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Membership is open to all individuals who qualify with the following criteria:

- 1) Has both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal heritage
- 2) Self-Identifies as Métis
- 3) Is accepted within the Métis Community

All three criteria must be met, as well as proof of Aboriginal ancestry being provided upon application. There is NO blood-quantum requirement. We do not see ourselves as simply being a percentage of our Aboriginal or European heritage, but as being 100% Métis.

An individual <u>may not</u> be a Registered Indian or Inuit defined with the Indian act of Canada.

Being a member of the VMCA entitles an individual to the following:

- Identifies you as one of Canada's Aboriginal population and therefore have the rights, and opportunities and privileges accorded to Aboriginal people
- The right to vote for Métis leaders at the community, provincial or national levels
- > The right to hold office at the community, provincial or national levels
- The right to participate in meetings and provide input on all issues at the community and provincial levels
- The opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors at the community, provincial and national levels

PROCESSING OF MEMBERSHIPS WILL TAKE BETWEEN 6 – 8 WEEKS FROM DATE OF APPLICATION. MEMBERSHIPS ARE LOOKED AT ONCE PER MONTH AT THE BOARD MEETINGS AND NEED TO BE APPROVED BY TWO BOARD MEMBERS. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED ON THE SPOT

YOU MUST FILL OUT ALL OF PAGES 5 & 6 OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE <u>REJECTED</u>. THERE IS A <u>MEMBERSHIP FEE</u> OF \$10.00 DUE UPON APPLICATION. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTED THIS MONEY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Privacy policy - January 1, 2004

Context

The Personal Information Protection Act (B.C.) (the "Act") governing the collection, use and disclosure of personal information applies to all British Columbia registered businesses and societies as of January 1, 2004. The Vancouver Métis Community Association ("VMCA") falls under this legislation. Societies and companies headquartered in locations outside of British Columbia fall under either comparable provincial or federal privacy law. This policy establishes compliance with the Act by the VMCA.

VMCA's Commitment to Protecting Privacy of Personal Information

Technological growth has revolutionized the way individuals, corporations, and governments gather, use and disclose information. Emerging technologies require heightened vigilance in the collection, use and disclosure of personal information. VMCA is committed to protecting the confidentiality and privacy of personal information it holds about its community members and those applying for membership. This Policy reflects that commitment.

What is Personal Information?

Personal information includes a wide variety of data. Personal information is information that could be used to identify a specific individual. Examples include: name, address, gender, age, family status and social insurance and other personal identification numbers.

How Does VMCA Use Personal Information?

In the course of carrying out its business, VMCA holds personal information about its members and other individuals. The way this information is used varies depending on the nature and sensitivity of the particular information. Recognizing that some of that information is personal, VMCA is committed to collecting, using and disclosing such information only for the appropriate purposes for which it was gathered.

Collecting and Using Personal Information

VMCA collects and uses personal information for the purposes reasonably required in order for it to carry on its activities, including the following:

- To create and maintain an effective community member relationship.
 VMCA will collect basic information from its members and other individuals with whom VMCA carries on business to confirm identity and related contact information. Additional information required is situation specific. For example, VMCA may collect information for member services. Next-of-kin contact information might also be collected for the purposes of dealing with emergencies.
- To further develop, enhance and market services.
 VMCA may collect personal information regarding use of VMCA's services in order to understand how to improve them. From time to time, VMCA may review and analyze member use of VMCA's services to assist in developing improvements.
 VMCA may also periodically use personal information to market new services to members.
- To understand member needs and preferences.
 VMCA keeps some personal information for the purpose of providing personalized

service and communications. For example, VMCA will ask for sufficient information to identify the member's on-line identity (e.g., e-mail address) and or address, phone number, etc.

4. To meet legal and regulatory requirements.

VMCA may collect personal information from members to support reporting monies paid for tax purposes. In this case Social Insurance Numbers are required.

5. To manage VMCA's business and system planning.

VMCA analyzes member usage of its services to better understand future member requirements and assist in forecasting activities. This information may also be used to assist VMCA in planning future community events and services.

Disclosing Personal Information

Situations where VMCA may be required to disclose personal information about its members or other individuals with whom VMCA does business are varied. Some examples include the following:

VMCA may disclose member information to a related organization, or third party agent, for the purpose of providing services to members, and determining eligibility for community membership. One example is the disclosure of member information to a third party for the purpose of administering VMCA's member services. Such disclosure is done on a confidential basis, and VMCA requires the third party to which the information is disclosed to use that information only for the purposes for which it was initially collected.

