

# RESOLUTIONS FROM THE 14TH AGA OF THE MNO

**RESOLUTIONS** from the 14th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario, held July 9-13, 2007, at Chippewa Park in Thunder Bay.

## **Review and Accept Agenda**

It was **MOVED** (Eric Scofield) and **SECONDED** (Sharon McBride) that the Agenda for the 14th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario be approved as follows:

- Appoint a Resolutions Committee
- Review Minutes
- Business Arising From Minutes
- Tribute to Senator Marion Larkman
- Meeting Reports
- Senators
- WSMNO
- Veterans
- Finance and Administration
- Treasurer's Report
- Audit 2005/06
- Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- MNO By-Laws
- MOU on Mental Health
- Suzanne Rochon-Burnett Volunteer of the Year Award
- Meeting Reports Cont'd.
- MNOYC
- MNO Electoral Code
- Legal Update/Métis Rights Issues
- MNO Branch Reports/Updates
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Parliamentary Assistant to the Federal Interlocutor, Rod Bruinooge
- The Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs
- Resolutions
- Closing Ceremonies.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-01)

## **Appoint a Resolutions Committee**

It was **MOVED** (Bonnie Cann) and **SECONDED** (Pauline Saulnier) that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the membership of the Resolutions Committee as follows: Senator Gerry Bedford, Paul Heighington, Jason Madden, and Richard Sarrazin.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-02)

## **Review Minutes**

It was **MOVED** (Joseph Poitras) and **SECONDED** (Eric Scofield) that the Minutes of the 13th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held July 10-14, 2006 be adopted as circulated.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-03)

## **Financial Report**

It was **MOVED** (Sharon McBride) and **SECONDED** (Eric Scofield) that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve as presented the Métis Nation of Ontario Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2006.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-04)

## **Appointment of Auditor**

It was **MOVED** (Lawrence Gladue) and **SECONDED** (Sharon McBride) that the 14th 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

2007/08.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-05)

#### **MNO By-Laws**

It was MOVED (Cecile Wagar) and SECONDED (Louis McCallum) that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve as presented the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat By-Laws, as endorsed by the PCMNO on June 1, 2007.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-06)

#### **MNO Electoral Code**

It was MOVED (Tim Pile) and SECONDED (Leora Wilson) that the 14th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) approve as presented the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code, as endorsed by the Provincial Council of the MNO on June 1, 2007.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-07)

#### **Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer**

It was MOVED (Sharon McBride) and SECONDED (Allan Vallee) that the 14th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) appoint Lawrence Gladue to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer to oversee the 2008 MNO provincial elections.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-08)

#### **Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans' Committee**

It was MOVED (Earl Scofield) and SECONDED (Eric Scofield) that WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans' Committee (MNOVC) is the only legitimate body recognized to represent the interests of Métis citizens in the Province of Ontario; and WHEREAS the MNOVC has been invited to join the National Métis Veterans Association (NMVA); and WHEREAS the MNOVC sees the value in joining the NMVA provided that the MNOVC is the only representative body of Métis veterans from Ontario; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNOVC apply to become a member of the NMVA.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-09)

#### **Publication of Notices within the *Métis Voyageur***

It was MOVED (Pauline Saulnier) and SECONDED (Dora MacInnis) that the *Métis Voyageur* be mandated to publish notifications as submitted by Community Councils to advertise Community Council Elections and events.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-10)

#### **Consideration of Richard Lake as Venue for Future Annual General Assemblies**

It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Pauline Saulnier) that WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly (AGA) is a costly event; and WHEREAS a significant amount of this cost is attributed to covering travel expenses and accommodation for MNO citizens to participate in the AGA; and WHEREAS the MNO has partnered with the Mine Mill Union in Sudbury for use of the Richard Lake site at our request; and WHEREAS the Richard Lake site has improved the on-site facilities to accommodate the needs of the MNO; and WHEREAS the Richard Lake site could provide each MNO Region and community council an opportunity to host the AGA; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richard Lake be considered by MNO citizens to be an available location for future AGAs, with each region afforded an opportunity to host an Assembly.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-11)

#### **PCMNO Correspondence to Community Councils**

It was MOVED (Norm Monaghan) and SECONDED (Andre Bosse) BE IT RESOLVED that all correspondence between the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) and Community Council presidents be also sent to the Council's Senator or another verified individual of the Community Council Executive.

RESOLVED (AGA07-12) (58 delegates voting in the positive, 13 voting in the negative, and 4 abstentions.)

#### **Métis Access to Lands and Resources**

It was MOVED (Pierre Lefebvre) and SECONDED (Brent McHale) WHEREAS the Métis people have a special relationship with the land that is fundamental to the Métis existence, culture and way of life; and WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada in the historic Powley case affirmed that this special relationship must be protected through the recognition of Métis harvesting rights and Métis access to lands and resources; and WHEREAS on July 7, 2004, the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) entered into an agreement to accommodate Métis harvesting rights; and WHEREAS in June 2007, the Ontario Court of Justice upheld that the July 7, 2004 Agreement was legally enforceable and highly principled; and WHEREAS the MNO and MNR have agreed to renew discussions based on the July 7, 2004 Agreement; and WHEREAS there are many Métis without access to land and resources, issues that remain unaddressed by the MNR, including, forestry, revenue resource sharing, priority allocations for trap lines, etc.; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Negotiations Team be mandated to pursue negotiations with the MNR on these and other Métis access to land and resources issues in order to arrive at accommodations and agreements for the benefit of the Métis people in Ontario.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-13)

### **Establishing Métis Economic Development Fund**

It was MOVED (Pauline Saulnier) and SECONDED (Andre Lefebvre) WHEREAS economic self-sufficiency is a priority for the Métis Nation; and WHEREAS economic development at the business, community and provincial levels is key to realizing self-sufficiency; and WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has rightly set aside resources from gaming to support First Nations economic development throughout the province; and WHEREAS the Métis Nation continues to have challenges accessing funds from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to support Métis priorities and self-sufficiency; and WHEREAS other jurisdictions, such as Saskatchewan, have established Métis-owned foundations from gaming revenues to support Métis economic development; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario pursue the establishment of a Métis-specific economic development fund with the Government of Ontario in order to address the current lack of Métis access to gaming resources and the need for economic development support for Métis businesses and communities.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-14)

### **Support for Participation in the Sacred Fire**

It was MOVED (Earl Scofield) and SECONDED (Reta Gordon) BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario ensure for the next Annual General Assembly that citizens who are elderly or physically challenged, be afforded transportation and/or support assistance to fully participate in the sacred fire.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-15)

### **MNOYC Location at Future AGA**

It was MOVED (Matt Rouchand) and SECONDED (Tammy Griffith) BE IT RESOLVED that in the planning of the next Annual General Assembly, the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council be afforded a fixed location throughout the week to serve as a general meeting place for Métis youth (16-29 years) for youth oriented events or activities, as well as to facilitate a dialogue between the youth and elders.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-16)

### **Establishment of a Planning and Evaluation Committee**

It was MOVED (Christi Belcourt) and SECONDED (Shane Belcourt) BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) strike a volunteer Planning and Evaluation Committee for future MNO Annual General Assemblies, for the purpose of strengthening cultural exchange and nation building.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA07-17)