



SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR MNA'S 89TH
ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



SPECIAL RESOLUTION #1

The Special Resolution below contains an extensive number of amendments to the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws. Due to the bulk of the background documents, they are referenced with internet links as it is not practical to print them in newspapers or newsletters. If you do not have access to the internet, you are encouraged to contact someone who does in order to access the documents. Printed copies will be available at the MNA Assembly or obtained from MNA Head office and MNA Regional Offices.

Recommendations Following Métis Judiciary Council Review

WHEREAS pursuant to Ordinary Resolution #8 passed at the 87th Annual Assembly held August 6-9, 2015 a complete and comprehensive review of the Métis Judiciary Council (MJC) has been conducted, which included consultation with Métis communities and members in connection with the redesign of a Métis judicial process to be operated at the highest judicial standard possible (the MJC Resolution);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the MJC Resolution the review of the MJC that was completed has included the preparation of an Independent Third Party Review of the MJC by Deloitte (the Deloitte Report) as well as the preparation of proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association (the MNA Bylaws) by a separate independent committee (the MJC Review Committee) based upon the recommendations contained in the Deloitte Report;

AND WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the MNA Bylaws can be viewed in two separate versions as follows:

1. One version in .pdf format with all proposed amendments tracked so that the existing wording of the MNA Bylaws can be viewed at the following link:
<http://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/7443747d-eb53-4a6c-9faa-d482bcf2f01e>
2. One version in .pdf format with all proposed amendments incorporated (ie. a 'clean version') can be viewed at the following link:
https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/c2_b64540-b671-44b2-996c-8c2beb230441

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNA Bylaws be amended as set out in the 'tracked' version (Version 1) above and that the amendments come into force on the later of:

- a. Registration of this Resolution Amending the MNA Bylaws with the Registrar of Corporations;
- b. The adoption of a Manual of Procedural Rules and a set of Operating Standard & Procedures for the MJC by the Métis Nation of Alberta Provincial Council;
- c. The selection of members of the MJC in the manner provided for in the proposed amendments; and
- d. January 1, 2018.

MOVED BY: ANDREA CALDER

SECONDED BY: BRIAN LIZOTTE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Location of Assembly

WHEREAS: the objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta Article 1.6 To develop prosperity and economic self-sufficiency within the Métis Nation of Alberta;

WHEREAS: An ordinary resolution was passed at the 88th, Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual Assembly at Métis Crossing;

WHEREAS: A Special Resolution was to be drafted and brought to the 89th, Métis Nation of Alberta's Annual Assembly;

WHEREAS: The current Métis Nation of Alberta's bylaws Article 24.2 states

24.2 An Annual Assembly shall not be held twice in one Region before it has been held in every other Region or otherwise determined by the Provincial Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 24.2 is replaced with the following;

24.2 An Annual Assembly shall be held at Métis Crossing each year

MOVED BY: ANGIE CRERAR

SECONDED BY: MARILYN LIZEE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3

Métis Youth Council

WHEREAS Article 1.7 of the MNA Bylaws states that one of the objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association is “To promote and ensure participation of Métis Elders, Métis Women, *Métis Youth* and Métis persons with disabilities in the educational, cultural, political and social development of the Métis Nation of Alberta.”

AND WHEREAS the MNA passed Ordinary Resolution #1 at the 2015 Annual Assembly resolving “that this Assembly direct MNA Provincial Council to take all steps necessary to develop the framework for a youth council to bring forward for consideration at the 88th Annual General Assembly.”

AND WHEREAS the MNA passed Ordinary Resolution #2 at the 2016 Annual Assembly resolving “that this 88th Assembly support the establishment of a provisional youth council, and the MNA find the funds to put that plan into action and provide administrative support, with regional and provincial youth advisory support.”

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Ordinary Resolution #1 passed at the 88th Annual Assembly held August 2016, a provincial youth coordinator was hired and a Provisional Youth Council was created by nominations of a youth representative from each of the 6 Regions.

