

**NATION****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

September 26-27, 2009

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), held September 26-27, 2009, in the South Lobby, Ballroom II, The Penticton Trade & Convention Centre, 237 Power Street, Penticton, BC.

**BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Dumont, President  
Dave Hodgson, Vice-President  
Stephanie Albiston, Provincial Youth Chairperson  
Rose Bortolon, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson  
Henry Hall, Lower Mainland Regional Director  
Gerald Legare, Kootenay Regional Director  
Annette Maurice, North Central Regional Director  
Dan Pope, Northeast Regional Director  
Lissa Smith, Vancouver Island Region Director  
René Therrien, Northwest Regional Director  
Bob Trumbley, Thompson/Okanagan Regional Director

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:**

A total of 157 MNBC registered voting delegates. (Quorum therefore being 79.)

**PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Jana Anderson, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

**DAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2009****GRAND ENTRY**

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. This was followed by the the Grand Entry Flag Procession led by René Therrien, Fiddler and Minister for Culture, Heritage and Language.

**1. Opening Prayer**

Senators Edkins and Gladue offered an Opening Prayer, alternating between the English and Cree languages.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed attendees, acknowledged the traditional territory of the Penticton Indian Band in which the meeting was being held, and thanked Métis communities for their support of the MNBC's 12<sup>th</sup> AGM. Participants were advised that the AGM would be broadcast via web cast. With respect to the AGM theme of "Coming Home, Going Green", Ms. Langthorne noted that cost savings were realized as a result of efforts to reduce environmental impacts. These savings would be used to assist Chartered Communities, with a

cheque in the amount of \$1,000 provided to all Chartered Communities to assist in their day-to-day operations.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, referenced significant changes to operations over the past year. He spoke of the MNBC's efforts to work innovatively, including adjusting the five year strategic plan to align with government ministries in order to better enable MNBC to address Métis specific concerns on a bilateral basis with the province of British Columbia.

### **Point of Order**

A Point of Order was raised related to the need to proceed with Agenda Item 2, Introduction of Chair/Co-Chair, and Item 3, Acceptance of AGM Agenda, before continuing with welcoming comments.

#### **2. Introduction of Chair/Co-Chair**

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed and introduced AGM Chair Don Caverley and AGM Co-Chair Mark Stevenson to the meeting.

#### **3. Acceptance of AGM Agenda**

*Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2008 Annual General Meeting Agenda package: Draft Agenda of the 2009 Annual General Meeting dated September 25-27, 2009.*

A proposed special resolution, moved and seconded, was read aloud by Daryl Piper on behalf of the Coalition of Concerned Métis Citizens (CCMC).

#### **It was MOVED (Daryl Piper) 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 Métis citizens as per the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Secretariat Bylaws, MNBC Constitution and MNBC Legislation;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC Board of Directors is elected to a term every four years as per the MNBC Constitution. The current MNBC Board of Directors was elected in September 2008;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC Board of Directors has failed in their duties to properly manage the governance and corporate affairs of the MNBC and its secretariat MPCBC;

AND WHEREAS the current MNBC deficit is identified at an additional \$248,849 for 2008-2009 based on program funds as per page 31 of the 2008-2009 MNBC Annual Report;

AND WHEREAS the MNBC has secured additional loans and line of credit through the Royal Bank with no advance notice or mandated approval to the Métis citizens, Regional Governance Councils, or Métis Chartered Communities. MNBC has the risk of an overall deficit of approximately \$4 million as a result of decisions in the last 12 months of operation;

MNBC Board of Directors decision in June 2009 to secure a \$2.2 million loan plus an \$800,000 additional line of credit (please refer to note 14 Subsequent events of the MNBC Annual report 2008-2009 page 40) for the purchase of a school in Abbotsford, BC on behalf of the Métis Nation and as such commit themselves, future leadership, and Métis citizens to a significant debt for the next 10 years. There was no consultation, feasibility study, or business plan for the Métis Chartered Communities, Regional Governance Councils, or Métis citizens to review, provide direction, or have any meaningful input before this decision was made.

AND WHEREAS no schedule of Métis Chartered Community investments or accounting of the Board of Directors expenses in the 2008-2009 MNBC Annual Report despite a number of Métis community requests in the last few years to be a part of the MNBC audited financial statements;

AND WHEREAS the decision by MNBC leadership to write off the Métis National Council (MNC) amount owed of \$209,000, the MNBC leadership with the Métis Chartered Communities and Métis citizens discussed the situation and mandated steps to collect from the MNC if the MNC did not reimburse the MNBC in 2007-2008 for the Métis Health Human Resource Initiative (MHHRI). This decision should have been discussed with the Métis Nation Governing Assembly or Regional Governance Councils;

AND WHEREAS the lack of accountability to address Métis questions from concerned citizens regarding the 2008 MNBC General Election; the MNBC General Election totaled \$131,000 as identified on page 40 of the 2008-2009 Annual Report. This only represents a total consolidation not an actual breakdown as requested. The MNBC Board of Directors was provided official written requests for clarification in December 2008 and January 2009 that have not been adequately addressed;

AND WHEREAS there are reporting inconsistencies in the 2008-2009 MNBC Annual Report. For example, the MNBC claim by the Ministry and MNBC management that funding has been secured for the Métis veterans standing committee from the Office of the Federal Interlocutor as a success on bullet one of page 20. However, the 2008-2009 MNBC Annual Report financial statements do not validate this claim on page 29; as the statements confirm there has been no funding Métis Veterans;

AND WHEREAS MNBC has not clearly addressed the mandate voted from the Métis Children and Family Services Forum held in May 2008. Métis delegates mandated MNBC leadership and management to address seven recommendations that have not been addressed according to the 2008-2009 MNBC Annual Report;

