

Senate Meeting Minutes
Kelowna, B.C., December 10-12, 2009
Best Western

Senators Present: Al Edkins, Ron Snider, Philip Gladue, Bob Adams,
Margaret Penner and William Thibeault
Administrative Assistance: Dean Trumbley, Senate Clerk



December 10, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER, at 10:12 hr
2. OPENING PRAYER – Senator Gladue
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Agenda amendments: Move Health Surveillance item to No. 6 on agenda.

Motion: *That the agenda be approved as amended.*

Moved by: Senator Snider

Seconded by: Senator Gladue

Carried

4. DECISION SIGNATURE SHEETS

The sheets were distributed at the meeting for previous determinations, and signed by all who had been present at the determinations. The sheets from the October meeting were brought forward for Senator Gladue to sign.

5. LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Three computers have been distributed: to Senator Snider, Senator Adams, and Senator Penner.

6. CHRONICE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM – Dr. Huthinson, Tanya Devoran

A DRAFT consent form for participants in the program was distributed. Have been some revisions from the August form. Sheet as presented provides for informed individual consent by participants. Discussion on confidentiality of the data collected, there is no way to identify individual information. Also, anyone who sees personal information has signed an oath of confidentiality. Look to have Senate approval of consent form, hopefully by end of year.

The information collected will help provide better information on the Metis population across Canada, aspects such as lifestyle (tradition/culture), connection to the land, diet, medicine and supplements use (commercial/traditional).

7. CASE DOCKET UPDATE

Currently about five more potential appeals in process.

8. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A) Legislation: Acts coming forward for MNBC include Assembly Procedures and Legislative Amendments Act, Youth Act, Veterans Act, and Interpretative Act.
- B) Senate Web-site: Has been updated. All Senators are reminded to try to provide articles for putting on the web-site.
- C) Vests: Are still being worked on, with Christmas rush vendor has not completed yet.
- D) School in Abbotsford: Once start meeting, will either fly to Abbotsford or have MNBC bus to ferry individuals from Richmond airport, still being worked on.

- E) Expense Reports: Request by Senate for more detailed explanation of amounts paid on expense reports: breakdown of travel, meals, etc. Clerk will request Accounting to provide a hand written explanation in future with expense cheques.

ROD 001: Clerk will request Accounting to provide a hand written explanation in future with expense cheques.

December 11, 2009

IN CAMERA

9. APPEAL DETERMINATIONS

- A) Duclos vs MNBC Central Registry
- B) Desautels vs MNBC Central Registry
- C) Wilson vs MNBC Central Registry
- D) Blassnitz vs MNBC Central Registry

December 12, 2009

Senator Thibeault declared possible perception of conflict of interest for the remaining cases. He was excused from the decisions for the remaining cases.

- E) Little vs MNBC Central Registry
- F) Cass vs MNBC Central Registry
- G) Bertrand vs MNBC Central Registry
- H) Paquette vs MNBC Central Registry

OUT OF CAMERA

10. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN DECISIONS

Plan conference call for Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize and approve letters for case files.

- A) Mawle vs MNBC Central Registry
- B) Ernst vs MNBC Central Registry
- C) Savard vs MNBC Central Registry
- D) Crosina vs MNBC Central Registry

11. CLOSING PRAYER

Led by Senator Gladue.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 13:45 hours

Motion: *That we adjourn now that the hour of 13:45 is arrived.*

Moved by: Senator Adams

Seconded by: Senator Penner

Carried

Approved: _____
W. I. (Bill) Thibeault, *Senate Secretary*