

Minutes of the special general meeting of the *Communauté Métisse Autochtone de la Gaspésie et du Bas-Saint-Laurent, Îles-de-la-Madeleine/ Gaspe Peninsula, Lower St. Lawrence, Magdalen Island Metis Aboriginal Community* held on September 10, 2016 at 10:00 at the Fifty Plus Club, at 509 avenue des Micmacs in Chandler.

Present: More than 150 members are present and 141 members have signed the attendance sheet.

Board of Directors: Mr. Benoît Lavoie, Director and Chairman
Mr. Lucien Gignac, Director, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Jean-Pierre Cauvier, Director
Mr. Réal Sylvestre, Director
Mr. Donat Delarosbil, Director

Guest speaker: Mr. Réjean Martel, genealogist

Mr. Benoît Lavoie, Chairman, explains the changes from the status of Community to Metis Nation to the members present.

It is moved that that definitions that have not been repealed be ratified by the chief-members

The LOGO must also be changed: the « C » for Community is to be replaced by « N » for Nation,

1. Resolution authorizing modifications to regulations and definitions that will be repealed and replaced by our new status of NATION must be ratified by members.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (01)

AMENDMENTS TO INTERNAL GOVERNENCE BY-LAWS

Adopted by resolution by the Board of Directors at the meeting held on August 27, 2016 at the Town Hall situated at 17 boul. Perron in Caplan

AND RATIFIED at the General Special Meeting held on September 10, 2016.

REPEALED: Communauté Métisse Autochtone Gaspésie, Bas St-Laurent, Îles-de-la-Madeleine/ Gaspe Peninsula , Lower St-Lawrence, Magdalen Islands, Metis Aboriginal Community

That the first word of the denomination of the community be modified and replaced:

Communauté par Nation and Community by Nation in English.

New denomination:

Nation Métisse Autochtone Gaspésie, Bas St-Laurent, Îles-de-la-Madeleine / Gaspe Peninsula, Lower St-Lawrence, Magdalen Islands, Metis Aboriginal Nation

The Nation will have a second denomination:

Nation Métisse du Soleil Levant/ Metis Nation of the Rising Sun

PREAMBULE

The preamble is an integral part of the amended Internal Governance By-laws

In Section 35 of the Constitutional Act of 1982, the word « Metis» did not include all people of mixed Indian and European descent, but rather the distinct peoples who, in addition to their mixed ancestry, have their own customs and a collective identity that is recognisable and distinct from their Indian or Inuit ancestors on one hand and from their European ancestors on the other hand.

Resolution : AGE-2016-09-10 (02)

REPEALED: Metis: all persons who:

1. Self-identify as Metis as defined in Section 35 Of the Constitution Act of 1982;
2. Have proven ancestry with at least one Metis ancestor belonging by birth, adoption or other to an historical Metis community prior to its being subjected to European-Canadian laws;
3. And who are accepted as such by the members of a contemporary community.

MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: Métis, Métisse, Metis : all persons who:

1. Self-identify as Metis as defined in Section 35 Of the Constitution Act of 1982;
2. Have proven ancestry with at least one Metis ancestor belonging by birth, adoption or other to an historical Metis community prior to its being subjected to European-Canadian laws;

3. And who are accepted as such by the members of a contemporary community.

Member: All persons who meet the admissibility criteria of the community;

To be a member of the community, an applicant must:

1. Self-identify as Metis as defined in Section 35 Of the Constitution Act of 1982, the said identification notably includes the following terms: Canadian *Voyageur*, *Bois-brûlés*, *Indépendant*, *Peddler*, *Cajoux*, *Métis*, *Half-Breed*, *Half-blood* and *Chicot*;
2. Declare to have ancestry with at least one Metis ancestor belonging by birth, adoption or other to an historical Metis community that occupied, used and frequented the South-eastern region of Canada prior to its being subjected to European-Canadian laws.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (03)

The founding members of a community who participated in its incorporation are presumed to be members of the community.

MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: The founding members of the community who participated in its incorporation are recognized by our Metis Nation as Metis Aboriginals, as defined in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act of 1982.

Resolution : AGE-2016-09-10 (4)

REPEALED: Member in good standing: a member who complies with by-laws, whose annual membership dues are paid when the Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting notice is sent or whose annual membership dues are paid when the Annual General Meeting is called to order.

MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: Member (chief-member) in good standing becomes : a member who complies with by-laws, whose annual membership dues are paid when the Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting notice is sent or whose annual membership dues are paid when the Annual General Meeting is called to order.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (05)

REPEALED: Certified member: a person who has presented proof to the Membership Committee showing his/her ancestry with at least one Métis ancestor belonging by birth, adoption or other to an historical Metis community.

MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: Certified Chief-member: A person who has presented proof to the Membership Committee showing his/her ancestry with at least one Métis ancestor belonging by birth, adoption or other to an historical Metis community.

METIS NATION: Metis Aboriginal Nation recognized and identified as a Metis First Nation or Metis in compliance with Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act of 1982.

A Metis Nation or Metis: Includes the Metis clans or communities that self-identify as part of the Metis Nation or as a Metis First Nation, in compliance with Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act of 1982.

- 2- Resolution changing the status of Directors to the status of Chiefs on the Council of Chiefs, that must be ratified by members at the Annual General Meeting of September 10, 2016.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (06)

Article 90.2.

