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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our readers. This Otipemisiwak is a special edition that is designed to inform Métis Nation of Alberta citizens on Alberta Métis governance. In the following pages, you can find information on MNA Bylaws, Special Resolutions, voting procedures, and much more. We also have included information on what to expect for this year's AGA and how you can get involved.

With recent groundbreaking court decisions (such as the 2016 Daniel's Case victory) and government agreements, this is an exciting time to get involved. On January 30, 2017, MNA became the first province to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Canada. A few days later, on February 1, 2017, MNA Provincial Council and myself finalized a pioneering ten-year Framework Agreement with the Government of Alberta. In this momentous time, it is imperative that our Nation works together.

With that being said, I would like to direct our readers attention to how you can get involved to help drive our Nation forward; mainly, understanding the history of our people, where we are today, and what is possible. To help facilitate this learning, MNA is kicking off this year's Annual General Assembly with a Métis Rights Conference on Friday, August 11, 2017. I highly encourage all of our citizens to come and learn about Métis rights history, where we stand today, and what is being done to further the Nation.

If you have never immersed yourself in MNA governance or politics, I hope this edition of Otipemisiwak makes joining in a little bit easier. If you are well versed, I hope you find the following pages interesting and useful. Please enjoy what we have planned for this year's Annual General Assembly.

Kind Regards,

Audrey Poitras
President, Métis Nation of Alberta



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The First General Assembly



Under the leadership of Charles Delorme in 1928, the first official Assembly was held near Frog Lake. This gathering marks the beginning of Métis Nation of Alberta's history. The political uprising was a response to the conditions the Métis of Alberta had been suffering since the late 1800s, especially after Louis Riel's execution in 1885. The Métis Nation suffered oppression and marginalization through calculated efforts to eradicate the Métis way of life and culture. Though no two Métis had the same experience, many endured countless injustices within the Scrip and Residential School systems, leaving the Métis Nation, as a whole, greatly wounded. Not to be forgotten or destroyed, a small group of Alberta Métis drew from the laws of the Buffalo Hunt to form a government to negotiate with the Government of Alberta.

In 1932, Malcolm Norris, Jim Brady, Peter Tomkins, Joseph Dion, and Felix Calliou (the Métis “Famous Five”) formed L’Association des Métis d’Alberta et les Territoires du Nord-Ouest, what would later become the Métis Nation of Alberta. The photo on the left shows members of the Métis Association (now Métis Nation of Alberta) meeting with Members of the Legislative assembly in Edmonton 1932. Back row (left to right) MLA Joseph Miville Déchene, Felix Calihoo, MLA Leonidas A Giroux, Peter Tomkins. Front row: Secretary Jim Brady, Rev. Father Fahler, President Joeseph Dion, Bishop Guy, Malcolm F. Norris, and Peter Tomkins Sr.

The Famous Five would go on to pressure the Government of Alberta on behalf of the Metis population for a protected homeland, the Métis Settlements. In response to their lobbying, the Alberta legislature established the Ewing Commission (a royal commission) of 1934–1936. The report called for a Métis land base provided by the provincial government. After the Association established the Métis Settlements, they worked to advance Métis health, education, housing, and much more.

To learn more about what today’s Annual General Assembly looks like, please read on.



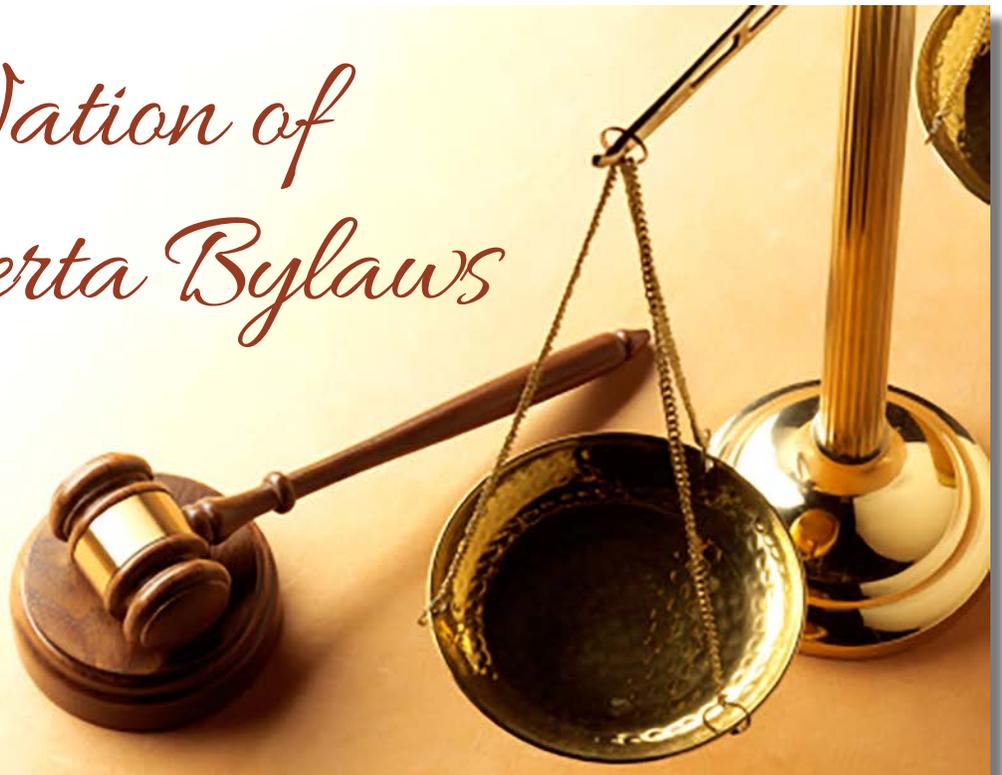
What is an Annual General Assembly?

