

BC Métis Federation  
Board Meeting  
Grand Villa Hotel Casino  
4331 Dominion Street  
Vancouver, BC

Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Noon – 4:30 PM

**Board Members Attendance:**

1. Keith Henry
2. Joe Desjarlais
3. Rene Therrien
4. J.J. Lavallee
5. Cindy Wilgosh
6. Betty Fisher
7. Angel Fisher
8. Baillie Redfern
9. Rose Bortolon (via phone)

**Board Absent:**

1. Earl Belcourt – due to weather and BC Ferry challenges

**BC Métis Federation Operational Team:**

1. Malcolm Macpherson – Legal Counsel
2. Sherry Daniels – Office Manager
3. Shauna Collister – Policy Economic Development
4. Drake Henry – Project Coordinator
5. Lauretta Morin – Director of Child Welfare (via phone)

**Draft Minutes**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks Noon

*The board and team members were welcomed to the meeting and key items were prioritized for the day including the attendance of the Natural Resource Canada and industry representatives later in the meeting.*

2. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes 12:05 PM
  - a. November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Motion 20190209-1- To approve the November 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended**  
**Moved Baillie Redfern**  
**Seconded by Betty Fisher**  
**Carried**

3. Approve Agenda 12:08 PM

**Motion 20190209-2-** *To approve the agenda as amended*  
**Moved JJ Lavallee**  
**Seconded by Cindy Wilgosh**  
**Carried**

4. BC Métis Federation Finance Update 12:10 PM

**Motion 20190209-3-** *To approve the 2018-2019 Financial Report as presented*  
**Moved JJ Lavallee**  
**Seconded by Baillie Redfern**  
**Carried**

**Motion 20190209-4-** *To approve the proposed 2019-2020 budget as presented*  
**Moved Rene Therrien**  
**Seconded by Baillie Redfern**  
**Carried**

*The board was advised that the proposed budget will be adjusted as projects and partners are finalized.*

5. BC Métis Federation Membership Update 12:20 PM

**Motion 20190209-5-** *To approve the membership report as presented*  
**Moved Baillie Redfern**  
**Seconded by Cindy Wilgosh**  
**Carried**

6. BC Metis Federation Reconciliation/Daniels Report 12:25 PM  
a. Meeting with Minister Fraser January 30<sup>th</sup> Vancouver  
b. Meeting with Government of Canada December 2018

*The board was provided the final report which was previously approved in November 2018 to review the recommendations. The board was also advised about ongoing meetings with the Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia.*

*There was growing interest in the need to ensure relationships are defined and shared with members given the ongoing positive development.*

*Action Item #1 – Members to be sent paper copy of correspondence from government partners.*

7. Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee (IAMC) 12:40 PM  
a. Metis Representative – BC

*The board was provided an update about the current work towards finalizing the Métis representative on the IAMC. There are three organizations meeting shortly to finalize and the board will be updated if our nomination Mr. Earl Belcourt is successful.*

***Board member Baillie Redfern also advised the board that she is now been contacted to participate with one of the IAMC sub committee's and she will share future information.***

8. National Energy Board – Trans Mountain Engagement 1:00 PM
  - a. Meeting with NRCan and Trans Mountain Representatives January 25<sup>th</sup>
    - i. National Energy Board/NRCan

***Guests attended and presented an update about the current status of the Trans Mountain Expansion project. This included:***

- *Anna Classen – Consultation Director, Trans Mountain Expansion, Natural Resources Canada*
- *Sophia Royle – Policy Analyst, Trans Mountain Expansion, Natural Resources Canada*
- *Mitch Taylor - Consultation Lead, Trans Mountain Expansion, Natural Resources Canada*
- *Ryan McFadden – Lead, Indigenous Relations Team, Trans Mountain Expansion Team, Kinder Morgan Canada*

***A presentation was provided entitled; “Trans Mountain Expansion Project – Crown Consultation with BC Métis Federation.”***

***There was several questions and concerns raised including how this updated process ensures assessment on human health, concerned about potential enforcement/use of force, and concerns about the procurement and human resource needs.***

***BC Métis Federation shared the potential of a project forum for members from the affected construction areas to be held in the lower mainland and specifically asked for follow up on ways the partners could support.***

***Action Item #2: Next meeting between partners will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> to review items identified from the board discussions.***

***Action Item #3 – BC Metis Federation will post the presentation and regulatory process update this coming weeks for members.***

9. Consultation Office Update 1:45 PM
  - a. Sunrise Project
  - b. Transport Canada Navigable Waters Project
  - c. IAMC Final Claim
  - d. Trans Canada North Montney Mainline

***The board was advised on the updated consultation office process going forward. A review of all current agreements and claims was provided.***

***Action Item #4 – BC Metis Federation to follow up with TransCanada representative Daniel Churchill to ensure Sunrise project deliverables are completed.***

***Action Item #5 – BC Métis Federation legal counsel Malcolm MacPherson to assist with the Transport Canada review and response.***

***Action Item #6 – BC Métis Federation to have Shauna Collister to follow up with Petronas Canada as requested by member Earlene Bitterman.***

***Action Item #7 – BC Métis Federation to host a province wide forum on Métis consultation due to the work of recent projects and special focus on Trans Mountain Expansion. This forum to be planned for Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> subject to available funding.***

***The board also reviewed one the recent project updates by member Earlene Bitterman and her role with other Indigenous representatives as monitors for the North Montney Mainline project. There was strong support for the importance of this work and having Métis representation on the ground as these projects are constructed.***

10. 2019-2020 BC Metis Federation 2:45 PM  
a. Indigenous Services Canada – Representative Organizational Funding Application

***Motion 20190209-6- To approve the proposed 2019-2020 Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Indigenous Representative Organization Project***

***Moved Baillie Redfern  
Seconded by Betty Fisher  
Carried***

***Action Item #7 – President Henry to submit project proposal to Ottawa Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.***

11. Other 3:45 PM  
a. ACCESS Project 2019 Update – Summer Student Placement

***The board was advised of the project from May – August 2019.***

- b. Heritage Canada Language Proposal FOI

***The board was advised about a recent Freedom of Information request for the recent BC Métis Federation language proposal. BC Métis Federation agreed to share the proposal with the request.***

- c. Métis Child and Family Update

***The Director of Child Welfare share new information about the work of this department and the substantial growing requests for our services and advocacy.***

***There was a new case evolving that the board indicated support to assist our members and families in need.***

- d. Metis Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

**Motion 20190209-7-** *To update MEDC with the new board Rene Therrien, Earl Belcourt, Baillie Redfern, JJ Lavallee, and Betty Fisher.*

**Moved Baillie Redfern**

**Seconded by Betty Fisher**

**Carried**

- e. Louis Riel Request –Mr. David Doyle

*Action Item #8 – President Henry to advised Mr. Doyle that the board is supportive but cannot yet confirm request due to process of project funding still being finalized.*

*The board will finalize decision once all funding and action plan is prepared.*

- f. Métis HR Issue

*The board was provided confidential information about a serious human resource issue facing another Métis organization.*

*The board unanimously agreed that this information is not relevant to the current work of the BC Métis Federation and our current initiatives. These issues must be addressed confidentially within these other organizations.*

- 12. Next Meeting

4:25 PM

*The next board meeting will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the BC Métis Federation Consultation Forum.*

- 13. Adjournment

4:30 PM

*Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.*