Métis Nation of Ontario

MÉTIS NATION OF ONTARIO 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECORD OF DECISIONS
FOR THE MEETING HELD

AUGUST 14-16, 2026

The following is a list of resolutions passed by the 33rd Annual General Assembly:

Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED (Stephanie Bergman) and SECONDED (Derrick Pont)

That the Agenda for the 33rd Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly, scheduled August 14-16, 2026, be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260814-01)

Approval of Draft Minutes

It was MOVED (Steven Callaghan) and SECONDED (Ron LePage)

That the Minutes of the Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly held August 15-17, 2025, be adopted as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260814-02)

Approval of the 2025-2026 Audited Financial Statements

It was MOVED (Andy Dufrane) and SECONDED (Steven Callaghan)

That the 33rd Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly adopt the MNO Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2026, as presented.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260815-03)

Appointment of the Auditor

It was MOVED (Steven Callaghan) and SECONDED (Suzanne Fortin)

That the 33rd Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly appoint Baker Tilly, Ottawa LLP, as the MNO Auditor for the year ending March 31, 2027.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260815-04)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-03: Advancing a Métis Nation of Ontario Constitution

It was MOVED (Margaret Froh) and SECONDED (Mitch Case)

WHEREAS, in 1993, the descendants of historic Métis communities that emerged in what is now northern Ontario and areas surrounding the Upper Great Lakes, along with Métis from western Canada who now live in Ontario, came together as a Métis collectivity and established the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") as their representative body;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of this process, the MNO adopted a Statement of Prime Purpose that prioritizes the advancement of Métis rights and self-government, including the "aims and objectives" of "ensur[ing] that Métis can exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights and freedoms" and "establish[ing] democratic institutions based on our inherent right of self-government";

AND WHEREAS, over the last 30+ years, Citizens and Métis Communities comprised of those Citizens, have built the MNO as a democratic, accountable, and province-wide Métis government that is unified and includes representation of Citizens and Métis Communities at the local, regional, and provincial levels;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of advancing its mandate, the MNO has:

i. supported the Powley family in advancing Métis rights, leading to the precedent-setting Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R. v. Powley* that confirmed the Sault Ste. Marie Métis community, as a part of the Upper Great Lakes Métis, possesses land related harvesting rights protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*; and

ii. has signed various agreements with the Crown about recognizing and respecting Métis rights and self-government, including a Framework Agreement (2017) with Canada and Ontario as well as two Self-Government Agreements with Canada (2019 and 2023);

AND WHEREAS, through the 2023 Self-Government Agreement, Canada immediately recognized the MNO as a Métis government that represents a Métis collectivity that holds an inherent right of self-government that is protected by section 35, and committed to negotiating and reaching a Self-Government Treaty with the MNO;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of the process to achieve a Self-Government Treaty with Canada, the MNO needs to develop and adopt a Constitution, as Métis law, which Citizens and Métis Communities have also repeatedly called for over generations;

AND WHEREAS, all other Métis Nation governments negotiating or reached Self-Government Treaties with Canada, and all other Indigenous governments with modern-day Self-Government Treaties, already have constitutions;

AND WHEREAS, in June 2024, the newly elected Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") identified advancing an MNO Constitution as a strategic priority and initiated province-wide consultations on a Statement of Principles for an MNO Constitution ("Statement of Principles") in 2025;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of these consultations, over 2,300 Citizens participated in over 56 engagement sessions and contributed more than 12,000 comments, submissions, and pieces of feedback to guide the development of an MNO Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, based on these consultations, in April 2026, PCMNO directed that a preliminary draft MNO Constitution be prepared for internal review and refinement to:

be publicly released in the Fall of 2026 in order for province-wide consultation on this draft to begin that are consistent with the MNO-wide self-government consultation plan and commitments in the MNO Regional Implementation Agreements;

AND WHEREAS, over the last few months, input has been provided on a pre-consultation draft of a MNO Constitution, including holding an MNO All Leadership Meeting that included Community Councils, Advisory Councils, and Captains of the Hunt;

AND WHEREAS, based on the input received, a draft of a MNO Constitution will be finalized by the end of August 2026 with this draft being ready for province-wide consultations with all Citizens and Métis communities by early Fall 2026;

AND WHEREAS, ultimately, the decision as to whether to adopt a MNO Constitution will be in the hands of all of the MNO's over 30,000+ Citizens through a province-wide ratification vote where all Citizens over the age of 16 years will have an opportunity to vote on it;

