



July 31, 2024

Dear Members,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I want to extend my heartfelt thoughts and unwavering support to all our members facing this challenging wildfire season. The impact of these fires on our communities is profound, affecting our homes, businesses, and the well-being of our residents.

We understand the strain and uncertainty that wildfires bring, and I want to assure you that NCLGA stands with you every step of the way. Our association is committed to advancing progress on the related resolutions such as:

- **R11 2024 *Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Capacity Funding***: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to commit to providing long-term sustainable capacity funding to municipalities and regional districts to fulfill their emergency management duties, including responsibilities under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.
- **R14 2024 *Initial Attack Fire Crew Location***: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to maintain the Initial Fire Attack Crew Bases in their current locations, and not relocate them without significant local stakeholder consultation.
- **R25 2024 *Host Community Reception Centre in Prince George BC***: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA requests the Province fund a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George for the North Central Local Government Area.
- **L11 2024 *Emergency and Disaster Management Act for Regional Districts***: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and Union of BC Municipalities call on the Province of BC to develop regulations under the *Emergencies and Disaster Management Act* in collaboration with representatives of each regional district, to ensure that emergency powers and responsibilities impacting regional districts are designed in consideration of their powers, jurisdiction, and areas of responsibility.

We have initiated discussions with key provincial officials (e.g., the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Management BC; Minister of Municipal Affairs; Minister of Finance; and the Premier of British Columbia) to emphasize the urgency of these resolutions and hope to see further support solidified via province-wide endorsement at UBCM in September 2024.

Your resilience and determination in the face of adversity are truly inspiring. As we navigate this wildfire season, let us continue to support one another and work collaboratively to safeguard our communities and advance solutions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to NCLGA if you require assistance or have suggestions on how we can better support you. We are here for you, and together, we will overcome these challenges.

Stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,



Judy Greenaway

President

North Central Local Government Association