

## MINUTES

Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly (AGA) held August 23-25, 2019, at the Quattro Hotel & Conference Centre, 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, prepared by Jana Anderson, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

The order of the Agenda was varied throughout the AGA. Items are presented in these Minutes in the order in which they were considered and are numbered sequentially.

## DAY ONE – August 23, 2019

### Opening Ceremonies

The AGA commenced with the Colour Guard, Grand Entry and Procession of Métis Veterans, Senators, and members of the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), led by Métis Fiddler Renee Gatien. Delegates joined together in the singing of “We Aspire”.

Senator Brenda Powley offered an Opening Prayer.

Chair Picotte called the AGA to order at 8:35 a.m. and acknowledged the historic site of Sault Ste. Marie which lies within the Métis Nation of Ontario homeland in which the AGA was being held.

### Opening Remarks

#### Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

President Froh welcomed delegates to the 2019 AGA, referenced the significance of the recent signing of a Self-Government Agreement for the Métis Nation of Ontario, and thanked the host communities for welcoming the AGA into the territory.

#### PCMNO Regional Councilor Ernie Gatien, Region 4

PCMNO Regional Councilor Gatien offered a welcome to the territory, acknowledged the two hosting Community Councils and thanked delegates and honoured guests for their attendance at the event.

#### Historic Sault Ste. Marie Community Council President Kim Powley

President Powley welcomed delegates and thanked the local Community Council for hosting the AGA. President Powley acknowledged and thanked leadership for their success in moving toward self-government.

#### North Channel Métis Community Council President Yvonne Jensen

President Jensen welcomed delegates and acknowledged the AGA was being held on the grounds of the original Sault Ste. Marie Métis Historic Settlement. President Jensen welcomed political

dignitaries, the PCMNO, Regional 4 Councils, Métis citizens and Elders. President Jensen spoke on the significant growth of the MNO and acknowledged the momentous signing of the Self-Government Agreement between the Métis Nation of Ontario and the federal government.

#### **Introduction of PCMNO**

Vice-Chair Cadeau introduced and led delegates in recognizing members of the PCMNO.

## **Welcoming Remarks from Dignitaries and Guests**

#### **Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Christian Provenzano**

Mayor Provenzano extended greetings on behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, acknowledged the traditional territory in which the Assembly was being held, commented on the City's important relationship with the Métis community, their support with the development of the Métis Culture Centre and invitations to consult with Métis on various initiatives, plans and projects. Mayor Provenzano acknowledged the commitment of the City to establish a mutually respectful relationship and move forward collectively and collaboratively.

#### **Terry Sheehan, MP for Sault Ste. Marie**

MP Sheehan welcomed delegates, spoke on the Métis Nation of Ontario's road to self-government and acknowledged input received from the Powley family regarding bylaws for Sault Ste. Marie parks. MP Sheehan noted his commitment to continue working with Métis.

#### **Video: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**

Premier Ford spoke of Ontario's commitment to work with Métis people to build opportunities and the government's support for the Métis Voyageur Development Fund. Premier Ford noted the Province of Ontario is looking forward to strengthening its relationship with the Métis Nation of Ontario and creating economic opportunities for Métis people in Ontario.

#### **Clifford Bull, Special Advisor to the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs**

Special Advisor Bull extended greetings on behalf of Premier Ford and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford. The Special Advisor acknowledged the territory's historical rights-bearing significance and spoke on his goal to bring further attention to the MNO's priorities with the province, continue discussions on how the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement might advance shared priorities and expand economic opportunities for Métis communities. It was noted that the Métis Voyageur Development Fund was an excellent example of a successful Aboriginal institution.

#### **Sol Mamakwa, MPP for Kiiwetinoog**

MPP Mamakwa extended traditional greetings and acknowledged Métis leaders, provincial government representatives and dignitaries present. MPP Mamakwa commented on the need for community-led solutions, the need for Indigenous leaders to work together and to share truths and address the challenges faced. He spoke on his role as the federal opposition critic to the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and how working together creates opportunities and pushed reconciliation forward.

#### **Video: Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader, New Democratic Party, Government of Ontario**

MPP Horwath acknowledged the work and successes of the MNO in advancing the rights of Métis people in Ontario, as a voice for protecting Métis land and resource development, and the historic

agreement signed with the province of Ontario. MPP Horwath acknowledged MNO's work to address economic development, health, harvesting rights and towards building a Métis-specific consultation model. MPP Horwath spoke on the need to recognize inequities faced by Métis and address inadequate health care and education; and noted that the NDP supports the work of the Métis Nation of Ontario and looks forward to continuing to work with the MNO.

**Carol Hughes, MP, New Democratic Party Caucus, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, Ontario**

MP Hughes acknowledged the traditional territory, brought greetings on behalf of her riding and on behalf of MPP Michael Mantha of Algoma-Manitoulin. MP Hughes acknowledged the recent signing of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA) and spoke on the need to continue working together to create a better life for Métis in the province including in the areas of education, housing and health.

**Audrey Poitras, President, Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)**

MNA President Poitras acknowledged all those present and thanked the MNO for the invitation to attend their AGA each year. President Poitras commented on the importance of working together, as evidenced by the historical signing by the MNO, MNA and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) of their respective MGRSAs at the same time. President Poitras spoke on the value of recognition and equality and noted she was looking forward to watching the journey of the MNO over the upcoming year.

**Melanie Omeniho, President, Les Femme Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO)**

LFMO President Omeniho thanked the MNO for the invitation to attend and noted her pride in the work of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC) including with respect to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Children (MMIWG) inquiry, the "She Is Indigenous" campaign ([www.sheisindigenous.ca](http://www.sheisindigenous.ca)), and working with Métis governments to bring forward issues and the voice of women in those issues.

**Ryan Carriere, Veterans Minister and Sherry McLennan, Minister of Batoche, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)**

MN-S Batoche Minister McLennan thanked the MNO for the invitation to attend, recognized Elders, dignitaries, leaders, guests and Métis citizens and encouraged everyone to attend the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Batoche in 2020. Minister McLennan acknowledged the importance of relationship building and working with government partners.

MN-S Veterans Minister Carriere acknowledged veterans present, spoke on the need to continue working together to meet the needs of the nations, investing in post-secondary, child and family services and housing. The need to continue to move forward and have healthy dialogue to work together for future progress as a strong proud Nation, was noted.

**Cassidy Caron, Minister Responsible for Youth, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)**

MNBC Minister Caron extended greetings on behalf MNBC President Clara Morin Dal Col, acknowledged the historic significance of Sault Ste. Marie and congratulated the MNO on the signing of their MGRSA. Minister Caron commented on her attendance at the MNO Youth Council's third Annual Youth Leadership Conference, her experiences working with Métis youth across the homeland, the mutual support of the respective provincial Métis Youth Councils and need to continue working together for the future generations.

Wooden paddles were presented to each of the preceding speakers.

Chair Picotte joined delegates in acknowledging the MNO Founding President Tony Belcourt, MNO Past-President Gary Lipinski, and Christine MacKay, Ontario Native Women's Association, present at the AGA.

## State of the Nation Address

### Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

President Froh extended greetings and welcomed leaders, guests and delegates to the historic community of Sault Ste. Marie, home of the Supreme Court of Canada *Powley* decision and the home of many Métis families. President Froh commented on the history of the area which led to the recognition of Métis Section 35 rights. Thanks were offered to the local Community Council for hosting the AGA, the Métis elected leadership, MNO staff and AGA sponsors for their support.

President Froh provided updates on the range of programs and services delivered by the MNO government, outlined in the distributed "Métis Nation of Ontario Annual Report 2018-19". Some of the highlights included: 10-year funding secured under the Indigenous Skills and Employment and Training Program; growth of the Post-Secondary Bursary Endowment; secured dedicated funding to support Métis students attending post-secondary education; the Early Learning and Child Care program; selection of MNO Infinite Reach Facilitators; seasonal youth cultural camps; programs and services under the MNO Healing and Wellness Branch; and, programs, services and activities under the MNO Lands, Resources and Consultation Branch. President Froh shared that Infinity Property Services solidified existing services and developed a strategic plan for expansion. The MNO was a signatory to the Canada-Métis Nation Housing Sub-Accord. The MNO participated in meetings at the federal level including a Summit with the Prime Minister, meetings with key Ministers and two provisional forums with industry and government partners. Thirteen successful Community Council elections were held in the past year, and two new Councils, the Thames Bluewater Community Council and Barrie South Simcoe Community Council, were formed.

President Froh reported that the MNO's Registry Operations were reorganized, and new service standards implemented. The MNO has centralized operations with the IT team, providing services to all 32 offices throughout Ontario. HR staff are reviewing existing personnel policies to align with current legislative requirements, and the finance team supported preparation of the audit and processed expenditures. The Deloitte Report was complete, and a plan was initiated to implement the recommendations from the report. Nationally, MNO continues to secure long term investments, signing a new 10 year Post-Secondary Education Accord, a 10 year Early Learning and Child Care Accord, a 10 year Accord on Homelessness, a 10 year Interim Governance Agreement, a 5 year Economic Development Accord, a Métis Veterans Recognition Agreement. Additionally, the MNO Prosperity Trust was created.

President Froh acknowledged the MNO's position with regard to the political issues occurring with the Métis National Council, noting they would not take away the rights, history and continued presence of the historic Métis communities in Ontario. The Self-Government Implementation Agreements would protect and respect the regional variations and collective priorities. Support was expressed for remaining focused on advancing Métis rights, recognition and self-government and

ensuring a stronger Métis nation in the future.

Chair Picotte led delegates in acknowledging the Sponsors of the 2019 MNO AGA.

## Update Reports

### **Métis Nation of Ontario Senators**

PCMNO Executive Senator Poitras reported that Senators met annually, and that Senator elections were scheduled in 2020. Senators were interested in establishing themselves as a Council and establishing drop in centres for aging citizens in each community.

### **Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council (MNOVC)**

MNOVC President Brian Black provided an update on the 63 events the MNOVC participated in over the past year, including a service appreciation lunch organized for past MNOVC President Joseph Paquette. President Black encouraged delegates to let the MNOVC know of any Métis veterans in their communities so the MNOVC can contact them to provide information on services available.

### **Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC)**

MNOWC Spokesperson Sharon Cadeau introduced MNOWC representatives present at the AGA. The MNOWC recently met and agreed that for the May 2020 MNOWC election, the Council will be a standalone Council with an elected President, and that an appointed Elder will be added.

Women's Council Region representatives present at the AGA commented on the need for including the women's voice in discussions related to programs and initiatives in the communities and regions.

Pearl Gabona, Region 8 Women's Representative, announced that the MNOWC created a new recognition "Women Honouring Women Award" to be presented annually. The 2019 Women Honouring Women Award was then presented to Sharon Cadeau.

LFMO President Omeniho reported on MNOWC activities over the past year including ensuring the voice of Métis women is represented and respected at the federal level; supporting the MMIWG inquiry; acting as intervenor in the Cindy Gladue trial; and participating in a tri-lateral group with the Canadian, United States and Mexico governments and as part of the Canadian delegation on the Commission for Status of Women.

### **Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC)**

MNOWC President Mitchell Case provided an update on the events and activities the MNOYC participated in over the past year, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference; the Infinite Potential Strategy; creation of five Working Groups; development of wellness kits; roll out of the "My Harvest Campaign" and new Youth Sash; the Living Library; bead kit sales, supporting community cultural activities for youth and beaded poppies for veterans; and work at the national level to ensure inclusion of the youth voice. MNOYC President Case announced that in the past 12 years, all decisions made by the MNOYC had been made by consensus and that youth were looking forward to working on the Constitution building. MNOWC President Case announced this was his last address as MNOYC President as he would be retiring from the Council in 2020.

Delegates viewed a video recapping the past 25 Years of the MNO.

## **Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremonies**

A Signing Ceremony was held to recognize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Region 2 Consultation Committee and Resolute Forest Products.

A cake cutting ceremony recognized the signing of the Impact Benefit Agreement between the Region 2 Consultation Committee and Greenstone Gold Mines.

## **MNO 2019 AGA BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCES**

Delegates joined together in singing “O Canada”.

### **1. Establishment of Annual General Assembly Quorum and Adoption of Standing Rules of Order**

Vice Chair Cadeau reported that there were 264 registered delegates at the 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA as of noon on the first day, with quorum therefore being set at 132.

Chair Picotte reviewed the electronic voting process using the “clickers” provided. A query was raised whether an abstention vote counted. Chair Picotte indicated that under the Métis Rules of Order and MNO Bylaws, a vote cast to “abstain” was considered a vote in opposition.

#### **Point of Order**

In response to a point of order raised that a third party Parliamentarian did not have the authority to address the Assembly floor, Chair Picotte noted that the Parliamentarian was available to provide an opinion.

#### **Challenge the Chair**

Following a challenge from the floor on the decision of the Chair regarding whether a vote cast as an abstention would be considered a vote in opposition, Chair Picotte put the question forward for a vote.

#### **Vote on Decision**

On the question as to whether an abstention vote would count as a vote cast, 46 delegates voted in favour and 170 voted in opposition. Chair Picotte noted that for the 2019 AGA, any votes cast in abstention would not be considered a vote cast.

Discussion ensued during which amendments to the Standing Rules were proposed from the floor to eliminate the time limit for speaker debate and to amend the wording to reflect that accommodations “will” be made to allow citizens with a disability to debate a motion.

