

BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting

Online Teams Platform
Monday, May 31st, 2021
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance:

1. Keith Henry, President
2. Rene Therrien, Vice President
3. Joe Desjarlais, Secretary
4. Earl Belcourt, Board Member
5. Greg Mazur, Board Member
6. Betty Fisher, Treasurer
7. Angel Fisher, Board Member
8. Cindy Wilgosh, Board Member

Regrets: Board Members JJ Lavallee and Jacquie Swaisland

Support Team:

1. Sherry Daniels, Office Manager
2. Kassandra Sison, Communications Specialist
3. Cohan Hocking, Clark Wilson (Legal Counsel)
4. Karen Andrews, TMX Employment Coordinator
5. Brady Smith, Strategic Planning Coordinator
6. Taylor McLeod, TMX Procurement Coordinator
7. Janet Newbury, Consultant
8. Craig van der Merwe, Technical Support
9. Jeanie Cardinal, Michif Language Development Coordinator
10. Brady Smith, Strategy Consultant
11. Malcolm MacPherson, Clark Wilson (Legal Counsel)
12. Val Paice, TC Energy Engagement

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2:00 PM

The board recognized the events unfolding in Kamloops with the discovery of the 215 remains of children attending residential school. Some of the board members reflected on their own family experiences with the church and residential school experiences. There was a recognition that some of our board and their families were deeply impacted as Metis people. There were strong emotions reflected by individuals about how this latest public issue has affected them.

One of the key messages was support for each other and we hope that the public recognizes that Metis families were also deeply impacted by residential schools throughout Canada,

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2. Review/acceptance of Agenda 2:05 PM

Motion 20210531 -01 To accept the agenda as presented
Moved Earl Belcourt
Seconded Greg Mazur
Carried

3. Review/approve 2:10 PM
- March 25th. 2021 Board Meeting Draft Minutes
 - Special General Meeting May 22, 2021 Draft Minutes Review

Motion 20210531 -02 To accept the March 25th, 2021 minutes
Moved Rene Therrien
Seconded Cindy Wilgosh
Carried

The board and team reviewed the draft minutes for discussion purposes only. There was general appreciation about the success of the meeting. A few key items were identified including the fact that some members still communicated challenges with online voting using “election buddy” and future solutions will need to be considered.

The new bylaws were approved and legal counsel advised about next steps. President Henry will be signing corporate documents and supporting the registration.

4. Operational Update 2:15 PM
- 2020-2021 Budget
 - 2021-2022 Budget – Forecast
 - Audit 2020-2021 Update

Motion 20210531 -03 To accept the financial information for discussion purposes
Moved Greg Mazur
Seconded Rene Therrien
Carried

The board was advised about year end to March 31st results as well as the year-to-date report for April (1st of 12 months)

The board was also advised that BC Metis Federation will be using the firm of KPMG for the 2020-2021 audit which we are working to are completed by early July. The prior audit firm of Culver and Co. cannot perform the audit this year due to illness with our auditor. Therefore, management has had to adjust on an interim basis for this current audit.

5. Projects Update 2:30 PM
- Traditional Knowledge Studies

- i. Groundbirch
- ii. Foothills
 1. Yahk
 2. Elko
- iii. Northeast BC Connector

BC Metis Federation team lead Karen Andrews completed coordinating a number of Traditional Knowledge studies.

Motion 20210531 -04 To approve the Groundbirch Traditional Knowledge Study and Recommendations
Moved Greg Mazur
Seconded Cindy Wilgosh
Carried

Motion 20210531 -05 To approve the Foothills Yahk Traditional Knowledge Study and Recommendations
Moved Betty Fisher
Seconded Rene Therrien
Carried

Motion 20210531 -06 To accept the Northeast BC Connector Traditional Knowledge Study and Recommendations
Moved Rene Therrien
Seconded Cindy Wilgosh
Carried

Action Item #1 – BC Metis Federation sign the approved copies

Action Item #2 – BC Metis Federation to share reports to members on social media, website and email

Action Item #3 - TK team lead Karen Andrews to submit the 3 reports to proponents first thing tomorrow morning. Team lead Andrews will ensure final payments are provided on a timely basis by the proponents.

- b. Indigenous Services Canada Child and Family Application

BC Metis Federation team member Janet Newbury provided a review of the new Child and Family proposal submitted to Indigenous Services Canada. This is critical to future development and support for our members and families in need.

- c. Indigenous Natural Resources Project

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BC Metis Federation board was updated about the status of the project and implementation steps. There remains cash flow delays and management is working with NRCan to address.

d. TCEI Application

BC Metis Federation team member Joe Desjarlais provided a review the new cumulative research project application that was submitted in May, The board and team was provided context about why we submitted this new research project and expectations.

6. Other

2:55 PM

a. COVID-19 Project

BC Metis Federation team member Drake Henry provided a short update about current assessment process being undertaken as follow up to the second phase of funding support.

b. First Nations Leadership Council News Release

The board reviewed the recent media release from the First Nations Leadership Council addressing Metis rights and specifically the Metis Nation BC. BC Metis Federation responded and the board continues to hope that First Nations leaders and their organization consider an alternative course of action in the future. We continue to hope for meetings and conversations in the future as we have requested prior through tools such as our proposed protocol agreement.

c. Annual Report 2020-2021

BC Metis Federation team member Brady Smith provided a process overview that both he and Drake Henry will work on to completed the 2020-2021 Annual Report by July.

Important Note – The board also added a discussion about Trans Mountain Expansion and Mutual Benefit Agreement concerns. A letter was presented for discussion and President Henry was provided strong guidance. The BC Metis Federation TMX team shared their insights and concerns for the board which primarily revolved around procurement concerns.

Action Item #4 – President Henry to send the letter to TMX representative Max Nock asap.

7. Adjournment

3:00 PM

Motion 20210531 -07 To adjourn at 4:00 PM
Moved Joe Desjarlais
Seconded Rene Therrien
Carried



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Approved December 17th, 2021

BC Metis Federation President
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