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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:

Assignment of Speakers to CRD Board Resolutions at 2021 Virtual UBCM Convention

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The assignment of speakers, if required at the upcoming virtual UBCM Convention in September, for the following CRD resolutions endorsed by NCLGA, is hereby brought forward for discussion:

UBCM Resolution # EB47: Ensuring Access to Broadband and Cellular Services in BC

Whereas broadband and cellular services are essential components of sustainable, resilient, and vibrant communities;

And whereas there are still considerable impediments to overcome in looking to the private sector providing meaningful, cost effective service to rural and remote communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the federal and provincial governments to directly invest in the ownership and development of the needed capital infrastructure to facilitate effective, efficient and cost effective broadband services in rural and remote communities where a private sector business case does not exist.

UBCM Resolution # NR9: Funding for Independent Fire Services

Whereas many of our smaller and remote rural communities are served by independent fire services;

And whereas many local governments are receiving legal advice that offering funding or other supports to independent fire services can expose the local government to legal and financial risk:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government for specific legal and statutory measures designed to remove any and all legal or financial risk from local government for providing financial or other supports to independent fire services.

Attachments:

n/a

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 and assign speakers
- 2) Receipt

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated August 27, 2021, regarding the assignment of speakers to CRD Board resolutions at the upcoming UBCM Convention, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*