#### **It was MOVED (Art Bennett) and SECONDED (Joanne Young)**

That the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly accept the Standing Rules, as amended.

**RESOLVED (AGA190823-01)**

(179 voting in favour; 34 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

## **2. Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

During discussion, amendments to the Agenda were proposed to move consideration of the Special Resolutions to the first item of business on Day 2, and to move the Non-Special Resolutions to Day 3 of the AGA.

**It was MOVED (Theresa Stenlund) and SECONDED (Peter Rivers)**

That the Agenda for the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly scheduled August 23-25, 2019 be adopted, as amended.

**RESOLVED (AGA190823-02)**

(191 voting in favour; 26 voting in opposition; 4 abstentions)

## **3. Appointment of the Resolutions Committee**

The floor was opened for nominations.

Vice Chair Cadeau nominated the following individuals to the 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA Resolutions Committee, each of whom accepted the nomination: Ray Bergie, Pearl Gabona, Jordan Playne and June Smart.

The following individuals were nominated to the Resolutions Committee and consented to the nomination: Tobias Clarke, Rene Gravelle, Russell Green, Ron LePage, Rick Paquette, Joseph Poitras, Hank Rowlinson and Luke Thompson. The floor was closed for nominations.

**It was MOVED (Luke Thompson) and SECONDED (Peter Rivers)**

That the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly agree that if an individual is the mover or seconder of a Special or Ordinary Resolution, they are not able to sit on the Resolutions Committee.

**RESOLVED (AGA190823-03)**

(185 voting in favour; 33 voting in opposition; 3 abstentions)

**It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Dianne Kilby)**

That the Resolutions Committee for the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly consist of the following individuals who have agreed to stand and have no conflict, recognizing that there are more than three:

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| - Pearl Gabona   | - Russell Green  | - Ron LePage     |
| - Joseph Poitras | - Hank Rowlinson | - Rick Paquette. |
| - Luke Thompson  | - Rene Gravelle  |                  |

**RESOLVED (AGA190823-04)**

(166 voting in favour; 40 voting in opposition; 3 abstentions)

### **Agenda Amended**

There was consensus to amend the Agenda to consider the Financial Update at this time.

## 4. Financial Update

### 4.1 Treasurer's Update/Finance Report

PCMNO Secretary-Treasurer Pile reported on financial activities over the past year, highlighting payroll and expense processing system upgrades; completion of the Mercer staff compensation report and implementation plan; improved Human Resources policies and procedures; and completion of the Deloitte report and implementation plan on the recommendations. It was announced that the MNO has achieved a surplus of \$203,468 and reduced overall debt to \$42,500. Recommendations would be developed toward paying down the debt and the MNO being debt free during the current fiscal. MNO has received a clean audit opinion and is in a secure financial position as of March 31, 2019.

### 4.2 Approval of 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements

PCMNO Secretary-Treasurer Pile advised the PCMNO accepted the Financial Statements at its meeting held August 9, 2019.

Randy Tivy, Partner, Baker Tilly, Ottawa LLP, referred to the Independent Auditor's Report. It was confirmed that the financial statements are an unqualified opinion, they present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the MNO Secretariat as at March 31, 2019 and its results of operations and cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2018, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit organizations.

Mr. Tivy led a review of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2019.

#### **It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Rene Gravelle)**

That the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly accept as presented the Métis Nation of Ontario Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019.

**RESOLVED (AGA190823-05)**

(128 voting in favour; 34 voting in opposition; 19 abstentions)

Theresa Stenlund noted she was opposed as questions submitted to staff regarding funds MNO received on behalf of community councils for programming and related to Region 1 IBA funding, remained unanswered.

### 4.3 Appointment of Auditor

#### **It was MOVED (Joanne Young) and SECONDED (Hank Rowlinson)**

That the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly appoint Baker Tilly, Ottawa LLP, as the MNO's auditors for year ending March 31, 2020.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA190823-06)**

PCMNO Secretary-Treasurer Pile acknowledged regional councilors for their assistance with obtaining community council financials, and recognized community councils that provided financials in a timely manner. The MNO finance team, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Strategy Officer and Finance Branch were recognized for their hard work and dedication.



## 5. Adoption of Draft 2018 AGA Minutes

### 5.1 2018 AGA Minutes

In discussion, the following corrections/amendments were noted:

- Throughout, replace “Shakleton” with “Shackleton”
- Page 15, Item 7.2, sixth bullet, replace “though” with “through”
- Page 19, Item 7.5, replace “SR#3” with “SR#4”.

#### **It was MOVED (Gary Laframboise) and SECONDED (Art Bennett)**

That the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly held August 17-19, 2018, be approved, as amended.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA190823-07)**

### 5.2 Business Arising from 2017 AGA Minutes

Delegates were invited to review the distributed material and were welcomed to raise related questions at any point during the AGA.

## 6. MNO Year in Review Video

Jennifer St. Germain, Chief Strategy Officer, and Joanne Meyer, COO, acknowledged accomplishments over the past year and future accomplishments anticipated, and introduced a video titled “Métis Nation of Ontario – 2018-19 Highlights”.

## 7. Update on Registry

Ryan Shackleton, Know History, led a review of a projected presentation titled “AGA Update”, providing information on the Registry Self-Government Readiness Project (RSRP) completed, a status update on registry operations and inventory of the registry, the potential Verified Metis Family Lines (VMFL) and long term goals. It was noted that a Mobile Registry was set up at the AGA to respond to queries and update addresses and citizenship card photographs.

During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered regarding, the addition of an expiry date on the new Citizenship cards; the need to address the question of adoption, citizenship laws and community acceptance processes, as part of Constitution building process; the process for updating addresses; eligibility to vote at elections; standard operating procedures to be developed; the Registry Policy guiding decisions; the need to establish a formal system of appeals; the VMFL and Section 35 rights tests and Registration Policy requirements; the proposed establishment and role of a MNO Standards and Issues Committee; and the requirements under the current Registry Policy.

## ADJOURNMENT

The 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA held August 23-25, 2019 adjourned on Day One – August 23, 2019, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## DAY TWO – AUGUST 24, 2019

### AGA RECONVENED AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Picotte reconvened the 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA on Day Two – August 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

#### 8. Special Business Resolutions

Hank Rowlinson, AGA Resolutions Committee Chair, reported that the Committee reviewed the 41 Special Resolutions (SR), and confirmed that 36 were in compliance, five were non-compliant and 17 were “blended”, based on the Committee’s best knowledge and materials provided.

##### 8.1 Special Business Resolution #1 – Recommending Changes to Section 53 of the MNO Bylaws

As SR#1 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion, comments were offered on increasing the number of Finance Committee meetings and number of seats on the Committee.

##### **It was MOVED (Ray Bergie) and SECONDED (Mitch Case)**

WHEREAS the PCMNO reviewed several proposed revisions to the MNO Bylaws on June 16, 2019, and provided approval to proceed with making recommended revisions to the MNO Bylaws by way of a Special Resolution as per Section 59 of the MNO Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended revision to the MNO Bylaws:

1. In Section 53 on “Finance Committee” remove:

“The PCMNO shall establish a Finance Committee, which shall be composed of four (4) appointed members of the PCMNO, one of whom shall be the Secretary Treasurer who shall assume the position of Chair of the Finance Committee.

- a. The President shall sit on the Finance Committee in an ex-official capacity and shall be a non-voting member.
- b. The Finance Committee will meet quarterly and shall be responsible to oversee and monitor the finances of the MNO.
- c. The Finance Committee shall be responsible to prepare quarterly financial statements and quarterly budget projections.”

And replace with the following:

“The PCMNO shall establish a Finance and Audit Committee, which shall be composed of six (6) appointed members of the PCMNO and composition shall be as follows:

- a. The Secretary Treasurer shall assume the position of Chair of the Committee (ex-officio, voting only to break a tie vote).

- b. The President shall sit on the Committee in an ex-officio capacity and shall be a non-voting member.
- c. One (1) PCMNO Senator appointed by the PCMNO Senators (voting).
- d. Three (3) PCMNO members at large appointed by PCMNO, at least two of which shall be Regional Councilors (voting).
- e. The Finance and Audit Committee will meet at least three times a year and shall be responsible to oversee and monitor the finance of the MNO.”

**DEFEATED**

(119 voting in favour; 93 voting in opposition; 0 abstentions)

**8.2 Special Business Resolution #2 – Recommending Changes to Section 1 of the MNO Bylaws**  
As SR#2 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (June Smart) and SECONDED (Mitch Case)**

WHEREAS the PCMNO reviewed several proposed revisions to the MNO Bylaws on June 26, 2019, and provided approval to proceed with making recommended revisions to the MNO Bylaws by way of Special Resolution as per Section 59 of the MNO Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended revision to the MNO Bylaws:

- 1. In Section 1 in reference to the Women’s Secretariat, remove “Secretariat” and replace with “Council.”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-01)**

(161 voting in favour; 51 voting in opposition; 10 abstentions)

**Point of Order**

In response to a point of order regarding the past practice of reading resolutions aloud, Chair Picotte noted time for prior review had been allowed, as all Special Resolutions were circulated two weeks prior to the AGA and had been posted on the MNO website.

**8.3 Special Business Resolution #3 – Recommending Changes to Section 28 of the MNO Bylaws**

As SR#3 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In response to questions it was noted the resolution applies to PCMNO Councilors, clarifies PCMNO Councilor roles from a legal perspective and increases transparency with regard to compensation.

**It was MOVED (Verna Porter-Brunelle) and SECONDED (Katelyn LaCroix)**

WHEREAS the PCMNO reviewed several proposed revisions to the MNO Bylaws on June 26, 2019, and provided approval to proceed with making recommended revisions to the MNO Bylaws by way of Special Resolution as per Section 59 of the MNO Bylaws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended revision to the MNO Bylaws:

- 1. In Section 28 on “Compensation for Councilors – PCMNO Councilors not MNO Employees or Community Councilors” remove:

“A councilor may be remunerated or paid reasonable expenses incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her duties. A councilor may, provide services to the MNO under a term contract for services.

- a. A councilor may not, during his or her term of office as councilor, concurrently be an employee of MNO.
- b. A councilor may not, during his or her term of office as councilor, concurrently serve as an elected community council member.”

And replace with the following:

“A councilor may be remunerated or paid reasonable expenses incurred by him or her in the performance of his or her duties.

- a. A councilor may not, during his or her term of office as councilor, concurrently receive compensation from the MNO in excess of (i) the compensation payable by MNO to the councilor on account of his or her position as councilor and (ii) such additional compensation as is reported to the PCMNO by the councilor for other duties performed or services provided by such councilor.
- b. A councilor may not, during his or her term of office as councilor, concurrently serve as an elected community council member.”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-02)**

(160 voting in favour; 42 voting in opposition; 20 abstentions)

**8.4 Special Business Resolution #4 – To Delete Section 10 of the MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015)**

As SR#4 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Katelyn LaCroix)**

WHEREAS the MNO Bylaws set out the MNO’s definition of Métis, which is further explained and implemented through the MNO Registry Policy; and

WHEREAS section 10 of the current MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015) sets out that “Each applicant must provide proof that he or she is ordinary resident in Ontario”; and

WHEREAS the MNO Annual General Assembly aims to remove the requirement that applicants applying for MNO citizenship be ordinarily resident in Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended deletion of section 10 of the MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015).

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-03)**

(169 voting in favour; 50 voting in opposition; 6 abstentions)

**8.5 Special Business Resolution #5 – To Delete Section 11 of the MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015 Version) which Requires that Applicants for MNO Citizenship Provide Proof of Canadian Citizenship**

As SR#5 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion, clarification was offered regarding the intention of the motion, and concern that veterans should not be burdened by additional paperwork.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Alexandra Dusome)**

WHEREAS the MNO Bylaws set out the MNO's definition of Métis, which is further explained and implemented through the MNO Registry Policy; and

WHEREAS section 11 of the current MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015 Version) sets out that "Each applicant must provide proof of Canadian citizenship"; and

WHEREAS the MNO Annual General Assembly desires to remove the requirement that applicants for MNO citizenship hold Canadian citizenship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that section 11 of the MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015 Version) be deleted.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-04)**

(154 voting in favour; 68 voting in opposition; 8 abstentions)

**8.6 Special Business Resolution #6 – To Hire an Independent, Non-Partisan Entity to Facilitate Elections and Investigate and Implement Electronic Voting**

As SR#6 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered regarding: the intention of the resolution; support for an independent non-partisan entity facilitating future elections, which provides a more transparent process; potential issues with electronic voting and providing a one-time log in; a suggestion that the Chief Electoral Officer be Métis; and the role of the Resolutions Committee to ensure compliance of resolutions.

**Point of Order**

In response to a point of order raised requesting an amendment to a special resolution, Chair Picotte noted that, in accordance with the MNO policy, special resolutions must be posted 50 days in advance of the AGA to ensure all citizens are provided an opportunity to review them. As an amendment would not meet the required posting time frame, amendments from the floor would not be entertained.

