

OFFICIAL NOTICE

MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Winter 2024

DATE: October 1, 2024

TO: Members of the MNBC Métis Nation Governing Assembly

FROM: Office of the MNGA Clerk

RE: **Official Notice – MNBC Winter Métis Nation Governing Assembly, Resolution Submissions, and Timelines**

Métis Nation British Columbia hereby serves official notice to all Métis Nation Governing Assembly members that **the MNGA will convene virtually November 30 and December 1, 2024.**

Official details of the MNGA will be posted on the MNBC website at [2024 Winter MNGA | MNBC](#). Notice will be emailed to delegates with any updated information.

In accordance with the *MNGA Act* (Article 3) and the *MNBC Constitution* (Article 29 and 29.1), MNGA members are set out in Appendix A attached to this Notice:

A livestream of the MNGA proceedings will be provided on the MNBC website for public observation.

CALL FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Resolutions can only be submitted by a “MNGA MEMBER” (as defined in the MNGA Act).

Submission Deadlines

Pursuant to the provisions of the MNGA Act:

- Any proposed resolutions from the MNBC Board of Directors regarding Constitutional Amendments, Legislation or other matters:
Deadline – October 16, 2024, 4:30 PM PT
- Any proposed resolutions from members of the MNGA regarding Constitutional Amendments:
Deadline – October 21, 2024, 4:30 PM PT
- Any proposed resolutions from members of the MNGA regarding Legislation or Legislative Amendments:
Deadline – October 31, 2024, 4:30 PM PT
- Any proposed resolutions from members of the MNGA regarding other matters:
Deadline – October 31, 2024, 4:30 PM PT

Please submit all proposed resolutions to the attention of MNGA Clerk, c/o Nicole Ludwig, Deputy Clerk of the MNGA, via email at nludwig@mnbc.ca.

Sincerely,



John Bieker
Clerk of the MNGA
Métis Nation British Columbia

MNBC CONSTITUTION

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, the elected Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and the elected Chairperson of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council.
- 29.1. In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that Community.
- 29.2. 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.
- 29.3. 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.

MNGA ACT

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, MYBC Chairperson, the Chairperson for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Governance Council; 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.

- 3.3.1 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*.
- 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 Despite Article 3.6c, 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.
- 3.8 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*.
- 3.9 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 3.11 or 3.12 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.

3.10 Despite Article 3.9, 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.

3.11 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.

3.12 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.

3.13 A Person suspended from being a member of the MNGA may appeal the suspension to the Senate, whose decision shall be final and binding.