AND WHEREAS the Provisional Youth Council met and discussed proposed bylaw changes to finalize a youth council framework for the 2018 MNA general election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new Article be added to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws to read as follows:

Article 80 MÉTIS YOUTH COUNCIL

80.1 There shall be established a Métis Youth Council.

80.2 The Métis Youth Council shall consist of the following Métis Lifetime Members:

- (a) Six (6) Regional Youth Representatives (one elected from each of the six (6) regions); and
- (b) Six (6) Regional Youth Vice-Representatives (one elected from each of the six (6) regions).

80.3 Métis Youth Council members shall serve a four (4) year term.

80.4 In order to be a candidate for Regional Youth Representative on the Métis Youth Council, the individual must have the following qualifications:

- (a) must be a Métis Lifetime member;

(b) must be between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years old at the time of the election; and

(c) must not have been convicted of an indictable offence in Canada.

80.5 In order to be a candidate for Regional Youth Vice-Representative on the Métis Youth Council, the individual must have the following qualifications:

(a) must be a Métis Lifetime member;

(b) must be between the ages of sixteen (16) and thirty (30) years old at the time of the election; and

(c) must not have been convicted of an indictable offence in Canada.

80.6 The Regional Youth Representatives and Regional Youth Vice-Representatives shall be elected in accordance with the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws.

80.7 Each elected Métis Youth Council member shall serve as an Ambassador for youth in their region and shall be responsible for the following:

(a) bringing the perspective of their region's youth to the Métis Youth Council;

(b) advocating for the needs of the youth in their region;

(c) being a positive role model and resource for Métis youth within their region;

(d) serving as an Ambassador of Métis youth in Alberta;

(e) actively working to move Métis youth issues forward;

(f) participating at Regional Council meetings in their region; and

(g) adhering to the requirements of the Métis Youth Council Terms of Reference, as amended from time to time.

80.8 A member of the Métis Youth Council shall automatically cease to be a member of the Métis Youth Council upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) death;
- (b) absence from two (2) consecutive Métis Youth Council meetings without reasonable excuse;
- (c) delivery of a written resignation to the Secretary of the Métis Youth Council;
- (d) if a Métis Youth Council member becomes registered in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the Indian Act;
- (e) if a Métis Youth Council member no longer resides in the Region from which they represent;
- (f) if a Métis Youth Council member fails to submit two consecutive monthly reports to the Métis Youth Council without reasonable excuse;
- (g) if a Métis Youth Council member is absent from two (2) Métis Youth Council meetings without notifying the Métis Youth Council of their absence at least 24 hours before the meeting.

80.9 Any unexpired term created by any vacancy of a Regional Youth Representative position due to resignation, removal, or incapacity shall be filled through the following process:

- (a) if the Regional Youth Vice-Representative from the same region as the vacancy is of full age of eighteen (18) years, this Regional Youth Vice-Representative will become the Regional Youth Representative of his or her region.
- (b) if the Regional Youth Vice-Representative from the same region as the vacancy is not of full age of eighteen (18) years, the vacancy will be filled by the following process:
 - (i) The Regional Council of the region with the vacancy will post a call for applicants who meet the criteria set out in Article 80.4;
 - (ii) The application period will be open for two (2) months after the call for applicants was made;
 - (iii) Following the two (2) month application period, the applications collected will be submitted to the Métis Youth Council;
 - (iv) The Métis Youth Council will select from the applicants the replacement Regional Youth Representative within one (1) month of receiving the applications.

80. 10 Any unexpired term created by any vacancy of a Regional Youth Vice-Representative position due to resignation, removal, or incapacity shall be filled through the following process:

- (a) The Regional Council of the region with the vacancy will post a call for applicants who meet the criteria set out in Article 80.5;
- (b) The application period will be open for two (2) months after the call for applicants was made;
- (c) Following the two (2) month application period, the applications collected will be submitted to the Métis Youth Council;
- (d) The Métis Youth Council will select from the applicants the replacement Regional Youth Representative within one (1) month of receiving the applications.

