



Date: 30/01/2019

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Feb08_2019

File: 400-50-02

Short Summary:

NCLGA Resolution – Cannabis Revenue Sharing

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

At its last meeting, the Board resolved as follows:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated January 4, 2019, regarding identification of topics for resolutions to the 2019 North Central Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting and Convention, be received. Further, that a resolution be drafted pertaining to cannabis revenue sharing for local government and the lack of decision or direction from the province.

Staff have drafted this resolution for the Board's consideration:

CANNABIS REVENUE SHARING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS only the federal and provincial governments are receiving tax revenue from the recently legalized sale of recreational cannabis, despite local governments encountering increased costs of the associated implementation;

AND WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities endorsed a resolution (SR1) calling for a principled approach to guide the negotiation of a cannabis excise tax revenue sharing agreement with the Government of British Columbia, and recommending that BC local governments receive 40% of the projected excise tax revenue in the short term, which has not received any response from the Province:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NCLGA urge the provincial government to expedite a fair provincial-local government excise tax revenue sharing agreement for the sale of recreational cannabis.

*It should be noted that the budget will be announced in February, so there is potential that an announcement could be made at that time addressing this issue, and a resolution may not be necessary.

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

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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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CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and request amendments to the resolution;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated January 30, 2019, regarding an NCLGA resolution requesting a cannabis excise tax revenue sharing agreement with the Province, be received. Further, that the following resolution be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association:

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