

Métis Nation of Ontario

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLIES List of Decisions and Actions Requiring Updates *Updated August 1, 2023*

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<p>Resolution (AGA220821-01): WHEREAS Canada's historic relationships with Indigenous peoples have been steeped in colonialism, and successive governments have failed to acknowledge and respect the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples, including their rights in relation to land, their distinct governments, their customary laws and traditions, as well as their unique cultures;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in the mid to late 18th century, the Métis Nation emerged as a distinct Indigenous people whose Homelands stretch from the lakes and rivers of Ontario; cross the southern plains and the prairies, traverse the mountains into British Columbia and into the Northwest Territories, and includes the hills and valleys of the north-central American States;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS within what is now Ontario, distinct, inter-related and overlapping Métis communities emerged in various</p>	<p>Update 230131: Meeting held January 24, 2023 with Canada to advance discussions on Métis Claims policy; additional work to include scheduling a PCMNO workshop to discuss research Branches to be involved: LLC, Self-Government, IGR, Community Relations</p> <p>Update 221206: In progress. MNC General Assembly passed a resolution, directing MNC to open dialogue with Canada and Governing Members on the creation of a Federal Métis Claims Process, and for the MNC Rights Panel to coordinate Governing Members on a unified approach to advocate for this Claims Process (GA211027-17).</p> <p>In progress. The Métis National Council has re-started the Métis Rights Panel. Progress with this resolution may be completed in</p>	<p>230801 Update: MNO has sent a series of letters to Canada related to advancing dialogue and tables to address outstanding claims and seeking resources for claims related research</p> <p>Meeting between MNO and Canada related to Claims was held on August 1st 2023</p> <p>MNO currently has two tables established related to Claims with related research in development</p>

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<p>regions surrounding the Upper Great Lakes as well as along the waterways and fur trade routes of what is now known as Ontario prior to the Crown effecting legal and political control in those regions;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS these historic Métis communities developed their own shared customs, traditions, and collective identities that are rooted in kinship, their special aboriginal relationship to the land and a distinctive culture and way of life that persists to the present day;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, states that “the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal people of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed” and “the ‘aboriginal peoples of Canada’ includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples”;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the MNO was created to represent these Métis communities within Ontario as well as to advocate on behalf of its citizens who are the descendants of these historic Métis communities as well as citizens of the Métis Nation from other parts of the Métis Nation Homeland who now live in Ontario with respect to collectively-held rights, interests, and outstanding claims protected by sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982,</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Statement of Prime Purpose gives the MNO the responsibility of standing up for, and defending the rights of, the Métis communities the MNO represents and also respects the authority of these Métis communities to represent themselves within the MNO's overall</p>	<p>conjunction with other Métis Governments.</p>	

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<p>self-government;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS there are outstanding Métis claims against the Crown within Ontario that have not been addressed based on the following historical facts, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1840 Petition of the Half-Breeds of Penetanguishene calling on the Crown to recognize them as they did other Half-Breeds in what would become Ontario. In direct response to this Petition, the Crown created and subsequently enforced a policy entitled “The Mode of Excluding Half breeds from Receiving Presents,” which denied this Métis population the benefits to which they were entitled and led to the Crown failing to address their pre-existing rights as Métis; • The promises made to the Métis at Sault Ste. Marie that they were to receive “free and full possession” of their lands at Sault Ste. Marie. This promise was subsequently defeated by a scheme to force Métis families to purchase their own lands in a way that was unfeasible in their economic circumstance. The 1850 Petition of the Half-Breeds at Sault Ste. Marie and the supporting petition from the local Anishinaabek Chiefs makes clear that both the Métis and the Anishinaabek expected and demanded that the Métis land rights would be respected; • The 1875 Adhesion to Treaty 3 with the “Halfbreeds of Rainy Lake and River” that was to allow for this Métis community to secure reserve lands and the benefits from Treaty 3 as Métis, not as Indians. The Crown later implemented an approach that denied the Métis descendants the benefits of the Adhesion as a distinct Métis collective, not as an Indian Act Band; • The 1905 Petition of Half-Breeds of Moose Factory seeking a scrip process such as had been offered to Métis on the prairies. The Crown's delays and jurisdictional buck passing led to the 		

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<p>rights and lands of these Métis never being addressed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1968 burning of the Métis village at Agawa Bay by Crown governments in order to make way for Lake Superior Provincial Park; <p>AND WHEREAS the MNO also represents citizens who are the descendants of the beneficiaries of s. 31 of the Manitoba Act, 1870 as well as Canada's fraudulent Métis scrip system;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the outstanding claims have been repeatedly raised by these Métis communities in Ontario, including, through pan-Aboriginal organizations they were previously a part of in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s and as a part of Canada's constitutional process;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS because of the complete lack of response to Ontario Métis demands to deal with Métis rights and claims, the MNO turned to the courts in the 1990s to finally ensure these issues could no longer be ignored;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2003, after a decade of litigation success within Ontario, the Supreme Court of Canada in R. v. Powley ("Powley") held that "the inclusion of the Métis in section 35 represents Canada's commitment to recognize and value the distinctive Métis cultures, which grew up in areas not yet open to colonization, and which the framers of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognized can only survive if the Métis are protected along with other aboriginal communities" and that "section 35 requires that we recognize and protect those customs and traditions that were historically important features of Métis communities";</p>		

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<p>AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada concluded that “the Métis community in and around Sault Ste. Marie have an aboriginal right to hunt for food under s. 35(1)” and direct governments to negotiate with Métis to address the promise of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS since the release of Powley the Supreme Court of Canada has further addressed the need for the Crown to finally deal with Métis rights, interests and claims in cases such as Cunningham v. Alberta, Manitoba Metis Federation v. Canada and Daniels v. Canada;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Senate Standing Committee on Indigenous Issues found in 2013 that “reconciliation (with Métis groups) is necessary in order to provide a solid foundation for present and future generations of Métis in Canada”;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in July 2014, the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Issues released his report on the “Situation of Indigenous Peoples In Canada” and in that report states “the Government does not appear to have a coherent process or policy in place to address the land and compensation claims of the Métis people”. The Report specifically recommended that: “Canada should take active measures to develop a procedure for addressing outstanding Métis land claims, to avoid having to litigate cases individually, and enter into negotiations with Métis representatives to reach agreements towards this end”;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the 2015 Eyford Report on the Federal Claims Policy specifically noted the exclusion of the Métis from</p>		

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<p>Federal Processes and called for Canada to “develop a reconciliation process to support the exercise of Métis section 35(1) rights and to reconcile their interests”;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the 2016 Isaac Report on Métis Rights called on Canada to “... either amend its existing Comprehensive Land Claims and Specific Claims Policies, or develop a new policy, that expressly addresses Métis Section 35 rights claims and related issues, and that the basis for such amended policies or a new policy be founded on the legal principles of reconciliation and the honour of the Crown”. It is also recommended that Canada should work with the appropriate provinces and territories to develop a joint process by which to address unresolved Métis section 35 rights claims and related issues;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in April 2017, the Métis Nation of Ontario, as a Governing Member of the Métis National Council, entered into the “Canada- Métis Nation Accord” which established a political relationship between our Métis Governments and the Canadian State, and included in its goals and objectives the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.1.3 Advance reconciliation of the rights, claims, interests and aspirations of the Métis Nation and those of all Canadians; • 1.1.4 End the legacy of colonialism and colonial attitudes wherever they may remain in federal legislation, policies and practices; • 1.1.5 Improve socio-economic conditions of Métis and their access to social and economic programs and services that address their needs; • 1.1.6 Explore and support ways to address the historic and 		

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<p>continuing impacts of unresolved claims and grievances of the Métis Nation;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2017, Canada entered into a “Framework Agreement” with the Métis Nation of Ontario which included among its objectives the following support for Ontario Métis Claims and rights related issues;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2017, Canada entered into a Framework Agreement with the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community. Under the Agreement, Canada and the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community were to engage in negotiations that foster an open exchange of ideas through respectful dialogue and frank discussion to arrive at a shared solution to resolve the outstanding claims of this Métis community;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2019, Canada entered into Métis Government Recognition and Self Government Agreements with the Métis Nation of Ontario, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Métis Nation of Alberta, all of which recognize the need to negotiate to reach just and lasting settlements for outstanding Métis claims;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in 2019, the Federal Government began discussions with the Métis National Council and its Governing Members on a potential Métis Claims Policy, and the Métis Nation of Ontario made significant recommendations in our November 8, 2019 policy paper on Métis Claims;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS on October 21st, 2021, the 171st anniversary of the submission of the 1850 Métis petition and the supporting</p>		

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<p>Anishinaabek Petition to the Crown, the leadership of the Huron-Superior Regional Métis Community, and the President of the Métis Nation of Ontario wrote a joint letter to Canada calling for a formal process to resolve this long outstanding issue;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Canada formally endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2016, and formally adopted a Bill to entrench UNDRIP into Canadian Law in June of 2021, and UNDRIP specifically recognizes the rights of Indigenous peoples related to historical wrongs namely in sections 10, 25-28;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the aforementioned list of Crown inaction dating back for nearly two centuries is a clear pattern of neglect and indifference aimed at defeating all promises made to the Métis and is not only a shameful part of the history of Canada, but is exacerbated by the fact that there continues to be no process at the federal level to address Métis claims;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis continue to be deliberately excluded from the federal claims policies and processes available to Inuit and First Nations;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this 29th General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario calls on Canada to live up to its constitutional obligations to Métis communities regarding historic claims and grievances;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada be requested to reply, in writing, outlining their proposed timeline for the</p>		

