

**BC Métis Federation
Special General Meeting (SGM)
Online**

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Board members in attendance

1. Keith Henry- President
2. Rene Therrien-Vice President
3. Joe Desjarlais- Secretary
4. Betty Fisher- Treasurer
5. Angel Fisher- Board member
6. Jacquie Swaisland- Board member
7. Greg Mazur- Board member
8. Earl Belcourt- Board member
9. Cindy Wilgosh- Board member
10. Jeremy Lavallee- Board member

BC Metis Federation Operational Team

1. Sherry Daniels- Office Manager
2. Drake Henry- Project Coordinator
3. Taylor McLeod- TMX Procurement Coordinator
4. Karen Andrews- TMX Employment Coordinator
5. Craig van der Merwe -Technical Support
8. Malcolm MacPherson – Legal Counsel, Clark Wilson
9. Janet Newbury - Consultant
10. Jeanie Cardinal- Michif Language Coordinator
11. Cohen Hocking – Legal Counsel, Clark Wilson
12. Kassandra Sison – Communications Specialist

Zoom Attendees

1. Jacqueline Alderking
2. Sandra Brabrant
3. Robert Dolen
4. Linda Dolen
5. Shirley Jays
6. Marie March
7. Theodore McNicol
8. Don Woodcock

Li taan paasii. Li taan ki vyayn.

From our past. For our future.

9. Joan Frith
10. MaryAnn Lane
11. David Doyle

There was concurrently large public attendance simultaneously on the BC Metis Federation facebook page but names were unable to be accurately added for registration.

Meeting called to order at 1:12 PM

The BC Métis Federation President Keith Henry called the meeting to order at 1:12 PM. The meeting began with Métis prayer from elder Betty Fisher and fiddle music provided by JJ Lavallee.

BC Metis Federation Vice President Rene Therrien and President Henry provided opening comments. There were a few key messages including appreciation for members who have supported the building of the BC Metis Federation since 2011. BC Métis Federation is now on the eve of the 10-year anniversary, dated June 24th.

1. Approve Special General Meeting (SGM) Chair

President Henry initiated the meeting advising that the board. A short reminder was provided about the process for voting using Election Buddy to ensure members knew how to vote.

*Motion 05/22/01 - to approve of Malcolm MacPherson as SGM chair:
JJ Lavallee moved
Greg Mazur seconded
Carried*

2. Review Agenda

Chair MacPherson reviewed the agenda and purpose of the meeting.

*Motion 05/22/02 - to approve draft agenda
Keith Henry moved
Greg Mazur seconded
Carried*

3. Operational Update - BCMF Strategic Plan, Program & Project Updates

Chair MacPherson re-introduced President Henry and the BC Métis Federation operation team. Members and partners were provided a 35-minute update all several programs and

organization developments including; COVID-19 programming, Michif Language, industry engagements, etc.

The presentation was posted on the website for members:

[BCMF-Special-General-Meeting-Presentation-May2021.pdf \(bcmetis.com\)](#)

4. Omnibus Resolution – Bylaws

Chair MacPherson introduced legal counsel Cohen Hocking to outline the process and why BC Metis Federation was now undertaking to update the bylaws in full.

The bylaws of the organisation were implemented in 2011 and have not been updated despite the evolution of the BC Metis Federation. Therefore, for simplicity the members were provided an overview of the process the BC Metis Federation board committee undertook to prepare the new bylaws.

Motion 05/22/03 - The existing bylaws for the Society be altered by deleting and cancelling the existing bylaws in their entirety and by creating and adopting the bylaws set out in Schedule A of these minutes as the bylaws of the Society, and the filing of an electronic form thereof with the Registrar of Companies, is hereby approved.

*Moved Greg Masur
Seconded Earl Belcourt
Carried*

Motion 05/22/04 - to authorize Clark Wilson LLP to file an electronic form of the new bylaws for BCMF with the Registrar of Companies.

*Moved JJ Lavallee
Seconded Earl Belcourt
Carried*

5. Closing Address

Vice President Therrien thanked members and partners for attending and working together. President Henry focused on the growth of the organization now in existence for 10 years.

He also shared insight that BC Métis Federation would be holding a celebration soon (details to be posted subject to COVID-19 travel policies)

Chair MacPherson also shared a few closing comments and stressed the success in his view and perspective.

Li taan paasii. Li taan ki vyayn.

From our past. For our future.

6. Closing Music

BC Metis Federation member JJ Lavallee provided a closing Metis fiddle song.

Motion 05/22/05 - to adjourn

Moved JJ Lavallee

Seconded Earl Belcourt

Carried

The Special General Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Li taan paasii. Li taan ki vyayn.

From our past. For our future.