

Metis Nation of Ontario  
Annual General Assembly 2005  
Sudbury, ON

RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution # 1**

I move that the Metis Nation of Ontario provide community council Presidents or designate the option of a paid hotel room for the week of the Annual General Assembly as a courtesy to community leaders.

Moved by: Allan Vallee

Seconded by : Andre Bosse

**Resolution # 2**

I move that the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario elections be called by March 1<sup>st</sup> in election years and nominations shall be open as of that time.

Moved by: Kirk Hebner

Seconded by: Allan Vallee

**Resolution # 3**

I move that a medal be created to honour the veterans of the Metis Nation of Ontario. We are a distinct society who has given no significant recognition to our veterans. Therefore be it resolved that Metis veterans are formally recognized for their sacrifice and contribution to our people, our government and our country.

Moved by: Shaun Redmond

Seconded by: Senator Elmer Ross

**Resolution # 4**

Whereas citizens of the Metis Nation who live within the Metis homeland of Ontario have a strong desire to bind all of our people together in order to collectively promote our common cultural, social and economic well being;

And whereas as MNO citizens we encourage the full participation of Metis who are eligible to qualify as citizens of the Metis Nation of Ontario;

And whereas the screening of applications for the citizenship made by persons who claim to be Metis within the meaning of the MNO By-laws presently takes an unreasonable and excessive length of time;

Therefore, be it resolved that the MNO implement a procedure which in addition to current practice of providing the applicant with written acknowledgment of receipt of their application, ensures that no application for MNO citizenship, with the exception of where for valid reasons it can't be done, takes no longer than six (6) months from the date the application was made, for the application to be to be process and finalized;

And be it further resolved that if the MNO Registrar is unable to process and finalize the decision for an application with the six (6) calendar month time frame the applicant will be informed in writing of the reason for the delay and the approximate additional time required to process and finalize their application, the letter to the applicant will also include the name and contact information of the president of the community council whose charter agreement covers the geographic boundary in which the applicants resides;

And be it further resolved that in order to help Community Councils address the issues of attracting and encouraging youth participation on Community Councils who may in the future assume MNO leadership roles, applications from off-spring of citizens' in good standing will be given priority processing.

Moved by: Bernie Laroux

Seconded by: Beverley Kilbrun

## **Resolution # 5**

Whereas the WMNO was originally structured to mirror the numbers and representation of the PCMNO;

And Whereas it has become clear over the years that there are difficulties filling the positions, that the size of the WMNO is too large, and that the WMNO deals with issues and was never intended to represent individual women;

And Whereas the WMNO wishes to restructure itself to make itself more streamlined and efficient and so that it can better represent the Metis women of Ontario;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that:

1. This Assembly authorize a task force, which shall be composed of the three currently elected WMNO representatives, to prepare a report with recommendations as to how the WMNO can be restructured.
2. The Report be prepared in consultation with the Metis Women of Ontario.
3. The Report and Recommendations be delivered within two months.
4. That an election for the newly restructured WMNO be held within four months.

Moved by Evelyn Powley

Seconded by

### **Resolution # 6**

I move that in future Metis Nation of Ontario elections, mail-in ballots be sent to all eligible voters who reside more than 25 kilometres from a polling station which could also apply for Community Council elections.

Moved by: Eric Scofield

Seconded by: Sharon McBride

### **Resolution # 7**

Whereas as per the resolution resolved by consensus at the MNO Annual General Assembly in Kenora 2002, that a Metis youth camp be established;

And whereas this youth camp will support the medium term goals as put forth by the Metis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission;

Therefore, be it resolved that a working committee be organized to explore and develop a proposal to purchase a camp;

And further it be resolved that we the Metis Nation of Ontario Assembly support initiatives to acquiring a land base in areas such as Range Lake, Pesue Lake and/or other properties in pursuit of this initiative.

Moved by: Sharon McBride

Seconded by: Eric Scofield

**Resolution # 8**

I move that symbol of the poppy be embellished on the upper right hand corner of the MNO citizenship card for veterans of the Metis Nation which will distinguish a MNO citizen as a accepted veteran of the MNO.

Moved by: Shaun Redmond

Seconded by: Shelly Claus

**Resolution # 9**

I move that all Community Council elections be set for a three year term to match the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario elections

Moved by Kirk Herbner

Seconded by: Allan Vallee

**Resolution # 10**

I move that the Metis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council (MNOVC) be given a substantial budget from the MNO to conduct business in appropriate an appropriate manner. Funding is required to establish an office, acquire supplies, communication support and costs for expenses incurred by veterans to attend traditional ceremonies and meetings of the MNOVC.

Moved by: Shaun Redmond

Seconded by: Sharlene Lance

**Resolution # 11**

I move that the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) provide Community Councils with PCMNO meetings dates in advance so that councils can have the

opportunity to have regional representatives bring council information to the PCMNO meeting in a timely fashion

Moved by: Kirk Hebner

Seconded by: Wayne Trudeau

### **Resolution # 12**

I move that the Metis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council be given the same status as the Metis Nation of Ontario Women's Council and Metis Nation of Ontario Youth Council within the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario because the input of veterans is of equal importance to the MNO in all decisions affecting the veterans and the Metis Nation.

Moved by: Shaun Redmond

Seconded by: Senator Elmer Ross

### **Resolution # 13**

Whereas the Metis people in Ontario are an Aboriginal people with Aboriginal rights that have not been extinguished;

And whereas traditional Metis lands in Ontario were swindled out of Metis community control;

And whereas Metis people in Ontario were not in the position previously because of historical circumstances to broach the issues of our land rights;

And whereas, we the Metis believe that the Powley decision extends beyond harvesting into other Metis rights including land rights issues and as such are ready now to pursue our rights;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has not negotiated with the Metis in good faith and has not consulted the Metis Nation in Ontario in land issues that affect traditional Metis territories;

And whereas other parties including corporations have not consulted with the Metis on issues affecting Metis lands;

Therefore be it resolved that the Metis citizens of the MNO direct the MNO on our behalf to begin the fight, whether by litigation or otherwise, for the land rights for Metis people to address the long outstanding land rights issues;

And, that we the citizens direct the MNO to develop a Metis Nation of Ontario strategy on Metis land rights;

Moved by: Christi Belcourt

Seconded by: Kim Gladue

#### **Resolution # 14**

I move that the Metis Nation of Ontario Community Council elections count result be made public to the all Community Council citizens, such total voter count per candidate.

Moved by: Victor Boulard

Seconded by: Roger Giroux

#### **Resolution #15**

Whereas the Women of the WMNO sit on community councils and are staff with the MNO;

And whereas those same women wish to be on the WMNO,

Now therefore be it resolved that Women who are on community councils or are staff with the MNO be permitted to be elected WMNO representatives.

Moved by: Evleyn Powley

Seconded by: Paul Powley