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<p>establishment of a Métis claims process or to reply, in writing explaining their rationale for their failure to meet the basic expectations created by Section 35 (1) and by Bill C-15, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) develop a working group on Métis Claims issues and develop and seek funding for the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A government relations strategy to educate federal elected and bureaucratic officials of all Federal Parties on the history of Métis claims in Ontario and the need for federal policy on this issue; • A public relations strategy to raise awareness of Canadians on the history of Métis claims and the failure of Government to address these issues, with the view of enlisting support from the general public including educational institutions, unions, churches, municipalities, and all levels of civil society; • A research strategy to prepare the necessary historic and legal research to support negotiations, and if no negotiations process is made available, to prepare for legal action to force Canada to live up to its most basic constitutional obligations; • To appeal to the United Nations (“UN”) for support in forcing Canada to live up to its own constitutional obligations and previous calls from the UN to creates processes for Métis Claims; <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President Froh, in her capacity as a member of the Métis National Council Board of Governors bring the issue of the need for a Métis Claims</p>		

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<p>Process to the Board of Governors for immediate discussion on the development of a coordinated strategy on the issue of a federal Métis claims process;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNO implement a whole-of-government approach to rigorously advocate for the implementation of a federal Métis claims policy to address long ignored historic claims and grievances.</p>		
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-02): WHEREAS Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ Métis people contribute greatly to our Métis Nation;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ Métis people have historically been valued for their distinct responsibilities and roles within our communities and have had these roles devalued and diminished through the process of colonization;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS various levels of Métis governments have identified Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people as a “respected community within a community” and identify Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ rights as a high priority;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario's Statement of Prime Purpose indicates that the MNO will commit to “improved health and wellness of the individual, the family and the whole Métis community”;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ Working Group, established in 2016, has gathered extensive input from the Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ community in relation to appropriate</p>	<p>In progress. IGR is engaged in conversations toward the creation of a Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ Council.</p>	<p>Update 230727: The Working group declined support from IG/CR expressing the desire for the group to do this work independently. In early summer of 2023 the draft charter was provided and it is now with MNO in-house legal for review. This working group was to commence work on the Terms of Reference, again independently, using MS teams. CR was invited to review. As of July 2023, that work had not yet commenced. CR will continue to engage, offer guidance and support to develop governing documents.</p> <p>The Community Well Being Branch provided substantial funding to the working group to</p>

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<p>governing structures;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the need has been expressed for a formally recognized Métis Nation of Ontario Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ Council with regional representation;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS a Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ Council would serve a critical role in supporting, among other things, the unique cultural, spiritual, health and social needs of Two-Spirit/LGBTQ+ people within the MNO;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people continue to face discrimination, prejudice, and lack of access to informed services and thus remain at higher risk of serious mental health challenges and suicide;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS many Métis citizens actively practice allyship by reclaiming the Métis tradition of creating space for Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ within cultural, political and social contexts;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario work with the Two-Spirit Working Group to develop and implement a Council Charter to work towards the creation of a Two Spirit/LGBTQ+ Council.</p>		<p>accomplish these tasks. Funding ended on March 31, 2023.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-03):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario has over 250 hardworking and dedicated employees;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, as an employer, the Métis Nation of Ontario is morally responsible for caring for its employees and ensuring</p>	<p>Update 230131: This is in progress, being reviewed by HR.</p> <p>In progress. MNO has a compensation framework in place until 2025; this compensation framework will need to be reviewed and updated in advance of 2025 and</p>	<p>Update 230727: Staff salary increases included step increases ranged between 6% – 8 % plus 2% increase in salary bands. Staff that are the top of the grid will be eligible for a 4% increase</p>

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<p>their basic needs are met;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, in 2022, according to Statistics Canada, the rate of consumer inflation in Canada continued to rise, reaching 8.1% year over year in June, following a 7.7% gain in May;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the cost of living within the land that we call Canada and Ontario continues to rise exponentially to levels not yet seen before;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments have underfunded the Métis Nation of Ontario regarding employee compensation. This can be seen when our funding and compensation structures are contextualized alongside the current compensation provided by other governments towards government employees in the same roles;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, by not paying a living wage to the Métis Nation of Ontario, we contribute to the impoverishment of our employees;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario does not have an official definition of a living wage nor a reporting structure surrounding the number of Métis Nation of Ontario employees receiving a living wage;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly direct the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario to establish a definition of and guidelines regarding compensating their employees with a fair</p>	<p>will involve the CFO, Finance, HR and Budget Holders.</p>	<p>based on available funding determined in December 2023. There will be a staff salary benchmark industry review. Human Resources are in the process of undertaking a staff compensation review benchmarking with industry.</p>

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<p>living wage;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly directs the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario to review its Employee Compensation Framework, and identify and publish barriers and opportunities to advance towards paying a living wage to all Métis Nation of Ontario employees, both salaried and non-salaried, as well as efforts the Métis Nation of Ontario has already taken in this regard;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly direct the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario to establish reporting structures surrounding the number of Métis Nation of Ontario employees receiving a living wage as well as mandate a yearly report be published outlining the number of employees receiving a living wage, the number of employees not receiving a living wage, and the progress the Métis Nation of Ontario has made towards becoming a living wage employer per the previously established Métis Nation of Ontario living wage definition and guidelines;</p> <p>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly directs the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario to advocate to the federal and provincial governments regarding the establishment of increased funds to support paying a living wage to Métis Nation of Ontario employees.</p>		

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<p>Resolution (AGA220821-04): WHEREAS the MNO exists to serve Métis Nation citizens and communities in Ontario;</p> <p>WHEREAS Métis Nation communities are best positioned to identify and secure the products and services of Métis Nation businesses in their respective communities;</p> <p>WHEREAS supporting Métis businesses, and the businesses of other Indigenous peoples, should be a top priority for the MNO and guide the sourcing of services and products for all MNO events and Annual General Assemblies (“AGAs”);</p> <p>WHEREAS reclaiming traditional foodways is critical to resisting colonization and reconnecting with Métis Nation identity;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that significant care and effort be made to provision Métis Nation food, crafts and performances for all MNO AGAs;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final decisions regarding the provisioning of services and products for MNO AGAs must involve the Community Councils of the host Region.</p>	<p>In progress. Update 221206: Items have been tasked to the AGA Working Group.</p>	<p>230801 Update: In progress. MNO’s AGA Planning Committee has included representation from the host Community Council. As part of the AGA standard operating procedures outreach and involvement of the host Community Council has been incorporated for all future AGA planning. The AGA is MNO’s AGA and although input from the Council is encouraged and considered, final decisions on AGAs are at the direction of the MNO.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-05): WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is developing an education and culture institute (i.e., The Powley Institute) as per previous direction of the MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA);</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, there is a need to support the growth,</p>	<p>230131: In progress. Arts and Culture Institute strategy is being reviewed as part of Powley Institute project. Communications working with MNOCC to develop web presence. In progress. This AGA Resolution was reviewed by the Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission at their October 20, 2022</p>	<p>Update 230727: MNOCC Webpage https://www.mnocc.ca created; online donations are being accepted; a three year interim Strategic Plan and Workplan was approved by the MNOCC Board</p>

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<p>development, and ongoing support of the arts within our Métis communities;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, MNO Community Councils, other Métis governments, and non-Indigenous institutions are often interested in Métis artists and artisans speaking, conducting workshops, or sharing their artistic practices;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, the arts are important to the vibrancy of all human societies;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, the arts are particularly important for Métis communities and governments;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS, the arts are central to past, present, and future of Métis self-governance;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AGA direct that the MNO develop an arts and culture strategy that includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - training and financial support for Métis artists, across a variety of artistic disciplines; - the establishment or expansion of arts infrastructure within the MNO. 	<p>meeting. The MNOCC requested that a discussion on the Powley Institute (e.g., announcing the Institution, seeking federal infrastructure funding) be brought back for discussion at a future PCMNO meeting. (This item is being tracked to add to a future PCMNO meeting.)</p>	<p>The digital platform for Powley Institute created and content has been created that will be finalized; work with third-party vendor on governance structure and business plan in progress</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-06): WHEREAS we are a people of the lands which nurture us today and which we value as the precious foundation of our future;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has</p>	<p>Update 230131: in progress. Registry provided data to CR (Todd Showan) to prepare a Briefing Note and next steps. Registry has provided data requested to CR and Self-gov on council data, and boundaries,</p>	<p>Update 230728: Community Relations has discussed with affected Regions, and confirmed a plan to re-review Regional Boundaries after the results of</p>

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<p>established nine regional areas and 31 chartered Community Councils recognized by the MNO Bylaws to provide governance for where our citizens live;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS some of our citizens live outside the currently defined areas of existing Community Councils;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in Region 6 there is an area where at least 245 citizens have no community level governance structure to support them;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS we believe that there may be other areas in the MNO that have no Métis governance for citizens;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS previous MNO Annual Reports have talked of mapping initiatives fostering community empowerment and development for Métis citizens (2019/20 Annual Report Métis Nation of Ontario);</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO be directed to undertake a new mapping study to support Region 6, and all other MNO Regions and citizens, to identify areas where MNO citizens have no governance through a Community Council, or where geographical definition is imprecise.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNO develop a plan for governance and delivery of services, for all its citizens and report back on its findings and recommendations no later than at the MNO AGA in 2023.</p>	<p>and on Registry understanding of boundaries for 6 used for political purposes. Please advise Registry if more data is required.</p> <p>In progress.</p> <p>Update 221019: Strategy Team staff have reviewed and IGR, CR, Registry, LRC staff have an action item to prepare a briefing note on this issue.</p>	<p>the SGA, and subsequent appeal period, and removals, to determine next steps. At that time, we can determine where ideal locations are for a new council to form, and determine the appropriate region. We will continue to work on this issue strategic and practically, including PCMNO, Registry, and any other areas. Until then, Registry will rely on the current Council Charters to place citizens in appropriate council areas. Community Relations and others are working with Regional Councillors to ensure citizens are receiving support and communication, including those outside of Council boundaries. CR will continue to support work, including engaging with Registry, the Regional Reps, and Council Presidents. Further, note that as the MNO pushes forward towards self government, it is likely that all boundaries will be discussed to ensure best updates that are inclusive for MNO Citizens.</p>

