



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Kelowna, BC**

**Four Points Sheraton  
Kelowna Airport  
5505 Airport Way**

**Approved Minutes**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:**

- 1. .Joe Desjarlais - Secretary**
- 2. Rene Therrien - Vice President**
- 3. Ballie Redfern – Member at Large**
- 4. Keith Henry - President**
- 5. Earl Belcourt - Board member**
- 6. Cindy Wilgosh - Board Member**
- 7. Betty Fisher - Treasurer**
- 8. Greg Mazur - Board Member**
- 9. Jacquie Swaisland - Board Member**
- 10. JJ Lavallee - Board Member**
- 11. Angel Fisher - Board Member**

**There were an additional 90 registered delegates in attendance plus an estimated 20 non voting guests and presenters throughout the day**

**Draft Minutes**

AGM Registration Open 8:00 am to 9:30 am

- 1. Opening Fiddle music – Rene Therrien** **9:00 am**

**Cultural leader and elder Mr. Rene Therrien opened the 2018 Annual General Meeting with a traditional Metis fiddle tune.**

2. First Nations protocol welcome Keith Henry 9:05 AM

**First Nations Opening Prayer – Provided by Westbank First Nations Traditional Knowledge Keeper Pat Rapheal**

3. Opening Remarks 9:15 AM
- a. President Keith Henry
  - b. Tribute to past member Rose Bortolon  
Musical tribute by Rene Therrien

**Mr. Keith Henry, President welcomed delegates and highlighted key themes of the 2019 AGM Agenda**

**Mr. Keith Henry, President acknowledged and thanked key partners, Board members and support staff Sherry Daniels, Drake Henry, Dr. Bruce Shelby and Angel Fisher for their hard work and dedication**

4. Call to Order – Verification of quorum 9:30 AM
5. Approval of AGM Chair 9:35 AM

**Delegates nominated Malcolm Macpherson as AGM Chair**

**Motion 05/10/2019 - 01 to approve AGM Chair Malcolm MacPherson  
Moved Rene Therrien  
Seconded Joe Desjarlais**

**AGM Chair Malcolm Macpherson opened discussion and asked member Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society President Lyle Letendre to share his experience in dealing with Government organizations and he encouraged delegates to advocate for opportunities for Metis people.**

6. Approval of Draft Agenda

**Motion 05/10/2019 – 02 to approve AGM Agenda as presented  
Moved Earl Belcourt  
Seconded Dale Haggerty  
Carried**

7. Resolution Committee Appointed 9:45 AM
- Only if resolutions are submitted 14 days in advance to the BC Métis Federation to Secretary Joe Desjarlais

**Secretary Joe Desjarlais reported that no resolutions were submitted for consideration for the AGM. As such no resolutions committee was necessary for the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

8. Approval of Draft BC Métis Federation Annual General 9:50 AM

**Motion 10/05/2019 – 03 to approve BC Metis Federation Annual General Meeting Minutes September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Moved Keith Henry  
Seconded Earl Belcourt  
Carried**

9. BC Métis Federation Reporting 2018-2019 9:55 AM
- a. Review Annual Report – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018-March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
    - i. President Keith Henry/Executive Committee
  - b. Update Economic Development Committee
    - ii. Shauna Collister Economic Development Committee
  - c. Update on Department of Child Welfare and Bill C92
    - iii. Keith Henry, President
  - d. BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
    - iv. Betty Fisher, Treasurer

**Please note that a number of documents and presentations were provided regarding these agenda items. A correction to the financial statements will be provided to members on the BCMF website**

**Motion 10/05/2019 – 04 to approve 2018-2019 BC Metis Federation Annual Report as presented**

**Moved Dale Haggerty  
Seconded Cindy Wilgosh  
Carried**

**Motion 10/05/2019- 05 to approve 2018 – 2019 BC Metis Federation Financial Statements as presented**

**Moved Rosanne Forget (Terrace)  
Seconded Alan Sauve (Terrace)  
Carried**

**Motion 10/05/2019 -06 to approve 2019 – 2020 Audited Financial Statements to be completed by Culver and Co.**

**Moved Rene Therrien  
Seconded Marie March  
Carried**

Health Break 10:35 AM

10. BC Métis Federation Consultation Project Updates 2019-2020 11:00 AM
- a. BC Métis Federation Traditional Land Use Study
  - b. TMX Equity Engagement
  - c. WIPG – Western Indigenous Pipeline Group Ltd.
  - d. TMX Phase IV

Secretary, Joe Desjarlais discussed the BC Metis Federation Traditional Land Use Study and thanked Dr. Bruce Shelby and members of the project for their involvement and commitment. Members were encouraged to participate by including their information on how the TMX project will have an impact on the Metis community. A detailed map of the TMX corridor was supplied and members encouraged to place detailed information on how their particular communities use the lands in the TMX project corridor.

Dr. Bruce Shelby gave a presentation on the project

Keith Henry then discussed the TMX Equity Engagement and reviewed BC Metis Federations' participation

President Henry also updated delegates on the WIPG engagement and ensured that participation is ongoing

TMX Stage IV was discussed. It was reported that the BC Metis Federation is in consultation on Stage IV and a meeting is scheduled with the Executive for either Oct 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will continue engagement.

