



KÂ ISI NÂTAMA ÔTA ATI NÎKÂN

Chartered Community Act Project



MÉTIS NATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MNBC and the MNGA Governance Committee are co-developing a legislative package to renew and modernize the relationship between Métis Chartered Communities and MNBC. The project focuses on replacing existing Chartered Community Agreements with a clearer, more consistent relationship agreement that strengthens collective self-government, clarifies roles and responsibilities, and supports respectful, transparent decision-making.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

The legislative package includes the Chartered Community Act, the Agreement and Menu (appendix). Together, these documents are intended to clarify shared commitments between MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities, establish fair and respectful processes for governance, communication, accountability, dispute resolution, and support meaningful pathways for Citizen feedback in MNBC governance and programming. The approach is designed to balance nation-wide consistency with the flexibility for communities to regularly adapt their agreement to their own priorities, realities, and ways of working.

APPROVAL GOAL:

The project is intended to advance through consultation, engagement and decision-making with the goal of final approval at the September 2027 AGM.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

This work is foundational to strengthening the governance relationship between MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities. It supports a clearer and more adaptable framework for collective self-government by improving role clarity, accountability, ethical leadership, and transparent decision-making. It also creates stronger pathways for Citizen voices to inform governance, while balancing shared nation-wide standards with community-specific implementation that reflects Métis values, culture, reciprocity, and mutual respect.

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH:

The consultation process will be collaborative, inclusive, and culturally informed. It will engage Métis Chartered Community leaders, Community boards, Métis Citizens, and Provincial Governance Councils, across the province through a mix of town halls, targeted

in-person sessions, virtual engagement, and online participation. On parl (we are talking) will serve as the central platform for sharing documents and plain-language summaries, posting schedules and updates, and collecting actionable feedback to inform revisions to the proposed legislative package. This will be an iterative feedback process allowing MNBC and the Governance Committee to regularly reflect and update the documents based on Community feedback.

At this time, the Michif language used in the documents are placeholders and will be verified through official translations before being presented to the MNGA for approval.

Questions and comments can be submitted to kwayask@mnbc.ca with the subject line “MCC Act and Agreement”

Plain Language Summary: Chartered Community Act

NAME OF THE ACT: Kâ isi Nâtama ôta ati Nîkân: Chartered Community Act

This new legislation aims to create a framework of collective governance for Metis Nation British Columbia. It further outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Wîcihitowin Pîkiskwêwin (Chartered Community Partnership Agreement) to help support Metis self-determination in B.C.

1. WHY THIS MATTERS

What are we trying to do?

- Update and renew the relationship agreements between Métis Chartered Communities and MNBC.

Who asked for this change?

- This legislation was requested by the MNGA and has been developed by the MNGA Governance Committee and MNBC's Governance team.

2. WHO THIS AFFECTS

This legislation will affect Métis Chartered Communities Boards and MNBC. There will be little to no impact on the day-to-day lives of Citizens or our existing governance structure.

This means that Métis Chartered Communities and MNBC will come together to renew their relationship to govern the Metis Nation BC together. The act outlines the roles and responsibilities of both parties and creates a framework to ensure that all Métis Chartered Communities have equitable access to support and resources while supporting Citizens in their Communities.

3. BREAKING DOWN THE ACT

Key changes introduced by the Act:

- **Article 1: Title and Purpose**

This section outlines the title and purpose of the act.

- **Article 2: Guiding Principles**

The guiding principles of the Act are the foundation from which the act was built.

They are taken from the MNBC Strategic Plan and from the values that support Metis culture and community. They are: **Kwayes'kwât'sowin** (Integrity),

Manâcihitowin (Respect), **Kisiwât'sowin** (Kindness), **Atoskâtowin** (Teamwork),

Ahtisihcikêwin (Innovation), **Tâpahtiyim'sowin** (Humility),
Sîpihkisôwin (Resilience), **Nîsta katipêihtamân** (Autonomy),
Nîstanân kâpâstâhowinan (Collective Accountability).

- **Article 3: Collective Accountability**

This section outlines the shared responsibilities that MNBC has to Métis Chartered Communities, and that Métis Chartered Communities have to MNBC.

