

Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) - Economic Development Working Group Terms of Reference

Mandate

The MNO Economic Development Working Group will aim to provide guidance and strategic advice to the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) on Economic Development policies, procedures and strategic initiatives.

Goals / Purpose

The primary role of the MNO Economic Development Working Group is to:

- Provide advice to the PCMNO on economic development policies, procedures and strategic direction consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose, MNO's Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law and the parameters of all of MNO's Economic Development Entities and related Investments
- Provide input into the development of parameters, policy and a process to support PCMNO's review and vetting of special projects under the new MNO Prosperity Trust
- Informing the MNO's Strategic Development and planning processes with respect to Economic Development
- Advise on opportunities, programs, partnerships or strategies related to Economic Development
- Identify barriers and opportunities in economic development to direct strategic direction
- Act as champions for economic development for the MNO
- Provide candidate recommendations for consideration by the Trustees of the MNO Infinity Trust for new Independent Trustees
- Provide advice on other economic development issues as requested by PCMNO

Reporting Structure

The Economic Development Working Group will report, via the Chair of the Economic Development Working Group, to the PCMNO

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Membership and Composition

Membership for the Economic Development Working Group shall not exceed a maximum of (5) five members.

The composition of the Working Group will include up to (3) three PCMNO Councilors as well as up to (2) MNO Citizens (not currently holding elected positions within the MNO) with an interest and expertise in the area of economic development (identified through an expression of interest and appointed by the PCMNO); the MNO President as ex-officio member. Working Group will be supported by MNO staff as well as legal and economic development advisors as required and where appropriate.

Term

The term of membership shall be a maximum of four (4) years in accordance with the term of office of PCMNO within the MNO's Electoral Code. Appointments shall be approved by PCMNO in accordance with membership requirements in the Terms of Reference.

Privacy

The meetings of the Economic Development Working Group are public except where confidential matters are being discussed. Members should be aware that their names will be in the public realm and a list of membership may be provided when requested.

Roles and Responsibilities

Chair and Co-Chair

A Chair and Co-Chair will be elected from the Working Group members at the first meeting of the new term of the Working Group to preside over meetings and Committee business.

It is the role of the Chair to preside over meetings so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively.

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It is the role of the Co- Chair to preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair and to perform any other duties delegated by the Chair or as assigned through a majority vote.

Working Group Members

All Economic Development Working Group members, including the Chair and Co-Chair, have the responsibility to help achieve the Economic Development Working Group's Mandate and Goals/Purposes. Members are also responsible for:

- Reviewing meeting materials in advance of the meetings and arriving prepared to provide a broad perspective on the issues under consideration
- Working diligently to complete assigned activities
- Agreeing to describe, process and resolve issues in a professional and respectful manner
- Providing input to help identify future projects or strategic priorities for future years' work
- Communicating activities of the Working Group to groups represented or those who may have an interest and offer information back to the Working Group

Meetings

The Economic Development Working Group shall meet quarterly; however, additional meetings may be scheduled to deal with any urgent matters.

Amendments to the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference should be reviewed and refined at a minimum of every four years to ensure that they remain current and meaningful.

Proposals to amend the Terms of Reference shall require the approval of a majority of the members present. Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference shall be submitted to PCMNO for approval.

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