



BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
*Suite 300 – 3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC
(BC Métis Federation Office)*

Sunday, November 29th, 2015

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Approved Minutes

Attendance:

1. Joe Desjarlais
2. Keith Henry
3. Ken Fisher
4. Betty Fisher
5. Baillie Redfern
6. Rene Therrien

Missing:

1. Jeremy (JJ) Lavallee

Staff/Contractor Support:

1. Sherry Daniels
2. Shauna Benson
3. Kelly Davison

Sunday, November 29th, 2015

10:00 AM

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 AM

2. Review Agenda

10: 05 AM

Motion 20151129 -01 - To approve agenda as presented.

Moved by Ken Fisher

Seconded by Rene Therrien

Carried

3. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes
 - a. July 25th, 2015

10:10 AM

Motion 20151129 -02 - To approve July 25th, 2015 minutes with amendments.

Moved by Betty Fisher

Seconded by Joe Desjarlais

Carried

4. Economic Development Corporation
 - a. Update – Contracted Executive Director Shauna Benson

10:15 AM

Motion 20151129 -03 - To approve the Economic Development Corporation update as presented.

Moved by Ken Fisher

Seconded by Baillie Redfern

Carried

Action Item #1: Joe Desjarlais to send Shauna contact information for global consultant contact.

Action Item #2: The Economic Development Corporation requires more clarity needed around performance indicator results for social media targets in future reporting.

5. BC Métis Federation Finances 10:45 AM
- a. Review 2015-2016 Second Quarter Report (April – September 2015)
 - b. TACC Claim Update – status update
 - c. CEAA Claim

Motion 20151129 -04 - To approve the 2nd Quarter Financial Report as presented.

Moved by Baillie Redfern

Seconded by Rene Therrien

Carried

Action Item #3: the BC Métis Federation board will revisit the previous motion to manage the Metis Matters Radio Show at the next board meeting.

Action Item #4: The board members agreed to call for interviews on the Métis Matters Radio Show as follows:

- *Vice President Rene Therrien December 2nd*
- *Secretary Joe Desjarlais December 9th*
- *Treasurer Betty Fisher December 16th*
- *MEDC Contract Executive Director Shauna Benson December 23rd*
- *President Keith Henry December 30th*

Lunch 12:00 noon (Van City Métis reps to attend)

6. Operational 1:00 PM
- a. Van City Métis Federation Update

Action Item #5: Ken Fisher will follow up and arrange a meeting with new directors and include additional BC Métis Federation board members in the next discussion.

- b. Cultural Investments Update
 - i. 2015 Louis Riel Day Support November 2015
 1. Terrace, Prince George, Fort St. John, Clearwater
 - ii. Review Louis Riel Day Budget - North Vancouver November 15
 - iii. Letter from Prince George Métis Roots Festival Appreciation

Action Item #6: Joe Desjarlais to follow up with national retired teacher's association about possible partnership

- c. Membership Map
 - i. Status Update on new members April – November

Action Item #7: BC Metis Federation Office Manager Sherry Daniels and Consultation Officer Kelly Davison to complete map on a priority basis.

The board reviewed the draft concept and this map will showcase the reach of growing membership throughout British Columbia.

The board was impressed with the progress of membership and the reach of members now located throughout every area of British Columbia.

- d. Consultation Department Presentation
 - i. Kelly Davison

Motion 20151129 -05 - To establish the consultation office at 300-3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC effective October 1st, 2015.

**Moved by Betty Fisher
Seconded by Ken Fisher
Carried**

Motion 20151129 -06 – To approve contracting of 7726929 Canada Inc. KS Davison and Associates as the Consultation Officer.

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

Motion 20151129 -07 – To work collaboratively with KS Davison and Associates on the development of a Métis Indigenous Knowledge Study.

**Moved by Ken Fisher
Seconded by Rene Therrien
Carried**

- e. Organizational Sustainability
- f. Métis Commission for Children and Families of BC
 - i. Meeting Saturday, January 9th, 2016

Action Item #8: BC Metis Federation representatives will be represented by President Keith Henry, Baillie Redfern and Betty Fisher

- g. Canadian Human Rights Case Update
- h. Proposals
 - i. Health Program – Provincial Ministry of Health
 - ii. ASRAPC Equipment Approval – Huron Snowshoes

The Huron snowshoe is the best-known snowshoe whose origins can be traced back to the Huron people of Canada. It is used mostly for hunting, trapping, and long hikes in open forests and fields. It was the model preferred by the first French settlers that came to New France in 1604, and

by coureurs des bois and trappers during their winter travels. Very quiet and easy to maneuver, its design provides great flotation in soft snow and its streamlined tail helps maintain a straight trajectory.

- Frame made from Appalachian White Ash and webbing from rawhide
- High-quality varnish to keep rawhide and frame in good condition
- Binding sold separately
- Also available in synthetic laces

- iii. Michif Language Workshop Grant Application
- iv. National Aboriginal Day Application
- v. Aboriginal Languages Initiative - Michif Language Heritage Canada

Motion 20151129 -07 - To approve the Michif Language Proposed 2016-2017 Project signing authorities submitted to Heritage Canada as follows:

- **Keith Henry – President**
- **Ken Fisher – Board Members**
- **Betty Fisher – Treasurer**
- **Joe Desjarlais – Secretary**

Moved by Baillie Redfern
Seconded by Rene Therrien
Carried

- vi. Community Christmas Grant Application – TransCanada

The board was updated about recent changes at TransCanada and the reduction of staff which included the representative working with the organization. There is several changes and President Henry was asked to continue to seek clarification on community and cultural support applications. It remains unclear if any support will be possible in light of layoffs by TransCanada Project staff.

Break

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

7. Other... 2:45 PM
 - a. Review Louis Riel Proclamations
 - i. Discuss Flag Raising

The board reviewed the numerous proclamation and flag raising accomplishments facilitated by the BC Métis Federation November 16th, 2015 as it has the past 4 years. The board also discussed the efforts by the other Provincial Métis organization and it was noted as a concern.

The board appreciated the City of Victoria Proclamation and will request partners in the future to include the sponsorship request using the City of Victoria template in 2016. The City of Victoria specifically identified BC Métis Federation in the sponsorship request and the board wants to ensure no further confusion, or at least minimize the confusion in future years.

- b. Review Annual General Meeting and Industry Forum
 - i. Draft Minutes
 - ii. Final Budget Costs

Action Item #9: Vice President Therrien to follow up and review minutes and ensure no outstanding items require follow up. If any remain outstanding VP Therrien to ensure action.

- c. Letter to Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs October 2015

Noted that BC Métis Federation has received a positive response and is meeting shortly with Federal Officials in Ottawa.

- d. Review PMO Mandate Letter for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister
- e. Community Christmas

Action Item #8: Board member Ken Fisher to confirm location details for lower mainland Christmas Party in December 13th.

- f. Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP)

BC Métis Federation leaders attend a community forum in November in Vancouver hosted by one of the Five National Aboriginal Organizations CAP. There are further discussions to be explored and follow up will be brought to the board as the situation unfolds.

- 8. Next Meeting 3:55 PM

The next board meeting will be set in the new year, targeting February 2016.

- 9. Adjournment 4:00 PM

**Motion 20151129 -08 - Ken Fisher moves to adjourn at 5:15 pm.
Carried**

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson
BCMF Secretary

Dated: April 30th, 2016