



Annual General Meeting (AGM) (5th)
Saturday, September 24th, 2016
Elks Lodge at 2823 Tetrault St.
Terrace, BC

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Draft Minutes

AGM Registration Open 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

1. Opening Fiddle Music – Rene Therrien 9:30 AM

Vice President Elect Rene Therrien began the meeting with the Red River Jig.

2. First Nations protocol welcome 9:35 AM

President Elect Keith Henry acknowledged the territory of the Tsimshian people and special recognition of the Kitsumkalum First Nation community.

3. Opening Prayer – Métis Elder 9:40 AM

Skeena River Métis Community Association President Elizabeth Pearce provided the opening prayer.

4. Opening Remarks 9:45 AM
 - a. Vice President Mr. Rene Therrien
 - b. President Keith Henry

Vice President elect Rene Therrien welcomed delegates to Terrace, BC.

President elect Keith Henry spoke about the importance of self governance and the importance of our issue before the courts with the Métis child known today as SS. He stressed that this was a time to assert our jurisdiction and ensure Métis service providers are accountability to our community for the decisions they make without our consent.

President Henry was pleased to once again provide members access via the live feed on the Métis Coffee Talk channel. There was over 40 members watching the live stream at the time of the morning deliberations.

5. Call to Order – Verification of quorum 9:55 AM

6. Approval of AGM Chair 10:00 AM

Motion 2016-09-24-01 To nominate John Cashore to chair 2016 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Joe Desjarlais

Seconded by Elizabeth Pearce

Carried

Chairman Cashore called meeting to order at 10:05 AM

7. Approval of Draft Agenda 10:05 AM

Motion 2016-09-24-02 To approve the agenda as amended

Moved by Rene Therrien

Seconded by Joe Desjarlais

Carried

8. Resolution Committee Appointed 10:10 AM

- a. Only if resolutions are submitted 30 days in advance to the BC Métis Federation Secretary Joe Desjarlais (j.desjarlais@bcmetis.com)

BC Métis Federation Secretary Joe Desjarlais confirmed that no resolutions were submitted in accordance with the bylaws.

9. Approval of Draft BC Métis Federation Annual General Meeting Minutes September 26th, 2015 10:15 AM

Motion 2016-09-24-03 To accept the AGM minutes of September 26th, 2015

Moved by Jacqueline Alderking

Seconded by Elizabeth Pearce

Carried

10. BC Métis Federation Reporting 10:20 AM

- a. Review Annual Report – April 1st, 2015-March 31st, 2016
i. President Keith Henry/Executive Committee

Motion 2016-09-24-04 To accept the Annual Report 2015-2016

Moved by Elizabeth Pearce

Seconded by Rene Therrien

Carried

- b. BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1st, 2015-March 31st, 2016
i. Lyle Brown, Culver and Co – Independent Auditor

Motion 2016-09-24-05 To accept the BC Métis Federation Financial Statements for 2015-2016 as presented

Moved by Keith Henry

Seconded by Elizabeth Pearce
Carried

Motion 2016-09-24-06 To retain Lyle Brown from Culver and Co. as independent auditor for 2016-2017 BC Metis Federation Financial Statements

Moved Keith Henry

Seconded by Jacqueline Alderking
Carried

c. 2016-2017 – Update Operational Financial Forecast

President Elect Keith Henry review 1st quarter financial statements for members and present the comparison versus actual expenditures for the first 3 months of 2016-2017. BC Métis Federation is spending in accordance with the planned costs.

Sustainability will be a challenge as the court case of SS has created significant pressure on limited budgets. The board will continue to follow up with proposals and other initiatives.

