

Chair report up to & including April 28/22

This report is designed to give a brief overview of some of the activities I have undertaken since my last report on March 16/22

- CAO MacLean and I attended the Chairs & CAO conference in Victoria on March 22 & 23. The event was once again held in person and was well attended. Some sessions included an update from Emergency Management BC on the Emergency Protection Act (EPA) that is still in draft format; Agricultural Land Commission updates; MOTI – rebuilding highways, procurement & logistics; E-Comm 911 update and an open mic session.
- On March 29, CAO MacLean and I were on a zoom call with other elected officials and representatives from the BC Cattlemen's Association, regarding the management of access to ranches and farms during an evacuation order, mainly due to wildfire. The CRD was complimented on the system we now currently have in place, and other regional districts were encouraged to use our model.

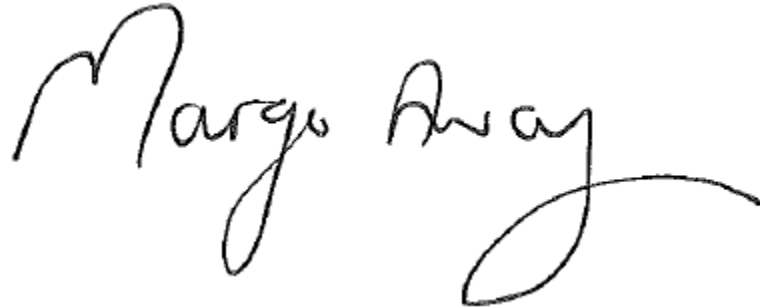
- On March 30, it was an honour to be invited by Williams Lake First Nation Chief Sellars to attend an event with Prime Minister Trudeau, and Minister of Crown & Indigenous Relations, Marc Miller. The main purpose of this event was to allow the PM to hear directly from Residential School survivors and their families, and to recognize the long-term impacts. He also visited the St. Josephs Mission site, where there were 93 images recently discovered in a small area of the total footprint of the former school site.
- The next day, I attended the 108 Heritage site for an announcement by Minister Miller of \$4 million to the Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society to assist in the construction of a museum. The event was also attended by Directors Richmond, Delainey & LeBourdais.
- April 5 – 8th saw many of us attend the UBCM Electoral Area Directors & Local Government Leadership Accademy forum. Once again it was nice to network with our peers in person rather than through a virtual means.

- The Flood & Wildfire Advisory Committee met on April 11th, and concerns were raised again over the lack of engagement with the RD's regarding the proposed EPA, which has changed since the last engagement session. There appeared to be some agreement from EMBC that there are still some outstanding issues with the proposed Act, that still remains confidential, other than to those on the Committee.
- Minister Cullen continues to offer the monthly calls to local Govts. across the Province, the last one was on April 19/22, with Assistant Deputy Minister Madeline Maley on the Spring Freshet of 2022. Here is a link from EMBC to a seasonal briefing video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Crnup1kqNIUBCM>
- Last October, I reported on a meeting that CAO MacLean, Ms Masun and I had with Robin Prest from Simon Fraser University regarding wildfire mitigation. We had a follow up call on April 26, to review a draft of work done so far. We have committed to

continuing these conversations as the SFU project moves forward into larger stakeholder engagement.

- On Thursday April 28, I am attending the signing of a communication protocol agreement with the Xeni Gwet'in First Nations, the Cariboo Fire Centre, BC Wildfire Service, EMBC and the CRD. This agreement is the culmination of a tremendous amount of work done by all parties, but special thanks to Ms. Masun for her integral part in the process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margo Bray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.