

EXECUTIVE MEMO

DATE: May 26, 2012

TO: Presidents of the Metis Chartered Communities

CC: Board of Directors

FROM: Bruce Dumont, President
Metis Provincial Council of British Columbia

RE: MPCBC Accepts Enbridge Northern Gateway Project
Aboriginal Ownership Agreement

I am privileged to advise that the Board of Directors of the Metis Provincial Council of British Columbia has agreed to confirm the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project Aboriginal Ownership Agreement, and to take advantage of an equity ownership interest in the Northern Gateway Project Limited Partnership. By accepting this agreement, MPCBC now becomes an Aboriginal Ownership Partner in the project and will share in revenue once the project is completed and operating. Metis citizens and businesses in British Columbia will also be able to directly benefit through job opportunities, skills development and the issuance of millions of dollars in the provision of service contracts during the pre-construction and construction phases respectively.

This decision was taken after carefully considering all aspects of the project, including environmental, economic and social. It was also recognized that Metis citizen and Metis community input on the proposed project has been underway since 2009 through a process facilitated by MNBC staff. A community advisory meeting held earlier this month in Richmond and attended by delegates on behalf of most of the MNBC Chartered Communities in British Columbia, plus representatives of BCMNR, provided an excellent opportunity for all attendees to ask any and all questions of the representatives of Enbridge and receive answers back. Members of the MPCBC Board in attendance listened very carefully to the questions asked and answers given. That information exchange combined with all of the other discussions that have taken place with citizens and community leaders over the last few years helped inform members of the Board about not only the proposed project, but also of the views of many Metis citizens.

In agreeing to become an Aboriginal Ownership Partner in this project there is no cost to MPCBC nor is there any liability in doing so, but there will be significant benefits for Metis citizens and businesses during the life of the construction project and for years following. Being on the inside working with the company on all aspects of the project, including ensuring adequate safeguards are in place for the environment, and generating economic opportunities for our people is much preferred over being simply another critic on the outside and gaining absolutely nothing for Metis citizens.

The leadership shown by the MPCBC board in making this challenging decision represents a valuable step towards providing for the current and future needs of the MNBC and Metis citizens of British Columbia and the continued strength of the Metis Nation.

Sincerely,
Bruce Dumont