



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-022

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 28, 2020

Subject: NCLGA, UBCM and FCM Memberships**RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board receive the report titled "NCLGA, UBCM and FCM Memberships – FN-BRD-022", for discussion, to inform the consideration of the value of memberships to NCLGA, UBCM, and FCM.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On September 10, 2020 the Regional Board made the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board be provided with a report on:

1. the fees paid by member municipalities and the PRRD for memberships to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
2. all the grants the PRRD has applied for through NCLGA, FCM and UBCM; and
3. the perspective on the value of the NCLGA membership from the PRRD's NCLGA representative; for consideration during its deliberations on the value of memberships to these organizations at a future Board Meeting.

	NCLGA	UBCM	FCM
PRRD Membership costs	\$21,641.03 (2019)	\$10,768.35 (2020)	\$4,551.74 (2020)
Formula to determine membership cost	NCLGA is based on 50% population and 50% assessment (note that population is only the electoral area not the municipalities)	UBCM based on population (electoral area only) varying rates as population increases (first \$5K @ \$0.6955, Next \$10K @ \$0.5051, Next \$15K @ \$0.3178)	FCM is base rate of \$340 plus per capita fee (electoral area only) of \$0.1425.
Number of Members	All 42 local governments within the north who are eligible to be a member of NCLGA are members of NCLGA	All 190 municipal and regional district members plus 8 first nations members.	All 190 municipalities and regional districts in BC; close to 2,000 members across Canada
Who is the member?	The Board of the Peace River Regional District	The Board of the Peace River Regional District	The Board of the Peace River Regional District

The grants applied for and awarded or unsuccessful are listed below:

	Applied for Grant	Awarded	Unsuccessful	Waiting	Total Grant
UBCM					
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund					
-Flood Plain Mapping	\$ 150,000.00	X			\$ 150,000.00
-EOC & Training (Smart Board, computers & Equip.)	\$ 25,000.00	X			\$ 25,000.00
-EOC & Training (Smart Board & EOC Vests)	\$ 25,000.00	X			\$ 25,000.00
-CLFD Equipment	\$ 25,000.00		X		\$ -
Strategic Priorities Fund					
-Kelly Lake Community Ctr. Renovation	\$ 1,116,200.00		X		\$ -
-Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Lodge	\$ 122,407.00		X		\$ -
Community Resiliency Investment Fund					
-Fire Smart Public Education	\$ 150,000.00			X	
-Housing Needs Assessment	\$ 140,000.00	X			\$ 140,000.00
-Community to Community - Doig River	\$ 1,314.00	X			\$659.00
Investing in Canada's Infrastructure					
-Charlie Lake Reclaimed Water	\$ 1,224,193.00			X	
FCM					
-Asset Management	\$ 50,000.00			X	
NCLGA					
-None that I am aware of					

The region's 7 member municipalities were emailed requesting information on their membership fees including UBCM, FCM and NCLGA to try and gather information. Three municipalities responded as well as UBCM.

	NCLGA	UBCM	FCM
Dawson Creek	\$ 5,460.39	\$ 7,884.14	\$ 1,030.00
Hudson's Hope	\$ 1,056.10		
Fort St. John	\$ 9,823.21		
Chetwynd	\$ 1,623.66	\$ 1,931.58	\$ 710.66
Tumbler Ridge	\$ 1,618.35	\$ -	\$ 607.45
Pouce Coupe	\$ 779.23 (2019)		
Taylor	\$ 1,200.81		
Total	\$ 21,561.75	\$ 9,815.72	\$ 31,377.47

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
 - ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Regional District pays roughly \$37,000 annually for these memberships from Function 110 – Legislative Regional. This amount does not include any travel, accommodation and meal expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.