NOW THEREFORE, the 2026 MNO Annual General Assembly, resolves that:

1) the adoption of a Constitution, as Métis law, continues to be the upmost priority for the MNO as a rights-bearing Métis collectivity;

2) the MNO move ahead with province-wide consultations on a draft MNO Constitution in the Fall 2026, consistent with previously adopted MNO consultation plans and commitments in signed Regional Implementation Agreements; and

3) based on the feedback and input received on the draft MNO Constitution, and any subsequent drafts resulting from the feedback and input received, the MNO work towards holding a province-wide ratification vote on an MNO Constitution in 2027.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-05)
(178 in favour; 7 opposed; 19 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-04: Considering the Rearrangement of the AGA Agenda to Prioritize Voting Periods

It was MOVED (Shelby Turcotte) and SECONDED (Sabastian Koprich)

WHEREAS a primary purpose of the Annual General Assembly ("AGA") is to bring resolutions before the citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO"), providing an opportunity for citizens to debate and vote on business matters affecting citizens;

AND WHEREAS the current AGA agenda places committee presentations and other business before voting, often leaving a limited amount of time on the final day for voting on ordinary business resolutions;

AND WHEREAS, in recent AGA's, quorum has been more difficult to achieve on the final day of the AGA despite a lower majority vote threshold of 50%;

AND WHEREAS many citizens, particularly youth citizens, attending the AGA have travel requirements that necessitate their departure immediately on the final day or before some resolutions are resolved;

AND WHEREAS time constraints on the final day may result in ordinary business resolutions not being brought forward for a vote at the assembly, limiting the ability of citizens who travel on the final day to participate in democratic process;

AND WHEREAS Principle #23 of the Statement of Principles: Accountability to Citizens states, "The AGA is the highest authority in the MNO's current governance structure, as it is the body that includes all citizens and all voices and perspectives can be heard and considered.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO consider the possibility of rearranging future AGA agendas to prioritize the voting of ordinary business resolutions earlier in the agenda;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposed changes to planned voting periods consider the travel schedules and needs of attendees, including youth conference participants attending the AGA, to have more meaningful representation during ordinary business resolutions.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-06)
(201 in favour; 21 opposed; 0 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-05: Seek to Expand on Youth and Elder Knowledge Exchange Activities

It was MOVED (Sabastian Koprich) and SECONDED (Trent Desaulniers)

WHEREAS knowledge exchange refers to the sharing of Métis stories, traditional Métis ways of life, and collective learning opportunities intergenerationally;

AND WHEREAS Métis youth visiting with Senators, Elders, Captains of the Hunt ("COTH"), Community Knowledge Holders including 2S+ individuals, and storytellers are fundamental for cultural knowledge exchange and the passing down of oral histories;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") Statement of Prime Purpose explicitly declares the mandate "to promote the history, values, culture, languages and traditions of the Métis Nation and to create an awareness of our proud heritage";

AND WHEREAS "The Youth Wise Ones Gathering" hosted by the Great Lakes Advisory Group ("GLAG") during the Youth Leadership Conference ("YLC") has proven to be an exemplary model for advancing knowledge exchange activities since 2024;

AND WHEREAS "The Youth Wise Ones Gathering" has successfully informed federal and provincial ministry policies aimed at enhancing quality improvements to Ontario's Great Lakes and their watersheds;

AND WHEREAS "The Youth Wise Ones Gathering" serves as an ideal foundation from which an extended gathering could occur outside of the Annual General Assembly (AGA) and the YLC, allowing Métis youth and Knowledge Holders to engage in deeper, sustained knowledge exchange;

AND WHEREAS Métis youth are both seekers and carriers of knowledge that will continue to hold the responsibility of ensuring Métis histories and traditional ways of life is passed on to future generations;

AND WHEREAS allocating additional time to facilitate these conversations between Métis youth and Knowledge Holders will directly support the preservation of Métis oral histories and culture across generations;

AND WHEREAS during the 2024 AGA, ordinary business resolution #9 directed the MNO to investigate the possibility of a Youth and Elder's conference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario, the COTH, the GLAG, and the MNO Youth Council investigate the feasibility of expanding existing knowledge exchange activities between Métis Youth and Knowledge Holders outside of the AGA and YLC activities, and for a duration that allows for more meaningful engagement.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-07)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-06: Economic Reconciliation

