



Date: 05/01/2021

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_Jan15_2021

File: 400-60-06

Short Summary:

Request from the City of Rossland for Letters Supporting Universal No-Cost Access to All Prescription Contraception Available under MSP

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The attached letter from Kathy Moore, Mayor of the City of Rossland, dated December 16, 2020, advises of their Council's recent resolution pertaining to contraception and its cost being a significant barrier for accessibility to many people.

The City of Rossland has resolved to write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan. The City of Rossland is requesting that all BC Municipalities follow suit and forward letters of support; this item is therefore brought forward for consideration of the Board.

Attachments:

Letter from the City of Rossland dated December 16, 2020

Financial Implications:

None

Policy Implications:

None

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:

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Options:

- 1) Receipt
- 2) Receipt and provide letters of support
- 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated January 5, 2021, regarding a request from the City of Rossland for all BC municipalities to provide letters of support to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, Minister of Health and MLA for universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*