The Annual General Assembly (AGA) is Métis Nation of Alberta's (MNA) most important annual event, offering political direction for the year, as well as invaluable opportunities to gather and socialize. The Assembly governs and directs MNA via Special Resolutions, which in turn, change our Bylaws (a document that gives us our direction and protocols). This is the chance for all of our members to have a say in what happens with their government. Usually lasting a few days, the AGA has many separate events. The most important event is the **Business Meeting**. The Business Meeting is where Resolutions are voted on in a direct-democratic fashion, meaning all MNA members (16 years of age or older) are welcome to vote on issues that affect them. In addition to voting, any MNA member (16 years of age or older) can propose a Special Resolution to be voted on and possibly passed. To learn about how to amend the Bylaws, the origin of the AGA, and what a Special Resolution is, please read on. Below are some photos of last year's AGA at Métis Crossing. Opposite, we have some historical photos of AGAs from past years. The bottom left-hand photo shows the late **Harry Daniels** sitting at MNA's 1972 AGA.





Métis Nation of Alberta Bylaws



The Bylaws of Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) are the written rules of conduct governing the Métis Nation of Alberta at the Provincial, Regional, and Local level. In essence, they are our laws. In total there are 79 bylaw articles that instruct and bind the governance procedures of MNA. A key article in the Bylaws is Article 12, which outlines the government of MNA as the Provincial Council, Regional Council, and Local Council, and instructs who sits on these councils. Other notable articles in the Bylaws include Articles 13, 14, and 15, which outline the powers of the Provincial Council, Regional Councils, and Local Councils, respectively.

The Bylaws also include three schedules which are attached sections that form part of the bylaws:

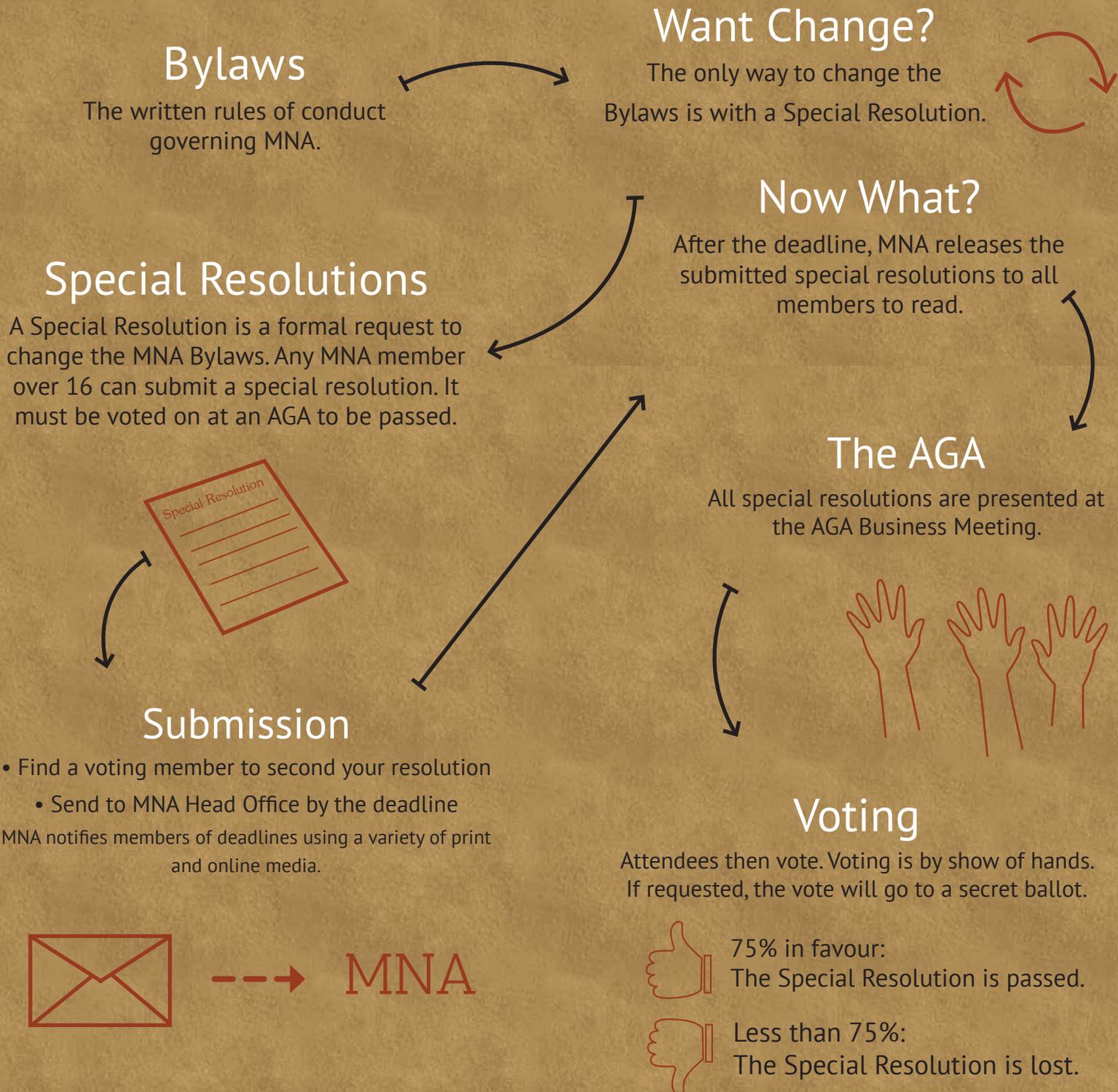
- Schedule “A” of the Bylaws is the ‘Oath of Membership’;
- Schedule “B” is the Boundaries Map of the 6 MNA regions; and
- Schedule “C” is the Métis Nation of Alberta Election Bylaws.

To become familiar with the MNA Bylaws, please visit our website at albertametis.com/governance/bylaws/.



Special Resolutions

Passing a Special Resolution is the only way to change the MNA Bylaws. A Special Resolution must include the suggested bylaw change and is presented at an Annual General Assembly for members to vote on. It can only pass with a minimum vote of 75% agreement of the MNA members physically present at the Business Meeting. Each year, members who wish to amend the bylaws can submit their own Special Resolution to the MNA Head Office by the set deadline. For an example of a Special Resolution, please see page 24 of this newsletter.



Métis Governance and The Buffalo Hunt

Métis Hunting Buffalo on Horseback, Paul Kane

Many of us know the Buffalo Hunt played an integral role in the development of our Métis Nation. Buffalo hunting provided Métis people with a livelihood and helped sustain our mobile economy. What is less commonly known is that our strong democratic traditions in Métis governance have their roots in the Buffalo Hunt. Each new hunt began with the community gathering to reinstate the rules of the previous hunt and to elect the leaders of the new hunt¹. The Métis community would elect members of a Buffalo Council, who would then create laws of the Buffalo Hunt to ensure efficiency, protection and discipline. In order to become authorized, all rules had to be agreed upon by the entire community through the council process, making it one of the earliest forms of direct democracy in North America¹. This council process now takes the form of our **Annual General Assembly**.

Traditional Métis Laws of the Buffalo Hunt

1. No buffalo to be run on the Sabbath-Day.
2. No party to fork off, lag behind, or go before without permission.
3. No person or party to run buffalo before the general order.
4. Every captain with his men, in turn, to patrol the camp, and keep guard.
5. For the first trespass against these laws, the offender to have his saddle and bridle cut up.
6. For the second offence, the coat be taken off the offender's back, and be cut up.
7. For the third offence, the offender to be flogged.
8. Any person convicted of theft, even to the value of a sinew, to be brought to the middle of the camp, and the crier to call out his or her name three times, adding the word "Thief," at each time.