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<p>Resolution (AGA220821-07): WHEREAS 2023 will mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and the 20th anniversary of our landmark victory in R. v Powley;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the impact of all the success our communities have seen since these two important events has changed the lives of our people in innumerable ways;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council has secured funds from Heritage Canada to develop a commemorative project to celebrate the Powley anniversary, including a permanent exhibit at the Sault Metis Centre, a traveling exhibit and a documentary;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 29th Annual General Assembly declare 2023 to be a Year of Special Recognition and direct the MNO Secretariat to seek funds from Ontario, Canada and other sources to support the MNO, including our Regions, Community Councils, and Advisory Councils to host events and activities to commemorate these two important events. Events and activities can include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting a youth art and writing contest • Hosting community hunts, BBQs, fish fry's etc. • Organizing a public education campaign utilizing the best tools available, such as virtual platforms, pod casts, to tell the story to Ontarians and Canadians • Hosting oral history workshops for youth and MNO elders, senators, and former leaders to gather stories from the early days of the MNO and the Powley Case saga • Creating an online course/website to educate on Powley and 	<p>Update 230131: In progress. A list of events and activities (chart developed by E&T) has been prepared, will be updated and shared with Branches.</p> <p>Update 221206: Senior Management was requested to start creating a list of plans associated with these events; a tracking process will be developed and shared early in 2023.</p>	<p>Update 230731: Métis Rights Conference planned for November 5-8, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie.</p> <p>ELCC - The Powley illustration contest was launched in June, and three illustrators have been selected to be featured at the AGA's art gallery.</p> <p>The ELCC Powley children's board book is completed, and is currently in the printing process. The book is anticipated to launch for Powley Day.</p> <p>K-12 - An informational poster will be added to Education kits and distributed in the fall</p> <p>Post-Secondary Education - Powley Day video and prompt questions available in September. Historic Community stories completed and off at the printing press.</p> <p>Languages and Curriculum - Way of Life posters and SVS videos</p>

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<p>his legacy and/or Métis rights,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of children's books, classroom education materials to be distributed to Ontario schools • Producing new materials (e.g., books, pamphlets, videos, website, etc.) on the history and culture of Métis communities in Ontario; <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNO propose to the Métis National Council jointly hosting a Metis Rights conference (similar to the Otipemisiwak conference hosted in 2020) to recognize the significance of these past 20 years and to look ahead to the future of Metis rights and that the proposed conference take place in Sault Ste. Marie, on or around September 19th, 2023.</p>		<p>are to be completed in the fall 2023.</p> <p>Employment and Training - Summer Youth Program supported community council events during the summer.</p> <p>Information on a broader educational campaign to be presented at the 2023 AGA.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-08):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") passed resolution PC210528-09 directing the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") administration to, among other things, undertake province-wide consultations with all citizens on the final report related to the MNO Registry and Self-Government Readiness Process ("Registry Review") with a view to preparing and publicly releasing a "What We Heard Report" based on those consultations;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the province-wide consultation process took place between June 2021 and May 2022 and consisted of seven (7) virtual all-citizen town halls, one (1) virtual MNO leadership town hall, an online feedback portal, and an in-person MNO Leadership Rendezvous session;</p>	<p>230131 Update: In progress.</p> <p>Community Relations will be engaging with Community Councils. A plan is being developed as part of scheduling meetings with CC's. Education & Training is promoting/educating on this policy and has sent letters to all institutions outlining the process to contact CCs.</p> <p>Registry has seen an increase in 3rd party verification checks.</p> <p>In progress. Registry and HR working together to discuss using same language/wording</p>	<p>230801 Update: in progress. In 2022/2023 the MNO continued advance the direction provided by the Assembly related to the Registry Review process including holding a series of engagement sessions, holding a Province wide Plebiscite and subsequently holding a Special Assembly to address the matter of incomplete files. As this work progressed it delayed the planning of specific conversations around the <i>MNO Policy #2022-001: Eligibility for Internal and External MNO</i></p>

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<p>AND WHEREAS on March 27, 2022, in response to preliminary feedback received from citizens during the consultations, the PCMNO adopted, in principle, the draft MNO Policy #2022-001: Eligibility for Internal and External MNO Appointments for further engagement with MNO Community Councils;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the additional engagements have not yet been completed, but the current draft of the policy provides that it “shall be brought to the MNO AGA for its consideration and potential adoption”;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 MNO AGA directs:</p> <p>1. The MNO administration, consistent with the PCMNO’s direction, to engage with MNO Community Councils on the development of and further revisions to the draft MNO Policy #2022-001: Eligibility for Internal and External MNO Appointments, which is attached at Appendix A to this resolution.</p>		<p><i>Appointments with Community Councils.</i></p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-09):</p> <p>WHEREAS MNO needs to address the important issue of adopted children by Métis citizens;</p> <p>WHEREAS adopted children by Métis citizens do not qualify to be added to the citizenship list thus eliminating them to participate in many MNO programs and services;</p> <p>WHEREAS MNO does not have a policy to address acceptance of adopted children by Métis citizens as citizens;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:</p>	<p>221019 Update: Strategy Team staff suggest that a PCMNO workshop be scheduled to discuss the issue of adoption and historic adoption; the workshop should be informed by a Briefing Note (to be prepared by Registry), the Registry Review "What We Heard Report" and a 2015 discussion paper prepared by Jean Teillet. NOTE: This has been provided by Registry, but not sure about whether a meeting/workshop took place.</p>	<p>Update 230727: This matter will be dealt with as part of Constitutional development as reported and included in meeting package at the June 17, 2023 Special Assembly.</p> <p>A workshop with the PCMNO is being scheduled.</p>

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<p>- The issue of adoption by Métis citizens be discussed by PCMNO; and</p> <p>- MNO report progress on the issue of adoption to citizens within one (1) year or at the next AGA.</p>		
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-10): WHEREAS the Métis are a People of the Land;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Statement of Prime Purpose states that we, the Métis, of the Métis Nation of Ontario, value the lands as “the precious foundation of our future”;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Statement of Prime Purpose states that we, the Métis of the Métis Nation of Ontario, have respect “for the land and for the animal and plant life that surround us”;</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation of Ontario develop the framework for a Métis Nation of Ontario Environmental Protection Policy;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario strike an Environmental Working Group to consider developing the policy;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario to meaningfully consult Councils and citizens in the development of the framework and the development of the Environmental Protection Policy.</p>	<p>Update 230131: In progress. TOR completed; In progress. The resolution to be actioned by Jesse Fieldwebster in LRC Branch.</p> <p>Update 221206: In progress. Work is underway in LRC to develop a Terms of Reference for this group.</p> <p>In progress. The resolution to be actioned by Jesse Fieldwebster in LRC Branch.</p>	<p>Update 230727:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2022-23, MNO reached out to MNO citizens requesting expressions of interest to sit on an MNO Environment Working Group. 52 applications were received. • Candidates to be assessed to ensure all citizens are appropriately represented within the EWG, and that applicants are in good standing re: citizenship. • In the initial application, applicants provided broad data on their interest and experience with environmental programming as well as citizenship number. However, there was no prompt on the application in which applicants consented to verify citizenship status, therefore, RRP is unable to

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		<p>proceed with registry on verification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To address these issues, RRP proposed to email all applicants and ask for further information to proceed with the selection process. Information will be collected via survey sent via email, and a consent prompt at the end of the survey will grant RRP permission to check citizenship status. We will transfer this information into a weighted selection criteria matrix to be used to rank candidates. The populated matrix will be circulated to C-Suite for feedback on next steps with PCMNO. Draft survey was sent to C-Suite for review on July 7 which is awaiting approval in order to follow-up with applicants.
<p>Resolution (AGA220821-11): WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) passed resolution AGA17-06 by consensus;</p> <p>WHEREAS despite the resolution passing by consensus in 2017,</p>	<p>Update 230131: A meeting to be scheduled with staff assisting Advisory Councils to discuss moving resolution forward</p> <p>Update 221206: In progress. IGR and CR have started engaging with these groups.</p>	<p>Update 230728: In progress. The CR staff has ensured all advisory councils and the 2SLGBTQ+ Working group have been included and invited to all</p>

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<p>the MNO has neglected to act on the resolution;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Veteran’s Council (MNOVC), Métis Nation of Ontario Women’s Council (MNOWC), Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC) and Two-Spirit (2S) LGBTQ+ Working Group continue to do incredible work for their constituents and for the entire provincial Metis community, yet currently receive no funding from the Metis Nation of Ontario Secretariat;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNOVC, MNOWC, MNOYC and 2SLGBTQ+ Working Group are provincial in scope and mandate; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNOVC, MNOWC, MNOYC and 2SLGBTQ+ Working Group continue to play a vital role in promoting Métis community, culture and values – including the Statement of Prime Purpose – and support many of our community members in their person journey as Metis people;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2SLGBTQ+ Working Group be added to the list of councils that the AGA directed the MNO to hold the preliminary meeting with under AGA17-06;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the preliminary meeting approved under AGA17-06 be scheduled within 60 days of the 2022 Annual General Assembly pursuant to the other direction provided under that resolution.</p>	<p>In progress. IGR to schedule this meeting, and include the Secretary-Treasurer.</p>	<p>townhalls and most council workshops, to provide capacity building. The PCMNO ensured that advisory councils and the 2SLGBTQ+ Working group received some funding in 2022. The Community Well Being Branch secured funding for the MNOWC and 2SLGBTQ+ Working group in 2022-23. The Healing and Wellness H&W Branch secured funding to bring all Advisory Councils to the 2023 AGA.</p> <p>CR has also offered to support the MNOWC and 2SLGBTQ+ Working Group as they look to developing their charter and terms of reference.</p> <p>CR will also engage the PCMNO Secretary Treasurer to host a meeting with the advisory councils and WG to discuss funding opportunities as they may arise.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA220820-02): WHEREAS:</p>	<p>220131: In progress. RRP is leading this work in partnership with other Branches.</p>	<p>Update 230727: Online information sessions were</p>

