

Chair report up to & including October 5/22

As election day is fast approaching, I would like to wish all of the incumbents running, good luck on October 15, I hope to see you all back at the Board table in November. For those not running, thank you for serving your community, and for providing insight into your electoral area to the Board. As we all know, Regional Districts only function efficiently when both Municipalities and Electoral areas work together to achieve the greater good for the whole District. For those already acclaimed, CONGRATULATIONS, I look forward to working with you in the upcoming term.

- Another UBCM has come and gone, and I think everyone agreed that it was nice to be back to an in-person convention rather than a virtual one. Many of us had productive meetings with Ministers and staff, despite the upcoming change in the leader of the NDP and the Premier of BC. For obvious reasons, I spent a lot of time talking with experienced CAO's whose knowledge I respect, but also spent a lot of time networking with peers and trying to solve similar problems.
- I was disappointed that our late resolution regarding RCMP interview participants for rural detachments, did not meet the requirements, even though I had been told by UBCM and NCLGA staff that it did. However, I am hopeful that the Board will approve it going forward to the 2023 convention.

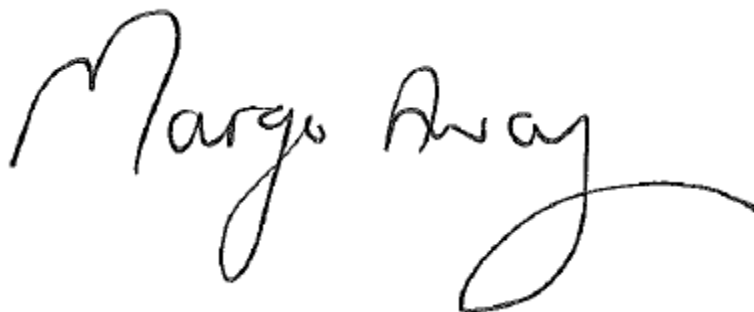
- Through UBCM staff, CAO MacLean and I were able to secure a room for an impromptu meeting with other RD Chairs and their CAO's regarding the proposed Emergency Program Act. Despite this meeting being at 7am, in a room with only 12 chairs, we had 30 people attend, with as wide a concern over the proposed EPA that the Flood and Wildfire review committee have been expressing for months. Hopefully I will be able to share more on this shortly.
- On September 21, I was delighted to attend the first Board meeting of the Age Friendly Society in almost 3 years. Unfortunately, we have lost some members and others have decided not to allow their name to stand for a Director position, but there are plans to have a gathering soon which will hopefully see some of the new residents show an interest in joining. Seniors have been the hardest hit during the Covid-19 isolation, and it has become apparent that there is a lot of mental health issues remaining with this group.
- On September 29, I attended the All-Candidates Forum for the 4 Councillor positions in the District of 100 Mile. It was quite well attended, with a lot of good questions raised, and both the incumbents and the other candidates did a great job answering questions.
- October 3, I attended the Mayoralty All-Candidates Forum in Williams Lake at the Unity Cannabis operation, as I was already in the city on other business. All four candidates

had the opportunity to opening comments, and then answered 3 questions that were pre-submitted. There were no questions allowed from the floor, as this was mainly a Facebook live feed event. The Councillors All-Candidates Forum will be Wednesday evening with the same format and location.

- I was shocked to hear that Director Bonnell had been involved in a serious crash involving his motorcycle and is currently in the ICU in Kelowna. I'm sure the whole Board wishes him a speedy recovery, and our thoughts are with his family.

As always if there are any concerns or questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margo Bray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.