The initiation of these laws marks the first steps the Métis Nation took towards self-government. According to Christopher Adams, though the laws allowed leaders to organize the hunt, it also allowed them “to oversee the stewardship of the land and resources derived from it”¹. The election of the Buffalo Council effected more than just a hunt, but formed one of the first democracies in North America. Though Métis governance structure is more formalized today, MNA and other Métis governments still ensure all citizens’ concerns and voices are heard annually.

¹ Christopher Adams et al, *Métis in Canada: History, Identity, Law and Politics* (Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 2013). p. 347-8.

Meet Your Métis Leaders



Provincial Council serves as the representative body and political voice of the Métis in Alberta, responsible for governing the cultural, educational, economical, political, and social affairs of Métis Nation of Alberta. Provincial Council is comprised of a Provincial President, Vice-President, and twelve elected members, two from each of MNA's six regions. Provincial Council members are elected by their region for four-year terms and may run for re-election. The President appoints Provincial Council Members to one of MNA's seven ministries, where they serve as Ministers or Co-Ministers as they help build a strong Métis Nation.

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT

CO-MINISTER OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

CO-MINISTER OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH



As the longest serving President of MNA, Audrey Poitras was first elected to leadership in 1996 as the first female provincial president. For over two decades, President Poitras has been a passionate advocate for Métis rights and programs. As leader, President Poitras has supported the growth of Métis communities throughout the province. Along with key stakeholders, President Poitras has negotiated partnerships with colleges and universities, ensuring Métis Endowment funds of \$22 million to date. Over her time as MNA President, she has facilitated the creation of MNA's Rupertsland Institute, a Métis Centre of Excellence, which promotes education, training, and research, enriching the lives of countless Métis in Alberta.

With the help of the recent Supreme Court of Canada's Daniels Decision, President Poitras continues to negotiate landmark political agreements. In recent months, President Poitras has negotiated the first ever Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Métis Nation of Alberta and the Government of Canada and the most comprehensive Provincial Framework Agreement in MNA history. Throughout her leadership, President Poitras has been honoured with numerous awards and recognitions, including receiving a National Aboriginal Achievement Award, being named one of Alberta's 50 most influential people by Alberta Venture magazine (2005), and Alberta Chamber of Resources selecting her as Indigenous Leader of the Year (2017).

REGION 1



MNA REGION 1 PRESIDENT DIANE SCOVILLE

Diane Scoville was born in Lac La Biche and raised in the nearby Métis community of the Lac La Biche Mission. She has five sisters and three brothers who were raised knowing their Traditional Way of Life. Diane's parents were proud to be Métis, they both spoke Michif, Cree, French, and English.

Her political career started by applying for a Secretarial Job at MNA Region 1 in the spring of 2009. She returned to her studies and completed her Business Diploma in the fall of 2010. In the fall of 2011, Diane was elected Vice-President of the MNA Region 1, thus began her building relationships with industry and government. She was elected President of the MNA Region 1 in the fall of 2014 and is currently serving her first term. As the elected

President, and serving a Board of 10 Local Presidents has been challenging and rewarding at times. Diane is very proud of MNA Region 1 and how they have become united when dealing with the many issues that impact the Region and their members.

Some of her priorities are to have more youth involved in knowing our Traditional Way of Life and to pass down the many stories of "long ago". To keep negotiating with Industry and Government on the many issues facing our members, advancing our rights, clean safe environment, and preserving our land for our children and the many generations to come. Diane is passionate about respecting our children and youth, as one day, they will be our voices.

MNA REGION 1 VICE-PRESIDENT DAN CARDINAL CO-MINISTER OF CULTURE, VETERANS, AND SENIORS

Dan Cardinal was elected Vice President of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 1 in September of 2014. Dan was born and raised in Lac La Biche by proud Métis parents, August and Bernadette Cardinal, who made their home in Imperial Mills, a thriving Métis hamlet. Ensuring the survival and promotion of Métis culture and Cree language has always been a passion of Dan's. Preserving the rich history of Lac La Biche and the province, which our Métis peoples have played a significant role in shaping, is another great passion of Dan's. Dan is a graduate of JA Williams School, Alberta Vocational College with an LPN certificate. The LPN certificate prepared Dan for working with a diverse population throughout Alberta. Dan also attended the University of Alberta Native Studies program where he had the chance to participate in their council, which allowed him the opportunity to shape and influence the curriculum that remains today. His greatest satisfaction as a leader of Region 1 is collaborating with Provincial Council to serve MNA citizens, which he hopes will leave a legacy for generations to come.



