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Board Members  
Cariboo Regional District  
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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to invite the Cariboo Regional District to renew its annual membership in the Union of BC Municipalities.

BC's communities are facing a complex set of challenges: climate change, housing attainability, the opioid crisis and more. While local governments are stepping up to respond to each of these crises, the complexity and scale of these issues require coordination with other orders of government to find effective solutions.

UBCM never stops working on behalf of local governments with other orders of government.

In the last 12 months, UBCM's Executive has called two unprecedented housing summits to discuss the pressures on the local government housing development frameworks. I was pleased to have both the federal and provincial ministers of housing, Sean Fraser and Ravi Kahlon, join me for discussions with UBCM delegates at this year's summit. The summits provided a valuable space for our members to share solutions and concerns directly, and served to strengthen relationships between UBCM, the Province of BC and the Government of Canada.

Last fall, in response to the challenges communities were facing with the provincial rollout of the decriminalization trial, UBCM's Executive called on the Province for a legislated approach to limit public consumption. The Province heard local governments and introduced legislation last fall to set clearer limits for the public consumption of illicit drugs.

UBCM continues to advocate for reform to the local government finance system. In a working group with the UBCM, the Province has agreed in a problem statement that local governments are struggling to raise enough revenue for "infrastructure capital costs and select service delivery costs driven by senior government regulations and environmental factors." Local government finance is a critical consideration as local governments tackle the multiple challenges facing communities. The need for a renewed framework for local government finance cannot be overstated.

Throughout the past year, UBCM has also worked with provincial and federal partners to develop a new administrative agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund. This program has delivered close to \$5 billion in funding for local infrastructure since its inception. UBCM is working to ensure that critical aspects of the current program design are maintained.

Our effectiveness as an organization is rooted in the support and participation of our membership. I thank you for the renewal by the Cariboo Regional District last year and look forward to working on your behalf this year with the rest of UBCM's Executive.

As always, if you have questions or feedback about our work, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mandewo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Councillor Trish Mandewo  
UBCM President

**TO:** Local Government Chief Financial Officers

**FROM:** Hervinder Bains, Chief Financial Officer

**RE:** **UBCM 2024 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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UBCM President Trish Mandewo has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2024 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3.  
Rates for 2024 are:

<b><u>Population</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
First 5,000	0.7378
Next 10,000	0.5358
Next 15,000	0.3372
Balance	0.0690

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology, Province of BC (December 2023).

We also enclose for your attention our 2024 dues invoice.

UBCM is transitioning to only accepting direct deposit for payment of invoices; enclosed is the information required to pay your annual dues through direct deposit. Please feel free to contact our office (aferguson@ubcm.ca) if you have any questions.

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