



**Date:** 22/11/2019

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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## Short Summary:

NCLGA 2020 Resolutions Deadline

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

The North Central Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled for May 13 - 15, 2020. Accordingly, it is time to consider the submission of resolutions on issues of concern. The deadline for these resolutions is 60 days prior to the convention. The NCLGA encourages early submissions, so if the Board wishes to identify any topics at today's meeting, staff will begin drafting the resolutions along with supporting materials in order that they may be forwarded to the NCLGA before the deadline.

Director Delaine has indicated that she would like a resolution submitted regarding restoration of the corporate vote. In 2008, the CRD had the following UBCM Gold Star resolution; however, it was not endorsed at the UBCM convention:

### **B97 CORPORATE VOTING CATEGORY FOR NON-RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERS**

WHEREAS business people who operate businesses within municipalities and choose to live outside the municipal boundaries have lost their ability to vote and to have some influence in local decision making;

AND WHEREAS business people have a real and permanent interest in the welfare of the municipality as well as the region and contribute to the local economy through their taxation and licenses payable to the municipality, the economic benefit of their existence, their effect on making the community a more desirable place for existing and new residents, and the expertise and energy they offer to community events;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities encourage the Province of British Columbia to reinstate a Corporate Voting Category so non-resident

business owners can vote and participate in the business of the community as full-fledged taxpayers.

For details on the history of the corporate vote, the following discussion paper link is provided below:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/governance-powers/corporate\\_vote\\_discussion\\_paper.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/local-governments/governance-powers/corporate_vote_discussion_paper.pdf)

### **Attachments:**

None

### **Financial Implications:**

n/a

### **Policy Implications:**

n/a

### **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.

Alignment with the strategic plan is dependent on which, if any, resolutions the Board resolves to submit to the NCLGA.

### **CAO Comments:**

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### **Options:**

- 1) Receipt only
- 2) Receipt and identify topics of concern for staff to draft resolution(s)

### **Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated November 22, 2019, regarding topics for resolutions to the 2020 North Central Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting and Convention, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*