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<p>A. Distinct Métis communities emerged in various areas surrounding the Upper Great Lakes as well as along the waterways and fur trade routes of what is now known as Ontario as well as throughout the historic North-West prior to Canada becoming Canada;</p> <p>B. These Métis communities, along with other Métis communities that emerged in the historic North-West (collectively known as the “Métis Nation”), developed their own shared customs, traditions, and collective identities that are rooted in kinship, their special aboriginal relationship to the land, and a distinctive culture and way of life;</p> <p>C. Métis communities within Ontario have a long history of asserting their rights, interests, and claims through petitions, collective action, and maintaining their own self-government structures and institutions over successive generations;</p> <p>D. Prior to 1993, these Ontario Métis communities participated in pan-Aboriginal organizations at the provincial and national levels that led to the inclusion section 35 in the Constitution Act, 1982, including, the express inclusion of the Métis;</p> <p>E. Ontario Métis communities also participated in the development of the Métis Nation Accord in the early 1990s, which was advanced by the Métis National Council, as a part of the Charlottetown Accord constitutional process;</p> <p>F. The distinct aspirations, rights, and self-government of these Métis communities were often compromised and frustrated by</p>	<p>Update 221206: Plebiscite voting opens December 8, 2022 and runs until January 22, 2023.</p> <p>Update 221107: PCMNO approved resolution on November 7, 2022 to proceed with plebiscite; last day of voting period January 22, 2023</p> <p>In progress. Plebiscite planned for late 2022.</p>	<p>completed in Fall 2022 (#1). The results of the 82-day, province-wide Plebiscite were released on March 1, 2023, and confirmed overwhelming support for the removal of incomplete files (#2). A special General Assembly was held on June 17, 2023, to implement the clear democratic will of citizens provided through the Plebiscite. The proposed special resolution passed at the special General Assembly with overwhelming support (#3). A proposed special resolution (23-AGA-01) on further respecting the democratic will of citizens has been submitted for consideration at the 2023 MNO AGA (#4).</p>

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<p>their participation in pan-Aboriginal organizations because the agendas of these entities did not allow them to solely focus on Métis rights and issues;</p> <p>G. In 1993, the MNO was created to allow these Métis communities to come together, along with other Métis Nation citizens from western Canada who now live in Ontario to form a Métis-specific government whose fundamental purpose is to advance Métis rights and self- government, as outlined in the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose;</p> <p>H. In order to secure government funding, the MNO was required to incorporate a not-for-profit corporation—i.e., the MNO Secretariat Inc.—to act as its legal and administrative arm until such time as it was able to negotiate the full recognition of its self-government on a nation- to-nation, government-to-government basis with Canada;</p> <p>I. As a part of its fundamental mandate to advance Métis rights in Ontario, the MNO identified R. v. Powley as a “test case” for Métis rights in Ontario and successfully supported and advanced this litigation all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada;</p> <p>J. In R. v. Powley, the MNO advanced the position that the identification of members of Métis communities is a decision to be made by those communities based on the following guidelines: (1) self-identification; (2) ancestral connection to the Métis community; and, (3) community acceptance, which was ultimately supported by the Supreme Court of Canada;</p>		

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<p>K. Following the release of the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision in R. v. Powley, the 2004 MNO Annual General Assembly (“MNO AGA”) adopted the national definition for citizenship within the Métis Nation, which changed the definition of “Métis” as set out in the MNO Bylaws;</p> <p>L. In 2009, in order to enhance the standardization, reliability, and credibility of the MNO Registry, the MNO adopted a Registry Policy that sets out the requirements and process for the registration of MNO citizens as authorized by section 5(c) of the MNO Bylaws;</p> <p>M. In 2010, by way of an ordinary resolution, the MNO AGA directed that all existing MNO citizens be “grandfathered” at that time and that province-wide consultations be undertaken on the MNO Registry, which resulted in a “What We Heard” report that included a series of recommendations the MNO has acted on over that last decade;</p> <p>N. In 2012, in order to advance Métis rights and the goal of negotiating a new harvesting agreement with Ontario that removed the 1250 cap on recognized MNO Harvester Cards, the MNO AGA directed that all MNO Harvester Cards with “incomplete” files be cancelled;</p> <p>O. In 2014, the MNO AGA formally adopted the Registry Policy and directed that negotiations on Métis rights, including, Métis land related claims be advanced with Canada;</p> <p>P. In 2015, a new federal government was elected that committed to advancing Métis rights and self-government with</p>		

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<p>the MNO and other Métis Nation governments;</p> <p>Q. In October 2017, in order to advance the MNO’s negotiations with Canada, the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (“PCMNO”) initiated a Registry Review to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. assess the “completeness” of all citizenship files based on the MNO’s current definition of Métis and the requirements of the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy; ii. provide the MNO with a clear understanding of “who” it represents for the purposes of self-government negotiations and Métis rights claims as well as the number of its citizenship who descend from Ontario Métis communities or other Métis communities in the Métis Nation Homeland from Ontario westward; and iii. ensure that MNO citizens who hold elected leadership roles and represent Métis communities with respect to Métis rights, have completed citizenship files and are Métis rights-holders themselves; <p>R. In May 2021, the Registry Review was completed and the PCMNO directed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the final report of the Registry Review (“Registry Review Final Report”) be publicly released, which confirmed that the overwhelming majority of MNO citizens (i.e., 77%) had or could have “Complete” citizenship files (i.e., 18,476 citizens) and that 5,402 citizens had “Incomplete” files; ii. the MNO undertake province-wide consultations with all citizens on the Registry Review Final Report and develop and a “What We Heard” report based on those consultations, 		

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<p>including, consideration of next steps such as holding a province-wide vote and/or special assembly on these issues;</p> <p>S. Between June 2021 and May 2022, a province-wide consultation process was undertaken that allowed all MNO citizens to participate in virtual town halls and information sessions as well as an online questionnaire;</p> <p>T. In July 2022, the PCMNO was provided a draft of the “What We Heard” report from these year-long consultations (“Registry Review Consultation Report”) and directed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Registry Review Consultation Report be publicly released; and ii. citizens be made aware that—as of July 1, 2022—the MNO now has 29,528 citizens with 23,011 (78%) citizens having “Complete” files; 1,140 (4%) citizens having files that are “Missing Documentation”; 5,321 (18%) citizens having “Incomplete” files; and, 56 citizenship files (less than 1%) are being currently reviewed/assessed; and iii. this issue be brought to the 2022 MNO AGA for direction with respect to next steps; <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 MNO AGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopts the Registry Review Consultation Report “in-principle” and directs the MNO to undertake online information sessions on this report with interested MNO citizens in the early Fall 2022 so that the issues in it are fully explained, discussed, and understood; 		

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<p>2. Directs the MNO to organize and hold a province-wide referendum with ballot box, online and telephone voting opportunities, in the Fall/Winter of 2022 so all existing citizens have an opportunity to make their views known on the following question:</p> <p>Referendum Question: Should all existing members/citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and the MNO Secretariat, whose files do not meet the current requirements for citizenship as set out in the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy, be removed as members/citizens?</p> <p>Answer Options: “Yes” or “No”.</p> <p>3. Directs the PCMNO to call a special General Assembly in late 2022 or early 2023 to amend the MNO Bylaws, if a majority of those who voted in the referendum provide direction to remove members/citizens with incomplete files from the MNO Registry;</p> <p>4. Directs the PCMNO to develop a strategy to ensure that the democratic and self- government will of the MNO flowing from the above-noted referendum is respected, instead of the MNO Secretariat’s current corporate structure being potentially used to undermine the advancement of Métis rights and self-determination.</p>		
<p>Resolution (AGA220820-05): WHEREAS the Bylaws of the Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”) confirm that the MNO shall hold a General Assembly of citizens annually (known as the Annual General Assembly or “AGA”)</p>	<p>220131: IT met with DOTS to confirm ability for remote voting process (certified by Elections Canada); this will be demonstrated to Executive on February 2, 2023 to discuss use at</p>	<p>Update 230727: The MNO Bylaws were amended by legal counsel on September 9, 2023. Further to PCMNO resolution</p>

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<p>and may hold other General Assemblies of citizens that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (“PCMNO”) shall call and provide notice in relation to;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the MNO Bylaws have historically been interpreted as only allowing in-person attendees at a General Assembly to be considered “present” and vote;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the MNO Bylaws allow PCMNO councillors to be deemed “present” at a PCMNO meeting even if they are not physically in attendance at said meeting;</p> <p>26. A councilor may participate in a meeting of the council or of a committee of the council by communication facilities that permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other, and a councilor participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS Ontario’s Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, which the MNO currently relies upon to provide the MNO Secretariat legal status and capacity until the MNO reaches a self-government treaty with Canada, provides that meetings may be held by “telephonic or electronic means” and that a member who votes through those means or “establishes a communications link to the meeting” are deemed to be “present” at the meeting;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the MNO has increasingly developed and acquired experience in hosting virtual AGAs and other province-wide meetings, town halls, and other events virtually; however, it restricted voting during</p>	<p>2023 AGA (and, if there is a need for a SA) Update 221019: Community Relations and Branch Directors to support a review of available technology platforms to support this resolution. Update Required: There is a need to identify an appropriate secure voting platform.</p>	<p>PC221125-02, article 51(c) was further amended by legal counsel to correct a typo on December 12, 2022. The PCMNO’s amendment was subsequently approved at the special General Assembly meeting on June 17, 2023, consistent with article 58 of the MNO Bylaws. Efforts to identify and secure a reliable online voting platform remain ongoing.</p>

