



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-072

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: August 28, 2020

**Subject: August 20, 2020 Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Recommendations**

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The following recommendations from the August 20, 2020 Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board invite Allison Witter, Director of Innovation, BC Ministry of Agriculture, as a delegation to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Food Security Taskforce Report, following the UBCM Minister Meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board discuss the value of membership to the North Central Local Government Association, the Union of BC Municipalities, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at a future Board Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION #3: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board authorize the preparation of a report regarding options for the PRRD to grant permissive tax exemptions; further, that the report be provided to a future Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION #4: *[Corporate Weighted]***

That the Regional Board, at the earliest opportunity, arrange a tour of the Don Nearhood Museum stationed at the Peace Canyon Dam.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Recommendation #1 – The Regional Board has requested a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture to discuss the report titled “Future of BC’s Food System”. The meeting request has not yet been confirmed or denied. The Regional Board has concerns regarding the report, as it does not accurately reflect agriculture in the Peace Region, and they would like to know whether or not parts of the report will be pulled out to make provincial policy.

Recommendation #2 – The Electoral Area Directors Committee does not feel the Regional Board receives value of holding membership to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and therefore would like the Regional Board to discuss whether or not they should renew their memberships in 2021.

Recommendation #4 – The Regional Board had intended to tour the Don Nearhood Museum in June 2020 in conjunction with the Board Outreach meeting scheduled to be held in Hudson's Hope, but the meeting was re-located due to COVID-19. Staff have been working with BC Hydro to arrange a tour but due to COVID-19 and BC Hydro staffing changes no tour dates have been solidified.

The draft minutes of the August 20, 2020 Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

Annual membership fees:

2020 FCM - \$4,551.74

2020 UBCM - \$10,768.35

2019 NCLGA – \$21,641.03

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.