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MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY
held March 20 and 21, 2010
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Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 20 and 21, 2010 in the Sea Island Ballroom at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Bruce Dumont, President
Dave Hodgson, Vice-President
Stephanie Albiston, Provincial Youth Chairperson
Henry Hall, Lower Mainland Regional Director
Annette Maurice, North Central Regional Director
Dan Pope, Northeast Regional Director
Lissa Smith, Vancouver Island Region Director
Bob Trumbley, Thompson/Okanagan Regional Director

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Vancouver Island Region

William Bresser, MNGV
Judy Black, ACMA
Lorne LaFleur, CVMA
Dan McDonald, MIMN
Bryce Mercredi, MMA
Sam Reynolds, NIMA

Lower Mainland Region

Ken Fisher, NMHA
Leonard Laboucan, VMCS
Allan Lavallee, WMS
John Lepine, FVMA
James Middleton, CMA
Barry Mooney, NFMA

Thompson Okanagan Region

Leo Brazeau, KMA
Eldon Clairmont, SAMA
William Gagne, VDMA
Pat Hartford, TRMS
Peter Hourie, MDMA
Daniel Pitman, MHCC
Danny Williamson, BLMA

Kootenay Region

Terry Anonson, East Local
Wendy Favel, Central Local
Karren Harrison, West Local
Betty Hoogendorn, North Local
Marilyn Taylor, South Local

North Central Region

Tony Goulet, NCMA
Allan Howell, NCMA
Alex Norquay, CCMA
Tom Spence, PGMCA

Northwest Region

Terry Delaney, TRMA
April McLean-Collart, NMA
Elizabeth Pearce, NBCMA

Northeast Region

Arlene Lylyk, FSJMS
Oscar McFeeters, MFMS
Sharon Payou, NEMA
Sylvia Wiebe, FNMS

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Caverley, Chair
Cora David, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel
Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer
and MNGA Clerk

Eli Mina, Professional Registered Parliamentarian
Mark Stevenson, Co-Chair
Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and
MNGA Deputy Clerk

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Jana Anderson, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

DAY 1 – JANUARY 24, 2009

OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Clerk, called the MNGA to order at 8:57 a.m. and acknowledged Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, as MNGA Deputy Clerk. This was followed by the Grand Entry Flag Procession.

Annette Maurice, Director for North Central and Minister Responsible for Justice, offered an Opening Prayer.

Don Caverley, MNGA Chair, reviewed the rules of engagement for the MNGA. With respect to input on recording the meeting, delegates expressed support for video and audio recording, and acknowledged past practices of recording Annual General Meetings (AGM) and the MNGA. Daryl Piper, videographer, confirmed that his recording of the MNGA would be made public and shared with Métis citizens.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised related to the need to proceed with the roll call following Agenda Item 1, Welcoming Comments of MNBC President and Vice-President.

Chair Caverley offered clarification regarding items included on the Agenda, noting that under Item 9, four resolutions with respect to Natural Resources that did not have a date affixed to them, had been submitted; and two others had been received from the North Cariboo Métis Association on February 8, 2010 – after the January 30, 2010 submission deadline.

Point of Information

In response to a point of information raised, Chair Caverley noted that as the former MNBC Electoral Commissioner, he would continue to remove himself from any discussions with respect to elections.

1. WELCOMING COMMENTS OF MNBC PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

1.1 Bruce Dumont, President, Métis Nation British Columbia

President Dumont acknowledged Director Maurice for the Opening Prayer, welcomed those present, and recognized the Musqueam Nation territory in which the meeting was taking place. He encouraged attendees to work with respect while following the governance established, and noted his pride in the work accomplished by the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).

President Dumont spoke of MNBC's strong desire to overcome challenges, find solutions, rise above the issues facing the nation, and work towards goals established to ensure opportunities for the nation as a whole. The importance of protecting the nation, constitution and self-governance was acknowledged.

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1.1 Dave Hodgson, Vice-President, Métis Nation British Columbia

Vice-President Hodgson acknowledged those present; and noted that it was his privilege to serve as the MNBC Vice-President. He added that, through MNBC's leadership, the current and past Presidents had built the organization to be one of the top organizations in Canada. Vice-President Hodgson was confident that although difficulties were being faced, Métis citizens would work through them.

2. WELCOMING COMMENTS FROM CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

2.1 Chair Don Caverley

Chair Caverley welcomed attendees and acknowledged his respect for all Métis citizens.

2.2 Co-Chair Mark Stevenson

Co-Chair Stevenson extended gratitude for the honour of Co-Chairing the 2010 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA).

3. SWEARING IN NEW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Chair Caverley indicated that this item would not be considered at the Assembly, as no new community charters had been added.

4. ROLL CALL

In response to a request for clarification, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, confirmed that Fort Nelson Métis Society had an existing charter.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, conducted roll call. She confirmed **43** official MNGA delegates were in attendance; and therefore, quorum was set at **22**.

Point of Order

With respect to a point of order raised on accepting comments from the gallery, Chair Caverley clarified that comments could be raised by official MNGA delegates only.

4. ROLL CALL CONT'D.

A motion was tabled to include the three removed Board Directors in the list of official MNGA delegates. General discussion ensued during which delegates noted that the three Directors were elected representatives of their respective regions. Concern was expressed that due process had not been followed in their removal. Co-Chair Stevenson noted that from a procedural perspective, acceptance of the roll call would need to be established before considering the motion.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised in response to which Co-Chair Stevenson, with the assistance of Eli Mina, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, confirmed that a motion to accept the roll call could be presented and then amended. Delegates were advised that the current roll call was 43 official registered delegates, with quorum being 22.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order related to including the three removed Directors in the MNGA proceedings based on Section 29 of the MNBC Constitution, MNBC President Dumont reported that the Board decision to suspend the Directors was based on Section 34.7 of the MNBC Constitution and that under the Constitution, an appeal mechanism to the Senate was available to the Directors.

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4. ROLL CALL CONT'D.

An amendment to include the three suspended Board Directors was tabled. In discussion, delegates spoke in favour of the motion recognizing that as the governing body of MNBC, the MNGA took precedence with decision making authority. A delegate offered that the suspended Directors had not breached any fiduciary duties to those who elected them.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Tom Spence) and SECONDED (Barry Mooney)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly accept the March 20 and 21, 2010 MNGA roll call as presented.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Leonard Laboucan) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

That the Main Motion to accept the roll call be amended to include the three suspended MNBC Board Directors: Rose Bortolon, Rene Therrien and Gerry Legare.

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-01)

(25 delegates voting in favour, 18 delegates voting in the negative)

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended and it was

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-02)

(25 delegates voting in favour, 18 delegates voting in the negative)

Rose Bortolon, Rene Therrien and Gerry Legare joined the meeting as official delegates of the MNGA.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Roll Call

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, reviewed the roll call, noting that **46** official MNGA delegates were in attendance; therefore, quorum was set at **24**.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA DRAFT AGENDA**

Provided under Tab 1 of the distributed Agenda package: Draft Agenda of the Métis Nation British Columbia Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010.

Chair Caverley reviewed the distributed Agenda. Co-Chair Stevenson clarified that resolutions were submitted to the MNGA Clerk, and that the Chair and Co-Chair did not make recommendations on their order of consideration.

In response to concerns raised regarding the 30 days timeline for submission of resolutions, Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, clarified that Article 11 of the MNGA Act addressed tabling of legislative and constitutional amendments with the Clerk. As such, a deadline of 30 days had been established allowing time for review of proposed resolutions.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, and MNGA Deputy Clerk, acknowledged that amendments to the current legislation could be put forward by a Chartered Community.

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As a result of two separate resolution packages with different orders for considering resolutions having been circulated to delegates in advance of the MNGA, a motion was tabled to consider the resolutions based on the first circulation.