It was MOVED (Kathleen Anderson) and SECONDED (Theresa Stenlund)

WHEREAS, in 1993, the descendants of historic Métis communities that emerged in what is now northern Ontario and areas surrounding the Upper Great Lakes, along with Métis from western Canada who now live in Ontario, came together as a Métis collectivity and established the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") as their representative body;

AND WHEREAS the MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose includes "ensur[ing] that Métis can exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights and freedoms" as well as promoting the "economic well-being" and supporting the "prosperity and economic self-sufficiency" of Métis citizens and communities in Ontario as among the MNO's foundational "aims and objectives";

AND WHEREAS in *R v. Powley* ("*Powley*") the Supreme Court of Canada ("SCC") recognized

> [t]he inclusion of the Métis in s. 35 is based on a commitment to recognizing the Métis and enhancing their survival as distinctive communities…. s. 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 WHEREAS the SCC also affirmed in *Powley* that there is no hierarchy of rights protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* ("Section 35");

AND WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 92 urged Canada's corporate sector to "[e]nsure that Aboriginal peoples have equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities in the corporate sector, and that Aboriginal communities gain long-term sustainable benefits from economic development projects";

AND WHEREAS the ongoing survival of Métis communities in Ontario, as distinct Indigenous communities, depends on their economic well-being and self-sufficiency;

AND WHEREAS economic reconciliation requires that Indigenous communities participate in and benefit from resource development projects in their traditional territories by increasing access to resources, capital, as well as employment, procurement, including equity ownership opportunities;

AND WHEREAS in recent years corporate sector proponents, as well as the federal and provincial governments, have developed Indigenous policies and initiatives that attempt to advance reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS, increasingly within Ontario, there are "Indigenous" economic reconciliation polices and initiatives, such as those being advanced by the Government of Ontario as well as some proponents such as Hydro One, which effectively exclude the potential of Métis communities being equity owners in resource development projects in their traditional territories, while First Nations are included in these policies and initiatives;

AND WHEREAS, in some areas of the province, innovative approaches based on Métis communities "earning like owners" have been developed to great success, but the adoption of these policies and initiatives have been ad hoc and inconsistent;

AND WHEREAS Métis communities in Ontario must be included in, and benefit from, economic reconciliation initiatives being pursued in the province in order to uphold the direction from the SCC in *Powley* as well as the principles of fairness, transparency and consistency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 MNO Annual General Assembly resolves that:

1. The MNO be directed to develop strategies, policies and approaches to ensure the Métis communities are able to participate in economic reconciliation initiatives being made available to other Indigenous communities;
2. The MNO prioritize meetings with Chief Executive Officers for Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation, and other major proponents in Ontario to make them aware that Métis communities in the province need to be included in economic reconciliation policies and initiatives or that mutually agreeable Métis-specific approaches be developed;
3. The MNO make the Government of Ontario aware that it is increasingly concerned about approaches to economic reconciliation that exclude Métis communities in Ontario, which is inconsistent with the law and Ontario's commitments to all Indigenous communities;
4. The MNO ensure that the Government of Canada continue its current inclusive approach to Métis communities with respect to economic reconciliation policies and initiatives;
5. All initiatives pursued by the MNO under this resolution must be respectful of the land related rights and interests held by Métis communities and include their full participation and agreement to said initiatives and policies;
6. If initiatives being pursued under the name of economic reconciliation in Ontario continue to exclude Métis communities, the PCMNO is urged to direct legal counsel to develop litigation options, including the potential identification of a test case that demonstrates the detrimental effects of Métis exclusion from economic reconciliation;
7. The MNO be directed to report back to this Assembly on progress that is made in relation to ensuring Métis communities benefit from economic reconciliation.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-08)
(158 in favour; 43 opposed; 11 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-07: Annual MNO Charity Golf Tournament

It was MOVED (Kathleen Anderson) and SECONDED (Samantha Case)

WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") is the democratically elected government of Metis citizens and communities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the MNO's Statement of Prime Purpose includes "to promote and foster community development" as well as "to promote the improved health and wellness of the individual, the family and the whole Métis community; as among the MNO's foundational "aims and objectives";

AND WHEREAS the MNO has a long-established charity, the Metis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission and Land Trust ("MNOCCLT"), whose mandate is to preserve, promote, and fund the revitalization of Métis history, values, traditions, and pride in Métis arts, culture and heritage;