80. 11 Each member of the Métis Youth Council shall be required to take an Oath of Office prior to the commencement of their term as a member of the Métis Youth Council.

80. 12 Each member of the Métis Youth Council shall be required to follow the same conflict of interest guidelines as the Regional Council outlined in Article 48 of these bylaws.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 5.3 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws be amended to read as follows (italicized writing indicates suggested change):

5.3 An elector is entitled to only one (1) vote for each office for which *they are eligible to vote for*.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 5.5 be added to Article 5 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws to read as follows:

5.5 Any Métis Lifetime member who:

- (a) is between the ages of sixteen (16) and thirty (30) years old;
- (b) has been or will have been ordinarily resident in Alberta for at least one **(1)** year prior to the date of the election;
- (c) will sign a declaration stating he/she is not currently registered as a status Indian under the provisions of the Indian Act, prior to casting his/her ballot.

Shall be entitled to vote for any Candidate for office of Regional Youth Representative and Regional Youth Vice-Representative in his or her Region.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.2 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws be amended to read as follows (italicized writing indicates suggested change):

6.2 Nominations of candidates for office of President, Vice-President, Regional President and Regional Vice President, *and Regional Youth Representative and Regional Youth Vice-Representative*, shall be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer at a location specified by the Chief Electoral Officer prior to 5:00 pm on the date fixed for the closing of nominations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.4 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws be amended to read as follows (italicized writing indicates suggested change):

6.4 A Métis Lifetime member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for *office of President, Vice-President, Regional President, and Regional Vice-President* in an election if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member who is entitled to hold office;
- (b) is of full age of sixteen (16) years or will be that age on election day;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in Alberta continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than thirty (30) days in arrears.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.7 be added to Article 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws to read as follows:

6.7 A Métis Lifetime member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for office of Regional Youth Representative if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member;
- (b) is between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) or will be that age on Election day;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in Alberta, pursuant to Article 5.2 of these Election Bylaws, continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the Election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than thirty (30) days in arrears.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.8 be added to Article 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws to read as follows:

6.8 A Métis Lifetime member is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate for office of Regional Youth Vice-Representative if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member;
- (b) is between the ages of sixteen (16) and thirty (30) or will be that age on Election day;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in Alberta, pursuant to Article 5.2 of these Election Bylaws, continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the Election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than thirty (30) days in arrears.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article 6.9 be added to Article 6 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws to read as follows:

6.9 All nominations for Métis Youth Council shall include the following:

- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate;
- (b) 20 signatures of Métis Lifetime members who reside in the Region nominating the candidate, 10 of which signatures must be from Métis Lifetime members who are between the ages of sixteen (16) and thirty (30) at the time of election; and
- (c) Persons applying to hold an elected office within the Métis Nation of Alberta shall provide an official letter to the Chief Electoral Officer declaring that they are not currently registered with the Department of Indian Affairs as a Status Indian under the provisions of the Indian Act.

MOVED BY: BRETT CHERNOW

SECONDED BY: MEGAN CLAUDE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

Article 26-Advance Polls for Elections

WHEREAS: Article 1 Name and Objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws Article 1.7 states: To promote and ensure participation of Métis Elders, Métis Women, Métis Youth and Métis persons with disabilities in the educational, cultural, political and social development of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

WHEREAS: Article 26 of the Election Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta states: An advance poll shall be held on Saturday ten (10) days before the election to enable:

- a) Electors who are disabled;
- b) Electors who believe that they will be absent from their ordinary place of residence on polling day; and
- c) Poll clerks, returning officers, scrutineers and candidates who believe that because of their official duties on polling day they will be unable to attend at the polling station to cast their votes;

To vote in advance at an election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Article 26 of the Election Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta be amended to read as follows:

An advance poll shall be held on the third Saturday of August to enable

- a) Electors who are disabled;
- b) Electors who believe that they will be absent from their ordinary place of residence on polling day; and
- c) Poll clerks, returning officers, scrutineers and candidates who believe that because of their official duties on polling day they will be unable to attend at the polling station to cast their votes;

To vote in advance at an election.

