



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Burnaby, BC  
Lochdale Hall  
490 Sperling Avenue**

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:**

**Board members**

1. Joe Desjarlais - Secretary
2. Rene Therrien – Vice President
3. Baillie Redfern – Board Member
4. Keith Henry - President
5. Earl Belcourt – Board Member
6. Cindy Wilgosh – Board Member
7. Betty Fisher - Treasurer

There were an additional 45 registered delegates in attendance plus 53 non-voting guests and presenters throughout the day.

**Draft Minutes**

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

1. Opening Fiddle Music – Rene Therrien 9:00 AM

**Cultural leader and elder Mr. Rene Therrien opened the 2018 Annual General Meeting with a traditional Metis tune.**

2. First Nations protocol welcome 9:05 AM
3. Opening Prayer – Métis Elder 9:10 AM

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

4. Opening Remarks 9:15 AM
  - a. Vice President Mr. Rene Therrien
  - b. President Keith Henry

**Mr. Rene Therrien, Vice President, welcomed delegates to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for their time to attend.**

**Mr. Keith Henry, President, welcomed delegates and highlights key themes including the important role of the BC Metis Federation considering this time or reconciliation.**

**President Henry acknowledged and thanked key partners including Indigenous Services Canada ((SC) and the Province of British Columbia for the support video acknowledging support for this year's Annual General Meeting.**

5. Call to Order – Verification of quorum 9:30 AM

6. Approval of AGM Chair 9:35 AM

**Delegates nominated two chairs; Mr. Don Woodcock and Mr. Drake Henry. Drake Henry declined nomination.**

**Motion 09/30/2018 -01 to approve AGM chair Malcolm MacPherson**

**Moved Earl Belcourt**

**Seconded Francis Fisher**

**Carried**

7. Approval of Draft Agenda 9:40 AM

**Motion 09/30/2018 -02 to approve AGM agenda as presented**

**Moved Betty Fisher**

**Seconded JJ Lavallee**

**Carried**

8. Resolution Committee Appointed 9:45 AM

- a. Only if resolutions are submitted 14 days in advance to the BC Métis Federation  
Secretary Joe Desjarlais ([j.desjarlais@bcmetis.com](mailto:j.desjarlais@bcmetis.com))

**Secretary Joe Desjarlais reported that no resolutions were submitted for consideration for the AGM. As such no resolutions committee was necessary for the 2018 Annual General Meeting.**

9. Approval of Draft BC Métis Federation Annual General Meeting Minutes October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 9:50 AM

**Motion 09/30/2018 -03 to approve BC Métis Federation Annual General Meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 minutes as presented**

**Moved Earl Belcourt**

**Seconded Rene Therrien**

**Carried**

10. BC Métis Federation Reporting 2017-2018

9:55 AM

- a. Review Annual Report – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017-March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
  - i. President Keith Henry/Executive Committee
- b. BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
  - i. Lyle Brown, Culver and Co – Independent Auditor
- c. Knowledge Partnership Project
  - i. Joe Desjarlais/Kelly Davison

**Please note that a number of documents and presentations were provided regarding these agenda items. All materials will be posted on the website.**

**Motion 09/30/2018 -04 to approve 2017-2018 BC Métis Federation Annual Report as presented**

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Baillie Redfern

Carried

**Motion 09/30/2018 -05 to approve BC Métis Federation Financial Statements as presented**

Moved Betty Fisher

Seconded Earl Belcourt

Carried

**Motion 09/30/2018 -06 to approve 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements to be completed by Culver and Co.**

Moved Keith Henry

Seconded Betty Fisher

Carried

**Motion 09/30/2018 -07 to accept the Knowledge Partnership Project Report as presented.**

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Debbie Harrington

Carried

Health Break

10:50 AM

11. BC Métis Federation 2018-2019 Federal and Provincial Government Relations 11:00 AM

- a. Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – Reconciliation Project
- b. Indigenous Services Canada – Understanding Daniels

**BC Métis Federation Representatives provided presentations which will be posted on the website.**

**Motion 09/30/2018 -08 to accept the Reconciliation Report Update Report as presented.**

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Debbie Harrington

Carried

Lunch (Provided)