REGION 2

MNA REGION 2 PRESIDENT KAREN COLLINS CO-MINISTER OF MÉTIS RIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION

Region 2 President Karen Collins' political career accompanies a lifelong path of employment and volunteerism. Once Karen's path in the work force began, she knew that part of her calling was to help in bettering the quality of life for Métis and Aboriginal peoples. Karen has been involved in the Aboriginal community for many years and has worked closely with the Friendship Centre, as well the Métis Settlements Transition Commission, working on the RCAP as a member of the Métis Team, and four years working as the Administrator for the Elizabeth Métis Settlement. Karen was elected as Region 2 President in September 2002, a position she has held since.

Karen is very serious about her position as she strongly believed in community development for the importance of collective nation building.



MNA REGION 2 VICE-PRESIDENT DUANE ZARASKA CO-MINISTER OF CULTURE, VETERANS, AND SENIORS



Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Duane Zaraska has dedicated himself to keeping the Métis community strong by studying, volunteering, and committing himself to politics on different levels. In his commitment to the community, he has served on a number of different committees, including LICA, AIRSHED, BRWA, Education & Info Committee, Seniors Abuse Response Team, and Caribou Range Planning. He is a man with a combination of experience and education who is committed to the community. He was elected as Region 2 Vice-President in September 2014 and serves as Co-Minister of Culture, Veterans and Seniors. As a leader, his goal is to move the Métis Nation forward with a strong membership.



REGION 3



MNA REGION 3 PRESIDENT MARLENE LANZ CO-MINISTER OF REGISTRY, GOVERNANCE, AND JUSTICE

Marlene Lanz has been a longtime fixture in Métis politics in Alberta, serving our nation for over twenty years. Marlene Lanz was born and raised on a farm in High Prairie. She lived in Medicine Hat for 25 years. In 1989, Marlene Lanz moved to Peace River and began working for Métis Nation of Alberta. Many successful programs were started while Marlene worked for Region 6. She conducted “*How to Start Your Own Business*” workshops throughout the region, beginning her strong support of Métis businesses. In 1991, Marlene transferred to Calgary to work with the Region 3 office and was employed with the region until the spring of 1994. Upon encouragement, Marlene ran and was elected the Vice President of the Region in 1996. In 2011, Marlene was elected President of Region 3 and has been serving ever since, heading many events and community gatherings. During her career, Marlene has won the Queen’s Jubilee Medal (2012) and the Community Development Award (2007).



MNA REGION 3 VICE-PRESIDENT LAWRENCE GERVAIS CO-MINISTER OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH

Lawrence was born in Prince George, BC during a mass migration of Métis families from Northern Saskatchewan to work in the Mills in the 70’s and is now the proud father of a twin boy and girl. Lawrence has won numerous awards in Classical Ballet in his junior years and has worked and trained at professional schools and danced in major ballets all over the world. Often, times he is asked to adjudicate scholarships and competitions.

Lawrence was elected in 2014 in the MNA after serving nearly 12 years in the friendship centre movement as a Youth Council, Youth Coordinator, Programs Co-ordinator and Executive Director for friendship centres in Lloydminster, Vancouver, Penticton and Calgary. Lawrence also served as an assistant to the Business Liaison to BC

Provincial Government, a member of B.C. Ministry of Child and Family Services, United Way of Calgary and Calgary Foundation. Lawrence has also done extensive work on a front line basis in the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver including; BladeRunners, a construction and trades program for Street Youth and Executive Director of The Aboriginal Front Door Society, an Elder Drop-in Centre both located at Main and Hastings in Vancouver. Lawrence has numerous skills around initiating various programs and brings a different perspective on Industry engagement. Lawrence is currently the Co-Minister of Rupertsland Institute for the MNA.



REGION 4

MNA REGION 4 PRESIDENT CECIL BELLROSE CO-MINISTER OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS



Cecil Bellrose is Alberta born and raised, born in Calahoo, Alberta and attended High School in Coal Valley and Edson. Married to his wife Rosemarie, Cecil has one son and five grandchildren. Cecil is no stranger to hard work as he has spent time working as a professional driver and a licensed mechanic as well as owning and operating his own small businesses. Cecil was elected to Métis Regional Council as Region 4 Vice President in September 1996, re-elected in 1999 and elected by acclamation in 2002. He was then elected President of Region 4 in 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2015 by acclamation.



Cecil holds a vision of utilizing the Métis peoples input and feedback to ensure long-term benefits; and a path to self-governance by means of a Métis Constitution.

