



MINUTES OF THE MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA 88th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6 & 7, 2016 AT MÉTIS CROSSING HISTORIC SITE IN SMOKY LAKE COUNTY, ALBERTA

Welcoming remarks were provided by Region 5 President Bev New, followed by greetings from dignitaries invited to attend the AGA. Quorum was established with 352 registered members in attendance. Provincial President Audrey Poitras opened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair:

President Poitras opened nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Bev New nominated Tom Ghostkeeper, seconded by Sylvia Johnson. *Nomination Accepted*
Wally Garroch nominated Bruce Gladue, seconded by Cecil Bellrose. *Nomination Accepted*
Melanie Omenhio nominated Troy McLeod, seconded by Don McArgar. *Nomination Accepted*
Dan Cardinal nominated Irena Collins, seconded by George Cameron. *Nomination Accepted*
Doreen Poitras nominated Joe Blyan, seconded by Frank Taylor. *Nomination Accepted*

After 3 calls, no further nominations were made and a motion was made to cease nominations.

<p><i>Motion #1: Karen Collins moves to cease nominations for Chair, seconded by Melanie Omeniho. Motion Carried.</i></p>

Point of Order – A point of order was made regarding the nomination of Bruce Gladue.

Bruce Gladue is a MNA staff member whose position is directly related to consultation, for which three of the Special Resolutions presented are about, and he may be in conflict of interest. Mr. Gladue confirmed that he is present at the AGA as a member of the MNA and not in his role as an employee. President Poitras suggested that a legal opinion be provided by Terry Antonello, MNA's Corporate Legal Counsel.

Point of Order – A point of order was made that this is a meeting for members of the MNA and not to seek the opinion of the lawyer.

Point of Order – A point of order was made that the Assembly be mindful of the public's perception of the Métis and that what is done at the AGA is going to be perceived as fair and transparent.

President Poitras asked the Assembly by show of hands if all are in favour of proceeding with the nominations as presented knowing that a conflict of interest had been declared.

A request was made to have the vote to proceed with the nominations as presented, be counted. Following the vote, 201 members were for proceeding with the nominations, and 31 against.

Following the vote, **Tom Ghostkeeper** was elected as Chair, having received the majority vote.



Point of Information - A member indicated that it was obvious by the show of hands and that President Poitras' judgement should be trusted.

Point of Order – A point of order was made that it appeared that people were voting more than once.

President Poitras reminded the Assembly that they are to vote for only one candidate.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chair.

Melanie Omeniho nominated Troy McLeod, seconded by Don McArgar. **Nomination Accepted**

Raye St. Denys nominated Bruce Gladue, seconded by Wally Garroch. **Nomination Accepted**

Louis Bellrose nominated Joe Blyan, seconded by Pearl Sandor. **Nomination Accepted**

After 3 calls, no further nominations were made and a motion was made to cease nominations.

Motion #2: Karen Collins moves to cease nominations for Vice-Chair, seconded by Ken Chapdelaine. Motion Carried.

Following the vote **Bruce Gladue** was elected as Vice-Chair, having received the majority vote.

The Chair advised the Assembly that copies of the Annual Report are provided in the kits with the business meeting agenda contained on Page 5.

Appointment of Sergeant-At-Arms:

The Chair recommended George Pamburn as Sergeant-At-Arms.

Motion #3: Karen Collins moves to accept George Pamburn as Sergeant-At-Arms, seconded by Wally Garroch. George Pamburn accepted the nomination. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

A member requested that an update on the Tom Isaac Report and the Daniels Supreme Court of Canada decision be provided by Métis Rights lawyer Jason Madden, following the President's Report.

A member noted a correction to be made to the title for the Ministry of Rights, Governance and Justice which should be the Ministry of Registry, Governance and Justice.

Motion #4: Cliff Supernault moves to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Wally Garroch. Motion Carried.



Selection of Resolution Committee:

One Provincial Council member from each Region appointed one member from their Region to sit on the Resolution Committee as follows:

Region 1 – Melina Scoville
Region 2 – Annette Ozirny
Region 3 – Wally Garrioch

Region 4 – Cliff Supernault
Region 5 – Mary Beth New
Region 6 – Walter Andreeff

The Chairperson advised the Assembly that the Resolutions Committee will meet with legal counsel to determine the validity of the special resolutions submitted and will return later in the agenda with their findings.

