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2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the 27th Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Virtual Annual General Assembly (AGA) held November 7, 2020, prepared by Jana Anderson, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

MNO Annual General Assembly Opening

The AGA commenced with the playing and singing of “We Aspire” and “O Canada” and delegates viewed a video showcasing past MNO AGAs and events.

Chair Rowlinson called the AGA to order at 9:32 a.m. and acknowledged that this was the first year that the MNO was hosting its AGA as a one-day virtual meeting, rather than a three-day in-person meeting. It was not safe to gather in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the meeting was being held virtually to ensure business necessary was conducted for the MNO to meet its legal obligations, including the approval of the audited financial statements. Important updates on many key initiatives and activities would also be provided, but no Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions would be considered. The MNO intends to use online tools and social media to continue to provide future updates and, when it again safe to do so, the MNO will meet to take on the business as would be normal at an AGA.

PCMNO Executive Senator Poitras provided opening comments and offered an Opening Prayer.

Opening Remarks

Hank Rowlinson, Chair, Provincial Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO)

Chair Rowlinson welcomed delegates and special guests to the AGA. The MNO AGA offers the MNO citizens the opportunity to come together to have fun, reflect and evaluate the work of the prior year and set the course for the next year ahead.

On behalf of Vice-Chair Cadeau, Chair Rowlinson congratulated the PCMNO members for their success in the recent election and acknowledged volunteers that supported the election process and those who participated in the voting process.

Jeff Gallagher, Moderator, Meet Me in the Cloud

Moderator Gallagher welcomed delegates and provided an explanation on how to participate online during the AGA webinar features and options for participating by phone.

Chair Rowlinson referred the meeting to the Métis Rules of Order, Statement of Prime Purpose, Bylaws and other MNO AGA material provided in the “Reference Documents” section on the “MNO AGA Website” at: www.mnoaga.ca.

Chair Rowlinson discussed the need for the AGA Standing Rules developed and accepted by the PCMNO. The AGA provides an opportunity for citizens of the nation to be active partners, contributing input on key issues, listening to other citizens and learning from them, and making informed decisions on issues.

The Standing Rules play an important role in those deliberations and are intended to help establish fairness, equality and respect. Chair Rowlinson reviewed the Standing Rules and confirmed that, should any rule be violated, he or Vice-Chair Cadeau would intervene and citizens are also invited to raise any points of order should any rules be violated.

Sharon Cadeau, Vice-Chair, PCMNO

Vice-Chair Cadeau welcomed delegates to the 2020 AGA and explained that, to conduct the AGA business and confirm quorum, the voting (polling) features of the virtual AGA platform would be used for citizens participating online and calling in. Only MNO citizens who have registered for the AGA would be permitted to participate and vote.

Vice-Chair Cadeau acknowledged and thanked the sponsors of the 2020 AGA and COVID-19 Capacity sponsors. A full list of sponsors was available on the MNO AGA website.

Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

President Froh welcomed delegates to the first ever virtual AGA. President Froh acknowledged this was Veterans Week and that November was a very important month for Métis people, with Louis Riel Day on November 16, 2020. The AGA was scheduled in order to conduct the business of the MNO and update citizens on the path of self-government. Delegates were invited to visit the MNO AGA website for PCMNO update reports, Advisory Council update reports and reference documents.

Introduction of PCMNO

President Froh referred delegates to the PCMNO Welcome Letter posted on the MNO AGA website and short introductory videos from the PCMNO members were played.

Virtual Trade Show

A video was played showcasing Métis artisans and vendors participating in the MNO AGA Virtual Trade show. Vice-Chair Cadeau invited delegates to visit the MNO AGA website for links to the Métis artisans and vendors.

Welcoming Remarks from Dignitaries and Guests

Video: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Premier Ford extended greetings on behalf of the province of Ontario and wishes to the MNO and citizens for a successful virtual AGA. Premier Ford confirmed that the Government of Ontario is working with Indigenous communities to create lasting economic prosperity by supporting training, job creation and community infrastructure. Ontario has invested \$10 million to support Métis businesses impacted by COVID-19 and through Ontario's economic strategy, and the province will continue its efforts to reduce barriers for Métis students, promote respect for all Indigenous cultures and build a more inclusive society in Ontario.

Video: Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Minister Rickford extended greetings on behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and welcomed attendees to the 27th Annual MNO AGA. Although the Assembly could not be held in person Minister Rickford appreciated that the MNO prioritized the health and safety of delegates and guests by hosting the AGA virtually. Minister Rickford shared that the Ministries recognize the contributions of Métis in Ontario and the Government of Canada is committed to working together with mutual respect, and in recognition of Métis rights. It is important to

build knowledge and understanding in order to preserve Métis history, culture and language and everyone has a role to play in preserving these as part of the path to reconciliation.

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Minister Bennett extended greetings to elected representatives and delegates and thanked the MNO for the invitation to attend the 27th MNO AGA. Noting this was Veterans Week and November 8, 2020 was Indigenous Veterans Day, Minister Bennett spoke of the importance of honouring all who serve and those veterans whose lives were lost. The Minister shared that she was joining virtually from the traditional territory of the Chippewa Tri-Council and the historic homeland of Métis, a community of Drummond Island citizens and the home of the Labatte Homestead Rendezvous. Looking out on Georgian Bay, Minister Bennett shared that she was reminded of the many times she participated the longstanding traditional MNO canoe arrival to open MNO Assemblies.

Minister Bennett noted that, since the 2019 AGA, there was a federal election, a new Cabinet was sworn in, which included one Métis Minister, and then the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. The Minister acknowledged MNO's continued efforts to communicate with and provide supports to all their citizens to help them deal with the stresses of COVID-19. The deaths of George Floyd and Joyce Echaquan have raised the issue of systemic racism to the forefront, and all organizations and systems are compelled to act. Eliminating racism and sexism is important to stop the tragedies and close gaps in education and economic outcomes for Indigenous peoples. Minister Bennett acknowledged and thanked Melanie Omeniho, President of Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, present at the meeting for all her work and advice as the government faces these issues.

