



**BC Métis Federation
14th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
October 25th and 26th
Kelowna, BC
Four Points Hotel
5505 Airport Road**

Draft Minutes

Attendance

BC Métis Federation Board

1. Keith Henry - President
2. Earl Belcourt – Vice President
3. Cindy Wilgosh – Board Member
4. Elizabeth Pearce – Board Member
5. Jordon Therrien – Board Member
6. Robin McLay – Board Member
7. Elizabeth Pearce - Board Member

BC Métis Federation Staff

1. Sherry Daniels - Office Manager
2. Drake Henry - Director of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation
3. Jeanie Cardinal – Director of Language and Culture
4. Joe Desjarlais - Director of Research
5. Rina Prasad – Finance Clerk
6. Kristina Souter – Finance Assistant
7. Betty Fisher – Director of Finance
8. Angel Fisher – Director of Conservation
9. Zia Yazdani – Conservation Manager
10. Bruce Shelvey – Research Consultant
11. Tanner Timothy - Terrestrial GIS Contractor
12. Brad Giroux – Manager of Industry Engagement
13. Jennifer Percival - Industry Employment Coordinator
14. Ashley Schwab – Membership Coordinator
15. Craig van der Merwe – Technical Advisor
16. Brady Smith – Senior Strategic Advisor

BC Métis Federation Full and Associate Members

1. Danielle Desjarlais
2. Jocelyn Eisert



3. Karen Prouse
4. Cheryle Thomas (Clearwater Women's Rep.)
5. Bridgette MacDonald (Clearwater Youth Rep)
6. Jaylee Eisert (FSJ Youth Rep)
7. Sarah Sunberg (Terrace Youth Rep)
8. Sean Fenzi
9. Hunter Percival
10. Daniel Percival
11. Rick Bone
12. Kerry Davis
13. Aimie Edwards
14. Brenda Herbert
15. Trevor Martin
16. Vickie Melnyk
17. Daniel Mazur
18. Michelle Williams
19. Earl Storey
20. Jacqueline Alderking
21. Shawn Bortolon
22. Stephanie Dellabough
23. Tammy Filgate

BC Métis Federation Partners

1. Aaron Mannella (Enbridge)
2. Andrew Koziak (Freight North)
3. John Fizzard (Alacrity)
4. Morgan Darlington (SMJV)
5. May Lee MacDonald (SMJV)
6. Dave Harper (Site Resources)
7. Stephanie Felker (Trans Mountain)

1. Opening Prayer

9:00 AM

Delegates were welcomed with an opening prayer by elder Elizabeth Pearce. It was noted that First Nations protocol was provided with the West Bank First Nation's elder the evening prior.

2. Métis Fiddle Music

9:10 AM

The delegates were welcomed with the song "Proud to be Métis" and the traditional "Red River Jig"

3. Opening Remarks **a) Vice President**

9:15 AM

Li taan paasii. Li taan ki vyayn.

From our past. For our future.



Vice President Belcourt welcomed delegates and share his appreciation to the leadership and members for the support and work together.

b) President

President Henry spoke to the importance of working together and the challenges ahead.

4. Call to Order – Verification of Quorum 9:20 AM

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM after the opening remarks.

5. Approval of AGM Chair 9:25 AM

Motion 20251026-01: Approval appointment of Chair of Meeting – Mr. Brady Smith

Mover: Rosanne Forget

Seconder: Cindy Wilgosh

All in Favour

Motion Carried

6. Approval of Draft Agenda 9:30 AM

Motion 20251026-02: Approval of Draft Agenda as presented

Mover: Rosanne Forget

Seconder: Jennifer Percival

All in Favour

Motion Carried

7. Resolutions – If Required 9:35 AM

The chair advised the delegation that no resolutions were submitted

8. Review/Approve BC Métis Federation 13th AGM Draft Minutes 9:40 AM
a. September 7th, 2024

Motion 20251026-03: BC Métis Federation 13th AGM Draft Minutes as edited

- Edit was a spelling issue Cory - Corry

Mover: Earl Belcourt

Seconder: Earl Storey

All in Favour

Motion Carried



9. BC Métis Federation Reporting 2024-2025

9:45 AM

a. Annual Report – April 1st, 2024 – March 31st, 2025

Motion 20251026-04: To approve the BC Métis Federation Annual Report as presented

Mover: Jocelyn Eisert

Seconder: Rosanne Forget

All in Favour

Motion Carried

b. BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1st, 2024- March 31st, 2025

Motion 20251026-05: Approve BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1st, 2024- March 31st, 2025 as presented

Mover: Jocelyn Eisert

Seconder: Brad Giroux

All in Favour

Motion Carried

c. Appointment of Auditor for 2025-2026

Motion 20251026-06: To Appoint KMPG as Auditors for 2025-2026

Mover: Rosanne Forget

Seconder: Robin McLay

All in Favour

Motion Carried

Break 10:30 AM

10. BC Métis Federation 2025 - 2026 Action Plan

10:45 AM

a. 2025-2026 Action Plan Progress – Key Performance Indicators

Delegates were provided a presentation reviewing the current fiscal year (April 1st, 2025-March 31st, 2026) and the Action Plan key performance indicators approved and being implemented, subject to available funds.