AND WHEREAS MNBC leadership has revised the MNBC Five Year Plan with no consultation with the Métis Chartered Communities, Regional Governance Councils, or Métis citizens. MNBC was provided resources by the Provincial Government in 2007-2008 and presented the Five Year Plan at the 2008 MNBC Annual General Meeting (AGM) to delegates in Kelowna;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED an immediate vote of non-confidence based on the overwhelming issues of MNBC leadership mismanagement and a complete lack and disregard and consultation with the Métis Chartered Community leadership and Métis citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a simple majority (50% plus one) of Métis delegates at the 2009 AGM immediately call for the resignation of the MNBC Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Métis delegates at the 2009 AGM appoint a seven Member Ad Hoc Oversight committee (based on one per region as appointed by the Regional Governance Councils who are requested to caucus during the 2009 AGM, and report their appointment). The Ad Hoc Oversight Committee will be mandated by the 2009 AGM delegates to provide immediate MNBC management and MNBC by-elections direction. The Ad Hoc Oversight Committee will be provided their mandate in effect until the completion of the MNBC by-election and will administer the by-election in accordance to the MNBC Constitution and all relevant legislation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Métis AGM 2009 delegates appoint the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee to secure the services of a Chief Electoral Officer to administer a provincial by-election for new MNBC leadership for all MNBC elected positions (Regional Directors, President, Vice President, Youth Chairperson and Women's Chairperson) to complete the remaining three years of the term of office to September 2012 in accordance with the MNBC Constitution; or rather 120 days from today.

**TABLED**

General discussion ensued during which it was suggested that the proposed special resolution be tabled to later in the AGM under Agenda Item 9, Review and Presentation of Resolutions.

**9:38 a.m.**

Senators Adams, Edkins, Gladue, Penner, Pope, Snider, Thibeault departed the meeting.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, clarified that the MNBC Senators had departed because under a Senate policy, Senators were not to participate in meetings related to constitutional or legislative discussions.

In response to a suggestion that the audited financial statements be considered on Day 1 of the Agenda, Corazon David, Chief Financial Officer, advised that the auditor would not be available until Day 2.

A motion was proposed to allow space on the AGM Agenda for members to present motions which were non-constitutional or did not require legislative changes.

**It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 26-27, 2009 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-01)**

**It was MOVED (Leonard Laboucan) and SECONDED (Lisa Shepherd)**

That the Agenda for the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting scheduled September 26-27, 2009 be adopted with amendment to add Item 9.10, Special Resolution presented by the Coalition of Concerned Métis Citizens (CCMC).

**CARRIED (AGM09-02)**

(1 delegate voting in the negative)

**9:49 a.m.**

MNBC Senators, Adams, Edkins, Gladue, Penner, Pope, Snider, Thibeault and Trumbley rejoined the meeting.

#### **4. Welcoming Remarks and Opening Comments**

Dignitaries extended greetings, noted their honour at having been asked to present, and congratulated the MNBC on its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Additional subject areas discussed by each dignitary are highlighted in the paragraphs that follow:

##### **Thompson/Okanagan Métis Heritage & Cultural Council President Daniel Pittman**

Thompson/Okanagan Métis Heritage & Cultural Council President Pittman welcomed the MNBC for hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Penticton. He acknowledged collaboration, cooperation and connection as important in deliberations. Although change was valuable, it could

create a lack of cooperation and disconnectedness and many nations were struggling with issues which contested traditional beliefs and values, President Pittman encouraged levity throughout the AGM which would support Métis beliefs and values. In closing, delegates were encouraged to enjoy the many offerings and activities available in the Penticton area.

**Thompson/Okanagan Regional Director Bob Trumbley**

Thompson/Okanagan Regional Director Bob Trumbley welcomed government representatives, Penticton Indian Band Chief Kruger, and delegates to the AGM. He then welcomed and introduced Presidents of the Thompson/Okanagan Chartered Communities present. The efforts of MNBC staff and their assistance in organizing the AGM were acknowledged. Participants were encouraged to participate in the full governance process offered by the AGM and to present their views respectfully to all those in attendance.

**Chief Jonathan Kruger, Penticton Indian Band**

On behalf of the Penticton Indian Band, Chief Kruger offered opening comments in his traditional language and welcomed youth, veterans, elders and leaders in attendance. Delegates were encouraged to continue their efforts to make positive decisions on behalf the MNBC. Chief Kruger then introduced his wife, noting she was a citizen of the MNBC.

MNBC President Dumont extended appreciation to Penticton Indian Band Chief Kruger for his participation and presented the Chief with a Métis sash.

**MNBC Vice-President David R. Hodgson**

MNBC Vice-President Hodgson acknowledged veterans, elders, dignitaries, Senators and citizens in attendance. He shared that he was proud of the work of the MNBC over the past year, and acknowledged the efforts of dedicated Board, staff and Métis citizens. Appreciation was also extended to MNBC President Dumont for the opportunity to work with him and to President of Kelowna Métis Association Leo Brazeau for hosting the prior to AGM in Kelowna, BC.

As MNBC Minister responsible for Employment and Training, Vice-President Hodgson spoke on the progress and change occurring on behalf of children within the education system as well as positive efforts with the provincial and federal governments for Métis recognition. Noting the importance of youth for the future, Vice-President Hodgson acknowledged MNBC and the Board of Director's continued support for their inclusion within the governance structure. The Vice-President then acknowledged and thanked his family for their ongoing support.

**MNBC President Bruce Dumont**

MNBC President Dumont acknowledged the traditional territory of the Penticton Indian Band and offered opening comments in Michif. He welcomed delegates and guests in attendance and thanked them for their continued support and the opportunity to continue to work on their behalf as President of the MNBC. He thanked Senators Gladue and Edkins for the Opening Prayer and acknowledged the welcome from Penticton Indian Band Chief Jonathan Kruger.

The President expressed appreciation to the Thompson/Okanagan Métis Heritage & Cultural Council and President Daniel Pittman for hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM. He recognized the Presidents of the Chartered Communities, Métis National Council President Clément Chartier, Métis Nation Alberta Vice-President Cecile Belrose and George Abbot, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation in attendance. The efforts of Milt Wright, Director, Negotiator of Corporate Mandates, Aboriginal Directorate, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, were also acknowledged.

MNBC President Dumont thanked the MNBC Board of Directors for their ongoing dedication, hard work, and continued support of the citizens of MNBC. The President thanked Vice-President Hodgson for his continued hard work and acknowledged the assistance of the Métis Youth leadership. The outstanding governance structure built by the leadership and citizens was noted. He spoke on the many changes since the last AGM, and welcomed and introduced Malonie Langthorne as the new Chief Executive Officer. MNBC President Dumont extended thanks to Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, for his efforts as chief negotiator for Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations (TSN) and welcomed back Executive Assistant Tracey Thornhill. MNBC President Dumont acknowledged the assistance of MNBC staff, Board of Directors and the editors of Whispering Winds in organizing the AGM.

