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VIA EMAIL : ibonnell@williamslake.ca

Councillor Ivan Bonnell
City of Williams Lake
450 Mart Street
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Dear Councillor Bonnell:

Re: Special Vote – November 3, 2021

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 2022.

The situation that arose and led to the City of Williams Lake removing Mayor Cobb from the appointment to the Cariboo Regional District was troubling to us all. The issue of sharing the posts related to residential schools was of local, provincial, and national interest. It had the potential to harm the interests and relationships of the Cariboo Regional District.

Vice Chair Massier and I agreed that this matter was important enough to the interests and reputation of the Cariboo Regional District to seek the Board's advice on the matter in the manner that was chosen. Therefore, the Board was asked to vote on a resolution utilizing the Special Voting Regulation.

The Regional District Special Voting Regulation (BC Reg. 17/98) reads as follows:

"Special vote may be taken on urgent matters

2 (1) *Subject to subsection (2), the voting by the directors of a regional district board, including voting on passing a resolution or on reading or adopting a bylaw, may be conducted in accordance with section 3 where the chairperson and one other director consider*

(a) that the issue to be voted on is urgent, and

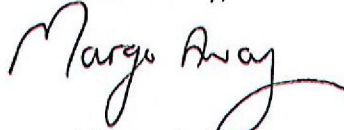
(b) that calling a regular or special meeting to conduct the voting is impractical."

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Vice Chair Massier and I both felt that Section 2 (a) and (b) were applicable. The matter before the Board was widely known and reported and, as such, a simple resolution was presented to the Board for consideration. As the issue was widely understood, I saw no need to provide additional information and wanted it to be clear that the Directors were free to vote their conscience. The resolution requesting that the City of Williams Lake replace Mayor Cobb as the City's representative passed and was ultimately unnecessary, as the City of Williams Lake acted and appointed you to replace Mayor Cobb.

This matter was completed in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations and has been publicly reported on. We consider the matter closed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margo A. Wagner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Margo A. Wagner
Chair

cc: City of Williams Lake Council
Gary Muraca, CAO, City of Williams Lake