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<p>the 2020 and 2021 virtual AGAs to only essential business matters so that it could familiarize itself with and address technical challenges related to certain online voting platforms;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS citizens who may continue to not be able to physically travel to an AGA or General Assembly have indicated a strong interest in being able to continue to participate in these important MNO meetings as well as vote as a part of these meetings;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the MNO has a strong interest in ensuring that as many of its citizens as possible continue to participate within its democratic self-government structures and institutions, including, the AGA and other General Assemblies, subject to having the technology in place that allows virtual and/or hybrid meetings to be properly and efficiently conducted;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 MNO AGA resolves that:</p> <p>1. The following provisions shall be added as section 51 of the MNO Bylaws:</p> <p>(c) A citizen may participate in a meeting of the General Assembly by communication facilities that permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and vote through an effective, efficient, and verifiable technological means, and a citizen participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. In order to ensure technological issues do not hinder or invalidate the conduct of a General Assembly, the quorum requirements set</p>		

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<p>out in (b) above only include the in-person attendees at the General Assembly on its first day, and the in-person meeting shall be able to continue, at any time, without the participation of any or all virtual participants. No technological challenges related to virtual participation can invalidate the conduct of an in-person General Assembly in any way.</p> <p>(d) As a part of the notice requirements for a General Assembly, the PCMNO shall prescribe the requirements for virtual participation and voting in a General Assembly, including, but not limited to: registration requirements, participation obligations, technological requirements, etc. For greater certainty, unlike in-person attendance, virtual participation in a General Assembly is not an absolute right of citizens and may be limited by the terms set out in the notice issued for a given meeting or technological difficulties that may occur during the conduct of said meeting.</p> <p>2. Section 67(k) of the MNO Bylaws be amended to now read as follows:</p> <p>(k) “Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at a General Assembly, the subject of which is considered a fundamental change and which requires the meeting’s quorum requirements are met and that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the eligible voters in relation to said resolution vote in favour of it. For example, if 100 eligible voters vote on a special resolution, 67 (i.e., “two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast”) must vote in favour of it in order for the special resolution to be carried.</p>		

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<p>Resolution (AGA220820-01): WHEREAS beginning in the late 18th Century distinct Métis communities emerged in various regions surrounding the Upper Great Lakes as well as along the waterways and fur trade routes of what is now known as Ontario;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS these Métis communities, along with other Métis communities that emerged in the historic North-West (collectively known as the “Métis Nation”), developed their own shared customs, traditions, and collective identities that are rooted in kinship, their special aboriginal relationship to the land, and a distinctive culture and way of life;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”) was created to bring these Ontario Métis communities together, along with other Métis Nation citizens from western Canada who now live in Ontario, to form a Métis-specific government whose fundamental purpose is to advance Métis rights and self- government, as set out in MNO Statement of Prime Purpose;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS since its creation the MNO has developed and evolved as a Métis government and actively pursued the recognition of Métis rights within Ontario, including, advancing the R. v. Powley as a test case on Métis rights all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS after years of struggle, advocacy and direction from the courts to negotiate, the MNO and Canada signed the Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement (“MGRSA”) in June 2019, which expressly confirms</p>	<p>230518: On February 23, 2023, Canada and MNO signed the Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Agreement (MSGRIA). This agreement builds on the 2019 self-government agreement. The MSGRIA ensures the MNO has the same self-government recognition provided to all other Métis governments</p> <p>The 2023 Self-Government Agreement reaffirms a commitment from the 2019 agreement that federal implementation legislation will be introduced as soon as possible. This legislation would reaffirm the recognition in the 2023 agreement and provide a clear legal framework for giving the future self-government treaty legal force and effect once it is finalized and other key steps are completed.</p> <p>Over the last year, the MNO has met with over 80 Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, MPs and Senators. We have also met with 20 Ministers’ Offices (non-elected officials). Many more meetings are forthcoming. These meetings are intended to secure parliamentary support for the Federal Recognition Legislation (FRL). That means over 100 meetings in total have been held in the last year, all of which were positive.</p> <p>220131: In progress, with IGR,</p>	<p>Update 230727: The MNO has met with over 140 Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, MPs and Senators. We have also met with 25 Ministers’ Offices (non-elected officials). Many more meetings are forthcoming. These meetings are intended to secure parliamentary support for the Federal Recognition Legislation (FRL), or <u>Bill C-53, An Act respecting the recognition of certain Métis governments in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, to give effect to treaties with those governments and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.</u></p> <p><u>On June 22, 2023, there was Unanimous Consent among MPs for the FRL to be read a first and second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN). This means that no MP opposed that motion.</u> INAN Chair MP Jenica Atwin noted in a July 26, 2023 meeting that INAN will meet on the FRL in the Fall.</p>

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<p>that the Métis communities represented by the MNO hold the inherent right to self-government;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in the MGRSA the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations expressly committed to recommending Métis self-government implementation legislation to Parliament in order to provide a legislative base for the formal recognition of the MNO's self-government in Canadian law;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS in August 2021 the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations wrote to the MNO President to re-affirm the federal Crown's commitment to implementing the MGRSA and ensure that all Métis governments Canada is negotiating with are treated fairly and equitably, including, ensuring the MGRSA is supplemented to include recognition and commitments provided to other Métis governments;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 MNO AGA directs that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The MNO, including, the PCMNO, Community Councils and advisory bodies, be directed to lobby the Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations to introduce into Parliament the implementation legislation promised in the MGRSA by the end of 2022, including, potentially supplementing the MGRSA to ensure the MNO has the same self-government recognition provided to all other Métis governments; and 2. The MNO, including, the PCMNO, Community Councils and advisory bodies, be directed to educate Ontario MPs as well as other relevant MPs on the importance of this implementation legislation in order to garner support for this legislation when it 	<p>Communications, and Self-Government working on.</p> <p>In progress. A reserve was created for Métis claims.</p>	<p>The MNO, including, the PCMNO, Community Councils and advisory bodies, continue to educate Ontario MPs as well as other relevant MPs and Senators on the importance of this implementation legislation in order to garner support for this legislation when it is introduced into Parliament. We are working to secure Royal Assent as soon as possible.</p>

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is introduced into Parliament.		
<p>Resolution (AGA190825-05): 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</p> <p>WHEREAS discussion and democratic decision making are important for avoiding oversights and represent a core part of our cultural traditions;</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Update 230131: In progress. Steam 1 Self-Government engagement planned for April 2023 will be the start of constitution building which will continue.</p> <p>In progress. The upcoming fall 2022 plebiscite will address some of these concerns. Community consultations are planned for 2022/early 2023 to ensure citizen participation/inclusion.</p> <p>Updated 200618: Progress updates and discussions on the Metis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement will be part of future AGA agenda development.</p>	<p>Update 270727: There is no change/pgores since the last resolution on the ratification process. the 2023 Self-Government Agreement (MGRSA), signed February 23, 2023 changed the requirement to ratify the Treaty, not the 2019 MGRSA</p> <p>The Federal Recognition Legislation was introduced in Parliament on June 21, 2023.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA190825-06): WHEREAS self-government provides mechanisms to address specific problems as needed in many different areas; and</p>	<p>Progressing Update 230131: MNC Health Technical Table has submitted a funding request; MNO submitted a funding request. There is funding</p>	<p>230731 Update: in progress. MNO has been engaged, alongside other Métis governing partners on this. History and</p>

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<p>WHEREAS the health needs of Métis are under-addressed, especially in rural and remote settings;</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>for health-legislation engagement which is a smaller component of this resolution; the engagement should be an opportunity to begin conversations that will be ongoing with citizens and inform work as MNO implements self-government</p> <p>Update 220812: MNO and Métis Governing Members have composed Health Legislation guiding principles in preparation to initiate discussions on Non-Insured health benefits for Métis communities in Ontario. Canada has initiated a process to co-develop distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation. The MNO is participating in this process and further work will be continuing through the winter of 2022-23 to gather citizen input in relation to this legislation. This work will continue.</p> <p>Updated 200926: In terms of prescription drugs, Canada is looking to implement a National Pharmacare Program. Details will likely be forthcoming in the upcoming budget. Several Regions have requested that non-insured health benefits (NIHB) be included in self government discussions, but this may be more appropriate for the MNO-Canada-Ontario Framework Agreement conversations. Métis citizens are currently eligible for all health benefits and supports provided by Ontario. This work will continue.</p>	<p>updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall – 2020 MNC Technical Health Table Committee (MNC HTC) reconvened • April, 2022 – Metis Vision for Health approved by MNC Board of Directors • Dec, 2022 – MNC HTC interacting with Canada regarding drafting of the Health Legislation • Jan-Feb MNC HTC collaborated on draft policy papers to present to Canada as the foundational documents for the formal drafting of the legislation. The policy papers were crafted using the recommendations from the Metis Vision for Health document. • Sept 2023, Canada will be meeting with MNC HTC to review their first drafts. • Expected timeline for Canada to table the Health Legislation to Cabinet is fall 2023. <p>Included in the 14 recommended priorities are Extended Health</p>

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		Benefits for all Metis in governing member provinces. Extended Health Benefits: The most heard priority is health benefits for all Métis Citizens in each jurisdiction, which gives them access to coverage for services that are not covered through social programs, private plans and provincial and territorial health insurance.)
<p>Resolution (AGA190825-09): 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</p> <p>WHEREAS we, the Métis, have and continue to cherish and uphold our Métis elders; and</p> <p>WHEREAS our Métis elders have given their life blood for future Métis generations; and</p> <p>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;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO be directed to study the current needs, supports and situations of our Métis elders (senior citizens) and the informal (family) Métis caregivers of</p>	<p>Ongoing. Healing and Wellness and Community Wellness Branches have been implementing and investigating programs specific to elders/seniors.</p> <p>Updated 200926:Currently investigating potential additional supports for elders/seniors. Additional supports have been realized and provided through COVID-19 programs. MNO will be introducing a Seniors Program – “Mitigating Risks of Isolated Home Environments”, a collaboration between the Housing and Healing and Wellness Branches.</p>	<p>230731 Update: 2 new positions created within Healing and Wellness Branch Team Lead- Chronic Illness and Partnership and Program Integration Team lead.</p> <p>Approximately \$70,000 from Housing branch foer the Senior Modification Funds to provide funding to Métis households that require accessibility upgrades or modifications.</p> <p>\$600,000 over three years from Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Project to raise awareness for cancers prevalent in Métis communities and increase understanding.</p>