The President referenced a number of milestones achieved during the past year under the various ministries, noting detailed updates would be presented on Day 2 of the AGM under the Ministry Reports. MNBC President Dumont reported that at the national level, he had accepted the portfolio for Heritage, Culture and Language and was working on celebrations to recognize the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Métis resistance, including a special weeklong event at Batoche in 2010.

MNBC President Dumont expressed support for the new green policy which resulted in reduced costs for the AGM. Delegates were encouraged to continue making decisions in the best interests of Métis citizens in British Columbia and respectful deliberations throughout the AGM were encouraged. The President concluded by thanking his family for their continued support.

#### **Métis National Council President Clément Chartier**

Métis National Council (MNC) President Chartier extended greetings to veterans, senators, elders, women, youth, Métis citizens, Thompson/Okanagan Métis Heritage & Cultural Council President Pittman, Penticton Indian Band Chief Kruger and Métis friends present.

With reference to the sacrifices of Métis veterans and note of the need for their recognition, MNC President Chartier advised that David Chartrand, MNC Minister for Social Development and Minister for Veterans, had been leading this effort; and with the assistance of MNC Governing Members had negotiated funding to take a delegation of veterans to a special recognition celebration at Juno Beach on November 11, 2009. During this celebration, Métis information and artifacts, including a red river cart would be added to the war museum.

MNC President Chartier spoke on the importance of recognizing and addressing Métis who attended residential school and advised that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) had invited Métis to participate in their story telling gathering process. MNC would continue its efforts to seek recognition from the government and churches for Métis who attended residential school.

In September 2008, the President advised that the Métis Nation Protocol was signed by Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, setting out a bilateral process between the federal government and the MNC. Subsequently, the MNC has been in discussions with Minister Strahl and his officials on issues such as recognition for Métis veterans and the need for multi-year funding.

At the annual Council of the Federation meeting held in July 2008, five Premiers committed to meeting with the MNC and federal government if the federal government invited the provinces to the table. Minister Strahl recently sent a letter to the MNC and provincial leaders inviting them to a meeting which would be scheduled in October or November 2009. Based on a proposal put forward by Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn Atleo, the federal

government had also agreed to a meeting between Minister Strahl and national Aboriginal leaders on October 29, 2009 in Toronto, Ontario.

Noting the importance of balancing rights with programs and services, MNC President Chartier commended the MNBC leadership on their efforts in this area. Support was expressed for encouraging the involvement of women and youth both at the regional and national levels.

**Message from Métis Nation of Ontario President Gary Lipinski**

AGM Chair Caverley read aloud a message from Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President Lipinski extending congratulations to the MNBC for hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> AGM and reflecting on the AGM as being a gathering that provided opportunities for Métis citizens and families to combine business with celebrating their culture and heritage. The “Coming Home, Going Green” theme exemplified where Métis were in their efforts to preserve and maintain their homelands. MNO President Lipinski ended by wishing delegates well in their deliberations.

**Métis Nation of Alberta Vice-President Cecil Belrose**

Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) Vice-President Belrose extended greetings on behalf of MNA President Audrey Poitras. He acknowledged elders and youth present and extended wishes for a successful 12<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**George Abbot, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation**

Minister Abbot extended greetings to delegates and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Penticton Indian Band in which the meeting was being held. He acknowledged the Opening Prayer offered by Senators Gladue and Edkins, adding that it was important to remember veterans and elders who built the nation and continued to support Métis citizens. He shared that, as former Minister of Women and Family Services, he had worked with many MNBC Directors and staff and he had the opportunity to welcome MNBC as partners on human resources initiatives. He expressed appreciation for being able to work with MNBC President Dumont, MNC President Clément Chartier, MNA President Audrey Poitras and Penticton Indian Band Chief Jonathan Kruger.

The Minister advised that within the past month, he attended the opening of the Okanagan College which had now enrolled over 800 students from First Nations and Métis communities.

Minister Abbot referenced accomplishments of the MNBC, including participation in Métis Knowledge Keeper workshops, 2010 Hiring Fair, and the Métis Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreement. The MNBC had also entered into a retraining partnership to build employment capacity for Métis citizens. He noted that of the 48 Aboriginal education enhancement agreements, 28 have been signed with MNBC and these agreements would help promote and teach Métis history and culture in classroom as well as improve student success. In closing, the Minister thanked the AGM for the opportunity to speak and wished delegates all the best for their AGM and in the coming year.

On behalf of the MNBC Board of Directors, staff and Métis citizens, MNBC President Dumont presented Minister Abbot with a Métis sash.

**5. Honourary Mention Government Officials**

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, led delegates in acknowledging: Milt Wright, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Mary Lou Kenney, Office of the Federal Interlocutor (OFI); Bob McGregor, OFI; Allyson Rowe, Director – Policy and Programs, OFI; Wanda Stachura, Senior Development Officer, OFI; Michael Ferguson, Vancouver City Coordinator;

Catherine Graham, Director – Métis Centre, National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO), Desiree Jones, Denali Group Canada; Violet Shorty, VANOC; Dennis Thomas, VANOC; John Webster, ACCESS; Rod Cunningham, Service Canada and Clint Kuzio, BC Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport.

**6. Special Thanks to MNBC AGM Corporate Sponsors and AGM Official Sponsors**

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, Strategic Development Coordinator, and Master of Ceremonies, thanked the following sponsors for their contributions to the MNBC 2009 AGM: ACCESS, Objectified Software, Staples Advantage, Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines, EnCana; CLAC British Columbia Training Centres, LAN Services, Local 258 IBEW, Service Canada, Spectra Energy, Terasen Gas, and the federal and provincial governments.

**Health Break**

The AGM recessed at 10:56 a.m. and resumed at 11:43 a.m.

**7. Quorum is Announced by the MC**

The AGM was informed that there were 157 registered delegates, quorum therefore being 79.