Minister Bennett noted that despite the pandemic, the government and MNO have been working collaboratively on housing, post-secondary Indigenous learning and childcare and languages initiatives. The Government of Canada has relied on the MNO's distinct awareness of its communities to help combat and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The renewed and enhanced relationship with Métis and the distinct Self-Government Agreements entered into show how important it is to work together in partnership. The Government of Canada was proud to sign the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreements (MGRSA) with the MNO and Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) in June 2019. These Agreements are historic, set the stage for recognizing the MNO, MNA and MN-S Indigenous government and Minister Bennett is looking forward to implementing the Agreements.

The Government of Canada is supportive of efforts to advance discussions related to Métis claims and the research on these claims. Budget 2019 committed funding to support Indigenous skills development, early learning and childcare, post-secondary and housing. It will be important to ensure MNO has sufficient funding to address these issues and that the programming and funding is flexible enough to address the unique needs of Métis citizens. The September 2020 Speech from the Throne laid out an ambitious plan and reaffirmed Canada's commitment to implementing the calls to action in the final report of the National Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada's calls to action, introducing legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and accelerating the government's commitment to closing the infrastructure gaps Indigenous people experience daily.

Minister Bennett noted the MNO has a strong foundation to build on, there is significant work to be accomplished working together and she was thankful for being able to be part of the effort to make real and positive change for Métis citizens. Quoting Louis Riel who said, "My people will sleep for one hundred years, but when they awake, it will be the artists who give them their spirit back", Minister Bennett noted

that this was true when reflecting on the efforts of Dr. Janet Smylie, working to support urban Métis affected by COVID-19, and Alana Robert, a young Métis lawyer, who was a panelist at the October 2020 Gender Justice Now Symposium, speaking on the legal system and justice for Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA persons. In the weeks leading up to Louis Riel Day, Métis should reflect on all the work done and that Louis Riel would be proud his vision is being realized. Minister Bennett concluded by extending her best wishes for a successful AGA.

Video: The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister Indigenous Services

Minister Miller acknowledged he was joining virtually from the traditional territory of the Algonquin and extended greetings to delegates. The Minister noted that COVID-19 has brought additional hardship to many people already facing hardships, and the pandemic has magnified the socio and economic challenges. Throughout the crisis, the health and wellbeing of First Nations, Métis and Inuit remains a focus for the Ministry. There is a need to improve Métis child and family services, and support for post-secondary education and economic development. The 2020 Throne Speech pledged to implement legislation on UNDRIP before the end of 2020, implement the recommendations from the TRC calls to action, accelerate the work on a national action plan to address the tragedy of MMIWG in Canada and work on a plan to develop distinctions based health legislation. Indigenous leaders have expressed that ending racism in health care is of utmost importance and there is a strong foundation to co-develop solutions and transform the federal service delivery models. Minister Miller concluded by acknowledging the strong collaboration that exists between Canada and the MNO.

Video: Audrey Poitras, President, Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)

MNA President Poitras acknowledged all those present and shared that it was an honour to be part MNO's first virtual AGA. MNA President Poitras extended greetings on behalf of the MNA Council, staff and MNA citizens. The President noted she was pleased to be part of the Assembly and shared that the entire MNA extend their best wishes for a positive AGA.

Video: Glen McCallum, President, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)

MN-S President McCallum acknowledged delegates and thanked President Froh for the opportunity to join the MNO AGA virtually. He shared that MN-S is doing well, and though COVID-19 slowed down some of the momentum, the good relationships established with the government allowed MN-S to continue delivering services to its citizens. MN-S President McCallum noted he was looking forward to continuing the Tri-Council relationship, moving forward with the work to advance the MGRSAs, and meeting in-person again in the future to share ideas and continue the Tri-Council relationship. On behalf of the MN-S, President McCallum extended best wishes to the MNO for a successful AGA.

Melanie Omeniho, President, Les Femme Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO) – Women of the Métis Nation

LFMO President Omeniho spoke on the importance of opening with prayer and always putting Métis veterans at the forefront. President Omeniho acknowledged and thanked MNO Vice-Chair Cadeau for her continued efforts to support the work of the Women of the Métis Nation.

President Omeniho advised that LFMO staff have been working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. LFMO did not seek COVID-19 funding, given that it is LFMO's position that the funding to support programs and services belongs to the Métis community and its citizens.

President Omeniho, reported on LFMO activities over the past year including the Métis student gift-giving graduation program, Grandmother Ribbon program, work on gender based analysis and tool kits to bring awareness to the importance of including an intersexual lens on all policies, work on the LFMO MMIWG

framework and Métis perspectives on MMIWG and LGBTQ2S+ people. President Omeniho acknowledged and thanked MNO staff for their support and input into the work and confirmed that all reports were available on the LFMO website. LFMO also provided input on UNDRIP legislation, and they are working on issues around early childhood learning and developing a national plan to end gender violence. LFMO recently received approval to proceed with a youth employment strategy, “Reach for the Sky” to provide support, tools and guidance as part of a Métis women and girls leadership program. President Omeniho concluded by sharing that the MNO’s ability to hold an AGA virtually is something to be proud of and shows how resilient Métis people are.

Chair Rowlinson joined delegates in acknowledging and thanking special guests for their support and attendance at MNO’s first ever virtual AGA.

HEALTH BREAK

The meeting recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

State of the Nation Address

Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario

President Froh extended thanks to Senator Poitras for the Opening Prayer and acknowledged Senators for their prayers and support so thoughtfully offered at each and every gathering. The President welcomed all delegates to the 27th Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on behalf of the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), and all MNO citizens across Ontario.

President Froh acknowledged that although people are familiar with and fond of connecting in person, the PCMNO made the decision first to postpone the AGA, and then ultimately decided to hold the 2020 AGA virtually to ensure key business could be done and important updates provided, while ensuring **that** Métis citizens, Councils, families and staff were safe.

President Froh acknowledged the current PCMNO members, extended thanks for their years of service to the members of the PCMNO who did not return to office and recognized the commitment of the Community Council Presidents and Council members for their tireless work and service.

President Froh welcomed and acknowledged the Captains of the Hunt, Captain of the Hunt Liaisons, Advisory Councils and Working Groups for their work and contributions over the past including supporting harvesting, harvesters, advocacy, moving governance forward and promoting women in leadership roles. The President acknowledged the Women’s Representatives of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women’s Council (MNOWC) present and thanked them for their continued support and efforts towards implementing a Métis gender based analysis lens to all work, educating on and addressing the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and raising up the voices of women across the MNO.