AND WHEREAS, the Nation has many long-standing needs and initiatives which the MNOCCLT needs funds to support;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO considers establishing an annual charity golf tournament in one permanent location as a means to raise funds to assist with the revitalisation of Metis history, values, traditions, culture and heritage in Ontario.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-09)
98 in favour; 86 opposed; 18 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-09: Prioritizing MNO Treaty Negotiations

It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Theresa Stenlund)

WHEREAS, in 1993, the descendants of historic Métis communities that emerged in what is now northern Ontario and areas surrounding the Upper Great Lakes, along with Métis from western Canada who now live in Ontario, came together as a Métis collectivity and established the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") as their representative body;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of this process, the MNO adopted a Statement of Prime Purpose that prioritizes the advancement of Métis rights and self-government, including the "aims and objectives" of "ensur[ing] that Métis can exercise their Aboriginal and Treaty rights and freedoms" and "establish[ing] democratic institutions based on our inherent right of self-government";

AND WHEREAS, over the last 30+ years, Citizens and Métis Communities comprised of those Citizens, have built the MNO as a democratic, accountable, and province-wide Métis government that is unified and includes representation of Citizens and Métis Communities at the local, regional, and provincial levels;

AND WHEREAS, as a part of advancing its mandate, the MNO has:

i. supported the Powley family in advancing Métis rights, leading to the precedent-setting Supreme Court of Canada decision in *R. v. Powley* that confirmed the Sault Ste Marie Métis community, as a part of the Great Lakes Métis, possesses land related harvesting rights protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; and

ii. has signed various agreements with the Crown about recognizing and respecting Métis rights and self-government, including a Framework Agreement (2017) with Canada and Ontario as well as two Self-Government Agreements with Canada (2019 and 2023);

AND WHEREAS, within the 2023 Self-Government Agreement, Canada committed to negotiating and reaching a Self-Government Treaty with the MNO to put into place a constitutionally-protected nation-to-nation, government-to-government relation that will last forever;

AND WHEREAS, in June 2024, the newly elected Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") identified the negotiation of the MNO Self-Government Treaty with Canada, as one of its strategic priorities;

AND WHEREAS, in April 2026, PCMNO directed that the MNO negotiations team to "prioritize reaching a draft treaty with Canada with the goal of the draft treaty also being voted on in the 2027 Ratification Vote" contemplated for the MNO Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 MNO Annual General Assembly (the "Assembly") resolves that:

1) the Assembly supports the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario's (PCMNO's) direction to the MNO negotiation team to prioritize the negotiation of a Self-Government Treaty with Canada, with the goal of having a draft ready by 2027;

2) if timing and other factors allow, the Assembly supports the MNO holding a province-wide ratification vote on a potential Self-Government Treaty at the same time as its holds the province-wide ratification vote on a MNO Constitution; and

3) the MNO develop a strategy to ensure a Self-Government Treaty with Canada is reached and secured as soon as possible.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-10)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-11: Amendment to the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework (2007) to Strengthen Métis-Specific Provisions

It was MOVED (Theresa Stenlund) and SECONDED (Marlene Davidson)

WHEREAS the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework (2007) ("the Framework") was developed prior to the recognition of Métis self-government agreements, distinctions-based Indigenous policy, and updated Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") governance structures;

AND WHEREAS the Framework does not adequately reflect Métis-specific rights, knowledge systems, cultural practices, language revitalization priorities, or the contemporary governance authority of the MNO;

AND WHEREAS the MNO has established the Powley Institute, updated the Post-Secondary Education Strategy (2026), and strengthened Early Learning and Child Care ("ELCC") programs, all of which require alignment with provincial education policy;

AND WHEREAS distinctions-based policy is now a national standard, requiring governments and institutions to recognize the unique histories, cultures, and legal status of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples as separate and self-determining Nations;

AND WHEREAS Métis learners, families, and communities continue to experience systemic barriers in Ontario's education systems, including misidentification, erasure, and lack of Métis-specific curriculum, supports, and cultural safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") formally request that the Ministry of Education amend the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework (2007) to include comprehensive, distinctions-based Métis content, including but not limited to:

- Explicit acknowledgement of the MNO as the recognized Métis government in Ontario, including its citizenship registry, governance structures, and legal authorities;
- Requirements for school boards to implement Métis-specific cultural safety training, land-based learning, and community-driven programming;
- Inclusion of Métis history, language, culture, and contributions across K-12 curriculum, developed in partnership with MNO and Métis educators;
- Adoption of Métis-specific data governance principles aligned with MNO Registry standards and Indigenous data sovereignty;
- Integration of MNO ELCC policies, land-based pedagogy, and cultural programming into provincial early learning frameworks;
- Alignment with the 2026 Métis Nation Post-Secondary Education Strategy, including supports for Métis learners transitioning into college, university, and skilled training;

- Mandatory collaboration between school boards and MNO Chartered Communities for program development, cultural events, and student supports;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO submit a formal submission package to the Ministry of Education, including:

- a policy brief outlining required amendments;
- a distinctions-based Métis education framework;
- evidence demonstrating gaps in Métis inclusion under the 2007 Framework;
- recommendations for implementation, accountability, and evaluation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO affirm the MNO's commitment to advancing distinctions-based Métis education, cultural revitalization, and self-determination across all Ontario education systems.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-11)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-12: Accessible Transportation

It was MOVED (Theresa Stenlund) and SECONDED (Angie Coture)

The Annual General Assembly ("AGA") requests that the Provisional Council for the Métis Nation of Ontario work with the Métis Nation of Ontario's events team to ensure that there is enough onsite transportation coverage in place at all Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assemblies for accessible transportation to accommodate the needs of those with visible and invisible disabilities.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-12)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-13: MNO AGA Resolution related to Income Allocation from Local Business Opportunities

It was MOVED (Theresa Stenlund) and SECONDED (Kathleen Anderson)

WHEREAS the *Métis Nation of Ontario Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law* (the "*Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law*") establishes the Métis Nation of Ontario Economic Development Structures (as defined in the law) to pursue, promote, and advance Métis prosperity and self-sufficiency through its economic development and business activities;

AND WHEREAS the *Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law* recognizes that some business opportunities will arise because of the geographic proximity of a Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") Region, a Community Council, or a combination thereof to the opportunity ("Local or Regional Opportunity");

AND WHEREAS the *Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law* requires a mutually agreeable allocation model for any financial profits and/or allocations ultimately flowing to the MNO as a result of a Local or Regional Opportunity to be negotiated between the MNO and the participating MNO Region, Community Council, or a combination thereof prior to pursuing the Local or Regional Opportunity;

AND WHEREAS the *Policy on Local or Regional Allocations from the MNO's Economic Development Structures* (the "Allocation Policy") was enacted under the authority of the *Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency Law* to set out criteria and mechanics for a Local or Regional Opportunity contemplated in the law;

AND WHEREAS the Allocation Policy requires in all cases where it is agreed that a Local or Regional Opportunity has been met, the Region and/or Council(s), Métis Nation of Ontario and the Economic Development Structures shall enter into a standard allocation agreement (an "Allocation Agreement") signed by each of the MNO Region or Community Council(s), the MNO and the Economic Development Structures;

AND WHEREAS the Allocation Policy requires that if, and, only if, a profit is ultimately earned from the Local or Regional Opportunity, the MNO will ensure 15% of that profit is allocated to the MNO Region or Community Council(s) when those monies are received by MNO from the Infinity Trust; and

AND WHEREAS MNO Regions and Community Council(s) view the allocation of profits from Local or Regional Opportunities to be unequitable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that**:**

1. The 2026 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly hereby directs the Provisional Council of the MNO ("PCMNO") to consider amending the Allocation Policy to reflect a more equitable allocation of profits from Local or Regional Opportunities ("Allocation Policy Amendments");
2. any Allocation Policy Amendments enacted by the PCMNO are to be enacted and in-force no later than March 31, 2027; and
3. the PCMNO is hereby directed to report on the implementation of this resolution and any Allocation Policy Amendments at the 2027 MNO Annual General Assembly.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-13)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-14: Resolution on Empowered Financial Understanding

It was MOVED (Danika Warman) and SECONDED (Stephanie Flagg)

WHEREAS the Métis are a people of the lands which have so significantly cradled our culture and we expect to continue to have future generations cradled by it, as defined within the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") Statement of Prime Purpose;

AND WHEREAS the MNO harvesting policy identifies harvesting renewable resources to be a continuing and traditionally integral part of the Métis way of life;

AND WHEREAS conservation of renewable resources is important and the MNO has a responsibility to preserve and protect those resources for the benefit of future generations;