**8. 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

*Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting Agenda package: Draft Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting held September 26-28, 2008.*

**It was MOVED (Lee Fraser) and SECONDED (Dan McDonald)**

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2008 Annual General Meeting held September 26-28, 2008 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-03)**

**9. Resolutions**

*Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting Agenda package: Resolutions #1-9 Submitted to Annual General Meeting Delegates for Second and Final Reading.*

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

**9.1 Draft Resolution #1 – Métis Nation Governing Assembly**

Proposed Resolution #1 was introduced. Co-Chair Stevenson clarified the primary office affected was the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

In response to a request for clarification Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, advised that a motion claiming “ambiguity” could no longer be considered within the definition of “housekeeping matter”.

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

WHEREAS: The term Housekeeping in the context of legislative or Constitutional amendments has not been defined;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 2.0 of the Métis Nation Governing Assembly Act be amended to include the Definition of Housekeeping as follows:

*“2.11 Housekeeping Matters in the context of an amendment, addition or replacement of*

*an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation or the Constitution means those matters that do not affect the meaning or intent of the Article or the subject Legislation or the Constitution. In the event of ambiguity, the proposed amendment, addition or replacement of an Article contained in or proposed for Legislation or the Constitution shall be deemed to be not a Housekeeping Matter”; and,*

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the sub-articles following the addition of the term Housekeeping Matters be re-numbered accordingly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-04)**

## **9.2 Proposed Resolution #2 – MNBC Senate Act**

Proposed Resolution #2 was read aloud.

### **Point of Order**

In response to a Point of Order raised that Question should be called by delegates at the microphone, Co-Chair Stevenson confirmed that Question could be called from the floor.

### **It was MOVED (Lisa Shepherd) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

WHEREAS the existing Metis Nation British Columbia Senate Act wording speaks to one jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Article 9.0 deals with all appeals of the Senate; and

WHEREAS the decisions are made by the Senate not the Citizenship Appeals Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 9.3 is rewritten to read;

*“The decisions of the Senate shall be in writing and forwarded to the Métis Nation British Columbia for its review and such action as necessary by the Métis Nation British Columbia”.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM0901-05)**

## **9.3 Proposed Resolution #3 – MNBC Natural Resources Act**

Proposed Resolution #3 was introduced by Co-Chair Stevenson.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, provided clarification regarding the reference to “Ministry” in the resolution.

### **It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Ken Fisher)**

WHEREAS the Metis Nation British Columbia Natural Resources Act states that the Ministry of Natural Resources head technician is the Director of Natural Resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 11.5 be revised to read:

*“The Director of Natural Resources, under the direction and guidance of the Ministry of Natural Resources, will be responsible for the implementation of the Consultation Guidelines”.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-06)**

## **9.4 Proposed Resolution #4 – MNBC Senate Act**

Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #4.

In response to a request for clarification, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, clarified that while a civil suit could still be filed, the proposed resolution offered some protection for the Senate.

Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, advised that when ruling in civil cases, courts generally respected the internal affairs within an organization. Under the proposed resolution, Senators would not be subject to a civil suit in the absence of any negligence or criminal activity, and it was quite likely the court system would honour this resolution.

**It was MOVED (Lisa Shepherd) and SECONDED (Henry Hall)**

WHEREAS Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Senators should be protected from civil suit when performing their duties as MNBC Senators;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 3.0 of the MNBC Senate Act be amended to include Sub-Article 3.4 which shall read as follows:

*“A Senator shall not be subject to any civil action, suit or prosecution as a result of any things done or not done in relation to the performance of their duties as Senators”.*

**CARRIED (AGM0901-07)**

(1 delegate voting in the negative)

**9.5 Proposed Resolution #5 – MNBC Constitution**

Proposed Resolution #5 was introduced.

**It was MOVED (Rose Bortolon) and SECONDED (Stephanie Albiston)**

WHEREAS the existing wording in Article 46 of the Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Constitution only speaks to the MNBC; and

WHEREAS the MNBC is defined as the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS representatives of the Métis Women of BC, and the BC United Métis Youth Circle are elected through the MNBC General Election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 46 be rewritten to read:

*“A by-election shall be held within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date of any vacancy on the MNBC, the Métis Women of BC or the BC United Métis Youth Circle.”*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-08)**

**12:03 p.m.**

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

**9.6 Proposed Resolution #6 – MNBC Electoral Act**

Proposed Resolution #6 was introduced.

**It was MOVED (Rose Bortolon) and SECONDED (David Carlton)**

WHEREAS the term “By-Election” and “Election” as defined in the Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Electoral Act and dealt with in Articles 46 to 48 of the Constitution may be ambiguous and require clarification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the definition of “By-Election” as set out in Article Three of the Electoral Act be amended to read as follows:

*“By-Election” means an election to replace or fill a vacancy in the MNBC Board of Directors, the Métis Women BC and/or the BC United Métis Youth Circle when such vacancy is created by the removal, resignation or disqualification of the person previously holding the office as set out in Article 23 of the Constitution”; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the definition of “Election” as set out in Article Three of the Electoral Act be amended to read as follows:

*“Election(s)” means an election called by the Métis Nation British Columbia for the election of a President, Vice-President, Regional Directors, Chairperson or Regional Representative of the British Columbia United Métis Youth Circle, and the Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women BC also known as the Métis Women's Secretariat-British Columbia as set out in the Métis Nation British Columbia Constitution and includes By-Elections for the purposes of this Act”.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-09)**

**12:05 p.m.**

Don Caverley resumed his role as AGM Chair.

**9.7 Proposed Resolution #7 – MNGA Act**

Proposed Resolution #7 was introduced.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, clarified that “designate” differed from the business secretariat known as the Métis Provincial Council of BC. The role of the Clerk was to support the Métis Nation Governing Assembly.

**It was MOVED (Ken Fisher) and SECONDED (Henry Hall)**

WHEREAS the Metis Nation British Columbia may wish to have a person other than the Chief Executive Officer act as the Metis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) Clerk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 6.1 of the MNGA Act be revised to read:

*“Be a designate of the Métis Provincial Council of BC”.*

**CARRIED (AGM09-10)**

(2 delegates voting in the negative)

- 9.8 Proposed Resolution #8 – MNBC Natural Resources Act**  
Proposed Resolution #8 was introduced by Co-Chair Stevenson.

