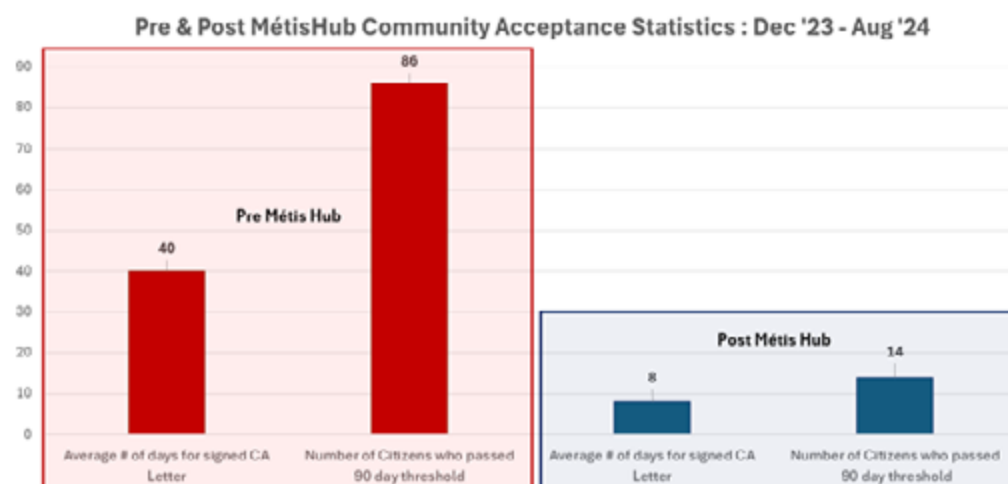
MétisHub

The MétisHub is an online site where applicants and Citizens can create accounts, monitor their applications, and manage their information. Unique dashboards were created for Métis Chartered Community Presidents.

- Presidents can approve community acceptance online.
- Presidents can request citizenship information about their community for events and grant applications.
- Presidents can request citizenship lists through the MétisHub.
- Applicants can apply, check the status of their application, or upload items to complete an application.
- Citizens can renew or replace their citizenship card and update their address, name or gender.
- Citizens can view and download a copy of their citizenship card.
- Citizens can apply for Métis Veterans BC.

Before launching the MétisHub, the average time for MNBC to send and receive a signed Community Acceptance Letter was 40 days. The average time between sending and receiving a signed Community Acceptance Letter is now eight days. The number of Citizens advanced after exceeding the legislated 90-day threshold has been significantly reduced. During the preMétisHub launch time frame, 86 citizens advanced due to exceeding the threshold. Since April, that number has been reduced to 14 Citizens.

The Ministry of Citizenship has received resoundingly positive feedback from Presidents regarding the new MétisHub Community Acceptance Process. Our Ministry is pleased to improve processes for our Métis Chartered Communities and decrease our citizens' wait times.



Ministry Goal 2: Strengthen relationships with Métis Chartered Communities

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Nation.

The Ministry of Citizenship attended over 12 meetings with Métis Chartered Community Presidents. The meetings focused on the MétisHub, community acceptance, legislation and changes within the Ministry of Citizenship.

The Ministry of Citizenship provided support and guidance at the Métis Nation Governing Assembly in March and again in June for Resolution 4, Clarifying Citizenship Eligibility/Acceptance, submitted by the Métis Nation Columbia River Society.

Ministry Goal 3: Develop and integrate a Métis child welfare case management system in the CRM.

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Nation.

A Métis Child and Family Services (CFS) information management system is being developed and integrated into the Citizenship Relations Management System (CRM). The CFS system will collect and protect information and data about children in care so MNBC can care for them, provide them with programs and services, and represent their Section 35 rights as Citizens of the Nation.

A new Métis Children and Families Citizenship Specialist was hired to work directly with families involved in the child welfare system and support Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff with citizenship applications for children in care. The specialist manages information related to children in care in the CRM.

Ministry Goal Five: Develop partnerships with Government and Agencies

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation

The Ministry of Citizenship is focusing on internal relationships and partnerships within our Métis government and working on important initiatives with multiple ministries within MNBC.

- Collaborated with the Governance team to create the voter's list for the 2024 MNBC election.
- We are working with the Ministry of Children and Families to develop an integrated child welfare case management system.
- Contributing to the MNBC Ministry of Justice on citizenship and Section 35 rights.
- We are supporting the Ministry of Education by integrating it into the MétisHub and the CRM.
- We are working directly with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security and BCMANR to transfer the management of Harvesting cards to their ministry.
- We are collaborating with MNBC Intergovernmental Affairs on citizenship data and mapping provincial electoral boundaries.
- The Citizenship Authority provided insight and expertise on the Métis National Council Expert Panel on the national definition and contemporary Métis governance.

Developing relationships with other Métis governments is important. MNBC Citizenship participated in Back to Batoche in July. It was the first time that Citizenship had been involved in the event. Staff shared information about MNBC Citizenship and engaged hundreds of attendees in an interactive game about connecting to our Métis ancestors.

*Citizenship Relations Coordinator and
Métis Citizen Patricia Newbury with
Back to Batoche visitors.*





MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Susie Hooper

Director: Celina Moore

Our Mission:

Develop, promote, and maintain collaborative community-centered practices to build effective relationships, enhance communication, and improve outcomes for Métis people and MNBC. Community Services is committed to the principle of 'Kaa- Wiichihitoyaahk'; through relationships built upon collaboration, mutual respect, trust, and shared decision-making, 'we take care of each other'.

Ministry Goal One: Provide a structure and process for MNBC to communicate and engage with MCCs in an effective and collaborative manner.

Ministry Goal Two: Support the promotion of Métis Rights and recognition by leading community engagement.

Ministry Goal Three: Secure Métis cultural knowledge by creating opportunities for elders and youth to connect to the homeland.

Ministry Goal Four: Support capacity growth for individual MCCs.

Goal 1: Provide a structure and process for MNBC to communicate and engage with MCCs in an effective and collaborative manner.

Aligned with Goals 1,2,4, and 6 of the Nation

The main initiative Community Services has been working on in relation to this goal is to develop an engagement strategy for working with Chartered Communities. This involved continuous collaboration with the Ministry of Communication on processes and best practices as well as meetings with Chartered Community members and other MNBC ministries. From that, an engagement strategy which includes an online engagement request form for Ministries to use was developed. The strategy gained the support of the MNBC Board and senior MNBC staff and ministries are now working together to ensure that we are moving forward in a good way with Chartered Community engagements. Currently, we organize and facilitate cross-ministerial biweekly meetings in all 7 regions to share information relevant to Chartered Communities.

Goal 2: Support the promotion of Métis Rights and recognition by leading community engagement.

Aligned with Goals 1 to 6 of the Nation

Community Services plays an integral part in this by operating as the conduit of information between MNBC and Chartered Communities. Working with the Ministry of Communications we gather content for the bi-weekly Leaders Newsletter and ensure that Leaders receive information that is both relevant and timely. In addition, we organize and participate in monthly regional Chartered Community leader meetings in which leaders can exchange information and MNBC ministries are able to seek input from them on proposed initiatives.

Goal 3: Secure Métis cultural knowledge by creating opportunities for elders and youth to connect to the homeland.

Aligned with Goals 1,2,4 to 6 of the Nation

Community Services is actively seeking out funding opportunities to for the purpose of creating a program to pair one youth and elder from each region to attend Batoche together. This will create a wonderful opportunity for the transfer of Métis cultural knowledge.

Goal 4: Support capacity growth for individual MCCs.

Aligned with Goals 1 to 6 of the Nation

Community Services in collaboration with External Finances has been sourcing grant opportunities for Chartered Communities and including them in the bi-weekly leader newsletter. We are also in the information gathering phase of developing an external grant database to assist Chartered Communities with growing their capacity.



MINISTRY OF CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND LANGUAGE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Patrick Harriott

Director: Mallory Blondeau

Ministry Mission:

The Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language promotes Métis culture, heritage, and languages in BC through programs and services. The Ministry develops resources and learning opportunities regarding the contributions of Métis people and the richness of Métis culture, heritage arts and Michif languages. Through training, research and advocacy, the Ministry advances Métis cultural safety, visibility and Michif revitalization. The Ministry provides a central service to all MNBC staff, by providing cultural support and guidance.

Ministry Goals:

1. Lead Michif language revitalization in BC through learning opportunities, grant programs, resource development, documentation and engagement.
2. Deliver programs and initiatives that promote and share Métis culture and heritage; as well as support and grow Métis heritage artists in BC.
3. Promote the transmission of Métis cultural knowledge across MNBC through presentations, resources and cultural review support.
4. Provide secretariat support to the Amelia Douglas Institute to ensure its successful operations.
5. Develop a Métis cultural safety online learning platform that will be available to the public and professionals in various fields.



Ministry Goal 1: Lead Michif language revitalization in BC through learning opportunities, grant programs, resource development, documentation and engagement.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

This year the Ministry launched *Aan Michif Piikishkwaytaak: MNBC's 10-year Michif Language Revitalization Plan*. The plan outlines MNBC's vision and goals for Michif language revitalization, and the activities we will take to promote Michif learning across the province. Our languages team has been busy implementing a number of activities identified within the plan, including:

- Developing and launching the Michif Language Initiatives grant. The first of multiple language grants that will be offered to citizens and communities to support Michif learning initiatives within their local communities.
- Developing Michif learning resource Words of Our Ancestors Pocket Guide. This resource expands on the original version by providing Michif translations for a variety of common phrases, with QR links to translation audio.
- Michif language recording and documentation. The team has developed relationships with a number of fluent Michif speakers and has been finding innovative ways to stay connected and work with them to create Michif learning videos and translations.
- Hosting an Introduction to Southern Michif workshop series for MNBC staff and board members to promote Michif use in MNBC's operations.

Ministry Goal 2: Deliver programs and initiatives that promote and share Métis culture and heritage; as well as support and grow Métis heritage artists in BC.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

The Ministry has been working hard to create meaningful cultural learning opportunities for citizens. This has included hosting several cultural and material arts workshops, including winter storytelling, bannock making, beading, caribou hair tufting, and finger weaving. The Ministry also hosted a wall pocket Métis heritage arts workshop and a talk on repatriating Métis material art, both facilitated by Gregory Scofield.

The Ministry also regularly shares new initiatives and grants to our Métis artists and knowledge carrier email directory, making sure Métis artists and knowledge carriers stay in the know about



new opportunities available to support their cultural and professional development and arts-based business.

Ministry Goal 3: Promote the transmission of Métis cultural knowledge across MNBC through presentations, resources and cultural review support.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

The Ministry has been promoting and supporting the transmission of Métis cultural knowledge across MNBC by delivering Métis culture and history presentations to all new and existing staff, supporting with Michif translation requests, connecting Ministries to Métis artists and facilitators, and providing cultural review support as requested.

Ministry Goal 4: Provide secretariat support to the Amelia Douglas Institute to ensure its successful operations.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

The Ministry is pleased to have officially opened the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI) for Métis Culture and Language earlier this year. The opening included a celebration, where community members and political guests came together to mark this important milestone. Since the opening, the Ministry has welcomed visitors to the space to enjoy our collection of Métis material items and featured the following exhibitions: *Prairies to Pacific: We are the Métis, We Live Between the Prairies and the Ocean*, *Warm in Our Heritage: Métis Northern Style Gauntlets* and *Beading is Medicine: Métis Tobacco Bags*.

The Ministry continues to support ADI's operations and development, which has included: supporting the ADI to obtain its first full Board of Directors and holding their first inaugural board meeting; developing operational policies and procedures; and networking and sharing ADI by having a presence at numerous public events.

Ministry Goal 5: Develop a Métis cultural wellness online learning platform that will be available to the public and professionals in various fields.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

The Ministry has been working with contractors to develop an online Métis cultural wellness course. The course is currently under development, and is targeted to be completed this fall.





MINISTRY OF DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Patrick Harriott

Chief Operating Officer: Brent Weberg

Director: Felix Ikem

Ministry's Mission:

The goal of the Ministry of Digital Government within MNBC is to create an efficient and well-structured data strategy that enhances security, promotes interoperability, and drives innovation. This strategy aims to ensure that data is managed as an asset, fostering a culture of data-driven decision-making. By implementing robust data governance frameworks, the Ministry seeks to protect sensitive information while maximizing the value derived from data assets.

Ministry's Goals – Highlights:

1. *Enhancing Data Management, Efficiency, and Accuracy:* Implementing advanced systems and security measures to protect against data breaches, ensure compliance with relevant regulations and ensuring that data is accurate, complete, and up to date to support reliable and effective decision-making.
2. *Strengthening Cultural Information Access, and Digital Identity:* Leveraging data analytics and emerging technologies to uncover insights, streamline operations, and improve service delivery. This also includes fostering data literacy and ensuring user compliance across our systems.
3. *Optimizing software onboarding, communication, and interoperability between ministries:* Establishing standards and protocols that enable seamless data sharing and integration across various departments and systems.

Goal 1: Enhance Data Management, Efficiency and Accuracy

Aligns with Goal 4 of the Nation

The Ministry has significantly improved data management through comprehensive data cleansing and standardization efforts. This includes eliminating duplicates, errors, and inconsistencies in databases such as SharePoint, OneDrive, and physical files. Automation tools have been implemented to streamline data entry and validation processes, thus reducing manual errors and increasing efficiency

in onboarding and travel pre-authorization tasks. Furthermore, staff training programs have been introduced to enhance data management skills, including quality assurance and the use of data analytics tools, contributing to operational excellence.

Goal 2: Strengthen Cultural Information Access, Identity

Aligns with Goal 2 of the Nation

This goal is strengthening the organization's cultural information access and digital identity. This entails creating and fostering software systems that promote cultural identity and allow for sharing significant information, art, events, and more. In addition, this goal involves collecting and leveraging data analytics and emerging technologies to reveal insights into the operation to create actionable direction in streamlining operations and improving service delivery.

Progress has been made in strengthening cultural information access and digital identity by developing and supporting various culturally significant projects. This includes the Amelia Douglas Institute, MNBC.ca, Point Ellice House, the CRM, the Hub (Citizen Portal), and the Housing Tenancy Project. These projects involve new feature development, application support, maintenance, training, and code review. The ministry has also liaised with legal consultants to ensure system effectiveness, aiming to streamline operations and improve service delivery through data analytics and emerging technologies.

Goal 3: Optimize Software Onboarding and Communication, Interoperability between ministries

Aligns with Goal 5 of the Nation

This goal involves optimizing software onboarding, communication, and interoperability between ministries. It also involves establishing standards that enable data sharing and integration between ministries and streamlining information access within our organization.

Efforts to optimize software onboarding and improve communication and interoperability between ministries have led to the development of unified systems. The CRM and SharePoint have been developed to centralize significant organizational data, while the Laserfiche system is maintained for housing and STEPs data. Additionally, there has been a focus on maintaining and cleaning up physical files and legacy data. These initiatives aim to establish standards for seamless data sharing and integration across departments, enhancing the overall efficiency and effectiveness of information access within the organization.



MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND TOURISM

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Louis De Jaeger (Minister of Economic Development, Minister of Tourism)

Minister: Dean Gladue (Minister of Partnerships)

Director: Stuart Dixon

Ministry Mission Mandate:

Empowering Métis economic prosperity and self-reliance, our Ministry seeks to collaborate with diverse stakeholders to support, promote, and advocate for Métis citizen businesses by advancing economic reconciliation in the name of improving welfare and vitality for all Métis citizens in BC.

Ministry Mission Statement:

As the Métis government in British Columbia, we represent Métis citizens and promote the rights, recognition, priorities, and interests of all Métis in BC. We create opportunities for our people, communities, and children to flourish, and work to ensure access to a range of programs and services to bridge socio-economic gaps and increase overall well-being for Métis in BC.