**Challenge the Chair**

Following a challenge from the floor on the ruling of the Chair regarding amending special resolutions, Jason Madden, Partner, Pape Salter Teillet (PST) LLP, advised MNO has a policy regarding conducting ordinary and special resolutions at an Annual General Assembly. The policy ensures that all citizens, not only those attending the AGA, are provided notice of a resolution and have an opportunity to review, discuss and consider any resolution that would make changes to the MNO Bylaws or result in significant changes to MNO's governance structures. The policy regarding conducting ordinary and special resolutions at an Annual General Assembly was adopted by the General Assembly in 2011.

**It was MOVED (Jennifer Parkinson) and SECONDED (Leslie Anne Muma)**

WHEREAS past elections have been organized and processed "in house" by Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) staff through the MNO head office in Ottawa; and

WHEREAS MNO staff provides the manpower to organized mail-out materials for upcoming elections and counts & records returning ballots; and

WHEREAS transparency is a fundamental principle in democratic, electoral processes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMNO be directed to research and source an independent, non-partisan entity to facilitate all future elections, and investigate and implement an electronic voting system, while allowing for consideration to accommodate areas where this electronic voting may not be feasible due to limitations in technology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following sections of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A be changed to accommodate an independent, non-partisan entity to facilitate elections and accommodate electronic voting be changed to read as follows:

- Article 2: Definitions, part (d) to read as follows: “Chief Electoral Officer” means *an independent, non-partisan entity selected by the PCMNO through a vetting process, pursuant to this Code who is charged with operating Elections for the MNO.*”
- Article 8: List of Electors, 8.6 to read as follows: “Electors shall vote at the Polling Station closest to where they are Ordinary Resident *or register to vote electronically.* In the event of any discrepancy, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the determination as to which Polling Station is closest. Before March 8<sup>th</sup> Electors may request of the Chief Electoral Officer that they be placed on the list of another Polling Station and such determinations shall be at the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.”
- Article 12.2 (b) and Article 13: Death of Candidate, section 13.1(b) to read as follows: “by placing a notice in the package containing the mail-in ballots, *and/or on the secure, electronic voting portal,* or by any other means that, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, is a cost effective and efficient way of informing the mail-in ballot recipients, if the withdrawal occurred prior to posting the mail-in ballots.”
- Article 12.2(c) and Article 13: Death of Candidate, section 13.1(c) to read as follows: “by any other means that, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, is a cost-effective and efficient way of informing the mail-in ballot recipients *and electronic voters,* if the withdrawal occurred after posting the mail-in ballots.”
- Article 16: Voting Locations & Mail-In Ballots, section 16.1 to read as follows: “Polling Station locations, *electronic voting capability* and any use of mail-in ballots for specific areas or communities shall be determined by the Chief Electoral Officer, taking into consideration convenience for the Electors, cost, proximity, population and participation levels.”
- Article 16: Voting Locations & Mail-In Ballots, section 16.2 to read as follows: “Locations of Polling Stations, *secure voters web portal* and specific areas or communities that are going to vote by means of mail-in ballots will be listed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the Election.”
- Article 20: Polling Booths, section 20.1 to read as follows: “Each Polling Station shall contain one or more polling booths arranged so that when a voter is in the polling booth he or she is screened from observation and may mark his or her ballot *or electronically vote without interference.*”
- Article 20: Polling Booths, section 20.2 to read as follows: “In each polling booth there shall be provided for the use of voters marking their ballots a suitable table, desk or shelf and a suitable marking instrument *or laptop/electronic device,* which shall be properly maintained during polling hours.”

- Article 21: Material at Polling Station, section 21.1, section (e) to read as follows: “A sufficient number of ballot papers *and/or laptops/electronic devices.*”
- Article 23: Secrecy of Voting and Secret Ballot, section 23.3, to read as follows: “Voting in the Elections shall be by secret ballot, *whether by mail-in ballot or electronic device. Electronic voting will be via a secure web portal with a unique, on-time use log in key for each voter registered for electronic voting. These unique keys will become invalid after the first successful log in.*”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-05)**

(183 voting in favour; 40 voting in opposition; 8 abstentions)

**8.7 Special Business Resolution #7 – To Adopt Electronic and Telephone Voting and Make Consequential Amendments to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#7 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, clarification was provided that if passed, SR#7 would override SR#6, with key points in SR#6 retained; MNO Policy #2019-003 had been provided to the Assembly in 2018; Article 3.1 allows for policies to be adopted to guide electronic and telephone voting; and legal counsel had reviewed the proposed amendment.

**It was MOVED (Sharon Cadeau) and SECONDED (Tim Pile)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A & B (“June 2018 Report”); and

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to encourage greater participation and turnout for MNO Elections; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommending implementing electronic and telephone voting in MNO Elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA:

1. Approves the addition of Article 43 to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

**"ARTICLE 43. ADOPTION OF NEW VOTING METHODS**

- 43.1 Policies may be adopted by the Annual General Assembly under this Code to enable the use of new voting methodologies in Elections.”

2. Adopts the attached MNO Policy #2019-003: Policy on Electronic and Telephone Voting.
3. Directs the following deletions and amendments be made to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

The following articles are deleted:

Article 12.2 (b) – “Withdrawal of Candidates”: “by placing a notice in the package containing the mail-in ballots, if the withdrawal occurred prior to posting the mail-in ballots, or”

Article 12.2 (c) – “Withdrawal of Candidates”: “by any other means that, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, is a cost effective and efficient way of

informing the mail-in ballot recipients, if the withdrawal occurred after the posting of the mail-in ballots”

Article 13.1 (b) – “Death of a Candidate”: “by placing a notice in the package containing the mail-in ballots, if the death occurred prior to posting the mail-in ballots, or”

Article 31.1 (c) – “Death of a Candidate”: “by any other means that, in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, is a cost-effective and efficient way of informing the mail-in ballot recipients, if the death occurs after posting the mail-in ballots.”

The following articles are revised:

The title of Article 16 is amended to delete “MAIL-IN BALLOTS”.

In Article 16.1 – “Polling Station Locations”, delete “and any use of mail-in ballots for specific areas or communities” after “Polling Station locations”. The revised Article 16.1 now reads as follows: “Polling Station locations shall be determined by the Chief Electoral Officer, taking into consideration convenience for the Electors, cost, proximity, population and participation levels.”

In Article 16.2 – “Polling Station Locations”, delete “any specific areas or communities that are going to vote by means of mail-in ballots” after “Locations of Polling Stations.” The revised Article 16.2 now reads as follows: “Locations of Polling Stations will be listed on or before April 1st in the year of the Election.”

4. Directs that the following definitions are added to Article 2.1 – “Definitions”:
  - (a) “Ballot” means a Paper Ballot, an Electronic Ballot, and a Telephone Ballot;
  - (j) “Electronic Ballot” means an image of a ballot on a computer screen prepared in accordance with a policy adopted pursuant to Article 43 of this Code;
  - (k) “Electronic Voting” means voting via the internet in accordance with a policy adopted pursuant to Article 43 of this Code;
  - (t) “Paper Ballot” means a Ballot on a piece of paper prepared in accordance with Article 19 of this Code;
  - (u) “Paper Ballot Box” means a box that meets the requirements of Article 18.1 of this Code to hold Paper Ballots’;
  - (ff) “Telephone Ballot” means an audio set of instructions which describe the choices available to the Elector and instructions to mark the Elector's selection of an affirmative or negative response by depressing the numbered telephone keypad of a telephone or wireless phone;
  - (gg) “Telephone Voting” means voting via a telephone or wireless phone in accordance with a policy adopted pursuant to Article 43 of this Code.
5. Directs that, in Article 2.1(w) – “Definitions”, the definition of “Poll Book” is amended to replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.
6. Directs that the following consequential amendments are made to use the amended or added defined terms set out above, throughout the MNO Electoral Code: Part A as necessary for consistency and clarity:



In Article 18 – “Ballot Boxes”, add “Paper” in front of “Ballot Boxes” in the title of this Article.

In Article 18.1 – “Ballot Boxes”, replace “ballot boxes” with “Paper Ballot Boxes” and “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 19.1 – “Contents of Ballots”, replace “ballots” with “Ballots”.

In Article 19.2 – “Contents of Ballots”, replace “ballot” with “Ballot”.

In Article 19.3 – “Contents of Ballots”, replace “ballot” with “Ballot”.

In Article 19.4 – “Contents of Ballots”, replace “ballot” with “Ballot”.

In Article 20.1 – “Polling Booths”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 20.2 – “Polling Stations”, replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 21.1 (e) and (f) – “Material at Polling Station”, replace “ballot papers” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 23.1 – “Secrecy of Voting”, replace “ballot” with “Ballot”.

In Article 23.2 – “Secrecy of Voting”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 23.3 - "Secrecy of Voting", replace "ballot" with "Ballot".

In Article 24.2 – “Display of Ballot Box”, replace “ballot box” with “Paper Ballot Box”.

In Article 24.3 – “Display of Ballot Box”, replace “ballot box” with “Paper Ballot Box” and “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 25.6 (a) and (b) – “Advance Polls”, replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 27.1 (e) (formerly (d)) – “Only Listed Electors Vote”, add “Scrutineer” after “Any Candidate and his or her”, and replace “ballot” and “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot”, and replace the second “ballot” with “vote”. The amended Article 27.1(e) reads as follows: “Any Candidate or his or her Scrutineer may object to the eligibility of any MNO citizen requesting a Paper Ballot. If in the opinion of the Returning Officer such objection is reasonable, it shall be noted in the Poll Book and shall include the reason for the objection along with the name of the Candidate on whose behalf the objection is being made. The Returning Officer may then give the Elector a Paper Ballot so that the Elector may cast his or her vote. In the event of an objection to the Elector, the Returning Officer shall follow the procedure under Article 34.7 of this Code.”

In Article 30.1 – “Ballots Not Removed”, replace “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 31.1 – “Forfeiture of Voting Rights”, replace “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 31.2 – “Declining to Vote”, replace “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 33.1 (a) – “Assistance for Disabled”, replace “ballot” and “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot” and “ballot box” with “Paper Ballot Box”.

In Article 33.1(b) - “Assistance for Disabled”, replace “ballot paper” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 33.3 – “Assistance for Disabled”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 34.1 – “Counting Spoiled & Declined Ballots”, replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 34.3 – “Counting to Vote”, replace “ballot box” with “Paper Ballot Box”.

In Article 34.4 – “Counting the Vote”, replace “ballot paper” and “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 34.5 – “Ballots to be Rejected”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 34.6 and Article 34.6 (b) – “Ballots Not to be Rejected”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 34.7 (a) – “Procedure for Disputed Ballots”, replace “ballot” with “Paper Ballot”.

In Article 34.8 – “Statement of Poll”, insert “cast by Paper Ballot” after “The Returning Officer at the conclusion of the count shall complete a statement of poll, indicating the number of votes for each Candidate”, and replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 34.10 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) – “Statement of Poll”, replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots” and in Article 34.10 (n) (formerly (m)), replace “ballot papers” with “Paper Ballots” and “ballot box” with “Paper Ballot Box”.

In Article 35.1 – “Announcing Results”, add “through combining the results of the counts of all valid Ballots” after “The Chief Electoral Officer shall publicly announce the results of the Election and declare elected the Candidates who received the largest numbers of votes”.

In Article 37.3 – “Recount Procedure”, replace “ballots” with “Paper Ballots”.

In Article 39.1 and Article 39.1 (c) and (d) – “Ballots to be destroyed”, replace “ballots” with “Ballots”.

7. That Article 3.1 (a) – “Date of Election” is removed:
- (a) “A timetable for the Elections that sets out many of the scheduled deadlines is attached, for convenience, as Appendix A. In the event of any conflict between the timetable and a written article in this Electoral Code, the written article shall prevail.”

