

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MANITOBA MÉTIS FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARCH 25-27, 2022**

### **To Amend the MMF Election By-Law with Respect to the List of Electors**

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**WHEREAS** the Manitoba Métis Federation (“**MMF**”) established a committee to review the MMF Constitution, Local By-Law, and Election By-Law under the direction of the Ministers responsible for the Constitution, Natural Resources & Citizenship, and Justice;

**AND WHEREAS** the committee also involved staff, legal counsel, and the MMF Chief Electoral Officer;

**AND WHEREAS** the MMF Cabinet has received recommendations from the committee with respect to the appropriate amendments to the MMF Constitution, Local By-Law, and Election By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** a resolution in substantially the same form to this resolution was adopted and approved by the MMF Cabinet at a meeting of February 11 & 12, 2021, and this resolution was subsequently provided to the virtual MMF Annual General Assembly March 27 & 28, 2021, in substantially the same form, for information purposes only;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
MMF ELECTION BY-LAW BE ENACTED:**

**Article V** of the MMF Election By-Law which states:

#### **“ARTICLE V PREPARATION OF LIST OF ELECTORS**

1. MMF Head Office shall distribute the Preliminary List of Electors, for each Region, to each Regional Office within three days of the Chief Electoral Officer announcing the date of the Election.

2. Each Regional Office shall post the Preliminary List of Electors at the Regional Office and shall, within two days of receipt, send out a copy to each Local within the Region.
3. Citizens shall have 21 days from the date of the notice setting the date of the Election to apply for revision of the Preliminary List of Electors by adding or deleting a name/names.
4. The Chief Electoral Officer shall decide the procedure to be followed to allow for the revision of the Preliminary List of Electors by adding or deleting the names of Citizens.
5. The Chief Electoral Officer may accept proof of death of any Citizen from anyone who provides the Chief Electoral Officer with a valid Death Certificate or copy of a published obituary.
6. The Chief Electoral Officer shall only accept the submission of a name for addition to the Preliminary List of Electors, if the Citizen has completed a form approved by the Chief Electoral Officer requesting that the Citizen's name be added to the Preliminary List of Electors.
7. The Chief Electoral Officer shall revise the Preliminary List of Electors and shall distribute the List of Electors.
8. No names shall be added to the List of Electors by a Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk on Election Day.
9. The Chief Electoral Officer may add the name of a Citizen to the List of Electors on Election Day after consulting with a Deputy Returning Officer only when there

has been an obvious clerical mistake or omission and the Citizen to be added satisfies the Chief Electoral Officer that they are a Citizen.

10. In the event, that an individual has made application for Citizenship prior to the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer gives notice of the date of the Election, and that application is processed and the individual is approved by the MMF Central Registry Office prior to Election Day, the Chief Electoral Officer shall add the name of the new Citizen to the List of Electors on Election Day.”

Is hereby deleted and the following is therefore substituted:

#### **“ARTICLE V PREPARATION OF LIST OF ELECTORS**

1. The MMF Central Registry Office shall, within two days, at such times as requested by the Chief Electoral Officer, provide the Chief Electoral Officer with an alphabetical list or lists of Citizens divided by Region and Local.
2. Not later than the day the Election is set by the Chief Electoral Officer, the Chief Electoral Officer shall transmit by email, or other appropriate means, to the Deputy Returning Officer or other person appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer to receive the Preliminary List of Electors for each Local and to the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer of the Local, as the case may be, the Preliminary List of Electors.
3. The persons to whom the list has been transmitted shall post the list, together with such other notices as the Chief Electoral Officer may require, within 24 hours of its transmission in at least two public places which are within the geographic boundary of the Local. The Chief Electoral Officer may publish, by electronic means, a Preliminary List of Electors to enable Citizens to determine if they are registered to vote and the Local at which they are entitled to cast their ballot.

4. Citizens shall have 21 days from the date of the notice setting the date of the Election to apply for revision of the Preliminary List of Electors by adding or deleting a name/names.
5. The Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer of the Local, as the case may be, shall review the list and shall cause to be communicated to the Chief Electoral Officer, by a certificate in proper form, the names of such persons as the Secretary knows are deceased or otherwise disqualified from voting, and the reason they are disqualified from voting within seven days of receipt of the Preliminary List of Electors.
6. The Chief Electoral Officer may accept proof of death of any Citizen from anyone who provides the Chief Electoral Officer with a valid Death Certificate or copy of a published obituary.
7. The names of those persons that are listed by the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer of a Local, as the case may be, as deceased or for whom a proof of death has been provided shall be deleted by the Chief Electoral Officer from the List of Electors. The Chief Electoral Officer shall transmit the information received and the decision to remove the name from the List of Electors to the MMF Central Registry Office.
8. The persons otherwise disqualified may be contacted by the Chief Electoral Officer, or a person designated by the Chief Electoral Officer, to determine the eligibility of that person to vote. If the Chief Electoral Officer is able to determine that the person is not qualified to vote in the Election, the name of that person shall be deleted from the Preliminary List of Electors, but otherwise the name shall remain on the List of Electors and the person shall be entitled to vote. The Chief Electoral Officer shall transmit the information received and a decision to remove the name from the List of Electors to the MMF Central Registry Office.

9. The Chief Electoral Officer shall only accept the submission of a name for addition to the Preliminary List of Electors, if the Citizen has completed a form approved by the Chief Electoral Officer requesting that the Citizen's name be added to the Preliminary List of Electors.
10. The Chief Electoral Officer shall revise the Preliminary List of Electors and shall create and distribute the List of Electors as required by this By-Law.
11. One copy of the List of Electors eligible to vote in an Election may be provided to each Candidate for that Election or by-election, provided the Candidate complies with such requirements as may be set by the Chief Electoral Officer. The List of Electors shall provide only the names of registered voters, the address of the registered voters as known to the MMF, and the Local at which each voter is entitled to cast a ballot. The Candidates shall not copy, memorialize, transmit, secure electronically, or otherwise keep or share the List of Electors and shall return the list so provided to the Chief Electoral Officer after the conclusion of any Election. In addition, each Scrutineer may, by complying with such requirements as may be set by the Chief Electoral Officer, obtain one copy of the List of Electors from the Deputy Returning Officer at the Polling Location, which list must remain at the Polling Location, and which must be returned to the Deputy Returning Officer when the Scrutineer leaves the polling place.
12. No names shall be added to the List of Electors by a Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk on Election Day.
13. The Chief Electoral Officer may add the name of a Citizen to the List of Electors on Election Day after consulting with a Deputy Returning Officer only when there has been an obvious clerical mistake or omission and the Citizen to be added satisfies the Chief Electoral Officer that they are a Citizen.

14. In the event, that an individual has made application for Citizenship prior to the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer gives notice of the date of the Election, and that application is processed and the individual is approved by the MMF Central Registry Office prior to Election Day, the Chief Electoral Officer shall add the name of the new Citizen to the List of Electors by Election Day.”

**Moved By:            Minister Judy Mayer**

**Seconded By:        Minister Leah LaPlante**

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