**It was MOVED (Gary Biggar) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

WHEREAS the term Metis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Harvesting Card is used in all sections of the Natural Resources Act, and

WHEREAS Section 8.1.3 of the Act uses the term “MNBC Harvesters Card”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 8.1.3 be rewritten to read;

*“The holder of an MNBC Harvesting Card constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions for use of the card as outlined in this Act and any subsequent regulations created under the authority of Article 9.0”.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-11)**

- 9.9 Proposed Resolution #9 – MNBC Constitution and all Legislative Acts**  
Co-Chair Stevenson introduced proposed Resolution #9.

**It was MOVED (Stephanie Albiston) and SECONDED (Ken Fisher)**

WHEREAS the British Columbia United Métis Youth Circle (BCUMYC) seeks to change its name; and

WHEREAS the Metis Nation British Columbia citizens have ratified the Constitution in 2003 and subsequent legislative acts that have continued to utilize the original name;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCUMYC name be changed to the Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-12)**

**Health Break**

The AGM recessed at 12:10 p.m. and resumed at 1:24 p.m. Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, announced an Ad Hoc Adoption Committee meeting was scheduled at 5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2009. As a follow up to the 2008 AGM recommendation to recognize recipients of the Order of the Sash, Mr. Trumbley reported that a list of dates and times of past presentations would be created, with a recognition event to follow.

Prior to the conduct of business, quorum was confirmed.

**9. Resolutions (cont'd)**

- 9.10 Proposed Special Resolution #10 – submitted by Coalition of Concerned Métis Citizens (CCMC)**

Co-Chair Stevenson read aloud an excerpt of the earlier tabled motion moved by Daryl Piper and seconded by Leonard Laboucan under Agenda Item 3.

**Point of Order**

A Point of Order was raised that the proposed special resolution was offensive to the MNBC Constitution, and was unconstitutional because it had not been presented to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly as required under Section 71 of the MNBC Constitution.

Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, explained that at the 2000 AGM, registered delegates voted unanimously to assert their rights and establish an order of government in Canada to be known as the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC). The Assembly agreed that the MNBC would be bound by a Constitution developed by Métis citizens in BC, and that the MNBC would pursue self-governance under that Constitution.

Mr. Gereluk continued with note that at the 2003 AGM, the Assembly adopted the MNBC Constitution through resolution. Since that time, there had been various amendments which had been brought forward to the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) as required under the Constitution.

Additionally, in 2006 the Bylaws were amended to remove “Schedule B”, the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Bylaws, from the Society Act; and as a result any reference to the Society Act would not apply to MNBC. Resolutions presented at past AGMs which violated the spirit and intent of the Constitution had been disallowed and had been referred to the MNGA. Mr. Gereluk clarified that resolutions with a limited affect (e.g., approving minutes) did not violate the Constitution and could be considered by the Assembly.

Mr. Gereluk further advised that the Special Resolution would need to be brought forward to the MNGA because it was competing against and/or offending provisions of the Constitution by removing directors of the MNBC. The resolution as presented would also require amendments to the Electoral Act. Should the resolution pass, it would quite likely be null and void and easily set aside given that the process to adopt it under the Constitution was not followed.

In general discussion, a delegate spoke in favour of the tabled motion which was intended to improve accountability. Suggestion was offered that it would be beneficial to receive a legal opinion on the terms “resolution” and “motion”.

In further discussion, it was noted that the MNBC governance process required resolutions to be presented at a MNGA. With reference to the significance of the proposed Special Resolution, a delegate expressed concern that it had not been provided in written format to the Assembly and there had been no opportunity for related discussion by the Chartered Communities. Support was expressed for a more complete review and discussion.

**1:54 p.m.**

Chair Caverley and Co-Chair Stevenson departed the meeting and the meeting recessed.

**1:56 p.m.**

Chair Caverley and Co-Chair Stevenson rejoined the meeting and the meeting was reconvened.

**Decision of the Co-Chair**

The proposed Special Resolution presented by the Coalition of Concerned Métis Citizens (CCMC) was ruled out of order by Co-Chair Stevenson given that the MNBC Constitution specified that all legislative amendments and resolutions would be presented for a first reading at a MNGA meeting.

Options for the Meeting to Challenge the Decision of the Co-Chair were discussed.

General discussion ensued during which delegates spoke against a motion to overturn the decision of the Co-Chair, noting that the MNBC had an adopted a Constitution and process to deal with any constitutional changes. Concern was expressed that Section 71 of the Constitution

was silent on how new business could be presented and addressed at an AGM and it was suggested that clarification would be beneficial.

**It was MOVED (Daryl Piper) and SECONDED (Leonard Laboucan)**

That the ruling of the Co-Chair be challenged.

**DEFEATED (AGM09-13)**

(19 abstentions)

**Point of Order**

A Point of Order was raised in response to which the Chair clarified that abstentions were considered to be in favour of a motion in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Co-Chair Stevenson acknowledged the prior suggestion to ensure that additional items could be considered at future AGMs during approval of the Agenda. He confirmed that motions which had no constitutional affect could be presented throughout the AGM as part of specific agenda items.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, expressed support for transparency and accountability, and encouraged delegates to ask questions during the Economic Development Update that would be presented under Agenda Item 12, Ministry Reports.

**10. 2010 Annual General Meeting**

**It was MOVED (Tresley Tourond-Bouvier) and SECONDED (Tom Spence)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) accept the recommendation to hold the MNBC 2010 AGM September 24-26, 2010 at the Métis Skills & Employment Training Centre in Abbotsford BC.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-14)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting held September 26-27, 2009 adjourned on Day 1 – September 26, 2009 at 2:27 p.m.

**DAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 27, 20089**

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The Métis Nation British Columbia 2008 Annual General Meeting held September 26-28, 2008 reconvened on Day 2 – September 27, 2009 at 8:50 a.m. Prior to the conduct of business, quorum of 94 delegates was confirmed.

**11. MNBC 2007-2008 Financial Audited Statements**

*Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting Agenda package: MNBC 2008-2009 Annual Report.*

Mike Corney, Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants, provided an overhead presentation titled “2009 Financial Report”, and led a review of the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Statements of Financial Position for the year ended March 31, 2009, as provided in the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2008-2009 Annual Report.

