

10th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Livestream Saturday, November 6th, 2021

Approved Minutes

Attendance:

Board Members

- 1) Keith Henry
- 2) Joe Desjarlais
- 3) Angel Fisher
- 4) Betty Fisher
- 5) Rene Therrien
- 6) Jeremy Lavallee
- 7) Cindy Wilgosh
- 8) Greg Mazur
- 9) Earl Belcourt
- 10) Jacquie Swaisland

Operational Team –

- 1) Sherry Daniels
- 2) Taylor McLeod
- 3) Karen Andrews
- 4) Jeannie Cardinal
- 5) Kassandra Sisson
- 6) Karen Andrews
- 7) Drake Henry
- 8) Auditor: Sean Reid- KPMG

Voting Members:

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| 1. Debbie | Harrington |
| 2. Rosanne | Pearce |
| 3. Jacqueline | Swaisland |
| 4. Cory | Galbraith |
| 5. Craig | van der Merwe |
| 6. Joan | Frith |
| 7. David | Doyle |
| 8. Earl Francis | Storey |



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| 9. Braden | Hill |
| 10. Marc | Langevin |
| 11. Earl | Belcourt |
| 12. Gregory | Mazur |
| 13. Robert | Charlebois |
| 14. Earlene | Bitterman |
| 15. Betty | Fisher |
| 16. Angel | Fisher |
| 17. Drake | Henry |
| 18. Denis Maurice Arthur | Marcheterre |
| 19. Jason | Ballum |
| 20. Robert Gary | Dolen |
| 21. Elisa | Desjarlais |
| 22. Kayla | Desjarlais |
| 23. Tania | Carriere |
| 24. Jeremy | Lavallee |
| 25. Linda | Dolen |
| 26. Darrin James | Rankin |
| 27. Rene | Therrien |
| 28. Jeanie | Cardinal |
| 29. Don | Woodcock |
| 30. Shirley | Jays |
| 31. Cindy | Wilgosh |
| 32. Keith | Henry |
| 33. Kassandra | Sison |
| 34. Joe | Desjarlais |
| 35. Arthur | Giroux |
| 36. Marie | St. Germain |
| 37. Marie | March |
| 38. Christopher | Corriveau |

BC Metis Federation President Keith Henry welcomed members, partners communities, government and industry to the Annual General Meeting.

Opening Fiddle Music – JJ Lavallee

1:00 PM

1. Opening Prayer – Métis Elder

1:10 PM

Li taan paasii. Li taan ki vyayn.

From our past. For our future.

2. Opening Remarks

1:15 PM

Vice President Mr. Rene Therrien
President Keith Henry

Both President Henry and Vice President Therrien reflected on the significant that this year marks the 10th anniversary for the BC Metis Federation. Vice President Therrien welcomed members and partners attending today and that he was happy to be attending.

President Henry stated his public support for First Nations rights and territory but was disappointed with the recent actions of the First Nation Leadership Council (FNLC) as it related to the Provincial Government's implementation of the Reconciliation Legislation. He reminded members that since May the FNLC has gone out of its way to write correspondences to the Provincial Government to undermine the efforts of the BC Metis Federation's work to call for inclusion in current reconciliation work.

[BC Metis Federation continues to address ongoing racism from First Nations Leadership Council - BC Métis Federation](#)

President Henry went on to assure members that work and relationships are growing with the Federal and Provincial Governments as well as industry evidenced by what was going to be presented during the 10th Annual General Meeting. He also stated there is not a hierarchy of Indigenous people where any other group is superior to Metis, we are all equal and all need to be included in issues affecting our respective constituents.

3. Call to Order – Verification of quorum

1:20 PM

President Keith Henry verified that quorum was confirmed by the full attendance of the board of directors plus members in attendance.