AND WHEREAS, in order to better preserve renewable resources for the future, it is an objective of the MNO to gather information on all aspects of the harvest;

AND WHEREAS the MNO has striven to improve the economic prosperity of individual Métis and the wellbeing of Métis communities as highlighted in policy, such as in the Memorandum of Understanding on Métis economic development;

AND WHEREAS the harvest is an action originating in subsistence as well as economic opportunity, the MNO continues to bear the value of informed and responsible extraction of resources;

AND WHEREAS the extraction of resources is not limited to physical goods, but extends to financial resources and therefore the results of our investments;

AND WHEREAS investment in sectors that derive their returns upon the extraction of minerals and oil may negatively impact the wellbeing of the Métis through the pollution of the environment and impairment of the renewability of resources;

AND WHEREAS investment in the sectors that derive their returns from extraction may impair the natural life that is important to the nation, and fall under one of the MNO's objectives in reference to information gathering;

AND WHEREAS investment in sectors that derive their returns from extraction processes that pollute, may harm the health of individual citizens, damage their wellbeing, and possibly contribute to the higher incidents of cancer and illness that the Métis face;

AND WHEREAS investment in the sector of artificial intelligence and the associated data collection centers have negative impacts on the physical resources providing necessities of life such as freshwater;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO be directed to include, as a part of the existing financial overview presented at the MNO Annual General Assembly, with the exclusion of assets held by Regions or Communities, the proportion of MNO investments by industry sector and, in particular, mineral and oil extraction, refinement and distribution, and AI, to further inform decision-making on the part of citizens.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-14)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-15: Virtual Participation and Voting at the Annual General Assemblies

It was MOVED (Joshua Charpentier) and SECONDED (Regan Wilson)

WHEREAS section 53 (c) of the Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Bylaws already permits citizens to participate in the Annual General Assembly ("AGA") virtually and to vote through an effective, efficient, and verifiable technological means;

AND WHEREAS section 53 (d) provides that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") shall prescribe the requirements for virtual participation and voting, including registration, participation, and technological requirements;

AND WHEREAS virtual voting has not yet been made available to eligible Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") citizens on an ongoing basis;

AND WHEREAS the 2025 MNO AGA considered a Special Business Resolution concerning virtual voting, which proposed amending section 53 (d), but that resolution was defeated;

AND WHEREAS this resolution does not propose to amend, repeal, or add to the MNO Secretariat Bylaws or any policy previously adopted by the AGA, but instead provides direction concerning the implementation of authority that already exists under section 53;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 MNO AGA directs the PCMNO to undertake the research and evaluation of viable technological solutions capable of providing secure, accessible, effective, efficient, and verifiable virtual participation and voting at MNO General Assemblies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO shall identify and evaluate at least three (3) viable technological solutions or approaches, where three viable options are reasonably available, and provide a comparative assessment of their capabilities, security, accessibility, reliability, voting verification, administrative requirements, implementation considerations, and anticipated costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO shall present the results of this research and evaluation, including the viable options identified, their advantages and limitations, anticipated costs, and recommended next steps, to MNO citizenry at a Town Hall meeting no later than six (6) months following the adoption of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO shall report to the next AGA on the research undertaken, the options evaluated, and the progress toward making virtual participation and voting available at future MNO AGAs.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-15)
112 in favour; 41 opposed; 5 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-16: Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Drummond Island Relocation

It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Dylan A.T. Miner)

WHEREAS Métis families established a distinct community at Drummond Island through their kinship networks, shared culture, economic activity, military service, and connection to the lands and waters of the Upper Great Lakes;

AND WHEREAS, following the War of 1812 and the surrender of Drummond Island by the British to the United States of America, Métis families were compelled to leave their homes and relocate to other parts of the Upper Great Lakes territory;

AND WHEREAS, beginning in 1828, many of these families re-established themselves in Penetanguishene, along the eastern shores of Georgian Bay, and throughout the Upper Great Lakes, where they rebuilt their lives, maintained their relationships, and contributed to the continued emergence and development of the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS the Drummond Island relocation was a defining event in the history of the Upper Great Lakes Métis and continues to shape the identity, culture, governance, and collective memory of Métis communities and descendants today;

AND WHEREAS 2028 marks the 200th anniversary of the relocation of Métis families from Drummond Island to Penetanguishene and provides an important opportunity to honour their experiences of displacement, adaptation, cultural continuity, and resilience;