And is replaced with the following:

- (a) “A timetable for the Elections that sets out many of the scheduled deadlines is attached, for convenience, as Appendix A. In the event of any conflict between the timetable and a written article in this Electoral Code or a policy made pursuant to Article 43, the written article of the Electoral Code or the policy shall prevail.”
8. That Article 4.1(e) – “Chief Electoral Officer” is amended to add “or any policies adopted under it” after “perform all duties assigned pursuant to this Code.”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-06)**

(161 voting in favour; 52 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

**8.8 Special Business Resolution #8 – To Amend the MNO Electoral Code: Part A to Allow for the Use of Features of New MNO Citizenship Cards**

As SR#8 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered regarding: intention of the resolution to create efficiencies as technology is advanced; clarification that passing the resolution would not affect voting rights and the security of the magnetic strip will be reviewed before being implemented; and, opposition given that it is not appropriate at this time and using the wording “new” in respect to citizenship cards.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Alexandra Dusome)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A and enable the use of modern features of MNO citizenship cards in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following addition to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

6. Article 43.2 is added to read as follows:

“43.2 Policies may be adopted by PCMNO to facilitate the use of features of MNO citizenship cards such as magnetic strip.”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-07)**

(158 voting in favour; 74 voting in opposition; 2 abstentions)

**8.9 Special Business Resolution #9 - To Lengthen Certain Time Periods in MNO Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#9 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered on the intention of the resolution, clarification that there was no cost associated with the resolution and that it would provide extra time and opportunity for Candidates travelling to campaign.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Tim Pile)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A & B ("June 2018 Report"); and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that the MNO provide more time for MNO citizens to review the preliminary List of Electors to ensure that it is as complete and accurate as possible; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended the MNO provide four, rather than two, weeks for MNO citizens to complete the nomination process; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that the MNO provide additional time for Candidates to campaign; and

WHEREAS this additional time for campaigning will also provide additional time for Advance Polls and Telephone and Electronic Voting (if adopted) to occur in advance of the date of

the Election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended amendments to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Article 8.3, replace “March 1<sup>st</sup>” with “February 10<sup>th</sup>”, with the corresponding change to Appendix A;
2. In Article 6.1, replace “March 15<sup>th</sup>” with “March 1<sup>st</sup>”, with the corresponding change to Appendix A; and
3. In Article 11.1, replace “three weeks” with “four weeks” with the corresponding change to Appendix A.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-08)**

(171 voting in favour; 37 voting in opposition; 6 abstentions)

**8.10 Special Business Resolution #10 – To Provide the Chief Electoral Officer with Options to Enforce the MNO Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#10 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: concern in past elections that the Chief Electoral Officer had no ability to enforce rules; opposition given that there were no checks and balances for sanctions imposed, and that an outside person would have too much power; the need for an appeal mechanism on sanctions; and, support for the ability to enforce policies, bylaws and codes.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Sharon Cadeau)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A & B ("June 2018 Report"); and

WHEREAS the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently has no mechanism through which the Chief Electoral Officer can investigate violations or impose sanctions for violations; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that the Chief Electoral Officer be provided with investigative and enforcement authorization to help ensure compliance with the MNO Electoral Code: Part A;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. New Articles 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 are added as follows:
  - 4.2 (a) The Chief Electoral Officer may conduct an investigation into any matter that might constitute a contravention of this Code or any policies made under it.
  - (b) If the Chief Electoral Officer receives a written complaint alleging that this Code or any policies made under it have been contravened, the Chief Electoral Officer must consider whether to investigate the matter.
  - (c) The Chief Electoral Officer may refuse to investigate a complaint if it appears to be frivolous, vexatious, or obviously unfounded.
- 4.3 If the Chief Electoral Officer, through an investigation under Article 4.2, finds that

a Candidate or an individual seeking nomination in an Election has violated the Code or a policy made under it, then the Chief Electoral Officer may impose the sanctions that he or she deems appropriate and proportional to the violation(s), including but not limited to:

- (a) for minor violations only, privately reprimanding the Candidate or individual seeking nomination in writing;
- (b) publicly reprimanding the Candidate or individual seeking nomination through posting the reprimand in appropriate locations such as Community Council offices or on the MNO's website;
- (c) disqualifying a Candidate or disqualifying an individual seeking nomination from becoming a Candidate in the Election;
- (d) imposing a prohibition on a Candidate or individual seeking nomination from standing as a Candidate in an Election for a period of up to five years; and

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- (e) declaring the results of an Election for a particular position null and void and calling for a by-election for that position.

4.4 The Chief Electoral Officer may impose additional requirements on Candidates or individuals seeking nomination as a Candidate to ensure compliance with this Code or any policies made under it, including but not limited to measures to ensure that MNO resources are not used inappropriately, such as providing individually watermarked documents to address confidentiality concerns.

2. Article 6.3 – “Eligibility for Nomination” is amended to add the following:

- (k) has not been prohibited from standing as a Candidate in an Election by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Article 4.3.

**DEFEATED**

(103 voting in favour; 118 voting in opposition; 7 abstentions)

#### **Point of Order**

In response to a point of order raised that citizens had been deleted from the registry and cannot vote, the Assembly recessed at 10:42 a.m. to allow citizens having difficulty voting to speak to the Registrar. The Annual General Assembly resumed at 10:50 a.m.

## **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Picotte confirmed quorum with a total of 141 delegates in attendance.

#### **Point of Order**

In response to the point of order raised regarding citizens having been deleted from the registry and unable to vote, Chair Picotte noted that Registry staff confirmed there was only one person in attendance who was not able to vote as they had not received a citizenship card.

**8.11 Special Business Resolution #11 – To Provide the Chief Electoral Officer with Options to Enforce the MNO Electoral Code: Part A**

It was noted that although SR#11 was in compliance and could be brought to the floor and

voted on, the mover, Sharon Cadeau asked that it be withdrawn.

**8.12 Special Business Resolution #12 – To Amend Definition of “List of Electors” in MNO Electoral Code: Part A to Ensure Privacy of MNO Citizen’s Information and Provide Clarity on Responsibilities for Posting List of Electors**

As SR#12 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Tim Pile)**

WHEREAS the MNO Electoral Code: Part A’s definition of “List of Electors” does not include protection for confidential information such as the telephone numbers and addresses of MNO citizens; and

WHEREAS the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently does not include clarity on who is responsible for posting the preliminary and final List of Electors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following amendments to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. Article 2.1(l) – “Definitions” is amended to add:

“Any publicly posted versions of the List of Electors or preliminary List of Electors must not include the addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, or other contact information of any Elector.”

After:

“List of Electors” means a list made pursuant to this Code of persons entitled to vote at an Election.”

2. Article 8.3 – “Preliminary List” is amended to replace “each Métis community council office” with “each Community Council president for posting”; and

3. Article 8.4 – “Posting Final List” is amended to replace “each Métis community council office” with “each Community Council president for posting”.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-09)**

(164 voting in favour; 33 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

**8.13 Special Business Resolution #13 – To Amend Definition of “Executive” in the MNO Electoral Code: Part A for Consistency with MNO Bylaws**

As SR#13 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Margaret Froh) and SECONDED (Sharon Cadeau)**

WHEREAS the definition of “Executive” and “Executive Council” contained in Article 2.1 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently refers to the “Co-Chair”; and

WHEREAS the MNO Bylaws use the language of “Vice-Chair”, as do other articles of the MNO Electoral Code; and

WHEREAS the MNO desires consistency and clarity within its governing documents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves amending Article 2.1(l) to

remove reference to “Co-Chair” and replace it with “Vice-Chair”.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-10)**

(177 voting in favour; 28 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

- 8.14 Special Business Resolution #14 – To Clarify Article 24.4 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A**  
As SR#14 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Sharon Cadeau) and SECONDED (Tim Pile)**

WHEREAS Article 34.4 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently reads as follows: “The Returning Officer shall endorse with the words “not initialed” any ballot paper that does not have his or her initials or the initials of such person acting on his or her behalf on the back thereof and any such Paper ballot shall be counted with the other ballots but immediately upon the conclusion of the count, the Returning Officer shall:”; and

WHEREAS Article 34.4 is incomplete, as it does not provide direction as to what the Returning Officer shall do with “not initialed” ballots;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following addition to Article 34.4 to align the current version of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A with versions previously adopted by the MNO AGA:

- “(a) count the number of “not initialed” Paper Ballots; and
- (b) record the total on the outside of the envelope containing these Paper Ballots and seal it;”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-11)**

(173 voting in favour; 31 voting in opposition; 14 abstentions)

- 8.15 Special Business Resolution #15 – To Amend MNO Electoral Code: Part A to Protect Confidentiality of Certain Election Materials**

As SR#15 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: clarification on the intent of the resolution to ensure privacy of information and to hold people accountable and that clause 44.3 could stand although there no process for enforcement; concern that election materials were not being destroyed and private information was being circulated; and, a suggestion that the list of voters should only contain names and not addresses.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Sharon Cadeau)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to ensure the confidentiality and security of Election materials, including Lists of Electors; and

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to ensure accountability on the part of the Candidates and individuals seeking nominations in an Election, when Election materials are shared with those individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended addition to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. Article 44 is added to read as follows:

“ARTICLE 44. PROTECTION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

- 44.1 All individuals who receive any Election materials, including Lists of Electors or any materials referred to in Article 34.11 must sign a declaration that they will:
- (a) not duplicate or share these materials unless authorized by the Code or instructed to do so by the Chief Electoral Officer;
  - (b) return these materials as required by the Code; or
  - (c) destroy these materials forthwith on the completion of the Election if not required to return them under 44.1(b).
- 44.2 The declaration referred to in Article 44.1 will be in the form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 44.3 Non-compliance with the declaration referred to in this Article constitutes a violation of this Code and is subject to the investigation and enforcement powers of the Chief Electoral Officer set out in Article 4.”

**DEFEATED**

(134 voting in favour; 95 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

**8.16 Special Business Resolution #16 – Regarding Requirements for Use of MNO Resources and Behaviour of MNO Employees during an Election**

As SR#16 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: the intention of the resolution; clarification that elected officials are employees for taxation purposes; legal counsel interpretation regarding the application of the provisions to Councilors; and, the provisions of Section 4 of Electoral Code relating to the duties of the Chief Electoral Officer.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Alexandra Dusome)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 *Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A&B* (“June 2018 Report”); and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that the MNO implement new rules regarding the conduct of MNO employees and the use of MNO resources during Elections, consistent with standard practices in elections, particularly to ensure that the same rules apply to the nomination and campaign periods; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that the MNO provide authority to the Chief Electoral Officer to investigate the misuse of MNO resources by an MNO employee during an Election and to provide recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer of the MNO regarding the same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendments and additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Article 7.3 – “MNO Resources not to be used during Elections” remove:

“MNO resources may not be used to support, endorse or otherwise provide an unfair to any Candidate during an Election.”

And replace with the following:



“MNO resources may not be used to support, endorse or otherwise provide an unfair advantage to any individual seeking to become an officer holder during an Election, which includes the period in which individuals are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate.”

2. In Article 7.8 – “MNO Resources not to be used during Elections” add:

“or for any individual seeking to be nominated as a Candidate”

After:

“MNO employees will not, during working hours, perform any service, offer any advice or provide any information solely for the use of one Candidate”

The new Article 7.8 – “MNO resources not to be used during an Election” will read as follows:

“MNO employees will not, during working hours, perform any service, offer any advice or provide any information solely for the use of one Candidate or for any individual seeking to be nominated as a Candidate during an Election. Information provided by MNO to one Candidate will be made accessible to all other Candidates either through posting of the information on the MNO website or through other mechanisms so that all Candidates have equal access to the information.”

3. In Article 7.10 – “MNO Resources not to be used during Elections” remove:

“MNO employees may work on a campaign or support a Candidate outside of their work hours. MNO employees may not campaign or actively work in support of a Candidate during an Election during working hours unless they are on a leave of absence without pay.”

And replace with the following:

“MNO employees may work on a campaign or support a Candidate or individual seeking to be nominated as a Candidate outside of their work hours. MNO employees may not campaign or actively work in support of a Candidate or individual seeking to be nominated as a Candidate during working hours unless they are on a leave of absence without pay or taking holiday leave.”

4. In Article 7.11 – “MNO Resources not to be used during Elections” remove:

“In the event that there is any question as to the use of MNO resources in a manner that is inconsistent with this section of the Code, the Chief Operating Officer may, at his or her discretion, take appropriate steps to remedy the situation.”

And replace with the following:

“In the event that there is any question as to the use of MNO resources in a manner that is inconsistent with this section of the Code, the Chief Electoral Officer may decide to investigate such allegations and make appropriate recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer, who may, at his or her discretion, take appropriate steps to remedy the situation.”

**DEFEATED**

(137 voting in favour; 86 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

## Resolutions Committee Announcement

Resolutions Committee Chair Hank Rowlinson advised that Ordinary Resolutions (OR) (Non-Special Business) would be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Day 2 – August 24, 2019, by any of the members of the Committee.

## CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Picotte confirmed quorum with a total of 160 delegates in attendance.

**8.17 Special Business Resolution #17 – To Allow Chief Electoral Officer to Adapt the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in an Emergency or Unforeseen Circumstance**

As SR#17 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Margaret Froh) and SECONDED (Tim Pile)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 *Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A&B* (“June 2018 Report”);

WHEREAS the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently has no provision to alter the Code, including to amend or extend timelines, in the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance such as a postal strike or extreme weather event; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended providing authority to the Chief Electoral Officer to modify the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance to remedy this gap;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended addition to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

**“ARTICLE 45. EMERGENCIES**

**45.1** During an Election period or within 30 days after it, if an emergency, an unusual or unforeseen circumstance, or an error makes it necessary, the Chief Electoral Officer may, for the sole purpose of enabling Electors to exercise their right to vote or enabling the counting of votes, adapt any provision of the Code, and in particular, may extend the time for performing any obligation or doing any act under this Code.”

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-12)**

(153 voting in favour; 37 voting in opposition; 8 abstentions)

**8.18 Special Business Resolution #18 – To Allow Citizens Left Off the List of Electors to Vote in Elections Held Pursuant to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#18 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

**It was MOVED (Sharon Cadeau) and SECONDED (Alexandra Dusome)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in accordance with the recommendations of the June 2018 *Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A&B* (“June 2018 Report”); and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report recommended that a procedure be put in place to enable individuals left off the List of Electors to vote and have their ballots counted, if that

individual was left off the List of Electors due to an error made by the MNO;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended amendments and additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Article 27.1(a), to add the following after “The Returning Officer shall ascertain whether the name of the Elector is on the List of Electors and if it is not, the Returning Officer shall not permit the Elector to vote”:

“If the individual seeking to vote is not on the List of Electors, that individual shall be permitted to vote if he or she makes a declaration that he or she lives in the area serviced by the poll. This declaration shall be in the form prescribed in Appendix B. This individual shall be given a Paper Ballot so that he or she may cast their vote, and the Returning Officer shall segregate that vote from other Paper Ballot cast by Electors on the List of Electors. The Chief Electoral Officer shall count such a paper Ballot if the Chief Electoral Officer reasonably determines that the individual was left off the List of Electors due to an administrative error or oversight on the part of the MNO.”