11. 2025-2028 BC Métis Federation Strategic Plan – Updated Vision

11:30 AM

Delegates were reminded about the current strategic plan, and the work leadership and staff are undertaking to implement several priorities.

Lunch Noon



12. BC Métis Federation Committees

1:00 PM

- a) Youth**
- b) Elders**
- c) Women**

The committee updates were provided by representative Cindy Wilgosh, Jordan Therrien, and Rosanne Forget with Elizabeth Pearce.

There were several key items shared:

- Elder definition Completed
- Elder recognition
 - o Karen Prouse
 - o Betty Fisher
- Women's meetings and next steps
- New youth programs

13. BC Métis Federation 2025-2026 Priority Initiatives Update

1:45 PM

a) Legal Case Declaration Update

Legal Counsel shared an update about the current steps and process. The case is proceeding, and recommendations were made expecting court to proceed in a few months.

b) Pacific Northwest Métis Research

Director of Research Joe Desjarlais shared a detailed overview of the ongoing pacific northwest research and featured some of the new website information (Métisinbc.ca)

Break 2:30 PM

- c) Industry**
 - i) Consultation**
 - ii) Procurement**
 - iii) Employment**

Interim Director of Industry Robin McLay and the team (Brad Giroux and Jennifer Percival) provided an overview of activities and key engagement (Taylor to Gordondale, Sunrise Expansion, etc.)

Enbridge representative Aaron Mannella provided an update about Enbridge projects and shared an overview of their Indigenous policy.

d) Conservation Department

Director of Conservation Angel Fisher provided an overview of current activities with a special focus on the new Plastic Action Plan in partnership with Alacrity. The department is rolling out future support with partner communities.

e) Métis Child and Family

President Henry shared the information about the decision by the Province of BC regarding the request by Métis Nation BC to be the “designated” community under the Child, Family Community Services Act, replacing the Métis Commission for Child and Families BC.

The work to consult with BC Métis Federation leadership and partner communities paid off and the Ministry of Child and Family Development has denied the Métis Nation BC legislative change.

BC Métis Federation has been informed about next steps to increase engagement.

f) Michif Language

Director of Language and Culture Jeanie Cardinal shared an update and featured updated tools such as flash cards and the language translation pen.

Partner community leaders asked how this will be implemented in the future.

g) 2025-2026 Membership

Delegates were provided an overview and update on the new BC Métis Federation membership system by Membership Coordinator Ashley Schwab and Craig van der Merwe.

h) Project Coming Home

An update was provided by President Henry, reviewing the proposed design and ongoing to steps to implement.

i) Emergency Assistance Program (EAP)

Health support team member Drake Henry provided an overview of the EAP progress and current stats. He also provided an update about the new Type 2 Diabetes project survey in partnership with the Type 2 Diabetes Network. The survey will be completed by end of November and several delegates completed during the meeting.



Delegates were provided an overview and partner community leaders were asked to secure 30-50 surveys before the end of November.

j) BC Métis Federation Greg Mazur Scholarship Program

Industry Employment Coordinator Jennifer Percival provided an overview and reminder about the Greg Mazur Scholarship Program.

k) Artificial Intelligence Strategy

Director of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation Drake Henry presented an overview of the new AI platform tool being created to support the leadership, staff, partner communities, and members in the future. This is the 1st Métis AI tool in development in Canada.

The team will be arranging a future symposium, and delegates were recommended to complete the Federal Government's current AI engagement which closes at the end of October. A QR code and link was provided to delegates in attendance.

l) Housing - Family Legacy Project

President Henry presented an update about a fair market housing project on Vancouver Island. The project featured a photo mock up of the project and what was ahead in 2026.

14. Adjournment

4:55 PM

Motion 20251026-07: To adjourn the 2025 BCMF Annual General Meeting

Mover: Jennifer Percival
Seconder: Cindy Wilgosh
All in Favour
Motion Carried

15. Closing Prayer

5:00 PM

Betty Fisher provided a closing prayer to close the Annual General Meeting.