Report of Officers:

President – Audrey Poitras

President Poitras report provided an update on the programs and services undertaken and/or completed since the last assembly. Details regarding the dismissal of the Executive Director and Chair for Métis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) and Métis Capital Housing Corporation (MCHC) were also provided. It was noted that since an action has been commenced in the courts by the past Executive Director with a defence and counter-claim filed by the MNA, that this information is now public and suitable to inform the Assembly.

President Poitras provided the Assembly with updates on each Ministry and acknowledged the work of the Ministers.

***Motion #5: Wally Garroch moves to accept the President's Report, seconded by Brian Hamelin.
Motion Carried.***

Métis Rights Update – Jason Madden

Métis Rights lawyer Jason Madden provided the Assembly with an overview of the report of Tom Isaac, the Métis Special Representative appointed by the federal government to conduct a review on reconciliation with the Métis: Métis Section 35 rights and the Manitoba Métis Federation decision. Information was also provided on how the Daniels' decision will affect Métis rights going forward.

The Assembly was advised that with the three Supreme Court of Canada decisions: Powley, Manitoba Métis Federation and Daniels, we now have answers to the three fundamental questions that Canada has used to keep the Métis rights discussion stalled. The Powley case confirmed that we have Section 35 constitutional rights; The Manitoba Métis Federation case confirms that we have outstanding land claims and the Daniels case answers the question of jurisdiction.

Mr. Madden concluded the presentation with a discussion around Métis harvesting rights in the Province of Alberta. It was confirmed that a technical working group has been established by the MNA that is working on developing a statement of principles relating to Crown Consultation and Accommodation, to guide how the MNA will move forward with negotiations with the province.



Motion #6: Dusty Gauchier moves to accept the Métis Rights Update provided by Jason Madden, seconded by Pat Ronald. Motion Carried.

Secretary – Karen Collins

Secretary Collins read the Summary of Motions from the 2015 AGA as well as the Resolutions that were passed. An update was provided on the status of those passed resolutions. It was noted that the resolutions which were deemed invalid, withdrawn or defeated would not be read. Following the reading and the updates, two motions will be requested – one for the acceptance of the Motions and one for the acceptance of the Resolutions.

Special Resolution Update: From the eighteen special resolutions that were submitted to last year's assembly, three were passed. Special Resolutions numbers one, three and eight were passed and the changes have been incorporated into the bylaws.

Ordinary Resolution Update: From the eleven ordinary resolutions that were presented at last year's assembly, ten were passed and one was defeated, with updates as follows:

Ordinary Resolution #1 – Develop a Framework for a Youth Council:

It is my understanding that the youth had a pre-conference workshop on July 30th in Edmonton where preparations were made for the youth gathering hosted here yesterday. The Youth agenda yesterday included reviewing 2015 youth gathering, a session on developing healthy relationships, networks and communication skills. The gathering also included an agenda item in-line with this resolution as our youth worked on the development of a Youth Framework in Alberta. I am expecting that we will see this brought forward today as part of an ordinary resolution.

Ordinary Resolution #2 – 200 Year Celebration of the Métis Flag:

Based on further research it was determined that in fact our Métis flag is a few years older than 200. Our research showed that our Métis flag had indeed flown a few years prior to the battle of seven oaks. In response to this the MNA chose to not celebrate the anniversary of the flag, but celebrate the flag itself. Flags of all different sizes were provided to the Regions for them to promote there different events and with their Citizens.

Ordinary Resolution #3 – Solitary Confinement in Prisons:

In regards to this resolution, I will cite the report from our Committee Member Muriel Stanley-Venne, which is on page 16 of your annual report, in which she notes that due to unforeseen circumstances Joe Pimlott, MNA Minister of Justice, resigned and that this matter was not forwarded to the Métis National Council for ratification.

Ordinary Resolution #4 – Election of Chair & Co-Chair at Assemblies:

This resolution was defeated.