11. BC Métis Federation Indigenous Advisory Management Committee Project 12.00 PM
  - a. Métis Representation
  - b. Phase III - Employment and Procurement Planning
    - i. Review Joint NRCan and BC Métis Federation Engagement Process in 2019

Keith Henry discussed the IAMC and explained the makeup of the Project consisting of 60 groups from Alberta and BC with no direct representation on the Project for the BC Metis Federation.

Board member Earl Belcourt emphasized the lack of Métis representation further and recommended an emergency meeting of the BC Metis Federation Board on how to move forward. Keith Henry added context to the issue by discussing BC Metis Federation's project proposal had recently been denied.

Ballie Redfern was asked to talk about her experience as part of IAMC's Health Sub-Committee, and how the Land Use Study Map will be used to determine the social and health impacts on the communities within the corridor. She also explained the importance of plans to mitigate a transient workforce and the health and wellness issues related to each community, specifically how the Metis people along this corridor will be affected.

Other members also spoke about their specific experiences of dealing with other projects and how these experiences have affected their Métis communities.

Motion 10/05/2019 – 07 for BC Metis Federation Board to initiate immediate correspondence with IAMC on obtaining representation with strong language

Moved Dale Haggerty

Seconded Mary Collins

**AGM Chair, Malcom MacPherson opened the floor to delegates where considerable dialogue took place and an Amended Motion was initiated.**

**Motion 10/05/2019 – 07 Previous Motion amended to initiate a plan and strategy by using strong correspondence to the IAMC expressing BC Metis Federation’s concerns about the lack of Métis representation**

**Moved Dale Haggerty**

**Seconded Ballie Redfern**

**Carried**

**Other members continued to speak about the issue of lack of representation. Keith Henry encouraged members to use aggressive diplomacy as the timeline on the project is now significantly advanced.**

Lunch Break (Provided) 1:10 PM

Keynote Lunch Speaker – Dale Haggerty, President Michif Historical and Cultural Preservation Society to share Metis History from BC

12. Project Coming Home – Vision 1:35 PM

**Keith Henry provided an overview of the project and official announcement. Project Coming Home is a Three Phase Plan to create a Metis Cultural Center in Vancouver, a location to still be determined. This project will be in cooperation with the Michif Historical and Cultural Preservation Society to open a 3000-4000 square ft. facility which will be open to visitors for educational purposes.**

**Keith Henry invited Board Members as well as Michif Historian Dale Haggerty to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding between the organizations to initiate the commencement of the project planning.**

13. BC Metis Federation Child Welfare Department 1:45 PM

a. BC Metis Federation Child Welfare Legislation Update

b. Foster Child SS Case Update

**Keith discussed the challenges of advocating for BC Metis families and the lack of a legal authority over our Métis members. The SS Case was updated and BC Metis Federations’ ongoing commitment. The BC Metis Federation has been invited by the Federal Government to participate in legislative dialogue. Delegates were encouraged to review Bill C-92 which is available for review on the BCMF website, and to become engaged and involved.**

**The floor was open for discussion from members. Mary Collins spoke about her experience with Child and Family Services in her community.**

**Significant frustration was articulated by members about the lack of proper engagement by any current Métis child and family service provider.**

**BC Métis Federation discussed their vision to create a new system based on the approved BC Métis Federation Child Welfare Legislation.**

14. Legal Services Society - Sharing Resources for Métis members

2:10 PM

**Lynn McBride gave a presentation on resources available for families and children. She reviewed several programs and services available including legal publications, websites, information services and Centers throughout the province that offer a holistic support to address child welfare and protection issues. She also mentioned several excellent resources such as MylawBC which is the only service of its kind in Canada.**

**Keith Henry spoke about the ongoing communication between the BC Metis Federation and the Legal Services Society.**

Health Break

2:40 PM

15. Michif Language Programming Update

3:10 PM

**Rene Therrien gave a Michif Language Program update and discussed the success of the meeting held Friday evening by members. A Survey of Michif Language Revitalization was circulated to all members present and Keith Henry emphasized the importance of participating in the survey.**

16. Metis Housing Research Initiative

3:20 PM

**Joe Desjarlais spoke about BC Government initiatives and a proposal identifying the needs of BC Metis people and resources available to them. A research study will be used to identify what the community's needs are. He encouraged members to move forward with an agenda to support housing initiatives.**

17. Closing Comments and Prayer

3:30 PM

**Keith Henry thanked the Board for their effort and continued support, Malcolm Macpherson and others for their participation in a successful AGM.**

**A Metis Elder in attendance provided delegates with a Closing Prayer**

**Motion 10/05/2019 – 08 to Adjourn 3.35 PM**

**Moved Cindy Wilgosh (Clearwater)**

**Seconded Rosanne Forget (Terrace)**

**Carried**

**Approved December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**BC Metis Federation President**

**BC Metis Federation Secretary**

