

# METIS NATION OF ONTARIO

## Annual Assembly '99

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### RESOLUTIONS

#### Resolution #1

Be it resolved, that the MNO commit itself to sound environmental practices and in so doing, develop a committee within the MNO to deal with environmental issues. This committee should involve one councilor (Watch Dog) per region and this individual should be allowed to respond quickly to an environmental crisis. Some of the goals of this committee would include:

- ∞ addressing environmental grievances.
- ∞ educating our people as well as the larger community
- ∞ lobbying the government to reduce pesticide spraying
- ∞ creating a resource center
- ∞ working with our Elders by utilizing their knowledge and experience.
- ∞ conducting "Leave No Trace" assemblies; leaving only what you found when you arrive.

Mover: Ann Lesperance  
Seconder: Sue Bertrand

*Table until the fall assembly - passed by consensus*

#### Resolution #2

Whereas, the Provincial Government Policy has been, to allow chemical spraying of large areas of newly replanted forest stands, for the purpose of controlling "competing vegetation" and in some instances for the purpose of controlling insects, and;

Whereas, Vision 2-4-D or most forms of chemical sprays that kill vegetation and insects has the potential to harm human life through the harvesting of berries, etc. also, the potential to harm the reproduction of birds, animal life including fish and:

Whereas, we the Metis Nation, and Aboriginal people in Canada are from ancestral times, responsible to care for and protect nature in all its forms.

Therefore, be it resolved that we want it to be recorded officially, that this 6th Annual Assembly, goes on record as urging the government of Ontario to end this practice of chemical spraying for the above-stated purposes forthwith.

Mover: Pierre-Paul Dallaire  
Seconded: Roger Giroux

Motion passed by consensus

### Resolution #3

To send to all members of the MNO, via "The Voyager" and via the "Internet", to strongly advise them not to fill any forms given to you, from the MNR or any other body other than the MNO.

Moved By: Roger Giroux  
Seconded by: Jack Leroux

Motion passed by consensus

### Resolution #4

Whereas, the practice of clear cutting of our forests goes on unabated in Ontario, and;

Whereas, our lands are treated as the government and the huge financial interests own private gardens; clear cutting must stop.

Whereas, the introduction of the newly devised "Living Legacy, Lands for Life" Policy of the Government of Ontario does not sufficiently take into account, the rights and concerns of the Metis Nation and the Aboriginal people in Ontario, in its policies of allowing mining developments in this province and;

Whereas, our health rest at the hands of policies often influenced solely, on quick financial gains for a few, to the detriment of the people of Ontario's health and welfare. We, the Metis Nation of Ontario in Assembly, go on record as opposing this practice as essentially irresponsible and potentially dangerous to the present generation and to our descendants;

Therefore, we propose that the PCMNO set up an Environmental committee that will concern itself with investigating the extent of the damage and the potential future damage to be caused to the environment by these practices and recommend actions to be taken by ourselves or in conjunction with others, with similar concerns.

Moved by: Pierre-Paul Dallaire  
Seconded by: Allana Marshal

Moved to be tabled to the Fall Assembly by consensus

#### Resolution #5

Be it resolved, that the Metis Nation of Ontario, advise the Ministry of Natural Resources to have first access to moose tag allocation for a special 1999 fall hunt scheduled for southeastern Ontario (Unit 65)

Moved by: Sue Bertrand  
Seconded by: Linda Vereault

Put to a vote: In favour - 67  
Against - 9  
Abstentions - 1

Motion passed.

#### Resolution #6

Be to resolved, that the Provisional council, Senators, be given the mandate to oversee all Comments, Complaints and Ombudsmen for the citizens of the Metis Nation of Ontario.

Moved by: Gilbert Gervais  
Seconded by: Judy Trott

Moved to be tabled to the Fall Assembly by consensus

#### Resolution #7

Be it resolved, that the Metis Nation of Ontario prepare a discussion paper for the Special Assembly in December 1999, that reports on the creation of a dispute resolution for the Metis Nation of Ontario.

Moved by: Lawrence Gladue  
Seconded by: Bonny Cann  
Passed by vote. (Vote numbers, not available)

#### Resolution #8

The Hamilton-Wentworth Metis President would like a discussion paper be prepared for the fall assembly, on known members from the Canadian Metis Council who hold MNO cards. This paper would discuss restriction of privileges within the Metis Nation, based on the following grounds:

- (a) being a rival organization trying to take over money's from HRDC.
- (b) who want nothing more but to reap havoc on the MNO through Community Councils.

