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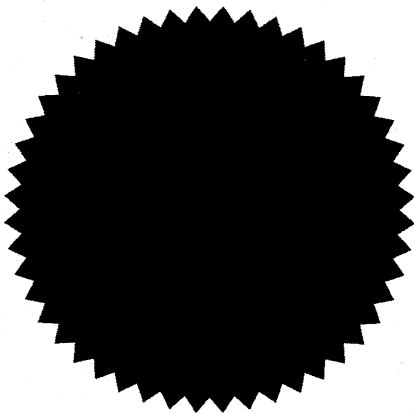
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

MICHIF LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION CIRCLE SOCIETY

I Hereby Certify that ~

MICHIF LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION CIRCLE SOCIETY was incorporated under the *Societies Act* on November 20, 2019 at 04:43 PM Pacific Time.



*Issued under my hand at
Victoria, British Columbia*

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CONSTITUTION

NAME OF SOCIETY

MICHIF LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION CIRCLE SOCIETY

SOCIETY'S PURPOSES

- To develop curriculum, promote, and revitalize Heritage Michif language utilizing the ©2019 Coloured Syllable Phonetic Learning System (CSPLS).
- To restore the self-identity of our people by revitalizing Michif language and culture in collaboration with other local, provincial, and national Metis communities and organizations.
- To have Michif recognized as an official Indigenous language in BC.





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CERTIFICATION

I, Anita Barker, certify that I have relevant knowledge of the society, and that I am authorized to make this filing.



**Bylaws of the Michif Language Revitalization Circle Society
(the "Society")**

PART 1 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Definitions

1.1 In these Bylaws:

"Act" means the *Societies Act* of British Columbia as amended from time to time;

"Circle" means the members of the Society;

"Bylaws" means these Bylaws as altered from time to time.

"Circle Etiquette" means:

- (a) sharing around the circle clockwise;
- (b) an item, such as a talking stick, will be passed around giving each person a chance to speak;
- (c) should you wish to "pass" at that time, you will be given a chance to offer your thoughts at the end;
- (d) speak on behalf of yourself only and speak what comes from your heart and from your own experience;
- (e) it is very important that we all recognize that the feelings of an individual are neither right nor wrong; they are real and need to be respected;
- (f) in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, the four guiding principles are "mutual recognition, mutual respect, sharing, and mutual responsibility." (Interim Report, page 23);
- (g) be conscious of your sharing time so that everyone has a chance to participate.

"Consensus Decision Making" means a creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of the Society, instead of simply voting for an item and having the majority of the Society getting their way, the Society is committed to finding solutions that everyone actively supports, or at least can live with.

Definitions in Act apply

1.2 The definitions in the Act apply to these Bylaws.

Conflict with Act or regulations

1.3 If there is a conflict between these Bylaws and the Act or the regulations under the Act, the Act or the regulations, as the case may be, prevail.

PART 2 – MEMBERS

Application for membership

2.1 A person may apply to the Circle for membership in the Society, and the person becomes a member on the Circle's acceptance of the application.

Duties of members

2.2 Every member must uphold the constitution of the Society and must comply with these Bylaws.

Amount of membership dues

2.3 The amount of the annual membership dues, if any, must be determined by the Circle.

Member not in good standing

2.4 A member is not in good standing if the member fails to pay the member's annual membership dues, if any, and the member is not in good standing for so long as those dues remain unpaid.

Member not in good standing may not contribute to the decision making process

2.5 A member who is not in good standing

- (a) may not contribute to the decision making process at a general assembly, and
- (b) is deemed not to be a contributing member for the purpose of contributing to a consensus decision.

Termination of membership if member not in good standing

2.6 A person's membership in the Society is terminated if the person acts in any way harmful or disrespectful to the Society, or its members.

Bylaws (Societies Regulation 2015, Schedule 1)

PART 3 – GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF MEMBERS

Time and place of general assembly

3.1 A general assembly must be held at the time and place the Circle determines.

Ordinary business at general assembly

3.2 At a general assembly, the following business is ordinary business:

- (a) practice the etiquette of the talking circle;
- (b) consideration of any financial statements of the Society presented to the assembly;
- (c) consideration of the reports, if any, of the Circle members or auditor;
- (d) appointment of Circle members;
- (e) appointment of an auditor, if any;
- (f) business arising out of a report of the Circle members not requiring the passing of a special resolution.

Notice of special business

3.3 A notice of a general assembly must state the nature of any business, other than ordinary business, to be transacted at the assembly in sufficient detail to permit a member receiving the notice to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business.

Circle Keeper of general assembly

3.4 The following individual is entitled to preside as the Circle Keeper of a general assembly:

- (a) the individual, if any, appointed by the Circle to preside as the Circle Keeper.

Alternate Circle Keeper of general assembly

3.5 If there is no individual entitled under these Bylaws who is able to preside as the Circle Keeper of a general assembly within 15 minutes from the time set for holding the assembly, the contributing members who are present must appoint an individual present at the assembly to preside as the Circle Keeper.

Quorum required

3.6 Business, other than the appointment of the Circle Keeper of the assembly and the opening or closing of the assembly, must not be transacted at a general assembly unless a quorum of contributing members is present.

Bylaws (Societies Regulation 2015, Schedule 1)

Quorum for general assemblies

3.7 The quorum for the transaction of business at a general assembly is 3 contributing members or 10% of the contributing members, whichever is greater.

Lack of quorum at commencement of assembly

3.8 If, within 30 minutes from the time set for holding a general assembly, a quorum of contributing members is not present,

(a) in the case of an assembly convened on the requisition of members, the assembly is terminated, and

(b) in any other case, the assembly stands adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if, at the continuation of the adjourned assembly, a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time set for holding the continuation of the adjourned assembly, the contributing members who are present constitute a quorum for that assembly.