MOVED BY: SHEILA GENAILLE

SECONDED BY: MARILYN LIZEE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #5

Timing of MNA Elections

WHEREAS: the first Tuesday of September follows the Labour Day long weekend, and is the beginning of the new school year.

WHEREAS: to increase voter turnout by moving the date to the third Tuesday in September, would give Métis citizens more time to participate in the election

WHEREAS: to give the Chief Executive Officer more time between the advance polls and the election to prepare

WHEREAS: The Election bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Article 3 Date of Election 3.1 states:

The date of the election shall be held on the first Tuesday in the month of September in the year that the election is required or any other date determined by the Provincial Council, Annual Assembly or Special Meeting according to the bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Article 3 Date of Election is replaced with the following:

The date of the election shall be held on the third Tuesday in the month of September in the year that the election is required or any other date determined by the Provincial Council, Annual Assembly or Special Meeting according to the bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association.

MOVED BY: SHELIA GENAILLE

SECONDED BY: MARILYN LIZEE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #6

Special Resolution on Métis Nation Citizen Membership

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”) is the democratically elected government of the Métis Nation within Alberta;

WHEREAS the MNA has incorporated an association under Alberta’s *Societies Act* called the ‘Métis Nation of Alberta Association’ to act as its legal and administrative arm until such time as its full self-government is recognized through a negotiated agreement or modern day treaty with the Crown;

WHEREAS the MNA maintains a centralized Registry of members who have met the requirements of the National Definition of Métis and have completed the application process for membership, as amended from time to time, as set out in the MNA Bylaws;

WHEREAS while these registered individuals are identified as members for the purposes of the MNA Bylaws they are also duly registered citizens of the Métis Nation and should be recognized as such within Alberta as well as throughout the Métis Nation Homeland and beyond;

WHEREAS clubs and organizations issue memberships whereas Métis Nation governments such as the MNA-recognize and registered individuals who are the citizens of the Métis Nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 4.5 in the MNA Bylaws be rescinded and replaced with the following:

- 4.5 Member—means a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association who has met all of the requirements of Articles 3.1 and 3.2 as well as the Application for Membership requirements set out in Article 10 as amended from time to time. A member shall also be recognized as being duly registered as a citizen of the Métis Nation based on the MNA’s authority as the representative government of the Métis Nation within Alberta. For the purposes of these Bylaws, a member and a citizen or membership and citizenship mean the same thing.

MOVED BY: MARLENE LANZ

SECONDED BY: AUDREY POITRAS

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #7

On Métis Consultation & Accommodation

WHEREAS the recognition and advancement of Métis rights is one of the foremost priorities of the Métis Nation of Alberta (“MNA”);

WHEREAS the Crown, as represented by Canada and/or Alberta, is required to consult with the MNA—as the government of the Métis Nation within Alberta—in relation to decisions or policies that may impact collectively-held Métis rights, interests and claims throughout Alberta;

WHEREAS the MNA—as a democratically elected Métis Nation government—is comprised of the Provincial Council, Regions and Locals and these Métis self-government structures must work-together-to ensure Métis rights, interests and claims are respected, protected and advanced throughout Alberta;

WHEREAS it is the MNA’s position that all members have the right to be engaged on consultation and accommodation and share in the benefits that flow their collectively-held Métis rights, interests and claims, and, that Crown consultation owing to the Métis should not be limited to just a few selects individuals, some Locals or one region or area of the province;

WHEREAS the 2016 Annual Assembly adopted a *Statement of Principles on Crown Consultation with Metis in Alberta*, which included direction to arrive at mutually agreeable Regional Consultation Protocols (“Protocols”) that set out how the Provincial Council, Regions and Locals will work-together-to ensure that the Crown’s consultation and accommodation obligations owing to Métis in Alberta were being met;

