

WHEREAS

ARTICLE 26 of the bylaws of the METIS NATION OF ALBERTA ASSOCIATION sets out the proper procedure and requirements for the calling of a Special Meeting which includes notice of 21 days in writing of the time and place of the Special Meeting and the Proposed notice for same;

AND WHEREAS

Proper notice to call a Special Meeting for June 4, 2022 by the MNAA Provincial Council did not follow the bylaws of the Association, the Societies Act section 1 d i A, and Alberta's Interpretation Act, given the notice posted online on May 15, 2022 failed to meet the 21 day notice, such notice being sent on May 15, 2022 for the proposed special meeting of June 4, 2022;

AND WHEREAS

The rationale for holding such a meeting was presumptive in assuming the MNAA Constitution would be passed at the Annual General Assembly in August 2022 in Calgary and ratified in a province wide vote in the fall of 2022;

AND WHEREAS

The Special meeting location was in a jurisdiction that did not allow for adequate accessibility in terms of location, time and expense for MNAA members to attend and was in a location not central to membership thereby creating a hardship for members to attend upon such short notice;

AND WHEREAS

MNAA Election Bylaws specifically state that all rules, regulations and procedures shall be identical. Or as identical as possible, to those of the Election Act of the Province of Alberta;

AND WHEREAS

Section 3 (3) of the Alberta Elections Act clearly states:

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer **may**, where the Chief Electoral Officer considers it necessary for the efficient conduct of an election, enumeration or plebiscite under this Act, an election under the [Alberta Senate Election Act](#) or a petition, plebiscite, referendum or vote under any other Act to which this Act applies,

(a) extend the time for doing anything under this Act, *except*

(i) the time for the holding of an election.

AND WHEREAS

The Rule of Law considering the Rules of Democracy state that there must be an opportunity for the changing of elected officials as set out in legislation and to postpone or ignore that important requirement would be to ignore the Rule of Law in Canada;

AND WHEREAS

The 12 principles of democracy are Citizen participation, equality, political tolerance, accountability and transparency, regular free and fair elections, economic freedom, control of the abuse of power, bill of rights, accepting the results of elections, human rights, multiparty system, and the Rule of law of which seven of those principles are being violated by the stated postponement of the 2022 elections contrary to the MMNA bylaws, the Alberta Elections Act and the Society's Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 4, 2022 MNAA Special Meeting to postpone the 2022 MNAA provincial elections be repealed and the MNAA Provincial elections stand for 2022 in accordance with MNAA bylaws, the Alberta Elections Act and the principles of a free and democratic society.

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