

## **Chair report up to & including May 5/21**

This past 3 weeks has been busy with conventions, conference calls and zoom meetings, and I know that my fellow Directors will have been just as busy.

- The Flood and Wildfire Action committee as it has now been renamed, has increased its number of meetings dramatically. I am still joined on most calls by CAO MacLean & Ms. Masun, and I am glad to say that the remainder of the elected officials on this committee have rejoined after somewhat of a hiatus. We continue to discuss the Emergency Program Act, and the role of EMBC interacting with local Govts. during an emergency. Unfortunately, much of what we discuss has now become confidential, so I am presently unable to share the work. However, I can assure you that the RD representatives and their staff, are very vocal in discussing the financial aspect of an emergency to a RD.
- On April 27/21, Minister Osbourne hosted a conference call with RD Chairs and Mayors along with Minister Farnworth, mainly to discuss the travel restrictions we are now living under. I did have the chance to express my concern about summer property owners feeling entitled to come to their vacation home even if it was in a different Health Authority, and this was echoed by other Mayors and RD Chairs. I was assured by Minister Farnworth that the restriction guidelines were clear, but many of us have

seen non local residents abound, and summer residences now occupied.

- April 28/21 was the quarterly meeting of NDIT, and I was honoured to be acclaimed as Chair of the Board for a third term. Sharing the Executive is Mayor Lori Ackerman as Vice Chair, Govt. appointee Julie Ziebart as Finance Chair, Mayor Barry Pages from Masset and Govt. appointee Alison Hoskins rounding out the other positions. It is always an honour to be recognized by your peers even in a virtual format, and one I do not take lightly.
- On April 29 & 30, the LGLA hosted the CEO (Chief Elected Official) Forum, with Gord McIntosh facilitating. The event was done through zoom, and it was one of the best forums I have ever attended. We went into several breakout rooms with an item to discuss, often with only 4 people in each room, so the chat was productive. There was much conversation around the new ALR rules, STEP codes, connectivity and mental health to name a few. There were 3 focus areas to the 2 day forum, these were Community, Organizational and Leadership. Presenters included Chair John Jack (ACRD), Mike Harcourt, Don Lidstone, Mayor Ackerman and Mayor Hall.
- Most of you were registered for the NCLGA AGM, and having just wrapped up the first day, I think it went well. Amazing how zoom calls have improved over the past 15 months, as last year the technology was so new to us and the AGM organizers, that there were definitely a few

hiccups along the way. Congratulations to the incoming Board of NCLGA which includes Director Forseth as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Director Delainey as the CRD representative.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns about this report, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,