UPDATE: this version of the "Proposed 2023 MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) Special Business Resolutions" package includes a copy of resolution 23-AGA-12, titled "Resolution to Explore AI Integration," that was submitted in advance of the deadline but was missing from the previous package because of an administrative issue.

Métis Nation of Ontario

SUBJECT:	Proposed 2023 MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) Special Business Resolutions
FROM:	Hank Rowlinson, MNO Chair
то:	Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Citizens, Community Councils and the Provisional Council of the MNO (PCMNO)
DATE:	July 19, 2023

Attached are all the proposed 2023 MNO AGA Special Business Resolutions received by the MNO on or prior to the deadline previously posted.

The resolutions will be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee, which will be appointed at the beginning of the 2023 MNO AGA pursuant to MNO Policy #2011-002 (Process for Conducting Ordinary and Special Resolutions at a General Assembly).

Consistent with MNO Policy #2011-002, the Resolutions Committee will determine whether these proposed Special Business Resolutions are in compliance with the policy set by previous MNO AGAs and can therefore be brought to the floor of the Assembly for a vote.

As a reminder, this year's AGA will be held in-person. Virtual observation is available; however, participation and voting will be limited to in-person attendees only.

Proposed 2023 MNO AGA Special Business Resolutions

Resolution #	Title
23-AGA-01	"Special Resolution on Respecting Democratic Will of Citizens and Undertaking Future work on Constitution Related Issues" Moved by President Margaret Froh / Seconded by Tim Sinclair
23-AGA-02	"Amendments to s. 18 of MNO Registry Policy (August 2019), Proof of Historic Metis Ancestry" Moved by Paul Belcourt / Seconded by Timothy Cote
23-AGA-03	"Amendments to s. 2.3a of MNO Secretariat By-Laws" Moved by Paul Belcourt / Seconded by Timothy Cote
23-AGA-04	"Amendments to s. 18 of MNO Registry Policy (August 2019), Proof of Historic Metis Ancestry" Moved by Timothy Cote / Seconded by Kelly J Brett
23-AGA-05	"Amendments to s. 2.3a of MNO Secretariat By-Laws" Moved by Timothy Cote / Seconded by Kelly J Brett
23-AGA-06	"To amend the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose in furtherance of unambiguously protecting our Metis rights" Moved by Jonas Weselake-George/ Seconded by Veda Weselake
23-AGA-07	"To amend the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose's aims and objectives in furtherance of clearly affirming Metis rights" Moved by Jonas Weselake-George / Seconded by Veda Weselake
23-AGA-08	"Special Resolution on Harvester Card Term and Fees" Moved by President Margaret Froh / Seconded by Sharon Cadeau
23-AGA-09	"Special Resolution to remove Residency Requirement in MNO Harvesting Policy" Moved by President Margaret Froh / Seconded by Senator Rene Gravelle
23-AGA-10	"Special Resolution on Traditional Harvesting Territories Map in MNO Registry Policy" Moved by President Margaret Froh / Seconded by Hank Rowlinson
23-AGA-11	"Special Resolution to amend MNO Secretariat Bylaw, Section 14" Moved by Suzanne Jackson & Colette Surovy/Seconded by Lynn Gouliquer & June Smart
23-AGA-12	"Resolution to Explore Al Integration" Moved by Laurence Robitaille C.E.T. /Seconded by Roger Rose

Special Resolution on Respecting Democratic Will of Citizens and Undertaking Future Work on Constitution Related Issues

WHEREAS the advancement of Métis rights, including the Métis right to self-determination and self-government, is of upmost priority for the MNO;

AND WHEREAS in 2017, the MNO initiated a Registry Review to assess the completeness of all citizenship files based on the current requirements set out in the MNO Bylaws and *MNO Registry Policy*;

AND WHEREAS following the completion of the Registry Review, the MNO conducted a province-wide Plebiscite where all MNO citizens, including those with incomplete files, had an opportunity to vote on whether to remove citizens with incomplete files from the MNO Registry;

AND WHEREAS in the Plebiscite a total of 8,270 MNO citizens voted, and 71% voted in favour of removing citizens with incomplete files;

AND WHEREAS to implement the overwhelming direction and democratic will of MNO citizens, an MNO Special Assembly was held in June 2023 to make the necessary changes to the MNO Bylaws and *MNO Registry Policy* to remove MNO citizens with incomplete files;

AND WHEREAS the MNO will be developing a Constitution and Métis laws where issues related to the MNO's future governance structures and outstanding issues raised in the Registry Review "What We Heard" report will be considered;

AND WHEREAS the MNO has committed to undertaking a province-wide ratification vote on a future Constitution that all MNO citizens will be provided an opportunity to vote on;

AND WHEREAS there is a need to ensure the views of all MNO citizens—as Métis rightsholders—and rights-bearing Métis communities are considered in relation to any changes to the MNO's current citizenship requirements, governance structures, and the Statement of Prime Purpose, as a part of the future development of a Constitution and Métis laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA resolves that:

1. Article 57 of the MNO Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

The MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose may be repealed or amended consistent with article 61(a) of these Bylaws.