2. The following is added as a new Appendix B:

APPENDIX B

AFFIRMATION OF AN ELECTOR WHOSE NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL LIST OF ELECTORS

Polling Station at \_\_\_\_\_

I, of \_\_\_\_\_ affirm:

1. That I have been an ordinary resident of \_\_\_\_\_ preceding the date of the Election; and
2. That I have not already voted in this Election.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Elector

MNO Citizenship Number of Elector:

Affirmed before me at: \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-13)**

(166 voting in favour; 41 voting in opposition; 6 abstentions)

**8.19 Special Business Resolution #19 – To Amend MNO Policy #2001-002 Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly**

As SR#19 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: the intention of the resolution; the ability for citizens to have access to legal counsel for drafting special resolutions; the need for Terms of Reference for the Resolutions Committee; support for

the resolution given it would provide continuity and efficiencies; the current process, which was working well; suggestions that the number of committee members be increased, alternates be considered and a youth representative be included on the Resolutions Committee; and, concerns there was no clarity on how often the Resolutions Committee would meet, how they would be compensated, or how members would be replaced.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Ray Bergie)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to clarify the process for conducting ordinary and special resolutions at the Annual General Assembly (“AGA”), specifically, the appointment, and composition, and term of the Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS MNO Policy #2001-002 Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly (the “Resolutions Policy”) sets out the requirements for ordinary and special resolutions, as well as the requirement to appoint a Resolutions Committee at the start of each AGA; and

WHEREAS the Resolutions Policy does not include a term for the Resolutions Committee, nor a process to appoint a Chair of the Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS the Resolutions Policy requires that special resolutions be submitted to the MNO 35 days prior to the start of the AGA, provided ample time to review these proposed special resolutions for compliance with the Resolutions Policy prior to the beginning of the AGA; and

WHEREAS the appointment of the Resolutions Committee at the start of the AGA does not provide much time to carefully review all proposed special resolutions, as well as to review all proposed ordinary resolutions and carry out other responsibilities of the Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to use the time between the submission of proposed special resolutions and the start of the AGA to review proposed special resolutions, and to provide for greater continuity to the Resolutions Committee given its important work; and

WHEREAS this requires an amendment to the Resolutions Policy to provide that: a Resolutions Committee appointed at an AGA will sit until the next Resolutions Committee is appointed at the following year’s AGA; the Resolutions Committee appointed the year prior will review proposed special resolutions prior to the start of the subsequent AGA and make determinations on their eligibility to be brought forward to the AGA; the MNO citizens appointed as the Chair sit for two consecutive years to provide continuity to the Resolutions Committee; and

WHEREAS the MNO desires to implement a transparent process for the appointment of the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, which requires an amendment to the Resolutions Policy as it does not currently speak to this issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following amendments to MNO Policy #2001-002:

1. Section 4 is replaced with the following:  
“At the beginning of the general assembly, a Resolutions Committee shall be established. The Resolutions Committee will sit from the time it is selected until the appointment of the Resolutions Committee at the next general assembly. The Resolutions Committee shall include three (3) MNO citizens selected by the general assembly, along with the MNO’s legal counsel. One of the three (3) MNO citizens selected will sit as the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, as decided by the Resolutions Committee, and this individual will sit on the Resolutions Committee as the Chair, for two consecutive years. The Resolutions Committee shall also be supported by the MNO’s administration, as required. The Resolutions Committee has the authority to review the proposed special resolutions to ensure they are in a form that is consistent with this policy. This review of proposed special resolutions will occur prior to the start of the AGA by the Resolutions Committee that was selected in the previous year, and those decisions are final and bind the subsequently appointed Resolutions Committee, which is responsible for bringing them to the floor of the general assembly for a vote. Only the proposed special resolutions that are compliant with this policy will be brought to the floor by the Resolutions Committee to be voted on by the assembly. At least one of the identified movers and seconders for each special resolution must be in attendance at the general assembly to act as the mover and seconder when the special resolution is brought to the floor. The Resolutions Committee cannot amend special resolutions in order to make them compliant with the policy. If a special resolution does not refer to a specific clause and proposed specific wording, it will not be put forward to the annual general assembly for consideration.”
2. Section 5 is amended to add: “The Resolutions Committee appointed at the AGA is responsible to review all proposed ordinary resolutions at the AGA at which the Resolutions Committee was appointed for compliance with this policy.”

After:

“They also cannot deal with internal and individual staffing and personnel issues.”

**DEFEATED**

(72 voting in favour; 150 voting in opposition; 8 abstentions)

**8.20 Special Business Resolution #20 – To Amend the MNO Electoral Code: Part A, Article 6.9 to Allow for the Creation of a New Provincially Elected Youth Chair Person on the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council**

As SR#20 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion comments were offered in support given that that the addition of a Chair Person would enable more engagement and it was good governance.

**It was MOVED (Jordyn Playne) and SECONDED (Katelyn LaCroix)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council advocates on behalf of Métis youth across the province; and

WHEREAS due to their hard work and ingenuity, the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council has significantly expanded the number of programs and supports it offers to benefit the Métis youth community; and

WHEREAS the administration, volunteer organization and communication of these initiatives requires an increasing level of time and commitment from the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council members; and

WHEREAS it is important for regionally elected youth representatives to focus on advocating for and supporting youth within their region; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council Chair person is currently appointed from among regional youth representatives; and

WHEREAS the Chair Person position focuses on unity regional youth representatives to address provincial level issues of importance to Métis youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 Métis Nation of Ontario AGA approves the recommendation and additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Article 5.3 – “Electors”, add “and for the Chair Person of the MNOYC” after “regional youth representatives”, and delete “or for” where it appears prior to “regional youth representatives.” The new Article 5.3 will read:

“Only Electors who are between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-nine (29) years of age may vote for the youth representatives on the PCMNO, the regional youth representatives on the MNOYC, and for the Chair Person of the MNOYC.”

2. In Article 6.9 – “Nomination of Candidates”, add “Chair Person of the MNOYC” after “MNOYC regional youth representatives” and delete “and” where it appears prior to “MNOYC regional youth representatives”. The new Article 6.9 will read:

“All nominations for youth representatives on the PCMNO, MNOYC regional youth representatives, and Chair Person of the MNOYC shall include the following:”

3. In Article 6.9(d) – “Nomination of Candidates”, remove:  
“Candidates for youth representative on the PCMNO require a minimum of four (4) signatures of electors who are at least sixteen (16) years and under the age of thirty (30) from seven (7) of the nine (9) Regions”

And replace with the following:

“Candidates for youth representative on the PCMNO and Chair Person require a minimum of four (4) signatures of electors who are at least sixteen (16) years and under the age of thirty (30) from seven (7) of the nine (9) Regions”.

**RESOLVED (AGA190824-14)**

(165 voting in favour; 57 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

#### **8.21 Special Business Resolution #21 – Amending Section 6.5(c) of the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#21 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: opposition given that anyone should be able to run for executive positions without needing signatures from other regions, that support should be obtained from more than five regions, that it would

create financial barriers, add to the division between the north and south and it did not support democracy; concern regarding challenges associated with geographical distances in Ontario; the need for elected representatives to represent every region; and, support given that it would provide more opportunities for more potential candidates to run for election and reduce financial barriers.

**It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A contains the rules governing the Elections for PCMNO, MNOYC and the MNOVC; and

WHEREAS Article 6, NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES sets out strict guidelines outlining the notice, nomination and eligibility requirements, which an MNO citizen must comply with in order to be a successful nominee for PCMNO positions; and

WHEREAS Article 6.5(c) of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A currently reads as follows: “a minimum of seven (7) signatures of Electors in seven (7) of the nine (9) regions; and”; and

WHEREAS the geographical size of Ontario can become an obstacle for obtaining nominee signatures; and

WHEREAS reducing the number of required regions and increasing the required number of signatures for nominations is a fair, acceptable and reasonable revision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendments to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A to read as follows:

“Section 6.5(c) a minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors in five (5) of the nine (9) Regions.”

**DEFEATED**

(107 voting in favour; 127 voting in opposition; 7 abstentions)

**8.22 Special Business Resolution #22 – Amending the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A**

As SR#22 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on.

During ensuing discussion, comments were offered in opposition including: that fair rules have been established by the Assembly; concerns regarding past issues with the Registry; rights holders should be making decisions on Métis rights; the need to follow policies and guidelines, which evolved; the importance of elected representatives being citizens with verified files to ensure proper representation; and, research questions still needed to be addressed.

Comments were offered in support including: work is underway on verifying additional family lines; all citizens should be equal; challenges associated with locating documentation and documents historically recorded with errors; not creating a two-tiered system; the strength in recognizing all citizens as card carrying citizens; the need for a community acceptance process and debate about the process in communities; and the need for rights bearing Métis on the PCMNO.

Clarifications were provided including: MNO does not currently have the ability to remove the old citizenship cards or people from the list; Verified Métis Family Lines are used for issuing harvester cards; the MNO Bylaws, adopted by the Assembly which define “Métis”; and, that the verification process simply identifies if a file is complete.

### **Point of Order**

In response to a point of order raised regarding a citizen speaking twice on a resolution, Chair Picotte advised that in accordance with the Rules of Order, a citizen may speak a second time once all other speakers have had an opportunity to speak once.

### **It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A contains the rules governing the Elections for PCMNO, MNOYC and the MNOVC; and

WHEREAS Article 6, NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES sets out strict guidelines outlining the notice, nominations and eligibility requirements, which an MNO citizen must comply with in order to be a successful nominee for PCMNO positions; and

WHEREAS Article 6, Section 6.3(g) states: “Any citizen of the MNO is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if on the day his or her nomination papers are filed he or she: “is verified according to the process set out by the MNO Registrar as amended from time to time”; and

WHEREAS despite Article 6.3(g) of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A the MNO has set precedence with past practices verifying MNO citizens based on whether they had an MNO card in good standing; and

WHEREAS since the inception of the Métis Nation of Ontario it’s now non verified community members formerly known as “grandfathered citizens” have strived to advance the rights of our Métis communities and citizens; and

WHEREAS many of these citizens dedicated knowledge transfer, teachings and remain a vital and integral part of our community’s health and growth; and

WHEREAS many of these citizens have been classed as our communities’ voyageurs and trailblazers for what our current community thrives and benefits from; and

WHEREAS there has been a common community understanding and acceptance of all these citizens; and



WHEREAS the MNO Secretariat Bylaws affirms that there is to be only one class of membership: “There shall be one class of membership in the MNO – individual members. Individual membership is a voting membership. Individual members of the MNO shall be known as citizens. Individual membership shall be known as citizenship.”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendment to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A, Article 6: Nomination of Candidates: Section 6.3(g) to state as follows:

“(g) is verified according to the confirmation that they have an MNO citizenship card;”.

**DEFEATED**

(108 voting in favour; 132 voting in opposition; 1 abstention)

### **Announcement**

The Assembly was reminded there were many youth in attendance and that bullying and heckling behaviour would not be tolerated. It was intimidating to youth interested in future leadership roles and it discouraged youth from standing up to debate resolutions.

## **CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Picotte confirmed quorum with a total of 183 delegates in attendance.

### **8.23 Special Business Resolution #23 – Amending the MNO Electoral Code: Part A, Article 6**

As SR#23 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: clarification that if a person’s sole ancestral connection is from one of the four identified provinces they could not run for election; and, opposition given that the resolution is divisive, creates lateral violence, is discriminatory, and is a human rights violation.

#### **It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A contains the rules governing the Elections for PCMNO, MNOYC and the MNOVC; and

WHEREAS Article 6, NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES sets out strict guidelines outlining the notice, nominations and eligibility requirements, which an MNO citizen must comply with in order to be a successful nominee for PCMNO positions; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Registry has gone to great lengths in establishing the current list of MNO Root Ancestors for the MNO citizenship registry files; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has officially confirmed the seven Historic Métis Communities for Ontario; and

WHEREAS the MNO community needs to ensure its Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (“PCMNO”) leaders are invested historically and biologically to furthering the objectives and rights of the Métis citizens whose identities are fundamentally targeted by the Métis National Council and some of their affiliates; and

WHEREAS the Métis Communities require additional eligibility requirements to ensure the PCMNO is free from any outside biases that may have been developed based on their

ancestral community's or their own loyalty to the Métis National Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA accept the recommended additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Section 6.3 on "Eligibility for Nominations" add:

"k. must not solely connect to a historic Métis community in the following provinces:

- (i) Manitoba
- (ii) Saskatchewan
- (iii) Alberta
- (iv) British Columbia."

**DEFEATED**

(47 voting in favour; 189 voting in opposition; 4 abstentions)

**8.24 Special Business Resolution #24 – Amending Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws**

It was noted that although SR#24 was in compliance and could be brought to the floor and voted on, the mover, Tobias Clarke, and seconder, Jerry Clarke, asked that it be withdrawn.

**8.25 Special Business Resolution #25 – Amending Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws #2**

As SR#25 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion comments were offered on: the intention of the resolution; the role of the community council; the value of adding a women's representative position; opposition given the decreased number of Senators and the exclusion of a post-secondary representative position; and, support given that it adds a veteran position.