AND WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") Annual General Assembly is expected to gather in Penetanguishene in 2028, providing a significant opportunity to bring together MNO citizens, descendants, leaders, youth, Elders, Senators, researchers, artists, local residents, and visitors to commemorate this history;

AND WHEREAS the commemoration provides an opportunity to educate the broader public about the emergence of the Métis Nation in the Upper Great Lakes and to celebrate the strength and vitality of Métis communities today;

AND WHEREAS proposed commemorative initiatives include, but are not limited to:

1. A short, accessible narrative booklet telling the story of the Drummond Island community, the relocation, the rebuilding of Métis communities, and the legacy carried forward by descendants;
2. An edited academic and community-based collection written by Drummond Island descendants, scholars, Knowledge Holders, and community contributors, addressing displacement, adaptation, resilience, cultural continuity, political and economic impacts,

community memory, contemporary identity, and the aspirations of descendants for the next 200 years;

3. A documentary, with the working title *Still Here: The Drummond Island Legacy*, using descendant voices, oral histories, archival records, land-based filming, and cinematic storytelling to explore the continuing legacy of the relocation;
4. A curated Métis art exhibition, with the working title *Carried Across the Water: 200 Years After Drummond Island*, presented in collaboration with the Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission, the Kooshkopayiw Arts Collective, and other partners, inviting contemporary Métis artists to interpret the history and legacy of the relocation through beadwork, painting, textiles, sculpture, digital media, installation, and other artistic forms;
5. A commemorative tree planting in Penetanguishene to recognize the arrival of the Drummond Island families and establish a living memorial for future generations;
6. A theatre project dramatizing the experiences of the Drummond Island families and the intergenerational legacy of relocation, community rebuilding, cultural continuity, and resilience;
7. A year-end commemorative publication documenting the events, projects, partnerships, participants, and lasting outcomes of the 200th anniversary year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO AGA formally recognizes 2028 as the 200th anniversary of the relocation of Métis families from Drummond Island and their arrival and re-establishment in Penetanguishene and throughout the Upper Great Lakes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MNO AGA authorizes and requests that the MNO Secretariat seek funds to support the above proposed initiatives and others which may be brought forward and for which financial resources can be found.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-16)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-17: Transparency and Accountability at MNO Annual General Assemblies

It was MOVED (Mitch Case) and SECONDED (Jordyn Garner)

WHEREAS transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining the trust and confidence of Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") citizens;

AND WHEREAS elected and appointed leaders have a responsibility to be present, participate in debate, and remain accountable for the decisions they make on behalf of MNO citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("PCMNO") has adopted a policy of recording votes taken at PCMNO meetings;

AND WHEREAS MNO-sponsored delegates are supported to attend the Annual General Assembly ("AGA") for the purpose of representing their communities and participating fully in the business of the Assembly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PCMNO explore a policy to require MNO-sponsored delegates to remain in the Assembly room for the duration of the business portion of each MNO AGA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MNO Administration explore and report to the PCMNO on options for using electronic-voting clickers to record how delegates holding elected or appointed MNO positions vote at the AGA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any approved voting process allow voting results to be publicly posted so that citizens in our communities are able to know how their representatives voted on issues presented at the AGA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for greater clarity, citizen delegates who do not hold an elected or appointed position within the MNO will continue to have the ability to cast their votes anonymously;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PCMNO will explore additional financial supports to enable additional members of community councils to attend the AGA.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-17)

124 in favour; 17 opposed; 4 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-18: Combatting Human Trafficking

It was MOVED (Kate Stewart-McNeil) and SECONDED (Alicia Brink)

WHEREAS human trafficking is a rapidly growing source of income for people of many criminal backgrounds around the world;

AND WHEREAS Public Safety Canada confirms Canada is a source, destination, and transit country for victims of human trafficking;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Advisor to Combat Human Trafficking from Public Safety Canada confirms Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ people, women, and children live at greater risk of being targeted, lured, groomed, and exploited;

AND WHEREAS Statistics Canada states that Ontario consistently reports the highest number of human trafficking incidents in Canada;

AND WHEREAS traffickers constantly use Greater Toronto Area airports and highways including highways 401 and 400 to displace victims transported through the gateway of Thunder Bay using highways 11 and 17;

AND WHEREAS Metis-specific data is required to fully see and explain the risk and impact on our communities;