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<p>these Métis elders, and report back at the 2020 MNO Annual General Assembly.</p>		<p>No specific funding agreement for Compassionate Caregiving & Death Care projects. Ongoing Programs: “The Gathering of Our Wise Ones” virtual gathering, “My Kitchen to Yours Diabetic cooking/nutrition workshop; Tai Chi sessions and resources developed: transitioning from Home Guide to assist Métis clients with the journey from transition from home into long term care.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA180819-02): WHEREAS Métis across the province live with discrimination, racism and lateral violence on a regular basis based on their Métis heritage; and WHEREAS many Métis struggle with ignorance, lateral violence, and bias from other Indigenous organizations; and WHEREAS there is lateral violence within our own Métis community, which causes a divide in the Nation; and WHEREAS there is a demand for cultural competency training from entities such as, corporate sector, Medical Professionals, Local Government, Law Enforcement, Community Service Groups, and Small Businesses; and WHEREAS Community Councils are volunteers and most Community Councils do not have the time, capacity or funding to deliver effective and consistent cultural competency</p>	<p>Ongoing. Some of these issues are being addressed in the proposed MNO Code of Conduct. Updated 20220810: MNO staff have held technical discussions with the Ontario Government’s Anti-Racism Directorate. As part of that work, some funding has been secured to help support compiling input on Ontario’s existing Anti-Racism Strategy. This work will be happening late summer/early fall of 2022. Updated 220812: In an effort to support addressing discrimination and lateral violence experienced by the 2SLGBT Métis community, the MNO’s Mental Health and Addictions Program, now the Community WellBeing</p>	<p>230801 Update: In progress. A province wide strategic communications and education action plan will be coming to this AGA for discussion with leadership and citizens as a means of addressing a number of these issues.</p>

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<p>training; and WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose states that the MNO will commit to "improve health and wellness of the individual, the family and the whole Métis community"; THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the MNO establishes a process to develop an Anti-Racism, lateral violence and Equity Working Group comprised of Métis citizens, Community Council Members, Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) members, and other MNO Interest Groups. With the support of the MNO public service, the Working Group will assist in developing Métis cultural competency training. This Working Group will train MNO Community Councils; PCMNO, other MNO interest groups, and MNO public service using the resources developed and will assist in province wide implementation; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Working Group will work with other Indigenous groups to improve relationships, tackle stereotypes and biases, and work together to promote the reduction of racism, ignorance, and lateral violence between Indigenous peoples. This Working Group will also tackle and solve concerns of lateral violence within our own Métis Nation to ensure that Citizens across the province feel welcome, safe and accepted within the MNO.</p>	<p>Branch, has partnered with the working group to deliver staff training on "Creating a Safe and Inclusive space for Two-Spirited and LGBTQAAI+ Métis people", review and inform MNO's HR policies. Updated 200203: A working group has not yet been established. The MNO has identified this resolution as a priority with its human resources area to ensure it is part of the MNO personnel policies review and training process. Furthermore as MNO has engaged with the Ontario Human Rights Commission on the development of its partnership agreement discussions have been held related to educational opportunities for Communities as it relates to Anti-racism, lateral violence and equity. MNO has reached out to the mover and seconder to discuss these developments and talk about next steps in establishing a protocol for communities to ensure as these issues arise they can be effectively addressed and educational opportunities provided. The establishment of a formal working group is still being considered.</p>	
<p>Resolution (AGA180819-04): WHEREAS the Voyageur Canoe is symbolic of the Métis Nation and it is an honour to have a designated seat in the canoe during the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly (AGA) Grand Entry; and</p>	<p>Ongoing Updated 200203: Women's representative was in the 2018 Canoe and have been in previous grand entries – MNO has worked on the establishment of a canoe protocol and will</p>	<p>Update 230731: In progress. The Vice-Chair is working on a canoe protocol.</p>

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<p>WHEREAS honouring Women is part of our culture; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNO is striving toward equitable representation of all our communities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario and all other Provincial Councils within the MNO structure, with the exception of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC), have a recurring seat in the canoe during the MNO AGA Grand Entry;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women's representative from the hosting AGA Council or their MNOWC Regional Representative or their MNOWC designate chosen by the other MNOWC Regional Representatives, have a reserved seat in the Voyageur Canoe for its Grand Entry at all MNO AGAs.</p>	<p>be part of the post 2019 AGA report</p>	
<p>Resolution (AGA180819-05):</p> <p>WHEREAS the moose population is too low and not recovering well; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the moose harvest is an important Métis cultural event (not a sport or hunting); and</p> <p>WHEREAS the moose population has not or has been slow to recover in many Wildlife Management Units (WMUs); and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis have lost their cultural connection to other species such as the caribou, buffalo, elk and others;</p>	<p>Ongoing / Progressing</p> <p>Updated 20220810: This work is ongoing.</p> <p>Updated 200203: A letter has been drafted in preparation to send to MNRF. Since the new provincial government was elected in 2018, it has formed the Big Game Management Advisory Committee and has been conducting a moose management review (which includes examining its tag system). In August of 2019, the provincial government released draft proposed changes to moose management for comment/input. As these proposed changes</p>	<p>230731 Update: In progress. A draft letter, to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, has been prepared. A review of the current moose regulations is in progress to determine if it would change the basis of this letter.</p>

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<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario write the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests to curtail the issuance of the non-resident moose hunting licenses in the WMUs where moose numbers are at a low or lower than low number, until the moose population rises above that number.</p>	<p>deal directly with tag allocations, a review of these proposed changes is being conducted in order to inform next steps (which may include recommending consultation/engagement, etc.) prior to sending any moose-specific communications.</p>	
<p>Resolution (AGA180819-06): WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose declares to, "...promote and foster a community development...[to] promote the improved health and wellness of the individual...[to] establish good relations and maintain our historic alliances with all Aboriginal peoples for the pursuit of our common interests and goals."; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNO has put importance on supporting and funding cultural and heritage land-based and recreational programs including the Summer Youth Cultural Program, Youth Cultural Camps, and Canoe Expeditions in 2003, 2005, 2014 and 2017, programs that have had lasting positive impacts for the MNO by building awareness of the Metis people and culture in Ontario and empowering Metis participants involved; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) "plans, delivers and supports dozens of programs, tournaments, workshops, and events for Indigenous youth across Ontario each year, including multi-sport, cultural and leadership camps, sport clinics, invitational, championships, the Team Ontario, and the North American Indigenous</p>	<p>Ongoing / Progressing Updated 200203: AGA resolutions have been flagged with all Branch Directors and in particular Education and Training is looking to take action on this item and has already planned and delivered a number of camps – current funding exist to continue with additional camps but further funding will be sought to expand programs and a sport and recreation strategy.</p> <p>ET Branch has had some initial discussions with ASWCO – now known as ISWCO in order to initiate more involved explorations on potential collaboration.</p> <p>A staff member has been assigned to liaise with ISWCO, an initial meeting took place in early July 2019 with resulting next steps that include the development of an MOU to clearly outline the relationship between MNO and ISWCO; and sharing of contacts to enhance resource sharing and outreach to Métis youth.</p>	<p>Update 230727: An application for funding for an MNO Community and Youth Resiliency Sports Activity League was submitted to Stream 3 funding for Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities (SSDIC).</p> <p>Proposal submitted January 17, 2023, Response from Government July 17 2023</p> <p>Funding : \$84,960 - 2023-2024 fiscal</p>

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<p>Games.”; and</p> <p>WHEREAS ASWCO has a mandate to support sport, recreation, wellness and cultural opportunities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in Ontario; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there is a high interest for continued cultural and heritage programming for Metis people of all ages that promote Métis pride and Way Of Life; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of Canada has allotted \$71.4 million over five years to support Indigenous history, heritage and the use of sport for social development;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Annual General Assembly 2018 directs the following:</p> <p>1. That the MNO seek partnership with the ASWCO to support and develop culturally relevant Sport, Recreation and Experiential activities for Metis people of all ages across Ontario that promote and support Metis Way Of Life; and</p> <p>2. That the MNO seek continuous funding from the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario that will provide immersive cultural experiences for Metis children, youth, adults and elders that reflect various skill levels and abilities.</p>	<p>MNO also submitted a funding proposal to Canada to access funding that could assist in the development of culturally relevant Sport, Recreation and Experiential activities.</p>	
<p>Resolution (AGA180819-07):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has invested substantially in equipment to outfit participants for canoe and camping related activities; including the purchase of two new</p>	<p>Ongoing. There is ongoing consideration of a canoe expedition subject to funding availability.</p>	<p>Update 230727: A youth canoe experience for youth Grades 10-12 is scheduled the 2nd week of August 2023.</p>