**It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS Section 14 currently reads as follows: "The PCMNO shall make decisions and act in a manner consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose and shall take its direction from and shall report to the General Assembly. The property and business of the MNO shall be managed by a council of nineteen (19) elected citizens who shall be called councilors and shall sit on the Provisional Council of the MNO ("PCMNO"). The PCMNO shall consist of: president, chair, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, four (4) senators, one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) regions, one (1) post-secondary representative and one (1) youth."; and

WHEREAS most MNO community councils consist of one (1) president, one (1) chair, one (1) secretary, one (1) treasurer, one (1) senator, four (4) councilors, one (1) youth and one (1) women's representative; and

WHEREAS the PCMNO does not reflect the MNO community councils structures and should be more reflective of equal representation and community voice; and

WHEREAS there are currently individuals identifying as women on the PCMNO, however their gender identity does not check off a box as a women's representative; and

WHEREAS there are currently no veteran representatives on the PCMNO who add value and experience, and who have the ability to provide a unique perspective; and

WHEREAS structuring the PCMNO to be reflective of the community voices and the citizens it serves is a responsible and fair revision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendment to Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaw to read as follows:

“Section 14: The PCMNO shall make decisions and act in a manner consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose and shall take its direction from and shall report to the General Assembly. The property and business of the MNO shall be managed by a council of seventeen (17) elected citizens who shall be called councilors and shall sit on the Provisional Council of the MNO (“PCMNO”). The PCMNO shall consist of: one (1) president, one (1) chair, one (1) vice-chair, one (1) secretary-treasurer, one (1) senator, one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) regions, one (1) women’s representative, one (1) veteran and one (1) youth.”

**DEFEATED**

(56 voting in favour; 170 voting in opposition; 2 abstentions)

### **Change in Chair**

PCMNO Vice-Chair Sharon Cadeau assumed the role of Chair of the Assembly, at this time.

### **8.26 Special Business Resolution #26 – Amending Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws #3**

As SR#26 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: opposition given that it reduces the number of Senators; support given that it provides an opportunity for youth to utilize Senators’ experience and includes a women’s representative; and, clarification that the resolution does not include a veteran representative position.

### **It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS Section 14 currently reads as follows: “The PCMNO shall make decisions and act in a manner consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose and shall take its direction from and shall report to the General Assembly. The property and business of the MNO shall be managed by a council of nineteen (19) elected citizens who shall be called councilors and shall sit on the Provisional Council of the MNO (“PCMNO”). The PCMNO shall consist of: president, chair, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, four (4) senators, one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) regions, one (1) post-secondary representative and one (1) youth.”; and

WHEREAS all current MNO community councils consist of one (1) president, one (1) chair, one (1) secretary, one (1) treasurer, one (1) senator, four (4) councilors, one (1) youth and one (1) women’s representative; and

WHEREAS the PCMNO does not reflect the MNO community councils structures and should be more reflective of equal representation and voice; and

WHEREAS there are currently individuals identifying as women on the PCMNO, however their identity does not check off a box as a women’s representative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendment to Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaw to replace one senator with a women’s representative on the PCMNO; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendment to

Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaw to read as follows:

“Section 14: The PCMNO shall make decisions and act in a manner consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose and shall take its direction from and shall report to the General Assembly. The property and business of the MNO shall be managed by a council of nineteen (19) elected citizens who shall be called councilors and shall sit on the Provisional Council of the MNO (“PCMNO”). The PCMNO shall consist of: president, chair, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, three (3) senators, one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) regions, one (1) women’s representative, one (1) post-secondary representative and one (1) youth.”

**DEFEATED**

(52 voting in favour; 164 voting in opposition; 6 abstentions)

### **Change in Chair**

PCMNO Chair France Picotte resumed the role of Chair of the Assembly, at this time.

### **8.27 Special Business Resolution #27 – Amending Section 22 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws**

As SR#27 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion comments were offered in opposition given that elections were essentially term limits, it could make it challenging finding people to run for community elections and that the term limits were severe.

#### **It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS Section 22 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws current reads as follows: “Councilors shall be elected for a term of four (4) years by the citizens through a process established by the MNO Electoral Code, as amended from time to time.”; and

WHEREAS the Statement of Prime Purpose aims to establish democratic institutions based on our inherent rights of self-government, which in turn empowers the MNO citizens to actively amend, update and/or repeal any Policy or Bylaw that directly or indirectly affects them; and

WHEREAS there is no restriction regarding term limits for any of the PCMNO Executive and PCMNO Councilor positions within the MNO Secretariat Bylaws; and

WHEREAS a term limit is a legal restriction that limits the number of terms an officeholder may serve in a particular elected office; and

WHEREAS when term limits are found in presidential and semi-presidential systems they act as a method of curbing the potential for monopoly, where a leader effectively becomes “president for life”; and

WHEREAS advantages of term limits provide fresh ideas and new perspectives for the future community and leaders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendments and additions to Section 22 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaw, effective immediately, to be changed to read as follows:

“Section 22: Councilors shall be elected to four (4) year terms and are eligible for election

for up to two (2) consecutive terms by the citizens through a process established by the MNO Electoral Code, as amended from time to time. Councilors may be renominated after two (2) consecutive terms have passed from holding an elected position.”

**DEFEATED**

(54 voting in favour; 167 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

**8.28 Special Business Resolution #28 – Deleting Section 10 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws**

As SR#28 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. During ensuing discussion and in response to questions, comments were offered including: on the intention of the resolution; and, clarification that there is currently no MNO policy to strip away citizenship, a suspension of rights and privileges would follow a detailed administrative process outlined in policy, and that MNO citizens have the right and are encouraged to pursue changes within the MNO democratic structures and institutions.

**It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS the MNO has recently signed a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement between Canada and Ontario Métis; and

WHEREAS the MNO will be moving away from being a typical corporate entity; and

WHEREAS in order for the MNO to be respected as a self-governing community there needs to be an elimination of fear of repercussion and loss of community based on a difference of opinions and personal associations; and

WHEREAS an Ontario resident who is governed under Provincial and Federal laws has the right and freedom to express their opinions without repercussion or threats of exclusion and limitations of participating in the community; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has held that even if a Canadian citizen has committed a criminal offence and is incarcerated, they retain the constitutional right to vote;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA accepts the recommendation to remove Section 10 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws, that reads as follows:

“Citizenship may be granted on a conditional basis and the rights and privileges of a citizen to participate in the affairs of the MNO may be limited by the MNO pursuant to the MNO Policy – Conditions or Limitations That May Apply to Citizenship, these Bylaws, or the MNO Electoral Code, all as amended from time to time.

- a) The fair processes for setting out conditions or limitations on citizenship, removal or reinstatement of limitations, requests for reconsideration and appeals of MNO decisions with respect to citizenship shall be according to the rules of natural justice and as set out in the MNO Policy – Conditions or Limitations That May Apply to Citizenship, as amended from time to time.”

**DEFEATED**

(47 voting in favour; 160 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

**8.29 Special Business Resolution #29 – Amending the Statement of Prime Purpose of the MNO**

It was noted that although SR#29 was in compliance and could be brought to the floor and voted on, the mover, Tobias Clarke asked that it be withdrawn.

**8.30 Special Business Resolution #30 – Amending the Statement of Prime Purpose of the MNO #2**

It was noted that although SR#30 was in compliance, the resolution was not moved and as such, was not brought to the floor for consideration.

**8.31 Special Business Resolution #31 – To Amend Section 6.0 of the MNO Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016)**

As SR#31 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In discussion, comments were offered including: on the role of the Captain of the Hunt; the current appointment process; opposition given that the current system worked well, it would dilute the role of the Captain of the Hunt, it would undermine the President and Deputy Captain of the Hunt, and there was no identified funding for an election; support given that citizens should have the right to elect the regional Captain of the Hunt; and, concerns with policing the process and with Captains of the Hunt serving in other elected roles.

**It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS Section 6.0 of the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy currently limits the voice and democratic right of all MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters certificate or card; and

WHEREAS the MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters certificate or card have the right to nominate and elect their Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt; and

WHEREAS the MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters certificate or card have the right to nominate and elect their regional Captain of the Hunt;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended amendments to Section 6.0 of the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016):

1. In Section 6.2 – “Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt” remove:

“The President of MNO may appoint a Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt who shall be responsible to implement this policy throughout the province in accordance with the objectives in article 3. The President may at his discretion delegate some or all of the management of the Métis harvest to the Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt.”

And replace with the following:

“The MNO citizens who have valid harvesters cards shall nominate and vote the Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt who shall be responsible to implement this policy throughout the province in accordance with the objectives in article 3. The President may at their discretion delegate some or all of the management of the Métis harvest to the Deputy Chief Captain of the Hunt.”

2. In Section 6.3 – “Regional” remove:

“The President of MNO shall appoint a Captain of the Hunt in each MNO region who

shall be responsible to implement this policy in accordance with the objectives in article 3.”

And replace with the following:

“The MNO citizens who hold a valid MNO harvester certificate or card within each of the nine (9) MNO regions shall nominate and vote a Captain of the Hunt in their MNO region who shall be responsible to implement this policy in accordance with the objectives in article 3.”

**DEFEATED**

(53 voting in favour; 168 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

### **Resolutions Committee Announcement**

Resolutions Committee Chair Hank Rowlinson advised that the time for accepting Ordinary (Non-Special Business) Resolutions was now closed.

#### **8.32 Special Business Resolution #32 – Regarding Additional Communication to be Included in Section 7.0, Communications from the Captains of the Hunt within the MNO Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016)**

As SR#32 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In ensuing discussion comments were offered including: on the intent of the resolution; the current communication methods being used; and, opposition given that the wording was too broad using “all information”, and that it would create extra work for the Captain of the Hunt.

#### **It was MOVED (Tobias Clarke) and SECONDED (Jerry Clarke)**

WHEREAS Section 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS of the Métis nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy currently limits communication guidelines for the regional Captains of the Hunt to MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters card who live outside of their traditional territory; and

WHEREAS the MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters card who live outside of their traditional territory have the right and expressed interests in receiving all related communications to their traditional territory that may have a direct, indirect or implied effect on their harvesting rights; and

WHEREAS inclusive and engaging communications between the regional Captains of the Hunt and MNO citizens who possess a valid harvesters card is vital in maintaining positive relationships and additional education pertaining to territory restrictions and losses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the following recommended addition to Section 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS of the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016):

“7.5: The Captains of the Hunt in each region shall communicate all harvesting information and updates related to their duties of managing and administering the Métis harvest in their region to all MNO citizens who:

- a) possess a valid MNO Harvester Card, and
- b) are part of the Métis community who harvest in the specific region.”

**DEFEATED**

(42 voting in favour; 165 voting in opposition; 7 abstentions)

**8.33 Special Business Resolution #33 – Amending Section 3.5 of the MNO Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016)**

It was noted that although SR#33 was in compliance, the resolution was not moved and as such, was not brought to the floor for consideration.

**8.34 Special Business Resolution #34 – Regarding the Presentation of Resolutions at AGAs**

As SR#34 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered regarding the intent of the resolution.

**It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS democratic discourse, discussion and grassroots involvement have long been a strength of our political organization and of our traditional culture; and

WHEREAS several otherwise valid resolutions moved at the Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario were tabled in 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA directs the following:

That the following “Deferment of Resolutions” provision be added as a new section, Section 6 to the “Annual General Assembly (“AGA”) Process” found in MNO Policy #2011-002 “Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly”:

“6. All Special Resolutions and Ordinary Resolutions which are consistent with this policy, and which are submitted in writing to the Annual General Assembly, will be presented to the General Assembly for a vote in the year in which they are submitted, unless one of the following two conditions are met: a) The Resolutions Committee presents one or more Ordinary Resolution(s) of deferment listing the resolutions which will not be presented, along with the reasons for them to not be presented, and after discussion, the Annual General Assembly passes such resolution(s) of deferment OR b) The mover agrees to retract or table the motion.”

**DEFEATED**

(117 voting in favour; 70 voting in opposition; 16 abstentions)

**8.35 Special Business Resolution #35 – Regarding Minimum Requirements for Ratification of Long-Term Binding Agreements**

As SR#35 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: on the intention of the resolution; support given that it provides a reasonable compromise on long-term binding decisions; and, concerns regarding the impact the resolution would have on Impact Benefit Agreements and other agreements, and that the implications of the resolution had not been fully considered.

**It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS Section 23.03 of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement states “23.03 The ratification process will have established rules, procedures, age of eligible Electors, and requisite support levels for its conduct”; and



WHEREAS most other governments around the world require significant levels of support from citizens, as well as other safeguards, to approve or enact major decisions such as constitutional changes; and

WHEREAS the more rigorous minimum standard presented in this resolution, which would require that long term binding decisions be approved by 33% of citizens, is still more rigorous than the current threshold in the Bylaws for signing such agreements; and

WHEREAS most working documents and interim agreements are in place for less than 10 years prior to being reviewed and updated; and

WHEREAS a minimum standard can be changed in the future should this standard be found to be either too onerous or of insufficient strength; and

WHEREAS including a minimum standard in the Bylaws ensures that future changes to this standard will have to take place at an Annual General Assembly where they can publicly be discussed and voted on;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA directs the following:

In Section 46 on “Execution of Documents” of the MNO Bylaws, remove:

“46: Contracts, documents, or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the MNO, shall be signed by two (2) officers who are duly authorized as signatories by PCMNO, and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the MNO without any further authorization or formality.”