Ministry Vision Statement:

Métis Nation British Columbia envisions a future where Métis people, communities, and children thrive. We are connected to our rich Métis culture, heritage, and languages; we achieve strong socio-economic outcomes; and our Métis rights as an Indigenous people are recognized.

Ministry Goals:

- **Goal 1:** Double the number of total businesses in our directory from 228 to over 400 by 2027.
- **Goal 2:** Have Distribution Lists for Procurement with over 25 companies or projects in BC by 2027.
- **Goal 3:** Triple our number of Active Joint Venture Partnerships by 2027.
- **Goal 4:** Have equity stakes in 10 businesses by 2027.
- **Goal 5:** Own 7 wholly owned Nation businesses by 2027.
- **Goal 6:** Have 12 Tourism Exhibits across the province featuring Métis Culture

Ministry Goal 1: Double the number of total businesses in our directory from 228 to over 400 by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 4, 5, and 6 of the Nation

To achieve the goal of expanding our Business Directory, the team has been actively engaging in targeted outreach and engagement with Métis entrepreneurs through community events, social media, and business referrals. A marketing campaign is in the works, along with an Economic Development Newsletter set to be distributed this summer. We are also drafting a procurement opportunity to bring on a third-party vendor to redesign the Business Directory Website sometime this fall, aiming to create a user-friendly business ecosystem and procurement hub. Additionally, we are providing personalized guidance and business development tools to support the businesses listed. As a result of these efforts, the business directory now lists 290 businesses, reflecting a significant increase. We have also cleaned and enhanced the data integrity of the directory and incorporated a new classification system for better organization. An entrepreneurial mentorship program is also on the forecast to be developed in, or around the end of this fiscal year; with a launch into the next fiscal.

Ministry Goal 2: Have Distribution Lists for Procurement with over 25 companies or projects in BC by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation

To expand our procurement distribution list, the team has focused on building relationships with new partners and strengthening existing ones, attending networking events to create new relationships, and engaging in sponsorship outreach. The team is working to cultivate more opportunities in lieu of benefit agreements. We have updated the distribution list to improve categorization by industry, city, and region, making it easier for companies to filter our directory. We have also established regular check-ins to ensure ongoing communication with partners and have organized joint networking events to promote procurement activities. These efforts have led to an increase in the distribution list from 2 to 8 major project partners, significantly broadening our reach and engagement with key stakeholders. We have entered negotiations with thirteen (13) procurement opportunities from diverse Major Project Partners, focusing on benefiting Métis businesses in our growing distribution network.

Ministry Goal 3: Triple our number of Active Joint Venture Partnerships by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation

To achieve this goal, we have developed new partnership mediums and legal agreements, introduced a unified management platform for partnership coordination, and attended over twenty (20) events to cultivate opportunities. Our team has collaborated with legal counsel and internal resources to create a suite of partnership products that offer value to the marketplace, including Letters of Intent, Memorandums

of Understanding, Revenue Sharing Agreements, Joint Venture Agreements, and Equity or Limited Partnerships; we are also looking out for joint venture partnerships that can lead to owned business opportunities. We have also developed comprehensive marketing materials, including a pitch deck, welcome package, and newsletter to strengthen our collective marketing footprint. As a result, we have held over thirty-five (35) new potential partnership meetings, with 10+ with NGOs and civic organizations, leading to newfound opportunities in Métis Economic Development. We have signed one new partnership, with eighteen (18) pending in negotiations at the moment.

Ministry Goal 4: Have equity stakes in 10 businesses by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation

To achieve this goal, the team has been developing and refining equity partnership and limited partnership templates, conducting internal strategy sessions and legal consultations, and prospecting new business opportunities in a myriad of industries. We are also working on a discussion paper development process to outline terms and conditions for partnerships and how we progress to equity ownership of an opportunity. Although this goal is a work in progress with long-term activities applied towards achieving success, we have made significant strides in transforming our business mediums and developing an investment strategy. A preliminary list of criteria is being compiled to guide our investment decisions.

Ministry Goal 5: Own seven wholly owned Nation businesses by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation

Our first opportunity towards this goal started in April 2024 with the transition of the Trading Post business from Communications to Economic Development. We hired Allison Dunn as our Trading Post Coordinator and conducted market research with internal staff, external artists, and experts regarding similar online and onsite Indigenous art and culture retail businesses. We have engaged in internal discussions on the vision, mission, and areas of opportunity for the Trading Post and have sorted out delivery and warehousing processes for current and future inventory. Additionally, we have attended events to network and research best practices. These efforts have led to resolving unfulfilled orders, completing an inventory review, and stocking popular sales items for interim revenue while the business plan is being developed.

Ministry Goal 6: Have 12 Tourism Exhibits across the province by 2027.

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation

The reopening efforts of Point Ellice House represent our first dedicated tourism exhibit within the portfolio of the ministry. We have repaired, renewed, and refreshed the heritage buildings, visitor centre, gardens, and grounds of Point Ellice House in Victoria to prepare for the May 10, 2024, opening. We have collaborated with cultural organizations like the Royal B.C. Museum and Destination Greater Victoria to promote Métis cultural tourism opportunities and participated in grant applications to support operating and programming

needs. These efforts have resulted in the successful reopening of Point Ellice House, the launch of two Métis artist exhibits, and ongoing engagement with local First Nations. We have also created Métis cultural language welcome signage, brochures, and enhanced promotional content for Point Ellice House.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Debra Fisher

Executive Director: Sharlene Wedel

Ministry of Education Mission:

Métis Nation British Columbia's Ministry of Education [Early Learning | K-12] will promote the healthy growth and development of children and families through experiences grounded in Métis culture and community ways, while Métis-specific wrap-around services, programs, and policies will support their ongoing well-being.

Ministry Goal 1: *Establish a robust database that can be effectively integrated into the management and decision-making processes of ELCC (Early Learning and Child Care) and K-12.*

Aligned with Goal One of the Nation

The Ministry of Education (MoE) is building a robust Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to meet the needs of the Ministry of Education. The CRM will integrate with the MNBC (Métis Nation British Columbia) Hub, enabling Métis families to enroll in the Métis Family Connections program, and apply to existing (and future) MoE programs/services. This system will streamline operations, enhance data accuracy and security, and improve accessibility for both internal and external users.

Ministry Goal 2: *Prioritize the development of Métis education agreements with Chartered Communities and school districts, and the creation of Métis childcare spaces in B.C.*

Aligned with Goal Two of the Nation

MoE is leading eleven (11) active construction projects to create new childcare spaces across British Columbia, with construction completion dates from this Summer into 2026. These childcare projects will build a total of 524



licensed childcare spaces in Fort St. John, Campbell River, Kamloops, Surrey (KPU and Chuck Bailey), and Saanich. Initiatives are underway for distinctions-based space creation in Mission, Vernon, Port Alberni, Terrace and Kelowna. The second project that is coming to completion is the Mission childcare facility which is located on the grounds of West Heights Elementary School in Mission. This facility is a new build and has both infant and toddler care as well as 3-5 care. This project will be completed in September 2024. Altogether, these active childcare builds meet much-needed demand for childcare spaces at low or no cost – with a focus on Métis-specific, culturally relevant programming and services to support early learning and development - across various communities.



MoE has been working to collect all necessary data to inform where the next childcare facilities should be built. Cranbrook and Prince George have a large need for childcare. In both communities, meetings have occurred with the Chartered Communities to discuss their specific needs and look for opportunities to partner with local school districts and/or the municipality. These conversations will continue.

MoE facilitated the signing of an education agreement with SD70 Pacific Rim, MNBC, and Alberni-Clayoquot Métis Society. This agreement outlines shared goals for increased self-identification, academic achievement, and equitable development and/or delivery of culturally relevant social, emotional, cultural, and academic supports and services for Métis learners in the K-12 system. Additionally, a friendship agreement has been signed by SD82 Coast Mountains, MNBC, Tri-River Métis Association, and Northwest BC Métis Association. These agreements are distinct from education agreements as they represent a commitment to further dialogue focused on supporting the delivery of culturally relevant programs and services to Métis learners.

MoE is further supporting Chartered Communities to build stronger relationships in the K-12 system by promoting inclusivity through several initiatives. These include the data-driven Bill 40 survey/report, engagement with regional leadership councils, and collaboration with the province on policy matters. In July, 60 school districts received a personalized letter making formal introductions to the Chartered Communities that exist within their catchment boundaries, anticipating their inclusion on newly mandated Indigenous Education Councils. Drafting these letters required analyzing available citizenship data from our Registry, program enrolment, and student enrolment data provided by school districts. We have also launched a citizen form letter campaign to raise awareness and encourage community involvement.

Ministry Goal 3: *Create, distribute, and implement Métis cultural resources to integrate Métis culture, languages, and values into the design and delivery of ELCC and K-12 programs and services.*

Aligned with Goal Three of the Nation

MoE's Community Mobile Initiative aims to support families across the province, by bringing culture and resources to parks, drop-in programs, events, and other community gatherings. Three vans have completed the internal outfitting and have been successfully wrapped. The wrap design was thoughtfully designed by Métis artist Leah Dorian and Métis graphic designer Kim Vizi-Carmen. The vans will be in Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, and the Thompson Okanagan regions, with the flexibility to travel to Regions 4, 5, 6, and 7 during certain times of the year. The Mobile Units have been completed and are now on the road.

Métis-specific cultural resources continue to be successfully implemented into the design and delivery of ELCC and K-12 programs/services. As of July 2024:

- 350 "Aansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk - Learning Together" kits have been distributed to Métis Service Providers, Strong Starts, Aboriginal Head Starts, Child Development Centers, and Child Care Resource and Referral Centers.
- 90 Cultural Enrollment Kits were mailed out to Métis children birth-8 years, following enrollment in the Métis Family Connections (MFC) program.
- 29 Baby Welcome Kits have been sent to Métis babies (birth-6 months).
- 1,478 Imagination Library books have been distributed to Métis children (birth-4 years).
- All 60 school districts and 39 Métis Chartered Communities received uniquely designed teaching cards. These cards featured beautiful images of Métis cultural items or activities, with Southern Michif language translations provided by elder Norman Fleury. These cards were designed for lessons across



multiple subjects, complimenting the BC K-12 curriculum. SD93 received a special French language version.

Cultural resource development is crucial to reduce cultural isolation and to support cultural connectedness and community wellness. Significant efforts continue to be made towards developing culturally relevant early years resources. These efforts are guided by active engagement with community, families, and ELCC professionals

to ensure cultural resource development meets the needs of the Nation, supports Métis children to understand their identity and to see themselves reflected in their learning environments, while also providing cultural wellness and revitalization support to parents, Chartered Communities, and ELCC professionals.

Ministry Goal 4: *The Ministry aims to support Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) professionals and K-12 educators by providing training that enhances their ability to offer increased opportunities for authentic learning experiences.*

Aligned with Goal Four of the Nation

MoE has made significant progress in the recruitment and retention of ELCC professionals by enhancing their cultural competencies and providing Métis educators and students with funding and other valuable supports. As compensation has been identified as a critical issue and significant barrier to the recruitment and retention across the early learning sector, 19 Métis ECEs and 5 ECEAs have received the ECE Supplement to date. MNBC, in partnership with Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC), provided ECEBC memberships to 10 Early Childhood Educators.

Twenty-nine (29) Métis educators accessed funding for post-secondary early childhood education training of those students twenty-five (25) have graduated from their programs. In addition to accessing funding for tuition all students accessed wrap-around financial support.

A total of 398 ELCC professionals have significantly enhanced their cultural competency through the “Aaansaamb aen kiskayhtaamaahk” (Learning Together) workshops. Professional development opportunities were held in Fort St John, Quesnel, Mission, Vernon, and Port Alberni, with participation from 45 Early Childhood Educators. Virtual language lessons were also offered to ELCC Professionals; twenty-five (25) participants attended the weekly 1-hour evening sessions.

The MFC Early Years Navigators have made significant strides in increasing outreach to Métis families, ensuring access to culturally safe early years programs. This has led to a notable increase in enrollment, with 1,738 children now participating in Early Years MFC programs.

Childcare coordinators have enriched fifty (50) programs with Métis cultural kits, thereby promoting authentic cultural learning.



Ministry Goal 5: *Expand Métis-specific programming and services to comprehensively support the learning and development needs of Métis children from birth to 18 years old and their families.*

Aligned with Goal Five of the Nation

The Summer Break Supplement funding available for 2024 approved 167 applications in June and provided support to 450 children through the Métis Child Care Benefit (MCCB) program, offering up to \$500 per child per month.

The Elementary and Secondary Years Navigators have taken active roles in various committees, discussing critical topics such as anti-racism, AI technology in classrooms, and Indigenous education.

Ministry Goal 6: *The Ministry aims to support improved early learning and childcare as well as enhance education, health, and social outcomes for Métis children.*

Aligned with Goal Six of the Nation

The MFC Early Years Navigators were active participants in sixty-seven (67) various events. The Ministry of Education team supported thirty-two (32) Chartered Community Family Gatherings across the province. Many of these events were hosted on National Indigenous Peoples Day and featured live music, jigging, outdoor activities such as lawn games and kayaking, and traditional Métis food. The MFC Early Years team has also supported families by facilitating early intervention referrals, including 152 referrals to external support service agencies, 139 referrals to the MCCB programs, and 96 referrals to the Wellbeing program.



MINISTRY OF ELDERS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Raynie Gervais

Executive Director: Tanya Davoren

Director of Social Programs: Michelle Fortin

Ministry of Elders Mission:

The Ministry of Elders' mission is to ensure that Elders and seniors are centered and valued across all MNBC programs and services. We are committed to uplifting Elders as traditional knowledge keepers and work to improve their quality of life across all the Métis Social Determinants of Health.

*To be finalized in consultation with the Elders Advisory Council (EAC).

Ministry of Elders Goals:

- 1) Develop and support an Elders Advisory Council to promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness and privilege Elders voice and wisdom in regional and provincial gatherings.
- 2) Work to ensure that Residential School and Intergenerational Survivors are supported on their healing journey towards reconciliation and pursue funding proposals / opportunities to support socio-economic reconciliation for Elders and seniors through MNBC delivered programs and services (i.e., Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP) and Elders Temporary Financial Assistance (ETFA) program).
- 3) Promote Elders engagement at all levels of Métis governance at the Chartered Community level as traditional knowledge keepers and at Regional Governance Council, to ensure Elders are active participants and are consulted regarding supportive care, long-term care, and end of life continuum initiatives.
- 4) Support the development of interorganizational agreements that reflect Elder insights and promote restoration of respectful relationship building with local First Nation Elders.

Ministry Goal 1: Develop and support an Elders Advisory Council (EAC) to promote cultural revitalization and cultural wellness and privilege Elders voice and wisdom in regional and provincial gatherings.

Aligned with Goal #2 of the Nation

The team is very excited to have an EAC and looks forward to supporting their work in any way that the Council sees fit. We expect that the EAC will be in place in Q3 of this year. A Briefing Note was prepared for the Board of Directors for discussion and a Terms of Reference (ToR) was drafted and presented to the Governance and Policy Committee on May 7th. The draft ToR for the Elders Steering Committee was approved to take to the Board and approved at their June meeting. The Board's consensus was to wait for the fall MNBC election to appoint the Regional Elder positions as well as a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Elder for the steering committee.

The Elders team continues to take any opportunity to remind other MNBC programs and departments of the importance of Elder engagement and inclusion in decision making and community processes. This is regularly well received.

Ministry Goal 2: Work to ensure that Residential School and Intergenerational Survivors are supported on their healing journey towards reconciliation; pursue funding proposals / opportunities to support socio-economic reconciliation for Elders and seniors through MNBC delivered programs and services (i.e., Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP) and Elders Temporary Financial Assistance (ETFA) program).