MNBC President Dumont spoke against the motion, indicating that the order for considering the resolutions had been changed in an effort to group and categorize similar resolutions.

General discussion ensued during which delegates discussed the importance of considering all resolutions submitted; cautioned against setting deadlines; and suggested that it would be beneficial to re-establish the Resolutions Committee. Support was expressed for considering the order of the resolutions as initially circulated to delegates in February 2010, under Agenda Item 8. Support was also expressed for posting and circulating resolutions only once in the future, in order to reduce confusion.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Leonard Laboucan)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010 be adopted with amendment to consider resolutions under Agenda Item 8 in the original order circulated.

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-03)

(23 delegates voting in favour, 19 delegates voting in the negative, 2 delegates abstaining)

Point of Information

A point of information was raised that the legal counsel present at the meeting, who was paid for by the MNBC, should be considered legal counsel for the MNGA.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MNGA DRAFT AGENDA CONT'D.

A motion was tabled to consider all resolutions submitted, including those received after the submission deadline, and in the order originally circulated. Delegates were advised that timelines to submit resolutions were set in accordance with the MNGA Act.

Delegates speaking in favour of the motion acknowledged that all 27 resolutions had been included in both versions of the circulated Resolutions packages.

Chair Caverley indicated that two resolutions submitted by the North Cariboo Métis Association had been submitted after the January 30, 2010 submission deadline; and that four resolutions with respect to Natural Resources did not have a date affixed to them.

MNGA Deputy Clerk Trumbley offered that although the resolutions from Natural Resources had been submitted prior to the January 30, 2010 deadline, no evidence could be found to support the date of their submission, and as such, the Ministry of Natural Resources was willing to withdraw them.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Ken Fisher)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010 be amended to consider six resolutions including: four submitted from the Ministry of Natural Resources; and two submitted from the North Cariboo Métis Association.

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-04)

Chair Caverley reviewed the order of resolutions circulated in the February 2010 Resolution package, noting that Resolutions #1 and #3 were duplicates. A delegate requested that the Agenda

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be adjusted, time permitting, to include an opportunity for Presidents to provide updates regarding activities in their respective regions.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010 be adopted as amended.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA1001-05)

6. MINUTES

6a) MNGA Draft Minutes (January 24 and 25, 2009)

Provided under Tab 2 of the distributed Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held January 24, and 25, 2009.

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (Dan McDonald)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held January 24 and 25, 2009 be adopted with amendment to:

- page 8, Item 7.6, reflect resolution MNGA0901-12 as a “Subsidiary Motion; and
- page 8, Item 7.6, remove the words, “be taken from the table,” and replace with “be laid on the table”.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA1001-06)

In further reference to the January 24 and 25, 2009 MNGA minutes, a delegate suggested that because no work had been done by the proposed Membership Committee with respect to Item 7.6, Proposed Resolution #6, the Subsidiary Motion (Resolution MNGA0901-12), the Subsidiary Motion would refer back to the Tabled Motion under that same Item 7.6 in the minutes.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, reported that resources had been used to support the Ad Hoc Adoption Committee work. With remaining funds, the Terms of Reference for the Membership Committee had been modified. MNBC was working with tripartite partners to obtain dedicated funding for the Membership Committee work.

It was agreed that Resolution MNGA0901-12 from the Minutes of the January 24-25, 2009 MNGA would be discussed later in the MNGA, as new Agenda Item 8.28.

6b) 2009 Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

Provided under Tab 3, of the distributed Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Annual General Meeting held September 26-27, 2009.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, noted that the draft minutes of the 2009 AGM held September 26-27, 2009, had been provided for information.

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

7. REVIEW MNBC CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION (Updated) 2009 VERSIONS

Reference materials provided in the distributed Agenda package:

- *Tab 4: Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act, revised September 2009;*
- *Tab 5: Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution, revised September 2009;*
- *Tab 6: Métis Nation British Columbia Senate Act, revised September 2009; and*
- *Tab 7: Métis Nation British Columbia Electoral Act, revised September 2009;*

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- *Tab 8: Métis Nation British Columbia Natural Resource Act, revised September 2009;*
- *Tab 7: Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act, revised September 2009.*

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, clarified that adopted resolutions from the 2009 AGM had been incorporated in the distributed MNBC Constitution and legislative documents. As such, materials distributed under Agenda Item 7 of this MNGA were provided for information.

8. RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS

Provided under Tab 10, of the distributed Agenda package were Resolutions #1 – 27 for the Métis Nation Governing Assembly February 20 and 21, 2010.

Co-Chair Stevenson led the meeting in consideration of the presented resolutions.

8.1 Proposed Resolution #1

As noted early in the meeting under Item 5 of these MNGA Minutes, proposed Resolution #1 was a duplicate of proposed Resolution #3. As such, Resolution #1 was withdrawn.

8.2 Proposed Resolution #2

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #2, seeking to immediately reinstate the three suspended MNBC Board Directors so that they could resume their seats at the current MNGA.

Point of Order

A Point of Order was raised that the proposed resolution was offensive to the MNBC Constitution, and that the MNGA did not have jurisdiction to deal with the suspension of Board directors.

General discussion ensued on the point of order during which delegates referenced Article 23 of the MNBC Constitution which outlined disqualification as a member of the MNBC. Concern was expressed that under Article 23.8, the alleged breach of fiduciary duty had not been proven.

Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, spoke to the point of order, explaining that the MNBC Constitution identified how board directors were appointed, suspended and replaced. The code for the MNGA could be found in sections of the Constitution, and in separate legislation that outlined the conduct of business at an MNGA, including what business was to be conducted, and how that business interacted with the MNBC.

Mr. Gereluk added that Section 12 of the Constitution identified the members of the MNBC, while Section 25 addressed suspension. He added that it was important to note that the proposed motion spoke to the suspension of the Directors and not their removal. Sections 28 to 35 of the Constitution spoke to the role of the MNGA, and disqualification from being a member of the MNGA. The MNGA Act strictly addressed who/what constituted an MNGA and its activities. It was clarified that the current MNGA was not a meeting of the Métis Provincial Council of BC (MPCBC), which was the administrative arm of the MNBC.

Mr. Gereluk advised that based on the forgoing information, it was his opinion that the proposed resolution was offensive to the Constitution of the MNBC, and that the MNGA did not have the authority to reinstate MNBC Board directors.

Further discussion ensued on the point of order during which it was suggested that: the MNBC Board did not have the authority to vote on the alleged misdemeanours of the suspended Board directors; due

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process to suspend the Board directors had not been followed; and the guide for suspensions had not been followed. An explanation on the process and contraventions to the existing MNBC Board Manual “Reporting Inappropriate Conduct of Board Members” was requested. Further concern was raised that a breach of trust had occurred and as a result, there was no reason for the suspended Directors to go forward with an appeal process.

Mr. Gereluk acknowledged that the MNBC Constitution identified the Senate as the authority to rule on the removal or suspension of a Board director or member of the MNGA. He clarified that through the governance model developed and ratified, MNBC Board of Directors were voted in by the Métis citizens of BC and were the governance for the nation. The MNGA dealt with legislation, the Secretariat dealt with administrative functions, the Electoral Code addressed elections; and in each instance, each piece of legislation governed a particular section.

The ability for the three suspended Board directors to appeal the decision to the Senate was acknowledged. In response to the suggestion that the Constitution should be amended to identify jurisdiction and authority, delegates were reminded of the governance process in place for addressing changes to the Constitution or legislative documents.

Ruling of the Co-Chair

Based on the advice received, Proposed Resolution # 2 was ruled out of order by Co-Chair Stevenson given that it went against the MNBC Constitution, and was unconstitutional.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that the legal advice received was a conflict of interest as Legal Counsel could not represent both the MNGA and MNBC Board of Directors.