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<p>36 foot Montreal Canoe and hauling trailer, cargo trailer and everyday camping and cooking gear to outfit 25 or more participants; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) as a governing body, MNO citizens and MNO staff would benefit from the opportunity that would be derived from the Canoe Expedition that would raise Metis cultural and historic awareness by educating the general public, visiting communities, and by obtaining media coverage; and</p> <p>WHEREAS Canoe Expeditions relive and retrace the historic fur trade routes of the Voyageurs demonstrating Métis pride and Way Of Life as well as developing participants' Métis identity, self-reliance, endurance, healthy living habits, and many other transferable skills applicable to employment and life in our communities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS in the past the MNO has put importance on supporting and funding four previous Canoe Expeditions including 2017's, which focused on skill and educational outcomes through the use of Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) program dollars to provide multiple outdoor and leadership certifications from Challenges Canada and college credits as part of an MOU with Confederation College; and</p> <p>WHEREAS there is a high interest from community members and past canoe expedition members for the opportunity to participate in a canoe expedition and following the canoe expedition on social media;</p>	<p>Updated 200203: This particular resolution builds upon a previous resolution and Branch Directors have already been seeking funding and developing plans for future Canoe Expedition</p> <p>No funding has been secured to date. Based on budget limits and human resource capacity, a canoe expedition is being targeted for 2020 as directed in AGA17-07 (depended on the availability of funding).</p> <p>A proposal was submitted in August 2019 in application for funding to support a canoe expedition to take place in 2020.</p>	<p>Canoes and trailer purchased in the spring and delivered to Midland in the summer of 2023. Canoe Experience for youth in grades 10-12 to take place in August (16 youth participants). List of the training the youth will receive during the canoe experience: Outdoor Council of Canada Field Leader Certifications (see attached) and Voyageur Canoe 1 (ORCA); camp craft from Challenges, a culture and way of life activities including fish cleaning, speaking to harvesters/cooking wild game stew, fire bag making, trade silver necklace, woodworking (voyageur cup and paddle making).</p> <p>Names of staff from past expeditions that will be supporting the canoe experience: Andre Nault (will be on the ground this year) and Melissa St. Amant (early-stage planning- no).</p> <p>No ongoing funding for future youth canoe experience events has been secured.</p>

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<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Annual General Assembly 2018 direct the PCMNO and Secretariat to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek funding in order to support a 2019, and annual, canoe expedition(s), of different duration, which includes employment skills and training opportunities such as certifications and college credit, thus promoting employability and transferable skills; and 2. Collaborate with Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario and any other interested parties in the organization of canoe expeditions for the purpose of financial support and labour that is involved with the planning and execution of canoe expeditions. 		
<p>Resolution (AGA17-06): WHEREAS the MNO Veterans’ Council (MNOVC), MNO Women’s Council (MNOWC) and MNO Youth Council (MNOYC) do incredible work for their constituents and for the entire provincial Métis community, yet currently receive no funding from the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNOVC, MNOWC and MNOYC are provincial in scope and mandate; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNOVC, MNOWC and MNOYC play a vital role in promoting Métis community, culture and values—including the Statement of Prime Purpose—and support many of our community members in their personal journeys as Métis people.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) hold a preliminary meeting, at the soonest possible</p>	<p>Ongoing. Updated 220812: The MNO, specifically the CWB Branch, has been active in seeking funding for MNOWC and 2SLGBTQAAI+ Councils/Working Groups - Two Federal grants (Totalling - \$427,000) have been received this year to support MNOWC and the 2SLGBTQAAI+ working Group activities, including funding MNOWC declaration and 2Spirit Working group members to attend the 2022 AGA in person. Updated 200203: Senior staff have circulated AGA resolutions to Directors and have directed them to review and begin to action resolutions where appropriate and to consider what funding may be required and identify potential areas to pursue funding.</p>	<p>Update 230728: The CR team has not been successful in identifying sources of funding for the advisory councils, other than funding that was already secured by other branches. CR however has offered and often provided support with governance and ensuring all advisory councils are included with townhalls and workshops being offered to community councils via webinars, organized by CR. The H&W secured provided funding to ensure the advisory councils can also travel to and participate at the MNO’s Special General Assembly and 2023 AGA. The</p>

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<p>date, with representatives from the MNOVC, MNOWC and MNOYC to review annual budgets and determine a base funding for the MNOYC, MNOWC and the MNOVC, pending the attainment of necessary funding and resources; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNO seek to secure funding and resources for both the preliminary meeting as well as the budgets and work plans developed thereat.</p>	<p>While there is no dedicated sustained funding for these councils there have been a number of projects identified that have supported meetings on the MNOVC, MNOWC and MNOYC over the last two years</p>	<p>advisory councils are also provided with meeting rooms at the AGA to host their AGMs or larger meetings.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA17-07): WHEREAS the 2017 Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Canoe Expedition has officially come to a close at the MNO Annual General Assembly in Kenora;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNO Canoe Expedition has in recent years become a semi-annual tradition for Métis citizens and communities across Ontario;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canoe Expedition serves as an incredible way to connect our Métis communities across Ontario, and educate both Métis and non-Métis individuals about the rich traditions, culture, and historical significance of the Métis in Ontario and Canada;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Canoe Expedition additionally provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Métis youth to reconnect with their culture and history, and retrace the footsteps and paddle strokes of their ancestors;</p> <p>WHEREAS the alignment of the 2017 MNO Canoe Expedition with the celebration of Canada 150 and Ontario 150 allowed</p>	<p>220923: Ongoing. A canoe expedition was not possible during the COVID-19 pandemic Updated 200203: Senior staff has circulated AGA resolutions to Directors and have directed them to review and begin to action resolutions where appropriate and to consider what funding may be required and identify potential areas to pursue funding. The Education and Training Branch ran a camp in the summer of 2018 (with provincial youth cultural camp funds Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) with a canoe expedition component to prepare these youth for a 2020 expedition. Approvals of next steps will be sought as appropriate as the work moves forward. Camps were also ran in the Fall of 2018 at Hornwood Lake near Timmins and recently February 2019 in Thunder Bay. A summer camp, with a canoe component, is also being held in August of 2019. Clarification has been received that this</p>	<p>Update 230731: There is currently no budget to replenish or purchase new outdoor equipment for canoe expeditions.</p>

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<p>the MNO to purchase a large amount of Expedition equipment, including but not limited to: two voyageur canoes, a canoe trailer, a number of tents, outdoor stoves and cooking appliances, sleeping bags, paddles, boat safety equipment and technology, dry bags and storage equipment, and a cargo trailer for storage;</p> <p>WHEREAS this equipment can be better utilized by the MNO each year, in order to provide the cultural experience facilitated by the Canoe Expedition to a greater number of Métis youth; and</p> <p>WHEREAS each recent Canoe Expedition run by the MNO has had issues in communicating with Community Councils, planning the logistics surrounding Community Arrivals, and communicating between the Expedition staff, Head Office, and the MNO Executive.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeks funding to run and implement a Canoe Expedition in 2020, affording Métis youth in Ontario a new opportunity to retrace the historic route of their ancestors; and 2. Pursues additional funding to implement a program similar in form, function, and length to the Infinite Reach March Break Camp (termed the Canoe Expedition Summer Camp from here on). This summer camp will make use of the large stock of equipment the MNO currently has, allow young Métis secondary school students to gain traditional knowledge and practical outdoor and leadership experience, and prepare youth for longer and more intense Expeditions run on a 	<p>funding will be available for the 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 fiscal years, and planning for camps is underway. Early stage planning discussions are currently underway for a canoe expedition in 2020.</p> <p>A funding proposal was submitted in August 2019 to secure funding support for this activity.</p>	

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<p>Resolution (AGA17-10): WHEREAS it is vital that we give our youth the tools they need in order to be successful;</p> <p>WHEREAS holistic wellness, including mental, physical, spiritual and emotional health, is central to our identity as Indigenous people;</p> <p>WHEREAS we are currently experiencing a mental health crisis among Indigenous youth today;</p> <p>WHEREAS the youth involved in programs such as Infinite Reach, Summer Youth Council Program (SYCP), as well as our youth representatives from our community and provincial councils are our greatest resource for connecting to our youth.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) be directed to seek funding to train our Métis youth in mental health first aid, and/or other mental health programs and two-spirited awareness such as Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) or SafeTalk, in order to end stigma and ensure the health and safety of our growing youth population.</p>	<p>220923: Progressing Updated 220812: The MNO's Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) program have made Mental Health First Aid and ASSIST (suicide intervention) training available to Métis Youth in 2021, onwards. There is no cost to participants and they receive certification. In addition, the MHA program has also been working directly with MNOYC to host community outreach and engagement sessions with Youth and their families on MHA related topics.</p> <p>Updated 200203: Senior staff has circulated AGA resolutions to Director's and have directed them to review and begin to action resolutions where appropriate and to consider what funding may be required and identify potential areas to pursue funding.</p> <p>Mental health training has been a part of existing program and staff development however Education and Training and Healing and Wellness Branches are specifically looking at this resolution to ensure greater incorporation into programs. Education and Training is looking at the Youth Life Promotion funding for ASIST or SafeTalk training (instead of a Youth Conference) in 2018. Currently similar training is being offered to</p>	<p>230802 Update: The MNO's Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) program has made Mental Health First Aid and ASSIST (suicide intervention) training available to Métis Youth since 2021 and will continue to support this endeavor this fiscal year. There is no cost to participants, and they receive certification. In addition, the MHA program has also been working directly with MNOYC to host community outreach and engagement sessions with Youth and their families on MHA-related topics.</p>

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	<p>staff for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.</p> <p>Determining whether it is possible to offer this to our Metis youth under this funding envelope is being explored.</p>	
<p>Resolution (AGA17-11):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) currently organizes and participates in Louis Riel Day ceremonies at a memorial to soldiers of the Wolseley Expedition;</p> <p>WHEREAS soldiers of the Wolseley Expedition had the express intent of enforcing the removal of Métis from our traditional territories and homesteads;</p> <p>WHEREAS the removal of Métis from our traditional territories has led to the fracturing of Métis families and communities;</p> <p>WHEREAS the result of this was that Métis people across the Homeland were labeled as traitors and for generations felt the need to hide their Métis culture and heritage;</p> <p>WHEREAS our ancestors fought and died to preserve and maintain our distinct Métis culture, traditions and way of life;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Statement of Prime Purpose reads that, “we are inspired by the values and traditions of our ancestors”;</p> <p>WHEREAS by celebrating Louis Riel Day at a monument to the Canadian soldiers who fought against the Métis, and which explicitly ignores the struggle of our Métis ancestors, is disrespectful of their legacy; and</p>	<p>Progressing</p> <p>Updated 200203: MNO Senior staff made specific arrangements to hold the 2017 and 2018 Louis Riel Day ceremonies at the flag pole on the grounds of Queen’s Park rather than at the monument as per the resolution.</p> <p>There have also been discussions with Ontario around a potential apology. MNO will continue to explore other remedies and other options for the development of a new more appropriate monument.</p>	<p>Update 230727: <u>Bill-75, The Queen's Park Restoration Secretariat Act, 2023</u>, establishes the Queen’s Park Restoration Secretariat. The project being undertaken is to restore, refurbish, rehabilitate and preserve the Legislative Building (the “Queen’s Park Restoration Project”). The MNO is exploring options to tour Queen’s Park and to possibly present to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on this in the Fall of 2023. The Committee is conducting a study on the lifespan of and deficiencies with the building systems in the Legislative precinct and the need for rehabilitation and restoration. The Committee is looking to learn more about what a fully renovated Legislative precinct might look like in regards to safety systems, accessibility,</p>