4. Approval of AGM Chair

1:25 PM

Motion 20211106-01 to approve Malcolm McPherson as AGM Chair
Moved Marie March
Seconded Jason Ballum
Carried

5. Review/Approve Draft Agenda 1:30 PM

Motion 20212206-02 to approve draft agenda as presented

Moved Robert Gary Dolan

Seconded Kassandra Sisson

Carried

6. Resolution Update 1:32 PM

Chair MacPherson asked Secretary Joe Desjarlais to clarify if any resolutions were submitted in accordance with the bylaws.

Secretary Desjarlais confirmed bi resolutions were submitted

7. Review/Approve Draft AGM Minutes December 5th, 2020 1:35 PM

Motion 20211106-03 to approve the draft BC Metis Federation Annual General Meeting minutes of December 5th, 2020

Moved Angel Fisher

Seconded Drake Henry

Carried

8. BC Metis Federation 2020-2021 Annual Report Review 1:40 PM

BC Metis Federation reviewed the 2020-2021 Annual Report which had been available for members since October 18th:

[BC Metis Federation publishes Annual Report - BC Métis Federation](#)

President Keith Henry summarized the overall progress of the organization from April 1st, 2020 – March 31st, 2021. Key highlights were:

- Increased in program support
- Devastating Impacts of COVID-19 on the members
- New BC Metis Federation strategic plan 2021-2024
- Updated org chart
- And several other items.

When completed President Henry asked KPMG represented Sean Reid to present the audited financial statements as part of the 2020-2021 Annual Report. KPMG confirmed the growing financial support and confirmed a clean audit for the organization.

Motion 20211106-04 to accept the BC Metis Federation Annual Report

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Angel Fisher

Carried

Motion 20211106-05 to approve KPMG as auditor for 2021-2022

Moved Greg Mazur

Seconded Earl Belcourt

Carried

JJ Lavallee played a Metis fiddle tune during a short break for delegates in attendance.

9. BC Metis Federation Strategic Plan 2021-2022 Update 2:10 PM

President Keith Henry provided an introduction for a comprehensive update from the BC Metis Federation as follows:

- Director of Finance Betty Fisher
- Director of Industry Greg Mazur
 - Procurement Coordinator Taylor McLeod
 - Employment Coordinator Karen Andrews
 - Industry Engagement Assistant Brad Giroux
- Director of Research Joe Desjarlais
 - Research Consultant Dr. Bruce Shelvey
 - Terrestrial GIS Contractor Tanner Timothy
- IAMC Committee Representative Earl Belcourt
- Project Coordinator Angel Fisher, Canadian Coast Guard Project
- Legal, President Keith Henry
- Membership Coordinator Angel Fisher
- Project Coordinator Drake Henry, Community Support (COVID-19)
- Director of Michif Jeanie Cardinal
- Traditional Knowledge Studies, Karen Andrews

There was several new projects and work being completed in accordance with projects and supporting the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

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Members were provided this presentation:

[Annual General Meeting Deck \(bcmetis.com\)](https://bcmetis.com)

President Henry guided some member questions to team members such as:

- *Will the research being completed only be in the south of BC?*
- *Will there be continued support for COVID-19 for members?*
- *Etc.*

President Henry also shared the 2021-2022 Mid Term Report which will provide more details about this reporting. The mid term report would be made available soon to membership.

10. Closing Comments

2:56 PM

Vice President Rene Therrien provided closing comments and noted his satisfaction where BC Metis Federation has grown too today. He mentioned his work to initiate and support the establishment of the BC Metis Federation. He also thanked President Henry for his leadership and commitment to the organization.

President Henry thanked VP Therrien for the support. President Henry concluded with focusing on the need to continue supporting members and partner communities as we implemented the 2021-2024 strategic plan. That 2020-2021 was a great year but much more is being done to support and stabilize programs for members.

Motion 20211106-06 to adjourn

Moved Jeremy Lavallee

Seconded Angel Fisher

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Approved October 15th, 2022

BC Metis Federation President

BC Metis Federation Secretary