Eli Mina, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, spoke to the process followed, noting that it was based on the Constitution, MNBC Bylaws, and Roberts Rules of Order. He acknowledged that a point of order was raised, which questioned the validity of the motion, and based on legal advice and debate, the Co-Chair had provided a ruling that the motion was out of order. Under Roberts Rules of Order, the decision of the Co-Chair could be appealed and after discussion, the MNGA could decide whether the decision should be upheld. In the event that the decision of the Co-Chair was overruled, the motion would then be debated and voted on.

Challenge the Ruling of the Co-Chair

A delegate challenged the ruling of the Co-Chair, and suggested that an opinion from a constitutional lawyer be sought.

8.2 Proposed Resolution #2 Cont'd.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) uphold the Co-Chair’s ruling that Proposed Resolution # 2 was out of order.

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-07)

(29 delegates voting in favour, 14 delegates voting in the negative, 1 delegate abstaining)

Co-Chair Stevenson acknowledged that the three suspended MNBC Board Directors were members of the MNGA but as a result of the suspension, were currently not members of the Board.

8.3 Proposed Resolution #3

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #3, seeking to immediately reinstate the three suspended MNBC Board Directors, provide retroactive benefits and supports, and have them resume their membership and voting at the current MNGA.

It was noted that Proposed Resolution #2 was ruled out of order by Co-Chair Stevenson given that it went against the MNBC Constitution, and was unconstitutional, and that Proposed Resolution #3 was similar to Proposed Resolution #2.

In response to the suggestion that the MNGA direct the Senate to address the suspension of the three Board Directors, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, clarified that the directors would individually need to apply to the Senate following which the appeal process could commence. Under the MNBC Constitution, the Senate had the authority to deal with the appeal of a suspension, and a full appeal process with timelines had been established. Once a suspended Board director applied for an appeal, they would be provided with information on the appeal process, including the framework and steps involved.

In response to a request for clarification, Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, clarified that a confidential letter regarding the alleged conduct was sent to suspended Board directors on January 13, 2010. Additionally, an internal memorandum was sent on January 18, 2010 requesting their attendance at a special MNBC Board meeting on January 21, 2010. The January 21, 2010 meeting had been scheduled to discuss the allegations.

In response to a query related to a prior request for three MNBC Executive members to step aside, Ms. Langthorne advised that an investigation had been completed, and a conduct report was presented in January 2010.

Rose Bortolon, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson, commented on the suspension, acknowledging a request to attend the January 21, 2010 MNBC Board of Directors meeting to provide a response to the alleged conduct. The three suspended Directors indicated that their decision to not attend the January 21, 2010 Board meeting was because it was their position that they had upheld their fiduciary duties and were not subordinate since they were not employees of the MNBC.

8.4 Proposed Resolution #4

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #4, seeking an immediate non-confidence vote in four MNBC Board of Directors; suspension of the Board of Directors with pay until a Conduct Report was provided at the September 2010 Annual General Meeting; and establishment of an Interim MNBC Board of Directors and Executive.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that the proposed resolution went against the MNBC Constitution, and that the MNGA did not have jurisdiction or authority to establish an Interim Board of Directors.

In discussion related to the point or order, a delegate suggested that the motion be amended to address only the suspension given that under the Constitution, the MNGA had authority to suspend a member of the MNGA, but did not have authority to elect an Interim Board.

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Point of Information

In response to a point of information raised, Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, advised that he was retained by the MNBC in 2009 and had been acting on behalf of the MNBC since that time.

In discussion on the earlier raised point of order, Mr. Gereluk explained that that in accordance with Article 25 of Constitution, suspension as a Board Member of the MNBC was a function of the MNBC Board, and was not under the purview of the MNGA.

Ruling of the Co-Chair

Co-Chair Stevenson ruled that Proposed Resolution #4 went against the MNBC Constitution and was out of order given that the MNGA did not have authority to suspend MNBC Board members.

Challenge the Ruling of the Co-Chair

A delegate challenged the ruling of the Co-Chair.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) uphold the Co-Chair's ruling that Proposed Resolution #4 was out of order.

RESOLVED (MNGA1001-08)

(29 delegates voting in favour, 11 delegates voting in the negative, 2 delegates abstaining)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 2:46 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

8.4 Proposed Resolution #4 Cont'd.

Co-Chair Stevenson reviewed his prior ruling, noting the MNGA did not have constitutional authority to remove members from the MNBC Board of Directors. However, the MNGA did have authority to suspend members from the MNGA.

A proposed resolution from the floor was moved for four MNBC Directors to step down from the MNGA pending a full investigation into their conduct based on Articles 34.7 and 35 of the MNBC Constitution.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, confirmed that an appeal for a dispute resolution process had been filed by the four Board directors. However, because of a conflict of interest, Mr. Trumbley had stepped down as Senate Clerk for that matter. For further information, delegates were encouraged to contact independent Senate Clerk Dick Nesbitt.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that the proposed resolution from the floor had not followed the 30 day notice process as determined by the MNGA Clerk.

Eli Mina, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, confirmed that the proposed motion and amendment were within the scope of the original motion that had been ruled out of order, and which had followed the 30 day notice requirement; and as such, they could be considered. He cautioned that should the amended motion be adopted, the current MNGA would no longer have quorum and would need to adjourn.

Point of Information

In response to a point of information, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, advised that the Senate had received written notice of a request for an appeal by one of the four Board Directors.

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Main Motion

It was MOVED (Marilynn Taylor) and SECONDED (Wendy Favel)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) request that MNBC President Bruce Dumont, Vice President Dave Hodgson, Northeast Regional Director Dan Pope, and Provincial Youth Representative Stephanie Albiston, step down from the MNGA, pending a full investigation to determine their guilt or innocence based on Articles 35 and 34.7 of the Constitution.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Barry Mooney) and SECONDED (John Lepine)

That the Main Motion be amended to include the following eight MNBC Board Directors:

- President Bruce Dumont
- Vice President Dave Hodgson
- Vancouver Island Regional Director Lissa Smith
- Lower Mainland Regional Director Henry Hall
- Thompson/Okanagan Regional Director Bob Trumbley
- North Central Regional Director Annette Maurice
- Northeast Regional Director Dan Pope
- Provincial Youth Representative Stephanie Albiston.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-09)

(23 delegates voting in favour, 20 delegates voting in the negative, and 2 delegates abstaining)

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended and it was

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(4 delegates abstaining)

8.5 Proposed Resolution #5

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced Proposed Resolution #5, noting that the Proposed Resolution as presented, was redundant given that no Interim Board had been established and the preamble assumed the suspension of the MNBC Board of Directors.

In light of the comments provided by the Co-Chair, the resolution was respectfully withdrawn.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Annette Maurice)

That Day 1 of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010 be now adjourned; and that the time to reconvene on Day 2, March 21, 2010 be set at 8:30 a.m.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-10)

(Time: 4:05 p.m.)

DAY 2 – MARCH 21, 2010

ASSEMBLY RECONVENED

Chair Caverley reconvened the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly scheduled March 20 and 21, 2010 on Day 2 – March 21, 2010 at 8:38 a.m. An overview of the Agenda for Day 2 was provided.

Annette Maurice, Director for North Central and Minister Responsible for Justice, and Ken Fisher, President, Nova Métis Heritage Association, offered Opening Prayers.

Special Presentation

Rose Bortolon, Métis Women British Columbia Chairperson, read aloud an official statement on behalf of the suspended Board Directors. She thanked the Presidents for their support and advised that as a result of disappointment with decisions made, Rose Bortolon, Rene Therrien and Gerry Legare were departing the MNGA.

President Dumont confirmed that MNBC would cover the hotel and travel expenses for Rose Bortolon, Rene Therrien and Gerry Legare for their attendance at the MNGA.

Confirmation of Quorum

Following a roll call, Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, acknowledged that 42 delegates were in attendance.