And replace with the following:

“46: Contracts, documents, or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the MNO, shall be signed by two (2) officers who are duly authorized as signatories by PCMNO, and all contracts, documents, and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the MNO without any further authorization or formality, provided that they are binding for a period of ten (10) years or less. Contracts, agreements, documents and instruments which are binding for longer than ten (10) years shall require a vote of citizens which returns ballots from at least fifty percent (50%) of citizens and which has sixty-five percent (65%) or more of the returned ballots clearly indicating the citizens’ support of the contract, agreement, document, or instrument in question in order for the contract, agreement, document, or instrument to be considered authorized and valid.”

**DEFEATED**

(28 voting in favour; 151 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

**8.36 Special Business Resolution #36 Option 1 – Amending the Objection and Appeals Procedures in MNO Electoral Code: Part A (1)**

As SR#36 Option 1 was in compliance, it was brought to the floor and voted on. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered regarding: concern that the \$250 fee was too much; opposition given the cost of the appeal; and, support given the fee was reasonable and

there were significant costs to the MNO for investigating appeals.

**It was MOVED (Sharon Cadeau) and SECONDED (Margaret Froh)**

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to modernize MNO Elections consistent with the recommendations of the June 2018 Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A & B; and

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to provide for fair objections and appeals procedures for MNO Elections consistent with standard election practices; and

WHEREAS the June 2018 Report on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A & B recommended that certain amendments be made to Article 42 – “Objections and Appeals” including:

- adding the requirement for a written objection to include a \$250.00 cheque, which will be disclosed if the objection is found not to be frivolous or vexatious;
- adding the option for the Chief Electoral Officer to recommend a by-election as a result of an investigation into an objection;
- adding the requirement that the nature of an objection to an Election cannot change between the initial objections and the appeal; and
- adding the requirement that an appeal of the results of the Chief Electoral Officer’s investigation be accompanied by a \$250.00 cheque, which will be returned if the appeal is upheld or found not to be frivolous or vexatious; and

WHEREAS the MNO wishes to impose a fair fee for objections and appeals, bearing in mind that investigating appeals, including unfounded or frivolous appeals, costs the MNO thousands of dollars;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the 2019 MNO AGA approves the recommended amendments and additions to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A:

1. In Article 42.1 – “Objection by Candidate”, add:

“The Candidate’s written objection must be accompanied by a \$250.00 cheque. If the appeal is upheld, or is judged not to be frivolous or vexatious by the Chief Electoral Officer, the \$250.00 fee will be returned to the Candidate.”

After:

“A Candidate may object to the announced results respecting his or her Election in writing to the Chief Electoral Officer on or before May 25th in the year of the Election. Such objection shall include the reasons for the Candidate’s objection and may include evidence and letters in support from other MNO citizens.”

2. In Article 42.2 – “Objection by Candidate”, replace:

“On receipt of an objection pursuant to Article 42.1, the Chief Electoral Officer will investigate the question or issue and for those purposes may interview any persons or review any materials necessary and shall issue a decision in writing on or before June 1st in the year of the Election. The Chief Electoral Officer’s decision shall include his or her reasons for decision and shall inform the Candidate of the availability of a further

appeal pursuant to Article 42.3.”

With the following:

“On receipt of an objection pursuant to Article 42.1, the Chief Electoral Officer will investigate the question or issue and for those purposes may interview any persons or review any materials necessary and shall issue a decision in writing on or before June 1st in the year of the Election. The Chief Electoral Officer’s decision shall include reasons for his or her decision and shall inform the Candidates affected by the decision of the availability of an appeal pursuant to Article 42.3. The Chief Electoral Officer may, as a result of his or her investigation, recommend a by-election. If the Chief Electoral Officer makes this recommendation, the holding of the by-election is subject to the review and concurrence of an independent investigator appointed by PCMNO. The Candidate does not have to pay the \$250.00 fee set out in Article 42.3 if the independent investigator is reviewing the decision of the Chief Electoral Officer to call for a by-election. All other applicable timelines and other procedures set out in Articles 42.4 – 42.12 apply.”

3. In Article 42.3 – “Appeal”, add:

“In appealing the Chief Electoral Officer’s decision on the Candidate’s objection, the Candidate cannot substantially change the nature of the original objection that was provided pursuant to Article 42.1. The application for appeal must include a cheque for \$250.00. If the appeal is upheld or is judged by the investigator appointed by PCMNO pursuant to Article 42.5 not to be frivolous or vexatious, the \$250.00 will be returned to the Candidate.”

After:

“A Candidate may apply to appeal the decision of the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Article 42.2. The application for appeal shall be in writing to the PCMNO on or before June 10th in the year of the Election. The application for appeal shall state the reasons for the appeal and may include argument, evidence and letters of support.”

**DEFEATED**

(93 voting in favour; 69 voting in opposition; 16 abstentions)

**8.37 Special Business Resolution #36 Option 2 - Amending the Objection and Appeals Procedures in MNO Electoral Code: Part A (2)**

It was noted that SR#36 Part 2 was withdrawn.

**Resolutions Committee Announcement**

Resolutions Committee Chair Hank Rowlinson reported two special resolutions were non-compliant given that they referenced MNO Electoral Code: Part B, and that the AGA does not approve any changes to community council governing documents. Two “Therefore be it Resolved” clauses under Special Resolution #37 were not compliant with MNO Bylaws and as such, the entire resolution was considered non-compliant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA held August 23-25, 2019 adjourned on Day Two – August 24, 2019, at 5:10 p.m.

## DAY THREE – AUGUST 19, 2018

### AGA RECONVENED

Chair Picotte reconvened the 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA on Day Three – August 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE AWARD

President Froh presented the Suzanne Rochon-Burnett Volunteer of the Year Award, which was offered each year to a MNO Citizen who had made ongoing contributions to the Métis Nation and his/her own community. The President presented the 2019 award to Mitch Case, PCMNO Youth Representative and Métis artisan.

### CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Picotte confirmed quorum with a total of 175 delegates in attendance.

## 9. Non-Special Business Resolutions

Resolutions Committee Chair Rowlinson advised the Committee received 20 Non-Special Business Resolutions; 12 of which were deemed compliant and eight determined to be non-compliant.

### 9.1 Ordinary Resolution #1 – Seeking Resources to Support Community Council Women’s Representatives to attend the AGA

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #1 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: support given the lack of resources of many Councils, the strength of Métis women as roles models providing guidance and need for being inclusive; and, opposition given the associated costs.

#### **It was MOVED (June Smart) and SECONDED (Colette Surovy)**

WHEREAS it is important that the Community Council Women Representatives attend the Annual General Assembly (AGA); and

WHEREAS all Community Council Women Representatives provide a strong voice for the women in their community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 AGA direct the PCMNO and Administration to seek resources to support community council Women’s Representatives to attend the AGA.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-01)**

(121 voting in favour; 69 voting in opposition; 9 abstentions)

### 9.2 Ordinary Resolution #2 – Youth Programming

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #2 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: support given that dedicated staff would be an asset, ensure MNO was a leader on youth initiatives, and foster youth development; concern regarding financial implications with a new department; and,

clarification that the exploration would include funding.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Jordyn Playne)**

WHEREAS currently MNO Youth Programs are housed in the Education and Training Department; and

WHEREAS the MNO remains the only Métis Government without a stand-alone youth department and a director of youth programming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMNO be directed to work with the MNOYC to explore the establishment of a stand-alone youth branch within the administrative structure, and to create a director of youth initiative within the director level of the administration.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-02)**

(143 voting in favour; 50 voting in opposition; 3 abstentions)

**9.3 Ordinary Resolution #3 – Federal Election 2019**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #3 could be entertained.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Hannah Bazinet)**

WHEREAS the upcoming federal election will involve issues of importance to the Métis Nation of Ontario; and

WHEREAS it is important that the four federal political parties are aware of the issues that affect Ontario Métis People in Ontario, and it is even more important for Métis citizens to know where the parties stand on issues which affect our nation and our interests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 Annual General Assembly direct the President to write to the four Federal Political Parties (Liberal, Conservative, NDP and Green) in order to ask questions about issues of importance to the Métis Nation of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President circulate the responses from the four parties to MNO citizens through MNO communications mechanisms.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-03)**

(166 voting in favour; 18 voting in opposition; 4 abstentions)

**9.4 Ordinary Resolution #4 – To Direct the President to Write to Elections Canada**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #4 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion, clarification was provided that the letter to Elections Canada would identify that this would be for the new Citizenship cards with an expiry date.

**It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Hannah Bazinet)**

WHEREAS as an Indigenous nation, the Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have a right to use their Métis Citizenship card as identification; and

WHEREAS during the most recent Provincial election, MNO citizens were able to use their MNO cards as valid means of identification;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2019 Annual General Assembly directs the President to write to Elections Canada in order to ensure that Métis Nation of Ontario Citizenship Cards will be accepted by elections officials in order to vote in the 2019 Federal Election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President circulate the response from Elections Canada to MNO citizens through MNO communications mechanisms.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-04)**

(160 voting in favour; 31 voting in opposition; 6 abstentions)

**9.5 Ordinary Resolution #5 – On the Inclusion of Unrecognized Rights Holders (Short Version)**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #5 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: concerns with the position that the only Métis rights are Powley rights and that no one should have veto powers, and that some esteemed Métis ancestors would not meet the current definition of Métis citizen; support for Métis people seeking recognition of rights; opposition given that it was a pan-Aboriginal position, the issue of future rights needs to be addressed, that MNO does not represent Indigenous communities, and it would dilute the rights of rights holders; and, a suggestion that the resolution be considered by each community not just those present at the AGA.

Jason Madden, PST, LLP, clarified that while the MGRSA had been signed, the Agreement clearly states that it needs to be ratified through a referendum of citizens which meets the current MNO definition of citizen. The ratification process to be developed is intended to be a province-wide referendum. Jason Madden spoke on the role of the MNO and representing rights bearing communities and rights holders and advised the MGRSA is a core base self-government agreement that does not limit rights in any way.

**Main Motion**

**It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS we need to protect the gains of recognized rights holders, as well as track harvesters and give them control over their representation to the Canadian government; and

WHEREAS our gains have always come at our own initiative rather than through acceptance of this status-quo interpretation, an interpretation which in the past asserted that we had no rights; and

WHEREAS the full extent of Métis rights is not completely known, and identification of the exact extent of these rights, and to whom these rights apply, is complex and will require additional research, court cases, and political choices by Métis; and

WHEREAS the protection and representation of existing recognized rights holders need not conflict with an openness to seeking recognition of more rights or rights for more communities; and

WHEREAS it is clearly possible to develop a citizenship policy that simultaneously protects

recognized rights holders, and remains open to the recognition of additional rights and additional rights bearing communities in the future; and

WHEREAS it is important that an approach be developed to citizenship which is not divisive, alienating or weakening to the solidarity of the Métis Nation of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we direct the MNO to develop a potential solution to registry and citizenship reform, to be presented as a potential option to citizens at the 2020 Annual General Assembly, along with the necessary special resolutions to amend the bylaws as required to implement it, and that this policy be consistent with the following criteria:

- 1) A mechanism be put in place to ensure that recognized rights holders have veto powers over any decision taken with regard to negotiation or implementation affecting the existence, articulation, or exercise of their rights.
- 2) A mechanism be created whereby Indigenous communities which are not yet recognized as having Section 35 Métis rights can affiliate with the MNO as “unrecognized rights holding communities”, regulate themselves within the MNO, and coordinate their legal strategies and litigation funds within the MNO while they build their cases for legal recognition.
- 3) Individuals of Métis ancestry be guaranteed participation and representation in MNO programs, even if they are fall into another category for rights-related purposes or are otherwise unable to meet citizenship requirements (e.g., a child with both a Métis parent and a “Status Indian” parent).
- 4) No registry files be destroyed, except at the written request of the person who is the subject of the file.

A friendly amendment was supported by the Mover and Seconder to amend Part One (1) of the Main Motion to replace “veto powers” with “strong voice”, with the paragraph to read:

*“1) A mechanism be put in place to ensure that recognized rights holders have strong voice over any decision taken with regard to negotiation or implementation affecting the existence, articulation, or exercise of their rights.”*

#### **Question to Entertain Discussion on the Main Motion as Amended**

Question was then called on the question to entertain discussion on the main motion as amended and it was

**MOTION NOT PASSED**

(Quorum was not achieved – only 119 delegates were present)

### **Confirmation of Quorum**

Chair Picotte re-confirmed quorum and announced a total of 136 delegates in attendance.

#### **Question to Entertain Discussion on the Main Motion as Amended**

Question was then called on the question to entertain discussion on the main motion as amended and it was

**DEFEATED**

(28 voting in favour; 119 voting in opposition; 4 abstentions)

### **Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

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

**DEFEATED**

(25 voting in favour; 132 voting in opposition; 11 abstentions)

### **9.6 Ordinary Resolution #6 – Regarding Advanced Consultation in the Development of Future Ratification Processes**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #6 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion comments were offered on the importance of being informed and the need for discussion in democratic decision making processes.

