

# Year in Review:

## Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission (MNOCC)

### **OVERVIEW:**

In January 2021, the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) appointed a new Board of Directors for the Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission (MNOCC). Since that time, the Board of Directors has undertaken the process of updating, reviewing and modernizing the MNOCC. This includes updating corporate bylaws and financial policies, nominating a 9-member interim Board of Directors, appointed for a three-year term, and creating a short-term workplan. This work has been done with the guidance of Gowling WLG.

The MNOCC was created to provide the MNO with a vehicle for charitable enterprises, with an overall mission to preserve and promote Métis history, values, tradition and pride in Métis arts, culture and heritage. As a registered charity, the MNOCC can function as a fund-raising tool and can issue tax receipts

### **2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Participated in 7 Board meetings and 1 Strategic Planning session
- Reviewed and recommended to the PCMNO the approval of revised MNOCC Bylaws, Articles of Amendment and Restated Articles of Incorporation
- Application submitted and funding received from the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund to establish a foundation of research on the Métis residential and day school experience and develop and distribute promotional and educational resources
- There were various small grants awarded to individual community council applications that encompass programs for seniors, Métis residential school experience and environmental projects
- Development of an Appraisal Committee Terms of Reference and appointment of Appraisal Committee members
- Participating in a strategic planning process that led to the development of Strategic Plan and Workplan to guide the work of the interim Board of Directors and New Board of Directors
- Leading the development and direction of the new MNOCC website: <https://www.mnocc.ca>
- Donations are now accepted via the website <https://www.mnocc.ca/donate-now/> where a donation receipt will be generated
- Overseeing the development of MNOCC policies