

Cariboo Regional District
File No. 400-50-01

Referred To COOLCHOR LCE

June 1, 2018

Chair Margo Wagner Cariboo Regional District 180 North 3rd Avenue, Suite D Williams Lake, BC V2G 2A4

Dear Chair Wagner:

Re: 2018 Resolutions

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the NCLGA Spring 2018 AGM.

The resolution(s) will be presented to the UBCM membership for their consideration at the 2018 UBCM Convention in September.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Information & Resolutions Coordinator, if you have any questions about this process.

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Sincerely,

Director Wendy Booth

President

Enclosure

Cariboo RD

Provincial Financial Support During a State of Emergency

Whereas fighting wildfires is the responsibility of the provincial government;

And whereas local fire departments and search and rescue teams are critical in fighting large scale wildfires during a declared State of Emergency:

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to enact any legislative and/or policy changes necessary to ensure that local emergency organizations that are requested to and do assist during a declared State of Emergency receive timely compensation for their time and supplies used assisting the Province in this manner.

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Amendments to Rural Dividend Fund Process

Whereas the purpose of the Province's Rural Dividend Fund is to support rural communities and strengthen their economies;

And whereas this goal could be achieved in a more efficient manner if local governments did not have to apply and report on each application individually, but could plan the funding for appropriate projects with a cooperative, strategic lens:

Therefore be it resolved that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide a Rural Dividend allocation to local governments each year through a multi-year agreement, similar to the federal Gas Tax Fund, allowing the local government to effectively utilize the funds for local projects based on provincial criteria, and to complete the process through a simplified annual reporting structure.

By-Election Not Required by Regional Districts in Election Years

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Whereas under the *Local Government Act*, municipalities are not required to conduct a by-election if a vacancy occurs after January 1st in a general election year;

And whereas under the *Local Government Act*, regional districts are required to conduct a by-election unless a vacancy occurs after June 1st in a general election year, which is expensive and unnecessary for such a short period of time:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to enable regional districts to decide whether they wish to conduct a by-election if a vacancy occurs after January 1st in a general election year.

Parity in Hospital Districts Capital Contribution

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Whereas under the *Hospital District Act*, hospital districts may contribute up to 40% of capital expenses incurred by their local health authorities;

And whereas those contribution percentages should be equitable across all hospital districts;

And whereas Metro Vancouver has been relieved of their obligation to provide a contribution to hospital capital costs, shifting additional costs to the Health Authority and ultimately further impacting the ability of the Ministry of Health to fund capital projects for hospitals:

Therefore be it resolved that the NCLGA and UBCM commence discussions with the Provincial Government to work toward a system that creates parity in the capital contributions that hospital districts in BC provide to their local health authorities.