



REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 20-22, 2017

It was MOVED (Vice-Chair Cadeau) and SECONDED (Councilor Stenlund)

WHEREAS as the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) prepares to enter into further negotiations on Métis rights, self-government and outstanding Métis claims against the Crown, the credibility of the MNO Registry is essential; and

WHEREAS Section 4 of the MNO Bylaws states that “citizenship in the MNO shall be limited to individuals interested in furthering the objects of the MNO and who are Métis within the definition adopted by the MNO” as set out in Section 4(a) of the MNO Bylaws and further explained in the MNO Registry Policy; and

WHEREAS, for greater certainty, the MNO definition of Métis includes *all* of the descendants of the seven historic regional rights-bearing Métis communities that have been identified by the MNO as well as citizens of the Métis Nation from western Canada who now live in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the MNO has recently released the results of its Ontario Métis Root Ancestors Project (Phase I), jointly identified seven historic regional rights-bearing Métis communities with Ontario, and completed a successful verification process of all MNO Harvester Card holders for the ongoing Independent Review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the MNO direct the MNO administration to retain the consulting firm KnowHistory to complete a review of all the MNO Registry files in order to prepare for the issuing of new MNO Citizenship cards. The review will provide the following information:

- a. Files that are determined to meet the current requirements for MNO citizenship, including, an identification of whether these individuals ancestrally connect to one of the identified seven historic Métis communities in Ontario or the Métis Nation in western Canada (i.e., through Métis scrip, land grants, etc.) will be issued a new MNO citizenship card.
- b. Files that are determined to not meet the current requirements for MNO citizenship will be notified of what necessary documents are missing so that letters can be sent to these MNO citizens and provide them with a fair and reasonable time to provide the necessary documentation to the MNO Registry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO further directs that this review begin with the elected leadership on the PCMNO and Community Councils and that following this review those that meet the MNO citizenship requirements be sent letters confirming their files are complete and that they be issued a new MNO citizenship card. Those that have outstanding documentation required in their files will be notified in writing and provided a fair and reasonable amount of time to provide the necessary documentation to the MNO Registry.

RESOLVED (PC171022-08)