- **3.1 and 3.2** outlines jurisdictions with MNBC being the representative at the provincial, national and international levels and the Métis Chartered Communities being the representative within community and at local tables. Both parties are required to share information and collaborate in all spaces.
- **3.3** outlines the responsibilities MNBC has to support Citizens and communities. These responsibilities include:
 - Financial accountability
 - Societies Act Supports
 - Designing services and hiring staff at MNBC with skills to support communities
 - Providing services and benefits for all citizens
 - Ensuring active and timely communications

- **Article 4: Wîcihitowin Pîkiskwêwin (Chartered Community Partnership Agreement)**

This section provides the basis for the Chartered Community Partnership Agreement and outlines the relationship between MNBC and Chartered Communities.

- **4.0 and 4.1** outlines that there is a relationship between MNBC and Chartered Communities which comes into effect when they sign the partnership agreement and that they respect each other's jurisdiction.
- **4.2** outlines membership criteria including how MNBC approves new Citizens and that Métis Chartered Communities board members must be MNBC citizens prior to their election.

- **Article 5: Agreement Foundations**

This section outlines the foundation of how the Chartered Community Partnership Agreements come into effect.

- **5.1** MNBC is the recognized Metis Government in B.C.
- **5.2, 5.4 and 5.5** MNBC MNGA is the highest level of government, and any conflicts will be governed by MNBC legislation.
- **5.3** Each Métis Chartered Communities had jurisdiction within their community boundaries.
- **5.6 and 5.7** Outlines the records that Métis Chartered Communities must keep and how they must be kept.
- **5.8** Outlines the joint responsibility for MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities to protect citizen and member privacy. It also requires that MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities agree to a data sharing agreement and each have privacy policies to help protect Citizen information and enable the sharing of information between organizations.
- **5.9** Outlines the joint responsibility of MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities to uphold democratic standards and good governance procedures.
- **5.10** Outlines the responsibility for MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities to ensure representation on all Boards. This includes a place for women, youth, 2SLGBTQIA+ and Elders/Seniors.
- **5.11** Outlines the joint responsibility of all Métis people and organizations to hold their relationships with good intentions and maintain good relations.

- **Article 6: Dispute Resolution**

- **6.0** outlines that Chartered Communities will agree to develop a conflict resolution process that aligns with Métis values.
- **6.1 and 6.2** outlines that MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities will manage disputes regarding the Act or Agreement through the MNGA. All conflicts between MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities will be managed according to MNBC's conflict resolution framework.
- **6.3** If a dispute cannot be resolved through the conflict resolution framework it can be referred to the MNBC Senate.

4. WHAT THIS MEANS IN PRACTICE

How will this affect everyday life or operations?

It will not make any immediate changes to Citizens' life or experience interacting with MNBC. If you are a Métis Chartered Communities, it will provide a pathway to request additional support and services from MNBC. It will also provide a clear framework for what MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities can expect from one another and a method to hold each other accountable to their commitments.

5. KEY DATES AND TIMELINE

- Goal is to have this legislation ratified at the 2027 AGM.
- Comes into force when ratified by the AGM.
- There will be a short transition period while MNBC will work to sign new agreements with each Métis Chartered Communities.

Plain Language Summary: Wîcihitowin Pîkiskwêwin – Chartered Community Partnership Agreement

1. OVERVIEW

This is a Partnership Agreement between MNBC and Métis Chartered Communities.

This agreement outlines how the organizations will work together to support MNBC Citizens and Métis community members. This agreement is a contract that outlines what supports and responsibilities MNBC has to Métis Chartered Communities and what responsibilities Métis Chartered Communities has to MNBC. Lastly it provides a pathway to hold each other accountable.

2. WHO THIS AFFECTS

This agreement will affect Métis Chartered Communities Boards and MNBC. There will be little to no impact on the day-to-day lives of Citizens or our existing governance structure.

Plain-language explanation:

This means that Métis Chartered Communities and MNBC will come together to renew their relationship to govern the Métis Nation BC together. The agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of both parties and provides a method to solve conflict and hold each other accountable. This ensures that all Métis Chartered Communities have equitable access to support and resources while supporting Citizens.