President Froh welcomed past and present members of the MNO Youth Council (MNOYC), all community youth representatives present and congratulated the MNOYC for hosting a very successful 4th Annual Metis Youth Leadership Forum virtually. Members of the Youth Council were thanked for their continued hard work to engage young people as their voices will be important as the MNO moves forward with the work of Constitution building and Self-Government.

Welcoming members of MNO's Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Working Group and all 2SLGBTQ+ members of Métis families and communities, the President spoke about the importance of developing a strategic plan and recommendations for ensuring MNO policies, programs and government is open, inclusive, loving and safe.

A welcome was extended to the past and present members of the MNO Veteran's Council. President Froh acknowledged they have been working tirelessly to reach out and seek out Métis Veteran's across Ontario, as well as veterans from Ontario that have moved beyond MNO's borders. Acknowledging it was Veterans Week and Remembrance Day was approaching, a heartfelt thanks was extended to all Metis veterans. Over the past year, Métis veterans have helped deliver an apology from the Prime Minister of Canada and compensation to no less than ten Métis WWII veterans in Ontario, which is well over half of the Métis WWII veterans recognized nationally so far. These veterans include Alex Boucher, Alcide Duval, Wilfred Rochon, Will Gagnon, William Hurteau, Marie Knight, Herman Lacroix, Guy Lafrenière, Leonard Landrigan, and George Ricard. The widows of William (Bill) Ellis and Omar Lacroix were also recognized.

President Froh acknowledged the loss of the following Metis veterans: Harvey Horlock, Joseph Paquette, John Cadeau, Rene Leonard, Will Gagnon, Leonard Landrigan, Herman Lacroix and Alexander Boucher, who at the time of his death, at 106, was Canada's oldest Metis Veteran and one of the oldest Veterans in Canada.

Thanks were extended to all the Senators elected to serve on the PCMNO, on Community Councils, and Honourary Senators. The President shared that, during this time of COVID, many of Senators have shown an amazing amount of support - reaching out to their colleagues and seniors in the communities to provide a friendly voice.

President Froh acknowledged and thanked all MNO staff members who work to support Métis citizens daily. Their work is valued, it makes a real difference in the lives of Métis families and communities across Ontario and they have demonstrated an incredible willingness to step-up to ensure Métis families and communities continue to receive the supports they need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Froh thanked MNO citizens for their continued commitment to advance the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose, for pushing the government to be better and pushing to ensure that the rights of Métis families and communities will be protected for generations to come.

President Froh acknowledged and thanked special guests that have joined the AGA and acknowledged the generous sponsors and industry partners that stepped up during COVID to provide personal protective equipment and financial supports to MNO communities.

President Froh thanked the talented performers who joined the MNO AGA Virtual Kitchen Party held November 6, 2020 and invited delegates to watch the recording of this event on MNO's Facebook page. Highlights of the Kitchen Party included the announcement of MNO's Suzanne Rochon Burnett Award, awarded this year to the MNO's Community Councils, MNOWC, Veteran's Council and MNOYC, for their incredible volunteerism during these challenging times of COVID-19.

President Froh referenced past year's activities, including the 26th Annual General Assembly held in August 2019 in Sault Ste. Marie Ontario and the Otipemisiwak Conference, the first ever conference focussing on Metis Self-Government that MNO co-hosted with the governments of the MNA and MN-S. The conference

celebrated the three governments' signing the first and only MGRSAs (Core Self-Government Agreements), and provided MNO, MNA and MN-S an opportunity to connect and discuss plans to advance Métis self-government. The MNO continues its work with the MNA and MN-S through the Métis Government Tri-Council to advance key components of the Core Self-Government Agreements and work on other shared priorities. These priorities include the collective call for reform of the Métis National Council (MNC) and the Permanent Bilateral Mechanism under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord. President Froh noted that with respect to the MNC very little has changed since the update provided at the 2019 MNO AGA. The MNO, MNA and MN-S continue to make it clear to Canada that this national advocacy body is not, and never was, a government, and the MNC's deliberate efforts to bypass the Governing Members is completely unacceptable.

The MNO, MNA and MN-S held an inaugural Tri-Council Meeting in Edmonton in January 2020. At that meeting, they shared key priorities for the governments, and in-depth presentations on each government's respective registry systems were provided. The three governments adopted a joint declaration and a resolution identifying several priorities for Canada, including: developing a mutually agreeable Federal Recognition Legislation for the Core Self-Government Agreements; co-developing with Canada, a federal Métis Claims Policy to support ongoing discussions and negotiations on Métis lands and breaches of federal Crown promises, commitments and duties to Métis; and negotiating stable, long-term fiscal financing agreements to address the very real and pressing socio-economic needs of the citizens and communities. President Froh thanked Minister Bennett and Minister Miller, and their ministries, for the commitment they have demonstrated, and the progress MNO has made to date under their leadership. The President acknowledged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Cabinet for the commitment made to advance true reconciliation in Canada with Métis. The MNO is looking forward to continuing its work with Canada, and its sister Métis Governments, to achieve these priorities and implement the Core Self-Government Agreements.

The MNO, MNA and MN-S will continue to call for reform of the MNC and the priorities outlined in Tri-Council declaration. In spite of everything being done to work against the MNO, the organization has not missed a step. The MNO, along with the governments of MNA and MN-S, have maintained their commitment as signatories to the Canada-Métis Nation Accord to advance the priorities under the Accord and engage with Canada, and do all that is necessary to ensure investments and critical supports are realized for their Métis citizens.

President Froh explained that at the same time the MNO, MNA and MN-S were holding their first ever self-government conference, engaging in positive and respectful conversations about Métis rights and their inherent rights of self-determination and self-government, representatives from the MNC and Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) were holding a gathering in Saskatoon denouncing all of MNO's communities, including the Powley community. The Powley community is the only Métis community in Canada recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada as a rights-bearing Métis Community under Section 35 of the Constitution. The President noted that the same voices in Saskatoon denouncing the MNO, were the very same people that embraced the Sault Ste. Marie community and the Powley family, all the while knowing full well that this community was not situated in the northwest corner of Ontario. The same people did not say anything against the legitimacy of the community when Powley was going through the Courts and, in fact, hailed the Powley case as a victory for the Métis Nation and the Powley family as heroes. The President confirmed that MNO will continue to call for change, to stand up for its historic communities and all Métis Citizens in Ontario.