8a) SPECIAL PRESENTATION – ADHOC ADOPTIONS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Sid Peltier, Chair, Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee provided an overhead presentation titled, “Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee” which offered information on slides titled:

- This IS about children;
- Example of some Customary Laws of the Métis Nation
- Agenda
- Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee Members
- MNBC Technicians
- Experts
- Background
- Purpose
- Historical by Dr. Mike Evans
- Legal by Jean Teillet
- The Resolution
- Definitions
- Article 12 – Adoption
- How it works;
- Conclusion

During the presentation, Mr. Peltier discussed customary laws of the Métis Nation, explaining that adoption had always been a customary practice of Métis people. An overview of past and present members of the Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee, MNBC technical assistance and expert advice provided was presented. He noted that the creation of the MNBC Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee was mandated at the December 2007 MNGA meeting, and advised that the Committee’s recommendations regarding adoptions would be presented in a motion for consideration under Agenda Item 8.

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Mr. Peltier added that expert opinions were required both from a historical and legal viewpoint, with over 45 examples of Métis customary adoptions in historical documents provided. He confirmed that legal input on statutory adoption and other Aboriginal cultures (First Nations) and practices were of value for the Committee.

Mr. Peletier then reviewed the definitions and Article 12 of the MNBC Citizenship Act with respect to draft proposed Resolution #6. An image providing an example of how Article 12 (Adoption) worked was reviewed. Mr. Peltier acknowledged the efforts of the Committee members, MNBC technical support, and legal and historical expert assistance provided.

In response to a questions, Mr. Peltier explained that based on the proposed Article 12 – Adoption under the Citizenship Act, anyone adopted at 18 years or older would not be eligible for Métis citizenship. Métis citizenship for any child adopted prior to 18 years of age would be reviewed by the Citizenship Registrar.

Daniel Pitman noted that the statistics collected by the Ministry of Child & Family Development on Métis children being adopted into non-Métis families, and on known Métis children in care, had been presented at the September 2009 MNBC AGM. Prior to any formal adoption, the Ministry was required to perform due diligence by providing a cultural plan and completing a genealogical background to prove identity.

In general discussion, concern was expressed that the term “Métis” was a “catch all” and was often confused as “mixed”. Additionally, many government forms confused the word “Métis”. Suggestion was offered that it would be beneficial to ensure that the identified children in care were actually Métis.

Confirmation of Quorum

MNGA Clerk Malonie Langthorne acknowledged the arrival of an additional MNGA delegate, and confirmed that 43 official MNGA delegates were in attendance.

8. RESOLUTION SUBMISSIONS (continued)

8.6 Proposed Resolution #6

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #6.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, offered clarification that “primary office” was intended to be the MNBC Citizenship Act, and that definitions would be inserted in clauses and renumbered as appropriate.

With respect to the suggestion that the term “exempt” under Article 12.2 be replaced with “disqualified”, Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, advised that the wording, “shall not be qualified” had been used in other MNBC legislation.

General discussion ensued during which delegates suggested that it would be beneficial to develop definitions for the terms “exempt” and “customary adoption”. Mr. Trumbley clarified that “historical and customary practices” defined customary adoption, were tied into the language under customary adoption, and needed to occur at an early age. Only a select few provinces throughout Canada would accept customary law; of which the province of BC was one.

A motion to amend the resolution to replace the word “exempt” with “is not qualified” was presented. A delegate spoke against the proposed amendment, offering that the age of 18 was a safeguard for the integrity of Métis citizenship.

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In speaking against the motion on behalf of Region 2, a delegate suggested that there should be a nationally focused Ad Hoc Adoption Committee, and consistent lateral criteria developed to ensure rights were upheld regardless of original province. This would prevent legal challenges for Métis citizens moving to a different province. It was their position that once reaching 18 years old, an educated decision on whether to apply for Métis citizenship could occur. Region 2 was also concerned that accepting the proposed legislation could be exclusionary, and suggested that the Citizenship Act should be inclusive of all components of Métis families such as spouses.

Mr. Trumbley reported that the national Métis Rights Panel (MRP) was considering the issue, and was looking towards MNBC's efforts to guide and assist their work. He clarified that there had been discussion that verifiable proof for customary adoption would be required, although what verifiable proof would be required had not yet been determined. Under customary adoption, offspring that were of "Aboriginal" descent could be eligible for Métis citizenship.

In response to a concern raised that there was still some confusion throughout the province of BC with respect to Article 12.2, delegates were advised that the Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee acknowledged that although there would be different opinions on the issue, there was a need to represent Métis children with the Ministry of Child & Family Development.

Main Motion

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Bob Trumbley)

WHEREAS research conducted by the University of British Columbia confirmed over forty-five examples of customary Métis adoption and practices;

AND WHEREAS adopted children assume full rights and responsibilities of their adopted Métis citizen's parents;

AND WHEREAS *R. v. Powley* requires objective proof of ancestral connection to the historic community by "birth, adoption, or other means";

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senate decision of *DC vs. MNBC Secretariat* recommended that the adoption issue needs to be dealt with in the *MNBC Citizenship Act*;

AND WHEREAS the *B.C. Court of Appeal* stated "no declaration by this court is required to permit internal self-regulation in accordance with aboriginal traditions, if the people affected are in agreement";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that MNBC Citizenship Act, Article 2.0 - Interpretation has the additional interpretations added with the sequential numbering being adjusted accordingly:

- 2.2 "*Adoption*" Act of transferring parental rights and duties to someone other than the adopted person's biological parents by means of a statutory adoption or a customary Métis adoption.
- 2.3 "*Adopted Métis Citizen*" A Métis Citizen that has acquired their Métis Citizenship as per Article 12 of the MNBC Citizenship Act.
- 2.11 "*Customary Adoption*" An adoption that is consistent with the historical and customary practices of the Métis Nation which has occurred at an early age by an immediate or extended family member.
- 2.12 "*Extended Family Member*" Is a grandparent, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew and/or niece that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the MNBC Citizenship Act.

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- 2.13 *“Historical and Customary Practices” The traditional undertaking of privately arranged adoption between a Métis Citizen’s family and another aboriginal family.*
- 2.14 *“Immediate Family Member” Is a parent (mother/father), child (son/daughter) or sibling (sister/brother) that is a Métis Citizen or is eligible for Métis citizenship as per the MNBC Citizenship Act.*
- 2.21 *“Statutory Adoption” An adoption that is granted under the authority of provincial and/or territorial government legislation.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following Article be added as “Article 12 – Adoption”:

- 12.0 *The MNBC shall accept an application for citizenship as a Métis Citizen upon applicant providing to the Registrar objectively verifiable proof of an adoption which, if accepted by the Registrar, proves that the Applicant has been adopted by a Métis Citizen or is eligible for citizenship as per the MNBC Citizenship Act.*
- 12.1 *The adopted Métis Citizen’s citizenship is limited by a life estate termination, unless;*
- 12.2 *The adopted Métis Citizen marries a Métis Citizen, thereby which the offspring can attain their citizenship through the Métis genealogy of the other parent.*
- 12.3 *An adult adoption (18 years or older) is exempt from receiving Métis Citizenship as per Article 12.0.*

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Wendy Favel)

That the Main Motion be amended in the last article, numbered 12.3, to replace “exempt” with “is not qualified”.

DEFEATED

Question was then called on the Main Motion as originally presented it was

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-12)

(41 delegates voting in favour, 1 delegate voting in the negative and 1 delegate abstaining)

Health Break

The MNGA adjourned at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

8.7 Proposed Resolution #7

Proposed Resolution #7 was introduced.

In response to a suggestion that proposed Resolution #7 be tabled, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, clarified that if tabled, a presentation and information package on the draft Act could be provided at the 2010 AGM in September 2010. Funding to establish a Legislative Standing Committee would be sought through tripartite funding negotiations.

