

Resolutions of the 26th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held August 23-25, 2019, at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre, 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

2019 Special Business Resolutions

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-01 |
| Title: | Recommending Changes to Section 1 of the MNO Bylaws |
| Mover: | June Smart |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-02 |
| Title: | Recommending Changes to Section 28 of the MNO Bylaws |
| Mover: | Verna Porter-Brunelle |
| Seconder: | 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.

- c. 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.
- d. 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-03 |
| Title: | To Delete Section 10 of the MNO Registry Policy Guidelines |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Second: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-04 |
| Title: | 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 |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Second: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-05 |
| Title: | To Hire an Independent, Non-Partisan Entity to Facilitate Elections and Investigate and Implement Electronic Voting |
| Mover: | Jennifer Parkinson |
| Seconder: | 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 8th 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 1st 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-06 |
| Title: | To Adopt Electronic and Telephone Voting and Make Consequential Amendments to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Sharon Cadeau |
| 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” are deleted

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:

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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.

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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."

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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”.

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“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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-07 |
| Title: | To Amend the MNO Electoral Code: Part A to Allow for the Use of Features of New MNO Citizenship Cards |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-08 |
| Title: | To Lengthen Certain Time Periods in MNO Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| 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 1st” with “February 10th”, with the corresponding change to Appendix A.
2. In Article 6.1, “March 15th” with “March 1st”, with the corresponding change to Appendix A.
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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-09 |
| Title: | 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 |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Second: | 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.”

RESOLVED (AGA190824-09)

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

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-10 |
| Title: | To Amend Definition of “Executive” in the MNO Electoral Code: Part A for Consistency with MNO Bylaws |
| Mover: | Margaret Froh |

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| Seconded: | Sharon Cadeau |
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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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-11 |
| Title: | To Clarify Article 24.4 of the MNO Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Sharon Cadeau |
| 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-12 |
| Title: | To Allow Chief Electoral Officer to Adapt the MNO Electoral Code: Part A in an Emergency or Unforeseen Circumstance |
| Mover: | Margaret Froh |

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| Seconded: | Tim Pile |
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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 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-13 |
| Title: | To Allow Citizens Left Off the List of Electors to Vote in Elections Held Pursuant to the MNO Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Sharon Cadeau |
| 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190824-14 |
| Title: | 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 |
| Mover: | Jordyn Playne |
| Seconder: | 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)

The following Special Business Resolutions were moved and seconded but were defeated:

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| Title: | Recommending Changes to Section 53 of the MNO Bylaws |
| Mover: | Ray Bergie |

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| Seconded: | Mitch Case |
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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)

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| Title: | To Provide the Chief Electoral Officer with Options to Enforce the MNO Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| 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 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)

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| Title: | To Amend MNO Electoral Code: Part A to Protect Confidentiality of Certain Election Materials |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Second: | 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)

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| Title: | To Amend MNO Policy #2001-002 Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Second: | 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."

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

DEFEATED

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

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| Title: | Amending Section 6.5(c) of the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconders: | 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)

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| Title: | Amending the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |

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| Seconders: | Jerry Clarke |
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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)

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| Title: | Amending the Métis Nation of Ontario Electoral Code: Part A, Article 6 |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconders: | 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)

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| Title: | Amending Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws #2 |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Title: | Amending Section 14 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws #3 |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Title: | Amending Section 22 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Title: | Deleting Section 10 of the MNO Secretariat Bylaws |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Title: | To Amend Section 6.0 of the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016) |
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| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| 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)

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| Title: | Regarding Additional Communication to be Included in Section 7.0, Communications from the Captains of the Hunt within the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Harvesting Policy (August 2016) |
| Mover: | Tobias Clarke |
| 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)

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| Title: | Regarding the Presentation of Resolutions at Annual General Assemblies |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Title: | Regarding Minimum Requirements for Ratification of Long-Term Binding Agreements |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| 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)

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| Title: | Option 1 – Amending the Objection and Appeals Procedures in MNO Electoral Code: Part A (1) |
| Mover: | Sharon Cadeau |
| Second: | 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.”

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“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.”

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“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)

2019 Non-Special Business Resolutions

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-01 |
| Title: | Seeking Resources to Support Community Council Women’s Representatives to attend the AGA |
| Mover: | June Smart |
| Second: | Colette Surovy |

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

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-02 |
| Title: | Youth Programming |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Seconder: | 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 with the administrative structure and to create a director of youth initiatives within the director level of the administration.

RESOLVED (AGA190825-02)

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

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-03 |
| Title: | Federal Election 2019 |
| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| Seconder: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-04 |
| Title: | To Direct the President to Write to Elections Canada |

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| Mover: | Mitch Case |
| 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-05 |
| Title: | Regarding Advanced Consultation in the Development of Future Ratification Processes |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-06 |
| Title: | Directing Additions to Schedule A of the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| 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 discussion, 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-07 |
| Title: | Regarding Bill C-262 |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| Second: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-08 |
| Title: | Regarding MNO Recording and Using the Official Version of O Canada |
| Mover: | Diane Kilby |
| Second: | 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)

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| Resolution #: | AGA190825-09 |
| Title: | To Support Métis Elders |
| Mover: | Lynne Gouliquer |
| Seconder: | 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 direct to study the current needs, support and situation for 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)

The following Non-Special Business Resolutions were moved and seconded but were defeated:

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| Title: | On the Inclusion of Unrecognized Rights Holders (Short Version) |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| Seconder: | Veda Weselake |

Main Motion

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 – with a total of 136 delegates in attendance at this point.

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)

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| Title: | Regarding the Right to Legal Recourse |
| Mover: | Jonas Weselake-George |
| Seconder: | 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)

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