Mr. Corney advised that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the MPCBC as at March 31, 2009 in accordance with Canadian General

Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). He noted that, under the total revenue, a surplus of approximately \$16,644 in operations during the year had been identified with a special auditor's provision for uncollected accounts of approximately \$265,000.

Mr. Corney clarified that uncollected accounts, as indicated in a note to the financial statements, reflected the amount owed to the MNBC from the Métis National Council (MNC). As of March 31, 2009, while \$209,000 owing from MNC had not been collected, management fully expected that this amount would be collected. Funds collected would be included in the 2010 financial statements under a surplus line item. The remaining write down of \$56,000 was owed to MNBC from Métis Natural Resources Trust and had also been included in this special provision.

Mr. Corney reviewed the total revenues over the past five years, noting an annual budget of approximately \$13.5 million. With the addition of the 2009 deficit, the total accumulated deficit was \$477,000, representing 2.5% of the annual revenue activity. It was reported that 52% of revenue was derived from Human Resource Development Agreement. The Assembly was directed to Schedule 2 of the financial statements for more detailed information on MNBC Programs.

In his continued report, Mr. Corney noted that overall, total revenue exceeded administrative expenses which were approximately 16% for programs. While the financial statements for the Métis Skills and Employment and Training Trust had not been finalized, an overall surplus of \$450,000 had been identified.

General discussion ensued during which a delegate requested that paper copies, in addition to electronic copies, of the financial statements be circulated at future AGMs.

Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, confirmed that, in support of the green initiative for the AGM, a notice was sent in advance to all delegates encouraging them to print copies of the financial statements. It was expected that a copy of the finalized Métis Skills and Employment and Training Trust audit would be sent to all delegates by September 29, 2009.

In response to queries, Mr. Corney advised that bank indebtedness would be addressed if MNBC was able to receive payments for programs on time. In addition, MNBC was working on securing profitable operations/programs and two trusts had been established with MNBC as the trustee and sole beneficiary.

MNBC President Dumont reported that the MNC Board of Governors approved the MNC's 2008/2009 audited financial statements showing \$114,000 owing to the MNBC. It was expected that this amount would be collected before the end of 2009. Additionally, MNBC had received a verbal commitment from MNC President Chartier and MNC Finance Minister Chartrand that the outstanding amounts owing to MNBC would be paid before the end of the current fiscal year.

Corazon David, Chief Financial Officer, advised that supplementary to audited financial statements, a summary of revenue and expenses for all programs had been included on the memory card provided to delegates as part of the AGM registration package.

**It was MOVED (Judy Michaud) and SECONDED (Joan Holmes)**

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2009 Annual General Meeting accept as presented the audited Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia (MPCBC) Statements of Financial Position for the year ended March 31, 2009, as provided in the MNBC 2008-2009 Annual Report.

**CARRIED (AGM09-15)**

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

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

That the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) 2009 Annual General Meeting appoint the accounting firm of Manning Elliott as the MNBC Auditors for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (AGM09-16)**

**12. MNBC Annual 2008-2009 Program Reports**

*Related materials distributed in the Métis Nation British Columbia 2008 Annual General Meeting Agenda package: Whispering Winds 2009 MNBC AGM Special Edition with Program Reports; and Program Reports provided on the "Coming Home, Going Green" USB card.*

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, noted that all reports had been included on the USB Card provided to each delegate as part of the AGM registration package.

Ministers and/or staff responsible read portfolio reports (available on the MNBC website) in the areas of: Economic Development; 2010 Olympics, Métis Human Resource Development Agreement (MHRDA), Education, Métis Children & Family Services; Registry; Tripartite Self-Government Negotiations; Métis Youth BC; Culture Heritage & Language; Métis Women BC and Elders; Natural Resources (Multilateral); Health & Sport; Provincial Research; Métis Veterans Standing Committee; and Senate and Justice.

**Economic Development**

During the program update report on Economic Development, Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Economic Development, acknowledged the efforts of MNBC Minister of Economic Development Dan Pope. She then reviewed the overhead presentation titled, "Métis Nation British Columbia, Ministry of Economic Development".

Highlights of the presentation included: 2008/2009 accomplishments; draft Business Plan, proposal and overview of the Métis Skills and Employment Centre; planned expansion, initiatives for moving forward, overall investment, renovations and sustainability related to the Métis Skills and Employment Centre; update on the Aboriginal Strategic Training Investment Fund; what the new funding would mean for communities; how MNBC was being fiscally responsible; and expectations over the next year.

Ms. Langthorne advised that a funding contribution for the Métis Skills Employment Centre was expected in the near future and it was hoped that an announcement on funding would be presented at the next Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA) meeting. Equity in the Métis Skills Employment Centre was \$3.7 million and the Centre would provide a facility to host the AGM, MNGA, cultural events, training sessions, youth camps and retreats for elders. Additionally, the facility would create equity and the ability for MNBC to invest in future economic opportunities and enhanced partnership opportunities.

It was reported that a proposal under the Aboriginal Strategic Training Investment Fund in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars was approved September 18, 2009 and would expire March 31, 2011. As well, the Essential Skills Enhancement Centre would open in October 2009 with applications to Employment and Training offices to be sent out within the next month.

MNBC President Dumont commended staff and technicians on their efforts toward improving the overall economic development for the MNBC.

In response to queries raised, Ms. Langthorne reported that as a result of the current economic environment, MNBC has held off on pursuing an additional employment and training contract with Enbridge. An update on Enbridge funding would be presented as part of the Métis Natural Resources Ministry report.

General discussion ensued during which delegates acknowledged the efforts of the MNBC Economic Development Ministry staff, and commented that although the risks needed to be considered, the economic development steps over the past year would create new opportunities and revenue for the MNBC. Appreciation was expressed to the Chief Executive Officer for the update report which had respectfully answered prior concerns raised from delegates related to the financial position of the MNBC. The efforts of the MNBC Board of Directors and staff as champions of Métis citizens within British Columbia were acknowledged.

Noting that a health issue had arisen for an AGM delegate and two Directors had departed the AGM to assist, Ms. Langthorne reported that there would be no presentations for the Education, Housing, Métis Registry, and Justice ministries. Delegates were encouraged to review the Métis Nation 2008/2009 Annual Report for the respective reports.

