



**Date:** 26/02/2026

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Feb27\_2026

**File:** 400-50-02

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## Short Summary:

NCLGA Resolution – Highway 97 Road Safety

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

Director Bachmeier has submitted the following resolution for the Board to consider:

### Highway 97 Road Safety, Maintenance, Upgrades and Infrastructure

**Whereas:** Highway 97 is the longest transportation corridor in the Americas running North – South, from Alaska, through the Yukon Territory, into British Columbia, the United States of America, Mexico and South America,

**And Whereas:** the British Columbia part of highway 97 has been ignored through successive governments both Provincial and Federal, and requires Safety Upgrades, better Maintenance and Repairs, Expansion of, and Infrastructure Development, to facilitate the stated goals of both the Provincial and Federal Governments for transporting goods, like Agriculture Products, Forestry Resources, Minerals and other Mining Extractions to International Markets. Keep Accesses need to be kept open to Oil, Gas and Hydro right of ways, Alternative routes are necessary when sections of the main Highway are closed (like the Quesnel- Hixon and Durrell Roads), relief from bottlenecks near cities like Quesnel (new route around Quesnel and Replace the Taylor River Bridge), and Safety in all weather conditions for the general motoring public and truck transportation.

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** that NCLGA, UBCM, and FCM work with both the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government of Canada to Maintain, Repair, Upgrade Road Safety Issues, and Expand and Develop the Road Infrastructure of Highway 97.

**And Be It Further Resolved:** NCLGA request that UBCM and FCM insist that the \$1.2 Billion Allocated through the 2020 – 2021 Natural Disaster Financial Assistance Financing from the

Government of Canada to the Province of British Columbia for the 10 Road Recovery Projects in the Cariboo be spent on repairing all of the roads identified, including the Quesnel – Hixon Road and Durrell Road.

### **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.

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### **Options:**

1. Provide direction to staff;
2. No action.

### **Recommendation:**

*Action at the discretion of the Board.*