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Prior to discussion of this item, the Chair declared that he has acted as the honorary chair of a dinner for the Manitoba Metis Federation (“MMF”) Foundation and has offered to provide free advisory services to MMF. Dr. Trimbee declared that she has a membership in the MMF but does not act in any decision-making capacity. There was agreement that these actions do not preclude the Members from participating in the decision below.

**MMF
Relationship
Agreement**

The President reviewed a Recommendation dated June 29, 2017, dealing with a new form of relationship with the MMF.

There was a lengthy discussion of the proposal. It was noted that in light of recent Supreme Court of Canada judgements, and negotiations between Canada and the MMF, the MMF is moving towards the status of a form of government. The Board then resolved as follows:

That the corporation be authorized to negotiate and sign a Relationship Agreement with the MMF, substantially in accordance with the terms set out in the above Recommendation, including a lump sum payment of \$37.5 million for a Fund to be used by the MMF on behalf of the Metis

People of Manitoba, and annual payments, adjusted by CPI, of \$1.5 million for 20 years.

Government is to be briefed, and the Relationship Agreement is to be fully fleshed out and reviewed by legal counsel. Management undertook to seek further approval from the Board should there be substantive changes to the terms as described in the Recommendation.