

BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
Sunday, April 27th, 2025
390-3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC

Approved Minutes

Board of Directors -

Keith Henry - President
Earl Belcourt - Vice President
Cindy Wilgosh - Treasurer
Rosanne Forget- Board Member
Robin McLay - Board Member
Jordan Therrien - Board Member - Youth Representative
Elizabeth Pearce - Elder Representative

Operational Team -

Sherry Daniels - Office Manager
Drake Henry - Health Project Coordinator

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00 AM

The board began with an extensive internal discussion about issues and concerns related to governance and operational team inference. The board reviewed materials and agreed to take actions/steps.

Action Item #1 – BC Metis Federation to send correspondence addressing items to former board member to cease and desist false allegations.

The BC Metis Federation was unanimous in the agreement for the Action Item. It was also agreed for further steps if necessary.

2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

9:10 AM

Motion 20250427-01 – To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by – Earl Belcourt

Seconded by – Cindy Wilgosh

Carried

3. BC Metis Federation Leadership Update

9:15 AM

- a. BC Metis Federation Board Members
 - i. Youth
 - ii. Women
 - iii. Elders

The focus of the update was on the Youth, Women. And Elders committee and governance work since the last board meeting. Key items for each governance priority are as follows:

Women:

- There remains a need to seek representatives from all partner communities
- Next meeting is April 22nd
- The women have created an updated strategy and will finalize and present to the BC Metis Federation
- Want to focus on more cultural events i.e. Ribbon Skirts, etc
- Would like to see more sharing of internal resources between committees and programs
- Create monthly virtual meetings

Youth

- The new youth mascot arrived and is available for future use
- Reps continue to work with First Nations youth networks
- Provincial youth rep is in a school supporting Metis awareness with a grade 4 classroom soon
- Recommendation is to create a youth travel busy system either with Elders or other youth in the future
- Seeking more youth reps from all partner communities

Elders

- Elders have finalized updated definition with 2 options
 - Intend to finalize elder definition at next meeting
- Elder regalia has arrived and will be shared in the future (August)
- Elders continue to meet virtually on a regular basis

Action Item #2 – The Elders, Youth, and Women’s committees were requested to prepare their 2025-2026 strategy based on the overall budget of \$150,000.00.

The coordinator and reps will complete by the end of May for submission to the BC Metis Federation.

The board also noted requests for Partner Communities in Vernon and Abbotsford being requested plus other areas of the province. The board reinforced the steps required and process for the BC Metis Federation to consider a future new partner community:

- Meeting in person
- Requires BC Metis Federation membership
- Requires no less than 5 individuals committed to building BC Metis Federation affiliated nonprofit society
- Plus other logistical steps

Requests will be redirected to the President and CEO and engagement will be managed by building a sound introduction and relationship first.

4. Review and Approve Minutes 10:15 AM
a. Draft March 15th, 2025

Motion 20250427 - 02 - To approve the March 15th draft minutes as amended.

Moved by – Rosanne Forget

Seconded by – Robin McLay

Carried

Please note there were three edits:

- Updated youth age was incorrect: It is 16-35, not 18-35 originally in the draft.
- The process for the Greg Mazur Scholarship was not included properly in the minutes.
- One error was Elizebeth Forget, which should read Elizabeth Pearce

5. BC Metis Federation Reporting 10:20 AM
a. Finance
a. 2024-2025
b. Review of YTD Proposal Status

Motion 20250427-03 – To approve the 2024-2025 financial reporting as presented

Moved by – Rosanne Pearce

Seconded by – Cindy Wilgosh

Carried

Action Item #3 – BC Metis Federation management to prepare 2024-2025 Annual Report and Audit for the members, partners, and public before the Annual General Meeting in September.

Break 10:30– 10:45 AM

6. Proposed BC Metis Federation 2025-2026 Action Plan 10:45 AM
a. Proposed Budget
b. Proposed Key Performance Indicators

Motion 20250427-04 – To approve the 2025-2026 Action Plan Budget and Key Performance Indicators as presented.

Moved by – Robin McLay

Seconded by – Rosanne Forget

Carried

Action Item #4 – BC Metis Federation management to prepare 2025-2026 Action Plan for the members, partners, and public by 1st week in June.

7. Legal 11:15 AM
- a. BCHRT Update
 - i. BCHRT Notification April 9th
 - ii. BCHRT Claim July 2023
 - b. Legal Case vs Canada
 - c. Law Society re Clark Wilson

BC Metis Federation leaders (board) reviewed each legal item and was advised of the status of the process.

Action Item #5 – The board confirmed their unanimous intention to attend and support the BC Human Rights Tribunal (BCHRT) proceedings against the Union of BC Indian Chiefs in the fall 2025 after reviewing the documentation from BCHRT who has accepted the claim

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:00 PM

8. Key Department Updates 1:00 PM
- a. Health
 - i. Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) Applications April 2025

Motion 20250427-05 – To approve the EAP applicants as presented for April 2025 not to exceed \$5330.00

Moved by – Rosanne Forget

Seconded by – Elizabeth Pearce

Carried

- b. Industry
 - i. Regulatory OPR Report
 - ii. Proposed Indigenous Ministerial Arrangements Regulations Meeting – Report

The board was thanked for the participating the CER regulatory submissions for these 2 items. There are also future regulatory items we are addressing with the industry team and partner communities.

Break 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

9. Other 2:45 PM
- a. Federal Election
 - b. Provincial Information Session
 - c. Housing Project Victoria Update – Sooke

The board discussed the three items only.

10. Next Meeting

3:00 PM

- a. June Meeting in Fort St. John 6th – Proposed

Action Item #6 – The board confirmed the next board meeting will proceed at the Peace Region Metis Community office in Fort St. John on Friday, June 6th.

11. Adjournment

3:10 PM

Motion 20250427-06 – To adjourn at 3:50 PM**Moved by – Rosanne Forget****Seconded by – Cindy Wilgosh****Carried****Approved June 6th, 2025****BC Metis Federation President****BC Metis Federation Secretary**