



**9th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Saturday, December 5th, 2020**

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Board members in attendance

1. Keith Henry- President
2. Rene Therrien-Vice President
3. Joe Desjarlais- Secretary
4. Betty Fisher- Treasurer
5. Angel Fisher- Board member
6. Jacquie Swaisland- Board member
7. Greg Mazur- Board member
8. Earl Belcourt- Board member
9. Cindy Wilgosh- Board member
10. Jeremy Lavallee- Board member

BC Metis Federation Operational Team

1. Sherry Daniels- Office Manager
2. Drake Henry- Project Coordinator
3. Taylor McLeod- TMX Procurement Coordinator
4. Karen Andrews- TMX Employment Coordinator
5. Craig van der Merwe -Technical Support
6. Brady Smith
7. Marlane Christenson
8. Malcolm MacPherson
9. Janet Newbury
10. Lyle Brown

Zoom Attendees

1. Bryden James Scott
2. Christine Elsey
3. Christopher Mazur
4. Daniel Mazur
5. Don Woodcock
6. Gary Brown
7. Jacqueline Alderking
8. Jade Armstrong
9. James Goodwin
10. Jenny Reid

11. Linda Dolen
12. Marie March
13. Myrtle Acton
14. Robert Charleblois
15. Ryan Geoffrey St.Germaine
16. Theodore (Ted) McNicol
17. Danielle Russell
18. Dale Haggerty
19. Janet Newbury
20. Marlane Christensen
21. Chelsea Mazur

There was concurrently large public attendance simultaneously on the BC Metis Federation facebook page but names were unable to be accurately added for registration.

Draft Minutes

1. Opening Fiddle Music – Rene Therrien 1:00 PM
2. Opening Prayer – Métis Elder 1:05 PM
Opening prayer provided by Metis elder Betty Fisher
3. Opening Remarks 1:10 PM

Board and team members were welcomed to the meeting by Keith Henry, President welcomed delegates and highlighted key themes of the 2020 AGM Agenda. A review of election buddy voting was reviewed for voting members.

- a. Vice President Mr. Rene Therrien
- b. President Keith Henry

4. Call to Order – Verification of quorum 1:15 PM

BC Metis Federation President Keith Henry addressed quorum and announced for the voting members in attendance.

5. Approval of AGM Chair 1:20 PM

**Motion 20201205-1 - To approve Malcolm MacPherson as AGM Chair
 Moved by Greg Mazur
 Seconded by Earl Belcourt
 Carried**

6. Approval of Draft Agenda 1:25 PM

**Motion 20201205-2 - To approve the draft agenda as presented
 Moved by Keith Henry**

**Seconded by Ted McNichol
Carried**

7. Resolution Update 1:30 PM
a. Only if resolutions are submitted by members 14 days in advance to the BC Métis Federation Secretary Joe Desjarlais (j.desjarlais@bcmetis.com)

Secretary Joe Desjarlais reported there was only 1 resolution were submitted for consideration for the AGM.

WHEREAS on Manitoba's Louis Riel Statutory Holiday on February 15, 2016 Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a Statement stating in part:

- A) Louis Riel was a champion of minority rights, a founder of Manitoba and a key contributor to Canadian Confederation;**
- B) Louis Riel made important sacrifices to defend the rights, the freedoms and the culture of the Metis People;**
- C) the ideals that Louis Riel fought for- ideals of inclusiveness and equality- are now the very same values on which we base our country's identity**

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 1885 after an unjust, unfair and illegal trial Louis Riel was convicted of High Treason under an inapplicable 534 year old statute of Great Britain, and executed

RESOLVED THAT the BC Metis Federation request the Federal Government of Canada

- i) to reverse Louis Riel's conviction for High Treason and declare without reservation that he is innocent of any crime or wrongdoing including High Treason and**
- ii) issue an apology to the Metis People of Canada for all wrongs inflicted on them, past and present, by the Federal Government of Canada.**

**George and Terry.
LONG LIVE THE METIS.**

**Motion 20201205-3 To approve the resolution to Exonerate Louis Riel as presented
Moved by JJ Lavallee
Seconded by Betty Fisher
Carried**

8. Approval of Draft BC Métis Federation Annual General Meeting Minutes October 5th, 2019 1:35 PM

**Motion 20201205-4 – To approve the October 5th 2019 Draft minutes as presented
Moved by Greg Mazur**

**Seconded by Cindy Wilgosh
Carried**

9. BC Métis Federation Reporting 2019-2020 1:40 PM
- a. Review Annual Report – April 1st, 2019-March 31st, 2020
 - i. President Keith Henry/Executive Committee
 - 1. Highlights
 - 1. Land and Life Project
 - 2. Access to Services Project

**Motion 20201205-5 – To approve the 2019-2020 Annual Report as presented
Moved by Earl Belcourt
Seconded by JJ Lavallee
Carried**

- b. BC Métis Federation Financial Statements April 1st, 2019- March 31st, 2020
 - i. Lyle Brown, Culver and Co – Independent Auditor
 - ii. Appointment of Auditor for 2020-2021

**Motion 20201205-6 – To approve the 2019-2020 financial statements completed by
Independent author Culver and Co. as presented
Moved by Greg Mazur
Seconded by Betty Fisher
Carried**

10. BC Métis Federation Strategic Plan 2021-2024 1:55 PM

BC Metis Federation team members presented an overview of the updated BC Metis Federation strategic plan. The focus on new priorities over the next three years was established by extensive member engagement.

11. BC Métis Federation Indigenous Advisory Management Committee Project 2:10 PM
- a. Métis Representation

BC Metis Federation Board Member and IAMC representative Earl Belcourt provided an overview of activities and accomplishments to date. This was an item mandated by the members at the prior AGM in 2019 and the progress was reported.

12. BC Metis Federation Board Election 2:15 PM

**Motion 20201205-7 – To approve the election process as presented
Moved by Jacquie Swaisland
Seconded by Rene Therrien
Carried**

. The election results for the board members are:

- 1) President Keith Henry

- 2) Vice President – Rene Therrien
- 3) Secretary – Joe Desjarlais
- 4) Treasurer – Betty Fisher
- 5) At Large positions –
 - a. Angel Fisher
 - b. Jeremy Lavallee
 - c. Cindy Wilgosh
 - d. Jacquie Swaisland
 - e. Greg Mazur
 - f. Earl Belcourt

13. Other

2:30 PM

- a. 2020-2021 Progress Update

Members were provided a review of the program and financial status of the organization at of the end of November. There was considerable progress to share with projects in:

- Justice
- Economic development
- Industry engagement
- Membership
- Financial

BC Metis Federation management and leadership reported that the organization is currently having our more effective year to date.

- b. Indspire Human Rights Legal Action

BC Metis Federation management updated about the status of the situation.

One final item was shared/advised for members. The members were informed about bylaw and governance updates the board will be seeking input and guidance on. Watch for future community and member engagement with a Special General Meeting.

14. Closing Prayer

3:00 PM

**Closing prayer presented by Betty Fisher
Motion 20201205-8 – Motion adjourn 2020 AGM
Moved by Earl Belcourt
Seconded by Jacquie Swaisland**