



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-405

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: May 4, 2023

Subject: **2023 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: [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 2023 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

In 2019, the Regional Board resolved to limit the number of meeting requests for audiences with Provincial Ministers, staff, or other agencies, at the 2020 Union of BC Municipalities Convention (UBCM), to a maximum of three. It is recommended that the Board do the same in 2023.

UBCM Ministry Meetings will be held from September 18-22, 2023. The deadline to submit meeting requests for the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, is June 30, 2023. The deadline for the rest of the Ministers has yet to be announced.

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, with a brief backgrounder (maximum 700 characters) about the topic. It is required that the background information submitted with the meeting request provides a complete picture of the topics and requests.

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 Regional Board will complete this task during the May 18, 2023, Board Meeting.

A list of meetings and topics requested in 2018-2022 is attached for reference.

## **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):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Minister Meetings listed below were requested in March 2023, while the Chair and Vice Chair were in Victoria. Meetings were held with Minister Adrian Dix, Niki Sharma, Attorney General, and Minister Mike Farnworth, and Minister Murray Rankin. The other two meetings were not secured, although, Minister Anne Kang's office has reached out to arrange a zoom meeting.

Honourable Adrian Dix Minister of Health	Funding for Seniors Aging in Place
	The lack of investment in health care in the North
	The deterioration of available health care services provided in the North
	The inappropriate and underfunded patient transfer network
Honourable Anne Kang Minister of Municipal Affairs	Joint planning areas in regional districts
	The establishment of a regional district Charter
	The loss of tax base resulting from the development of provincial policies that affect the resource industries
Honourable Pam Alexis Minister of Agriculture and Food	AgriStability
	Forage and crop insurance, and disaster insurance
	Fixed costs for farmers and commodity pricing
	Market transportation and improvements to farming infrastructure systems
	The re-establishment of the Ministry of Agriculture Office in Dawson Creek
Honourable Murray Rankin Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	The expansion of natural gas into the community of Moberly Lake, which includes Saulteau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations
	Cultural safety
	The loss of tax base resulting from the development of provincial policies that affect the resource industries
Honourable Niki Sharma Attorney General  Honourable Mike Farnworth Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General	Rising crime rates in the Peace River Regional District
	How the \$230M allocated to fill vacancies and hire additional RCMP Officers in rural RCMP detachments will be disbursed
	The RCMP funding Model and criteria used to determine policing levels and resourcing in the Regional District
	Peace Region Crime Reduction Unit
	Consequences for repeat offenders
	Crown Counsel funding

Attachments:

1. UBCM Minister Meetings 2018-2022