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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Gerald Pinchbeck, Manager of Communications

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Short Summary:

AIS – NCLGA Resolution on UBCM Name Change

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

At the January 12, 2024 Board Meeting, the Board directed Director Forseth via resolution to “investigate the name change of UBCM to include local and Indigenous governments”.

Investigating this issue further, the Board should take note that UBCM’s existing policy is opposed to a name change. This is because of [Extraordinary Resolution 2012-ER1](#), which is noted as being not endorsed at convention. The Extraordinary Resolution was the result of a regular resolution endorsed the previous year, Resolution [2011-C38](#), which called for a name change and was endorsed at convention. 2012-ER1 would have initiated the process for UBCM to formally request the Province to change its name to better reflect the composition of its membership, but did not proceed.

UBCM staff have noted that the process to change their name would involve amending provincial statutes, specifically the [Union of B.C. Municipalities Act](#). Only the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia can do so.

UBCM staff have further advised that the process to initiate a name change is as follows:

- 1) A resolution is submitted by a member local government’s board/council or member association’s executive for consideration at convention;
- 2) The resolution is endorsed by a simple majority of voting members (Councillors, Mayors, and Directors);
- 3) The Executive then submits an Extraordinary Resolution at the subsequent convention to formally request the name change;
- 4) The extraordinary resolution is endorsed by a super-majority of 3/5ths of the voting membership;

- 5) The Executive formally submits a request for a legislative change to the Provincial Government following endorsement;
- 6) The Province of B.C. then determines whether or not to proceed with the change.

Should the Board wish to proceed with this request, and follow the process outlined above, it may adopt a resolution in the following format and submit it either directly to UBCM or through NCLGA at its discretion.

WHEREAS the Union of B.C. Municipalities (“UBCM”) was established to provide a common voice for local governments across B.C. and has done so since 1905;

AND WHEREAS the membership of UBCM consists of more than just municipalities, including regional districts, Indigenous governments, and improvement districts, for which the name of UBCM does not adequately represent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities Executive, as empowered by the bylaws of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, initiate the process of formally requesting an amendment to the Union of BC Municipalities Act to change its statutorily established name to “Union of B.C. Local Governments” by means of an Extraordinary Resolution to be considered at Convention 2025.

Attachments:

None.

Financial Implications:

None.

Policy Implications:

None.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

This item does not advance the Board's strategic priorities or initiatives.

CAO Comments:

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Options:

1. Take no further action;
2. Proceed with request for UBCM name change.

Recommendation:

Action at the direction of the Board.