



BC Métis Federation  
Board Meeting  
300-3665 Kingsway  
Vancouver, BC

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10:00 am – 2:00 PM

### **Approved Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Board members:

- **Keith Henry - President**
- **Joe Desjarlais – Secretary**
- **Rene Therrien – Vice President**
- **Betty Fisher - Treasurer**
- **Ken Fisher – Board Member**

Staff and volunteers:

- **Kelly Davison – Consultation Office**
- **Shauna Benson – Métis Economic Development Corporation – Contracted Executive Director**
- **Sherry Daniels – Office Manager**

Regrets:

- **Cindy Wilgosh**
- **Earl Belcourt**
- **JJ Lavallee**
- **Baillie Redfern**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks 10:00 AM

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and updates were shared.

**Motion 20161204 – 01 to approve agenda as amended**

**Moved Ken Fisher**

**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**

**Carried**

**Action items from last meeting #1 and #3 remain outstanding items.**

***Action Item #1 – BC Métis Federation board member Earl Belcourt continue work to secure meeting with INAC Minister Bennett. There was unanimous support for his efforts.***

*Action Item #3 – Earlene Bitterman to follow up with INAC and Heritage Canada on the AROP and Canada 150 applications.*

**Action Item #1 - The board agreed that BC Metis Federation must send a letter to INAC regarding the AROP application.**

2. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes 10:05 AM
  - a. October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**Motion 20161204 – 02** to approve the minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**Moved Rene Therrien**  
**Seconded Betty Fisher**  
**Carried**

3. BC Métis Federation Finance Update 10:30 AM

**Motion 20161204 – 03** to approve the finance report as presented.

**Moved Joe Desjarlais**  
**Seconded Ken Fisher**  
**Carried**

*It was noted that KCD Consulting Inc. contributed \$25,122.73 towards organizational costs. As of December, the organization is solvent and expecting project resources asap.*

*There is a GST receivable plus other CEAA project revenues expected.*

**Motion 20161204 – 04** to approve moving banking from Scotia Bank to BMO asap.

**Moved Rene Therrien**  
**Seconded Betty Fisher**  
**Carried**

**Motion 20161204 – 05** to approve obtaining a line of credit to a maximum of \$30,000.00 with BMO to manage current and future project funding.

**Moved Ken Fisher**  
**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**  
**Carried**

4. BC Métis Federation Membership Update 10:45 AM

**It was noted that BC Métis Federation continues to see increasing membership applications. Between May to end of November there is 126 approved new applications for membership. There is another approximately 100 awaiting documentation completion.**

**There continues to be significant concern about how Métis are being defined across the country.**

**It was noted that about 45% of the new card applications have either tried or are applying for MNBC. They are choosing the BC Métis Federation because they feel they have more communication and representation.**

5. BC Metis Federation MYTUL Project
  - a. Overview of tool development
  - b. Contractors
  - c. Projected Revenue
  - d. Cash Flow Needs
  - e. Motion for Line of Credit

10:55 AM

**The MYTUL project overview was shared. The project will address 5 key questions that will focus on 50 Métis youth 15-24 years of age in Greater Vancouver, Victoria, Kelowna, Kamloops, and Prince George.**

**The overview shared the background that we recognize Métis youth face major barriers in urban centers. The research tool will be designed by youth for youth. For example, health care culturally safe for our Métis youth,**

**Motion 20161204 – 06 to accept project report as presented.**

**Moved Ken Fisher**

**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**

**Carried**

**Action Item #2 – BC Métis Federation will create a new socio-economic survey for members to be completed by the end of December 2016.**

**Action Item #3 – BC Métis Federation will share the project update this week on the website, social media, and email distribution list.**

6. Consultation Office
  - a. Current Projects
  - b. Future Projects
  - c. Cash Flow Needs

1:00 PM

**The Consultation Office has completed a report with TransCanada and the Towerbirch project. Our members only recognized this project. It appears TransCanada has does a better job consulting. The reporting will be shared in Fort St. John this week at a meeting with members.**

**BC Métis Federation has met with National Energy Board reps on various projects. It was agreed that the analysis used by the Federal Government analysis and assessment as it relates to BC Métis Federation members is not working.**

**The CEAA review with TransMountain project was simple but we noted the need for better Government of Canada engagement.**

**BC Métis Federation is presenting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December in Vancouver about our views on the current NEB/CEAA processes.**

**There has been no further Site C, NW LNG, Pacific Futures Energies Project that all impact Northern BC.**

**Motion 20161204 – 07** to approve consultation report as presented.

**Moved Betty Fisher**

**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**

**Carried**

7. Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency 2:15 PM  
a. Kinder Morgan Canada – TransMountain Expansion

**It was noted that BC Métis Federation has taken a position to support this project and will continue to do so. The organization accept the various points of view expressed by members but the decision to work with the project was made a few years ago based on 3 key points:**

- **Direct Métis consultation with our members;**
- **Benefits, if any, need to support our members if they affected.**
- **First Nations support**
  - **This issue was discussed at length and demonstrates the complex challenge as there are some First Nations who have signed on and some who have not.**

8. Aboriginal Language Initiative 2:20 PM

**Motion 20161204 – 08** to approve the project signatories for the 2017-2018 Michif language proposal as Betty Fisher and Keith Henry.

**Moved Rene Therrien**

**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**

**Carried**

9. Next Meeting 2:25 PM

**Will be arranged in January.**

10. Adjournment 3:30 PM

**Motion 20161204 – 09** to adjourn.

**Moved Ken Fisher**

**Carried**

After the meeting, it was noted that BC Métis Federation is meeting with the Province of BC at the office on Monday.

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson

BCMF Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2017