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<p>WHEREAS the government of Ontario has made repeated commitments to establish a monument in recognition of Louis Riel.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT future Louis Riel Day ceremonies no longer be held at the Northwest Rebellion monument at Queen’s Park or any monuments commemorating those who were committed to oppressing Métis communities;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNO continue to press the Federal and Provincial Governments for the establishment of monuments in Ontario which recognizes the legacy of Louis Riel, Gabriel Dumont and all those who fought, as well as the contributions of all Métis people in Ontario, in both Queen’s Park in Toronto and Ottawa; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNO continue to press the Provincial Government to correct, repurpose or remove the Northwest Rebellion monument at Queen’s Park.</p>		<p>heritage aspects of the building to preserve, and new features for a modern Parliament. The MNO can make recommendations and provide its perspectives (include regarding art and monuments) to the Committee as part of the rehabilitation and restoration initiatives. The Committee will provide the information it gathers to the Secretariat.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA17-12):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) currently develops and administers many programs and initiatives that are specifically directed toward Métis youth, including Infinite Reach, Summer Youth Cultural Program, Canoe Expeditions, and Métis Family Wellbeing Program;</p> <p>WHEREAS these programs often represent the initial avenue of exposure to the MNO for many Métis youth and shape their</p>	<p>220923: Progressing</p> <p>Updated 200203: The Education and Training Branch circulated a request for proposals seeking a contractor to conduct a review. The MNO Youth Council has been engaged to provide direct input and make specific recommendations into the evaluation. During the planning phase of the review, the MNOYC working group for the review,</p>	<p>Update 230731: For the Canadian Institute on Health Research provided an opportunity for MNO to apply for a Healthy Youth grant, MNO citizen youth researchers, MNO Leadership, and youth from the MNOYC collaborated to come up with a research project exploring</p>

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<p>perception of the MNO, the Métis Nation and their personal identity as Métis people;</p> <p>WHEREAS these programs must remain responsive to the diverse and evolving needs of youth, including their need to feel safe and supported their journeys toward discovering their Métis identity, heritage and culture; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council (MNOYC) is the democratically elected representative of youth within Ontario.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNO seek out funding and resources to conduct a review of the MNO's youth focused programs and initiatives, including Infinite Reach, Summer Youth Cultural Program, Canoe Expeditions, and Métis Family Wellbeing Program;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNOYC be meaningfully involved within the planning and implementation of that program review;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNOYC play an ongoing role within the planning and implementation of youth-focused programs; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MNO Secretariat provides a status update on this resolution to the MNOYC by December 31, 2017.</p>	<p>determined the activity would focus specifically on the SYCP/SYP program.</p> <p>The review is currently underway, with a focus group for former and current participants planned to take place at the 2019 Youth Leadership Conference.</p>	<p>the health priorities and health research engagement preferences of MNO youth. The initial idea for this research came from a meeting between the research team and MNO Leadership. A youth MNO/ICES researcher then approached the MNOYC to contribute to the project by reviewing and providing feedback on the project.</p> <p>The project was successfully funded for \$100,000 with a portion of the funds allocated to supporting the MNOYC leadership conference at AGA 2023.</p>
Resolution (AGA17-13):	Updated 220923: Ongoing. Some of these	Update 230727: MNO has been

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<p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Statement of Prime Purpose encourages the full participation of all Métis in the Métis Nation and aims to establish effective means of communication for the Métis Nation;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has been using both Facebook and Twitter actively and effectively over the past year;</p> <p>WHEREAS the past six months has seen a significant online Métis community formed in Ontario through the creation of the MNOYC Instagram account, the MNO Instagram account, the #beadworkrevolution hashtag and the MNO Canoe Expedition 2017;</p> <p>WHEREAS this online community and effective use of social media has been noticed nationwide, and emulated by other groups including the Métis Nation of Alberta on Instagram; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the MNO continues to take positive steps in order to better engage and communicate with Métis youth and Community Councils.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MNO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works towards the creation and implementation of a comprehensive social media strategy and policy within the next six months; 2. Ensures this policy is informed by organizational standards across Canada, including the tactics and social media platforms used by similar Métis, First Nations, and Inuit government 	<p>concerns will be addressed with the implementation of the MNO Code of Conduct. A specific policy on acceptable social media use may be considered.</p> <p>Updated 20220810: As part of the ongoing work with Canadian Geographic and in concert other initiatives, the MNO is working to develop digital infrastructure that can support the establishment of the Powley Institute. This work is ongoing.</p> <p>Updated 200203: Senior staff has circulated AGA resolutions to Director's and have directed them to review and begin to action resolutions where appropriate. Communications has done preliminary research through engaging other Indigenous governments in assessing their use of social media and any related policies and is exploring other best practices that may exist. While MNO has increased its use of social media there remains capacity concerns within the Communications branch over the practice and management of social media. A draft policy has been provided to the PCMNO for review. Further work will be completed as part of the development of a broader communications strategy.</p>	<p>engaging with Media Profile in drafting the Strategy and possible policy regarding Social Media Platforms. The Policy would also be relevant in the Code of Conduct as well.</p> <p>CR has been invited Media Profile to provide support at Community Connections sessions in spring 2023.</p>

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<p>bodies;</p> <p>3. Ensures this strategy builds off of the current social media platforms utilized by the MNO and it's governing bodies; and</p> <p>4. Ensures this policy includes comprehensive guidelines for MNO Community Councils in order to work towards consistent, professional, and effective communication at all levels of the MNO.</p>		
<p>Resolution (AGA17-14):</p> <p>WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has, since its creation, always worked to advocate for, and meet the educational needs of Métis people in Ontario;</p> <p>WHEREAS there is a lack of Ontario based, Métis educational materials available to Ontario Schools; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan and Métis Nation of Alberta already have educational institutions of their own.</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2017 MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) mandates the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) and MNO Senior Administration, to explore the possibility of creating a Métis controlled, educational and publishing institute, with goals including, but not limited to; renewal and development of Métis culture through research; materials development, and distribution; and the design, development, and delivery of Métis-specific educational programs and services in French, English and Michif, potentially including the development of a Métis post-secondary institute and professional development</p>	<p>In progress. Work on the Powley Institute continues.</p> <p>Updated 200203: A number of years ago the Education and Training branch conducted a feasibility study on the development of an institute by reviewing and assessing the existing institutes of MMF, MNA and MNS – this will serve to inform the continued consideration of an MNO institute.</p> <p>Discussions on an institute have been repeatedly raised with the Province of Ontario given the existing infrastructure of Indigenous Institutes in Ontario.</p> <p>As part of the identified priorities under the Canada-Métis Nation Accord, the MNO identified a request for funding specific to the establishment of an education institute under the education funding.</p> <p>An agreement for MNO to develop and deliver PSE-specific funding programs is expected by</p>	<p>Update 230731: The online Powley Institute web design has been created by STRUT Creative while content has been developed by Canadian Geographic. The site is awaiting final approval of all its content and will be ready to go live late fall 2023. The Know History “Our Connections” project is also near completion. Citizens will be able to access this genealogical information from the Powley site. The site has an interactive Métis languages section with resources and games available in French and Michif. There is also an interactive children’s section with educational online games.</p> <p>Although no formal “printing press” has been created, two</p>

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<p>for teachers;</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PCMNO and administration be mandated to seek out funds to support the exploration of this concept, and that a report on this work be presented to the 2018 MNO AGA; and</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT when the educational and publishing institute is created, it is named the “Powley Institute”.</p>	<p>late-August 2019, and a portion of this initial funding request was dedicated to help support the establishment of an institute.</p> <p>MNO staff have engaged in internal discussions on the process for registering the institute and an RFP has been drafted to seek an institutional partner and professional advisor to assist in the planning and development of the institute.</p>	<p>children’s books, Historic Community stories and SVS videos are all in press (completed and off to be printed).</p> <p>The first ELCC professional development workshop series is in development. We are working with the Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators to have the series recognized.</p> <p>Phase 2 of online Powley Institute is being explored to include an online store to sell developed resources and a platform to offer “educational” workshops and courses.</p> <p>No additional funds have been secured at this time.</p> <p>Work is being done with two advisors from Catalyst to secure a business plan, governance structure, and HR plan. These tools will help in securing funds.</p>
<p>Resolution (AGA-RES2016-04):</p> <p>WHEREAS we state in the Métis Nation of Ontario Statement of</p>	<p>Ongoing. While a process exists that has been agreed to by the Senators, there is no specific</p>	<p>Update 230727: Ongoing. Any restructuring of the composition</p>

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<p>Prime Purpose that its guiding principles are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish democratic institutions based on our inherent right of self-government; • Encourage the full participation of all Métis Nation Senators; • To promote fairness to election process and consistency of democratic policies; <p>AND WHEREAS, Senators are elected among the active Senators to sit on the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Senators should develop and establish a specific electoral code for PCMNO Senators and election of the Executive Senator.</p>	<p>reference to the election of Senators or of the Executive Senator in the MNO Bylaws or Electoral Code Part A. The Development of Terms of Reference may be beneficial.</p>	<p>of the Senators to be part of the Constitutional development.</p>

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