Shortly after the historic Metis Self-Government Conference, COVID-19 occurred. President Froh acknowledged and thanked everyone for their leadership shown during this time, including citizens, Councils and the PCMNO for acting so swiftly and putting the safety of families and communities first. The Community Councils and Advisory Councils reached out to citizens by phone, by email, by Zoom and provided masks, food and held community harvests province-wide. MNO's staff immediately mobilized and implemented a government-wide shift to remote work. The MNO acknowledges the support of both the federal and provincial governments for their investments in the MNO, and providing new and expanded resources to support the management of the COVID-19 pandemic in MNO communities. More than 50 MNO employees were quickly organized to check in on Métis seniors, and work on intake, assessment and delivery of COVID 19 programs and services. The staff did this at the same time as continuing to manage their already full time jobs within MNO. MNO staff had to develop and roll out an entire suite of new programs for COVID-19. It required new application processes and the development of an internal database tracking system. These supports have made a very real difference in the lives of Métis families and will continue to do so, as COVID-19 is managed into the future.

President Froh reported that over 2,550 applications have been submitted for COVID-19 funding, with many individuals submitting multiple applications to access different programs. All applicants have been individually assessed and approximately one-third of all applicants did not qualify either because they did not have MNO citizenship or did not meet the program parameters. In those cases, they were referred to other MNO programs and services or to third-party agencies for help. Approximately 1,000 Metis citizens received COVID-19 funding under the COVID HELP program and 1,100 Métis children in Ontario received support. Citizens are encouraged to continue to reach out if they need assistance by calling MNO's toll-free help line at 1-800-263-4889 or by emailing COVIDHELP@metisnation.org.

At the same time that MNO has been managing and rolling out COVID-19 programming, MNO continued to develop and enhance its existing suite of programs and services. MNO rolled out dedicated post-secondary educational supports to Métis citizens, significantly expanded its capacity in the area of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC), hired new staff, have plans to hire additional staff and expand that team even further over the next year. ELCC staff have been working to provide a wide range of services, including the Child Care Subsidy Program, Early Learning Book Program, Early Childhood Educator Support Program, College of ECE Reimbursement Program, COVID-19 Child Care Support Program, Early Learning Family Camps, Early Learning-At-Home Kits, Extracurricular Support Program, and the Community Council Early Learning Event Funding Program.

The MNO expanded its educational supports through the hiring of additional Education Advocates, and secured funding to support hiring a Languages Coordinator that will focus on establishing supports and services in French and Michif. The seasonal Métis Camps for high school Métis youth have continued virtually. Work continues toward the establishment of MNO's Powley Institute with staff undertaking research and planning on next steps. Acting on past direction from the AGA, the MNO held a series of meetings with Canadian Geographic about the Métis section of their Indigenous Atlas, focused on identifying a series of opportunities to tell the stories of MNO's Métis communities and developing a virtual educational platform that may help to propel the work of the MNO Powley Institute.

MNO is building a Housing Branch that is focused on providing dedicated housing and homelessness supports to MNO citizens. The Branch is hiring staff and preparing a suite of programs to roll out to Métis families and communities across Ontario.

In the area of healing and wellness, MNO is providing enhanced diabetes supports that will allow MNO to address identified gaps. New resources were identified to support an increasing demand for access to renal support and dialysis for MNO citizens and to allow MNO to finally begin helping with the cost of diabetes management supplies. Funding for this area increased from \$150,000 annually, to \$500,000 as of July 2020.

MNO is embarking on another area of concern; to address and seek reform in the area of Métis Child, Youth and Family Services and it has launched a project to improve the Child, Youth and Family Services System for Métis in Ontario. It will focus on creating greater clarity about the role of MNO in the current child welfare cases and establish more formalized relationships with local Children's Aid Societies and develop a longer-term plan for how the MNO will go forward with Métis Child, Youth and Family Services. Project planning will be informed by conversations in Métis communities throughout Ontario that will be starting in the coming months. The project will be guided by input from a Project Advisory Council which will include elected leadership and interested community members. More information on the program and the announcement of PCMNO appointments to this new Advisory Group will be provided in the coming weeks.

Over the past year MNO has significantly expanded supports for citizens in the area of mental health and addictions. These supports are delivered in person where possible, and over videoconference or telephone, to connect citizens to assessment, treatment and follow up by various mental health and addictions professionals (some of which are Métis and bilingual). The supports include psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, addictions counsellors, occupational and speech therapies, and tutoring. From April 1 to September 15, 2020, the program has received over 350 referrals. Thanks to support from both Ontario and Canada to address the long term impact of COVID-19, the program added a 24-hour mental health crisis line and financial and legal counselling services. All services are free of charge to citizens and self-identified Métis. Information about these programs is available on MNO's website.

MNO is proud to announce its new Justice Program that provides MNO citizens with direct and indirect justice services and supports. MNO is able offer to citizens, free of charge, access to alternatives to the criminal justice system through restorative justice practices, to legal information and paralegals. MNO has the ability, for the first time ever, to either support a citizen with their legal matter directly, or, if it is a complex matter, to help citizens access legal resources. President Froh referred delegates to the MNO AGA website (www.mnoaga.ca) for video updates and reports from the MNO's economic development entities and our other institutions.

President Froh reported that the Métis Voyageur Development Fund (MVDF) provided financing of \$7.23 million in 2019/20 to Métis businesses. Since the onset of COVID-19, MVDF suspended all interest and payments on its loans, keeping more than \$1.4 million in Métis businesses, while providing \$2.1 million in emergency financing to more than 70 Métis owned businesses at 0% interest, and \$500,000 in non-repayable grants. Métis Infinity Investments, MNO's arms-length economic development arm, had a very successful and profitable 2019-2020 fiscal year. In 2019, Métis Infinity Investments participated in over \$20 million in gross contracting revenue through its various entities and holdings. Despite the COVID-19 slow-down, it remains healthy and expects a return to profitability with marginal growth by the end of fiscal 2020-21. On behalf of the leadership and citizens of the MNO, President Froh thanked the independent Boards of Directors of both MVDF and Métis Infinity Investments and their staff, for the work they are doing to help build strong institutions and investments.

