Chair report up to & including August 29/22

As we get into major election mode with the Civic elections coming up in mid October, and the reshuffling that will occur in the fall with Premier Horgan stepping down as Premier, it has certainly changed the ability to engage with Ministers and in some cases staff, as is apparent by the difficulty I think many RD's are experiencing in acquiring Ministerial meetings at UBCM. However, work continues, those committees that are in place including the Flood and Wildfire Committee and the updating of the Emergency Program Act (EPA). There will be a session on the proposed EPA at UBCM, and I am hopeful that RD Chairs will attend and voice their issues with some of the proposals. At that time, more information will be released by the Province and UBCM, as everything in the document now is considered privileged. I am happy to say that at my request, the Committee did include more RD Chairs and CAO's at our last meeting of August 5.

As the Board is aware, I attended the interview process for the new Staff/Sgt position in 100 Mile House, and the decision on who the successful candidate is will be announced shortly. I am hopeful that they will be in place sometime during the fall.

At NDIT, we are sad to be losing 3 Board members due to them not running for re-election in October. Lyn Hall (Prince George Mayor), Carol LeClerc (Terrace Mayor) have been on the Board for 5 and 3 years respectively, however, the greatest lost will be losing Lori Ackerman (Fort St. John Mayor) as she has been on the Board since its inception in 2004, and has a wealth of experience and history, and has been my solid Vice Chair for the past 4 years. We wish them well in their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming the new members.

The lack of fire emergencies in the CRD this summer, has enabled staff and hopefully Directors to take a much-needed break from everything that is involved in a busy EOC that we have witnessed over the past few years.

Unfortunately, a lot of my work this summer remains on a confidential level, but I am hopeful that I will be able to share that work publicly in the future.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully submitted,

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