AND WHEREAS safety is a basic human right;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 2026 Annual General Assembly directs that an inventory of all existing data sources related to the impact of human trafficking in Canada on Indigenous people including Métis, be compiled for reference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that data-gathering and relationship-building efforts to complement the Métis Nation of Ontario's existing anti-human trafficking programs be undertaken with willing Metis Nation partners to work towards a national anti-human trafficking strategy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Métis Nation of Ontario Advisory Councils be invited to inform and contribute recommendations and actions.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA260816-18)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-19: Wildfire Response Support for Public Inquiry

It was MOVED (Kate Stewart-McNeil) and SECONDED (Alicia Brink)

WHEREAS more than 7,250 square kilometres of forest in Ontario have burned in 2026 so far;

AND WHEREAS since the 1800s, humans have driven climate change by trapping heat from the sun in the atmosphere through greenhouse gas emissions created by burning fossil fuels;

AND WHEREAS we are experiencing clear evidence that average yearly temperatures are warming, the glacier ice is melting, waters are rising, and we can expect storms, flooding, droughts, heatwaves, and wildfires to become more intense, more frequent, and longer lasting;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario's current wildfire strategy fails to deliver sufficient preventative management and emergency preparedness responses;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of wildfires are being felt close to home throughout the province by the Metis citizens and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly supports the call for an independent public inquiry into the Government of Ontario's 2026 wildfire response, with the participation and support of the Métis Nation of Ontario's Emergency Preparedness Support Team, including the public release of findings and recommendations to identify lessons learned and inform future emergency preparedness and response efforts.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-19)

117 in favour; 14 opposed; 1 abstention)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-21: MNO Secretariat Support for MNOYC/Community Council Youth Representatives Town Halls

It was MOVED (Evan Accettola) and SECONDED (Bennett Woods)

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario Youth Council ("MNOYC") is comprised of the President, Chair, Post-Secondary Representative, and representatives from each of the nine regions;

AND WHEREAS each Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") Community Council has a position for a local Youth Representative;

AND WHEREAS the MNOYC's mandate is to identify issues impacting Métis youth and represent these issues at the provincial level;

AND WHEREAS the MNOYC strives to achieve this mandate by ensuring the creation of more avenues through which the MNOYC can communicate with Community Council Youth Representatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Secretariat supports a quarterly town hall to be held between the MNOYC and Community Council Youth Representatives, in which the MNOYC can promote its initiatives to Community Council Youth Representatives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community communication protocols will be respected and followed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first of these quarterly town halls will be held in the fourth quarter of 2026.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-20)

(107 in favour; 10 opposed; 7 abstentions)

Ordinary Resolution #26-AGA-OR-22: MNOYC Youth Peer Mentorship Program Resolution

It was MOVED (Evan Accettola) and SECONDED (Timea Enge)

WHEREAS Métis youth are valued members of the Métis Nation of Ontario ("MNO") and are amongst the present and future leaders of the Métis Nation;

AND WHEREAS Métis youth may experience mental health challenges and barriers to accessing timely, appropriate, culturally relevant, and youth-friendly mental health supports;

AND WHEREAS peer mentorship can provide opportunities for young people with shared experiences to connect, build supportive relationships, reduce isolation, develop leadership skills, and support one another;

AND WHEREAS a youth-led peer mentorship program could provide an opportunity for Métis youth with mental health needs to connect with trained Métis youth peers who may offer understanding, encouragement, navigation support, and connection to appropriate services and community resources;

AND WHEREAS any program developed to support Métis youth with mental health needs should be guided by Métis youth and developed with appropriate consideration for cultural safety, peer training and supervision, and connections to professional and community-based mental health supports;

AND WHEREAS Métis youth living in rural, remote, northern, and geographically dispersed communities may experience additional barriers to accessing peer connections and mental health supports;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MNO Secretariat and the MNO Healing and Wellness and Community Wellbeing Branch be directed to explore the feasibility of supporting the development and implementation of a youth-led peer mentorship program for Métis youth with mental health needs across Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this feasibility exploration include meaningful engagement with Métis youth, including the MNO Youth Council ("MNOYC") and Métis youth from across MNO communities and regions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of this feasibility work, including recommendations regarding potential next steps for the development of a youth-led Métis peer mentorship program, be shared with the MNOYC.

RESOLVED (AGA260816-21)

102 in favour; 23 opposed; 5 abstentions)