

Chair report up to & including May 27/21

This report is designed to give a brief overview to the Board of some of my activities as Chair over the past 3 weeks. Should there be any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- On Thursday May 6/21, I took part in a conference call with Ministers Osbourne and Beare, along with other Mayors & Chairs from the NE part of the Province. The conversation centered mainly around the need for improved connectivity throughout the whole rural area of the Province, with frustration expressed, over speed maps that Telus is using to calculate whether improved service is necessary. These are provided by the Federal Govt. and in many cases are not reflective of the actual speed 'on the ground'. Minister Beare is aware of the issue, and the Province and Telus are working toward improving the mapping system used. Other issues are related to the lag time, from when a project is approved and the provider starts working in the area, to when the official Govt. announcement is made, as often 'shovels are in the ground' before there is any Govt. announcement.
- On May 10/21 CAO MacLean and I had a Teams meeting with MOTI Minister Rob Fleming. We both feel it was a productive call, and feel that Minister Fleming and his staff listened and understood the challenges we are

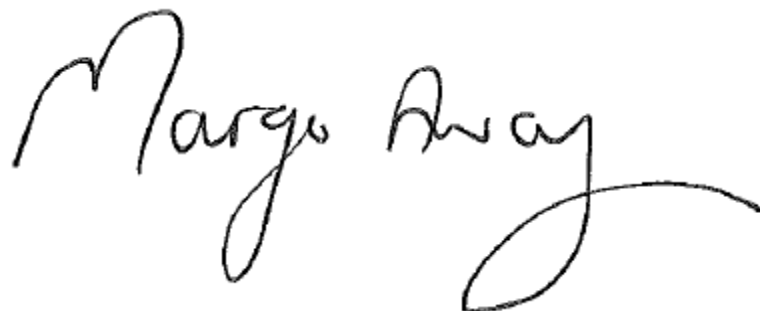
encountering regarding road closures, road slippage, costs associated with residents displaced but not evacuated from their homes and the general frustration level with collapsed or insufficiently sized culverts throughout the area. CAO MacLean had provided a detailed power point showing pictures of the worst hit areas, which helped illustrate the state of the affected roads, especially during freshet.

- Also on May 10/21 I had a conference call with the Northern Medical Program Trust in my capacity as Chair. There have been a lot of administrative changes in that organization, and the programs offered to health related students have had to adapt with the pandemic, and some funds have not been accessed and others have been entirely used up. The AGM for the NMPT will be in June, and I will be able to give a more fulsome update at that time.
- The Flood and Wildfire review committee continues to meet bi-weekly, as we try to get some agreement of wording within the new EPA document. I am grateful to have CAO MacLean and Ms. Masun on many of these calls, as we are well into the operational side of the Act and their expertise and knowledge of the inner workings of the EOC and the recovery & resiliency stage is vital. Although all the members realize that we will never have an Act that

will satisfy all regions of the Province when they are experiencing an emergency, we are aiming for one that meets the needs of the majority of requirements for both small and large Municipalities, and the rural and rural remote communities as well.

- I continue to have regular meetings with MLA Doerkson as we work our way through flooding and land slippage issues within his constituency. We have developed a great working relationship that involves confidential discussions on both sides, and his willingness to understand and work with the local Govts, within his area is refreshing.
- Unfortunately the remaining work I have been doing this past 3 weeks is of a confidential nature, but I look forward to sharing it with the Board as soon as I am able.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margo Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".