

Resolutions from the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Metis Nation of Ontario, held November 17-18, 2008, at the Days Hotel and Conference Centre, Toronto Airport East, 1677 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

### Approval of Agenda

**It was MOVED (Eric Schofield) and SECONDED (Elwood Ross)**

That the Agenda for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario scheduled November 17-18, 2008 be approved as follows:

- State of the Nation Address
- Establish Quorum
- Review and Approval of Minutes from 2007 Annual General Assembly
  - Business Arising from Minutes
- Finance and Administration Reporting
  - Report by MNO Secretary/Treasurer
  - Report by MNO Chief Operating Officer
  - Presentation on 2006/2007 Audit by MNO Director of Finance and MNO Auditor (Collin Barrows LLP)
  - Presentation on 2007/2008 Audit by MNO Director of Finance and MNO Auditor (Collin Barrows LLP)
  - Approval of 2007/08 Audit and appointment of Auditor for 2008/09
- Workshop on Duty to Consult and Accommodate
  - Resolutions from Workshop on Métis Rights and Crown's Duty to Consult
- Developing a Strategic Plan for MNO
- Remarks by President Lipinski
- Strategic Planning Workshop
  - Building a Stronger Métis Nation and Empowering Communities and Métis Citizens Presentation and Facilitated Open Discussion on Developing a Strategic Plan for the MNO
  - Presentation on Accessing Economic Opportunities and Creating Wealth and Self-Sustainability with Métis Communities and Métis Nation
  - Questions and Discussion from Strategic Planning Workshop
  - Open Discussion
- Future AGAs
- Closing Comments by President Lipinski
- Closing Prayer
- Adjourn

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-01)**

### Minutes Approval

**It was MOVED (Jack Laroux) and SECONDED (Elmar Ross)**

That the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held July 9-13, 2008 be approved with the spelling of the names of Dora McInnis and Lois McCallum corrected.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-02)**

**2006/2007 Financial Report**

**It was MOVED (Eric Schofield) and SECONDED (Gerry Bedford)**

That the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the audited financial statements dated March 31, 2007.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-03)**

**2007/2008 Financial Report**

**It was MOVED (Eric Schofield) and SECONDED (JoAnne Young)**

That the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the Audited Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-04)**

**Appointment of Auditor**

**It was MOVED (JoAnne Young) and SECONDED (Pauline Saulnier)**

That the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario appoint the accounting firm of Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants as the MNO Auditors for the fiscal year 2008/09.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-05)**

***Adoption of the Interim Statement of Principles for Métis Consultation and Accommodation and General Consultation Framework for Consultation and Accommodation***

**It was MOVED (Tim Pile) and SECONDED (Pauline Saulnier)**

**THAT WHEREAS** the Métis people have lived on and relied on the lands that are now known as Ontario for generations prior to the creation of this province;

**AND WHEREAS** Canada's Constitution recognizes and affirms the rights of the Métis people based on this prior occupation and their special relationship to the land;

**AND WHEREAS** the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) was formed to represent the Métis people and advance the rights and interests of its citizens and rights-bearing communities;

**AND WHEREAS** based on this mandate the MNO has successfully moved forward on advancing the Métis Nation's collective rights agenda through, amongst other things, pursuing litigation to secure the recognition of Métis rights, creating a centralized and legitimate registry of Métis citizens in Ontario, developing democratic Métis governance structures and institutions at the local, regional and provincial levels, and, implementing a harvesters Policy and Harvesters Card system to regulate the Métis harvest in the province;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2003, based on the MNO's efforts, in 2003, the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Powley* case affirmed that one of the Métis Nation's protected rights included in Canada's Constitution is the right to harvest;

**AND WHEREAS** in order to implement the *Powley* case in Ontario, the MNO and the Province of Ontario entered into an agreement which recognizes and accommodates the harvesting rights of regional rights-bearing Métis communities throughout their traditional territories;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2004, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that the Crown has a duty to consult and accommodate Aboriginal peoples in relation to planning, policies, developments, activities and projects that may affect Aboriginal proven and asserted rights, interests and way of life;