Ordinary Resolution #5 – History of Residential Schools:



The Métis education division of Rupertsland Institute has been very active over the past 12 months. This year in response to this resolution and other pending key priorities the RLI Board of Governors adopted a first ever policy framework on Métis K-12 education. Based on a recommendation from this paper RLI established the Alberta Métis Education Council. The Education Council is composed of Métis Individuals whom have extensive knowledge in the field of education and is mandated to speak to government on education policy matters such as the one raised in this resolution. The education council has created numerous partnerships and sits on various committees, such as the College of Alberta Superintendents, Alberta Education FNMI Advisory Group, Alberta Education Curriculum Advisory Group, the Alberta Teachers Association and others. We are expecting to see a Ministerial Order this fall in which the recommendations from the TRC will be included in Alberta curriculum.

Ordinary Resolution #6 – Elder’s in Correctional Institutions:

Both Ted Norris and Muriel Stanley-Venne undertook this task as part of their role as Métis Members on the National Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of Prisons. A listing of Métis Elders whom go to the Federal prisons has been provided by Corrections Canada.

Ordinary Resolution #7 – Governance Framework:

A report on this resolution will be provided later on today.

Ordinary Resolution #8 – Métis Judiciary Council Review:

A report on this resolution will be provided later on today.

Ordinary Resolution #9 – Fire Evacuations:

The MNA has worked on this initiative and has lobbied the government to provide resources so that the Métis Nation is in a position to be more prepared when natural disasters strike. Unfortunately, our efforts in seeking to establish resources and capacity in this area have not been as effective as we had hoped. The government of Alberta supports a First Nations disaster relief program but there is not a Métis program. To this end the MNA will keep working to try and secure resources so that we can build capacity.

As we all know just recently Alberta was once again affected by natural disaster – The Fort McMurray wildfire.

Although as I just stated we do not have any specific resources dedicated to disaster relief the response of MNA Citizens, staff and institutions is something we can be proud of.....but at the same time leaving us with a feeling that we wished we could have done more.

Within 12 hours of the evacuation, the MNA staff worked the phones and were able to locate 200 of our citizens and to conduct a needs assessment.

Of these, nearly all were looking to access housing and basic care supports. Some required urgent medical assistance and social service and financial support.



In response to this the MNA opened its doors from 1 to 4 PM on May 7th. The MNA retained physicians, psychiatrists, social workers, our Métis Resource workers, nurses, pharmacist, diabetic nurse, financial advisors, insurance brokers, RLI staff to assist with EI applications. A community barbecue and music was provided. The MNA also accepted donations as well as purchased other essentials to provide to the evacuees.

In the three hours we were open we seen over 100 people at the Provincial Office, nearly half of which accessed the physicians on-site and all visited the Métis resource workers for linkages to the socio-economic supports we provided.

The MNA and Rupertsland Institute also loaded food, water and toiletries on to the RLI Mobile Employment Buses and sent them to various evacuation centers.

The work done by many of our individual Citizens should also be acknowledged.

Ordinary Resolution #10 – Residential School Gravesites:

Muriel Stanley-Venne is the MNA Representative and Vice President of the Remembering the Children’s Society. The MNA has been fully supportive of the Society and has provided meeting space and genealogical services to help find the relatives of these Children. The MNA will continue to support the work of the Remembering the Children’s society.

Ordinary Resolution #11 – Special Assembly re: MJC Review:

Based on the fact that the independent third party reviewer of the MJC was not given access to the MJC past decisions we did not have time to hold this special assembly. More details will be provided on this during the presentation later today from the independent third party reviewer.

*Motion #7: Maxine Elter moves to accept the Summary of Motions from the 87th Annual Assembly held in Edmonton, Alberta, as read by Secretary Collins, seconded by Walter Andreeff.
Motion Carried.*

*Motion #8: Dusty Gauchier moves to accept the Summary of Resolutions updates from the 87th Annual Assembly held in Edmonton, Alberta, as read by Secretary Collins, seconded by Melanie Omeniho.
Motion Carried.*

Treasurer – Bev New

Audited Financial Statements – March 31, 2016:

Ruben Jeffery, Auditor with Kingston Ross Pasnak, LLP, Ryan Fleming, MNA’s Finance Officer, along with Treasurer, Bev New presented the March 31, 2016 audited financial statements and provided citizens an opportunity for questions.