11. BC Métis Federation Economic Development Corporation 11:15 AM
a. Shauna Collister, Contracted Executive Director

An extensive review the progress to date was shared in a handout by the contracted Executive Director Shauna Collister. Highlights included:

- *Over 60 Métis businesses now signed up with MEDC*
- *A number of joint venture submissions in place*
- *Facing industry project delays so impacting ability to move MEDC forward*
- *Looking to new economic development initiatives*

Motion 2016-09-24-07 To approve the MEDC Report

Moved Joe Desjarlais

Seconded by Baillie Redfern
Carried

12. BC Métis Federation Consultation Office Report 11:30 AM
a. BCMFCO Director Kelly Davison

BCMFCO Director Kelly Davison shared a presentation and update about the progress this past fiscal year. The report included recommendations.

Motion 2016-09-24-08 To accept the BCMFCO Report as presented

Moved Baillie Redfern

Seconded by Keith Henry
Carried

Action Item: The recommendations made by the director will be reviewed by the BC Métis Federation Board.

Lunch (Provided) 12:00 PM

13. BC Métis Federation 2016 Election Report 1:00 PM
a. One Feather – Mr. Lawrence Lewis

***Motion 2016-09-24-09 To accept the report by the Chief Electoral Officer Mr. Lawrence Lewis
Moved Ken Fisher
Seconded by Jacqueline Alderking
Carried***

Action Item: The report will be posted as part of the public record.

14. Enbridge Northern Gateway 2:00 PM
a. Malcolm MacPherson

Northern Gateway Representative provided a report and update on the project. The update is attached as part of the public record for members.

15. Kinder Morgan Canada 2:00 PM
a. TransMountain Expansion Project Update

This item was tabled due to time constraints and will be provided on Métis Coffee Talk in the future for members.

Health Break 2:45 PM

16. TransCanada 3:00 PM
a. Projects Update

TransCanada representative Lillian George provided a report and update on key projects such as Coastal Gaslink, Nova Gas, and others. There were assurances that LNG proposed projects are moving forward and community investments will continue as they have in previous years. However, it was noted that the projects are delayed due to awaiting for Final Investment Decisions by funders. In turn this means TransCanada will be reducing the amounts for community investments.

17. New Business 4:00 PM
a. Foster Child SS Case

BC Métis Federation member LM attended the AGM by conference call and provided an insight for members in attendance about the dire situation facing their efforts. There was a comprehensive update about the situation and the situation today. The Province through the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is pushing to remove our community member SS next week to Ontario.

Motion 2016-09-24-10 That SS is a member of our BCMF Metis Community and we demand she be returned to her Métis adoptive family as approved by our community

Moved by Keith Henry

Seconded by Baillie Redfern

Unanimously carried

Motion 2016-09-24-11 We recognize that a Métis custom adoption took place in December 2014 and was further recognized and celebrated in February 2016. Therefore, BC Métis Federation demands that this adoption be recognized as it is in the best interest of SS.

Moved by Keith Henry

Seconded by Jacqueline Alderking

Carried Unanimously

Action Item: BC Métis Federation President Keith Henry to immediately send a letter to the BC Attorney General demanding the return of SS to our Métis Community. To ensure the issues of Métis service delivery have negatively impacted our members and must be addressed including the dysfunction of the Métis Commission, Métis Nation BC, and Island Métis who have no mandate.

Further to this letter that there must be a reference to the BC Adoption Act section 46 that supports the legal right of our BC Métis Federation custom adoption:

46.1 states "On application, the court may recognize that an adoption of a person effected by the custom of an Indian band or Aboriginal community has the effect of an adoption under this Act."

46.2 states "Subsection (1) does not affect any aboriginal rights a person has."

18. Closing Prayer

4:30 PM

Motion 2016-09-24-12 that quorum for the AGM included the majority of the BC Métis Federation directors as per the bylaws including:

- **Keith Henry**
- **Baillie Redfern**
- **Ken Fisher**
- **Joe Desjarlais**
- **Rene Therrien**

Moved Ken Fisher

Seconded Joe Desjarlais

Carried

Motion 2016-09-24-13 to adjourn

Moved by Ken Fisher

Carried

Meeting ended at 4:25 PM

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