Delegates were advised that a copy of the Economic Development overhead presentation would be provided to each of the Chartered Community Presidents.

### **2010 Olympics**

Marcel Chalmers, 2010 Winter Games Coordinator, provided a presentation titled, "2010 Highlights". During the presentation he offered an overview of the various jobs available including: NBC catering, driving, venue managers and security positions; and positions posted for the Douglas Site Services. Mr. Chalmers reported that 25 Métis positions were provided for the Vancouver 2010 Indigenous Youth Gathering, and the deadline for applications was September 28, 2009.

It was added that February 15, 2010 was designated as the Métis Pavilion Day and people interested in participating in the Cultural Olympiad Artist Registry were encouraged to apply. Official Métis Flame Attendants for the Métis Nation were identified as: Travis Jones of British Columbia, Janine Landry of Ontario, and James Fyke of Manitoba.

In response to queries, Mr. Chalmers indicated that a full day had been scheduled by the Four Host First Nations Pavilion for Métis Pavilion Day. Métis National Council Governing Members had been encouraged to submit names of representatives to participate. MNBC would not be funding the Métis Pavilion Day and Tourism Ministries within the various governing regions had been encouraged to fundraise in order to participate.

**Métis Human Resource Development Agreement (MHRDA)**

During the Métis Human Resource Development Agreement (MHRDA) update, Director Marlin Ratch, Director of Employment and Training, provided a presentation titled, “Métis Nation BC Employment & Training”. Highlights of the presentation included: an overview of the 2008/09 fiscal year; MHRDA programs; MHRDA training totals from 1999 to 2009; gaps in funding; programs offered at Métis Skills and Employment Centre; and an overview of the Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures program.

The efforts of Minister responsible for Education and Employment & Training Dave Hodgson were acknowledged.

Mr. Ratch advised that a new five year MHRDA would commence April 1, 2010 under the Aboriginal Skills Employment Training Strategy (ASETS). The Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures program was very successful and would be recognized with an Innovation Award in October 2009.

**Métis Children & Family Services**

Victoria Pruden, Director of Children and Family, provided a presentation titled, “Métis Nation British Columbia, Ministry of Children and Family Services”.

Highlights of the presentation included: an overview of the Métis Commission for Children and Families; participation in consultations on MCFD Aboriginal Early Years Framework; and future efforts going forward. She advised that a joint working group, made up of MNBC representatives and Ministry of Children and Family Services (MCFD) senior technicians, reviewed the seven recommendations presented by the MNBC leadership in June 2008 to create an implementation plan to enact changes and develop a true partnership with MCFD as defined by the Métis Nation Relationship Accord and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Resources would be allocated to an Ad Hoc Adoptions Committee to attend a retreat in November, 2009 and review and refine recommendations for presentation at a Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA).

Director Pruden acknowledged the efforts of Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations as Co-Director of Children and Family.

In response to queries raised related to the Métis Children & Family Services, Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations and Director of Children and Family, advised that the seven recommendations put forward by the MNBC constituency had been addressed. Senior officials had agreed to work on relationship building and move forward with the full confidence of the MCFD. MNBC would continue its efforts and lobby for Métis specific policies to be attached to MCFD contracts to support Métis children in care.

A delegate offered that the Ministry of Children & Families was a foundation for most of the other MNBC initiatives. Métis citizens were encouraged to provide comments and input on the seven recommendations to the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee.

**Métis Veterans Standing Committee**

During the program update report on the Métis Veterans Standing Committee, Victoria Pruden, Director of Veterans Affairs, provided a presentation titled, “MNBC Ministry of Veterans Métis Veterans Standing Committee 2009-2009 Highlights”.

Lissa Smith, Director for Vancouver Island and Minister Responsible for Veterans, acknowledged and introduced members of the Veterans Standing Committee in attendance. She

advised that a quarterly Veterans newsletter was published and that the Métis National Council (MNC) had provided funding in the amount of \$8,000 to cover the costs for two veterans to travel to Juno Beach, Normandy, to participate in the recognition of Métis veterans at the war memorial on November 11, 2009. Delegates were encouraged to contact the Veterans Standing Committee to pledge funds to cover costs for the attendance of additional veterans.

Veterans Standing Committee Chairperson Walter Koenders extended thanks to MNBC staff and President Dumont for their support of the veterans ministry.

MNBC President Dumont encouraged delegates to donate funds to support veterans attendance at the November 11, 2009 Juno Beach War Memorial commemorating Métis veterans. He then donated \$100 and challenged others to match the donation. MNBC Chief Executive Officer, Malonie Langthorne announced that the MNBC would match the total donations received.

Following this announcement, individual delegates and representatives of Chartered Communities announced donation of funds to support veterans travel to Juno Beach on November 11, 2009. Veterans Minister Lissa Smith announced that a total of \$6,200 had been donated by the delegates and communities thus far.

#### **Métis Women BC and Elders**

Victoria Pruden, Director of Women and Elders, acknowledged and introduced the Regional Women's Representatives. She then provided a presentation titled, "Activity Highlights, Governance, Programs and Services and Moving Forward".

During the presentation, Ms. Pruden provided an overview of activities completed and discussed participation in a national gender based analysis framework. She advised that the Aboriginal Women's program has funding for regional focused Métis Women BC (MWBC) projects and that the MWBC had recently been invited to Ottawa to present and share successes with the Minister of State responsible for Status of Women Canada.

It was noted that the MWBC would be submitting an application to the Status of Women to fund local, regional and provincial engagement of Métis women and were considering a partnership between the MWBC and Métis Women of Ontario. Additionally, the MWBC have been invited to participate in the establishment of a Métis Women BC Leadership Council.

Director Pruden then provided a presentation titled, "Métis Nation Ministry of Women and Elders: Elders Programming". Highlights of the presentation included: overview of pilot year of Métis Elders Engagement; update on establishment of Métis Elders Volunteer Conference Planning committee and Conference held February 2009 in Harrison Hot Springs; overview of pilot project under the Metro Vancouver Urban Aboriginal Strategy; update on Department of Indian Affairs, Indian Residential Schools Information and Resource Sharing project; collaborative efforts with National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) to provide Métis elder perspectives on healthy child rearing; and participation in Métis Knowledge Keepers Series symposiums.

