



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-500

From: Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer

Date: May 2, 2024

Subject: **2024 UBCM Minister Meetings**

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board select three meetings with associated topics identified from among the following list of potential options for Minister Meetings at the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities and rank the selections in priority sequence:

- **Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation** regarding:
 - Additional windfarms, impacts and economic benefits in region or lack thereof.
 - Where Conuma is at with their permitting, emphasizing the risk of Conuma running out of resources and losing clients.
- **Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship** regarding:
 - First Nations traditional territory overlap.
 - Description of their portfolio.
- **Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General** regarding:
 - The Peace Regional RCMP Proposal.
 - Reinstatement of GIS unit.
- **Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests** regarding:
 - Forestry permits.
 - Woodlot licences.
 - BC Timber sales.
- **Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy** regarding:
 - New Landfill.
- **Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health** regarding:
 - Emergency Room diversions.
 - Support for Northern Health.
- **Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions** regarding:
 - Lack of mental health facilities.
 - Northwinds Facility scope being reduced due to lack of support and funding.
- **Premier Eby** regarding:
 - Holding the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions accountable in regard to the Northwinds Facility scope.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the April 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, [Report ADM-BRD-494](#) “2024 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests” was provided for the Board’s consideration and the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED/SECONDED, AND CARRIED

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 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

The above list contains the Ministers and topics proposed by Directors at that meeting. No further suggestions have been received from Directors prior to publishing this meeting agenda.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Not applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will coordinate the 2024 UBCM Minister Meetings requests as directed by the Regional Board.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Due to the volume of meeting requests and scheduling availability during the busy UBCM Convention, the Regional Board is asked to rank the priority order for Minister meetings at the event (most important to least important).

Should the Board decide to request more than the recommended three meetings, the priority ranking of the Minister meetings at UBCM will assist staff in coordinating arrangements with the various ministries as not all Minister Meeting Requests are successful.

In the past, each Minister meeting request has been limited to three topics. Each topic submitted must include a brief summation of what the Regional Board would like from the meeting, with a brief backgrounder (maximum 700 characters) about the topic which must be submitted with the meeting request to provide a complete picture of the topics to be discussed.

External Links:

1. April 18, 2024 Regional Board Meeting - [Report ADM-BRD-494](#) “2024 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests” including [UBCM Minister Meetings – 2019 to 2023](#)