

Senate Meeting Minutes
Kelowna, B.C., October 23-25, 2009
Best Western

Senators Present: Al Edkins, Ron Snider, Gerald Pope, Bob Adams,
Margaret Penner and Bill Thibeault
Administrative Assistance: Dean Trumbley, Senate Clerk

October 23, 2009



1. CALL TO ORDER, at 13:02 hr

2. OPENING PRAYER – Senator Snider

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Moved by: Senator Pope

Seconded by: Senator Penner

Carried

4. DECISION SIGNATURE SHEETS

The sheets were distributed at meeting for previous determinations, and signed by all present.
Senator Edkins will keep the sheets for Senator Gladue to sign at the next gathering of the Senate.

5. LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Three computers have been ordered. Dell Pentium 4 computers. Cost is \$895 per computer. Computers to go to Senators Snider, Adams, and Penner.

IN CAMERA

6. 2009/10 BUDGET UPDATE

OUT OF CAMERA

7. CASE DOCKET UPDATE

Currently about five more hearings in the queue. Expect there will be about 18 that will be required to be addressed in near future. Plan on having 8 in December, and about 9 at the upcoming MNGA. December sitting will be December 3 and 7 as travel days, sit on December 4, 5, 6 for decisions on pending cases.

8. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Dress code changes as per September sitting.

9. ADOPTION COMMITTEE AND MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Will be meeting December 2 weekend. Dr. Evans will be presenting historical context on adoption, and Jean Tellier will be discussing legal aspects of adoption and impacts on Section 35 Rights. The Ministry of Children and Families will have adoption expertise at the meeting, and expect to have representation from the Cowichan tribe who have adoption expertise. Expect to have a recommendation ready for the MNGA in January.

Self-identification as Metis does not meet requirements of Section 35 of Constitution Act of Canada. Will be more fulsome discussion after work by adoption committee completed.

10. CENTRAL REGISTRY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Central Registry Office is in the process of developing and adopting written policies and procedures. To this point, has been a floating policy, not written in a Policy and Procedures Manual, but will now be done to ensure carry out functions of Citizenship Act. Manual has been worked on over summer, and first draft is completed.

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Web-site should be updated. Minutes of previous meetings to be signed. Discussion on new robes for Senate. For 7 Robes would cost close to \$2,000.

Meeting adjourned at 16:41 hours

Motion: *That we adjourn now that the hour of 16:41 is arrived.*

Moved by: Senator Pope

Seconded by: Senator Penner

Carried

October 24, 2009

12. CALL TO ORDER, at 10:02 hr

ROD-001 That all appeals should identify the region of the individual bringing forward the appeal. Thus a Senator would have better perspective on if possible perception of conflict of interest and if should excuse self from appeal sitting.

13. Mawle vs MNBC Central Registry

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14. CALL TO ORDER, at 10:02 hr

15. Crosina vs MNBC Central Registry

16. Ernst (Klein [3]) vs MNBC Central Registry

17. Savard vs MNBC Central Registry

18. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: *That the minutes of the August 31, 2009 meeting be approved.*

Moved by: Senator Snider

Seconded by: Senator Adams

Carried

Motion: *That the minutes of the September 25-27, 2009 AGM meeting be approved.*

Moved by: Senator Pope

Seconded by: Senator Penner

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 13:57 hours

Motion: *That we adjourn now that the hour of 13:57 is arrived.*

Moved by: Senator Pope

Seconded by: Senator Penner

Carried

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