**Métis Youth BC**

Colette Trudeau, Director of Youth, acknowledged and introduced Métis Youth British Columbia (MYBC) regional youth representatives in attendance, noting that there was a vacancy in the Vancouver Island region.

Ms. Trudeau then provided a presentation titled, "Ministry of Youth". Highlights of the presentation included: overview of proposals and approval of 15 communities under the Urban Multipurpose Aboriginal Youth Centre Initiative 09/10; ACT NOW Smoking cessation project; National Youth Conference: Healthy Living 2010 and Beyond; and update on the Annual Youth Retreat.

Director Trudeau advised that a Call for Proposals for projects would be completed in December 2009. Interested applicants were invited to contact Director Trudeau or Stephanie Albiston, Minister Responsible for Youth & Sport.

**Natural Resources (Multilateral)**

During the program update report on Natural Resources (Multilateral), Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources, provided a presentation titled, "Ministry of Natural Resources Coming Home, Going Green". Highlights included updates on: harvesting cards; Article 11 consultation; Enbridge Northern Gateway Métis Consultation Project team; genealogical and citizenship databases; BC Métis Traditional Land Use Study and Land Use Mapping Tool; harvesting database; government and industry relations; Ministry of Natural Resources strategic plan; and Métis rights.

**Culture Heritage & Language**

During the program update report on Culture Heritage & Language, Gary Ducommun, Director of Culture, Heritage & Language, provided a presentation titled, "Métis Heritage Site Program, Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Language". Highlights of the presentation included an overview of the proposed Métis Heritage Site Program; need for heritage site recognition; potential Métis heritage sites/areas; importance of commemoration; and need for a community driven process.

Delegates were advised that currently, there was no indication of Joe McDougall's Métis heritage on the signage at the McDougall Wildlife Sanctuary or in the BC Wildlife Regulations that protect the area.

**Health & Sport**

During the program update report on Health & Sport, Tanya Davoren, Director of Health & Sport, provided a presentation titled, "Métis Nation British Columbia, Ministry of Health". Highlights of the presentation included update on: evolution of MNBC's Health Ministry; MNBC ActNow Evaluation; MNBC's First Provincial Health Forum held March 13-15, 2009; hiring of regional coordinators under the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund; structure of MNBC Health Ministry; Métis Wellness Health Fairs; chapter dedicated to MNBC within the Pathways to Health and Healing; work of the Regional Health Coordinators; funding to hire manager for the Chronic Disease Surveillance Project; Métis Public Health Surveillance Program; and next steps.

Delegates were advised that the MNBC's ACTNow Program and DVD would be presented at the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) Conference to be held November 23-26, 2009 in Ottawa.

Director Davoren then reviewed the presentation titled, “Métis Nation British Columbia, Ministry of Sport” providing an update on the Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Physical Activity Partners Council. She reported that highlights of accomplishments of Métis athletes would be included on the MNBC website and in quarterly editions of Kiwetin’s Whispering Winds.

### **Senate**

During the program update report on the Senate, Senator Bill Thibeault provided a presentation titled, “Senate Report”. It was reported that the Senate had assisted MNBC departments in cost cutting efforts and had responded to concerns related to the need for a full sitting of the Senate for appeals. Eleven appeals had been addressed since the 2008 AGM and the Senate had entered into an ethical Committee role for the MNBC Department of Health to support the operation of a Chronic Disease Surveillance program. Given the expanding case load, the Senate had reviewed its five year plan.

Senator Thibeault continued with note that, to support the Senate, chambers had been secured in the new office building purchased by the MNBC in Abbotsford, and meeting space and secure storage for personal and case load data had been identified. Sixteen cases were currently waiting for review and decisions. The Senate extended appreciation to MNBC President Dumont for his support and acceptance of the Senate as an “essential service”.

Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, reported that the Senate had expanded each year. At a recent law forum, Senator Chairperson Al Edkins was approached by top judges from BC who expressed that the MNBC Senate was a testament juridical Aboriginal system in BC.

### **Provincial Research**

Dr. Mike Evans, Consultant, reported that the two-DVD set recently completed titled “Métis of British Columbia, Culture, History and Contemporary History” and “Metis of British Columbia, Music and Dance” had been distributed to MNBC Chartered Communities. He advised that the DVDs told the history of BC Métis and detailed elements of contemporary culture.

Delegates then viewed a five-minute clip of the DVD titled: “Metis of British Columbia, Music and Dance”.

#### **13. Dissolve Resolutions Committee (if required)**

This item was not considered at the meeting.

#### **14. Other Business**

No other business was considered.

#### **15. Closing Remarks MNBC President Dumont**

MNBC President Dumont acknowledged all delegates and presenters at the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM and thanked Métis citizens for their support. The assistance of AGM Chair Don Caverley, Co-Chair Mark Stevenson, and expertise of Joseph Gereluk, Corporate Legal Counsel, was acknowledged.

MNBC President Dumont thanked Dean Trumbley, Chief of Operations, and Malonie Langthorne, Chief Executive Officer, for their efforts and continued hard work. The MNBC President also thanked delegates for their attendance, for supporting the governance of the MNBC and noted that he looked forward to seeing them at the 2010 AGM.

President Dumont and Minister Smith thanked delegates and communities on behalf of the Métis Veterans Standing Committee for their donations totaling approximately \$8,100 which would be used to send additional veterans to Juno Beach.

AGM Chair Don Caverley extended thanks to Thompson/Okanagan Métis Heritage & Cultural Council and President Daniel Pittman for hosting the MNBC's 2009 AGM; and acknowledged the efforts of the Recording Secretary.

**CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER**

Alternating between Cree and English, MNBC Director Rose Bortolon and Senator Gladue offered a Closing Prayer.

The Métis Nation British Columbia Métis 2009 Annual General Meeting held September 26-27, 2009, concluded on Day Two – September 27, 2009 at 1:12 p.m.

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This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Métis Nation British Columbia 2009 Annual General Meeting held September 26-27, 2009 and incorporates any and all corrections made at the time of adoption.

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Don Caverley, Meeting Chair

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Mark Stevenson, Meeting Co-Chair