The opinion contained in the Independent Auditor's Report dated July 7, 2016, indicates a clean audit and that *"...the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Métis Nation of Alberta as at March 31, 2016..."*

Treasurer Bev New provided an update to the Assembly on the Metis Capital Housing Corporation owned Renaissance Tower Project (BRAC Building) as questions arose from the last AGA.

A question arose as to where in the financial statements is the revenue shown for the Enbridge and TransCanada agreements. The Treasurer confirmed that those amounts are included in the Revenue of \$1,036,132 located on Page 21 of the financial statements.

A further question arose as to when the financial statements would be posted on the MNA website. The Treasurer apologized for the oversight and requested that an ordinary resolution be presented at this AGA to do so.

Motion #9: Melanie Omeniho moves that from this point forward, that the minutes of the Annual Assemblies and the Financial Reports be posted online, to a secure member login area, for all of the members of the Métis Nation of Alberta to see after they are accepted and approved, seconded by Tina Brett. Motion Carried.

Motion #10: James Atkinson moves to accept the Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2016 as presented, seconded by Lawrence Gervais. Motion Carried.

Marlene Lanz & Carol Ridsdale, Co-Ministers of Registry, Governance and Justice Report on the status of the 2015 Ordinary Resolution #8 – Métis Judiciary Council Review

Minister Lanz advised the Assembly that a request for proposal was issued for an independent third party review of the Métis Judiciary Council in response to the direction given at the last assembly by way of Ordinary Resolution #8. It was noted that a special assembly was not held due to lack of time, however Deloitte was contracted to conduct the comprehensive review.

Paul Groch with Deloitte presented the report titled *'Independent Third Party Review of Métis Nation of Alberta Métis Judiciary Council'*, dated August 3, 2016, to the Assembly.

He confirmed that the objective of the review was to assess the MJC, including but not limited to how matters are brought forward, MJC powers and rights of the parties involved, and the process around previous decision making. Based on the review, twenty recommendations were made which cover all aspects of the MJC's operations and are contained in the report.

It was noted that the MNA should develop a committee with a mandate to present to the members of the MNA an integrated set of proposed resolutions to amend the bylaws of the MJC. With respect to the committee, some members were concerned that it would be made up of Provincial Council members.



Minister Lanz advised that was not the intent and that there would be regional representation on the committee made up of community members from each region.

Motion #11: Marlene Lanz moves that:

Whereas, the 87th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta has directed the MNA to conduct a complete and comprehensive review of the Métis Judiciary Council.

And Whereas, the Métis Nation of Alberta has issued a request for proposal, for a qualified independent third party to undertake the review of the Métis Judiciary Council.

And Whereas, the selected independent third party has completed their review of the Métis Judiciary Council and have provided nineteen recommendations based on their findings, which will require further work to implement.

Therefore be it resolved that the 88th Annual Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta accept the report of the independent third party and its recommendations for the Métis Judiciary Council.

Seconded by: Carol Ridsdale

Motion Carried.

**Marlene Lanz & Carol Ridsdale, Co-Ministers of Registry, Governance and Justice
Report on the status of the 2015 Ordinary Resolution #7 – Governance Review**

Minister Lanz advised that the MNA issued a request for proposal for a governance review. A team from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Native Studies responded and was awarded the contract.

Minister Lanz introduced Shaylene Jobin and Kirsten Lindquest from the University of Alberta to present the report which included details on the approach taken, Métis Governance history, timelines and next steps.

The Assembly was advised that the approach included a literature review, interviews with Métis community members throughout the province, focus groups and an online questionnaire. It was noted that additional interviews were being conducted at this AGA with the information to be included in the final report. All information obtained was transcribed and entered into the INVEVO software program which can analyze the results.

It is expected that the final report with the inclusion of interviews conducted at this AGA will be completed by September 2016 and will include over-arching key recommendations as well as a process for the implementation of the recommendations.

Motion #12: Bev New moves to accept the Governance Review report as presented, seconded by Wally Garroch.
Motion Carried.