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It was MOVED (Leo Brazeau) and SECONDED (Bryce Mercredi)

WHEREAS:

1. There is currently no direction or guidance with legislative force to define, manage or guide the presentation of motions and resolutions at Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) assemblies and the composition and procedure of MNBC assemblies.
2. The lack of legislative provisions directly dealing with the definition, management and guidance with respect to the presentation of motions and resolutions at MNBC assemblies and with the composition and procedure of MNBC assemblies may result in the inconsistent application of interpretive principles and may lead to inconsistent determination by the legislators and Métis citizens.
3. It is appropriate and expedient that legislation be enacted that provides definition, management and guidance with respect to the presentation of motions and resolutions at MNBC assemblies and with the composition and procedure of MNBC assemblies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft Assembly Procedures Act as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for that purpose for the MNBC.

RESOLUTION TABLED

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (April McLean-Collart)

That proposed Resolution #7 with respect to adopting and enacting the draft Assembly Procedures Act be tabled to the next Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-13)

(2 delegates voting in the negative)

A proposed subsidiary motion to proceed with a discussion to implement a Governing Legislative Standing Committee was tabled. A delegate spoke in opposition to the proposed motion, noting that it had not been presented to delegates in advance and within the 30 day deadline for submissions.

Delegates spoke in favour of the proposed subsidiary motion given the need to have a full review of all motions before presentation to the MNGA as well as community consultation on any proposed Acts.

A delegate proposed a subsidiary motion as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation British Columbia implement a Governing Legislative Standing Committee under Article 31 of the MNBC Constitution which shall review all legislative acts and resolutions submitted to the MNGA and provide recommendations to MNGA on the impact(s) of such legislative acts and resolutions in relation to all MNBC legislative acts and constitution;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Legislative Standing committees shall be represented by one rep from each MNBC region in Articles 59 to 59.7 of MNBC Constitution and shall be selected by each regions governance council as defined in Article 60 of MNBC Constitution.

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It was MOVED (Barry Mooney) and SECONDED (Tony Goulet)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly agree to proceed with an immediate discussion and consideration of the proposed subsidiary motion with respect to implementing a Governing Legislative Standing Committee.

DEFEATED

(12 delegates voting in favour, 23 delegates voting in the negative)

8.8 Proposed Resolution #8

Proposed Resolution #8 to adopt and enact the draft Interpretation Act for the MNBC was introduced.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (April McLean-Collart)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA):

- a) defer consideration of Proposed Resolution #8 seeking to enact the draft Interpretation Act for the MNBC until the next MNGA; and
- b) direct the MNBC to bring forward a related presentation and information package at the 2010 MNBC Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (Leonard Laboucan)

That Proposed Resolution #8 seeking to enact the draft Interpretation Act for the Métis Nation British Columbia be taken from the table; and that an Ad Hoc Committee be established under the authority of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly to address the legislation and Interpretation Act.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-15)

(28 delegates voting in favour, 1 delegate voting in the negative)

8.9 Proposed Resolution #9

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced Proposed Resolution #9, seeking to add Article 3.4 to the MNBC Citizenship Act and to provide applicants with the address of the Métis Chartered Community.

With respect to a motion to defer Proposed Resolution #9 to the Membership Committee, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, confirmed that funds were available for the Committee to review this Article and present recommendations to the MNGA.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)

That acceptance of Proposed Resolution #9 be referred to the Membership Committee.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-16)

8.10 Proposed Resolution #10

Proposed Resolution #10 was introduced.

A request that the MNBC conduct more research on establishing a Métis Credit Union or lending corporation was presented.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, advised that MNBC was in the process of completing a three year economic development plan, and that the request for more research could be identified in this work.

In light of the information provided by Ms. Langthorne, it was felt that the intent of Proposed Resolution #9 had been addressed. As such, the resolution was respectfully withdrawn.

8.11 Proposed Resolution #11

Proposed Resolution #11 was introduced.

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (April McLean-Collart)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Constitution reads in Article 68:

68. An Annual General Meeting of the Métis Nation British Columbia shall be held annually during the month of September. The precise dates and locations of an AGM shall be determined at the AGM immediately preceding that AGM. The Agenda for each AGM shall include:

68.1. Audited Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year

68.2. President's Report for Previous Fiscal Year

68.3. Business of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly

68.4. Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia Secretariat Annual Report.

AND WHEREAS there have or may have been caused the need for MNBC or Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) to create subsidiary companies or corporations limited or otherwise for the purpose of conducting business;

AND WHEREAS financial audit or audits for subsidiary companies or corporations limited or otherwise for the purpose of conducting businesses should supply separate and independent of MNBC corporate audit and annual report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Annual General Meeting Article 68 – 68.5 be added to the MNBC Constitution to read as follows:

68.5 Separate audited financial annual reports for each subsidiary company/companies, limited corporations or sole proprietorship registered under the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia MPCBC shall be appended to the MNBC Financial Audited Report.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-17)

(41 delegates voting in favour, 2 delegates absent from the vote)

8.12 Proposed Resolutions #12, #14-15 and #26

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced Proposed Resolutions #12, 14, 15 and 26, as “housekeeping” resolutions.

It was MOVED (Annette Maurice) and SECONDED (Sylvia Wiebe)

That the Métis Nation British Governing Assembly approve Resolutions #12, 14, 15 and 26 as follows:

Resolution #12

WHEREAS Article 26 refers to bi-election process and in “Article 47”, bi-elections are referred to in “Article 46”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Article 26 is revised to read:

“Should there no longer be a President of the MNBC pursuant to Article 23 and 25, the Vice- President shall fulfill the Office of the President until a by-election is held to elect a new President in accordance with Article 46”.

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Resolution #14

WHEREAS Article 3.9 states:

“Election(s)” means an election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.

AND WHEREAS “or” is used between Chairperson or Regional Youth representative, and “and” should be used instead.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article 3.9 is revised to read:

“Election(s)” means an election or By-Election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the election of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Chairperson and Regional Youth Representative of Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution.

Resolution # 15

WHEREAS Article 1 states:

“This Act may be cited as “*The Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act, 2006*”.

AND WHEREAS “The Act” is more relevant than “2006”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 1 is revised to read:

This Act may be cited as “The Métis Nation Governing Act”.

Resolution # 26

WHEREAS Article 7.2 states:

*The Senate shall, in relation to the MNGA
7.2 “Be Available to the MNGA for advice and direction as required.*

AND WHEREAS the MNGA is a political arena, and the Senate is non-political;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 7.2 is removed.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-18)

Agenda Varied

The Agenda was varied to consider Item 8.23 at this time.

8.23 Proposed Resolution #23

Proposed Resolution #23 was introduced.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that Proposed Resolution #23 should be considered “housekeeping”.

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A suggested amendment was tabled to add, “or other such member of that community as determined by the community” after “Vice-President” in Section 3.2 of the proposed resolution.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, noted that Proposed Resolution #23 as presented was a housekeeping item and had been presented with the 30 days notice requirement. However, the proposed amendment was substantive, resulting in changes to the legislation and the MNBC Constitution, and therefore would require 30 days notice for MNGA delegates to consider and consult with their respective communities.

In light of the comments provided by Mr. Trumbley, the proposed amendment to the resolution was withdrawn.

It was MOVED (Stephanie Albiston) and SECONDED (Bruce Dumont)

WHEREAS Articles 3.2 and 3.3 state:

3.2 “In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that Community.

3.3 “He/She is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

AND WHEREAS it is unclear who Article 3.3 is referring to, and all members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Articles 3.2 and 3.3 are revised to read:

3.2 “In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community’s Vice-President may represent that Community.

3.3 “All MNGA voting delegates must be registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central Registry in accordance with the Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-19)

8.13 Proposed Resolution #13

Proposed Resolution #13 was introduced.

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (April McLean-Collart)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Constitution reads in Article 32:

32. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall meet at least once per year in British Columbia at a meeting called by the MNBC. The meeting shall be held at least five (5) months prior to the MNBC Annual General Meeting.

