

DATE: August 19, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair
Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

SUBJECT: Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions Summary

ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated August 19, 2022 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions titled "Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions Summary."

PURPOSE:

For Council's information.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions is established to advocate with all levels of government on matters of interest to Council through the development of resolutions on key issues for consideration by the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

For the 2018-2022 Council term, the Committee, Chaired by Councillor Brian Skakun, Councillor Kyle Sampson, and Councillor Susan Scott, held sixteen (16) meetings.

A summary of the variety of issues addressed by the Committee is outlined below:

- Proceeds of Crime (Resolution to UBCM 2019 Convention);
- Clean-Up of Needles and Other Harm Reduction Paraphernalia (Resolution to UBCM 2019 Convention);
- Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit (Resolution to UBCM 2020 Convention);
- Overdose Crisis and a Call for an Overdose Action Plan (Correspondence from City of Kamloops);
- BC Hydro Street Lighting Rate Increase (Correspondence from Cariboo Regional District);
- Interagency meetings with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- Intergovernmental meetings with MLA Shirley Bond and MLA Mike Morris;
- Increased Capacity at the National Forensic Lab Services (Resolution to UBCM 2021 Convention);
- Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offenses (Resolution to UBCM 2021 Convention);

- Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems (Resolution to UBCM 2021 Convention);
- Comprehensive Training Model for RCMP Members (Resolution to UBCM 2021 Convention);
- Implementing No Barrier Housing (Resolution to UBCM 2021 Convention); and
- Consideration of an amendment to the definition of “emergency” in the *Emergency Program Act*.

Although a resolution was not submitted to UBCM proposing an amended definition of “emergency” in the *Emergency Program Act*, the Committee acknowledged the province’s ongoing review of the *Emergency Program Act*. They also liaised with MLA Mike Morris to represent the City of Prince George’s interest in ensuring the proposed legislative changes highlights peak areas of interest to assist communities with cost recovery during public health crises. Further, the Committee encouraged ongoing advocacy with all levels of government and other stakeholders in order to create a coordinated and collaborate approach to address in the opioid crisis in Prince George.

Lastly, members of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions extends their appreciation to their fellow members of Council for their support and initiatives to further enhance the City of Prince George’s advocacy and relationship-building with other municipalities, other levels of government, and with our community.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions submits this report for Council’s information as a summary of the Committee’s efforts throughout the 2018 – 2022 Council Term.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair
Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

MEETING DATE: August 29, 2022