Day 2 – August 7, 2016

Quorum established with 157 registered voters in attendance. The Chair opened the meeting at 9:23 am and introduced the Resolution Committee spokesperson, Walter Andreeff.

Mr. Andreeff read Special Resolution #1 and confirmed that the Committee deemed it a valid resolution.

Resolutions – Resolutions Committee & Legal Counsel

SPECIAL RESOLUTION#1

RESOLUTION ON NEGOTIATING A MODERN DAY TREATY WITH THE CROWN

WHEREAS it has been the longstanding goal of the MNA to advance the Métis Nation’s inherent right of self-government and self-determination within Alberta through negotiating a modern day treaty relationship with the Crown, which recognizes the MNA’s unique self-government, respects Métis rights throughout Alberta and addresses outstanding Métis land claims;

AND WHEREAS through the strong political organization and efforts of the MNA and Métis leaders like Harry Daniels, section 35 of the *Constitution Act 1982* includes the Métis Nation and states,

- (1) The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed;
- (2) In this Act, “aboriginal peoples of Canada” includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada
- (3) For greater certainty, in subsection (1) “treaty rights” includes rights that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired.

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has recently confirmed in the *Daniels* case that the Federal Government has the jurisdiction and responsibility pursuant to section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867* to establish a meaningful relationship with the Métis Nation that advances reconciliation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following objective of the MNA be added to Article 1 of the MNA Bylaws as Article 1.8:

To negotiate, on behalf of the Métis in Alberta, a modern day treaty relationship with the Crown through a “land claims agreement” or other arrangement as called for and contemplated within the meaning of section 35(3) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

MOVED BY: Bev New SECONDED BY: Karen Collins

RESOLUTION PASSED



SPECIAL RESOLUTION #2

Mr. Andreeff read Special Resolution #2 to the assembly and confirmed that the committee deemed it a valid resolution.

RESOLUTION ON OATH OF MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS Article 1.3 of the MNA Bylaws sets out that it is an objective of MNA “to promote, pursue, and defend the Aboriginal, legal, constitutional, and other rights of Métis in Alberta,” which includes asserting and advancing Métis rights that are protected within section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* including dealing with the Crown’s constitutional duties and obligations owing to Métis in Alberta and addressing outstanding Métis land claims in Alberta;

AND WHEREAS Articles 10.7 and 10.8 state:

- 10.7 Any Métis who has been accepted as a Member must sign and take an oath of membership to the Métis Nation.
- 10.8 The oath of membership shall be attached to Schedule “A” to these Bylaws and shall form a part of the Bylaws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following oath of membership be attached to the MNA Bylaws as Schedule “A”:

I agree to the Métis Nation’s Bylaws and policies, as amended from time to time, and, voluntarily authorize the Métis Nation to assert and advance collectively-held Métis rights, interests and claims on behalf of myself, my community and the Métis in Alberta, including negotiating and arriving at agreements that advance, determine, recognize and respect Métis rights. In signing this oath, I also recognize that I have the right to end this authorization, at any time, by terminating my membership within the Métis Nation.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this oath of membership be a requirement for all future individuals to sign as part of their application for membership in the MNA;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all existing members be provided notice of this new oath of membership.

MOVED BY: Bev New

SECONDED BY: Karen Collins

RESOLUTION PASSED

Wendy Goulet, President of Cadotte Lake Métis Local requested it be noted in the minutes that she voted against the resolution.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #3



Mr. Andreeff confirmed that the committee deemed this an invalid resolution.

RESOLUTION ON TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS it is now an objective of the MNA “to negotiate, on behalf of the Métis in Alberta, a modern day treaty relationship with the Crown through a “land claim agreement” or other arrangement as called for and contemplated within the meaning of section 35(3) of the *Constitution Act, 1982.*”

AND WHEREAS other Métis Nation governments, including, the Manitoba Métis Federation, are pursuing their own negotiations with the Crown on behalf of their members, and their bylaws include provisions that state that participation in a land claims agreement under the meaning of the *Constitution Act, 1982* to which that Métis Nation government is not a party to results in automatic termination of membership;

AND WHEREAS Article 8(1) of the MNA Bylaws already recognize that a Lifetime Membership in the MNA shall terminate upon “entry of a member’s name in a Band list or in the Indian Register according to the provisions of the *Indian Act, R.S.C.*”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following be added as Article 8(1)(d) of the MNA Bylaws as a reason for termination of membership in the MNA:

Participation in a modern day treaty or “land claim agreement” with the Crown under the meaning of the *Constitution Act, 1982* to which the Métis in Alberta are not a party.