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation: Pursue Socio-Economic Reconciliation

This year we experienced a change in staffing which required posting, interviewing and on-boarding a new employee, Eve, in the Miyaayaawinn Wellness Worker role. Bi-weekly meetings with the Elder Program Lead, Ashley Ford, provide an opportunity to discuss any issues presented by Citizens participating in the Residential School and Intergenerational Survivors group and check-in on program design and development. New funding for the Miyaayaawinn Wellness Workers has been successfully found through late renewal of funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

The Métis Elders and Seniors Assistance Program (MESAP) has supported fifty (50) Citizens over the first 7 months of the calendar year providing funding for items such as dentures, bathroom grab bars, and prescription glasses. The Métis Elders and Senior Assistance program, twenty-three (23) couples' applications, and twenty-seven (27) single applications. The amount of funds already allocated to be spent is over \$150,000, with more approvals and applications coming in. The age range of applicants ranges from sixty-five (65) all the way up to ninety-five (95) years of age, with the highest concentration of individuals on the program in the 70-85 range. We have applicants who have accessed the program in almost every Region across the Province. For all that the program covers the most utilized health-related expense not covered by MSP is Dental and glasses. Individuals accepted into the program receive up to \$2500 and couple applicants up to \$4,000. Multiple program applicants have been accepted to the program since March and already exhausted their funds due to a singular need for either hearing aids or dentures and have

indicated that there are other essential health-related items that they must go without due to this only being a one-time program and they exhausted the funding amount. The program continues to work with new service providers to increase the amount of Service Providers that are aware of the program so that Métis citizens who are on the program do not have to explain and can use the program more seamlessly. Our Elder Temporary Financial Assistance (ETFA) program is on hold as funding for this well-accessed program (926 applications processed) was delivered through COVID-19 relief funds.

Ministry Goal 3: Promote Elders engagement at all levels of Métis governance at the Chartered Community level as traditional knowledge keepers and at Regional Governance Council, to ensure Elders are active participants and are consulted regarding supportive care, long-term care, and end of life continuum initiatives.

Aligned with Goal #4 of the Nation

Last year the Ministry of Health and Wellness Elders Division worked to host the first Elders Gathering, but due to unforeseeable unsafe fire conditions, the event was postponed. Technical staff has been preparing for the Elders Gathering as a part of Rendezvous 2024. There are twenty-nine (29) Elders from across the province registered, their travel and accommodations arranged and provided feedback on programming. We are working with Métis Youth BC to include youth/ Elder opportunities to connect over the weekend as well.

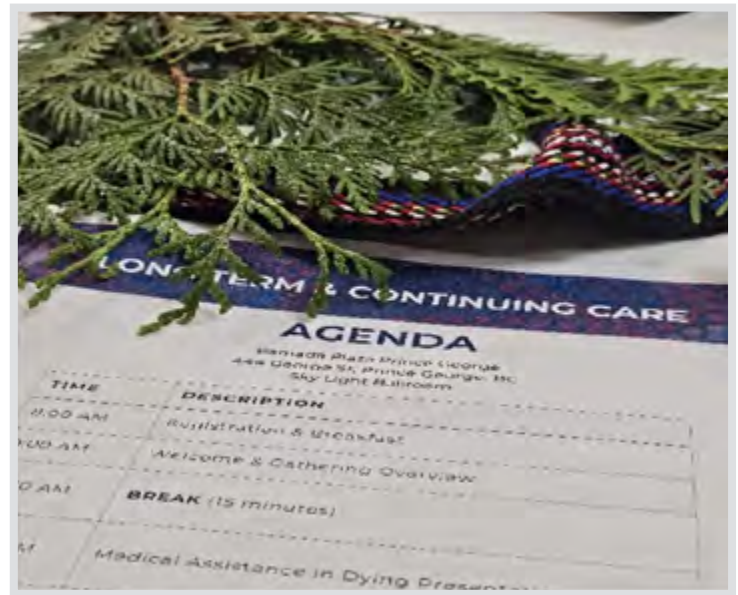


The team has benefited from four engagements related to how Métis Citizens would like to experience their end of life. There were some concerns about how to discuss the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and we were very grateful to have Dr. Stephanie Green deliver a very factual presentation about what MAiD is and what it is not. This provided the template for how the team spoke about the topic over the last three months with Citizens and it was well received.

The graphic recording above reflects the depth of conversation folks had throughout the events and that dignity through the lifespan is important and even more so at death.

Our June Long-term Continuing Care (LTCC) conversation in Prince George was another opportunity to meet with Citizens to understand how they experience the healthcare system currently and what it feels like when the system is working. We have taken an appreciative inquiry approach throughout the conversations related to LTCC and End of Life care which has allowed the events to start from a place of healing. It was also important that every event included some form of culture including plants and medicines, music, beading and jiggging.

In May we held the 2SLGBTQQAI+ Dignity in Death and Dying event in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity. The event created a safer space for members of the community to have a 2-day facilitated conversation about how challenging the end of life can be for 2SLGBTQQAI+ people and the connections that are important to them. The theme of 'chosen family' was very important in the conversation and there were several key takeaways:



- More educational resources provided with a Métis and 2S+ lens around substitute decision makers, advanced care planning and around death doulas.
- Creating within community supports and programs to create community capacity to support in a dignified death process such as Métis Death Doulas Trainings available.
- Information shared with the community around what options are available is important as well as the supports and services available beforehand.
- Creating spaces in community to have these more challenging conversations with loved ones to be prepared and provide individuals with a death they desire.

This beautiful image was created by Métis artist/citizen Carly Nabess as a reflection of the conversations she heard at the conversation included Citizens from 3 Regions and represented folks across generations.

While we await the implementation of the EAC, the Ministry of Elders participates in Ministry of Health and Wellness activities in partnership with Health Authorities and consistently centers the skills and needs of Elders in meetings and events.

Ministry Goal 4: Support the development of inter-organizational agreements that reflect Elder insights and promote the restoration of respectful relationship building with local First Nation Elders.

Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation: Develop and restore respectful relationships and partnerships

A new policy analyst, Taylor, joined the team in Q1 and is focused on Elders and how they are included, promoted and elevated. The team has had two meetings with MNBC Communications team to explore an on-going Elders profile/newsletter that will highlight Elders in the communities across the province and explore their history and insights. Development of questionnaires for Elders as templates for interviews is in process.



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND FOOD SECURITY

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Susie Hooper

Associate Minister: Paulette Flamond

Senior Director: Leona Shaw

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security Mission:

The Ministry advances research, advocacy, and programs to help connect Métis Citizens to the natural environment in British Columbia. This is done through centering and empowering Métis voices and values in matters related to climate change, conservation, and food security. These efforts honour the connections between Métis Citizens and all our relations so we may strive for a healthy and thriving planet for current and future generations.

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security Goals:

1. Ministry Review and Evolution

Redefine the Ministry's vision, mandate, legislation, and goals to ensure we are effective, efficient, and aligned with the MNBC strategic plan.

2. Capacity Enhancement and Development (People focused)

This Ministry has seen rapid growth, and we will focus on fostering talent, leveraging our skills and knowledge, developing new skills, and assigning accountability to show quick, iterative progress on delivering commitments.

3. Research and Data Excellence

Driving operational excellence and continuous improvement in research, information sharing, and transforming and streamlining delivery models.

4. British Columbia Métis Assembly of Natural Resources (BCMANR) Growth and Development

BCMANR support and succession planning to ensure BCMANR can contribute to their purpose and priorities in a sustainable and meaningful way (conservation, training, knowledge sharing, and harvesting advocacy).

Ministry Goal 1: Ministry Review and Evolution

Aligned with Goals 2, 4, and 5 of the Nation

Our team has worked collaboratively to develop a new Ministry mandate to guide our work. This Ministry has seen a lot of change over the past few years and this new mandate better reflects the work we do and helps to guide us. We have been able to clearly define the main priorities that this Ministry focuses on (climate change, conservation, and food security) and create supportive teams to take on this work. This restructuring and delegation of tasks/responsibilities better leverages our existing skills and knowledge, supports the development of new skills, and assigns accountability to show quick, iterative progress on delivering commitments. This work would not be possible without a thriving team, and we have focused on enabling our team to grow in a healthy and sustainable way.

The evolution of this Ministry enables us to strengthen ties with communities, share information, document traditional knowledge, secure more funds to support the work we do, and helps us upkeep cultural preservation.

We have begun writing a strategic priority paper for each of the three above-mentioned priorities (climate change, conservation, and food security). These will be important to present to our new BOD in the fall so we can all be aligned in the work that we do. This also aligns well with what we do on a National level with the MNC and other Governing Members (GM's). The [Métis National Climate Change Strategy](#) was launched this year, and the pre-planning and development of a National Conservation/Nature Strategy and a National Emergency Management Strategy are underway.

Some highlights include:

- Provided approximately 440 Métis Citizens with seeds to grow their own gardens as part of the successful Home Garden Program, continuing in its fourth year.
- Métis Cookbook released (1000 copies printed).
- CoCoRaHS - Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network precipitation monitoring program launched (approximately 30 participants).



CoCoRaHS training workshop was held, and equipment sent out.

- Pollinator week campaign (social media campaign and contest with over 20 respondents)
- Partnership with the Ministry of Youth on the “My Eco-Collective” program. Supporting salary for 1FTE in Youth and funds for fifteen (15) youth to participate in the program.
- Presented six Emergency Preparedness Webinars in partnership with BC’s Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Resiliency (EMCR) on the topics of Extreme Heat, Wildfires and Smoke, Mental Health and Climate Change, Floods, DIY Air Filters, and Drought.
- Emergency Preparedness Webinars partnered with 13 different federal, provincial and regional ministries and districts to deliver knowledge and resources to over 650 registrants in the past 12 months fulfilling Goal 4, Strategic priority ‘to advocate and support greater emergency preparedness for communities’
 - The thirteen (13) partners include: EMCR, Natural Resources Canada, Health Emergency Management BC, BC Wild Fire Services, BC Centers for Disease Control, Fraser Valley Regional District, BCWLRS, Fraser Health, BC Housing, Ministry of Health, Simon Fraser University, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Partnered with Prepare BC to create and distribute 200 Emergency kits to Métis Households that remained on the waitlist from 2023.
- Implementation of ‘Sîpikisôwin (Resilience): Métis Climate Action in British Columbia Program which transitions Métis properties to low-carbon technologies and practices and supports MNBC’s Goal 5, Strategic Priority to ‘pursue “green” options to safeguard the environment’.
- Visited Citizens in Fort St. John, Hudson’s Hope and Dawson Creek to support with harvester card registration, to gather feedback on Parks Canada program, and hosted community meetings about two proposed pipeline projects in the area.
- Hosted an in-person Environment workshop with thirty-four (34) Citizens from all regions of BC participating.
- The Métis Nation National Climate Strategy was released. Two team members were on the writing team.
- Offset 295 tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon emission) from January-June 2024 for all MNBC air travel, contributing \$9000 towards the Great Bear Rainforest (more information can be found here: [Carbonzero](#)).

Ministry Goal 2: Capacity Enhancement and Development (People focused)

Aligned with Goals 2, 5, and 6 of the Nation

Our ministry has seen growth in team capacity over the last year, with the team expanding from 9 members to 12. We continue to expand our core capacity to deliver the programs, research, and support that Citizens are requesting. Some highlights include:

- Hiring of two policy analysts to expand the Ministry's response and engagement with legislation and external partners
- Two more FTE/members will join the team in the fall of 2024:
 - Low Carbon Energy Manager to implement and deliver a low carbon/energy efficiency program for Citizens.
 - Emergency and Climate Change Resiliency Manager to lead in the development, implementation, and enhancement of emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery programs.
- One team member completed the Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) program, one currently taking the program, and one is enrolled for fall 2024. This will ensure we can develop and create strong conservation related opportunities for the Nation.
- Increased integration and coordination with federal, provincial, First Nation, and Health Authority partners regarding Emergency Management (fulfilling Goal 6 Strategic Priority to develop 'respect, understanding, and reconciliation in all aspects of the relationship-building process, including provincial, federal and First Nations relations' and Goal 5 priority to 'advocate and support greater emergency preparedness')
- Circle style meeting facilitation training for the team.

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Food Security Goal 3: Research and Data Excellence

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Nation

We have launched the internal harvester annual survey and harvester database. We had over a decade of harvester data stored on an external platform with no existing data sharing agreements in place. We now have ownership and control of the harvester data internally and have successfully created data sharing agreements to ensure that this data will be stored and used in a safe and respectful way. Our Ministry also now oversees the harvester card application and renewal process, and this will ensure we can better support our harvesters.

The strengthening of our research and data collection process is critical for the empowerment

of the Nation and supports in the identification of community needs. It gives us the foundation to ask bigger questions and explore solutions, for example:

- Documenting environmental factors and harvesting practices that impact Métis health and wellness.
- Food Security surveys and program information we collect support ‘food sovereignty’ goals.
- Emergency Preparedness initiatives, such as townhall style webinars, give participants the chance to share information directly with us and partners, thus improving ‘culturally relevant responsiveness to the needs of Métis communities’ in the long run.

Ministry Security Goal 4: BCMANR Growth and Development

Aligned with Goals 2 and 4 of the Nation

We continue to work with the BCMANR Captains. Their relationship with MNBC is in a healthy and good place, which was reinforced with the recent signing of a new MOU between BCMANR and MNBC in the spring. We continue to support the Captains in developing their own priority papers and succession plans. This will ensure BCMANR’s priorities and vision are well understood, and they are actively working with MNBC on conservation, land use, and harvesting initiatives. We are also collaborating with the Ministry of Rights & Justice to include BCMANR’s voices, knowledge, and stories in Phase 2 of the rights research project.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Louis De Jaeger

Executive Director: Tanya Davoren

Director of Health Governance: Stephen Thomson

Ministry of Health Mission:

MNBC's Ministry of Health's goal is to have Métis self-determine their own health and wellness needs, have equitable access to culturally safe resources and services, embrace lifestyle as medicine, and flourish in their culture and healthy, resilient communities. We serve all Métis in BC, supporting system navigation, providing advocacy supports, and breaking down barriers faced by our Nation.



Ministry of Health Goals:

- 1) Build and improve Métis health and mental health governance within federal, provincial, health authorities, and local jurisdictions to support the Nation's health, mental health, and wellbeing.
- 2) Lead healthcare practitioners toward the adoption of a humble, self-reflective clinical practice that enables the delivery of culturally safe care with practices of Métis Cultural Wellness.
- 3) Enhance Métis quality of life through the development and delivery of culturally relevant programs and services designed to address the health, mental health, and wellness barriers resulting from colonial policy.
- 4) Identify, develop, and secure financial resources for Métis Chartered Community led health and mental health programs and initiatives to meet the needs of their citizens at all life stages and abilities.
- 5) Advance the creation of a sustainable, flexible fiscal framework that empowers MNBC to respond to the health, mental health, and wellness needs of Métis Citizens and Communities. (work in progress; not discussed below)

- 6) Strengthen and maintain current respectful relationships at the Federal, Provincial, Health Authority, and municipal level. Establish new partnerships with stakeholders to serve the Nation.
- 7) Strengthen MNBC's role as, the stewards of our Citizen's data, and truth tell about the health and mental health and wellness of the Métis in BC.

Ministry Goal 1: Build and improve Métis health and mental health governance within federal, provincial, health authorities, and local jurisdictions to support the Nation's health, mental health, and wellbeing.

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation.

MNBC's Ministry of Health and Wellness advocates at the health authority level to ensure Métis inclusion in health plans and initiatives. At the AGM, MNBC will publish a five-year health and wellness plan with Interior Health (Regions 3 and 4), with similar plans for Fraser Health (Region 2) and Northern Health (Regions 5, 6, and 7) to follow in Fall 2024. These plans operationalize commitments from each regional health authority-MNBC Letter of Understanding (LOU) with joint goals and actions.