4. WHAT EACH PARTNER WILL DO

Roles and responsibilities

- **MNBC will:**
 - Make every effort to reduce administrative load for Métis Chartered Communities where possible and cover any financial costs associated with maintaining in good standing under the Societies act.
 - Provide annual financial reporting on request
 - Consult and engage with communities including notify and invite them to all events held within their geographic boundaries.
 - Share plain language summaries of all constitutional and legislative changes adopted at each AGM.
 - Sponsor community participation and attendance at all MNGA's and AGM's.

- Offer onboarding to new Métis Chartered Communities Board Members and community representatives.
- Send a reminder of all deadlines required by MNBC at least 3 days in advance of any time limits or deadlines.
- Provide elections and administrative support for Métis Chartered Communities Boards
- **Chartered Communities will:**
 - Share vital information as outlined in the agreement
 - Notify MNBC at least 10 business days in advance of major community events that involve MNBC staff, elected officials, provincial, national or international organizations and governments.
 - Hold democratic elections for all officers and directors.
 - Remain in good standing under the BC Societies Act.
 - Hold active insurance and share any requested insurance information with MNBC.
- **Shared responsibilities:**
 - Serve Métis Citizens to the best of their ability, individually and collectively.
 - Adopt a Privacy policy and data sharing agreement
 - Both parties will review this agreement and the Menu of Options together, at least every two years or when a new Métis Chartered Community President is elected.
 - Adhere to all mutually agreed upon conflict resolution policies and work in good faith to resolve any conflict in a mutually beneficial way.
 - Indemnify and hold each other harmless against any liability where possible.

5. MENU OF OPTIONS

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the agreement there is a menu of optional services that communities can add or remove from their agreement every two years or by agreement of both parties. This enables each Métis Chartered Community to tailor their agreement to their unique circumstances and maintain adaptability to facilitate the growth and change of each Community over time.

Key activities or services:

- **AGM and Special General Meeting Support:**
 - Minute taking, notice of agenda, chairing or supporting the chairperson, elections supports and online meeting supports.

- **Community Elections Support:**
 - Nomination papers preparation, conduct election, preparation and counting of ballots, preparation of teller's reports.
- **Community Board Governance Support:**
 - Board of directors training, evaluation and review tools, policy drafting, community bylaw review, resolution drafting, custom governance templates, conflict resolution support.
- **Administrative and IT Support:**
 - Societies Act support, Annual administrative support, financial auditing aid, insurance support, record keeping support and contracts support.
- **Privacy and Security Supports:**
 - Development and amendments of Privacy Policies, privacy training.

6. TIMELINES

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TIMEFRAME AND KEY MILESTONES:

- **2023** – Work Began
- **September 2025** – Initial Engagement in-person session at AGM
- **May/June 2026** – MNGA Governance Committee approval and presentation to the MNGA.
- **September 2026** – Townhall at the AGM open to Métis Chartered Communities and Citizens and launch of the consultation platform, On parl (We are talking).
- **October/November 2026** – Regional Governance Council engagement sessions.
- **December 2026 – April 2027** – Regional roadshows with in-person engagement sessions for Métis Chartered Communities Boards (Regions 1→7).
- **March 2027** – Virtual engagement sessions for key demographics and to reach all Citizens (youth, elders, women, 2S+, BCMANER, etc.)
- **May 2027** – Collation of comments and post engagement revisions.
- **June/August 2027** – Executive, MNGA and MNBC final reviews. Special MNGA will be held to approve it to go to the AGM.
- **September 2027** – AGM for ratification and signing; promulgation and publication.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The consultation process will be a collaborative process that will provide an opportunity for all Métis Chartered Communities to engage and help develop these documents. This process will inform Citizens and communities about the proposed legislation and its impact; invite inclusive and culturally informed participation in town halls and online sessions across all regions, identity groups and councils; collect actionable feedback on all proposed documents.

Métis Chartered Communities Boards and leaders will have an opportunity for extensive in-person engagement. Key communities including youth, 2S+, women and Elders will have tailored engagement sessions as will the RGCs. Citizens will have an opportunity for broader online engagement and participation through our online engagement platform, On parl (We are talking), which will provide access to all the documents, summaries, engagement schedule, project progress and to track Citizen comments.



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