**AND WHEREAS** based on its mandate to advance Métis rights in the province, the MNO has moved forward on attempting to ensure the Crown's duties to the MNO are recognized and fulfilled;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2007-2008, the MNO undertook province-wide consultations on developing a MNO Consultation Framework and produced a final 'What We Heard' report outlining the input received from MNO citizens as well as principles and recommendations to move the Métis Nation's rights agenda forward in this area;

**AND WHEREAS** the MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) endorses this final 'What We Heard' report, including, its principles and recommendations, as well as, the Regional Métis Consultation Protocols that have been signed between the MNO and its Chartered Community Councils in order to ensure the Crown's duty to MNO citizens and regional rights-bearing Métis communities throughout the province are fulfilled in a fair, transparent, predictable and honourable manner;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 15<sup>th</sup> AGA of the MNO:

1. adopts the *Interim Statement of Principles for Métis Consultation and Accommodation and General Consultation Framework for Consultation and Accommodation* dated November 17, 2008;
2. instructs the MNO to develop, in consultation with MNO citizens, Community Councils, Captains of the Hunt, and the PCMNO, a provincial Métis Consultation Policy which builds upon the recommendations in the final 'What We Heard' report, the adopted *Interim Statement of Principles for Métis Consultation and Accommodation and General Consultation Framework for Consultation and Accommodation with Métis*, and the Regional Métis Consultation Protocols; and that this Policy be brought to the 16<sup>th</sup> AGA of the MNO for consideration; and
3. directs the MNO to lobby governments in order to secure adequate and sustained funding to support the consultation processes set out in the existing as well as future Regional Métis Consultation Protocols, and to work with industry to increase knowledge about the Regional Métis Consultation Protocols, and to establish strategic partnerships with the private sector for the benefit of MNO citizens and regional rights-bearing Métis communities.

**RESOLVED (AGA08-06)**

(One citizen abstaining from the vote.)

**Resolution that the Métis Nation of Ontario be directed to pursue negotiations with the Ontario Government**

**It was MOVED (Judy Masdorp) and SECONDED (Rene Gravelle) and AMENDED**

**THAT WHEREAS** in response to the Ipperwash Inquiry's recommendations the Ontario Government announced a New Relationship Fund to improve Crown-Aboriginal relations in

Ontario and to provide capacity to Aboriginal peoples to ensure the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate aboriginal rights, interests and way of life is being honourably fulfilled in the province;

**AND WHEREAS** the MNO has undertaken consultations on this Fund, as a part of its province-wide consultation on developing a MNO Consultation Policy, as well as, holding a Special Presidents Meeting to discuss the details of the New Relationship Fund;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2008 MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Special Presidents Meeting strongly supports the creation of the New Relationship Fund and its stated objectives;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2008 MNO AGA and Special Presidents Meeting want to ensure the Fund is managed in a fair and equitable manner between Aboriginal peoples and that the mandates of democratically elected Métis governance structures are respected and acknowledged as the bodies which represent regional rights-bearing communities in Ontario in relation to the discharge of the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the MNO be directed to pursue negotiations with the Ontario Government based on the following:

1. that the MNO pursue a Métis-specific allocation of the Fund that is focused on providing sustained support to the MNO's existing and future Regional Métis Consultation Protocols as well as all MNO Chartered Community Councils to ensure the Crown's duty to regional rights-bearing Métis Communities in the province are being fulfilled;
2. that the Métis-specific allocation of the Fund be no less than 30% of all resources since Métis represent 30% of the Aboriginal population in Ontario according to the most recent Census;
3. that the fund support the MNO in undertaking a provincial Traditional Land Use Study project which can be relied upon and used by all MNO Community Councils, regional Métis consultation Committees, Captains of the Hunt, and the Provisional Council of the MNO (PCMNO), etc. in order to identify Métis traditional knowledge and land use in the province;
4. that the MNO hold annual conferences where best practices and information on consultation and accommodation issues between MNO Community Councils, Regional Métis Consultation Committees, Captains of the Hunt, and PCMNO, etc. can be shared;
5. that the MNO work to secure the Ontario government's commitment to endow a New Relationship Trust Fund controlled by the MNO post-2010 to support MNO Community Councils, Regional Métis Consultation Committees, Captains of the Hunt, PCMNO, Women's Secretariat of the MNO, MNO Youth Council, Veterans, and etc.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA08-07)**