President Froh explained that MNO's new Prosperity Trust was settled with funds from a 2018 settlement through negotiations with the Province of Ontario and Ministry of Energy. The Trust is being managed by some of the country's top professional advisors in accordance with the requirements of the trust. Further to the direction of past MNO Assemblies, funds are to be held in trust for the long-term creation of wealth, and development of prosperity and economic self-sufficiency of citizens. As of November 4, 2020, the market value of the Trust was \$29,121,762 and it has grown \$1.6 million since its inception. The Trust's professional advisors continue to recommend sticking to a long-term investment plan as a prudent strategy, particularly given the current uncertain times. The MNO's newly established Economic Development Working Group, comprised of members of PCMNO and MNO citizens, will be meeting soon to discuss the Trust and information will be shared as these meetings progress.

MNO's Lands Resources and Consultation (LRC) Branch hosted, and to continues to host, multiple workshops with the Regional Consultation Committees (RCCs) in spite of COVID-19. In 2019-20, the LRC Branch secured funding for climate change initiatives and began rolling out a program for environmental monitoring that will include training for MNO youth. The Branch continues to support RCC engagement with the provincial and federal governments to protect the Great Lakes, and with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on numerous Forest Management Plans. The LRC Branch is supporting the RCC's participation in the assessment of projects in MNO Regions 1 and 2 (Hydro One Waasigan), Region 3 (Gazouq) and Region 5 (Timiskaming Dam Replacement) to determine the impact of these projects on Métis rights. To continue their long-standing relationship surrounding the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) infrastructure at the Bruce Power site, the Georgian Bay Traditional Territory Consultation Committee signed a revised relationship agreement with OPG. In 2019-2020, the MNO's Impact Benefits Agreement with Prodigy Gold and MNO Regions 2 and 4 reached its next stage as the mine made the decision to enter into commercial production.

MNO is aware, based on its Communications Survey and ongoing feedback, that there is a need for increased and better communications, particularly as MNO moves forward with the work of Constitution building and Self-Government. Every citizen should have received the August 2020 edition of the Métis Voyageur and the next edition will be circulated prior to the Christmas holidays. Citizens have indicated that the Métis Voyageur is an important source of information for them and MNO is committed to getting back on track with regular quarterly newspapers. MNO has been issuing more bulletins and news briefs and has implemented regular post-PCMNO meeting Town Hall updates with all of the Community Councils, Advisory Councils and Captains of the Hunt leadership to help keep communities stay informed and up to date. MNO recently held its first-ever province-wide Citizens' Town Hall via zoom and more are expected to be scheduled. MNO Communications prepares and posts recap reports from the leadership Town Halls and PCMNO meetings on MNO's website. The latest Métis Voyageur featured an article on the Sault Ste. Marie historic community and MNO plans to continue to highlight stories of Métis communities across the MNO in every edition. The Communications Branch is also working on rolling out videos and a poster series featuring information about MNO's historic communities.

President Froh acknowledged that MNO's website and recent media covered an event held in Sault Ste. Marie on October 21, 2020 marking the 170th year anniversary of Sault Ste. Marie Métis and promises made by Treaty Commissioner Robinson. This past week, MNO's communications team marked Treaties Recognition Week working with Region 1 Regional Councilor Theresa Stenlund to plan and prepare a release and short educational video about the Half-breed Adhesion to Treaty No. 3. Both of these events highlight the rich stories and pivotal moments in history, and are intended to raise awareness of unfulfilled

promises, and elevate the prominence of Ontario Métis communities, fundamental to the assertion of rights.

President Froh announced that MNO hired Brian Black, the first ever Director of Self Government Strategy. Mr. Black is focussing on engagement with regions and Community Councils around the Regional Implementation Agreements (RIAs) that are used to set out a respectful process for regions and the MNO to work together to advance the MGRSA. Work is underway on a specific Métis Self-Government section on the MNO website to provide more frequent updates and it will include short videos about Self-Government, Constitution-building and provide a forum for direct citizen feedback.

The President reported that, as of September 30, 2020 the MNO has 23,161 registered citizens with more than 75% of citizenship files tracing to Métis ancestors. As reported previously, approximately 23% of the files not yet complete do not meet the MNO's AGA approved citizenship criteria. The integrity of MNO's citizenship and harvester certificate Registry has, and will continue to be, fundamental to MNO's success in advancing and achieving self-government. MNO will soon be engaging with citizens on the final Registry Review Report about the final results as MNO develops its citizenship law. This is a required step in the MGRSA. The review of all files has resulted in some tremendous benefits, including the development of enhanced operational procedures and quality assurance processes to the MNO's state of the art SASH database, and a streamlined approach to applications which has enabled over 5,500 applicant files to be processed since 2017. The Registry instituted service standards that have greatly reduced wait times and ensures that every inquiry is tracked and addressed. There are currently 2,200 active MNO harvesters in Ontario, five new Verified Métis Family Lines were approved in 2020, and fifteen other reports are in the final stages of review.

In 2019-2020, the Mobile Registries were held in Mattawa, North Bay, Sudbury, Muskoka, Thunder Bay, and Penetanguishene and Registry staff met with over 300 individuals. The Registry is now providing virtual mobile registry support. The next Virtual Mobile Registry is planned for November 23-26, 2020 and is open to applicants and citizens from all regions (or from out of province). Two student interns were hired to work with the Registry this fall to contact over 3,000 people with out of date addresses, to make updates wherever possible. The MNO Registry has worked to modernize gender options available for MNO citizens and applicants so that people can now identify a non-binary gender option for their citizenship file, allowing for more inclusive, representative and relevant data.