AND WHEREAS there may arise from time to time as the case may be where a special Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) is required to address special circumstances affecting the Métis Nation as a whole.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 32.1 and 32.2 is added to the MNBC Constitution:

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32.1 A special Métis Nation Governing Assembly Meeting shall be called by the MNBC with no less than thirty (30) days notice to the MNGA Members where fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the member of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly has requested a special Métis Nation Governing Assembly meeting in writing submitted to the MNBC Board of Directors.

32.2 Fifty (50) per cent plus one (1) of the Members of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly constitutes a quorum for a special Métis Nation Governing Assembly meeting.

RESOLUTION TABLED

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (April McLean-Collart)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) table Proposed Resolution #13 seeking to add Articles 32.1 and 32.2 to the MNBC Constitution, for consideration at the next MNGA.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-20)

8.16 Proposed Resolution #16

Proposed Resolution #16 was introduced.

Chair Caverley acknowledged that Proposed Resolutions #16, #19, #23 and #27 had been submitted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and were received by the MNGA Clerk with no date affixed.

Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources, acknowledged that consideration of the resolutions was at the direction of the MNGA and the Ministry of Natural Resources was willing to defer the resolutions until the next MNGA. In response to a question, Mr. Ducommun clarified that the Proposed Resolutions would not physically impact the activities of the Captains and was a change in definition only.

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Sylvia Wiebe)

WHEREAS adoption of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) *Natural Resource Act* as MNBC legislation has created a fundamental shift in the responsibilities of the BCMANR Captains Assembly, from a constituency based advisory body to a geographic management body;

AND WHEREAS management of natural resources under the MNBC *Natural Resource Act* is land based and the Regional Captains of Natural Resources represent land based regions of the MNBC;

AND WHEREAS the previous non-voting Youth and Women Captains represent constituencies that are not land based;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 2.4 is changed to read:

“Captain’s Assembly” consists of the seven voting regional Captains of Natural Resources.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-22)

(1 delegate voting in the negative, 1 delegate abstaining from the vote, 1 delegate absent)

Agenda Varied

The Agenda was varied to consider Items 8.19, 8.22 and 8.27 at this time.

8.19 Proposed Resolution #19

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Proposed Resolution #19 was introduced.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, clarified that the proposed change to Article 2, Section 12 would provide Land Managers with the ability to include criteria for decision making with respect to natural resources.

In general discussion, concern was expressed that the resolution was of a job description nature and did not belong within the Natural Resources Act. It was suggested that the resolution be reworded to accommodate the original intent, which would make it more applicable.

Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources, clarified that the intent of the resolution was to assist in determining and identifying additional qualifications and experience, which may not have been clear in the information provided.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources is a key member of the Ministry of Natural Resources;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is required to be fully engaged in the operation of the Natural Resource Ministry;

AND WHEREAS the President of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) would be well served by having input on selection criteria for the Minister;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 2, Section 12 is changed to read:

“Minister of Natural Resources” means the MNBC Board Member that has been assigned the Natural Resource Ministry by the President of the MNBC. This Board Member should, where possible, meet or exceed minimal criteria recommended by the Captains Assembly.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-22)

(7 delegates voting in the negative, 1 delegate abstaining from the vote, 1 delegate absent)

8.22 Proposed Resolution #22

Proposed Resolution #22 was introduced.

With respect to a suggestion to add “traditional” after “ceremonial”, Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources, clarified that “traditional” was encapsulated in food, social and ceremonial, and that case law used the terms “food, social and ceremonial” with respect to rights.

It was MOVED (Leonard Laboucan) and SECONDED (Lorne LaFleur)

WHEREAS current case law and government permits use the term “Social” as a replacement for the older term “Societal”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 6 Section 2 will be changed to read:

“Only permits harvesting by Métis Citizens for food, social, and ceremonial purposes.”

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-23)

8.27 Proposed Resolution #27

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Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #27. In response to a question about funding, Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources indicated there were sources of funding including under Natural Resources Management.

In response to the suggestion to develop and include terms of reference for the BCMANR Natural Resource fund, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, advised that should the resolution be approved, a fund would be established and policies developed.

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Bruce Dumont)

WHEREAS government funding of natural resource management, protection, enhancement, and education is commonly acquired through funds flowing from natural resource development and exploitation;

AND WHEREAS Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) is a government organization with legislation applying to Natural Resources through the MNBC *Natural Resource Act*);

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources must undertake activities and projects aimed at preserving and protecting Métis interests and uses of Natural resources including seeking legal clarification regarding Métis Rights through advancing judicial questions and/or government challenges;

AND WHEREAS funding for these activities and projects do not exist internally within MNBC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund is established to fund projects and activities related to natural resource management, protection, enhancement, education and legal challenges, and that a BCMANR Natural Resource fund policy be developed to ensure management of the fund by BCMANR is strategic, effective and transparent.

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-24)

(1 delegate voting in the negative and 1 delegate absent from the vote)

Health Break

The MNGA recessed at 12:18 p.m. and resumed at 12:57 p.m.

Confirmation of Quorum

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, conducted roll call. It was confirmed that 35 official MNGA delegates were in attendance.

It was MOVED (Annette Maurice) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly vary the order of the Agenda to consider Proposed Resolution #21 at this time.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-25)

8.21 Proposed Resolution #21

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #21. An amendment to the proposed resolution was tabled, to add the following Clause 4.6: “A Veteran shall not be subject to any civil action, law suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia member”.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that the proposed amendment should not supersede the laws of British Columbia.

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In response to the point of order, it was noted that the proposed amendment was based on Clause 3.2 of the adopted Senate Act.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that based on an earlier ruling of the Co-Chair, the current proposed resolution should be ruled out of order as the amendment did not follow the 30 days notice requirement.

Ruling of the Co-Chair

Co-Chair Stevenson ruled that the resolution was in order and the proposed amendment to the wording could be considered.

It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Sylvia Wiebe)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Veterans of British Columbia have been organized and operate as a Ministry within the governance structure of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).
2. The Métis veterans seek recognition and expediency through Legislation specifically dealing with the administration and procedure of the Veterans' Ministry.
3. It is appropriate for legislation to recognize the Veterans' Ministry within the governance structure of the MNBC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the draft Veterans Act as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for that purpose for the MNBC with amendment to Clause 4.5 to remove "By the Vice-Chairperson".

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Fisher) and SECONDED (Smith)

That the Main Motion be amended to add the following Clause 4.6:

"A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, law suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia Senator."

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-26)

(2 delegates voting in the negative, 2 delegates abstaining from the vote)

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended and it was

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-27)

(33 delegates voting in favour, the remainder of the official delegates were absent at the time of the vote)

Lissa Smith, Minister Responsible for Veterans, led the meeting in a round of applause and recognition for the Veterans present at the MNGA. She acknowledged the historical aspect of adopting the Veterans Act, noting that the MNBC was the first governance system in the world to include their Veterans in an Act.

1:20 p.m.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, left her role as MNGA Clerk for consideration of the next item.

8.17 Proposed Resolution #17

Proposed Resolution #17 was introduced.

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Point of Order

A point of order was raised that it was important to recognize that while the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement (AHRDA) was an agreement between the Métis Provincial Council of BC (MPCBC), the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Human Resource and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), Canada's terms were being negotiated on terms that were acceptable to Canada. The MNGA was not a party to the agreement, and should not be seen as interfering with the terms and conditions created by and imposed on MNBC and MPCBC by Canada.

In response to the point of order raised, delegates were advised that Service Canada may no longer allow for service delivery structures or sub-agreements under the new ASETS Agreement. Concerns were expressed with respect to the control process for AHRDA agreements, noting that third party management agreements had been in place in the past.

