

# the Métis Nation of Ontario

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly  
RESOLUTIONS & REQUESUTS FOR ACTION  
DATE: July 7-11, 2003  
MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO**

## **Review and Accept Agenda**

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

That the Agenda for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario be adopted to consider remaining items in the following order:

- Appoint a Resolutions Committee
- Economic Development
- MNO Development Corporation
- Equity Fund
- Business Ventures
- Presentation on Dispute Resolution
- Review Minutes
- Business Arising From Minutes
- Meeting Reports: Senators, WMNO, Youth
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Audit 2001/02; 2002/03
- Appointment of Auditor
- Provincial Relations
- Meetings with Premiers and Ministers
- Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat
- Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy
- Health and Long Term Care
- Trillium Foundation
- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund
- Northern Medical School
- International Relations
- Proposed Internet Service Joint Venture Between the MNO and the Aymara Nation of Peru
- The Story of Maya Gold
- Discussion of Opportunities with the Aymara and Maya Peoples
- Métis Rights Issues
- Harvesting Negotiations Update (MNO/MNR)
- Update on Powley and Other Litigation Issues
- Review of MNO Legal Defence Policy
- Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission Report
- Métis National Council and Governance Issues
- Métis Nation Constitution
- Métis Definition
- Intergovernmental Relations

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- First Nations Protocol
- Federal: Human Resources Development/Health Canada/Privy Council Office
- Resolutions
- Other Business.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-01)**

### **Appoint a Resolutions Committee**

#### **It was MOVED (Reta Gordon) and SECONDED (Joanne Young)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario appoint Lawrence Gladue, Paul Heighington and Peter Wellington to serve as the Assembly's Resolutions Committee.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-02)**

### **Adoption of the Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly**

#### **It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Eric Scofield)**

That the Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held July 8-12, 2002 be adopted with the following corrections:

- a) footer throughout, strike "July 8-12, 2001" and replace it with "July 8-12, 2002";
- b) page 8, Item 14.4, strike the wording in Resolution AGA02-06 and replace it with:  
*"That the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario, effective May 1, 2002, appoint the Ottawa Carlton and Winchester offices of BDO Dinwoody now known as Collin Barrows, as the MNO Auditors for the year 2002/2003."*; and
- c) page 11, Item 15.4, paragraph 1, strike "determine any" and replace with "negotiate".

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-03)**

### **Audit 2001/02; 2002/03**

#### **It was MOVED (Earl Scofield) and SECONDED (Allen Valley)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the 2001-2002 Audited Financial Statements as presented in the document titled "Métis Nation of Ontario, Secretariat – Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2002".

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-04)**

### **2002-2003 Finance Report**

#### **It was MOVED (Lawrence Gladue) and SECONDED (Helen Bradley)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario accept as presented the report titled "Management, Finance and Administration" providing an overview of the MNO's 2002-2003 finances.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-05)**

### **Appointment of Auditor**

#### **It was MOVED (Lawrence Gladue) and SECONDED (Helen Bradley)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario appoint Collin Barrows as the MNO Auditors for the year 2003/2004.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-06)**

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### **Amendment to the Community Council Electoral Code**

#### **It was MOVED (Cam Burgess) and SECONDED (Lawrence Gladue)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to ensure that community council elections are consistent with the PCMNO election process;

AND WHEREAS the community councils have expressed the wish to reinforce the concept of accountability of individual councilors at the community level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario direct that the Community Council Electoral Code be amended to say that:

*No person can run for office in a community council if that person has outstanding financial obligations or property belonging to the MNO;*

*For greater certainty, the MNO includes community councils;*

*And for greater certainty, possession of property belonging to the MNO means property that MNO has requested to be returned;*

*The community electoral officer shall provide a list of candidates who have filed nomination papers to the MNO Chief Administrative Officer who shall have the sole discretion to determine whether each candidate has outstanding financial obligations or is in possession of property belonging to the MNO and shall notify the community electoral officer.*

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-07)**

### **Formation of Community Wisdom Committees**

#### **Main Motion**

#### **It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Peter Wellington)**

WHEREAS the Métis, other Aboriginal People, and Inuit, of Ontario are in need of the original peoples mental health Wisdom Committees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario support the formation of Community Wisdom Committees in all community councils in Ontario.

#### **Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion**

With the agreement of the Mover and Seconder, the Main Motion was amended to read as follows:

*WHEREAS the Métis of Ontario are in need of Original Peoples Mental Health Wisdom Committees,*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario support the formation of Community Wisdom Committees in all community councils in Ontario.*

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended, and it was

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-08)**

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### **Program to Decrease Aboriginal Homeless Population**

#### **Main Motion**

#### **It was MOVED (Bonnie Cann) and SECONDED (Francis Cadeau)**

WHEREAS, taking into consideration that Aboriginal homelessness remains a constant issue in the Greater Toronto area (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 8);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario has and continues to support a committee working towards a program to decrease the Aboriginal homeless population within the above stated geographical area.

#### **Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion**

That the Main Motion be amended to read as follows:

*WHEREAS, taking into consideration that Aboriginal homelessness remains a constant issue in the Greater Toronto area (Métis Nation of Ontario Region 8);*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario has and continues to support a committee working towards a program to decrease the Aboriginal homeless population.*

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended, and it was

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-09)**

### **2003 Fall Special General Assembly**

#### **It was MOVED (Connie Boyd) and SECONDED (Helen Bradley)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the convening of a 2003 Fall Special General Assembly subject to the ability of the MNO to secure funding for the event.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-10)**

### **Approval of Joint International Ventures**

#### **It was MOVED (Eric Scofield) and SECONDED (Tina Ethier)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario approve the MNO's continued progress towards joint ventures between the MNO and the Aymara of Peru; and the Maya of Guatemala.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-11)**

### **Educational Funding**

#### **Main Motion**

#### **It was MOVED (Tina Ethier) and SECONDED (Cam Burgess)**

WHEREAS provisions have been set up for scholarships but never for forgivable education funding; and

WHEREAS many Métis youth have the desire to further their education but there is no funding available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario set up a forgivable education fund for the Métis youth to apply for to enable less fortunate youth to further their education.

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### **Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion**

The Main Motion was amended to strike references to “youth”. The amended motion therefore read as follows:

WHEREAS provisions have been set up for scholarships but never for forgivable education funding; and

WHEREAS many Métis have the desire to further their education but there is no funding available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario set up a forgivable education fund for the Métis to apply for to enable less fortunate Métis to further their education.

Question was then called on the Main Motion as amended, and it was

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA03-12)**

### **National Definition of Métis**

#### **It was MOVED (Lawrence Gladue) and SECONDED (Joanne Young)**

That the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario strongly recommend throughout the rest of the Métis Nation Homeland the adoption of the following as a new clause 2.1(c) under the section of the National Definition of the Métis Consultation Document” called “2.0 Enrolment Criteria for the Métis Nation Registry”:

2.1(c) is accepted by the Métis community within the Historic Métis Nation Homeland through the Acceptance Process taking into account the traditions and customs of the Métis Nation.

**RESOLVED (AGA03-13)**

(76 voting in the affirmative, 10 voting in the negative)

#### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that the MNO follow up with Gaming Commission representatives regarding requirements for gaming/lottery licenses. (01)*

#### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that discussion on proposed Resolution From the Floor No. 3 relative to the adoption of a stand Human Rights policy be referred to the PCMNO for follow up as needed. (02)*

#### ***Request for Action***

*It was requested that issues identified by the Senators be referred to the PCMNO for consideration. (03)*