President Froh confirmed that in June 2020, the MNO held its first ever provincial election using electronic and telephone voting. Due to COVID-19, the Chief Elector Officer made the decision to postpone the MNO's election and not allow in person voting to ensure the health and safety of citizens. The President acknowledged and thanked all those that put their name forward to serve and thanked the past elected leaders who committed so much of themselves to the MNO. The President also extended thanks to everyone that put their name forward to run in provincial Advisory Council and Community Council elections. The report from the Chief Electoral Officer, which makes a series of recommendations to improve the next provincial election, is available the MNO AGA website.

President Froh advised that, since the election in June 2020, the newly elected PCMNO have held four full weekend meetings and numerous evening sessions to discuss and debate the business of the MNO and make decisions to drive the MNO forward. Key decisions from these meetings include: permanently waiving citizenship and harvester certificate application and renewal fees; making citizen appointments to the MNO Economic Development Working Group; issuing a call for expressions of interest for citizens

to serve on a new MNO Children & Youth Family Services Advisory Group; approving a distribution plan for the New Relationship Fund for the current fiscal year; approving the new MNO Governance Compensation Framework; and launching a community engagement process to seek feedback from citizens on the establishment of an MNO Ethics & Integrity Commissioner and a new MNO-wide Code of Conduct. The PCMNO reviewed and provided support to proceed with the Métis Rules of Order Revitalization project to ensure governing documents are informed by the voices of citizens and reflect Métis values and principles, and they passed a resolution to approve and recommend the MNO's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 for ratification at the 2020 AGA.

President Froh confirmed that the MNOWC and Senators Annual General Meetings and elections were scheduled for November 8, 2020.

President Froh commented on several upcoming events in November including National Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8, 2020; Louis Riel Day (with virtual Law Society of Ontario events) on November 16, 2020, MNO's mental health speaker's series scheduled virtually on November 17, 2020, the Virtual Mobile Registry planned November 23-26, 2020, plans for another all-Citizen Town Hall, a weekend PCMNO meeting in early December 2020 and release of the MNO's Registry Review Report.

On behalf of the entire PCMNO, President Froh thanked MNO citizens for their continued resilience, dedication, commitment and resolve. Delegates and guests were encouraged to treasure the opportunity to spend the day together virtually, while looking forward to the future when everyone could come together again in person to share stories, discuss aspirations and continue walking together on the collective path of Métis Self-Government in Ontario.

Update Reports

Chair Rowlinson thanked MNO staff supporting the virtual AGA and thanked former PCMNO Chair France Picotte for her service to the MNO.

Delegates were invited to view the PCMNO and Advisory Council written reports posted on the MNO AGA website under "Administrative Reports".

Chair Rowlinson extended thanks to the guests, presenters, and delegates for their participation in the morning portion of the AGA. It was noted that, during the health break, a video showcasing the Métis artisans and vendors participating in the Virtual Trade show would be played. Following the meeting break, only Métis citizens would be invited to remain for the business portion of the 2020 AGA.

HEALTH BREAK

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

MNO 2020 AGA BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCES

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

Chair Rowlinson reported that there were 455 registered citizens eligible to vote at the 27th MNO AGA, with quorum for the meeting therefore being set at 228.

Moderator Gallagher reviewed the polling features to be used to vote online and by phone and led the meeting in a test vote.

2. Adoption of the 2020 Annual General Assembly Agenda

It was MOVED (Verna Porter-Brunelle) and SECONDED (Dale Xilon)

That the Agenda for the 27th Métis Nation of Ontario Virtual Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario scheduled August 23-25, 2019 be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA201107-01)

3. 2019 AGA Minutes

3.1 Adoption of the 2019 AGA Minutes

Secretary-Treasurer Young led the meeting in a review of the special business and ordinary business resolutions in the draft minutes of the MNO AGA held August 23-25, 2019.

In response to queries, the meeting was advised that abstention votes do not break consensus and Special Business resolutions that result in changes to the MNO Secretariat Bylaws or governing documents require a two-third majority vote of approval.

It was MOVED (Senator Rene Gravelle) and SECONDED (Kevin Rath)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held August 23-25, 2019 be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA201107-02)

(2 abstentions)

3.2 Business Arising

Given the time restraints of a virtual AGA, Secretary-Treasurer Young invited citizens to email questions related to progress made on any resolutions from the 2019 AGA.

HEALTH BREAK

The meeting recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Rowlinson confirmed quorum with a total of 232 delegates in attendance at 2:24 p.m.

4. Financial Update

4.1 Secretary-Treasurer's Update/Finance Report

Mary Jessop, MNO Director of Finance, reviewed the report titled, "Finance Presentation", posted on the MNO AGA website, and reported on financial activities over the past year and commented on:

- The purpose of a balance sheet
- Assets owned by the MNO including cash, receivables, investments, and fixed assets
- Liabilities including payables due to vendors, program funds not spent, and funds held on behalf of Community Councils
- Equity (accumulated savings) including reserves (funds set aside for future use or invested in assets) and available funds (surplus that allows MNO to grow or to keep or weathering bad years)

- The statement of operations – describes revenues and spending over the past year
 - o MNO receives the majority of revenue from funding programs
 - o Funding is used to either deliver programs and services to citizens or provide support to the MNO and its communities in carrying out governance
- Program funding includes:
 - o Education and training
 - o Healing and Wellness
 - o Housing
 - o Inter-Governmental Relations
 - o Lands, Resources and Consultations (LRC)
- Program funding used to support the nation
- Administration, covered either by allocations to funded programs or by charging administration fees provided by a funder
- Other activities including AGA, Infinity Property Services and value of shares in gold companies held by the MNO Secretariat.

Delegates were invited to email any questions on the presentation to Secretary-Treasurer Young at joaney@metisnation.org.

4.2 Approval of 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements

PCMNO Secretary-Treasurer Young confirmed the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements could be viewed on the MNO AGA website using the individual verification code provided to delegates by Eventbrite when they registered for the virtual AGA.

Benoit Groulx, 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, 2020 and its results of operations and cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2020, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Mr. Groulx led a review of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2020.