The term Director will be replaced by the Council of Chiefs:

- a) Grand Chief (Chairman);
- b) The Grand Chief will name the Chiefs to sit on the Council of Chiefs according to their status and obligations;
- c) A Clan Chief or Community Chief or a Chief of Elders will be named by the Nation, by the Council of Chiefs, by clans or by the community and their nominations must be ratified by the chief-members at the following annual general or special meeting;
- d) A Chief who is a member of the Council of Chiefs must assume a specific task or tasks or actions.

REPEALED: 93: Subject to the articles applicable to members who are moral persons and associations of persons, the directors of the community must be individuals, be 18 years of age or older and legally empowered to participate in and be a member in good standing of a community.

MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: Subject to the articles applicable to members who are moral persons and associations of persons, the directors of a community must be individuals, be 18 years of age or older and legally empowered to participate in and be chief-members of a community. The directors become Chief-members on the Council of Chiefs and the Chairman becomes the Grand Chief. In addition to his given and family names, the signature of the Grand Chief will include Grand Chief of the Metis Nation.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (07)

Nomination of Chiefs to the Council of Chiefs by the Grand Chief Benoît Lavoie to be ratified by the chief-members and to be submitted to the AGM of September 10, 2016.

Premiere nomination of the Board of Directors

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- Benoît Lavoie, Chairman, become the Grand Chief of the Metis Nation
- Lucien Gignac, Secretary-Treasurer, becomes the Chief of Membership and Administration
- Jean-Pierre Cauvier becomes the Chief of the MRC Rocher-Percé
- Réal Sylvestre becomes the Chief Ambassador to the First Nations
- Donat Delarosbil becomes the Chief of the Historical Community of Paspébiac
- Raynald Robichaud, Chief of the Wobtegwá Clan (Montmagny region), will occupy a seat on the Council of Chiefs
- Jean-Guy Leblanc becomes Chief Guardian of Water
- Raymond Cyr becomes Chief of Elders and will appoint his Council of Elders and will occupy a seat on the Council of Chiefs
- Bertin Jean becomes the Chief Ambassador of Mother Earth.

Resolution: AGE-2016-09-10 (08)

Ratification of resolutions adopted by the Council of Chiefs (Board of Directors), modification to the new denomination repealing the word Community to be replaced by Nation and to be ratified by members at the AGM of September 10, 2016.

The members present at the Special General Meeting unanimously adopt the resolutions that will be subsequently be submitted to the AGM of September 10, 2016.

Resolution: A.G.E. 2016-09-10 (09)

Article 167

An Council of Elders will be established to monitor the best interests of members. It will have a privileged power of negotiation with the Council of Chiefs and has the power to call a new General Meeting if it can prove that important decisions and the voting procedure by the Chiefs on the Council of Chiefs is contrary to the exercise of a healthy democracy due to manipulation or collusion. It will have three

(3) months to inform chief-members and prepare for a Special General Meeting. The date and the location of this meeting will be negotiated with the Council of Chiefs to ensure that the chief-members will be able to make an informed decision. This power is legitimised by our culture and our traditions. Only one additional General Meeting will be authorized so that the chief-members will be predisposed to take action.

This is our first Council of Chiefs that we are asking you to elect for a period of four (4) years by a vote of chief-members (members in good standing). The members have unanimously ratified and elected the first Council of Chiefs.

Nomination of a provisional Council of Women

Article 167.1

A Council of Women will be established to monitor the best interests of members. It will have a privileged power of negotiation with the Council of Chiefs and has the power to call a new General Meeting if it can prove that important decisions and the voting procedure by the Chiefs on the Council of Chiefs is contrary to the exercise of a healthy democracy due to manipulation or collusion. It will have three (3) months to inform chief-members and prepare for a Special General Meeting. The date and the location of this meeting will be negotiated with the Council of Chiefs to ensure that the chief-members will be able to make an informed decision. This power is legitimised by our culture and our traditions. Only one additional General Meeting will be authorized so that the chief-members will be predisposed to take action.

This is our first Council of Chiefs (women) that that we are asking you to elect for a period of four (4) years by a vote of chief-members (members in good standing).

They will take the time necessary to appoint a Council of Women that will they will develop themselves.

- ✓ Berthe Méthot, Chief of the Council of Women
- ✓ Jacinthe Marchand, Chief of Spirituality
- ✓ Suzanne English, Chief Ambassador to the First Nations
- ✓ Lisette Gagnon, Council of Women of the Wobtegwa Clan
- ✓ .

Accepted unanimously by the members present at the Special General Meeting. This resolution must be adopted by the members present at the AGM of September 10, 2016, as this subject was not included in the meeting notice.

Resolution: A.G.E. 2016-09-10 (10)

Approval of a second denomination for our Metis Nation: Nation du Soleil Levant / Metis Nation of the Rising Sun

It is unanimously accepted by the members present at the Special General Meeting to accept the new denomination that will subsequently be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for adoption.

The members unanimously accept all of the resolutions presented at this meeting.

There being no further business, it is unanimously moved by the members present to adjourn the special general meeting at 12:00.

Maxime Bernard
Meeting Chairman

Jacqueline Vézina
Meeting Secretary