

BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
Delta Grand Villa Hotel
4331 Dominion St
Burnaby, BC

Saturday, December 14^h, 2019
Noon – 5:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Board Members Attendance:

1. Keith Henry - President
2. Rene Therrien – Vice President
3. Joe Desjarlais – Secretary
4. Betty Fisher - Treasurer
5. Angel Fisher – Board member
6. Baillie Redfern – Board member
7. Jeremy Lavallee – Board member
8. Earl Belcourt – Board member
9. Greg Mazur – Board member
10. Jacquie Swaisland – Board member

Board Members Absent:

1. Cindy Wilgosh – Board member

BC Métis Federation Operational Team:

1. Sherry Daniels – Office Manager
2. Malcolm MacPherson – BC Metis Federation Legal Counsel

BC Métis Federation Guests

1. Lyle Letendre – Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society President
2. Marie March

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks 1:00 PM

Board and team members were welcomed to the meeting, prayer led by Greg Mazur. Board member Cindy Wilgosh sent regrets via email. Round table introductions and key items were prioritized for the day.

2. Review August 24th, 2019 Agenda 1:08 PM

**Motion 20191214-01 – To approve the December 14th, 2019 agenda as edited.
Moved by – Earl Belcourt**

Seconded by – JJ Lavallee

Carried

3. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes
a) Saturday, August 24th, 2019

1:25 PM

Motion 20191214-02 – To approve the August 24th, 2019 minutes as amended.

Moved by – Rene Therrien

Seconded by – Earl Belcourt

Carried

4. BC Métis Federation Finance Update
a). 2019-2020 Budget Update
b). Operational Update

1:35 PM

Treasurer Betty Fisher reviewed the month to month cash flow budget. President Keith Henry explained the increase in the operational budget for 2019-2020. A cash flow chart titled Communication & Community Capacity Building for Procurement & Employment Opportunities was reviewed.

The Operational Update included discussion regarding a former team member and her outstanding invoice. Treasurer Betty Fisher discussed the invoicing and inconsistency in services and billing and proposed new procedures for payment of services moving forward. Several board members expressed concern and would like to see a procedural change which would include a human resource plan implemented for the future.

Malcolm MacPherson discussed policy and contracts and how templates could be used effectively for future contracts and amendments.

Motion 20191214-03 – To approve the 2018 – 2019 financial report as presented.

Moved by – Greg Mazur

Seconded by – Rene Therrien

Carried

Action item #1 – BC Métis Federation board members to work on templates for contracts

Action item #2 – BC Metis Federation board members to create Operating Manual

Action item #3 – BC Metis Federation Legal Counsel to draft a letter to Shauna Collister

5. BC Métis Federation Membership Update

2:40 PM

Office Manager Sherry Daniels provided an update on the recent increase in requests for new applications and membership. Figures indicate membership will continue to grow. Board Members discussed the design of a new campaign to further raise awareness of the BC Metis Federation.

Action item #4 - A poster campaign to be designed by Angel Fisher and distributed throughout BC communities to bring awareness.

Motion 20191214-04 – To approve membership report as presented.

Moved by – JJ Lavallee

Seconded by – Greg Mazur

Carried

6. BC Métis Federation Phase 3 – IAMC Application 2:50 PM
- a). Application Project and Budget – Review
 - b). Heath (Socio- Economic Sub Committee Engagement Update
 - c). Metis Representative BC

Board members expressed concerns about the continued lack of representation on the IAMC and each member was asked to weigh in.

Action item #5 - Earl Belcourt to attend next IAMC meeting to raise concerns about lack of response to BCMF correspondence

Action item #6 - If Earl Belcourt is unsuccessful at the next IAMC meeting, BCMF will write a letter to the Federal Government outlining concerns

7. Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) 3:40 PM
- a). NRCan Terrestrial Land Use Study Update
 - b). NRCan Regulatory Phase 1V
 - c). Community Preparedness Emergency Response Project Update

Joe Desjarlais. summarized the Land and Life Project which is continuing with Dr. Bruce Shelvey. The report is expected to be complete by June 2020. The next community engagement meeting will take place in Prince George in January (date TBD).

Angel Fisher provided update on online survey.

8. Proposed Trans Mountain Expansion Federal Finance 3:55 PM
- a). Review Engagement Process

President Keith Henry summarized BCMF's equity position and will continue to explore options.

9. Indigenous Natural Resources Partnership Project 4:05 PM
- a). Project Outline

Board members were provided a copy of the final INRP application form and summary. President Henry provided an outline for the budget for the project.

Motion 20191214-05 – To approve project plan and budget for Indigenous Natural Resources Partnership Project

Moved by Earl Belcourt

Seconded by Jacquie Swaisland

Carried

9. Transport Canada Minor Works Order Response 4:10 PM

Malcolm MacPherson provided a project summary of the Navigation Protection Act Review Team.

10. 2019-2020 BC Metis Federation 4:20 PM

a). Indigenous Services Canada Representative Organizational Funding Application

b). Meeting January 29, 2020

Action item #7 - Sherry Daniels to book board room in Vancouver for January 27th for Indigenous Services Canada Meeting.

11. Michif Language/Cultural Project Update 4:30

Motion 20190824-06 – To accept Michif project update

Moved by – Baillie Redfern

Seconded by – Betty Fisher

Carried

Action item #7 - Board members encouraged to have fellow members and family to fill out online survey.

Action item #8 - Board encouraged by the Michif Elders Committee to use Michif language and incorporate into future meetings and greetings.

12. Project Coming Home 4:40 PM

Action item #9 – Look for a Vancouver address for the location of the proposed facility

Action item #10 – Initiate a strategic plan with the consulting group Transformational Change to create and 1 or 2 day working workshop/retreat in conjunction with the Michif Historical and Cultural Preservation Society.

A date of late January is proposed

13. Other 4:50 PM

a). Métis Child and Family Update

i. Indigenous Services Canada Process Update with Government of Canada

ii. SS Case Update – Legal Support Sarah Clarke

iii. Métis Elders discussion

Action item # 11 – President Henry to join Director of Child Welfare Department Laretta Morin, and invite legal counsel Malcolm MacPherson and Office Manager Sherry Daniels to initial negotiations meeting with the Federal Government on the implementation of Bill C-92. The meeting has been arranged for January 29th in Vancouver.

- b). Métis Housing Project Application Update
- c). Irving K. Barber Board Representative
- d). Grade 12 Education Initiative

Motion 20191214-07 – To approve the request by Mr. Sauve for public service announcement with edits for the Grade 12 Education Initiative.

Moved by Earl Belcourt

Seconded by Renee Therrien

Carried

Action item # 12 – President Henry to provided edits for the Education Initiative news article

15. Next Meeting

5:04 PM

*** Next meeting will be in conjunction with the Project Coming Home meeting as proposed in agenda item #12.**

16. Adjournment

5:09 PM

Motion 20190824-08 – To Adjourn at 5:09 PM

Moved by – Betty Fisher

Seconded by Baillie Redfern

Carried