In response to queries, it was noted that:

- Details related to the total funding received and allocated for the diabetes program can be provided by emailing a request for a breakdown to Secretary-Treasurer Young
- Community Councils are independent, some of their assets are not considered material at this time and as such, they are not included in the audited financial statements
- The Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor are discussing including consolidated financial statements in the MNO audited financial statements for fiscal 2021-2022 to allow time to ensure all financial information can be submitted by Community Councils in a consistent format for consolidation purposes
- MNO does not have details of everything held by Community Councils; they only have the information that was reported; the Director of Finance and Secretary-Treasurer will work with Community Councils to provide information previously requested
- MNO and the Secretary-Treasurer will be working with Community Councils to ensure their financial statements can be provided in a format to prepare consolidated statements for presentation to the AGA

- As reported in the State of the Nation address, the market value of the Prosperity Trust as of November 4, 2020 was \$29,121,762; the advice from the professional advisors is to continue with long term investments; regular reports on the Prosperity Trust will be presented to MNO's Economic Development Working Group
- Quarterly reports reflecting funds deposited or funding withdrawn on Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) for Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4 are sent to the respective Regional Councilors; although IBA funding is held regionally, the Director of Finance can prepare a report identifying the shares held by an individual Community Council
- MNO would not have information on any funds/balances on deposit for a Community Council other than what was reported by each Council at year end; any interest earned would be recorded
- The "due to Councils" under liabilities and net assets are amounts received under IBAs; as previously reported, quarterly reports are sent to the respective Regional Councilor for Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4; the last report sent in early October 2020
- The financial statements are not considered an audit of 100% of all transactions and they do not reflect an audit of any specific Community Council.

It was MOVED (Suzanne Jackson) and SECONDED (Rochelle Brunelle)

That the 26th Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly adopt as presented the 2019-2020 Métis Nation of Ontario Audited Financial Statements.

RESOLVED (AGA201107-03)

(142 voting in favour; 13 voting in opposition; 3 abstentions)

4.3 Appointment of Auditor

While an initial vote to appoint the auditor was held, a point of order was raised that the voting was not conducted using the virtual platform features for voting online or by phone. As such, Chair Rowlinson confirmed the resolution would be considered following a short meeting break.

HEALTH BREAK

The meeting recessed at 3:48 a.m. and reconvened at 3:59 a.m.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Chair Rowlinson confirmed quorum with a total of 234 delegates in attendance.

4.3 Appointment of Auditor (Continued)

It was MOVED (Cecile Wagar) and SECONDED (Verna Porter-Brunelle)

That the 27th Métis Nation of Ontario Virtual Annual General Assembly appoint Baker Tilly, Ottawa LLP, as the Métis Nation of Ontario Auditor for 2020-2021.

RESOLVED (AGA201107-04)

(176 voting in favour; 8 voting in opposition; 8 abstentions)

5. MNO Cultural Commission Update

Due to time constraints, this item was not considered.

6. Advancing Métis Rights and Self-Government

Jason Madden, Partner, Pape Salter Teillet LLP (PST), and Brian Black, MNO Director of Self-Government, joined for consideration of this item.

Jason Madden reviewed a presentation titled, “Update on Métis Self-Government in Ontario”, and commented on:

- The history, struggles, assertion and push for Métis Self-Government rights and lands over the past 200 years
- The Constitution recognizing and affirming existing rights that Métis already have based on a history and pre-existence as peoples
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- MNO’s Statement of Prime Purpose
- The Métis perspective of Métis as a government as quoted by Louis Riel: “*The Government of Canada found Métis people of the Northwest were a government with an organized constitution whose junction was more legitimate and worthy of respect because it was exercised over a country that belonged to it*”
- The former Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonal’d’s perspective on Métis in 1869
- The colonial biases embedded in colonial maps and the Métis perspective missing in those maps
- Colonization’s toolkit involving: scrip, denial, dispossession of land, broken promises, asserting control and creating divisions among kin, erasing Métis people from maps
- “Lady Justice” (courts) being blind to Indigenous laws and legal orders and Métis rights being caught in a “legal lacuna” under law; the law remained blind to the unique history of Métis and their unique needs
- The Métis inherent right of self-government
- The problem of other governments in Canada not consistently recognizing Métis government
- The Métis toolkit used:
 - o Political action
 - o Turning to the courts to be recognized
 - o Métis inclusion in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*
 - o Métis inclusion in the 1993 Charlottetown Accord and 2005 Kelowna Accord
 - o The 2019 signing of the MGRSA
- The need for the government to deal with outstanding Métis rights and claims
- Litigation and court cases affirming Métis rights
- Litigation strategy that included: Métis Section 35 rights in *Powley*, outstanding claims in the *MMF v. Canada* decision in 2013 and Métis jurisdiction in the 2016 *Daniels v. Canada* decision
- The MGRSA providing up front recognition from the federal government, that the Métis Governments have an inherent right to self-government over their internal governance that is protected by Sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution
- Timeline from 1800s to 2019 including the December 2017 signing of the MNO-Canada Framework Agreement and the Agreement on Advancing Reconciliation with the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community (NWOMC), and June 2019 signing of an MGRSA with Canada and each of the MNO, MNA and MNS
- The metamorphosis of Métis Self-Government
- Path to Self-Government from a not for profit corporation, to development of a Constitution with Métis laws

- MGRSA:
 - o Overall purpose to support and advance the inherent right of self-determination and self-government of the Métis communities represented by the MNO as recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*
 - o Provides immediate recognition from Canada that MNO represents its constituency, they have a right to self-govern that constituency, and that the MNO has been mandated by its constituency to implement its inherent right to self-government
 - o Does not impact any other Métis rights and claims
 - o Recognizes the supremacy of Métis Government law making powers
 - o Reflects that Métis laws will supersede federal laws if there is a conflict in specific areas as outlined in the Agreement
 - o Is a “core governance agreement” ensuring MNO jurisdiction over citizenship, leadership selection and government operations
- That over time, additional agreements will be negotiated through additional jurisdictional implementation agreements that may be negotiated
- Next Steps:
 - o Federal recognition legislation
 - o Development of a Métis Constitution and core laws
 - o An Intergovernmental Affairs/Relations Agreement, Interim Fiscal Financing Agreement and Transition Plan
- The need for the Constitution to be ratified by the citizens of the MNO.