In June 2024, MNBC, Island Health, and Vancouver Island's six Métis Chartered Communities met in Nanaimo to discuss shared priorities, guiding principles, and the steps needed to renew the LOU and develop a shared Métis Health and Wellness Plan. MCC leaders highlighted the need for a comprehensive work plan to drive real change. A "What we Heard" report will be distributed to communities in Fall 2024.

Ministry Goal 2: Lead healthcare practitioners toward the adoption of a humble, self-reflective clinical practice that enables the delivery of culturally safe care with practices of Métis Cultural Wellness.

Aligned with Goal #2 of the Nation.

Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk

Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk Health Gatherings (TSM) seek to foster Métis allies and champions within Health Authority staff to promote better respect, awareness, and support for Métis accessing the healthcare system.



As of June 2024, **over 400** health authority staff have participated in MNBC's Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk from across each of the five provincial health regions: Fraser Health, Interior Health, Northern Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, and Vancouver Island Health Authority. Future gatherings are being planned throughout 24/25.

Miyomahcihô: The Person is in Good Health

Lisa Shepherd, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), and Fraser Health partnered to offer Experiential Learning Miyomahcihô: The Person is in Good Health for Fraser Health staff. In total, 69 staff participated in these sessions held in February, March, and April of 2024.

The objective was to support the continued learning of Fraser Health physicians and staff by immersing them in the rich Métis culture and providing tools and resources for when working alongside Métis patients in their care.

Ministry Goal 3: Enhance Métis quality of life through the development and delivery of culturally relevant programs and services designed to address the health, mental health, and wellness barriers resulting from colonial policy.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

Essential Medical Transportation Assistance Program

The Essential Medical Travel Assistance Program (EMTAP) is a program that provides pre-approved funding and reimbursement to eligible Métis Citizens so they can travel to essential medical appointments, procedures, specialists, etc., which are unavailable in their local community. This program launched in September 2024. For more information on the eligibility criteria, application form or FAQ's on how to access EMTAP, please refer to the EMTAP program page on MNBC's website.



Regional Health Coordinators

MNBC's Regional Health Coordinators (RHCs) advocate for Métis self-determination in health, aiming for equitable access to culturally safe resources. From September 2023 to July, 2024, RHCs supported 416 health service requests across BC. Outcomes are reported and evaluated, including navigation of MNBC's internal programs, connections to culturally safe parts of the Regional Health Authority, and finding low-cost dental, optometry, and prescriptions for low-income Citizens. This effort seeks to improve Métis wellness throughout the health system.

Métis Health Experience Program

MNBC's Health Experience Program (MHEP) supports Métis in BC by advocating, navigating complaints processes, and collecting healthcare stories to offer alternative resolutions. The Métis Health Experience Advocate promotes the program across the province, both virtually and in

person. From January to June 2024, MHEP supported 33 Métis individuals who reached out through the online intake process or directly contacted the Advocate.

The MHEP has recruited an Advisory Circle to support MNBC's work to raise awareness, empower individuals, and influence health services accessed by Métis Communities. It provides a safe space for sharing experiences and includes diverse Métis voices from across BC. Recently, the circle gathered in Lac La Hache, hosted by Elder Tom McCallum, and participated in cultural activities including a sweat ceremony and to take in Elder Tom's cultural centre. Over the next year, the circle will support projects like developing a case study on Naomie's Story.

CervixCheck

We are pleased to announce that as of January 29, 2024, all British Columbians can access at-home HPV self-screening. CervixCheck reached over 100 Métis Citizens and those who self-identify in Northern Métis Chartered Communities like Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, and others. The program began in 2021 in the Northwest, expanded to Northeast BC in 2023, and concluded in December 2024. MNBC held its first Health Promotion Gathering in 2024 to celebrate the project's success and share findings, aiming to increase awareness and access to cancer screening in all 39 Métis Chartered Communities.

Métis Health and Wellness Resource Cards

The Ministry of Health and Wellness created a Health and Wellness Resource postcard featuring information and QR codes for Métis patients and community members. These cards were distributed to all 39 Métis Chartered Communities and health authorities, with frontline staff aiding distribution to self-identifying Métis in health spaces.

Ministry Goal 4: Identify, develop, and secure financial resources for Métis Chartered Community led health and mental health programs and initiatives to meet the needs of their citizens at all life stages and abilities.

Aligned with Goal #4 of the Nation.

Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Air Cleaners: Building Community Resilience to reduce Fire Smoke Exposure

MNBC held DIY Air Cleaner workshops to address infectious disease risks and air quality for Métis populations. Eight Chartered Communities participated, with nearly 100 Citizens building their own air cleaners. The focus was on understanding pathogens and protecting health. MNBC plans to expand this program over the next year.

Ministry Goal 6: Strengthen and maintain current respectful relationships at the Federal, Provincial, Health Authority, and municipal level. Establish new partnerships with stakeholders to serve the Nation.



Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation.

The Health and Wellness team coordinated Board-to-Board meetings with Northern Health, Interior Health, and Vancouver Island Health, transforming relationships into partnerships to better serve Métis in BC. These meetings give MNBC a voice in the governance of BC's health system and advance reconciliation. MNBC aims to expand these meetings across the health system and strengthen partnerships to better serve its Citizens.

Fraser Partnership Accord

In February 2024, MNBC became a signatory partner on the Fraser Partnership Accord in a ceremony witnessed by leaders from the Region 2 Métis Chartered Communities, Fraser Salish Leadership, MNBC, First Nations Health Authority, and Fraser Health staff. This signing represents the first time MNBC is recognized as full and equal partners in decision-making within BC's health system and represents a significant step forward in our relationship with local First Nations in BC. This signing ensures MNBC's Region 2 Director will have a voting seat at the table and ensures the voices of Métis leaders from across the region are represented in decision-making within Fraser Health.

Ministry Goal 7: Strengthen MNBC's role as, the stewards of our Citizen's data, and truth tell about the health and mental health and wellness of the Métis in BC.

Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation.

The Health and Wellness Policy Team actively participates in tables, committees, and working groups, prioritizing Métis concerns and well-being. Strengthening relationships with external partners, like the OPHO, has provided valuable data and insight, advancing MNBC's political objectives and giving Métis perspectives access to new spaces. In December 2023, MNBC and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer renewed their partnership and signed a Letter of Understanding to support the Métis Population Health Program's next report on mental health and wellness, set for release by Fall 2025.



MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Walter Mineault

Associate Minister: Patrick Harriott

Chief Operating Officer: Brent Weberg

Executive Director: Chris Tupy

Ministry Mission:

We create housing and social infrastructure through compassionate and effective policies, programs, and partnerships. We provide safe, affordable, dignified housing through innovation, collaboration, and commitment to secure Métis people in BC a place to call home.

Development Division Goals - Highlights:

1. Determine priorities and develop the property portfolio to meet the Nation's goals.
2. Establish a clear, predictable process for all projects in Métis Chartered Communities.
3. Expand partnerships and increase Ministry project visibility.
4. Ensure projects are culturally relevant to Métis Citizens.

Division Goal 1: Determine priorities and develop the property portfolio to meet the Nation's goals.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation.

Realign existing portfolio by April 2024; remove or expand properties that do not suit development needs, acquire replacements where feasible.

In April 2024, the properties at 4617 Greig and adjoining parcels in Terrace were acquired. Additionally, 2812 Tetrault Street in Terrace was listed for sale, having been sold in March 2024. In November 2023, 307-309 Brunswick in Saanich was successfully acquired, followed by the purchase of properties at 11-47 Dogwood Street in Campbell River in April 2024. At the same time, 834 South Island Highway in Campbell River was listed for sale. The Surrey Bridgeview property received a pending offer in June 2024, prompting the development of a replacement strategy for this property.

In addition to the above, the Ministry is developing a Housing Strategy that will inform future growth of the Nations' property portfolio, considering the needs of Métis Chartered Communities.

Division Goal 2: Establish a clear, predictable process for all projects in Métis Chartered Communities.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation.

This goal is focused on supporting Métis Chartered Communities by streamlining and making funding accessible to as many communities as possible. In 2023/2024, Mid-Island Métis Association, Vernon and District Métis Association, Cowichan Valley Métis Association and South Okanagan Similkameen Métis Association were approved and have either completed their renovation/relocation projects or are close to completion as part of the former Expression of Interest process. North East Métis Association was approved and is in the process of completing due diligence before getting underway with their project.

As part of the feedback from Métis Chartered Communities, the Board of Directors approved a new Chartered Community Project Proposals (CCPP) process in March 2024. In collaboration with the Ministry of Community Services, the Ministry of Housing and Homelessness opened the first intake for projects of up to \$60,000 in April 2024. In July 2024, the Board of Directors approved six (6) CCPP applications.

Division Goal 3: Expand partnerships and increase Ministry project visibility.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation.

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness is actively pursuing funding that supports and expands partnership opportunities for housing development projects. In Winter 2024, MNBC received \$1,000,000 from BC Housing's Project Development Fund to support the project work in Campbell River, Invermere, Saanich, and Terrace. In May 2024, the Ministry applied to BC Housing's Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF) to support projects in Campbell River, Invermere, and Saanich. The IHF funding announcements are expected in Fall 2024.

The Ministry is also pursuing Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with Chartered Communities where the ministry has active projects.

Division Goal 4: Ensure projects are culturally relevant to Métis Citizens.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation.

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness worked with a team, including two Métis architects, and in consultation with the Culture, Heritage, and Language working group to create the MNBC Architectural Design Guidelines which were approved by the Board in December 2023. The Ministry also completed the MNBC Housing Typologies Report which was developed with two Métis architects and approved by the Board in June 2024. The purpose of these documents is to ensure MNBC is incorporating cultural elements into each project.

Support Programs Division Goals - Highlights:

1. Launch and operationalize the 2nd Stage Housing Program.
2. Launch and operationalize the Tenant Advocacy Program.
3. Provide services to 240 individual Métis citizens or self-identified Métis through Reaching Home in FY 2024-25.
4. Provide 65 non-repayable grants through the Ma Nîki Home Renovation Program in FY 2024-25.
5. Gain access to Métis specific data from BC Housing and local point-in-time (PiT) homeless counts by the end of FY 2024-25.

Division Goal 1: Launch and operationalize the 2nd Stage Housing Program.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

Operational funding has been secured through the New Relationship Trust (NRT) totaling \$200,000 (\$100,000 yearly for 2 years). Risk assessment and related policies have been supported at the board level. All renovations have been completed and furniture has been delivered and installed. A referral group consisting of relevant stakeholders from multiple MNBC Ministries has been formed to identify participants.

Division Goal 2: Launch and operationalize the Tenant Advocacy Program.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

The Ministry of Housing and Homelessness is working closely with IMIT to develop a web-based platform to provide citizens with much needed information on their rights as tenants and how to navigate tenancy disputes. An internal training platform is also in the works to keep MNBC staff up to date on providing advocacy and support for tenancy disputes.

Division Goal 3: Provide services to 240 individual Métis citizens or self-identified Métis through Reaching Home in FY 2024-25.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

From April to June 2024, more than \$103,000 was provided to 60 applicants of Reaching Home to help them find, secure, or maintain housing. There has been a total of 128 beneficiaries (applicants + their family members) provided with critical support and services in that same period.

Division Goal 4: Provide 65 non-repayable grants through the Ma Nîki Home Renovation Program in FY 2024-25.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

From April to June 2024, more than \$190,000 was provided to 16 Elder applicants of Ma Nîki to help them with accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades, as well as critical repairs and renovations,

so they can age in place in their family home. At the start of this fiscal year, MNBC began its partnership with FortisBC, and 13 seniors have been referred to provincial rebate programs.

Division Goal 5: Gain access to Métis specific data from BC Housing and local point-in-time (PiT) homeless counts by the end of FY 2024-25.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

BC Housing has provided shelter specific Métis data from the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) for the entire province for the last 2 fiscal years along with Homeless Prevention Program (HPP) rent supplement and housing registry data. The Homeless Services Association of BC (HSABC) has provided point-in-time homeless count data for 20 communities so far and has connected staff with the appropriate stakeholders to access data for the rest of the communities in BC that completed counts.



MINISTRY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Lissa Dawn Smith

Director: Jeremy Twigg

Mission:

The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) is dedicated to establishing and strengthening relationships with all levels of government – federal, provincial, municipal, and First Nations. Intergovernmental Affairs also acts as an interface with the Métis National Council (MNC) and other Governing Members. As a central service, we support all MNBC ministries.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of Métis in B.C. by funding Métis-specific social and economic programs and services, creating the political conditions to attain Aboriginal rights, and achieve self-determination. Intergovernmental Affairs advocates for predictable, long-term funding to enable the delivery of culturally distinct programs and services to Registered Citizens.

Department of Intergovernmental Affairs Goals:

Goal 1: Increase staffing capacity to facilitate the mandate of the department of Intergovernmental Affairs. Through this added capacity, IGA will advance MNBC's strategic goals while providing issues management support and servicing ministry requests.

Goal 2: Strengthen MNBC's relationship with the Crown to facilitate reconciliation at both the federal and provincial levels in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This includes leading the reconciliation agreement process with the Province of British Columbia, and advancing the interests of MNBC through the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) process – both through the Métis National Council and direct advocacy with the federal government.

Goal 3: Strengthen relationships with Indigenous governments and Métis Chartered Communities to advance MNBC's strategic goals and improve the political climate to facilitate reconciliation.

Goal 4: Establish relationships with municipalities in the seven regions where MNBC is developing Métis centers.

Department Goal 1: Increase staffing capacity to facilitate the mandate of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. Through this added capacity, IGA will advance MNBC's strategic goals

while providing issues management support and servicing ministry requests.

Aligned with all Goals of the Nation.

The Department was built from scratch just three years ago; capacity is a necessary focus to increase productivity and create a larger impact.

We recently hired an ex-staffer from the federal government to boost administrative capacity. With experience working for a Member of Parliament (MP), she has already demonstrated an aptitude for policy. She has quickly become a core team member.

Our small but capable team has now grown to six members – putting us in a better position to serve MNBC ministries and departments, and advance MNBC’s strategic objectives.

Department Goal 2: Strengthen MNBC’s relationship with the Crown to facilitate reconciliation at both the federal and provincial levels in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This includes leading the reconciliation agreement process with the Province of British Columbia, and advancing the interests of MNBC through the PBM process – both through the Métis National Council and direct advocacy with the Government of Canada.

Aligned with Goals of the Nation #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6.

PROVINCIAL

MNBC faced political headwinds last year, due to the retraction of Minister Rankin’s letter affirming our citizens’ collectively-held Section 35 rights and our status as the Métis government in British Columbia, and the release of the Distinctions-Based Approach (DBA) primer without consultation. Intergovernmental Affairs worked closely with senior leadership, our Board, and the Province to reset the bilateral relationship. Those efforts are yielding dividends; work is underway to develop a DBA Interim Approach, which will feature messaging to clarify our non-land-based, social sector rights in B.C.

Closed-door meetings with Premier Eby were held to generate awareness at the highest political level, and a regular cadence of bilateral table meetings are supporting the development of a reconciliation agreement. President Smith, President Caron, and senior MNBC staff met with the Premier in April to discuss the relationship reset, Métis Justice Strategy, DBA Companion Document, Children and Families, and the Métis Summit. We also engaged with the Premier informally at a fundraiser in Surrey in May.