MNA REGION 4 VICE-PRESIDENT JAMES ATKINSON CO-MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND SPORTS

Vice-President James Atkinson is a lively, personable leader. Born in Edmonton, Alberta, James has always been immersed in Métis culture and issues. Elected in September of 2011, James has used his leadership to advocate and design meaningful programs for Métis people. Over his career, James has won the Deputy Ministers' Award twice (2003, 2004) when he worked for forestry in Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. He also won the Pied Piper Award from the United Nations at the World Forestry Congress in Québec City (2003). As Vice-President, James' priority is to secure a house for a Métis Cultural Centre for Edmonton, a facility to properly reflect the rich and important Métis history of Edmonton. James' favourite part of serving on MNA Provincial Council is working towards rights for Métis Peoples.



REGION 5

MNA REGION 5 PRESIDENT BEV NEW CO-MINISTER OF MÉTIS RIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION

For over twenty years, Bev New has dedicated herself to public service and bettering the lives of Métis people. Bev was elected as the first female president of Métis Nation Region 5 in 1999 and has been serving diligently since. With her unyielding commitment and strong ability to work with others, Bev has accomplished a great deal. In 2006, as provincial secretary, Bev spearheaded the development of the current MNA membership cards, laying the foundation for the MNA database, which is the largest and most robust Métis registry system in Canada. In her career, Bev has received the Alberta Centennial Medal (2005) and the Queen's Jubilee Medal (2012). In 2015, Bev was elected Treasurer of MNA, a role she has been diligently serving as since. In addition, Bev also serves as Co-Minister of Métis Rights and Accommodation, negotiating in current government agreements.



MNA REGION 5 VICE-PRESIDENT ELMER GULLION CO-MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND SPORTS



Elmer Gullion is a proud Métis from Trout Lake, Alberta. Serving as Region 5 Vice-President for over 20 years, Elmer has seen the lows and highs of government negotiations. He describes fighting for Métis Rights as “both an uphill and downhill journey, but mostly uphill.” With all past struggles, he recognizes today as an exciting time for Métis Rights and looks forward to working hard for Métis people of Region 5. As a Métis leader, his top priority is getting more involved with Region 5 by supporting initiatives to create new locals. His favourite part of serving as Vice-President is working as hard as he can for MNA members.



REGION 6

MNA REGION 6 PRESIDENT SYLVIA JOHNSON
MINISTER OF HEALTH, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH



Sylvia Johnson was born in Peace River, the eldest of six children in the Raymond Goulet family. She is a proud Northwestern Alberta girl and plans on being buried there, in the land she loves. Sylvia was elected in 1999, serving three terms. After taking a leave for one term, Sylvia returned to leadership in 2011.

Over her career, the greatest honours she has received come from the people. Through the gifts and gratitude children, youth, members, families, and elders (as well as the local communities in the north) bestow is more than she ever wished for. Two of her cherished awards include the Golden Eagle Award, presented by the Native Women of Canada, and the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal from MP Chris Warkentin. Sylvia enjoys helping the people, and there is no one that she would refuse to help so she was extremely pleased to receive One of the Seven Sacred Sacraments in Grande Prairie, National Aboriginal Day, the sacrament of unconditional love. Most of all, Sylvia appreciates a simple

thank you. Her priorities are to maintain strong relationships with members, industry, and community. The Region 6 office is always on the hunt for new ideas, programs, training and resource/revenue to ensure that all opportunities for youth, elders, and all our people are available. For Region 6, she also wants to ensure members feel welcome to the office, doors remain open, the coffee is hot, and someone is present to hear what members have to say.

MNA REGION 6 VICE-PRESIDENT CAROL RIDSDALE
CO-MINISTER OF REGISTRY, GOVERNANCE, AND JUSTICE

Being elected a Métis leader was certainly a proud moment in Carol Ridsdale's life. She was first elected as Vice-President of Region 6 in September 2011 and is currently serving her second term. Carol was born in the strong Métis Community of Fort Vermilion and spent most of her childhood on Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement. In 1996, while serving the University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Council Board, Carol found her political inspiration. As a Provincial Council member of the Métis Nation of Alberta, she was honoured to be named Co-Minister of Registry, Governance, and Justice.

In the Ministry of Registry, the highest priority is to reduce wait times for Métis citizens to get their cards and to further develop the MNA genealogy research department. They are also working on innovative ways to be more visible in all Métis communities in Alberta to provide history of MNA registry and to assist members with application process to obtain their card. Carol also notes the Registry Department would like to work on family trees as it is so important for the Métis community to know their history. Being a leader at this time is a great honour and for Carol and she is very proud to be working for Rights for Métis citizens in Alberta. She hopes everyone has an enjoyable and memorable 89th Annual General Assembly.





