



Date: 14/08/2020

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_Aug21_2020

File: 400-60-06

Short Summary:

Request for Support from Town of Comox for the Federal Government to Implement a National Pharmacare Program

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Town of Comox is requesting support from community leaders for the federal government to follow through with their Advisory Council's recommendation to implement a universal, public national pharmacare program. Details and background information are outlined in the attached letter, and a sample letter, to be addressed to the Honourable Minister of Health Patty Hadju, has also been provided for the Board's consideration.

Attachments:

Letter from the Town of Comox and attached sample message on Pharmacare Implementation

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.

- Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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CAO Comments:

I recommend receipt only. While national pharmacare is a lofty ideal and goal, it is clearly of Federal jurisdiction. I would urge the Board to consider lobbying for Provincial and Federal initiatives where the impact is more direct and closer to home.

Options:

- 1) Receipt
- 2) Receipt and further action
- 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated August 14, 2020, regarding a request for support from the Town of Comox for the federal government to implement a national pharmacare program, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*