



BC Métis Federation  
Board Meeting

Conference Call and In-Person November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

**Approved Minutes**

**Attendance**

Board members:

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

Staff and volunteers:

- **Kelly Davison – Consultation Office**
- **Shauna Benson – Métis Economic Development Corporation – Contracted Executive Director**
- **Mechtild Morin – MEDC Board Member**
- **Sherry Daniels – Office Manager**
- **Earlene Bitterman – Project Coordinator**

Regrets

- **Cindy Wilgosh – Attending Conference**
- **Peggy Myhre – Work Commitments**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks 7:30 PM

*The board and team members were welcomed and a discussion ensued following the recent Annual General Meeting held in Terrace, BC at the end of September.*

2. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes 7:35 PM
  - a. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Motion 20161014 – 01 to approve the minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Moved Rene Therrien**

**Seconded Betty Fisher**

**Carried**

3. BC Metis Federation Annual General Meeting 7:40 PM

a. Review Draft Minutes

*The board reviewed the draft 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes and discussed follow up. There is no outstanding follow up not in progress required as a result of the minutes.*

**Recessed the board conference call to a face to face meeting November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the BC Métis Federation office 6:00 PM.**

**Meeting resumed November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 6:00 PM**

*Opening Comments were made to welcome everyone back and reconvene the meeting. President Henry and Vice President Therrien met with Kinder Morgan Canada's President Ian Anderson at the office today and shared discussions about the potential Government of Canada decision about their proposed TransMountain Project which would expand the existing pipeline from the board of Alberta to Burnaby.*

4. Operational

7:50 PM

- a. 2016-2017 Operational Planning
  - i. BCMF Sustainability
  - ii. MEDC Sustainability
  - iii. Métis Consultation Office
  - iv. AGM Budget Reconciliation

*The board reviewed the 2016-2017 operational budget to September which is 6 months of the current fiscal year. The board also was updated about the current cash and overall financial planning for the year.*

*The board strongly agreed to continue plans and operations as is in light of recent project approvals and support.*

***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 #2 – BC Métis Federation reviewed the Annual General Meeting budget and acknowledged appreciation for support from the President to cash manage arrangements.***

b. Métis Foster Child SS Update

*The case is now completed and the board reviewed the costs. A report was provided by the Office Manager and total costs supported by the BC Métis Federation were:*

- *Approximately \$30,000.00 in legal support*
- *Foster family offset approximately \$13,000 to assist the BC Métis Federation*
- *KCD Consulting Incorporated has offset the remainder of the costs through other direct BC Métis Federation expenses to support the case.*

*The foster family has spent approximately \$540,000.00 in total with some relief from their recent GoFundMe campaign which raised roughly \$10,000.00.*

*The foster family has launched a new facebook page and is reviewing options. BC Métis Federation continues to off support.*

c. Canadian Human Rights Case Update

*The case continues to carry on through the process.*

d. Proposals

- i. AROP
- ii. Heritage Canada 150
- iii. MEDC Urban Aboriginal Technology Strategy
- iv. MYTUL Toolkit
- v. MEDC Urban Metis Business Capabilities

*An update was provided on the various applications for 2016-2017. There has been 2 projects approved with some still outstanding.*

*The MEDC and MEDC projects were not approved for funding from INAC.*

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

**Motion 20161102 – 02 to approve the MYTUL (BC) project now approved by INAC for \$143,764.50**  
**Moved Ken Fisher**  
**Seconded Betty Fisher**  
**Carried**

**Motion 20161102 – 03 to approve the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency approve contract for the Preliminary approval EA - Assessment totalling \$9000.00**  
**Moved Rene Therrien**  
**Seconded Joe Desjarlais**  
**Carried**

**Motion 20161102 – 04 to approve Louis Riel commemoration activities of \$250.00 per partner community**  
**Moved Baillie Redfern**  
**Seconded Betty Fisher**  
**Carried**

*The board also was advised that BC Métis Federation has made a \$750.00 contribution to support the event with V'ni Dansi and their 11<sup>th</sup> celebration in Vancouver. Board member JJ Lavallee will be performing and the Federation has posted on our website and all social media.*

*The board also discussed the survey tool created to provide consultation feedback about the Government of Canada's review of the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS). BC Métis Federation members continue to face political barriers from the main Métis ASETS service provider in BC and the survey results reflect the issues despite the major needs of unemployment, underemployment, and other barriers. The BC Metis Federation will be submitting a report to Government of Canada*

*department responsible for the ASETS program, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

5. Next Meeting

8:15 PM

*The board was advised there would be a meeting in December but the date would be finalized subject to project contract details.*

***Action Item #4 – President Henry to propose dates for a face to face meeting by third week in November.***

6. Adjournment

8:30 PM

**Motion 20161101- 05 to adjourn**

**Moved Ken Fisher**

**Carried**

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson

BCMF Secretary

Dated: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016