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Good afternoon NCLGA members,

I am pleased to forward the Board Highlights Report for the North Central Local Government Association's March board meeting (see attached document).

In addition, I am providing links to two news releases that may be of interest to members. Yesterday, the federal government announced that the federal Gas Tax Fund transfer to municipalities will increase by \$2.2 billion for one year to support infrastructure projects in cities and communities. The new funding will provide additional support for municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Department of Finance Canada News Release](#)

[Federation of Canadian Municipalities News Release](#)

Kind Regards,

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## NCLGA Committee Updates

### *Finance Committee:*

Shortly before the board meeting, NCLGA forwarded a letter to Mayors and Chairs of member communities regarding a proposed new membership fee structure for 2022. NCLGA looks forward to feedback from members.

### *Governance Committee:*

The committee discussed the results of the NCLGA Board Structure survey, which was distributed to members in February. While the option “redefining Director at Large positions” received the most support in the survey, other options for potential changes to the current board structure also received notable endorsement. Further engagement on this topic will take place at the AGM.

The committee and Board also adopted a *Letter of Support Policy*. The policy outlines NCLGA’s process for approving letter of support requests from organizations and local governments. The policy is available on [NCLGA’s website](#).

### *Planning & Priorities Committee:*

In response to requests from two local governments, the NCLGA Board discussed potential advocacy on two issues: 1) funding for emergency fire equipment, facilities and training in small rural communities; and 2) Regional Hospital Boards’ responsibility for capital costs.

NCLGA will also be attending an engagement session with Minister of State Nathan Cullen on April 12. The purpose of this session and other engagement sessions is to determine whether land use objectives that support economic activity, environmental sustainability and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples can be more effectively achieved through ministry restructuring.

### *Health Care Committee:*

The committee recently released a [survey](#) to members. The goal of the survey is to learn about the level and quality of health care services in member communities, the time required to access health services, the extent of engagement with regional health authorities, and other important topics. The deadline to complete the survey is **April 1**.

## Roundtable Updates from Board Members

Board members provided updates on recent activities in their local governments. Some encouraging news was shared as some members announced COVID-19 vaccinations are increasing in several NCLGA communities.

*If you have any questions regarding the contents of this Board Highlights Report, please contact:*

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