

Chair Report up to & including May 31, 2023

Firstly, I would like to welcome CAO Murray Daly to the CRD and to his first Board meeting. I'm sure all of you are looking forward to working and getting to know CAO Daly a little better.

- During the last Board meeting I had to leave to attend a meeting that Chief Roger William from Nemiah had requested. Cariboo Fire Centre representatives, BCWFS, TNG Emergency management co-ordinator, Nemiah Emergency program staff as well as our own Stephanie Masun were also in attendance. The discussion centered around the Communications protocol that was signed by multi agency stakeholders last year during the tenure of Chief Jimmy Lulua. There were some tweaks that all parties wanted to adjust and future meetings to endorse these are likely.
- From May 8 to May 12, we attended the NCLGA AGM in Dawson Creek. I think everyone who attended agreed that the AGM was informative with good sessions and guest speakers. Thanks to our own outgoing President of NCLGA – Steve Forseth – for your time and dedication to local Government, we appreciate you. I must give credit to the caterers for the event – the food was outstanding, and I think everyone enjoyed the entertainment for the banquet – MLA Mike Bernier – hammering out some great rock and roll songs!

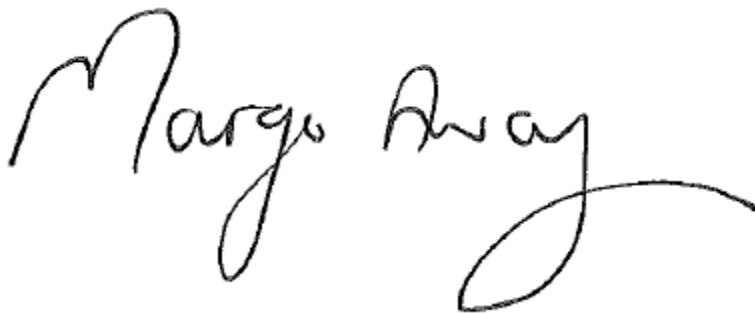
- On Thursday May 18th I attended the last of the in-person consultation for Solid Waste Management in the CRD. The event was well attended with some great questions. Thanks to Ms. Grady and other staff from Williams Lake and the District of 100 Mile House, plus several members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Your time and dedication to the drafting of this new plan for the Board to peruse, is much appreciated.
- On May 23rd, I met with CAO Daly and Mr. Carruthers to preview the organizational review and to discuss some of the issues that CAO Daly will now be dealing with in the future. It was a great opportunity for me to personally thank Mr. Carruthers for his time as interim CAO, plus taking on a lot of other issues during his 5-month tenure with the CRD.
- May 24th & 25th saw the arrival of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Gathering taking place this year in 100 Mile House. I attended briefly on Wednesday and then stayed for the day on Thursday. I was honoured to be given the opportunity to welcome the gathering on behalf of the CRD. It also gave me the opportunity to meet for the first time, Chief Rhonda Phillips of Xastull, plus renew connections with Chief Sellars and Chief Henderson. Canoe

Creek/Dog Creek FN are amid Chief elections, but I look forward to meeting the successful candidate soon.

- I was invited to attend the inaugural volunteer appreciation night for the upcoming 2024 BC Winter Games in Quesnel. The reception was packed with sponsors and volunteers, with everyone excited about the upcoming event, now less than 270 days away!
- I have also been dealing with several calls from residents across the CRD regarding a variety of issues including 'sticker shock' on their property taxes, concern about riverbanks eroding and concern on the impending wildfire season.

As always if there are any questions or concerns about this report or other issues, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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