



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-069

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: September 14, 2023

Subject: NCLGA Membership 2024 (June 8, 2023 Deferred Resolution)

The following motion was deferred from the June 8, 2023 Regional Board Meeting and again from the September 14, 2023 Regional Board Meeting and is presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION ON THE FLOOR: [Corporate Unweighted]

MOVED Director Krakowka, SECONDED Alternate Director Miller,

That the Regional Board apply for membership in the North Central Local Government Organization in 2024 with membership fees charged to Function 110 – Legislative Regional.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The PRRD opted out of membership in NCLGA in 2022 and again in 2023, based on a lack of perceived benefit resulting from participation. Several members of the Regional Board recently attended the NCLGA conference held in Dawson Creek and Chetwynd on May 9-12, and spoke highly of the event.

The Regional Board is forgoing an opportunity to strengthen relationships with other local governments, both within and outside of the PRRD, by not participating in NCLGA. The North Central association does cover a huge territory, which leads to a wide variety of topics and priorities coming forward to the association for consideration, some of which may not be specifically relevant to the PRRD. However, a unified voice is a stronger voice than a single voice, and NCLGA is an existing formalized opportunity for the PRRD to participate in something larger than itself. Not all issues that are prioritized by NCLGA for action will be relevant to the PRRD; however, by supporting our neighbouring communities on their key issues, we will have access to seek reciprocal support for our own key issues.

The PRRD was a member in 2021, at a cost of approximately \$21,641.

In 2022, a [change to the fee structure](#) was proposed, which would result in a slight decrease to the PRRD annual membership fee, to approximately \$19,069. The PRRD membership fee is calculated based on the population of the electoral areas only. It would be ideal if the PRRD, or a Director at Large could approach the NCLGA to request that for local governments who are members “twice”, ie: as part of a Regional District, and as a municipal local government, that their municipal membership fees be reduced in an amount equal to what they pay toward the Regional District membership fee, as that fee is funded regionally. As an illustration of this idea, if the PRRD were members, the cost to Tumbler Ridge would be \$392, so the request would be to decrease the District of Tumbler Ridge membership fee by \$392.

Based on an estimated \$20,000 membership fee, paid on a regional basis (Function 110 – Legislative Regional) the charges that would be assessed to each member municipality on their regional district tax bill are shown below.

	Requisition Amount	Tax Rate Per 1000
Tumbler Ridge	392	0.0005
Dawson Creek	1,508	0.0005
Hudson's Hope	250	0.0005
Fort St. John	3,163	0.0005
Taylor	252.97	0.0005
Pouce Coupe	67	0.0005
Chetwynd	365	0.0005
Area B	6,099	0.0005
Area C	1,415	0.0005
Area D	3,583	0.0005
Area E <i>See Area E Jurisdiction Split Below</i>	2,905	0.0005
Total	20,000	0.0005

Estimated costs to homeowners are illustrated below, at a tax rate of \$0.0005/\$1000 of assessment:

Assessed Value of Home/Improvement	Total Requisition Amount
\$150,000	\$0.08
\$250,000	\$0.13
\$400,000	\$0.20

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Advocacy
 - Emergency Program Act/ Fire Services Act Amendments
 - Agriculture/Food Security
 - Senior’s Housing
 - Blueberry River FN Agreement for Regulatory Framework
 - Homelessness/Mental Health and Addictions/Crime
 - Aggregate Security

The PRRD could seek support from NCLGA for any or all of its identified advocacy topics for additional focus on areas that are of interest beyond the boundaries of the PRRD.

External Links:

1. December 16, 2021, EADC Agenda Item 8.1 - [Letter from NCLGA, Proposed Fee Structure Change for 2022](#)
2. January 12, 2022, EADC Agenda Item 8.1 - [NCLGA Presentation to EADC](#)
3. January 12, 2022, EADC Agenda Item 8.1 - [NCLGA Presentation to EADC](#)
4. [Report DR-COW-01 from Brad Sperling, re: Peace River Local Government Association Discussion](#) (Item 5.1, June 28, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting)
5. [Regional Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023](#) - see Item 8.1 NCLGA Membership
6. [Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2023](#), see Item 5.1 Peace River Local Government Association Discussion

Previously Received June 8, 2023 and September 14, 2023