A discussion paper is to be prepared and this motion is tabled till the Fall Assembly.

Moved by: Judy Trott  
Seconded by: Marc Newman  
  
Put to a Vote: In favour - 73  
Opposed - 1  
Abstentions - 1

Motion is carried.

#### Resolution #9

If the Canadian Metis Council members are given funding from the Metis allocation to serve their members, be it resolved that the Canadian Metis Council be denied access to MNOTI funding.

Moved by: Judy Trott  
Seconded by: Marc Newman

Motion carried by consensus.

#### Resolution #10

Be it resolved, that we accept the Metis Nation of Ontario Secretariat bylaws as amended on March 8, 1999.

Moved by: France Picotte.  
Seconded by: Shirley Giroux

Moved to be tabled to the Fall Assembly by consensus; need 2/3 majority vote to pass.

#### Resolution #11

I move that the MNO appoint BDO Dunwoody, as an Auditor for the MNO for the 1999/2000 fiscal year as per bylaw 41.

Moved by: Lawrence Gladue  
Seconded by: Helen Bradley

Motion carried by consensus.

#### Resolution #12

Whereas, the Metis Citizens of the MNO have benefited from the self-help housing programs from CMHC and Frontiers Foundation;

And whereas, the Frontiers Foundation have been denied federal funds to continue their volunteer program to house Metis families;

Be it resolved that the MNO actively support Frontiers Foundation in its fundraising activities with the Federal Government.

Moved by: Lawrence Gladue  
Seconded by: Helen Bradley

Motion moved by consensus.

### Resolution #13

I move that MNO set priorities to items that must be completed.

Therefore, be it resolved that a priority is, that we get our permanent Metis cards.

Moved by: Verna Porter  
Seconded by: Senator Greenwood

Put to a vote: In favour - 78  
Opposed - 1  
Abstention - 1

Motion carried by vote.

### Resolution #14

Be it resolved, that any one attending any conferences, as a representative of the Metis Nation of Ontario, compile a report to be distributed to the appropriate branch of the Metis Nation. And that a report, also be provided to the Metis Voyager editor, for publication so that all Citizens of the Metis Nation of Ontario, may benefit from the information obtained from such a conference.

Moved by: Bonny Cann.  
Seconded by: Ann Lesperance

Motion carried by consensus.

### Resolution #15

Be it resolved, that the Metis Nation of Ontario create a citizenship card for spouses of verified Metis Citizens.

- (a) Issue an associate citizen card with spousal recognition
- (b) Including ID card with the same number as spouse with the spousal card having identifying mark(s).

Moved by: Tim Miron  
Seconded by: Senator Marg Dumont

Moved to be tabled to the Fall Assembly by consensus

#### Resolution #16

Whereas, the Federal government, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, terminated the provision of new housing for home ownership and rental in December 31, 1993;

Whereas, Metis families are suffering due to overcrowding from inadequate housing;

Be it resolved that the MNO actively negotiate with the Federal government to renew RNH program.

Moved by:               Lawrence Galdue  
Seconded by:           Brian Cockburn

Motion carried by consensus.

#### Resolution #17

Proposal to possibly get up a committee to investigate the feasibility of rezoning the nine regions; even if we have to add two more. Set up a fifty mile boundary between councils.

Moved by:               Gord Calder  
Seconded by:           Jack Leroux

Moved to be tabled to the Fall Assembly by consensus

#### Resolution #18

Be it resolved that a committee be put into place to prepare a discussion a paper for the purpose of identifying all Metis War Veterans across Ontario and perhaps Canada.

Moved by:               Senator Kay Lynch  
Seconded by:           Jack Leroux

Motion carried by consensus

## Resolution #19

That the delegates, to the MNO 6th Annual Assembly, July 12-16/99, give our full support to the PCMNO elected officials, to deal with and solve anyway possible, all issues which affect the Metis people.

Moved by: Senator Kay Lynch  
Seconded by: Reta Gordon

Put to a vote: In favour - 65  
Opposed - 1  
Abstentions - 4

Motion carried by the vote.