- 1. VMCA may disclose an individual's personal information to a person whom VMCA reasonably believes to be acting as the individual's agent for the purpose of gathering that information. For example, VMCA may disclose information to an individual's legal counsel if VMCA is satisfied that that person is seeking the information at the request of the individual.
- 2. VMCA may disclose information for the purpose of collecting on a debt obligation owing to VMCA.
- 3. VMCA may disclose personal information to a public authority, or its agent, if VMCA reasonably believes that the disclosure is required to preserve life or property from imminent danger, and it appears that the danger could be minimized or avoided by disclosing the information.
- 4. VMCA may disclose a member's personal information to a third party to perform research on VMCA's behalf for member service and business planning activities. Such disclosure is done on a confidential basis, and VMCA requires the third party to which the information is disclosed to use that information only for the purposes for which it was initially disclosed.
- 5. VMCA may disclose a member's personal information to related Aboriginal or government organizations within the VMCA contractual agreements, its partners or third party agents in order to ensure proper administration of services and programs. Such disclosure is done on a confidential basis, and VMCA requires the third party to which the information is disclosed to use that information only for the purposes for which it was initially disclosed.
- 6. VMCA may disclose personal information for law enforcement purposes and to the extent required to comply with legal requirements or regulatory orders.

VMCA 's Commitment to Personal Information Security

VMCA carries out its commitment to personal information security in several ways:

VMCA will limit the collection, use and disclosure of personal information to that reasonably required in order for VMCA to carry on its business. Some of the specific purposes for which VMCA will collect, use and disclose personal information are set out in this Privacy Policy. Other instances of permitted collection, use and disclosure of personal information are set out in the Act.

- VMCA will ensure appropriate safeguards are in place to protect the personal
 information it has in its custody or control. This ranges from ensuring areas and
 documents are only accessible by authorized personnel on a need-to-know basis, to
 requiring employees to act according to the VMCA Code of Business Conduct to
 respect the privacy of the personal information they are exposed to in the work
 place.
- 2. VMCA will protect the confidential nature of personal information when dealing with other organizations, and VMCA will require them to meet the same standard as it does when dealing with information it has placed in their trust.
- 3. VMCA will honour any reasonable requests made to review and update your own personal information, and VMCA will take reasonable steps to process these requests in a timely manner. You can help in this respect, by keeping the personal information VMCA has about you as up to date as necessary, and by letting VMCA know about your requests and concerns in a prompt fashion. VMCA may charge you a nominal fee for processing your information requests.
- 4. Upon request, VMCA will provide a description of the security measures applicable to personal information within its custody or control along with a summary of VMCA's privacy complaint procedure.

Your Options Regarding Personal Information

By your receipt of this Privacy Policy, VMCA will assume, unless we hear from you otherwise, that you wish VMCA to continue to collect, use and disclose your personal information in accordance with this Privacy Policy. Please note that you may withdraw or limit your consent to VMCA's collection, use, or disclosure of your personal information at any time, subject to any legal or contractual restrictions. VMCA will process and implement such requests within a reasonable amount of time. Note, however, that such requests may limit VMCA's ability to provide you with the optimal level of service or any service. VMCA will advise you if this is the case.

For privacy related requests, concerns and questions, please send an e-mail to our Privacy Officer, Marshal Lowen at vancouvermetis@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



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First Name	Last Name	Initial	
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We are a volunteer-run organization. Tell us experience and where you think you could do				
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I hereby declare that the information contain	ed in this form is true.			
Signature of Applicant Sign	ature of Witness			
A Membership Fee of \$10.00 is due upon application and will be refunded in the event that the application is denied.				
DECLARATION: I hereby declare that the information membership is correct and true. I understand that conthe Vancouver Métis Community Association (VMCA) to necessary to support my application for membership; documents will result in the immediate cancellation of falsifications may be shared with other Provincial and Federal and Municipal governments as deemed necessity.	mpletion of this signed application permits or request and/or confirm any information that submission of any false statement or registration and that information on Federal Métis organization and Provincial,			
INFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT: Members are advised that the use of information provided on this application form, and other information placed in a membership record, complies with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and with the policies and procedures of the Vancouver Métis Community Association (VMCA). In addition to internal administrative uses related to admission, registration and status, information may also be used in strict confidence in community research and planning. Certain information is provided on a confidential basis to Statistics Canada as governed by the Canadian Statistics Act, and to the BC Government. The internal uses of records, and the obligatory reporting data to external bodies, respect the absolute confidentiality of information.				
I have read and understand the DECLARATION and In	NFORMATION RELEASE STATEMENT.			
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