MOVED BY: Bev New SECONDED BY: Karen Collins

RESOLUTION DEEMED INVALID

Mr. Andreeff confirmed that Resolution #4 has been withdrawn by the members who submitted it.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION #4

Whereas the Provincial bylaws need clarity in the right of recall; and

Whereas there are many inconsistencies in the issue of recalling the Provincial President or Vice President; and

Whereas we need consistency in the process so that people can be advised on how to bring forward issues related to the Provincially elected positions; and

Whereas the current bylaws read as follows:

23.2 A President or Vice-President may be removed from office through the following process:



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- a A minimum of Twenty-One (21) days notice of a Local Community Meeting to approve an ordinary resolution demanding the removal of the President or Vice-President must be given to members of all Local Communities in Alberta; and
 - b A written resolution demanding the removal of the President or Vice-President must be approved by seventy-five (75%) percent of all Local Communities in Alberta who have held meetings and given their members a minimum of twenty-one (21) days notice of the meeting; and
 - c The written resolution approved and signed by seventy-five (75%) percent of the Local Communities in Alberta shall be sent to their Regional Council; and
 - d Upon receipt of the written resolution from the Local Council the Secretary of each Regional Council shall give a minimum of twenty-one (21) days notice of a meeting to the members of the Regional Council to vote on the written resolution; and
 - e A meeting each Regional Council shall be held and if seventy-five (75%) percent of the members of each Regional Council vote to remove the President or Vice-President then each Regional Council shall send a written resolution demanding the removal of the President or Vice-President to the Provincial Council; and
 - f Within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a written resolutions from seventy-five (75%) percent of the Regional Councils signed by seventy-five (75%) percent of the members of each Regional Council the Provincial Council shall remove the President or Vice-President and the position shall be declared vacant.

Therefore be it resolved that the current Article 23.2 be removed in its entirety and replaced with the following article: (highlighted parts indicate recommended changes):

- a) 23.2 A Provincial President or Provincial Vice-President may be removed from office through the following process:
 - a A minimum of Twenty One (21) days notice of a Local Community Meeting to approve an ordinary resolution demanding the removal of the President or Vice-President must be given to members of all Local Communities in Alberta; and
 - b A written resolution demanding the removal of the Provincial President or Provincial Vice-President must be approved by seventy-five (75%) percent of the number of Métis individuals that voted in that community during the election; and
 - c The written resolution approved and signed by seventy-five (75%) percent of the Local Communities in the Region shall be sent to their Regional Council; and Upon receipt of the written resolution from the Local Councils the Secretary of each Regional Council



shall give a minimum of twenty-one (21) days notice of a meeting to the members of the Regional Council to vote on the written resolution; and

- d A meeting each Regional Council shall be held and if seventy-five (75%) percent of the members of each Regional Council vote to remove the Provincial President or Provincial Vice-President then each Regional Council shall send a written resolution demanding the removal of the President or Vice-President to the Provincial Council; and
- e Within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a written resolution from seventy-five (75%) percent of the Regional Councils signed by seventy-five (75%) percent of the eligible voters who voted in the previous election Regional Council the Provincial Council shall remove the Provincial President or Provincial Vice-President and the position shall be declared vacant.