2. the following provision be added as subsection (a) to Article 61 of the MNO Bylaws:

Any changes to the MNO's current citizenship requirements, existing governance structures, or the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose as set out in these Bylaws or the *MNO Registry Policy* require either: (1) the unanimous approval of a Special Resolution by the General Assembly (either at an AGA or special meeting); (2) the approval of a Special Resolution passed by two consecutive General Assemblies (AGAs and/or special meetings); (3) the adoption of a Métis law dealing with these issues; or (4) the ratification

of a constitution through a province-wide vote that is brought to the General Assembly (AGA or special meeting) for implementation.

Mover:
President Margaret FrohSeconder:
Tim SinclairName
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Resolution to amend s. 18 of MNO Registry Policy (August 2019) Proof of Historic Métis Ancestry

WHEREAS the applicant must prove Historic Métis Nation ancestry by providing evidence of a genealogical connection to a Métis ancestor who lived in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland after 1750

THEREFORE be it resolved that s.18 of MNO Registry Policy (August 2019) Proof of Historic Métis Ancestry be changed to read as follows:

the applicant must prove Historic Métis Nation ancestry by providing evidence of a genealogical connection to a Métis ancestor who lived in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland after 1750. Such evidence also includes, any government historical document, oral history, MNO sponsored record documents that endorses Métis Heritage.

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Resolution to amend s. 2.3a) of MNO Secretariat By-Laws

WHEREAS 2.3 of MNO Secretariat By-Laws says: a person is entitled to be registered as a citizen of MNO who:

AND WHEREAS 2.3a) provides sufficient documentation that he/she is Métis within the meaning of 2.2a) of Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat By-Laws

AND WHEREAS 2.2a) Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation ancestry, and is accepted by the Métis Nation

THEREFORE be it resolved that 2.3 a) of MNO Secretariat By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

provides sufficient documentation that he/she is Métis within the meaning of 2.2a). Such documents include, any government historical document, oral history, MNO sponsored record documents that endorses Métis Heritage.

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the applicant must prove Historic Métis Nation ancestry by providing evidence of a genealogical connection to a Métis ancestor who lived in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland after 1750 and that DNA, such as Canadian DNA Services admissible by Canadian Courts, is also acceptable proof of Métis ancestry, providing a genealogical connection to a Métis ancestor is met.

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THEREFORE be it resolved that 2.3 a) of MNO Secretariat By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

provides sufficient documentation that he/she is Métis within the meaning of 2.2a) and that DNA, such as Canadian DNA Services admissible by Canadian Courts, be accepted by MNO as proof of Métis ancestry providing a genealogical connection to a Métis ancestor is met.

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Seconded by:	Kelly J Brett	05-5117 MNO Citizenship #	Kelly Brett Signature

Special Resolution to Amend the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose's aims and objectives in furtherance of clearly affirming Métis rights

WHEREAS, Canada's 1982 Constitution Act recognises and affirms Métis rights as a form of constitutionally protected Aboriginal rights;

AND WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Canada in the decision R. v. Van der Peet, found that s.35 of Canada's Constitution protects those rights integral to the survival of a distinctive culture;

AND WHEREAS, those rights which are essential to our survival must never be lost;

AND WHEREAS, "inalienable rights" is the internationally accepted way to describe rights which cannot be legitimately taken away, given up, or lost;

AND WHEREAS, while we have long considered our rights as central to our survival, it remains important to communicate clearly and continuously that we consider these rights to be as inalienable as other human rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the aims and objectives section of the Métis Nation of Ontario's *Statement of Prime Purpose* be amended with an additional line, worded as follows:

"- to demonstrate our commitment to the inalienability of Aboriginal rights, and in doing so, our commitment to the inalienability of our rights as Métis;"

AND that this additional line be located as the 14th 'aim and objective' (i.e. positioned directly below "to ensure that Métis can exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights and freedoms and in so doing, act in a spirit of cooperation with other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people" but above "to establish good relations and maintain our historic alliances with all Aboriginal peoples for the pursuit of our common interests and goals").