At the request of delegates for an update on the current negotiation process, Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, explained that when the Métis Skills and Employment Centre opened May 12, 2006, Chartered Communities were asked to provide a \$35,000 contribution from each of their Métis Human Resources Development Agreement (MHRDA) offices. However, as a result of additional funds secured from the Government of Canada this \$35,000 from each office was not used.

In the second year of operation, each MHRDA office was asked to contribute \$50,000. This amount was also not used and as a result of funding obtained, the MNBC provided each MHRDA office with an additional \$50,000 in additional EI funds applied for through Service Canada. She clarified that because Region 1 was decentralized, a cheque was provided to them but internal transfers were sent to the remaining offices.

The Provincial Employment Training Committee (PETC) continued to support a \$50,000 contribution from each of the MHRDA offices for this past fiscal year. Funding is in place for the new school with \$1.2 million secured through the Aboriginal Skills Training Investment Fund (ASTIF) and other funding through the Office of Literacy and the Blade Runners agreements.

Ms. Langthorne added that Marlin Ratch, Director of Employment and Training, had travelled to Ottawa for initial discussions on the new agreement; and that Métis Nation was in the process of negotiating a Métis specific agreement. The final agreement would be signed between Service Canada and the MNBC/MPCBC.

Ms. Langthorne then spoke to the issue of misinformation being circulated; advising that the letter sent from the PETC Chair were false. In response to questions, she advised that minutes from the Regional Employment and Training Committee (RETC) meetings were available to the regions. The RETC was established with one representative from each region at the table and communities were encouraged to work with their representative to ensure that their community issues were brought forward to the RETC.

Support was expressed for involving regions and ensuring community input, and Ms. Langthorne confirmed that MNBC was working to ensure communication processes were enhanced. When information and details were received on the recent provincial negotiation discussions, an update would be provided in the MNBC President's Newsletter. She added that the final agreement would determine how the funds received were managed, but how funds were used would be determined regionally and at the PETC table.

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Delegates were encouraged to consider the proposed motion carefully given that a motion had been passed at the March 6, 2010 PETC meeting supporting regional delivery of the ASETS. A delegate suggested that it would be beneficial to consider paying per diems to PETC representatives to ensure adequate representation, and for regions to receive updates.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Leonard Laboucan)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors is accountable to their Métis Chartered Communities, Regional Governance Councils, and the Métis Citizens as per the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Secretariat Bylaws, MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation, Policies and Procedures;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC and the MPCBC management staff is responsible to administer the MNBC General resources that include, but are not limited to, the Service Delivery of the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement (AHRDA);

AND WHEREAS several requests have been made to the MNBC/MPCBC for detailed financial reports of the AHRDA from Regional Governance Councils, Chartered Métis Communities and MNBC Citizens with such requests have continually not been addressed;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC/MPCBC is currently working towards the development and strategic business plan for the next five years for the successor to the AHRDA known as the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) that was announced in 2009;

AND WHEREAS a key element in the proposed ASETS Strategic Business Plan includes a Service Delivery Structure, and the ASETS strategy clearly allows for sub contract agreements for service delivery in its successor agreements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each Regional Governance Council of MNBC (7 Regional Councils) be able to provide delivery under the terms of the contractual sub agreement with MNBC/MPCBC the successor program to the AHRDA known as the ASETS, understanding that each Governance Council is diverse in nature in respect to employment and training delivery methods;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNBC work with the Regional Governance Councils to develop and decentralize the AHRDA known as the ASETS;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Governance Councils of MNBC/MPCBC are included in the Strategic Business Planning Process submission to HRSDC in the list of Annexed-sub agreements/points of service.

DEFEATED

(12 delegates voting in favour, 20 delegates voting in the negative and 1 delegate abstaining)

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1:45 p.m.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, resumed her role as MNGA Clerk.

8.18 Proposed Resolution #18

Proposed Resolution #18 was introduced.

A delegate spoke in favour of the proposed resolution, noting that a financial breakdown with respect to the 2008 MNBC General elections had been requested on more than one occasion, and that it was important to ensure that cellular phone abuse did not occur during the election period.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, advised that the information requested was currently being collected in order to respond to the request.

In general discussion, concern was expressed that the proposed resolution only identified three specific Board members. It was suggested that the requested accountability should not be exclusive; and that confidentiality should be considered.

1:52 p.m.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, left her role as MNGA Clerk for further discussion on this agenda item.

It was suggested that any information sent out should be vetted to remove confidential information. A delegate indicated that it was difficult for the MNGA to consider the motion without clarification and supporting information with respect to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act and FOI and Protection of Privacy Act dealing with public bodies. It was suggested that MNBC consider identifying requests for private information and any associated costs for those requests in the legislation and governing acts.

President Dumont clarified that the \$131,000 in question was only in respect of the 2008 Election and By-Election.

It was MOVED (Leonard Laboucan) and SECONDED (Ken Fisher)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors is accountable to their Métis Chartered Communities, Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens as per the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Secretariat Bylaws, MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC management staff is responsible to administer the MNBC General Election resources;

AND WHEREAS requests have been made to MNBC to provide a detailed financial report of the 2008 MNBC General Election costs that have not been addressed;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) has Constitutional and Legislative Authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNGA mandate the MNBC Chief Financial Officer to provide a detailed financial report to be provided (by email and courier) to the members of the MNGA within 30 days;

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the financial report include the following financial items:

1. A copy of any cellular phone bills and complete financial summary of cellular phone usage for Bruce Dumont, Dave Hodgson, and Dan Pope during the 2008 "Campaign Period". These three individuals ran campaigns in the 2008 MNBC General Election in accordance with the defined "Campaign Period" or rather 45 days before September 13th, 2008 General Election.
2. A complete financial summary of travel expenses paid by the MNBC for the three same individuals who were former MNBC Board of Directors during the 2008 campaign period. This should include a financial summary of all travel mileage charges, meals reimbursements, incidentals and hotel costs that were paid to the three individuals. The dates and the stated reasons for any travel must be provided.
3. A detailed financial accounting of the MNBC 2008 General Election costs that totaled approximately \$131,000.
4. Confirmation as to whether the financial information in points # 1 and 2 above are included in the total MNBC audited statement amount listed in the 2008-2009 financial statements (approximately \$131,000) and if not, clarification as to where the MNBC accounted for these costs.

DEFEATED

(10 delegates voting in favour, 20 delegates voting in the negative)

Point of Order

A point of order was raised that the three delegates named in the resolution should not have been allowed to vote.

Ruling of the Co-Chair

Co-Chair Stevenson ruled on the point of order, noting that the resolution spoke to the MNBC and as such, the defeated motion was in order.

2:02 p.m.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, resumed her role as MNGA Clerk.

7.20 Proposed Resolution #20

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #20.

Stephanie Albiston, Provincial Youth Chairperson, acknowledged the efforts of Métis youth and their participation in the MNGA. She added that the Youth Act was similar to the Veterans Act, and would entrench the youth structure in MNBC and ensure continued youth representation.

In response to a request for clarification with respect to Article 5.5 and 5.7 and the accountability of youth representatives, Ms. Albiston noted that the Youth Act provided that youth would be accountable to Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) and that all reports to MYBC could be used for the Regional Governance Council and Committees.

Confirmation of Quorum

Chair Caverly confirmed that 31 official MNGA delegates were in attendance.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Sylvia Weibe)

WHEREAS:

1. The Métis Youth in British Columbia (MYBC) have representation and a written and unwritten process for conducting their affairs.

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2. The MYBC seek recognition of their place within the governance structure of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC).
3. It is appropriate and expedient for the MYBC to be recognized by legislation and have a defined process to govern the conduct of their affairs as the Youth Ministry within the MNBC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the draft Youth Act as presented be adopted and enacted as the governing legislation for that purpose for the MNBC.

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Sylvia Weibe)

That the Main Motion be amended to add the following Section:

“5.5 The regional youth representatives should be accountable to the Métis Youth BC (MYBC) Committee, their Regional Governance Councils and Métis citizens of BC.”