MOVED BY: Darryl Shott MNA member: 003501 Region 1

SECONDED BY: Wendy Goulet MNA member: 004809 Region 6

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#1

Ordinary Resolution submitted by: Métis Nation of Alberta Local 2002 Buffalo Lake

WHEREAS: The Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Local 2002 Buffalo Lake is situated on the Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement and comprised of Métis holding membership within the MNA, and

WHEREAS: The MNA has an extensive Genealogy Research Centre (GRC), with staff having over thirty years collective research and genealogy experience, and

WHEREAS: Confirmation of Métis Status requires historical proof of an ancestor who received a land grant or script grant under the Manitoba Act or the Dominion Lands Act which would require proof of Métis ancestry to the 1800s, and

WHEREAS: the Ewing Commission set up on 1938 in Alberta to review the situation of the Métis in Alberta, recommended that land be set aside for the Métis with limited self-governing authority over hunting, fishing and trapping, and

WHEREAS: In the 1960s, a Cabinet Order-in-Council removed the settlements Marlboro, Touchwood, Cold Lake and Wolf Lake from the Métis regime, and

WHEREAS: In 1990, Accord Legislation passed giving the Métis people – all Métis people, not just certain Métis, 1.25 million acres of land on eight settlements remaining after – via the Métis Settlement Act, the Métis Accord Implementation Act, the Métis Land Protection Act and the Constitution of Alberta Amendment Act, and



WHEREAS: Confusion has arisen as to the definition of Métis as a result of litigation, public policy and lack of progression on the Métis Settlements, thus putting at risk assurances that the land set aside for the Métis remains for all Métis and not only certain Métis.

THEREFORE: be it resolved that:

1. The Métis Nation of Alberta make it an official policy that all persons living on Settlements and claiming to be Métis and benefit from the rights of land ownership, voting and holding office on a Settlement must hold membership with the MNA.
2. Moreover that the MNA lobby the Government of Alberta and the Federal Government to affect same as the MNA membership is the only trustworthy method of assuring Métis heritage and bona fides.

MOVED BY: Jack Ladouceur

SECONDED BY: Joe Blyan

***RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY***

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#2

Métis Provisional Youth Council

Whereas, the Métis Youth gathered Friday August 5, 2016 at the 2016 Métis Youth Conference.

Whereas, we reviewed the 2015 Youth Gathering report, we discussed a provisional framework to move youth issues forward, and we discussed the transition process to finalize a youth council framework for the 2018 MNA general election.

Whereas, to move forward on these priorities, the youth within the Métis Nation of Alberta establish a provisional council, through a regional application process, which is comprised of a member from each region, within 6 months of the 2016 AGA.

Whereas the Métis Nation of Alberta have set a precedent by having a previous youth council.

Therefore, be it resolved 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.

Moved by: Dusty Gauchier

Seconded by: Audrey Poitras

RESOLUTION PASSED



ORDINARY RESOLUTION#3

Whereas hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering and practising traditional activities on our lands is fundamental to Métis identity and way of life in Alberta and are protected as constitutional rights in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*

And whereas in 2007 the Government of Alberta unilaterally adopted a Métis Harvesting Policy that largely denies the Section 35 Métis Rights in Alberta and is inconsistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Canada's Constitution;

And whereas the 2007 MNA AGA unanimously adopted an Action Plan on Métis Harvesting that rejects Alberta's Métis Harvesting Policy and commits the MNA to advancing and protecting Métis harvesting rights;

And whereas the MNA President has repeatedly written to the new Alberta Government to re-engage in harvesting rights negotiations to arrive at a mutually agreeable arrangement that recognizes and protects rights for generations to come but has not received a response yet;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The MNA AGA fully supports the MNA efforts to negotiate a new arrangement on Métis Harvesting rights and that all MNA citizens be encouraged to call and write to the Premier, Minister of Environment and Parks as well as their member of the Legislative Assembly on the need for renewed negotiations;
2. If the Alberta Government refuses to negotiate on these issues, the MNA be authorized to develop and pursue strategic litigation in order to secure renewed negotiations with the Alberta Government since the status quo is unacceptable to Alberta Métis.

Moved by: Joe Hamelin

Seconded by: Karen Collins

RESOLUTION PASSED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#4

I, Carmen Wells move that the Métis Nation of Alberta, begin developing a Constitution for the Métis Nation of Alberta.