Brian Black, Director of Self-Government, reviewed a presentation titled, “Self-Government”, and commented on:

- What MNO is doing right now
- What MNO is aiming for:
 - o Having all nine regions sign a Regional Implementation Agreement (RIA) and develop workplans
 - o Establish a Regional Implementation Committee
 - o Establish capacity (support staff) to support the work that needs to be done
- RIA:
 - o An agreement by Community Councils in the regions to work together to move self-government forward
 - o Does not change, alter or take anyway any right; it sets the table for a Region’s Community Councils to work together
 - o Allows for the protection and rights of each community and protection process for implementing self-government
 - o Is a similar process to the Regional Consultation Protocols in place
- Regional workplan:
 - o Will outline how the work will be done
 - o Sets out the specific activities and capacity needed to advance self-government in the Region
 - o Includes a checklist, sets out how to have conversations and how each region will be supported
 - o Includes the development of a Regional Implementation Committee; this committee will consist of equal representation from the region and MNO to provide technical support

- and help advance the work; representation can be anyone from the Community Council or a citizen from the region designated by Council to represent them
- Will identify methods of outreach to connect with citizens on self-government
- MNO to develop an MNO-wide consultation and engagement plan on citizenship, leadership selection and internal government operations
- Areas of engagement on the Constitution to include:
 - Nation vision, basic values and principles
 - Requirements for citizenship
 - Rights and freedoms of citizens
 - Elections – accountability
 - Powers of authority – levels of government
 - Making Métis laws – amendments
 - Ethics and integrity – an appeals body
- MNO's commitment to engaging all citizens
- Additional supports to be provided to the regions:
 - Technical support staff
 - Funding for: core government development, to implement the self-government agreement in the form of an Interim Fiscal Financing agreement with the Government of Canada
- MNO's commitment to ensuring everyone has input into the creation of the Métis government, laws and constitution through province-wide outreach sessions.

Point of Order

In response to a point of order raised related to the validity of the vote on the resolution to approve the audited financial statements, Chair Rowlinson ruled that those participating online and by phone were provided an opportunity to raise their hands (using virtual and phone option) to vote in favour, in opposition or to abstain. The resolution was carried with 186 in votes favour, 8 votes in opposition and 8 abstentions.

In response to queries, it was noted that:

- The Director of Self-Government will follow up in the next week with all regions that submitted an RIA
- The negotiation of a Federal Claims Policy remains outstanding; it will be imperative to push the government to move forward on this issue; to have special claims dealt with currently requires MNO going to Cabinet to deal with each specific issue separately; it will be important for MNO to work with the other Métis governments to ensure this is on the government's radar
- The federal legislation can be passed by Canada without MNO finalizing its Constitution; MNO will still need to meet the requirements of passing a Constitution and laws; however, once done, the federal legislation (that could already have been passed) is automatically triggered; the goal is to have the federal recognition legislation in Parliament in 2021
- The MGRSA commits to Federal legislation and MNO is moving this forward
- The federal legislation is not contingent upon the Constitution being adopted by MNO citizens.

Delegates were invited to email any additional questions to the Director of Self-Government at brianb@metisnation.org.

7. MNO 2020 AGA – Business Meeting Concludes

Vice-Chair Cadeau thanked the MNO AGA sponsors and confirmed that the full list of sponsors was available on the MNO AGA website.

Chair Rowlinson thanked delegates for their participation and patience during the virtual MNO AGA process.

President Froh thanked all delegates for joining MNO's first virtual AGA and acknowledged and thanked the performers who participated in the AGA Virtual Kitchen Party as well as citizens, staff and vendors participating in the AGA. The President encouraged everyone to take care of themselves and each other, and to reach out to the MNO for any additional help or support needed. The MNO staff and staff of Meet Me in the Cloud were thanked for all their work and support at the AGA.

CONCLUSION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The 27th MNO Virtual AGA held November 7, 2020, concluded at 5:25 p.m. Senator Parm Burgie offered a Closing Prayer.

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This is a true and correct copy of the 27th Métis Nation of Ontario Virtual Annual General Assembly held November 7, 2020 and incorporates any and all amendments made at the time of adoption.

Jo Anne Young, Secretary-Treasurer

Hank Rowlinson, Chair

List of Reference Materials

The following reference materials were provided in the AGA meeting package and posted on the MNO AGA website (www.mnoaga.ca):

Administrative Reports:

- Region 1
- Region 2
- Region 4
- Region 6
- Region 7
- Region 8
- PCMNO Youth Representative
- Executive Senator Joseph Poitras
- PCMNO Senator Rene Gravelle
- MNO Women's Council
- Captains of the Hunt

Reference Documents:

- Métis Nation of Ontario Statement of Prime Purpose (English and French)
- MNO Bylaws
- Métis Rules of Order
- MNO Electoral Code Part A
- MNO Electoral Code Part B
- MNO Elections Report and Recommendations

- *MNO Secretarial Incorporation (1994)*
- *The MNO Secretariat Act*
- *MNO-Canada-Ontario Framework Agreement for Advancing Reconciliation*
- *MNO-Canada Agreement on Advancing Reconciliation with the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community*
- *Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement*
- *Understanding the Self-Government Regional Implementation Agreements*
- *MGRSA Implementation Agreement with the (Métis Community)*
- *MGRSA Implementation Agreement with (MNO Region)*
- *Métis Government Recognition in Ontario at Last (with timeline and FAQ)*
- *MNO Registry Policy (August 2019)*

Harvesting:

- *MNO-MNRF Framework Agreement on Harvesting 2018*
- *Plainspeak document including an FAQ explaining the Agreement*

Economic Development:

- *MNO Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law (August 2015)*
- *MNO Policy on Local & Regional Opportunities on Business Opportunities (November 2015)*

Cultural Commission:

- *MNO Cultural Commission By-Laws*

AGA Business:

- *MNO AGA 2019 Draft Minutes*
- *MNO AGA 2019 Record of Resolutions*
- *Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly*
- *Finance Report*

Other Links:

- *MNO Standing Rules*
- *Help Desk Number: 1-613-798-1488, Ext. 111 or 110*
- *MNOWC Meeting Minutes (2019 09 22) Draft revised*
- *MNOWC Financial October 31, 2020 (Unaudited)*

Financial Statements

- *[verification code needed to access]*

Métis artisans and vendors for MNO AGA Trade Show video and links