



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-030

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: June 1, 2020

Subject: 2020 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board identify three meetings, and a maximum of three topics for each meeting, to be requested with either Provincial Ministers, staff and/or other agencies during the 2020 UBCM Convention.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board establish the order of priority for the Minister meetings requested during the 2020 UBCM Convention, as per the Convention's meeting request requirements.

RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board invite MLA Dan Davies and MLA Mike Bernier to join the PRRD's 2020 UBCM Convention Minister Meetings.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On November 28, 2019, the Regional Board passed the following resolutions:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That no more than three meetings with Provincial Ministers, staff and/or other agencies be requested during the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities convention.

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That, should the Regional Board identify three to five key issues prior to the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention, pre UBCM meetings be held with the appropriate Ministers.

Each Minister meeting request is limited to three topics. Each topic submitted must include a one-sentence summation of what the Regional Board would like from the meeting, and with a brief backgrounder (maximum 800 characters) about the topic.

Due to the volume of requests and scheduling availability, the Regional Board must rank its priority order for the meeting requests (most important to least important).

The Board has not yet identified any topics for Minister Meetings during the UBCM Convention; however, the Board has recently made the following resolutions:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Regional Board refer the correspondence dated March 5, 2020, from Dan Davies, MLA for Peace River North, regarding the management of ranching issues by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MoFLNRORD), to staff; further, that staff work with the Electoral Area Directors to draft a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the gaps in services provided by MoFLNRORD as they pertain to ranching, as indicated by MLA Davies.

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

WHEREAS the Fire Underwriters Survey requires that in order to receive credit for fire insurance grading purposes, all first line fire apparatus in small and rural communities should be replaced after 20 years of service and may only be extended up to 25 years when fire apparatus is tested and proven to be in excellent mechanical condition;

AND WHEREAS small and rural local governments often are financially challenged to replace high cost and minimally used fire apparatus on a 20-25 year rotational basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Province to advocate to the Fire Underwriters Survey to consider providing credit for fire apparatus that is 25 years or older and in sound working condition in order reduce costs to taxpayers

The first resolution is not yet completed, while the second one has been forwarded directly to UBCM through the North Central Local Government Association – as the 2020 NCLGA Convention was cancelled.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will be responsible for preparing and submitting a Briefing Note for each identified topic.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

On May 27, 2020, UBCM announced that the 2020 UBCM Convention will be going ahead in a virtual format from September 22-24. In June, UBCM will share details on the platform for this year's meeting, and registration will open in July.

Attachment:

1. 2018 and 2019 UBCM Minister Meetings