Potential Movers

Name: Jonas Weselake-George MNO Citizenship No. 06-9476

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Potential Seconders

Name: Veda Weselake

MNO Citizenship No. 05-0576

Special Resolution to amend the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose in furtherance of unambiguously protecting our Métis rights

WHEREAS, Canada's 1982 *Constitution Act* recognises and affirms Métis rights as a form of constitutionally protected Aboriginal rights;

AND WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Canada in the decision *R. v. Van der Peet*, found that *s.35* of Canada's Constitution *protects those rights integral to the survival of a distinctive culture*;

AND WHEREAS, those rights which are essential to our survival must never be lost;

AND WHEREAS, "inalienable rights" is the internationally accepted way to describe rights which cannot be legitimately taken away, given up, or lost;

AND WHEREAS, while we have long considered our rights to be central to our survival, it remains important to communicate clearly and continuously that we consider these rights to be as inalienable as other human rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario's *Statement of Prime Purpose* be amended such that the paragraph reading:

"We, the Métis Nation, are a distinct Nation among the Aboriginal peoples in Canada and as such our Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982."

Be amended with an additional sentence,

"We hold that these rights, being integral to the survival of a distinctive culture, are inalienable."

So as to read:

"We, the Métis Nation, are a distinct Nation among the Aboriginal peoples in Canada and as such our Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. We hold that these rights, being integral to the survival of a distinctive culture, are inalienable."

Potential Movers

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WHEREAS the MNO desires to align the term and renewal dates for MNO Harvesters Cards (also referred to as Harvesters Certificates) and new MNO citizenship cards;

AND WHEREAS the *MNO Harvesting Policy* (Schedule A) and the *MNO Registry Policy* (s. 28) provide that MNO Harvesters Cards are valid for a term of 3 years, whereas new MNO citizenship cards are valid for a term of 5 years;

AND WHEREAS article 8 of the MNO Bylaws provides that "fees or dues, if any, shall be at the direction of the PCMNO";

AND WHEREAS the PCMNO passed resolution no. PC201003-06 directing the MNO "to waive the collection of fees for applications and renewals for Citizenship and Harvesting Cards on a permanent basis";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA resolves that:

1. section 1 of Schedule A of the *MNO Harvesting Policy* be amended to now read as follows:

Harvesters Certificates shall have a maximum term of validity of 5 years, which term shall align with the issue and renewal dates of the MNO citizen's MNO citizenship card. Harvesters Certificates issued under previous versions of this policy and/or the *MNO Registry Policy* shall continue with the original expiry/renewal date specified. To allow for harmonization of these two terms, MNO citizens who have an active Harvesters Certificate on file at the time of renewal of their MNO citizenship card, will be re-issued a 5-year Harvesters Certificate at that time.

2. section 2 of Schedule A of the *MNO Harvesting Policy* be amended to now read as follows:

The fee for a Harvesters Certificate, if any, shall be set by the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario.

3. section 28 of the *MNO Registry Policy—Guidelines* be amended to now read as follows:

Harvesters Cards shall have a maximum term of validity of 5 years, which term shall align with the issue and renewal dates of the MNO citizen's MNO citizenship card. Harvesters Cards issued under previous versions of this policy and/or the *MNO Harvesting Policy* shall continue with the original expiry/renewal date specified. To allow for harmonization of these two terms, MNO citizens who have an active Harvesters Card on file at the time of renewal of their MNO citizenship card, will be re-issued a 5year Harvesters Card at that time.

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Special Resolution to Remove Residency Requirement in MNO Harvesting Policy

WHEREAS under the MNO's existing policies, verified Métis rights-holders from Métis communities in Ontario are currently unable to harvest with their families and exercise their constitutionally-protected harvesting rights if they live outside Ontario on a permanent or temporary basis;

AND WHEREAS the 2019 MNO AGA repealed section 10 of the *MNO Registry Policy* that previously required applicants for MNO citizenship to provide proof of residency in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the *MNO Harvesting Policy* currently requires that an individual must be an MNO citizen, meet the requirements of the *Powley* test for the specific Métis community they seek to harvest within, and be "ordinarily resident in the Province of Ontario" in order to obtain an MNO Harvesters Card (also referred to as a Harvesters Certificate) (ss. 2.1(d),(f); 4.1);

AND WHEREAS the *MNO Harvesting Policy* (s. 4.2(b)) and the *MNO Registry Policy* (s. 26(a)) also currently require an MNO citizen to provide proof of ordinary residency when applying for a Harvesters Card;

AND WHEREAS the MNO Captains of the Hunt have the ability to limit or curtail harvesting activities if conservation issues arise within a given Métis community, rather than the MNO completely denying the constitutionally-protected rights of MNO citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA resolves that:

1. section 2.1(d) of the *MNO Harvesting Policy* be amended to read as follows:

"MNO citizen" means a person who is registered as a citizen of the MNO in accordance with the definition, criteria, and processes outlined in the MNO Bylaws and *MNO Registry Policy*;