A meeting was held with Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care, in July to fight for representation of Métis learners in the kindergarten to Grade 12 public education system. Our team then coordinated a Citizen advocacy campaign to push back on the lack of engagement on Bill 40 – *School Amendment Act* – and the establishment of Indigenous Education Councils (IECs). MNBC is demanding equitable representation in the IEC policy. Nearly 2,000 Registered Citizens have sent letters to the Premier and Minister Singh for better educational outcomes for Métis children.

We are developing a provincial election influencing strategy based on Métis populations in electoral districts, using census data as a guide. The top priority is increased involvement in Métis Children in the state welfare system.

We developed a new provincial reconciliation table model that will formalize engagement with key cabinet ministers. The new model will include an annual Métis Summit featuring the Premier, and bi-annual meetings with key Cabinet Ministers. Table meetings recently held included Culture, Economic Development, Health, Housing, and Environmental Protection. A bilateral fiscal framework is being drafted.

Our team also coordinated responses to the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples's* Act Action Plan Report, submitted changes to DRIPA Action Plan 4.20 reporting matrix, and worked with the Ministry of Rights to complete Section 3 of the Report: Alignment of Laws.

We coordinated meetings with more than a dozen provincial and federal cabinet ministers, including Pam Alexis, Minister of Agriculture; Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing; Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Grace Lore, Minister of Children and Families; Raj Chouhan, Speaker of the House; Lisa Beare, Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills; and Pascale St. Onge, Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Working with our Executive Director of Children and Families and Chief Relations Officer, we established a new path forward for working with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to achieve interim steps towards full jurisdiction of children in care.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Relations Officer met with the Speaker and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria to discuss our inclusion in the Legislature's Reconciliation Action Plan and advocated for the story of Métis in B.C. to be brought to light through visual displays.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Started in 2022, our regional engagement program has coordinated more than 100 meetings between MNBC's Regional Directors and their local Members of the Legislative Assembly and MPs, ensuring relationships exist in all seven regions. Last year, we began phase two of this initiative by including Chartered Community Presidents in meetings with elected representatives of the Crown.

FEDERAL

Federally, Intergovernmental Affairs advocated for direct federal funding, among other priorities that include Health, Housing, Economic Development, and Environmental Protection.

Working with our Ministry of Rights, we developed a set of recommendations to breathe new life into the Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination table – focusing on reinvigorating relationships with senior officials – and we look forward to playing a larger role at the table.

Intergovernmental Affairs maintains close relationships with senior staff in Minister Anandasangaree's office and the Prime Minister's Office to support federal initiatives and ensure we have a strong voice in Ottawa. We attended a Canada-MNC Senior Officials meeting to advance priority topic areas, and to create political will to fund long-term agreements and workplans. Our department consolidated feedback from MNBC ministries on the MNC pre-budget submission to the federal government, with a focus on funding for Child and Family Services and Economic Development

We led a delegation to Ottawa to advocate for distinctions-based funding for Métis housing projects, meeting with the NDP Critic for Indigenous Housing MP Blake Desjarlais, the Office of the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Parliamentary Secretary Chris Bittle, and the Conservative Critic for Housing.

Our team has also been advocating for funding to support the work of our Culture, Heritage and Language team and the Amelia Douglas Institute (ADI). We provided a tour of our Surrey headquarters for the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Pascale St-Onge, seeking a commitment to help fund and grow the ADI.

Indigenous cyber security has also been a topic of interest for our team; we have been participating in quarterly meetings with CSIS and are looking forward to attending next year's Indigenous cyber security conference.

Department Goal 3: Strengthen relationships with Indigenous governments to advance MNBC's strategic goals, and improve the political climate to facilitate reconciliation.

Aligned with Goals of the Nation #1 and #6.

Our newest department, Strategic Relationships, has been fulfilling objectives laid out in the First Nations Relationships Plan. Recent activities include supporting our Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Education in meetings with municipalities where housing and childcare projects are in the planning stages. MNBC delegations are establishing relationships with First Nations on whose traditional territories projects are being developed.

Additionally, Intergovernmental Affairs is conceptualizing a new systematic regional engagement approach to establishing relationships with First Nations at the staff level, with the longer-term aim of arranging meetings between MNBC's Board and Chief and Councils to establish protocol agreements and other strategic partnerships.

We have drafted letters inviting participation in community development projects to Tseshaht Nation, Kitselas Nation, Kitsumkalum Nation, Doig River Nation, West Moberly Nation, Halfway River Nation, Blueberry River Nation, Saulteau Nation, and Treaty 8. Intergovernmental Affairs has also participated in meetings regarding childcare development spaces with Wei Wei Kum First Nation and the Okanagan Indian Band.

Alongside our Ministry of Economic Development, Intergovernmental Affairs is connecting with First Nations on Vancouver Island regarding tours of Point Ellice House and the repatriation of cultural artifacts.

Department Goal 4: Establish relationships with municipalities and Chartered Communities in the seven regions where MNBC is developing Métis centers.

Aligned with Goals of the Nation #2, #3, #4, and #6.

The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs has been advancing relationships at all levels of government, including municipalities and Chartered Communities. As an example, we coordinated a meeting with District of Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock to advocate for an MNBC childcare project.

Our team supported Kelly Lake Settlement Society's housing application and facilitated relationship building efforts with the Okanagan Indian Band on behalf of the Vernon and District Métis Association. We also supported the President of the North Cariboo Métis Association in advocacy and truth-telling regarding the historic and ongoing impact of Residential Schools on our Nation.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Lissa Smith

Associate Minister: Dean Gladue

Director: Melanie Walker

Ministry of Justice Mission:

The Ministry of Justice is an independent ministry with its own tables and goals, but also acts as a central service ministry as our work crosses the paths of so many other ministries. We exist to bring justice for Métis in both the BC and Federal Justice systems; this includes decreasing and illuminating the over-representation of Métis, supporting and creating programs and services and safe spaces for those who are in the justice system, ensuring cultural inclusion for Métis in such programs, and breaking down the system that targets and creates Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). We serve all citizens, registered and non-registered, Chartered Communities, ministries, and leadership.

This team is set up with “umbrella” staff that oversee, manage and/or support both ministries, and then we also have Ministry-specific staff under each ministry who have specific expertise. Senior Ministry staff and all umbrella staff report to the Director; other levels of ministry staff report to their respective ministries’ senior staff. The Staff number is small right now, but there are more positions to be filled and more to come; this team in the next year will potentially become one of the largest teams at MNBC. Area of expertise includes Métis rights, Métis law, and the justice system both provincial and federal for Indigenous people, Métis in particular.

Ministry of Justice Goals:

1. MNBC Justice Strategy
2. Canada Indigenous Justice Strategy
3. Justice and Policing Sub-Accord
4. BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) work:
 - a. Indigenous Justice Centres
 - b. Gladue services
 - c. Legal aid transition
5. MNBC Justice Council
6. Senate

The Ministry of Justice overall update:

We have recently had a focus on capacity growth so that we are better situated to support our 6 goals, including funding, and hiring.

- Hired a Full-time Temporary Summer Intern: Boston Laferté who is attending the Indigenous law program at UVIC and is doing an amazing job in supporting the Ministry this summer. He is our second intern from this law program, which we found exciting as we are becoming known as a place for Métis youth in the program to take a summer internship!
- Hired a consultant to continue our Métis 101 work that will educate justice professionals
- Currently working with our People and Culture team to post a new Justice Navigator position; we received funding from the Law Foundation for this role.
- We have just finished writing two other positions that will be sent to our People and Culture team shortly, an analyst and Manager 2 for the Ministry, and are looking to bring on a short-term consultant to support some urgent work.
- Received \$240,000 in funding from Canada for our federal justice work.
- Applied for numerous Law Foundation Grants totaling \$2.6 million
- Ongoing work of two large funding opportunities:
 - Treasury Board ask for \$21 million to BC for the Justice Strategy.
 - Budget creation and dialogue with Canada around the Sub-Accord (this ask will be in the millions).
 - Further negotiations for funding with Canada in relation to their Indigenous Justice Strategy and their support of our work.

This is the Ministry's behind-the-scenes work, and this increase in capacity will allow us to be present in more work and spaces to create change within the justice system.

Ministry of Justice Goal 1: MNBC Justice Strategy

Aligned with Goals 2, 3 and 5 of the Nation

As written in our Q1 report this year, we were "watching our phones eagerly awaiting one of the most important phone calls the ministry may receive...", and we are so extremely excited to be able to say that our phones finally rang.

The BC Cabinet approved the Métis Justice Strategy.

What does this actually mean?

The Métis Justice Strategy was written by MNBC and informed through our community engagement with you back in 2019. It is a Métis owned and created document, proudly carried by your

self-determined government, and supported by the MNBC Justice Council and Senate. However, in today's age, and considering our MNBC Strategic Goals, it is important to build relationships and find allies in our work to reap the greatest benefit for Métis in BC. The Government of BC was and is a strong partner in this work – our relationship through the approvals stage of this strategy had some ups and downs, and MNBC rallied hard with the help of our leadership and Intergovernmental team to ensure that we gained a supportive partner at the end of the day. BC's approval now allows us to work together government-to-government to make substantive change to the justice system in BC, decrease the overrepresentation of Métis in the justice system, and apply for the much-needed funding to support this work.

Ministry of Justice Goal 2: Canada Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS)

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, and 5 of the Nation

As Canada creates their Indigenous Justice Strategy, MNBC is active and present at the table, advocating for the needs of Métis in BC; this work is done independently with Canada, as well as at a shared Métis Nation and Canada table with Métis National Council (MNC) and Governing Members (GMs), and a shared priorities table that also includes First Nations and Inuit organizations.

In Q1 a collaborative table with MNC and GMs was kicked off for the IJS work; this allows a much stronger advocacy for the needs of Métis. MNBC will be hosting one of these meetings in person at our HQ in Surrey this summer. MNBC received 240K from Canada to do this work.

Ministry of Justice Goals 3: Justice and Policing Sub-Accord

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Nation

We are currently working with MNC, GMs and Canada to co-develop a Justice and Policing Sub-Accord; this was created from the work we did with Canada on their United Nations Declaration Act and our Permanent Bilateral Mechanism (PBM) tables. MNBC, along with GMs and MNC was successful in 2024 in having the workplan endorsed at the PBM - Canada and Métis Nation leadership table. We are actively participating and engaging at this table to finalize the sub-agreement; MNBC was proud to do substantive work in drafting core sections of the sub-agreement this Spring.

Ministry of Justice Goal 4: BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) work

Aligned with Goals 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Nation

This goal is to work with BCFNJC to ensure that the Métis voice and needs are incorporated into their work, including the Indigenous Justice Centres, Gladue reports, and legal aid transitions that were passed to BCFNJC from the Province of BC.

With funding from Canada, MoJ hired a consultant to begin working on a Métis 101 training program for Gladue writers and other Justice professionals; this work will be finalized this fiscal year.

The Ministry of Justice met with the Attorney General to discuss the Surrey Indigenous Justice Centre partnership and has verbal support. However, we continue to negotiate funding for this work.

from BC. Although we did receive 500K from BC to increase our staffing capacity.

MNBC was invited to the BCFNJC annual Justice Summit in Vancouver – MoJ staff attended the entire event; it was a 3-day event and included an invite-only ceremony and dinner where we were able to connect Colette, our CEO with the Attorney General, and confirm another follow up meeting with President Smith.

Ministry of Justice Goals 5 and 6: MNBC Justice Council and Senate

Aligned with Goals 2,3, 4 and 6 of the Nation

In Spring 2024, Justice Council members were provided capacity funding for the first time ever for the work they do. The Ministry of Justice continues to build budget estimates that include the needs of both the Justice Council and the Senate, as we are motivated to find sustainable funding for them. We look forward to working with our new Justice Council as we learn who our new Ministers and Council Representatives are after the election.



MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Dr. Kate Elliott

Executive Director: Tanya Davoren

Director of Mental Health and Harm Reduction: Sheri Gee

Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction Mission:

The Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction's (MoMH and HR) is working towards fully realized mental health and wellness for Métis people in BC. Through our Ministry, we advocate for culturally appropriate mental health and harm reduction programs and services at the national, provincial, and regional levels. We continue to highlight and address the gaps in existing services and advocate for changes needed to better foster the health, wellness, and resilience of Métis individuals and communities. Additionally, the mental health and harm reduction team provides support, education, and advocacy for Métis people and Métis Chartered Communities across BC. As a growing Ministry, the Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction strives to create whole-life, wraparound mental wellness initiatives – centered in community wisdom, and rooted in the idea of “culture as medicine”. Utilizing a whole-life approach to foster mental health and wellness for Métis individuals and Communities across all stages of life – from prenatal to end-of-life. We seek to develop and implement mental wellness programming that is grounded in Métis culture and Métis ways-of-knowing. In understanding and recognizing intersectionality, we honour the diversity of the Métis population across BC; a population that is inclusive of all age groups, gender identities, sexual orientations, and diverse abilities. As such, our work seeks to be inclusive and representative of Métis youth, adult, Elder, Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+), diverse abilities, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ lenses.



Ministry Goal 1: Advocate and assert our Métis rights with a particular focus on mental health and wellness (in alignment with DRIPA and UNDRIP) to greater support the mental health and wellbeing of the Nation.

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation.

The leadership team has ongoing partnership meetings with the provincial Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, provincial Ministry of Health, and provincial Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. This work serves in alignment with DRIPA Action 4.26.

A sample of some of the current partnership meetings that are held within the Mental Health and Harm Reduction portfolio:

- Provincial Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Overdose Prevention Services (MMHA OPS) Minimum Service Standard Core Table,
- Decriminalization Core Planning,
- Provincial MMHA Beds Oversight and Accountability Expert Advisory Committee,
- Provincial MMHA Harm Reduction Community Guide Table,
- Provincial MMHA Healthcare in Housing,
- Child, Youth, and Young Adults Indigenous Partners Committee.

Ministry Goal 2: Gather knowledge to support the creation of culturally grounded mental wellness, substance use, and harm reduction resources that are of Métis, by Métis, for Métis rooted in Métis ways of knowing and being.

Aligned with Goal #2 of the Nation.

Métis Child Safety and Wellness Circle In response to the devastating loss of life of Métis youth to suicide, the team has developed a virtual support circle to support those who have lost their children, and to promote safety and prevention from future losses. This group will be having in-person support circles as well to offer the cultural component and in person supports needed.

Ooma La Michinn – Community-Driven Life Promotion Modules and Interactive Learnings. This project is in the final review phase and will be ready for release in fall 2024. Five modules crafted by Métis citizens and youth will be ready for online learning and will form the basis for future Life promotion programming.

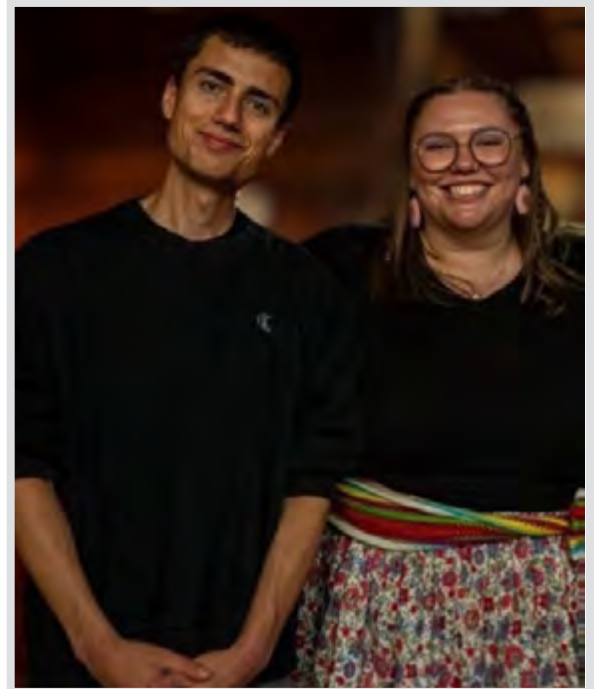


Métis Atooshkayahk Aansaamb Chi Kiikayhk

(Working together to heal) Committee – Community driven circle that is developing virtual harm reduction resources

Métis Aansaamb ni Wiichihtonaan (we are taking care, helping together) Youth Committee – Previously known as the Métis Youth Mental health and Wellness Initiative/Youth Mental Health and Wellness Committee, this group continues to work developing Métis specific resources and a virtual education series.