#### **It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS ratification of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement with the Métis Nation of Ontario Constitution will impact generations of Métis to come; and

WHEREAS discussion and democratic decision making are important for avoiding oversights and represent a core part of our cultural traditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ratification processes for the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement and the Métis Nation of Ontario Constitution will be discussed at an Annual General Assembly prior to implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proposed ratification processes will be designed to allow for discussion and initial votes of support at an Annual General Assembly for specific areas in the drafts prior to a general ratification vote which will include all MNO citizens.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-05)**

(82 voting in favour; 72 voting in opposition; 20 abstentions)

### **9.7 Ordinary Resolution #7 – Directing Additions to Schedule A of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #7 could be entertained. Friendly amendments were supported by the Mover and Seconder to:

- Insert “are included in health discussions” following “the Métis Nation of Ontario” in the “Therefore Be It Resolved” clause; and
- Strike Part (2) and Part (3) of the final two “Whereas” clauses.

#### **It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS self-government provides mechanisms to address specific problems as needed in many different areas; and

WHEREAS the health needs of Métis are under-addressed, especially in rural and remote settings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario are included in health discussions, in addition to the areas already listed in Schedule A of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement:



- 1) Health insurance broadly, and specifically whether Métis will continue to receive health insurance through OHIP, FNIHB post-Daniels, or a Métis administered plan, and the extent of such coverage to additional areas (e.g., drug plan/pharmaceutical access, mental health services, disability supports), and the extent as to whether such supplemental coverage will be covered by the Métis or another Government.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-06)**

(136 voting in favour; 26 voting in opposition; 17 abstentions)

**9.8 Ordinary Resolution #8 – Regarding the Consideration of Non-Divisible Interests in Negotiations**

Although the Resolutions Committee Chair advised that OR#8 was in compliance and could be brought to the floor and voted on, the Mover, Jonas Weselake-George asked that it be withdrawn.

**9.9 Ordinary Resolution #9 – Regarding the Right to Legal Recourse**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #9 could be entertained.

Jason Madden, PST, LLP, clarified the process for negotiating and operationalizing the MGRSA, noting that the MGRSA commits Canada to enacting legislation. Before enacting such legislation, the government will consult the MNO during its drafting and, prior to recommending legislation to Parliament, will ensure MNO is supportive of the legislation. A ratified Constitution and ratification of the MGRSA was required before legislation. The MGRSA clearly reflects that no rights or claims are ceded. It was further clarified that nothing in section 29.05 of the MGRSA would prevent the MNO from challenging any breach on implementing the Agreement.

In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including: on the intention of the resolution; and, concern that section 29.05 would limit the ability to take the government to court for failure to meet its obligations under the MGRSA, and the ability of the MNO and Canada to amend the Agreement.

**It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS section 29.05 of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement states: “The Parties will not challenge, or support a challenge to, the validity of any provision of this Agreement or the legislative measures giving effect to this Agreement.”; and

WHEREAS the *legislative measures* operationalizing an agreement are not the same as the *agreement* itself and, as legislative measures, will be drafted by the Crown and passed by only one of the parties (i.e., the federal government, which is outside of Métis control); and

WHEREAS it has been necessary to get court clarification in the past to demonstrate the failure of the Crown to meet its obligations on several occasions (for instance, the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act in 2015, and the James Bay Northern Quebec Agreement); and

WHEREAS such a clause unnecessarily undermines the attempt to build a positive

relationship through evoking an image of past attempts to remove legal recourse from Indigenous peoples, notably the 1927 amendment to the *Indian Act* preventing fundraising to hire lawyers on behalf of Indigenous people and the 1921 (Bill 138) Lougheed amendment to the Criminal Code preventing legal challenges to scrip fraud; and

WHEREAS section 29.05 represents an unprecedented burden to force citizens to fundraise outside of the MNO in order to seek court clarification respecting the legality or implementation of a clause; and

WHEREAS it creates an implied necessity for the MNO to take the government's side against its own citizens and has the potential to unnecessarily undermine the political unity of the MNO; and

WHEREAS this is an unreasonable constraint which could unintentionally undermine the agreement through constituting an appearance of sharp dealing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario finds that it has insufficient support among its citizens for section 29.05; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario seek a bilateral amendment to the agreement removing section 29.05; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of the Métis Nation of Ontario is instructed to make it clear to the Crown that a failure to amend this clause (29.05) will almost certainly risk leading to the citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario failing to ratify the final agreement.

**DEFEATED**

(32 voting in favour; 130 voting in opposition; 10 abstentions)

**9.10 Ordinary Resolution #10 – Regarding Bill C-262**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #10 could be entertained. In ensuing discussion comments were offered on: the achievement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); the purpose of Bill C-262; and, support given it would give leaders a stronger voice on UNDRIP and Bill C-262.

**It was MOVED (Jonas Weselake-George) and SECONDED (Veda Weselake)**

WHEREAS the President of the Métis National Council has, without our consultation or approval, has taken a position against the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* through publicly refusing to support Bill C-262;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario take the position that the national interest of Canada, as determined by the political party of the day, does not override the need for the free, prior and informed consent of Métis and other Indigenous peoples as affirmed in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government of the Métis Nation of Ontario be

instructed to censure the leadership of the Métis National Council for both publicly opposing Bill C-262 and for doing so without democratic consultation of the Métis people.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-07)**

(142 voting in favour; 19 voting in opposition; 10 abstentions)

**9.11 Ordinary Resolution #11 – Regarding MNO Recording and Using the Official Version of O Canada**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #11 could be entertained. A friendly amendment was supported by the Mover and Seconder to replace “our national anthem” with “the Canadian National Anthem”.

In ensuing discussion, comments were offered including the intention of the resolution such that, wherever O Canada is played, it is the official version from February 2018.

**It was MOVED (Diane Kilby) and SECONDED (Colleen Brunelle)**

WHEREAS respect for women is fundamental to Métis culture; and

WHEREAS the official words of the Canadian National Anthem, O Canada were changed from “all our sons” to “all of us” to acknowledge and include women (gender neutral) in February 2018; and

WHEREAS the version of O Canada used at the 2019 AGA of the MNO was not the official version of the national anthem; and

WHEREAS the version of O Canada used at the 2019 AGA of the MNO did not honour our women citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO record and use the official version of O Canada with its gender neutral lyrics at all AGA and other meetings going forward.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-08)**

(150 voting in favour; 17 voting in opposition; 5 abstentions)

**9.12 Ordinary Resolution #12 – To Support Métis Elders**

It was confirmed that the Mover and Seconder were present and as such, OR #12 could be entertained. A friendly amendment was supported by the Mover and Seconder to add “and report back at the 2020 MNO Annual General Assembly” to the end of the last sentence under “Therefore Be It Resolved”.

In ensuing discussion comments were offered on: the need for advocacy and support for Elders and informal caregivers; the benefit of and importance of caring for elders and Métis specific housing and care; and, the benefits of supporting and caring for elders, which was integral to Métis.

**It was MOVED (Lynne Gouliquer) and SECONDED (Michelle Pringnitz)**

WHEREAS it is important that our own Métis elders (senior citizens) are recognized and honoured as central contributors to the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); and

WHEREAS we, the Métis, have and continue to cherish and uphold our Métis elders; and

WHEREAS our Métis elders have given their life blood for future Métis generations; and

WHEREAS the MNO has provided much needed support and help to some specific groups of members such as the youth for education and advocates for the veterans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO be directed to study the current needs, supports and situations of our Métis elders (senior citizens) and the informal (family) Métis caregivers of these Métis elders, and report back at the 2020 MNO Annual General Assembly.

**RESOLVED (AGA190825-09)**

(160 voting in favour; 7 voting in opposition; 4 abstentions)

***Request for Action (AGA-RFA190825-01) It was requested that MNO staff research and provide clarification on the definition of “Elder”.***

Chair Picotte led delegates in thanking members of the Resolutions Committee for their work on all the resolutions. The Assembly offered a standing ovation for all the youth volunteers at the AGA.

## **10. Métis Infinity Investments**

Joel Henley, Métis Infinity Investments, reviewed an overhead presentation titled “Métis Infinity Investments: Profitability and Beyond”, highlighting information on slides titled:

- About Métis Infinity Investments
- Métis Institutions Matter
- Vision & Mission
- Métis Infinity Investments Timeline
- Where We Come From
- Where we are Going
- How we Measure Success
- Investments & Partnerships New Acquisitions
- Investments & Partnerships Continued Success
- Investment & Partnership Portfolio
- Focus on the Future
- Profitability & Beyond.

Joel Henley extended an invitation to Regional Community Councils to contact Métis Infinity Investments to discuss potential economic opportunities.

## **11. Métis Voyageur Development Fund**

Art Bennett, Vice-Chair and Steven Morse, Chief Executive Officer, Métis Voyageur Development Fund, jointly provided an overhead presentation titled “A Report to the Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario”, highlighting information on slides titled:

- What is MVDF (Métis Voyageur Development Fund)
- How Do We Approach financing?
- What Have We and Our Clients Achieved?

- Where We Are Currently
- Initiatives
- Initiatives and the Future.

## 12. Closing Remarks

President Froh acknowledged the successes shared by Métis Infinity Investments and Métis Voyageur Development Fund. The President thanked the Regional Councils, Community Councils, Advisory Councils, leadership, PCMNO, youth and MNO staff for their work to prepare for and ensure a successful AGA. The President thanked the sponsors, acknowledged guests from across the Métis nation, and thanked delegates for their attendance and hospitality shown to guests. The President commented on the importance of moving forward, the important discussions at the AGA and recognized the achievements over the past year. President Froh acknowledged the contributions of veterans, Senators, women leaders, youth, leadership and citizens.

The President noted that the MNO remains strong and united and it does not wavier from the Statement of Prime Purpose. The President led delegates in thanking Chair Picotte and Vice-Chair Cadeau for all their work at the AGA.

President Froh extended thanks to the Regional Councils for their work preparing for and hosting the 2019 AGA and presented gifts to the Regional Council Presidents.

Chair Picotte led delegates in thanking sponsors and acknowledged Raincoast Ventures Ltd., audio visual staff, and MNO staff for their efforts and support at the 2019 AGA.

## CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA held August 23-25, 2019, concluded on Day Three – August 25, 2019 at approximately 12:10 p.m. PCMNO Executive Senator Poitras offered a Closing Prayer.

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This is a true and correct copy of the 26<sup>th</sup> Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly held August 23-25, 2019 and incorporates any and all amendments made at the time of adoption.

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Tim Pile, Secretary-Treasurer

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France Picotte, Chair

Appendix 1: List of Reference Materials

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The following is a complete list of materials provided in the Agenda package, distributed on-table, and distributed by individual delegates to the 26<sup>th</sup> MNO AGA:

*Tab 1: Sponsor Page*

*Tab 2: Table of Contents*

*Tab 3: Administrative documents:*

- 3.1 *Welcome Letter from the PCMNO*
- 3.2 *Agenda*
- 3.3 *Map of AGA Venues and Locations*

*Tab 4: Governance documents:*

- 4.1 *MNO Statement of Prime Purpose*
- 4.2 *MNO Secretariat Bylaws*
- 4.3 *MNO Rules of Order 2006*
- 4.4 *MNO Electoral Code Part A & B*
- 4.5 *Report to the PCMNO on Modernizing the MNO Electoral Codes A&B dated June 29, 2019 by Paul Develliers and John Graham*
- 4.6 *Letters Patent for the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat (1994)*
- 4.7 *MNO Secretariat Act, 2015*
- 4.8 *MNO/Canada/Ontario Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation*
- 4.9 *MNO/Canada/Northwestern Ontario Métis Community Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation*
- 4.10 *MNO/Canada Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement*
- 4.11 *MNO Memorandum dated August 12, 2019 re: Understanding the Self-Government Regional Implementation Agreements and attached draft Métis Community MGRSA Implementation Agreement and Implementation Agreement with MNO Region*
- 4.12 *News/Press Release, Timeline and FAQ regarding MNO MGRSA*

*Tab 5: Registry Documents:*

- 5.1 *MNO Registry Policy (August 2015 Version)*
- 5.2 *MNO Registry Policy Guidelines (August 2015 Version)*
- 5.3 *MNO Registry Policy Backgrounder (August 2015 Version)*
- 5.4 *MNO Registry Update Backgrounder*

*Tab 6: Harvesting Documents*

- 6.1 *MNO/Ontario Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting (2018)*
- 6.2 *MNO Report titled "Understanding the Métis Nation of Ontario-Ministry of Natural Resources Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting in Ontario"*

*Tab 7: Economic Development Documents*

- 7.1 *Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law*
- 7.2 *MNO Policy on Local or Regional Allocations from the MNO's Economic Development Structures*

*Tab 8: Assembly Business documents:*

- 8.1 *MNO AGA 2018 Draft Minutes*
- 8.2 *2001- 2018 AGA Resolutions, Motions and Action Sheet Update*
- 8.3 *MNO Policy #2011 – 002 Process for Conducting Special Business Resolutions*
- 8.4 *Draft 2019 Special Business Resolutions*

*Tab 9: Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission*

- 9.1 *Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission (MNOCC) Bylaws*

*On-table documents:*

- *Métis Nation of Ontario Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019.*
- *Métis Nation of Ontario Annual Report 2018-19*
- *Backgrounder for 2019 AGA Non-Special Business Resolutions #1-12*

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