Moved by: Carmen Wells

Seconded by: Brian Hamelin

RESOLUTION PASSED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#5

Whereas, the MNA is in the process of developing Métis Crossing as a world heritage centre in recognition of the Métis Nation; and



Whereas, the Métis Nation has recognized leaders such as Louis Riel where a statue of his likeness stands at the Manitoba Legislature; and

Whereas, a statue of Gabriel Dumont is erected in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and

Whereas, Harry Daniels is responsible for getting “Métis” into the Constitution of Canada; and

Whereas, Harry Daniels is responsible for the Supreme Court affirming our Indigenous rights; and

Whereas, Harry Daniels was very involved within the Métis Nation of Alberta,

Therefore be it resolved, that the MNA desire to have a statue of Harry Daniels at Métis Crossing as a world class attraction.

And further be it resolved that, the MNA will work with all relevant parties to have a statue of Harry Daniels at Métis Crossing.

Moved by: Aaron Barner

Seconded by: Joe Blyan

***RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY***

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#6

Harvesting Harassment

Whereas Métis harvesting rights have been established in the Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Provincial Fish and Wildlife continue to charge Métis hunters for hunting; and

Whereas, this action no longer be accepted and tolerated;

Therefore be it resolved that, the MNA be authorized to pursue charges of harassment against all Fish and Game officers, who continue to contravene this court decision.

Moved by: Brian Fayant

Seconded by: Melanie Omeniho

RESOLUTION PASSED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#7

Melanie Omeniho moves that the resolution committee be mandated with the responsibility of presenting all resolutions and start by setting up a process for us to submit resolutions for them to be put on a screen before voting. Seconded by Brian Fayant.



Moved by: Melanie Omeniho

Seconded by: Brian Fayant

RESOLUTION PASSED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#8

Brian Fayant moves that the MNA continue to host the AGA at Métis Crossing, furthermore that a resolution be tabled at the next AGA that would provide the changes in the bylaws to reflect that.

Therefore be it resolved that Region 6 consider holding the 2017 AGA at Metis Crossing at which time a Special Resolution will be presented to change the bylaws. Seconded by Nora Chapdelaine.

Moved by: Brian Fayant

Seconded by: Nora Chapdelaine

RESOLUTION PASSED

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#9

RESOLUTION ON STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON CROWN CONSULTATION AND ACCOMODATION WITH MÉTIS IN ALBERTA

WHEREAS the Crown has a constitutional obligation to consult with and, where appropriate, accommodate Métis in Alberta when governments contemplate conduct that may adversely affect asserted or established Métis rights, interests, and claims;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Alberta currently has no formal policy requiring consultation with Métis in Alberta not living on the Métis Settlements, and the Government of Alberta's approach to consultation with Métis is *ad hoc* and discretionary;

AND WHEREAS at the provincial, regional, and local levels, the Métis Nation of Alberta has consistently and repeatedly advocated for the collaborative development and implementation of a Government of Alberta policy that would ensure meaningful consultation with Métis in Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the *Statement of Principles on Crown Consultation and Accommodation with Métis in Alberta* ("*Statement of Principles*," attached hereto as Appendix A) was developed and agreed to by a Technical Working Group made up of representatives of every Region of the Métis Nation of Alberta in order to serve as a statement of the principles to which Crown consultation and accommodation with Métis in Alberta must adhere;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Alberta endorses the *Statement of Principles* and mandates the Métis Nation of Alberta to undertake the following:

- 1) Negotiations with the Government of Alberta to develop a provincial government policy consistent with the *Statement of Principles* requiring Crown consultation with Métis in Alberta;



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- 2) Negotiations between the Provincial, Regional, and Local Councils to develop consensus based regional consultation protocols consistent with the *Statement of Principles* that will define the processes by which the Crown and industry ought to consult with the Métis in specific geographic areas of Alberta; and
 - 3) Preparation of proposed amendments to the Métis Nation of Alberta's *Policy Guidelines Regarding the Duty to Consult and Accommodate Métis Aboriginal Rights and Interests in Alberta* (July 2009) to ensure its consistency with the *Statement of Principles*.

Moved by: Cliff Supernault

Seconded by: Karen Collins

***RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY***

ORDINARY RESOLUTION#10

Brian Fayant moves that the MNA create a monument to the Veterans located here at Métis Crossing.
Seconded by Nora Chapdelaine.

Moved by: Brian Fayant

Seconded by: Nora Chapdelaine

***RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY***

Motion #13: Melanie Omeniho moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am August 7, 2016.