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## **Press Release**

### **MNBC Leadership takes ACTION!**

**Abbotsford, B.C. (September 12, 2011)** – In an unprecedented move, the Métis Nation British Columbia Board of Directors, led by President Bruce Dumont and Vice-President Dave Hodgson, have unanimously passed the following motion to reduce and eventually, eliminate all Board salaries.

The salary cut effects the President, Vice-President and (9) nine Directors and is being introduced in increments.

*September 07, 2011 at 05:16pm*

*Motion 110907-03 –Moved by: Terry Anonson Seconded by: Henry Hall*

*To reduce the MNBC Board of Director Stipend by:*

*Thirty-Percent of original base salary September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*Fifty-Percent of original base salary November 01<sup>st</sup>, 2011*

*Seventy-Five Percent of original base salary January 01<sup>st</sup>, 2012*

*As of April 01<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the MNBC Board of Director's stipends will be eliminated. For the 2012-13 fiscal year, the MNBC Board of Director remuneration status will be pending on the success of future negotiations.*

***Unanimous supported***

*All eleven Board members present.*

President Dumont congratulates the Board for making what he calls “a bold and responsible” decision on behalf of the Métis citizens of British Columbia.

“While it is never easy to make a decision of this nature, the vote will result in a voluntary Board of Directors in the next fiscal year for the MNBC. It also will equal a cost savings of at least \$467,000.00 annually for MNBC and will help us reach a balanced budget as part of our Deficit Recovery Plan,” says President Dumont.



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So not only will this decision lead to a balanced budget each year, it will also lead to deficit recovery within the administration and through the economic development ventures of the MNBC. In addition, this bold move will help slice into the MNBC deficit beginning with a decrease in the overall deficit starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011-12.

The forecast looks bright for the Métis Nation British Columbia thanks to today's clear and decisive action by your elected officials.

*Métis Nation British Columbia's vision is to build a proud, self-governing, sustainable Nation in recognition of inherent Rights for our Métis Citizens.*

*Métis Nation British Columbia's mandate is to develop and enhance opportunities for our Métis communities by implementing culturally relevant social and economic programs and services through Teamwork, Respect, Dedication, Accountability, Integrity and Professionalism.*

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