WHEREAS based on that direction from the 2016 Annual Assembly several Protocols have been negotiated and signed amongst the Provincial Council, Regions and Locals across the province, while others continue to be discussed with a view to arriving at mutually agreeable Protocols in the near future;

WHEREAS the MNA has been engaging in discussions with Alberta on the development of a provincial Métis Consultation Policy based on these Protocols and the *Statement of Principles on Crown Consultation with Metis in Alberta* with a view to arriving at a mutually agreeable policy, which would provide recognition and capacity to undertake consultation activities based on these Protocols;

WHEREAS recent Alberta court cases have highlighted the need for the Provincial Council, Regions and Locals to work-together-on these issues or consultation obligations owing to Métis in Alberta may be completely denied with the judge in the *Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation of Alberta Local #125 v Alberta* case writing the following:

“In a situation where the MNA, MNA Region 1, and the FCM Local purport to represent the Aboriginal rights holding Métis of Fort Chipewyan with respect to consultation, it is obvious that ascertaining who speaks for the Métis in asserting Aboriginal rights and seeking Crown consultation becomes a critical issue to be resolved. As such, this Court agrees with the Alberta Crown’s submission that it would amount to a waste of resources for the Alberta Crown to potentially have to consult with several separate organizations who state that they represent smaller or larger subsets of the same group in respect of the same interests and the same project. It is efficient and justifiable for the Alberta Crown to seek some assurance that it is consulting with the authorized representative of an Aboriginal collective.”

WHEREAS, since the release of this court decision, Alberta has confirmed in writing that it “does not currently engage in rights-based discussions with Local Associations,” however, it working with the MNA to “develop a non-Settlement Métis Consultation Policy,” which will recognize and engage with the structures agreed to in the above-mentioned Protocols for the purpose of consultation and accommodation;

WHEREAS the court also noted the need for Métis groups to have express “authority” in their bylaws in order to authorized to deal with Crown consultation on behalf of their members, and the 2016 MNA Annual General Assembly adopted a new oath of membership that includes this express authority within the MNA Bylaws, which is shared amongst Locals, Regions and the Provincial Council through the processes set out in the above-noted Protocols;

WHEREAS other Métis Nation governments, such as the Manitoba Métis Federation and Métis Nation of Ontario, have developed their own Crown consultation approaches that rely on similar authorizations, oaths and authorities in their Bylaws, which Canada and the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario respect and rely on;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in furtherance of ensuring Métis in Alberta are consulted and accommodated in relation to their rights, interests and claims, the following sections be added to Article 12 of the MNA Bylaws:

12.4 The Government of the Métis Nation, as authorized by its Members, and, the communities comprised of those Members, is owed Crown consultation and accommodation prior to other governments or entities making decisions or policies that have the potential to impact collectively-held Métis rights, interests and claims.

12.5 Consultation and accommodation with the Government of the Métis Nation shall take place based on the *Statement of Principles on Crown Consultation with Métis in Alberta* that has been adopted by the Annual Assembly, as amended from time to time, and, the Regional Consultation Protocols negotiated and signed pursuant to the *Statement of Principles on Crown Consultation with Métis in Alberta*.

MOVED BY: AUDREY POITRAS

SECONDED BY: KAREN COLLINS

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #8

On Oath of Membership

WHEREAS the 2016 MNA AGA Special Resolution on Oath of Membership that was passed at the 2016 MNA AGA may result in Métis people terminating their membership in the MNA;

AND WHEREAS the Oath requires a voluntary authorization which offends the ability of regional rights bearing Métis communities to represent its members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby rescind the 2016 MNA AGA Special Resolution on Oath of Membership.