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-28)

Amendment to the Main Motion

It was MOVED (Stephanie Albiston) and SECONDED (Sylvia Weibe)

That the Main Motion be further amended to add the following Section:

“3.4 all Métis Youth BC (MYBC) committee members shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Métis Youth BC representatives.”

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-29)

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended and it was

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-30)

8.24 Proposed Resolution #24

Proposed Resolution #24 was introduced.

General discussion ensued. Noting that Senate Clerk Dean Trumbley had various other responsibilities within MNBC, it was suggested that the MNBC consider hiring a clerk to assist the Senate.

Senate Clerk Dean Trumbley confirmed that a clerk position to assist the Senate would be required on a part-time basis, and that resources could likely be obtained through *Powley* funding.

It was MOVED (Lorne LaFleur) and SECONDED (Lissa Smith)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senate Clerk responsibilities are defined in the MNBC Senate Policy and Procedures, however there is no reference made to the Senate Clerk in any MNBC legislation, particularly in the MNBC Senate Act itself;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC Senate Clerk shall operate independent of MNBC so as to eliminate any conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, and is responsible to carry out duties for purposes solely directly related to the MNBC Senate and under the direction of the MNBC Senate;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Article 13 is added to the MNBC Senate Act:

13. *The Clerk of the Senate shall:*
- 13.1 *Operate independent of MNBC;*
- 13.2 *Operate under the authority and direction of the MNBC Senate;*
- 13.3 *Shall be remunerated by the MNBC;*
- 13.4 *Shall hold no other seat as MNGA/AGM Clerk or administrator/staff personnel within MNBC.*

RESOLVED (MNGA0101-31)

(30 delegates voting in favour, 1 delegate abstaining)

2:21 p.m.

Don Caverley left his role as MNGA Chair for consideration of the next item.

8.25 Proposed Resolution #25

Proposed Resolution #25 was introduced with agreement to accept a Friendly Amendment to add “until such time as the form was submitted” after “any future elections of the MNBC/MPCBC”.

It was suggested that the proposed resolution be tabled for consideration at the next MNGA; and that the MNBC website be utilized to store information for access by Métis citizens.

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Dan McDonald)

That Proposed Resolution #25 seeking to include a Financial Disclosure Form to the Electoral Act of the Métis Nation British Columbia/Métis Provincial Council British Columbia, be tabled until the next Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-32)

It was MOVED (Tony Goulet) and SECONDED (Alex Norquay)

WHEREAS Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Board of Directors is accountable to their Métis Chartered Communities, Regional Governance Councils, and the Métis Citizens as per the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Secretariat Bylaws, MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation, Policies and Procedures;

AND WHEREAS the recent allegations against the current Board of Directors, which stemmed from the 2008 election for the MNBC/MPCBC and as such the Election Act of the MNBC/MPCBC does not have a provision for accounting of all Electoral Expenses/Donations for all Candidates who wish to run in any election of the MNBC/MPCBC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Financial Disclosure form be included in the Electoral Act of MNBC/MPCBC;

This form will be given to every candidate who files to run in the election and meets the criteria for his/her name to stand. This form must be filled by every candidate **30 days** after the polls close to the Chief Electoral Officer for the Election, whether the Candidate won or lost the election. The information will remain on file for 7 years. Failure to submit will result in the candidate not being able to hold the position and if not elected failure to apply will result in the candidate not being able to run in any future elections of the MNBC/MPCBC;

That the form include but not limited to:

- Full Name of Candidate

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- Any organizations/corporations the Candidate is a director/officer (Legal Name of organization/corporation)
- Name in full of any person/corporation making a donation to the Candidate and how much
- Receipts of all expenditures made by the Candidate during the Campaign
- Must be signed by the Candidate (blue or black ink)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that written requests can be made by any MNBC/MPCBC citizen, to view the information at anytime.

RESOLUTION TABLED

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, agreed to draft text with respect to the Electoral Act for consideration at the next MNGA.

2:32 p.m.

Don Caverley rejoined the meeting and resumed his role as MNGA Chair.

Agenda Varied

As previously noted under Item 6(a) of these MNGA Minutes, the Agenda was varied at the meeting to now consider new Item 8.28.

8.28 Membership Committee

Lorne LaFleur reviewed Motion #MNGA0901-12 held over from the January 24 and 25, 2009 MNGA, seeking to establish a Membership Committee.

In response to the suggestion that timelines be established for the Membership Committee to address membership issues, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, advised that funding for the Membership Committee was being sought under current negotiations, and that timelines would be developed once an agreement was signed. Mr. Trumbley acknowledged that based on the motion passed at the January 24 and 25, 2009 MNGA, an extension on the work requested (developing recommendations for presentation at the 2009 MNGA) would be required.

Regional Governance Council members were encouraged to appoint and submit names of representatives for the Membership Committee. Mr. Trumbley confirmed that a call out would be circulated once funding was obtained for the Committee to meet.

It was MOVED (Tom Spence) and SECONDED (Sylvia Wiebe)

That the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly extend the directive to receive a recommendations report from the Membership Committee, until the 2011 MNGA.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (MNGA0101-33)

9. EXECUTIVE UPDATES

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, noted that the Treasurer, President, Vice-President and Secretary reports had been included on the CD provided to each delegate as part of the MNGA registration package.

10. REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND MINISTRY UPDATES

Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2010 Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Agenda package: Métis Nation British Columbia – MNGA Reports 2010 provided on CD.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and MNGA Deputy Clerk, noted that the following reports had been included on the CD provided to each delegate as part of the MNGA registration package: Housing; Education; Métis Human Resource Development Agreement (MHRDA); Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC); Sport; Métis Veterans British Columbia; Métis Children & Family Services; Natural Resources; Justice; Registry; Health; Culture Heritage & Language; Métis Women of BC; Economic Development.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM MNBC PRESIDENT BRUCE DUMONT

Chair Caverley led the meeting in a round of applause in recognition for the continued efforts of the MNBC Executive Assistant, MNGA Clerk, MNGA Deputy Clerk, Legal Counsel, and the Recording Secretary.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and MNGA Clerk, advised delegates that March 31, 2010 was the completion date for the Métis Skills & Employment Centre (MSEC) Business Plan, and that MNBC was willing to present this plan to at Regional Governance meetings. The Implementation Plan for MEETSO and Ministry of Forestry and Economic Development could also be presented. Delegates interested in a presentation were encouraged to contact Ms. Langthorne.

MNBC President Dumont acknowledged the healthy dialogue throughout the MNGA and extended appreciation to delegates for their attendance. The assistance of Chair Caverley, Co-Chair Stevenson and Professional Registered Parliamentarian Eli Mini was also acknowledged.

President Dumont spoke on the efforts of the MNGA delegates to uphold the constitution and governance of the MNBC, and referenced the historical passing the Veterans and Youth Acts. On behalf of Métis children and families, he extended appreciation to the Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee for its work; and acknowledged the support of the Ministers and Veterans, women and youth and the MNBC staff in organizing the MNGA. In conclusion, he expressed support for continued accountability and improved communications to all Métis citizens.

Tracey Thornhill, MNBC Executive Assistant, welcomed delegates to provide her with updates on community events (including 125th anniversary events) as well as any changes for governing regions. This information would be added to the MNBC website and efforts would be made to interlink the Governing Region websites with the MNBC website.

12. CLOSING PRAYER

Annette Maurice, Director for North Central and Minister Responsible for Justice, offered a Closing Prayer. In respect of Veterans present, delegates joined together to sing “Oh Canada”.

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 20 and 21, 2010 concluded on Day Two – March 21, 2010 at 2:53 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia Métis Nation Governing Assembly held March 20 and 21, 2010 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

Dan Pope, Secretary

Bruce Dumont, President