



BC Métis Federation
Board Meeting
300-3665 Kingsway
Vancouver, BC

Thursday, March 29th, 2018
5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Present:

1. Joe Desjarlais
2. Rene Therrien
3. Keith Henry
4. Betty Fisher
5. Earl Belcourt
6. Baillie Redfern

Missing:

7. Cindy Wilgosh
8. J.J. Lavallee

Team Support:

1. Sherry Daniels
2. Kelly Davison
3. Drake Henry
4. Angel Fisher
5. Laretta Morin

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks 5:00 PM

The board discussed the priority for this meeting and the follow up from the Celebration of Life for Ken Fisher. It was noted that Ken is missed on the board.

Motion 20180329 – 01 *to approve agenda as amended*

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Rene Therrien

Carried

2. BC Métis Federation Draft Minutes 5:05 PM
 - a. January 19th, 2018

Motion 20180329 – 02 *to approve January 19th minutes s amended*

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Rene Therrien

Carried

3. BC Métis Federation Finance Update 5:10 PM

Motion 20180329 – 03 *to accept the finance report as presented*

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Joe Desjarlais

Carried

Action Item #1: BC Métis Federation Treasurer Betty Fisher to update budget for March including the MIRR Project.

4. BC Métis Federation Membership Update 5:20 PM

Motion 20180329 – 04 *to approve the membership report as presented*

Moved Betty Fisher

Seconded Baillie Redfern

Carried

5. BC Metis Federation Knowledge Project Report 5:25 PM
a. Project Submission to MIRR

There was considerable discussions and presentations about the Knowledge Partnership Project. The project was contracted in early March to be completed this initial phase by March 31st. As such the entire support team share their update about the survey process (Drake, Angel and Sherry), research (Joe) and project reporting final preparation (Kelly).

The project was a success despite the short time frame for deliverables.

Motion 20180329 – 05 *to approve agenda as amended*

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Rene Therrien

Carried

Action Item #2: President Henry to complete the final editing with Joe and Kelly over the weekend for submission next week in accordance with the contract agreement deliverables.

6. Métis Children and Family Department Update 6:25 PM

There was a presentation about the establishment of the BC Métis Federation Department of Métis Child Welfare. The department has been addressing the following items:

- **Case study of SS and how the department needs to inform BC Métis Federation member about their rights.**
- **Responding to the Ministry of Children and Family Development's current efforts to proposed changes to the Children, Family, and Community Services Act (CFCSA).**
- **Attended a Métis Child and Family Forum in Chilliwack hosted in part by the Métis Commission for Children and Family Services (MFFCS). The board reiterated the**

position that MCCFS is not recognized or supported by the BC Métis Federation given their lack of support and poor Métis practices and standards without our consent, input or relationship.

- **Development of first ever BC Métis Federation Child Protection Act**

Motion 20180329 – 06 to approve the BC Métis Federation Child Protection Declaration

Moved Betty Fisher

Seconded Rene Therrien

Carried

Motion 20180329 – 07 to approve the BC Métis Federation Child Protection Act

Moved Betty Fisher

Seconded Joe Desjarlais

Carried

Action Item #3: To add final edits to the BC Métis Federation Child Protection Act and post in the upcoming week.

Action Item #4: Post the BC Métis Federation Case Study on SS in the coming week.

7. Métis Economic Development 7:25 PM
a. Progress Report

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee 7:40 PM
a. Project Proposal

Motion 20180329 – 08 to approve the project work plan as presented.

Moved Earl Belcourt

Seconded Betty Fisher

Carried

It was noted the project is expected to be decided in mid April and the board will be updated once a decision is made.

- b. Committee Participation

The board discussed Métis representation on the IAMC Committee for British Columbia as well as other sub committees. Earl Belcourt shared insight and an update as well as President Henry.

BC Métis Federation has continued to make efforts to work with the other Métis provincial representative organization, but they have not responded to address this important issue. BC Métis Federation has shared efforts with IAMC representatives who are seeking to address this situation soon.

Action Item #5: the board will be updated as this situation evolves to ensure Métis representation on the IAMC.

9. Other 8:10 PM
a. 2018-2019 Work Plan

Action Item #6: BC Métis Federation Treasurer to update the 2018-2019 operational planning subject to the approved projects. This budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

- b. Métis Cultural Events 2018

Action Item #7: Vice President Rene Therrien to provide specific plans and dates at the next meeting for cultural events in Prince George and Terrace.

Additional event planning will be added subject to outcomes of proposals in the lower mainland and planning for a BC Métis Federation Louis Riel event in November 2018.

- c. April 16th Meeting with the Province

Action Item #8: the board and team members attending will be Joe Desjarlais, Betty Fisher, Keith Henry, Sherry Daniels, Lauretta Morin, and Earl Belcourt.

The board reinforced that the priorities are to address are:

- **Bilateral Agreement**
- **Knowledge Partnership Project next steps**
- **CFCSA Legislation Response**

10. Next Meeting 8:25 PM

The board agreed to set the next meeting subject to final project decisions in April. The board expects to meet in May.

11. Adjournment 8:30 PM

Motion 20180329 – 09 to adjourn at 8:20 PM

Moved Baillie Redfern

Carried

Approved November 4th, 2018

BC Metis Federation President

BC Metis Federation Secretary