MOVED BY: RON QUINTAL

SECONDED BY: JOE BLYAN

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #9

To Clarify the Authority to Consult on Behalf of Local Communities

WHEREAS Article 15 sets out the powers of the Local Council;

AND WHEREAS 15.1 sets out that each Local Council shall govern the affairs of the Local Community;

AND WHEREAS the affairs of the Local Community include Consultation on behalf of its members;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Article 15 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 15.8:

15.8 The Local Councils are the sole MNA authority to consult on behalf of its members and its Local Community. Such authority may be delegated by the Local Council to a third party, Regional Councils or the Provincial Council.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following definition be added to Article 4 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 4.14:

4.14 Consultation shall mean engaging with government and/or industry regarding the Crown duty to consult and accommodate Métis people, including the negotiation of any impact or accommodation agreement.

MOVED BY: RON QUINTAL

SECONDED BY: JOE BLYAN

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #10

To Limit the Number of Terms of the Provincial President
and Provincial Vice President

WHEREAS the Membership wants to limit the number of terms of the Provincial President and Vice President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following be added to Article 16 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 16.4:

16.4 Any Member elected to the office of Provincial President or Vice President shall be entitled to seek re-election for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

MOVED BY: JOE BLYAN

SECONDED BY: STELLA LAVALLEE

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #11

To Amend the Bylaws of The Métis Nation of Alberta Association

Whereas Article 39.1 states that the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta shall not be rescinded, altered or added to except by Special Resolution;

Whereas Article 13.2 states that the “13.2 The Provincial Council may exercise all powers as are permitted by these Bylaws to govern the affairs of the Métis Nation and carry out the objectives of the Métis Nation”.

Whereas Article 9 currently reads as follows:

ARTICLE 9 SUSPENSION OF MEMBER’S RIGHT

9.1 The Métis Judiciary Council may suspend any member’s rights other than the right to vote at an annual assembly, special meeting or general election for any conduct or act which the Métis Judiciary Council determines is, has been, or will be, gravely detrimental to the Métis Nation or the interests of the Métis Nation.

9.2 Any member who has had their rights suspended shall immediately forfeit those rights in the Métis Nation for the period of the suspension.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 9.3 be added to Article 9 of the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Alberta to read as follows:

9.3 In the event that the Métis Judiciary Council is unable to perform the powers granted by these Bylaws, a member’s rights can be suspended by the following process:

- (a) the Provincial Council can suspend any members’ rights other than the right to vote at an annual assembly, special meeting or general election for any conduct or act which the Provincial Council determines is, has been, or will be, gravely detrimental to the Métis Nation or the interests of the Métis Nation.
- (b) if the Métis Judiciary Council is again able to perform the powers granted by these Bylaws, any member who has had their rights suspended by the Provincial Council shall have their case brought before the Métis Judiciary Council for a final decision.

MOVED BY: DOREEN POITRAS-HAYES

SECONDED BY: NORMA SPICER

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #12

To Amend the Bylaws of The Métis Nation of Alberta Association

Whereas Article 39.1 states that the Bylaws of the Métis Nation shall not be rescinded, altered or added to except by Special Resolution;

Whereas Article 6.4 of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws currently state that a Métis Lifetime member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in an election if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member who is entitled to hold office; and
- (b) is of the full age of sixteen (16) years or will be that age on election day; and
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in Alberta continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than thirty (30) days in arrears;

Whereas Article 1 of the Bylaws of the Métis Nation states that the objectives of the Métis Nation of Alberta are to “promote the cultural, economic, educational, political and social development of Métis in Alberta and Canada” and “to develop prosperity and economic self sufficiency within the Métis Nation of Alberta”.

And whereas any member who purposefully engages in activities that put Métis Nation in financial or structural jeopardy is in complete contradiction with the MNA objectives set out in Article 1 of the Bylaws and therefore should not have the same rights to hold office as a leader of Métis Nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 6.4 of Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws be amended to include:

- (e) Has not filed a civil claim against the Métis Nation since the most recent Election called pursuant to the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Bylaws.

MOVED BY: DOREEN POITRAS-HAYES

SECONDED BY: NORMA SPICER