- 2. section 2.1(f) of the *MNO Harvesting Policy* be deleted in its entirety;
- 3. section 4.2(b) of the *MNO Harvesting Policy* be amended to read as follows:

"that he or she intends to participate in the Métis harvest in his or her community's traditional territory; and"

4. section 26(a) of the *MNO Registry Policy—Guidelines* be amended to read as follows:

"that he or she intends to participate in the Métis harvest in his or her community's traditional territory; and"

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Special Resolution on Traditional Harvesting Territories Map in MNO Registry Policy

WHEREAS the MNO desires to align the map in the MNO Registry Policy that was used as a part of the 2004 Interim Harvesting Agreement with Ontario with the updated and current Traditional Harvesting Territories map that is in the 2018 MNO-Ontario Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting ("2018 Harvesting Agreement");

AND WHEREAS the MNO remains committed to further internal discussions to refine the current Traditional Harvesting Territories map, as part of the MNO's broader commitment under the 2018 Harvesting Agreement to modify the map in future based on further research and negotiations with Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA resolves that:

1. the outdated map at Appendix A of the MNO Registry Policy be replaced with the map included at Schedule C of the 2018 Harvesting Agreement and that all other related MNO communications materials and/or policies be similarly updated.

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SPECIAL BUSINESS RESOLUTION TO AMEND MNO SECRETARIAT BYLAW SECTION 14

July 14, 2023

WHEREAS according to current MNO Secretariat Bylaws: Dated June 17, 2023 Version: Provisional Council of the MNO ("PCMNO")

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

(a) Regional Councillors shall be Ordinarily Resident in the region in which they are elected for the duration of their term of office.

(b) Only MNO citizens may be councillors of the MNO.

(c) With the exception of appointments made to fill vacancies pursuant to section 23, the councillors may not appoint additional councillors to the PCMNO."

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC) has been the organized and recognized voice for Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) women for over two decades.

AND WHEREAS the MNOWC has a current citizenship list of 10,000+ MNO women citizens.

AND WHEREAS the MNOWC represents the interests of those Métis women within the MNO for the betterment and promotion of all MNO women and the MNO in its entirety.

AND WHEREAS Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2 Spirit+ (MMIWG2S+) continue to face extensive violence and discrimination in our Métis communities, thus representation of Métis women's voices is urgently needed and must be deemed essential at the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO).

AND WHEREAS the MNOWC does require fair and equitable representation on the PCMNO to adequately fulfill their elected role.

AND WHEREAS the current structure of the PCMNO does not allow for MNOWC representation on the PCMNO.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA resolves the following:

1. That the President of the MNOWC have a voice, vote and seat on the PCMNO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 MNO AGA amends the MNO Secretariat Bylaws: AGA Dated June 17, 2023 Version S14 as follows:

1. MNO Secretariat Bylaw 14

- a) remove "nineteen (19) and replace with twenty (20)
- b) Add "and the president of the MNOWC

To read:

The PCMNO shall make decisions and act in a manner consistent with upholding and advancing the MNO Statement of Prime Purpose and shall take its direction from and shall report to the General Assembly. The property and business of the MNO shall be managed by a council of twenty (20) elected citizens who shall be called councillors and shall sit on the Provisional Council of the MNO ("PCMNO"). The PCMNO shall consist of: president, chair, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, four (4) senators, one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) regions, one (1) post secondary representative, one (1) youth and the president of the MNOWC.

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Submitted July 14, 2023 via email to resolutions@metisnation.org

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Resolution: Exploring AI Integration

Title: Resolution to Explore AI Integration

Whereas Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies have the potential to significantly enhance organizational efficiency and provide benefits when integrated effectively;

Whereas the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) aims to explore innovative solutions that can optimize operations and generate advantages for MNO citizens;

Whereas conducting a comprehensive investigation into AI integration opportunities within the MNO Secretariat is essential for informed decision-making;

Therefore, be it resolved that the MNO actively seek resources to engage a qualified third party, with expertise in AI technologies, to conduct a thorough investigation into potential opportunities for AI integration throughout the MNO Secretariat;

Be it further resolved that the investigation focus on identifying AI integration prospects that can enhance efficiency, streamline processes, and generate tangible benefits for MNO citizens;

Be it further resolved that the third party deliver a recommendations report to the Provisional Council of the Metis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO), outlining the identified AI integration opportunities, along with an assessment of their benefits and associated adoption costs;

Be it further resolved that the recommendations report be made accessible to MNO citizens, ensuring transparency and providing an opportunity for meaningful engagement and feedback.

Be it further resolved we form an in-house committee of MNO citizens with technical knowledge of the matter first to prepare a plan with cost analysis to report to the (PCMNO) before any third parties are involved. To maximize transparency and ensure the costs are minimized.

Submitted on July 13, 2023

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