Ministry Goal 3: Develop and deliver barrier-free, Métis- grounded mental health, substance use, and harm reduction programs and services that seek to uplift the mental wellness of Métis individuals and Communities throughout BC.



Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

The Miyaayaawinn (Wellness) Workers have increased access to mental wellness supports for Métis individuals that have been impacted, both directly and indirectly, by the harms of residential schools and day schools. Quote from participant: *“I found this program helped me discover my lost spiritual, emotional and cultural identity; This workshop brought tears to my eyes and pride in mt heart to connect and learn with other Métis people; some of the thoughts and feelings about myself that I have been thinking of for a long time finally clicked and made sense in a cultural perspective; To heal we need to gather in circle and listen and learn from our Elders and Knowledge holder to pass down traditional medicine and ways of knowing. We need the support of our community members who walk with gifts of knowledge in supporting those of us experiencing or who have experienced trauma and grief. In doing this we can heal and share our journey with our loved ones. We need to continue to hold each other up to keep our community strong. It takes courage to step into our healing journey with truth and humility. This circle provides that brave space for us.”*

The Regional Mental Health Navigators have supported Métis individuals to navigate the mental health and substance use system. Navigator success story: *“There has been some beautiful holistic wrap around for a case coming from community. Seeing community do the work and bring the nav role in to find external supports and organize efforts. Our communities are so strong, and they show it; an individual that I supported in accessing funding for a treatment center will be graduating from their 1-year treatment program. To celebrate the hard work and them entering a new chapter in their life. We were able to send a Cultural Package to the individual in honor of their graduation. In this package included items such as the Mental Health and Harm Reduction Sash, Tobacco tie, plant medicine, and a Kaa-wiichihitoyaahk book. This individual not only*

completed the treatment program, but also was able to get their driver's license and complete two online courses to be able to graduate with their Dogwood all while at the treatment center."

MNBC Peer Support Workers: As part of the SUAP team, Our Peer Support workers are the front line of MNBC outreach in the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver, reaching out to our most vulnerable Métis Population. They have connected with and provided outreach and support to 330 Métis individuals who have been cared for and uplifted by this work. Quotes from a few peers:

*"**Daniel:** There was always stigma attached to being Métis, so I did not tell anyone. I felt like I could not fit in being First Nations or European. I was not accepted by either, meeting you guys has restored a community for me. I feel hopeful about reclaiming my culture and being accepted for who I am and learning and growing in my culture now. I have been connected to the Métis community now for 4 months thanks to you and your program".*

*"**Mercedes:** "Hey I just wanted to share how well I have been doing since I have been connected to my Métis culture again. I am working as an OPS worker now and have a place to stay now. I feel more whole again and haven't been using very much now. I am eternally grateful for connecting me with my roots again, it's what I was searching for"*

Ministry Goal 4: Provide greater support to Métis Chartered Communities through strengthening connections and deepening MNBC's understanding of each Community's unique mental wellness and harm reduction needs and priorities.

Aligned with Goal #4 of the Nation.

Kaa-wiichitoyaahk (We take care of each other) Comprehensive Mental Wellness Community Capacity building. This program in the final year of funding in partnership with LivingWorks has successfully delivered ASSIST, SafeTALK, and START programming to 30 Métis communities. To date we have delivered 38 safeTALK half-day Suicide Prevention Workshops and 7 two-day ASSIST Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings in Community. This represents 557 community members who were empowered with suicide alertness and suicide intervention skills training. Online offerings of START programming have been utilized by 117 individuals across the province.

As part of the evaluation in preparing to wrap up this program we have begun working to develop supports and services that promote Cultural Virtual Aftercare and Knowledge-Sharing Sessions of this project.

Monthly meetings of the Community Life Promotion Circle and safeTALK Facilitator Cohort Meetings continue to provide wrap-around-care, debriefing opportunities, and wisdom/insights that inform the suicide prevention work across BC.



Ministry Goal 5: Pursue and advocate for flexible, sustainable funding to support the ongoing operations and services of MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction.

Aligned with Goal #5 of the Nation.

Leadership continues to advocate at the Provincial and Federal levels with funding proposals awaiting final decisions to secure funding for:

- SUAP (Substance Use and Addictions Program) from Health Canada,
- Annual funding increase for Mental Health and Harm Reduction Programming from Provincial MMHA, and
- Comprehensive Substance use proposal submitted to Provincial MMHA.

VOICES Dementia Care Research Study – Partnership with University of Calgary is being outlined. Their team will provide \$15,000 to support research goals including the financial support of a research assistant.

Ministry Goal 6: Maintain and further nurture strong, healthy relationships between MNBC's Ministry of Mental Health and Harm Reduction and key external partners – including provincial and federal governments, health authorities, Indigenous organizations, and mental health/harm reduction organizations.

Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation.

Our Ministry holds valued partnerships with many external partners including: MMH and HR and BC Center for Disease Control (BCCDC), Health Authority MHSU teams, Extension of Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Hub team, and many other core planning tables.

Kuu-us Crisis Line Society (Métis Crisis Line) We hold a partnership here to provide the 24-7 crisis supports to all Métis people in British Columbia to have access to real time support when they need it and referrals to MNBC services and supports to build relationships with substance use and treatment recovery facilities throughout British Columbia,

Substance Use and Treatment Recovery Facilities resource: The Regional Mental Health Navigators have been connecting with substance use and treatment recovery facilities throughout British Columbia to build relationships. As well, from these connections the Navigators have been creating a resource outlining facilities that have completed Métis specific cultural safety training and have connected with and documented 52 substance-use and treatment recovery facilities across British Columbia.



MINISTRY OF RIGHTS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Walter Mineault

Associate Minister: Patrick Harriott

Director: Melanie Walker

Ministry of Rights Mission:

The Ministry of Rights (MoR) is a ministry that has its own independent tables, and also acts as a central service, providing negotiation and rights expertise to MNBC leadership and Ministries. This Ministry exists to ensure that MNBC citizens are recognized for their inherent rights as Indigenous people, and for MNBC to continue to govern as a self-determined government. Our most pressing mandate right now is to finish our research project and to use it to fight for S. 35 rights to be recognized from both BC and Canada. We serve all citizens, all ministries, and our leadership. We also directly support the MNBC Strategy Plan goal #1.

Ministry of Rights Goals:

1. Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination Agreement with Canada

To have Canada formally accept and recognize Métis rights in BC and MNBC as the chosen self-determined government of those rights.

2. United Nations Declaration Act (UNDA) Action Plan

To fully participate and collaborate with Canada on the implementation of its UNDA Action Plan through the shared priorities, the Métis specific priorities, and the MNBC specific priority as approved and published in June 2023.

3. Create Referrals process (Consultation)

a. Legislative and Policy review (external laws: BC and Canada law)

In February 2024, the MNBC Board approved re-structuring that included moving our consultation work to the Ministry of Rights; this work includes creating a formal process for consultation work at MNBC and participating in all legislative and policy changes occurring in western governments in BC and at the federal level.

4. Build Ministry Capacity

To increase the staff and funding for the Ministry so that we can keep up with the work being asked of us and the opportunities in front of us.

Ministry of Rights Goal 1: Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination Agreement with Canada

Aligned with Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation.

The Ministry of Rights went to our Board of Directors this Spring with a year 2 scoping plan that was approved. We kicked off our year 2 research project formally and started collaborating with Community Services, Communications, and various other MNBC ministries; this includes outlining and planning our interview schedule for the rest of 2024. We updated the project name to a Michif word, Tâpwêwin, meaning truth telling; this better reflects the Métis culture, and words used by our ministers when discussing the project and the purpose of it: to tell the truth about the history and contemporary practices of Métis and the Métis community in BC. Our research project will receive year 2 funding: 1.5 million from Canada.

We were also successful in signing a co-developed workplan with Canada for our Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination (RIRSD) table; at this table we are also actively negotiating a Terms of Reference with Canada around the research project and Canada's determination process.

In parallel to Tâpwêwin, we took a Métis Rights Assertion Strategy to the Rights Committee and then to the Board of Directors – we were successful in receiving endorsement of this Strategy and our plan for the next year. We will kick off the fall with a 2-day session with the new Board, seeking approval of this same Strategy, which walks us down the path to creating a much-needed Métis Rights Framework. Tâpwêwin will lead directly, not only into our table with Canada, but also our work with BC, and our Métis Rights Framework. We have expanded our research scope to not only include archival, historical, and genealogical information, but to also include concepts of Métis culture, values, and law.

Ministry of Rights Goal 2: United Nations Declaration Act (UNDA) Action Plan

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the Nation.

We continue to engage with MNC (Métis National Council) and other Governing Members on this work, and to continue to increase our engagement opportunities with Canada.

Through networking and connections with our MNBC Intergovernmental team, we were introduced to the new UNDA Director General with Canada who is known as a supporter of our work from other tables. MoR staff were able to meet with him for dinner when he was in town, during Q1; this enabled us to gain valuable insight and guidance in our UNDA work and relationships.

We also kicked off our internal consultation project in Q1 to take inventory of all federal tables at MNBC.

Ministry of Rights Goal 3: Create Referrals process (Consultation); Legislative and Policy review (external laws: BC and Canada law)

Aligned with Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Nation.

Although we have not had the formal capacity for this work, the Ministry of Rights has still managed to engage with numerous legislation initiatives, providing feedback and/or attending discussions or meetings for further dialogue:

1. Declaration Act Secretariat: Guidance on Consultation and Cooperation
2. Canadian Security Intelligence Service Foreign Interference legislation
3. Tri-Agency Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation Policy and Directive
4. Canadian Boarder Services Agency/Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada Cross-Border legislation
5. UNDA Section 5 report: Interim Guidance for Officials
6. MNC Co-Development Principles Guidance Paper
7. Employee Equity Act
8. Modern Treaty Implementation
9. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People Act (DRIPA) Annual Report, overall, and Section 3 Alignment of Laws
10. UNDA Annual Report

This summer our first staff member directly supporting this work will begin: Manager of Métis Rights: Legislation and Policy. We are excited to share that this role was filled through an internal promotion.

Ministry of Rights Goal 4: Build Ministry Capacity

Aligned with Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Nation.

In 2024 we have made progress in building the Ministry's capacity in both funding and staff. We hired a Senior Manager of Métis Rights, a Manager of Métis Rights: Legislation and Policy, and brought on a returning summer intern who is a Métis youth attending the Indigenous law program at UVIC. We currently have one vacant posting we are actively working to fill and are submitting another posting to People and Culture this summer.



For funding in 2024, this fiscal, we have confirmed:

- 800K negotiated and confirmed from Canada for Consultation work
- 127K received from Canada for UNDA work
- 1.5 million negotiated and confirmed from Canada for our Research work

As a growing team, The Ministry of Rights and the Ministry of Justice took some much-needed time together this Summer in Victoria, BC; we visited Point Ellice House, arriving in style via the Victoria Harbour Taxi (Maarsii to Minister Harriott for this recommendation!), and worked on prioritizing the work in front of us.

Maarsii, the Ministry of Rights Team.





MINISTRY OF SKILLS TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Paulette Flamond

Executive Director: Katie Trace

Ministry STEPS Mission:

The Ministry of Skills, Training, Employment and Post Secondary Education (STEPS) lifts our Citizens into a confident self-knowing so that they can secure the education and career that supports enriched, socioeconomic-resilient lives for themselves and their families. STEPS aims to eliminate barriers and inspire Citizens, offering culturally safe programs and services that are grounded in Métis knowledge.



Ministry STEPS Goal 1: STEPS strengthens our Citizens for socioeconomic health and wealth by supporting their educational and employment aspirations through relevant services, programming, and funding opportunities that are grounded in cultural integrity and continuous knowing and learning.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation.

The STEPS team has achieved tremendous success in 2024/25 thus far. By early August, almost 1700 Citizens received \$12,968,413 in funding for more than 2000 educational programs. Specifically, there were 1808 requests for post-secondary education (from certificate to graduate-level programs), 98 for trade foundation or apprenticeship training, seventy-four (74) for short tickets, along with 5 wage subsidies, 3 paid practicums and 2 emergency support requests.

The STEPS cohort program supports Citizens to acquire skills training. So far this year, 7 cohorts have taken place including Mental Health First Aid, Digital Marketing, Health Care Access (HCAP), and Computers for Beginners. In total, seventy-seven (77) Citizens have been supported to participate in these high demand and labour market relevant training. Our cohort program team has been hard at work and is looking for opportunities to bring learning back into the community. In May 2024, a Computer Fundamentals training cohort took place in Region 7. This was the perfect medicine for two cohorts of Citizens in Fort St. John (attached photo).

Ministry STEPS Goal 2:

STEPS seeks to enhance Métis visibility and Métis historic and cultural understanding by enhancing existing programs and services, weaving in cultural learning and supports, and through the development of new programs and services, including the development of a Métis post-secondary and skills training institute.

Aligned with Goal #2 of the Nation.

Work across STEPS to integrate cultural learning and support across the services we offer Citizens continues to expand. Our team's Cultural Coordinator has been active in visiting Chartered Communities and participating in events and gatherings while enhancing their cultural and historical knowledge. Recently, these learnings have enabled us to present gifts to students who completed the Career Development Practitioner and Health Career Access cohorts (in-person at MNBC Head Quarters). Our team's Cultural Coordinator works in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language (CHL), meeting monthly to align offered learning, support and services.

A project team within STEPS is leading the development of the first Métis-led post-secondary institute in BC. Work this year has focused on project planning and engagement. The team received endorsement from the Board of Directors to continue with the presented approach to project planning, including the proposed community engagement activity. Following this approval, the team connected with Chartered Community leadership, delivering presentations at Regional Leadership Meetings. Planning for continued community connection opportunities and activity is underway, including community visits and student focus groups. The team has now launched its MNBC Post-Secondary Institute [Survey](#), which will close at the end of September 2024. This survey is a critical first step in supporting representative inclusion of community voices in the project.

Ministry STEPS Goal 3: STEPS builds new and enhances current relationships with chartered communities, post-secondary and skills training institutes, provincial and federal government partners, employers, and community agencies.

Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation.

Strengthening connections with Chartered Communities, post-secondary institutions, employers, and training partners across the province has been a priority. In doing so, regional teams have joined Regional Leadership Meetings to share STEPS-related information and ensure community members are informed on our ongoing work. STEPS staff have attended Chartered Community

events to create awareness about STEPS programs and offerings, have attended events at post-secondary institutions (PSIs), connected with Employers, and supported Citizens who visit the regional office. The attached photo was taken with Region 5 STEPS staff and members of the local Chartered Community board.

Work to develop closer relationships with PSIs across the province has seen much success with partnership activities taking place with 4 institutions. Staff are attending Métis PSI convocation ceremonies and, in some cases, have partnered with PSIs to arrange special ceremonial activities for Métis students, i.e. sashing of students at the University of Northern BC. This partnership work also includes working with Capilano University in the inauguration of an on-campus Métis Elder.

The STEPS team conducted four in-person engagement sessions with Métis Citizens and those self-identifying as Métis, to receive feedback and validation on the Province of BC's Sexualized Violence Action Plan (SVAP). The SVAP is part of a provincial strategy to prevent and respond to sexualized violence within the post-secondary system. STEPS facilitated engagement sessions at PSIs throughout the province and used this opportunity to strengthen connections, working to better provide ongoing support for our students.