2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE

Métis Nation of Alberta's citizens have repeatedly voted to protect the voice and interest of youth at past Annual General Assemblies. In 2016, the 88th Annual General Assembly resolved "that this 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."

Since our citizens voted to create a Provisional Youth Council, MNA has been hard at work to ensure the success of this Council. Each MNA region appointed one youth member to serve on the Provisional Youth Council, while MNA head office hired a Provincial Youth Coordinator. The Provisional Youth Council is comprised of six youth who are passionate about ensuring Métis youth are engaged and supported.

The 89th Annual General Assembly is an important gathering for all Métis youth. This year's Youth Conference promises to be the best to date.

On August 11th, 2017, Métis youth ages 15-29 are invited to participate in a Career Exploration Conference at MNA's 89th Annual General Assembly. The conference aims to inspire and expose youth to a variety of education and career options, mentors, education and employment support services, as well as financial supports for Métis youth considering post-secondary education and other training to employment opportunities. Youth will have an opportunity to choose from a selection of break-out sessions with career professionals from a wide range of occupations to learn more about careers that interest them, as well as engage with representatives from post-secondary institutions such as NAIT, University of Alberta, Northern Lakes College, MacEwan University and prominent distance education Athabasca University about programs and admission requirements. The conference will also include Métis culture and team-building activities, such as Métis sash-weaving, york boat painting instruction, and an exciting Escape Room activity. The youth will join with the main AGA event attendees at 6:00 pm for a picnic at Riverfront Park and an opportunity to perform at an Open Mic.

*Social Insurance Numbers (SIN) are required for youth taking part in the 89th AGA Youth Conference. If you require assistance applying for your SIN, please contact Tania Kruk at tkruk@metis.org or (780) 455-2200 ext. 239

A big thank you to Region 6 for donating a laptop, valued at \$1,000, to be handed out to one this year's attendees!

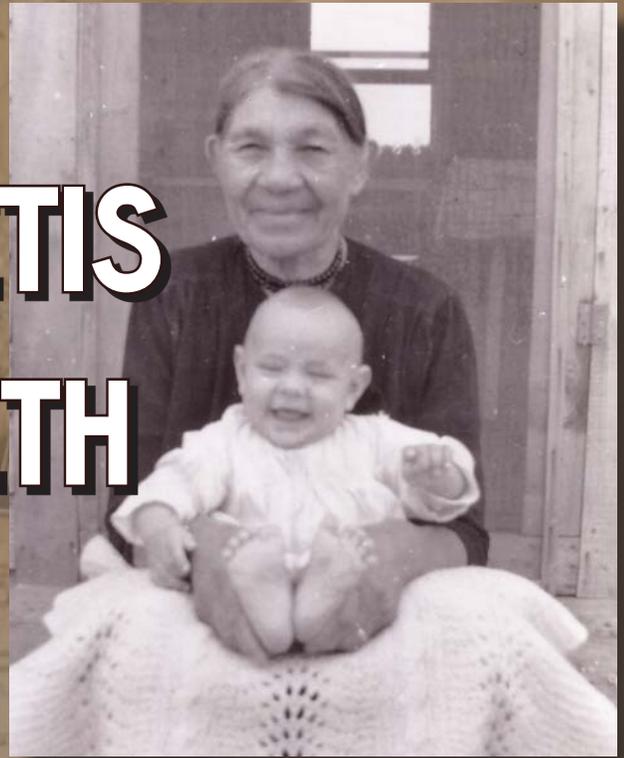
Schedule for 2017 AGA Youth Conference

Friday, August 11th 9:00am

Riverfront Room • Belle Petroleum Centre • Peace River, AB

Friday, August 11 th	
The Cobble Stone Room	
7:30am	Breakfast and Registration
9:00am	Main Event Opening Ceremony
The River Front Room	
10:00am	Introduction and Welcoming Remarks
10:10am	Presenter #1 - Rupertsland Institute
10:25am	Presenter #2 - Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards
10:40am	Presenter #3 - Athabasca University
10:55pm	Registered Career Session Option #1
11:25pm	Registered Career Session Option #2
11:50pm	Explore University booths and meet with career speakers
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Sash Weaving: Dayle Oster
2:00pm	Lara Felsing: York Boat Painting
4:00pm	Mystery Village Escapes: Escape Room
6:00pm	Youth will join the main group for the BBQ, open mic, etc.
Saturday, August 12 th	
Youth will join the AGA Business Meeting and Banquet	
A drop-in room with activities will be available for youth 13-15 years old for the duration of the Business Meeting	