If quorum ceases to be present

3.9 If, at any time during a general assembly, there ceases to be a quorum of contributing members present, business then in progress must be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the assembly is adjourned or closed.

Adjournments by Circle Keeper

3.10 The Circle Keeper of a general assembly may, or, if so directed by the contributing members at the assembly, must, adjourn the assembly from time to time and from place to place, but no business may be transacted at the continuation of the adjourned assembly other than business left unfinished at the adjourned assembly.

Notice of continuation of adjourned general assembly

3.11 It is not necessary to give notice of a continuation of an adjourned general assembly or of the business to be transacted at a continuation of an adjourned general assembly except that, when a general assembly is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the continuation of the adjourned assembly must be given.

Circle protocol at general assembly

3.12 The circle protocol at a general assembly is as follows:

- (a) appointment of an individual as Circle Keeper to facilitate the meeting, if necessary;
- (b) recognition of Traditional Territory;
- (c) Opening Blessing, spoken by an Elder;
- (d) appoint an individual to act as Circle Keeper of the assembly, if necessary;
- (e) determine that there is a quorum;
- (f) approve the agenda;
- (g) approve the minutes from the last general assembly;
- (h) deal with unfinished business from the last general assembly;
- (i) if the assembly is an annual general assembly,
 - (i) receive the Circle members' report on the financial statements of the Society for the previous financial year, and the auditor's report, if any, on those statements,
 - (ii) receive any other reports of Circle members' activities and decisions since the previous annual general assembly,
 - (iii) appoint Circle members, and
 - (iv) appoint an auditor, if any;
- (j) deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given to the members in the notice of assembly;
- (k) closing Blessing, spoken by an Elder.

Methods of contributing

3.13 At a general assembly, contributing must be by a show of hands, an oral contribute, or another method that adequately discloses the intention of the contributing members.

Announcement of result

3.14 The Circle Keeper of a general assembly must announce the outcome of each contribution and that outcome must be recorded in the minutes of the assembly.

Contributing by proxy is permitted

3.15 Contributing by proxy is permitted, by the following methods:

- (a) in writing,
 - (i) by email, or
 - (ii) by handwritten letter, or
 - (iii) by typewritten letter;
- (b) by phone, on speaker, in the hearing range, or at least two Circle members.

Matters decided at general assembly by ordinary resolution

3.16 A matter to be decided at a general assembly must be decided by consensus.

PART 4 – CIRCLE MEMBERS

Number of Circle members in the Circle

4.1 The Society must have no fewer than 3 Circle members.

Percentage of Circle members in the Circle

4.2 At all times, registered Metis persons, or persons who self-identify as Metis, must hold a minimum of 51% of the Circle seats, pursuant to;

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Calls to Action, Language & Culture, Section 14, Sub-section iv. The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities.

Appointment of Circle members

4.3 At each annual general assembly, the members entitled to contribute for the appointment of Circle members, must appoint new Circle members to the Circle.

PART 5 – CIRCLE MEMBERS' ASSEMBLIES

Calling Circle members' assembly

5.1 A Circle members' assembly may be called by any 2 Circle members.

Notice of Circle members' assembly

5.2 At least 2 days' notice of a Circle members' assembly must be given unless all the Circle members agree to a shorter notice period.

Proceedings valid despite omission to give notice

5.3 The accidental omission to give notice of a Circle members' assembly to a Circle member, or the non-receipt of a notice by a Circle member, does not invalidate proceedings at the assembly.

Conduct of Circle members' assemblies

5.4 The Circle members may regulate their assemblies and proceedings as to the consensus decision making process.

Quorum of Circle members

5.5 The quorum for the transaction of business at a Circle members' assembly is a majority of the Circle members.

PART 6 – CIRCLE POSITIONS

Appointment to Circle positions

6.1 The circle is a symbol of equity where no one person has an elevated position at a certain area of the **circle**.

Circle members at large

6.2 All Circle members will be members at large.

Role of record keeper

6.3 A Circle member at large, will be appointed who is responsible for doing, or making the necessary arrangements for, the following:

- (a) issuing notices of general assemblies and Circle members' assemblies;
- (b) keeping the records of the Society in accordance with the Act;
- (d) conducting the correspondence of the Circle;
- (e) filing the annual report of the Society and making any other filings with the registrar under the Act.
- (f) keeping accounting records in respect of the Society's financial transactions;
- (g) preparing the Society's financial statements;

- (h) making the Society's filings respecting taxes;
- (i) must not have signing authority.

Role of Circle Keeper

6.4 The Circle Keeper is responsible for doing, or making the necessary arrangements for, the following:

- (a) taking minutes of general assemblies and Circle members' assemblies;
- (b) Keeper of the talking object.

Absence of Circle Keeper from assembly

6.5 In the absence of the Circle Keeper from an assembly, the Circle must appoint another individual to act as Circle Keeper at the assembly.

PART 7 – REMUNERATION OF CIRCLE MEMBERS AND SIGNING AUTHORITY

Remuneration of Circle members

7.1 These Bylaws do not permit the Society to pay to a Circle member remuneration for being a Circle member, but the Society may, subject to the Act, pay remuneration to a Circle member for services provided by the Circle member to the Society in another capacity.

Signing authority

7.2 A contract or other record to be signed by the Society must be signed on behalf of the Society:

- (a) by two Circle members.

7.3 There will be 4 appointed cheque signing authorities;

- (a) All cheques must be signed by any 2 Circle members with appointed cheque signing authority.