



**Date:** 20/08/2018

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board  
**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer  
**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug24\_2018  
**File:** 400-50-01

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### **Short Summary:**

Determination of who will speak to resolutions at UBCM

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

It is time to determine which Directors wish to speak on behalf of CRD resolutions at the upcoming UBCM convention. CRD resolutions submitted include the following:

#### **B61 BY-ELECTION NOT REQUIRED BY REGIONAL DISTRICTS IN ELECTION YEARS**

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, municipalities are not required to conduct a by-election if a vacancy occurs after January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> in a general election year, which is expensive and unnecessary for such a short period of time:

NOW 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 1<sup>st</sup> in a general election year.

#### **B106 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:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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.

**BI09 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:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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.

**BI44 PARITY IN HOSPITAL DISTRICTS CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT 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.

**Attachments:**

None

**Financial Implications:**

None

**Policy Implications:**

None

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services

Focusing on Being Well Governed

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**Options:**

- 1) Receipt and decide who will speak to the resolutions;
- 2) Receipt and other action.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer, dated August 20, 2018, regarding the determination of which Director(s) will speak to the CRD's resolutions at the upcoming UBCM convention, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*