MEMORANDUM

To: All MNO Citizens

From: Doug Wilson, MNO Chief Operating Officer

Date: September 5, 2012

Subject: Consultation on MNO Electoral Code

I am writing to provide MNO citizens information on a consultation process that has been initiated on the 2012 MNO Elections generally and the MNO Electoral Code specifically.

At the recently held 2012 MNO AGA, the MNO’s Chief Electoral Officer presented his Elections Report. This report included an overview of the 2012 MNO elections process as well as a series of recommendations for the MNO to consider in relation to future elections. A copy of this report is attached to this memo. It is also available at www.metisnation.org.

The 2012 MNO AGA passed a resolution which sets out a multi-year process to consult MNO citizens on the Chief Electoral Officer’s report, the 2012 MNO elections and the current MNO Electoral Code. This resolution is attached to this memo as APPENDIX A.

Specifically, the MNO AGA established an independent Committee consisting of Joanne Young (Hamilton/Wentworth Métis Council), Janine Landry (MNO Youth Council) and Senator Verna Porter. This Committee will be supported by the MNO’s Legal Counsel (Jean Teillet) and myself, as the MNO’s Chief Operating Officer.

Over the next 8 months, MNO citizens are encouraged to provide their comments, input and suggestions to the Committee about the Chief Electoral Officer’s report, the 2012 election, the MNO Electoral Code, etc. Comments can be sent via email to mnoelection@metisnation.org or please feel free to contact members of the Committee directly. All comments received prior to April 30, 2013 will be considered by the Committee when they meet in May 2013.
Based on the comments received, the Committee, with the support of MNO’s Legal Counsel and Chief Operating Officer, will prepare a report as well as propose changes to the MNO Electoral Code. These documents will be tabled with the 2013 MNO AGA and circulated to all MNO citizens for feedback.

From September 2013 to April 30, 2014 (8 months), the Committee will receive input and feedback from MNO citizens to the proposed changes to the MNO Electoral Code. Based on these consultations, the Committee will prepare a Special Business Resolution for the consideration of the 2014 MNO AGA that proposes changes to the MNO Electoral Code. The 2014 MNO AGA will then consider and vote on these proposed changes.

If these changes are adopted, the revised MNO Electoral Code will then be circulated to all MNO citizens. After the 2014 MNO AGA, no additional changes to the MNO Electoral Code will be considered or made prior to the 2016 MNO Election.

The chart below sets out the timeline and deadlines for these consultations.

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If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact me or any member of the Committee.
APPENDIX A

WHEREAS a foundational principle of the MNO is to hold fair and democratic elections for the election of the Métis Nation’s regional and provincial leadership;

AND WHEREAS the MNO has adopted the MNO Electoral Code for the conduct of its elections and held its most recent election in May 2012;

AND WHEREAS the MNO’s Chief Electoral Officer tabled a 2012 Elections Report with the 2012 MNO AGA making a series of recommendations with respect to the conduct of future MNO elections;

AND WHEREAS the MNO wants to provide an opportunity for all MNO citizens to provide their comments and input on the MNO Chief Electoral Officer’s Report as well as provide their comments and feedback on the MNO’s 2012 Election process generally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The MNO circulate the MNO Chief Electoral Officer’s report throughout the MNO in September 2012 and provide an opportunity for all MNO citizens to provide their feedback on the report as well as provide their input on the MNO’s 2012 election process generally until April 30, 2013.

2. All comments received by the MNO prior to April 30, 2013 will be considered by an independent Committee consisting of a representative from the MNO Community Councils, MNOYC and Senators as well as the MNO’s legal counsel. The Committee will also be supported by the MNO’s administration.

3. The Committee will be tasked with preparing a report based on comments received, along with proposed changes to the MNO Electoral Code. This report and the proposed changes to the MNO Electoral Code will be circulated throughout the MNO. These documents will also be tabled with the 2013 MNO AGA for its consideration and discussion.

4. Based on comments and feedback received from MNO citizens as well as the 2013 MNO AGA, a final redraft of the MNO Electoral Code will be tabled for the consideration and ratification of the 2014 MNO AGA.

5. No amendments will be made to the MNO Electoral Code while these consultations are ongoing or after the 2014 MNO AGA considers and makes changes to the MNO Electoral Code.
6. The appointees to the Committee will be Joanne Young (Hamilton/Wentworth Metis Council), Janine Landry (MNOYC) and Verna Porter (Senator).

MOVED BY: Cora Bunn

SECONDED BY: Richard Cuddy

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