

British Columbia Métis Federation (BCMF)  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Attendance -**

**Daryl Piper**  
**Joe Desjarlais**  
**Rene Therrien**  
**Tim St. Denis**  
**Keith Henry**  
**Maxine Lavallee**  
**Patrick Pocha**  
**Gloria Rendell**  
**Lyle Letendre**

**Regrets –**

Beverly Lambert (travelling)  
Wayne Lucier  
Richard Lucier Larson (ill)  
Earlene Bitterman

**Technical Support –**

Cynthia Kolada  
Bud Massey

**Guests –**

George and Terry Goulet

**1. Opening Remarks**

**7:06 pm**

- Quorum achieved, opening remarks by Keith. Received a response of Enbridge. Signing Fraser Declaration Thursday morning. Meeting with MARR on Tuesday to follow up from September meeting. Things may not be moving as quickly as we like but we should have optimism as we are making change and getting noticed.
- Daryl too believes that BCMF should be optimistic about the future as things are beginning to move forward with governments, politicking aside.

**2. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**7:10 pm**

*Motion 2012-12/09/01 – To approve the agenda as amended. Moved by Gloria Rendell and seconded by Rene Therrien. Carried*

### 3. Approve BCMF Draft Minutes

7: 10 PM

#### a. November 4th

*Motion 2012-12/09/02 – To approve the meetings of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012<sup>d</sup> as amended.  
Moved by Patrick Pocha and seconded by Maxine Lavallee. Carried*

### 4. Board/Staff Updates

7:17 pm

- a. **Daryl Piper** – attempted Aboriginal Business Awards. Looking into Economic Development and will be following up with VanCity to look to the future for Métis communities.
- b. **Tim St. Denis** – Working on responses to the website, especially Enbridge. Met with NOVA to discuss any concerns that they have. Under the health portfolio, Tim is looking into chronic disease management and hopefully could be partnered with a Local. Aboriginal Health Improvement Committee (through Fraser Health) meets quarterly and Tim is looking into getting BCMF on the Committee.
- c. **Joe Desjarlais** – Encouraged with what has been happening and we have a very significant week coming up. Joe was in the north last week for Louis Riel celebrations, and was impressed with the celebrations. Education portfolio is very exciting and there is so much work to be done.
- d. **Rene Therrien** – Went to MNBC Christmas Party in Terrace and attendance was low. Upcoming BCMF meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> will determine how things will proceed forward and whether or not a Local might be established there. The December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is non-political and is being held as an opportunity for Métis to get together and have some fun. It was discussed that this is a great way to move things forward in the community – to start as a “non-political” entity.
- e. **Lyle Letendre** – great that there will be a meeting with the Province and that BCMF is founding a good relationship with First Nations. Enjoyed Aboriginal Business Awards and mention of the organization.
- f. **Maxine Lavallee**- keeping busy with various events including Louis Riel celebrations. Maxine is working on her portfolio with the Elders and is making contact to ensure that she is contacting the right people to ensure representation.
- g. **Patrick Pocha** – Louis Riel Day event organized by Patrick was well attended (146 people in attendance) and done extremely well. The first Board meeting in the northern Interior last Sunday and attendance was low but a good start. Patrick is working to forward membership and looking at venues for the Métis Identification Summit.
- h. **Gloria Rendell** – working on her portfolio of furthering membership and will connect with other regions to assist in this process. Gloria will be working with Keith on Métis Identification Summit.

**Action Item #1: Keith to ask Sherri to update the Board contact list to include physical mailing addresses.**

- i. **Keith Henry** – busy with press releases/letters and the approach has been aggressive. Last week there were over 7000 page reviews on the website which is one of the biggest weeks ever. December Planning for Christmas potluck, MCFD meeting upcoming and also meetings with other Métis organizations. Coffee Talk is now up and running again and Keith has been creative with the time slots to try to maximize participation. Quick recap of some of the outstanding issues with MNBC. Really looking forward to upcoming weeks and the anticipation of the Fraser Declaration.
- j. **George and Terry Goulet** – update on the Louis Riel article that they composed for the Legion which also includes mention of the BCMF. There were some “bumps in the road” as far as an outside editor and article changes. Overall, the article should bring a more positive light to Louis Riel and the BCMF as it circulates to 900,000 people as per the distribution list. Terry thanked Keith for the perseverance throughout the composition of the article as working with the Legion representatives was not always a positive process.
- k. **Bud Massey** – great job being done by all and we should be proud. Bud is always willing to help, we just need to let him know.

*Motion 2012-12/09/03 – To approve the verbal reports as presented. Moved by Rene Therrien and seconded by Gloria Rendell. Carried*

## **5. Review of BC Métis Federation Strategic Plan**

**8: 05 PM**

This agenda item is included to ensure that the Board acquaints themselves with the Strategic Plan and is familiar with the goals. As a Board we will work through the plan as each member gets better acquainted with the portfolios and as we progress as an organization. This is a long term plan so please remember this.

**Action Item #2: Daryl to follow up with Stewart regarding possible capacity training workshop ideas.**

## **6. Other...**

**8:15 PM**

### **a. BC Métis Federation Métis Identification Summit April 2013**

Agenda ideas have been submitted. Keith and Gloria need to work on venues/budgets.

**Action Item #3: Conference Call in January with Gloria, Keith, George and Terry to start finalizing details for the Summit.**

### **b. Human Rights Next Step in Filing**

Keith would like the Boards approval to file a human rights complaint with regard to funding allocations being limited by membership which is discriminatory.

*Motion 2012-12/09/04 – BCMF President Keith Henry will produce a complaint to submit to the human rights tribunal. Moved by Tim St.Denis and seconded by Daryl Piper. Carried.*

- c. **MNBC Regional Information Sessions** – very little information was available on this agenda item.
  - d. **Save the Fraser Declaration December 13<sup>th</sup> Vancouver, BC**  
Keith encourages as many people as possible to be in attendance, please meet at 7:30am. The signing will be at 9am followed by a press conference. Please bring friends and family to join in this momentous event.
  - e. **BC Métis Federation Christmas Office Closure December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - f. **BC Métis Federation Christmas Party – Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Thanks to Sherri and Maxine for all their work in organizing this potluck. It should be a great community event, open to the public with a focus on the children.
  - g. **Membership Information** – covered earlier in the verbal reports.
7. **Next BC Métis Federation Board Member Meeting**  
- To be announced.

**8. Closing Remarks**

**8:40 PM**

It has been a great year so far. Thanks to everyone for all of the hard work to date and people are excited to enter the New Year and see what is ahead. All members present extremely optimistic and many thanks to Keith for all of his efforts.

Call adjourned @ 8:47pm.

Approved by:

BCMF Chairperson

BCMF Secretary

Dated: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013