SUPPORTING MÉTIS WOMEN'S HEALTH



Attend a free mobile appointment for the chance to win a laptop valued at \$1,000! *

A Mobile Mammography Unit and a Mobile Health Unit will be made available to our female members at this year's Annual General Assembly in Peace River on August 11 and 12, 2017. The Mobile Mammography Unit is offering breast cancer screening

(mammograms), while the Mobile Health Unit will provide cervical cancer screening (pap tests). Regular cervical cancer screenings can identify cancers in early stages, prior to symptoms, and prevent 90% of cervical cancer. Breast cancer screenings can identify cancerous cells 3-5 years before any lumps can be felt.

Take advantage of this community-led initiative to bring essential cancer screening services to our Métis community in Alberta. It is integral that our community takes advantage of this cancer screening opportunity so that MNA can advocate to bring more health services to our community.



Reserve your appointment by calling Christine Dyck @ (780) 455-2200.

*A big thank-you to Region 6 for your donation and for your support of Métis women's health!

MÉTIS RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11th, 2017
Belle Petroleum Centre,
Peace River, AB

Join the Métis Nation in celebrating recent victories and all that is possible! The history of Métis Rights in Alberta is fascinating and intriguing. To help navigate the history and present-day realities of Métis Rights, on Friday, August 11, 2017, Métis Nation of Alberta will be hosting a Métis Rights Conference as part of our Annual General Assembly. As our Nation joins to partake in the most important political event of the year, citizens will also (with the help of expert speakers) be able to look back on where we have been, understand what is being done today to pursue rights, and what is possible. Topics of discussion will include:

- ∞ Understanding the Basis for Métis Rights in Alberta;
- ∞ Advancing a Nation-to-Nation Relationship with Canada;
- ∞ Métis Section 35 Rights; and
- ∞ Question and discussion periods.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To learn more, contact Marilyn Lizee at mlizee@metis.org, or (780) 455 -2200.



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:
<https://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/c2b64540-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



89th Annual General Assembly

Thursday, August 10th - Sunday August 13th, 2017
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Thursday, August 10th, 2017

6:00pm – 10:00pm	Meet and Greet Tapas Lounge Featuring Brianna Lizotte
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Friday, August 11th, 2017

7:30am – 4:00pm	Elders Lounge Ducks Room
7:00am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST Cobble Stone Room
8:00am – 12:00pm	Regional Registration Main Lobby Northeast
9:00am – 10:00am	Opening Ceremony Cobble Stone Room
10:00am – 4:00pm	Métis Rights Conference Cobble Stone Room
9:00am – 4:00pm	Youth Conference Riverfront Room
9:00am – 4:00pm	Trade Show Petroleum Room
9:00am – 4:00pm	Craft Show Petroleum Room
12:00pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH Cobble Stone Room

6:00pm – 10:00pm

Picnic and Dance in the Park – Riverfront Park

1 minute walk from the Belle Petroleum Centre down 100th Avenue.
 Free BBQ starts with entertainment from Nathan Cunningham & Twangin
 Country Band with Special Guest performance by E. Frank Murphy.

For more information, regarding the
 89th Annual General Assembly, please call Marilyn
 Lizee at (780) 455 -2200 or mlizee@metis.org.

Saturday, August 12th, 2017

7:30am – 4:00pm	Elders Lounge Ducks Room
7:00am – 8:30am	BREAKFAST Cobble Stone Room
7:30am – 12:00pm	Voting Delegate Registration Main Lobby Northeast
8:00am – 12:00pm	Regional Registration Main Lobby Northeast
9:00am – 4:00pm	Tradeshow Petroleum Room
9:00am – 4:00pm	Craft Show Petroleum Room
9:00am – 12:00pm	Business Meeting Cobble Stone Room
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH Cobble Stone Room
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Business Meeting Cobble Stone Room
6:00pm – 1:00am	
Banquet and Presentations – Cobble Stone Room Tickets are required. Please contact your Regional President or Vice President for tickets.	

Sunday, August 13th, 2017

7:30am – Close	Elders Lounge Ducks Room
7:00am – 9:00am	BREAKFAST Cobble Stone Room
7:30am – 9:00am	Regional Registration Main Lobby Northeast
9:00am	Opening Prayer Cobble Stone Room
9:10am – Close	Ministerial and Affiliate Reports Cobble Stone Room



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