

# the Métis Nation of Ontario

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly  
RESOLUTIONS  
DATE: July 10-14, 2006  
MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO**

## **Review and Accept Agenda**

### **It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Sharon McBride)**

That the Agenda for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario be approved as follows:

- Appoint a Resolutions Committee
- Review Minutes
- Business Arising From Minutes
- Presentation: Suzanne Rochon-Burnett, Volunteer Awards
- Presentation: Heritage Community Recognition Certificate
- Meeting Reports
  - Senators
  - WMNO
  - Youth
- Finance and Administration
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Audit 2004/05
  - Financial Report
  - Appointment of Auditor
  - Administration
  - Overview of Branch Administration
- Métis National Council President
- Legal Update/Métis Rights Issues
  - Métis Litigation
  - MNO Cases
  - Harvesting Agreements
  - MNO Revised Harvesting Policy
- Environment Canada: Great Lakes Water Quality Review
- MNO Cultural Commission
- MNO Development Corporation AGA
- Intergovernmental Relations
  - First Nations
  - Federal
  - Provincial
- Resolutions
- Other Business
- Closing Ceremonies

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-01)**

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### **Appoint a Resolutions Committee**

#### **It was MOVED (Judy Trott) and SECONDED (Eric Scofield)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the membership of the Resolutions Committee as follows: Lawrence Gladue, Paul Heighington, André Lefebvre, and Senator Roland St. Germain.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-02)**

### **Review Minutes**

#### **It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Jacques Leroux)**

That the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held July 4-8, 2005 be adopted with the following amendments:

- a) throughout, correct references to the AGA as being held in 2005 rather than 2004; and
- b) page 1, replace "Total Attendance" with "Quorum" and replace the paragraph under that heading with "A total of 154 Métis Nation of Ontario registered voting delegates as of noon on the first day of the AGA. (Quorum therefore being 77.)".

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-03)**

### **Suzanne Rochon-Burnett, Volunteer Awards**

#### **It was MOVED (Wayne Trudeau) and SECONDED (Joanne Young)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario endorse the PCMNO recommendation to establish a Suzanne Rochon-Burnett Volunteer of the Year Award.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-04)**

#### **It was MOVED (Tony Belcourt) and SECONDED (Eric Scofield)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario endorse the PCMNO recommendation that Suzanne Rochon-Burnett be named posthumously as the first recipient of the Suzanne Rochon-Burnett Volunteer of the Year Award.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-05)**

### **Audit 2004/05**

#### **It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Sharon McBride)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the Métis Nation of Ontario Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2005 as presented.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-06)**

### **Appointment of Auditor**

#### **It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Wayne Trudeau)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario appoint the accounting firm of Collin Barrows as the MNO Auditors for the fiscal year 2006/07.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-07)**

### **MNO Revised Harvesting Policy**

#### **It was MOVED (Ken Simard) and SECONDED (Eric Scofield)**

That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the proposed amendments to the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy, dated April 2006.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-08)**

### **MNO Cultural Commission**

#### **It was MOVED (Sharon McBride) and SECONDED (Wayne Trudeau)**

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That the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario accept as presented the MNO Cultural Commission Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2006.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-09)**

### **Women's Secretariat of the Métis Nation of Ontario Terms of Reference**

**It was MOVED (Sharon McBride) and SECONDED (Pauline Saulnier)**

WHEREAS the committee appointed by resolution at the 2005 Annual General Assembly to restructure the Women of the Métis Nation of Ontario (WMNO) has adopted Terms of Reference creating a new structure called "Women's Secretariat of the Métis Nation of Ontario (WSMNO)"; and

WHEREAS the WMNO at the 2006 Annual General Assembly have endorsed these Terms of Reference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario adopt the WSMNO Terms of Reference.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-10)**

### **Request for Amendment to MNO Governance Documents**

**It was MOVED (Sharon McBride) and SECONDED (Audrey Vallee)**

WHEREAS the Women's Secretariat of the Métis Nation of Ontario (WSMNO) Terms of Reference have been presented and ratified by the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario; and

WHEREAS by adopting the WSMNO Terms of Reference it is recognized that the by-laws of the MNO will have to be changed for adoption at the MNO's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) be requested to amend the current governance documents of the MNO to reflect the new structure of the WSMNO, and further to ensure that the newly constructed WSMNO can function until the adoption of the new governance documents.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-11)**

### **Identification Symbol for PCMNO Councilors During Annual General Assemblies**

**It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Sharon McBride)**

WHEREAS most Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) Councilors are in attendance at Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assemblies (AGA); and

WHEREAS the PCMNO Councilors are easily accessible to our citizens at the AGAs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO administration be respectfully requested to work with the PCMNO Councilors to develop a common visual symbol (such as a shirt, pin, badge or hats) to distinguish Councilors so that citizens can better identify Councilors at future assemblies.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-12)**

### **MNO Office Hours**

**It was MOVED (Richard Sarrizan) and SECONDED (Natalie Durocher)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is dedicated to providing the best programs and services to its citizens; and

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WHEREAS there are variations in MNO employee work hours; and

WHEREAS efficiencies can be achieved through implementation of standardized operating procedures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO set consistent office hours for all of its offices throughout the province.

**RESOLVED (AGA06-13)**

(78 delegates voting in the positive, 11 voting in the negative, and 13 abstentions.)

### **Senators and Elders Area at Annual General Assemblies**

**It was MOVED (Carey Calder) and SECONDED (Jennifer St. Germain)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assemblies (AGA) can be long;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) create an area designed for Senators and elders at future Annual General Assemblies (AGA). The area would be fully accessible to the main tent and business proceedings and would provide comfortable seating, refreshments and healthy snacks. Senators and elders could choose to use the area during the breaks, as their seat during the meetings, or for breaks as needed during meeting proceedings.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-14)**

### **Donation of Food to the Fire Keeper**

**It was MOVED (Carmen Gravel) and SECONDED (Urgil Courville)**

BE IT RESOLVED that every Métis Nation of Ontario Community Council that is hosting a fundraising breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Annual General Assembly donate at least one serving to the fire keeper in appreciation of his or her commitment to this task.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-15)**

### **AGA Recycling Facilities**

**It was MOVED (Carey Calder) and SECONDED (Jennifer St. Germain)**

BE IT RESOLVED that appropriate recycling facilities for cans and bottles be set up for the duration of every future Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-16)**

### **Formation of a MNO Two-Spirited Committee**

**It was MOVED (Carey Calder) and SECONDED (Jennifer St. Germain)**

BE IT RESOLVED that a Two-spirited Committee be formed within the Métis Nation of Ontario with the purpose of both raising awareness of issues and challenges faced by two-spirited people within our community, and also celebrating and promoting the valuable contributions that two-spirited people make to the strengthening of our nation. “Two-spirited” is generally used to reflect gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender individuals.

**RESOLVED (AGA06-17)**

(54 delegates voting in the positive, 19 voting in the negative, and 20 abstentions.)

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## **Request for MNO Support of Energy Report**

### **It was MOVED (Carey Calder) and SECONDED (Jennifer St. Germain)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario review and consider supporting the report released by World Wildlife Fund-Canada, Greenpeace Canada, Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development, Sierra Club of Canada, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, and the David Suzuki Foundation, which outlines how Ontario can meet the province's energy needs through a mix of clean energy and efficiency projects and demonstrates that energy efficiency and low-impact renewable energy sources are capable of providing twice the projected electricity needs of Canada's most populist province by 2020.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA06-18)**