

FDL Community Input Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/24/21

Delegates present: Steve Thomas, Lyz Jaakola, Cheryl Edwards, Tara Kimmel, Connie Saaristo, Debra Topping, Wayne Dupuis

Community Present: Gerard Sordelet, Gerald Warner, Steve Miranda, Thomas Miranda, Cathi OConnell, Steve Martin, John Saaristo, Jules Edwards, Al Aitkin

Agenda Item and person presenting	Discussion	Action	F/U Person Initials	Completed Date
Introductions				
Presentation of document concerning the MCT Constitution Convention’s thoughts on enrollment requirements	<p>Submissions of edits for document encouraged For a collaborative meeting with the TEC on March 4, 2021. We decided to change from a project to a Citizens’ movement. MCT statute concerning blood quantum requirement read. Resolution 31-15 read, which has been passed by TEC Resolution 31-16 read, which has been passed by TEC Resolution 36-20 read, which has not passed</p> <p>Document read stating blood quantum should be eliminated, goals/solutions of requirement changes, concerns regarding changes, questions for TEC 30% of eligible voters needed to pass Community members agree resolutions do little more push issue down the road and the delegation’s recommendations seem to provide a better solution. Concern about too rapid expansion of enrollment for already scarce resources Community members suggest need-based criteria for service allocation rather than equal access. Community members described enrollment status as a wedge in their family.</p>	Attendees type suggestions into chat, get in contact through Facebook, edits to be submitted by March 2, 21	TEC committee delegates	March 2, 21

<p>Discussion on 1993-1996 FDL Open Enrollment</p>	<p>Too short of a time period for many and many restrictions. Some say MCT has the final say on enrollment Some say each band determines its enrollment</p>			
	<p>Racism off Rez is no different then on Rez except some on Rez also cause racism with off Rez people. We must all know from where we came to know what path were following Cathi Changing the base rolls just pushes the problem down the road Frustrated in not getting recognition Contact with family by some enrolled and some are not gives a disconnect in families, felt left out, no help because not enrolled FDL is who you belong to but FDL Doesn't recognize them as family A large membership base is powerful A different way to determine where resources go More live off than on the rez Tribes should be able to determine who is enrolled it is their sovereign right \$\$\$ Should not determine enrollment Steve M- Families can't be buried together, hunting fishing rights is a hassle, Determine \$\$ for on rez and off rez Discussion of disenrollment Only known disenrollments were adopted children of enrollees with no native blood Community members shared experience with disenrollment and suggested a very thorough process due to significant consequences of disenrollment Concern about switching rolls with accuracy issues. Article IV of 1847 Treaty noted Requirement based on race violates 14th Amendment</p>			

MCT Feb 19 21 minute approval	Minutes approved	Forward minutes to Carrie	Steve	
Feb 10 21 minute approval	Minutes approved	Forward to Cheryl	Steve	
March 10 2020 minute approval	Tabled to next meeting	Add to next meeting's agenda	Cheryl	
Meeting length	2 hour zoom length with intention to end after 90 minutes if all business is taken care of			
Next meeting facilitator	Cheryl volunteered			