12:00 PM

12. BC Métis Federation Indigenous Advisory Management Committee Project 1:00 PM  
a. Employment and Procurement Planning – TransMountain Expansion

**IAMC Chair Chief Ernie Crey and Natural Resources Canada Vanangh Nyugen attended and shared important insights into the work of the IAMC and overall understanding of the TransMountain project.**

**The key messaging was that the Government of Canada continues to advance the project and BC Metis Federation will be included in the work of the IAMC. There remains an issue of Métis representation on the BC Alberta formed IAMC which remains outstanding. BC Métis Federation members were invited to consider other roles as well on the one of the four subcommittees.**

**Part of the update was by BC Métis Federation member Earl Belcourt who also provided insight into the monitoring work of a subcommittee he is on.**

**The next IAMC meeting in in early November being planned on Vancouver Island. BC Métis Federation will have 2 representatives invited to participate.**

13. BC Metis Federation Board Elections 1:45 PM  
a. President  
b. Vice President  
c. Secretary  
d. Treasurer  
e. Directors (up to 6)  
i. Please note members seeking elected board position must present valid BC Metis Federation membership card as well as criminal records check.

**The chair appointed Norm Eyford to act as the Chief Electoral Officer for the 2018 BC Métis Federation elections process.**

**As part of the process Mr. Eyford reviewed the list of nominated candidates for members in attendance. One candidate was deemed ineligible at this time due to her transition and move from British Columbia. All remaining candidates in attendance confirmed their desire to serve on the board. One nominated candidate not in attendance provided a letter confirming her interest.**

**Motion 09/30/2018 -09 to approve the 2018 BC Métis Federation board members as:**

- Keith Henry – President
- Rene Therrien – Vice President
- Joe Desjarlais – Secretary
- Betty Fisher – Treasurer
- Earl Belcourt – Director
- JJ Lavallee – Director
- Cindy Wilgosh – Director

- Rose Bortolon – Director

Moved JJ Lavallee  
Seconded Francis Fisher  
Carried

**It was noted that the interested member unable to confirm all nomination details could be appointed at the first sitting of the next board meeting. The board confirmed interest to address.**

Health Break 2:45 PM

14. BC Metis Federation Child Welfare Department 3:00 PM  
a. Foster Child SS Case Update

**The Department of Child Welfare provided an update and presentation about the initial work since establishment in the past few months by the board of directors.**

**There was considerable conversation and members supported the role of the BC Métis Federation Child Welfare department. Members want to be sure their families are properly supported so the case of what unfolded with SS can never happen again.**

15. Parks Canada 3:30 PM

**Members were made aware that BC Métis Federation was seeking to engage in a new relationship with Parks Canada with a renewed focus on research, especially understanding how mixed blood families are possibly identified within British Columbia.**

**BC Métis Federation board member Joe Desjarlais clarified his efforts and concern about the lack of a real and meaningful partnership with Parks Canada to date. He assured members that he has invited Parks Canada to become a partner with the BC Métis Federation but this must be under proper terms.**

16. Michif Language Programming Update 3:45 PM

**BC Métis Federation Vice President Rene Therrien provided an update that he is working with Heritage Canada and the Aboriginal Languages Initiative Program to consider a more meaningful Michif language program for members and partner communities.**

**His approach will focus away from Michif language camps and online beginner level tools to advancing a new strategy that includes Grade 1 – 10 process. Michif language students will have to pass grade levels to increase their Michif language skills.**

**Members were supportive of a new strategy that increases Michif language retention in an objective manner.**

17. Understanding the Future of Cannabis in Canada 4:00 PM

**Métis representative Dawson Simmonds presented perspective about from the National Indigenous Cannabis Association of Canada.**

**There was considerable dialogue and interest as Canada is preparing to legalize cannabis in October and members remain confused about the law. This impacts many families in many negative ways which was presented by some members given the past negative financial and family stress impacts.**

**Members want more information.**

18. Closing Prayer

4:30 PM

**A Métis elder in attendance provided delegates the closing prayer.**

**Motion 09/30/2018 -10 to adjourn at 5:10 pm.**

**Moved Earl Belcourt**

**Carried**

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