The STEPS team continues to enhance relationships with provincial and federal funding partners. This year, the team has hosted leaders from both levels of government with meetings taking place at MNBC Headquarters. The overall purpose of these meetings is to create awareness of our Nation's ongoing need, to identify gaps in program funding, and to advocate for Métis Citizens and student needs. The team is also working to engage across the Nation, helping to inform where improvements to funding agreements for our post-secondary and skills training students are necessary.

Ministry STEPS Goal 4: STEPS works to offer supports in a holistic way, offering critical wraparound resources for students that are grounded in a Métis cultural orientation.

Aligned with Goal #5 of the Nation.

The STEPS team has prioritized MNBC cross-ministry collaboration. In doing so, staff can better align services and support to Citizens. Namely, work has been underway with Health, Education, Community Services, and CHL.

Our STEPS Employment Coordinators play a key role in supporting our Citizens on their career



pathways. We continue to enhance employment services, serving over 100 clients through the combined efforts of Employment Coordinators and the Employer Relations team. Key achievements include the successful Career Moves Program, a two-week initiative that served 12 clients with comprehensive career support, including career exploration, StrengthsFinder assessments, resume writing, and job search strategies. Additionally, ad-hoc workshops were provided to address specific client needs, such as job search and resume writing, with a special focus on supporting clients with disabilities. The Employer Relations team established eleven new employer relationships.

To highlight our collaborative work with external partners and respond to identified community needs, the STEPS team received \$1.5 million from the Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Health to help incentivize Métis students to attend nursing programs throughout the province. This will be issued as a \$5000 bursary to all MNBC Citizens attending a legitimate nursing program in British Columbia. We anticipate awarding 256 bursaries this year.

In addition, STEPS continues to distribute scholarships each year, through the Scholarship program. This year, ten scholarships were awarded valued at \$2,500 each to Métis students pursuing studies in the Education or Early Childhood Education field. STEPS continues to offer the Scholarship program to bridge gaps for those studying in underrepresented fields of study and to help remove financial barriers, making post-secondary education more accessible for our Citizens.

Ministry STEPS Goal 5: STEPS works to optimize staff capacity by strengthening professional capacity and skill development, enhancing our programs and services to Citizens.

Aligned with goal #5 of the Nation.

Continuous learning and improvement are at the core of the STEPS work. We welcome and encourage feedback from Citizens and use it to inform decisions on training and streamlining of processes and procedures. Automating administrative tasks has increased staff capacity for attending professional development opportunities that enhance the one-to-one support provided to Citizens. Supervisors work closely with staff to identify opportunities for stretch assignments and cross-training that align with personal and professional goals.





MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Dean Gladue

Director: Celina Moore

Ministry of Sport and Active Living's Mission:

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living's mission is to empower our communities by promoting an active lifestyle and is committed to providing accessible sporting opportunities, fostering athletic excellence, and instilling a sense of pride in our Métis athletes. Building upon the Aboriginal Sport, Recreation, and Physical Activity Strategy, the Declaration of The Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan (DRIPA – subsection 4.6), and additional supporting documents, we actively engage in collaboration with governments, and both Indigenous and non-Indigenous sport organizations. Through this collective effort, we aim to establish a robust network dedicated to uplifting and supporting our Chartered Communities. The Ministry aims to build a strong, united community where every citizen can thrive, excel in sports, and celebrate our rich cultural heritage in every arena.

Ministry of Sport and Active Living Goals:

Ministry Goal #1: *Enhance and expand MoSAL's budget capacity through various grants and interorganizational partnerships.*

Aligned with Goal #5 of the Nation

The Ministry of Sport and Active Living (MoSAL) has expanded its budget capacity through federal and provincial grants, achieving significant progress with the submission of several large applications. Recently, the Ministry was awarded the Canada Exchanges Grant to host a Métis Lacrosse Event, allowing Métis youth from across the country to participate in cultural and traditional activities while bettering their skills in Lacrosse. Additionally, MoSAL received the Indigenous Communities Grant to support hosting a youth camp in the Greater Vancouver area. With the addition of two new positions, there will be a strong focus on grant proposals in the coming months to expand the Ministry's reach across the province. The MoSAL will continue to pursue innovative grant funding streams to ensure the success of Sport and Active Living initiatives for Métis people across BC.

Further initiatives to enhance budget capacity include the inaugural Bonn Saantii (Good Health) MNBC Golf Tournament. This fundraising event allowed the proceeds to go towards the MoSAL and featured 30 teams in a shotgun-style golf tournament, followed by a banquet dinner and silent

auction. Collaborating with major organizations, sponsors, and local businesses, the MoSAL and Golf Committee made significant progress in ensuring community involvement, while laying the foundation for this to be an annual event.

Lastly, in fostering a strong and enduring relationship between MNBC and MSDPR, the Métis Cooking Workshop Series was completed. The MoSAL, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Food Security, utilized a grant from MSDPR and has completed the Métis Cooking Workshop Series. To date, this initiative has successfully filmed two chefs from different regions preparing both traditional and modern Métis cuisine. This professionally produced online series enabled anyone to follow along and recreate these recipes from scratch. Following the video launch in August, a grant was made available to MNBC Citizens to purchase the necessary ingredients and enjoy cooking these dishes at home. This series will be the first and only professionally filmed collection of Métis recipes, creating a lasting legacy for Métis people and benefiting future generations.

Ministry Goal 2: *Enhance visibility through strategic partnerships with Indigenous organizations, non-Indigenous organizations, and government agencies to collaboratively organize and execute large-scale provincial and national events.*

Aligned with Goals #2, #4, and #6 of the Nation

MoSAL has made significant strides in securing collaborations and partnerships with organizations outside of MNBC. Last March, the Ministry played a major role in the sport and active living activities at Gathering Our Voices, the largest Indigenous youth conference in North America. The MoSAL offered five distinct workshops led by Métis facilitators. Over two days, these workshops engaged over 500 Indigenous youth, leaving them inspired and equipped with valuable information to take back to their home communities. The Ministry is excited to announce its participation in Gathering Our Voices 2025.

In collaboration with the Métis National Council (MNC), MNBC provided players for the annual Tea and Bannock Cup in Ottawa, where MNC faced off in a friendly hockey game against Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK). The event featured a shootout with both teams, giving each player a chance to participate. During this time, MoSAL highlighted MNBC Citizen and rising hockey star, Danica Maynard. A promotional video was shot over the weekend, showcasing her aspirations of being selected for Team Canada. This video, released on MNBC channels, became the second-highest performing video on MNBC's social media, and Danica has since been invited to the Team Canada selection camp.

Furthermore, MoSAL partnered with multiple Chartered Communities for events in 2024. Notably, in collaboration with the Fraser Valley Métis Association and the Terry Fox Foundation, MNBC hosted its first Terry Fox Run in Abbotsford. This event featured a 4.5 or 9km run/walk, raising awareness for cancer research and highlighting Terry Fox's Métis heritage. The event included Métis-owned business Wingerz food truck at no charge to participants at the event. Another partnership saw MoSAL assist with the Voyageur Games at the annual Vancouver Island Métis Rendezvous, providing horseback riding and traditional dot painting workshops.

Lastly, MoSAL partnered with the Abbotsford Canucks to host a Métis Group Night for Chartered Communities, celebrating and engaging in a professional hockey game against the Manitoba Moose at the Abbotsford Centre. The event featured an MNBC Exhibitor Table offering swag items, a nationally televised jiggling performance with four talented performers during the first intermission, a videoboard welcome, and a post-game photo opportunity.

Ministry Goal 3: *Establish youth camps in collaboration with professional sports teams and organizations.*

Aligned with Goals #2, #4, and #6 of the Nation

A major priority for the Ministry of Sport and Active Living (MoSAL) has been to establish youth camps across the province. In a new partnership with the Canadian Premier League team Vancouver FC, the first MNBC soccer youth camp was organized, allowing 80 Indigenous youth to attend. Participants were provided with meals, swag, and refreshments, while their families enjoyed a Vancouver FC game against Forge FC at no cost following the camp. MoSAL looks forward to expanding this partnership with Vancouver FC to benefit our Citizens even more.

Future youth camps will include a spring break program with the Métis-owned Painted Horse Equestrian, offering MNBC youth the opportunity to learn horseback riding. Additionally, basketball development camps are planned for this winter, further enhancing our commitment to youth engagement and development.

Ministry Goal 4: *Enhance Policies and Procedures*

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation

Through relationship-building, the organization has forged collaborations with entities like the Terry Fox Foundation, professional soccer clubs, and various ministries, enabling it to support cultural events, sports programs, and educational initiatives. By prioritizing resource allocation and high-impact programs, MoSAL has made remarkable progress in advancing its goals of cultural revitalization, socio-economic reconciliation, and community engagement. With the implementation of new policies and procedures for each program, there has been significant growth in the operations for each initiative. For the first time, MoSAL has established a callout list of MNBC Citizens who would like to be informed specifically on events and sport initiatives in their area.



MINISTRY OF VETERANS

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Lissa Smith

Métis Veterans British Columbia Committee Chair: David Armitt

Executive Director: Tanya Davoren

Director of Social Programs: Michelle Fortin

Ministry of Veterans Mission:

The Métis Veterans Ministry will work with the Métis Veterans British Columbia Committee (MVBC) and the Minister of Veterans, and the Métis Nation governance structure to advocate and support Métis Veterans in British Columbia. Technical staff will support the Committee in establishing a communications plan and identify the ceremonial role of Métis Veterans in the Regional Governance Councils (RGCs), Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA), MNBC Annual General Meetings (AGM), and other forums as mutually agreed with the MNBC Minister Responsible for Veterans. Staff will work within the framework of the Veterans Act, their policies, and procedures, and wherever Veterans seek secretariat support.

Ministry of Veterans Goals:

- 1) To promote Métis rights and recognition by supporting Métis governance and legislation processes at the Annual General Meeting and Métis Nation Governing Assembly, as well as being the governance body for Métis Veterans in BC at Municipal, Provincial, National and International levels.
- 2) Promote Métis cultural revitalization and cultural wellness within the provincial Veterans community through the Métis Veterans British Columbia (MVBC) Committee initiatives (i.e., development of the Veterans sash, gatherings, and challenge coin).
- 3) Pursue socio-economic reconciliation for Veterans through programs and services like Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) services through their Indigenous Team and the Métis National Council (MNC) Legacy Fund for WWII survivors and their spouses.
- 4) Support connection to our Métis Chartered Communities in growing the Veteran community by identifying Veterans (sharing definition) and looking for regional representation at RGCs and in regions without a representative (6 and 7) to ensure

Veterans are identified and Remembrance Day is honoured in community and connections are made with Métis Youth and schools.

- 5) Develop respectful relationships and partnerships with Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) and Minister of Veterans Affairs to access funding to support Veterans and their families in BC.

Ministry Goal 1: To promote Métis rights and recognition by supporting Métis governance and legislation processes at the Annual General Meeting and Métis Nation Governing Assembly, as well as being the governance body advocating for Métis Veterans in BC at Municipal, Provincial, National and International levels.

Aligned with Goal #1 of the Nation

MVBC continues to play a role within the political proceedings of MNBC. Chair David Armitt was instrumental in Métis National Council (MNC) standing up the National Métis Veterans Council (NMVC) which will act as the subject matter experts advising MNC on Veterans issues as well as, acting as an interface between MNC and Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). This February, the MVBC steering committee met for a full day before the MNGA. The committee discussed opportunities for Veterans and their families, inviting partners from VAC to attend a portion of the meeting to share relevant programming and funding opportunities and participated in Service Officer Training. Policies and procedures were reviewed and MVBC adopted a changed language to reflect the inclusion of RCMP Regular Members. As always, the MVBC Colour Party started the MNGA. It was noted at the MNGA that flags/flag poles required upkeep which has been addressed for the AGM.

Partnerships are important to the work of MVBC when hoping to provide support and services to veterans and their families. Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families is one of the partners we met with this quarter. Atlas 'works with Veterans, families, service providers and researchers to identify the best possible mental health care and supports for those who have given so much to Canada' so understanding their resources and where we might be able to work together is important to the health of our members. The first meeting, at our office in Surrey went well, with their Executive Director and two staff members providing an overview of the programs they offer. Alex, Social Programs Coordinator, will be following up regarding their video project.

An April meeting between MNBC/MVBC and Base Commander CFB Esquimalt was well received. Discussions included opportunities for better collaboration between Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and MNBC/MVBC on programs (Raven), employment



opportunities, commemoration opportunities and increased cultural awareness of Métis. The meeting was attended by Minister Lissa Smith, Chairperson Dave Armitt, Tanya Davoren, Michelle Fortin, and representing CFB Esquimalt, Base Commander Kevin Whiteside, BC Defense Indigenous Advisory Group Co-Chair Steve Morrison, and Indigenous Engagement Adviser Alexandra de Jong Westman.

Over this time two national events were attended by MVBC. Chairperson David Armitt, retired Master Warrant Officer, attended the VAC Stakeholder Summit in March and travelled to Moncton in June to be our witness to commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. In December 2023, Chairperson David Armitt attended the MNC AGA and also attended the in-person NMVC meeting and in July, Minister Smith and Chairperson David Armitt represented MVBC at Métis National Council's national Métis Veterans meetings in Saskatoon which included VAC. These meetings included discussions regarding the expansion of the Legacy Program to include surviving children, an overview of VAC benefits and services and exploring ways in which Métis veterans can be included in commemorative events held through VAC and the Federal Government. This annual meeting may move to semi-annual in 2025. Chair David Armitt continues to attend remote monthly NMVC meetings which have included VAC and Library Archives Canada (LAC).

Ministry Goal 2: Promote Métis cultural revitalization and cultural wellness within the provincial Veterans community through the Métis Veterans BC Committee initiatives (I.E development of the Veterans sash, gatherings, and MVBC challenge coin).

Aligned with Goal #2 of the Nation

Many projects have come to fruition during this period including the Veteran's Commemorative Challenge Coin. These coins were designed by the MVBC Steering Committee, produced in Alberta and will be given out at Rendezvous, AGM and by mail for those we can't connect with in person. The creation of a Veteran's Sash took quite a bit of time, incorporating the colours of all Commands of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP. They will be received by month's end for distribution to the MVBC Steering Committee and some will be available for purchase.

An application for the federal Veteran's Wellbeing Fund Grant was successfully submitted in July. The project was developed to address Goals 2 and 3. Within this goal, the grant seeks to fund our ability to host cultural/wellness gatherings for veterans and their families and to record one-on-one interviews with Veterans. Cultural activities in the gatherings might include beadwork seminars, paddle painting and drum making. This will be done in a collaborative setting, where the Veterans and families could develop natural peer support groups and share their experiences.

Ministry Goal 3: Pursue socio-economic reconciliation for Veterans through programs and services like VAC services through their Indigenous Engagement Team and MNC's



Legacy Fund for WWII survivors and their spouses.

Aligned with Goal #3 of the Nation

As mentioned above, an application to the federal Veteran's and Family Wellbeing Fund was submitted in July for \$1,500,000 over three years, equating to \$500,000 per year. A large portion of the grant is directed at securing funding to provide a \$500.00 financial support grant to Métis

Veterans, mirroring the opportunity we had during COVID. Support grant funding use would be as determined by the Veterans to best support their needs, but suggested uses include grocery bills to assist with inflation, supporting fuel costs for travel to/from medical appointments or peer support groups, assist with cost of travelling to commemorative Veteran's events. There is no timeline for the processing of the grants currently.

Technical staff have connected MVBC members with VAC case workers, who were able to provide increases to existing benefits after engaging in one-on-one conversations with the Veterans.

Ministry Goal 4: Support connection to our Métis Chartered Communities in growing the Veteran community by identifying Veterans (sharing definition) and looking for regional representation at RGCs and in regions without a representative (4,6 and 7) to ensure Veterans are identified and Remembrance Day is honoured in community and connections are made with Métis Youth and schools.

Aligned with Goal #4 of the Nation

Through collaboration with Citizenship and the Citizen Records Management (CRM) online system, we continue to identify new Veteran members on new intakes, renewals, and changes to Veteran status for endorsement. Since January 1, 2024, we have had 6 new successful applications for MVBC membership.

While Remembrance Day and National Indigenous Veterans Day are both months away, the MVBC committee has already met to strategize around engagement with schools and communities during this time, planning commemorative events and creating speaking notes for member that may want to participate in November.



In the spirit of youth connection and engagement, MVBC members, while in attendance at Batoche met with Raven Program graduate, Haley and invited her to carry the MNBC flag on behalf of BC Veterans for the Grand Entry. As you can see below, she was honoured.

On July 29th, MVBC technical staff attended an Elders and Veterans night jointly hosted by the Waceya and Surrey/Delta Chartered Communities. We presented the programs and achievements of the past year. As part of our efforts to connect with and outreach to community, discussions are being held to host a future event to have community Elders sash their Veterans once the Veteran's sashes have been delivered.

Ministry Goal 5: Develop respectful relationships and partnerships with federal MPs, Royal Canadian Legion BC Yukon Command and Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command and Minister of Veterans

Aligned with Goal #6 of the Nation

There is work behind the scenes to connect with our federal partners, but to date we have not been successful in directly contacting MPs or the Minister of Veterans, Honourable Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor.

Monthly meetings with MNC Veteran's Council to discuss Veteran's issues at National level continue to take place. Discussions had focused on increasing Métis presence in commemorative events both nationally and overseas, preparation for the 2025 Invictus Games and updates on the Legacy Program.



MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY (MOWGE)

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Dr. Kate Elliott

Director: Rachel Perkins

MOWGE Mission:

The Ministry of Women and Gender Equity elevates Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities by advocating for resources, programs and services that reflect their unique needs.

MOWGE Goals:

Ministry Goal 1: ADVOCACY: Strengthen MMIWG2S+, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ advocacy and ensure all MNBC programs and services are responsive to the needs of Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members by developing regular and ongoing methods for: needs assessments and data collection on issues impacting Métis women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members, creating funding proposals, developing and participating in cross-ministry tables, and providing recommendations on MNBC policy processes.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation

Advocated to funding agencies (e.g., provincial and federal governments) and developed several grant proposals for funding women and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

Advised and supported other MNBC Ministries with various initiatives and actions affecting women and 2SLGBTQQIA+.

Ministry Goal 2: GENDER BASED/FAMILY VIOLENCE: Lead the development and delivery of Gender-based and Family Violence initiatives, in partnership with other Ministries, that enhance MNBC capacity and provide direct services and supports to communities to assist both women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members experiencing, and healing from violence.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation

MOWGE was successful in securing a substantial investment from the Province of British Columbia for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, with the opportunity for additional funding for 2025-2027. This funding will be used to establish a Gender-Based Violence program, offering emergency supports, healing supports, education and resources, and develop a comprehensive, Métis-specific research project to help advocate for additional funding and programming into the future.

MOWGE is currently working on developing the Gender-based Violence Strategy and capacity-building for program delivering by hiring a new gender-based violence team.

Building on the work of the *Safe and Supported: Gender-Based Violence Action Plan* working group, Parliamentary Secretary Kelli Paddon appointed leaders from a variety of non-profit organizations and governments to become an advisory council, to serve as experts that will inform and provide feedback to the provincial government for the duration of the GBV program. The MOWGE Director will sit on this council, attending quarterly meetings and providing feedback as needed, as well as collaborating with other council members to drive and enhance new and continuing GBV services and supports in the province

The MOWGE Director and the Ministry of Justice Senior Manager traveled to Saskatoon to attend the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police 5-year review of the National Inquiry into MMIWG2S+. Attended by approximately 125 law enforcement officers from across Canada (RCMP, municipal, and Indigenous PDs), as well as the staff from the National Inquiry and other subject matter experts, federal government employees, and family members of MMIWG2S+ who participated in the Inquiry.

In partnership with Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG), MOWGE is providing Métis-specific ideas, advice, and feedback to help inform a provincial-federal Red Dress Alert pilot project in BC. Working with the Ministry of Justice, local and federal law enforcement, Search and Rescue, telecommunications and technology organizations, Indigenous non-profits, First Nations, and other collaborators, MOWGE contributes a Métis-specific lens and recommendations as the program is developed and implemented.

A Family Violence Prevention Colouring Book was created which includes the works of 4 Métis artists as well as resource lists for BC services related to wellness and violence prevention. Colouring Books were distributed to the regions and are available for events.

Ministry Goal 3: WOMEN: Advance the effective representation of women in governance through providing Secretariat support to MWBC, including wrapping up the legacy of the existing Council, preparing for a new Council (e.g., onboarding and governance training), the development of a Plan for the new Council, and enhanced supports, capacity-building and inclusion of MWBC Community Representatives.

Aligned with Goal 1 of the Nation

Provided Secretariat and operational support to the Métis Women British Columbia (MWBC) Governance Council to support their monthly meetings and close out their final year of their term.

MWBC and Community Women Representatives hosted regional and community governance gatherings where they gathered with women and Elders/Knowledge Carriers as a key component of training, capacity-building and sharing of cultural practices with women in their communities. There were 11 gatherings across the province with about 500 participants.

Ministry Goal 4: 2SLGBTQQIA: Improve the services and supports for Métis 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members by supporting the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee, and supporting the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community's movement towards governance, and increasing MNBC capacity to deliver services and supports specific to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

Aligned with Goal 3 of the Nation

Provided operational support to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee, bringing forward issues for discussion.

MOWGE organized and hosted, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, discussions around dignity in death and dying specifically for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. Ten participants were able to discuss these topics and what they mean for them personally and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community in a safe and inclusive environment. Participant contributions will be added to the overall report being completed by the Ministry of Health.

Hired new 2SLGBTQQIA+ Program Coordinator to be resource for advancing gender equity issues and inclusion within MOWGE and MNBC ministries.

In collaboration with Communications, MOWGE led MNBC's partnership with TransCareBC (TCBC) for its We Are Allies Campaign, originally known as the Information Project. The campaign is a response to the rising mis and disinformation for 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities and aims to balance the narrative for the "moveable middle" parent/caregiver/supportive adult audience. Resources available online www.weareallies.ca and in print include Métis Elders and citizens.

Organized MNBC's participation in Vancouver Pride and had a staff member attend the Queer Rights Summit.



MINISTRY OF YOUTH

Respectfully Submitted:

Minister: Shaughn Davoren

Director: Rachel Perkins

Ministry of Youth Mission:

To revitalize and strengthen Métis culture and community by providing Métis youth in British Columbia with culturally relevant education, life skills, programs, and events. Through these initiatives, we aim to foster a deep sense of connection, pride, and engagement among Métis youth while equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead fulfilling and empowered lives as Métis citizens.



Ministry of Youth Goals:

Goal #1: Cultivate Métis Youth cultural knowledge, community connection, language revitalization, and land stewardship over the next 18 months by delivering youth Michif language and culture camp, virtual culture workshops, and land stewardship program. Recognize and celebrate Métis youth achievements and contributions to their culture and community by hosting the annual Métis Spirit Awards.

Goal #2: Promote opportunities for education, training, employment, and life skills enhancement among Métis youth in British Columbia over the next 18 months through fostering strategic internal and external partnerships, identifying and understanding unique needs of Métis youth, and staying attuned to current labour market dynamics and industry trends.

Goal #3: Enhance the overall well-being and healing of Métis youth through the delivery of culturally rooted wellness initiatives that provide access to Elders and traditional knowledge related to physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing and harm-reduction supports, over the next 18 months.

Goal #4: Advance the effective representation of Métis youth in governance over the next 18 months through providing Secretariat support to MYBC Council, maintaining MNBC's seat on the UAYC (Unified Aboriginal Youth Collective), and development of resources and supports for capacity-building, and inclusion of Community youth representatives.

Goal #5: Enhance youth advocacy efforts and ensure MNBC programs and services remain responsive to the unique needs of Métis youth. Over the next 18 months, create a plan for regular and ongoing practices to conduct needs assessments, regional youth surveys, participate in cross-ministry collaborative forums, government engagement sessions, seek internal partnerships, and provide recommendations to MNBC.

Goal #6: Within the next 18 months, concentrate on developing the Ministry sustainability and expansion plan, focus on enhancing onboarding and record-keeping practices, staff training, and retention.

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Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

MÉTIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GATHERING, Métis Crossing, AB | May 24-26, 2024

Designed to be an annual event, MOY looks forward to offering this gathering each year for MYBC and Community youth leaders. By combining it with the Métis Spirit Awards, we are increasing both engagement and rewards

for Community youth who are working hard in their communities. We look forward to attracting a new generation of youth leaders, who will run for Community youth representative positions in their chartered communities, as well as regional youth representatives in their regions. When the time comes for these youth to “age out,” they will be ready to step in as Charter Community leaders, armed with life skills, governance knowledge, and leadership experience that the Ministry of Youth was able to provide during these important years. This will be an ongoing contribution to building capacity and revitalizing Métis culture and governance in BC. This gathering was also an opportunity for youth to take part in traditional Métis activities like smudging, beading and plant walks. Elder Sandi Hendry attended the gathering and youth had an opportunity for storytelling with the Elder as they gathered around the fire each night.

YOUTH ECO-COLLECTIVE PROGRAM, Virtual | Monthly, June – November 2024

This program is a new initiative that is in collaboration with the Ministry of Environmental Protection. It builds off a previous federal government program that was discontinued in



2022/2023. We were able to take the original program and further develop it to fit Métis-specific culture and teachings around land stewardship with the goal of *strengthening* cultural wellness and promoting Community engagement for the overall well-being for Métis youth. The program held an information session in May and received 15 registrations from interested youth. Monthly meetings commenced June 19th and will run through November. The sessions are organized based on participant interests and encompass themes such as climate change, biodiversity, food security, and emergency preparedness management. There is a requirement for frequent check-ins and reporting of community service hours, as well as online space for the youth to connect with each other virtually as often as they would like outside of monthly meetings. We hope to see some 'unintended' results such as lasting friendships and increased community service hours long after this program has ended for the year.

Ministry of Youth Goal 2: Promote opportunities for education, training, employment, and life skills enhancement among Métis youth in British Columbia over the next 18 months through fostering strategic internal and external partnerships, identifying and understanding unique needs of Métis youth, and staying attuned to current labour market dynamics and industry trends.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

YOUTH ECO-COLLECTIVE PROGRAM, *Virtual* | Monthly, June – November 2024

Please see above under Goal One.

In addition:

EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING COORDINATOR, *New hire* | May 2024

MOY was pleased to onboard a new Youth Employment and Training Coordinator in May. This Coordinator is the seventh member of our staff and will fill a valuable role in ensuring that Métis youth have access to relevant skills training programs to help prepare them for current job market conditions. With many years of experience working at post-secondary institutions, they bring expertise, employment and training knowledge, networks, and contacts to the role so that MOY can increase partnerships with external organizations and internal ministries. MOY is developing and offering new training opportunities to Métis youth throughout the province, starting with the upcoming Culinary Arts pilot program launching this winter in Region 2.

Ministry of Youth Goal 3: Enhance the overall well-being and healing of Métis youth through the delivery of culturally rooted wellness initiatives that provide access to Elders and traditional knowledge related to physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing and harm-reduction supports, over the next 18 months.

Aligned with Goal 2 of the Nation

MÉTIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GATHERING, *Métis Crossing, AB* | May 24-26, 2024

Please see above under goal one.

BACK TO BATOCHE, Saskatoon, SK | July 19-21, 2024

The Ministry of Youth was able to sponsor all five regional youth representatives (Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6) to attend Back to Batoche in Saskatchewan, alongside the Provincial Youth Chair, Minister Shaughn Davoren, and two staff members. Batoche creates an opportunity for on-the-land lessons in the culture, language and the heritage of the Métis Nation in an important historical setting. New friendships and networks are forged, as well as rediscovered and reconnected kinship ties. This trip is especially important for Métis youth in BC, who are living away from their ancestral homelands. It is empowering for them to see the lands their ancestors came from and realize how large and strong our Nation is. This year's attendance was estimated at over 40,000 people from across Canada and the Northern USA.

Ministry of Youth Goal 4: Advance the effective representation of Métis youth in governance over the next 18 months through providing Secretariat support to MYBC Council, maintaining MNBC's seat on the UAYC (Unified Aboriginal Youth Collective), and development of resources and supports for capacity-building, and inclusion of Community youth representatives.

Aligned with Goal 4 of the Nation

MÉTIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GATHERING, Métis Crossing, AB | May 24-26, 2024

Please see above under goal one.

Ministry of Youth Goal 5: Enhance youth advocacy efforts and ensure MNBC programs and services remain responsive to the unique needs of Métis youth. Over the next 18 months, create a plan for regular and ongoing practices to conduct needs assessments, regional youth surveys, participate in cross-ministry collaborative forums, government engagement sessions, seek internal partnerships, and provide recommendations to MNBC.

Aligned with Goal 5 of the Nation

The Ministry of Youth is actively participating in cross-Ministry collaboration activities. This includes bi-weekly meeting sessions with the Ministry of Health to support Métis Girls Gathering planning, as well as monthly touch base meetings with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Food Security, to share updates, seek opportunities to co-create sessions for the Eco Collective and discuss other potential learning opportunities for youth.

Additionally, MOY's Youth Employment and Training coordinator meets with the counterparts from STEPS monthly as they collaborate on designing a pre-employment needs survey and identifying key areas of support. MOY's Youth Outreach and Engagement coordinator participates in bi-weekly northern coordinators and R3/R4 coordinators connect meetings where ministries have an opportunity to exchange information on upcoming events and initiatives.

Ministry of Youth Goal 6: Within the next 18 months, concentrate on developing the Ministry sustainability and expansion plan, focus on enhancing onboarding and record-keeping practices, staff training, and retention.

Aligned with Goal 6 of the Nation

YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT, Ottawa ON | April 5-7, 2024

MNBC and the Ministry of Youth partnered with the Métis National Council to send 5 MYBC and three Community youth representatives along with three staff, the Provincial Youth Chair Minister Shaughn Davoren and Minister Suzie Hooper, to Ottawa to hear from climate change experts and participate in discussions with youth leaders from across Canada. This was an important event for MNBC to ensure that it has a presence in Ottawa and across the country as a leader in climate-change, to secure future funding and collaboration opportunities with the federal government, as well as other partnering governments and funders.



YOUTH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, existing vacancy | July 2024 (ongoing)

The Ministry of Youth is pleased to announce their expansion into the youth justice realm. In July, we welcomed back a Manager from a leave of absence and are thrilled that they have agreed to take on this new file and department. We will be in the research, planning and building phase for the next few months, as we work to ensure that Métis youth voices are elevated at each table and level of government, as we take on a more engaged role at addressing issues for Métis youth in the justice system. This expansion will support goal five of the nation, once it gets better established.

YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT, new hire | July 2024 (ongoing)

The Ministry of Youth has been able to fund a position (shared with the Ministry of Women and Gender Equity) for a program assistant. The successful applicant came to us with over ten years of experience working in local governments and other public/health service organizations. This role fills a critical gap in the MOY as we work to expand our ministry – the program assistant will work closely with our events team to take care of our event travel bookings and claims, finalize finance requests for approval, and keep on top of our reporting deadlines and requirements to funders and executive. This will help to lift the administrative burden off the coordinators and managers, so that we can continue to expand the programs and services we can offer to Métis youth in the province.

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