

STAFF REPORT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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DATE: January 26, 2024

TO: STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

NAME AND TITLE: GARTH FRIZZELL, CHAIR, STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: 2024 NCLGA Resolution Submissions

ATTACHMENT(S): 2024 NCLGA Resolution Submissions

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 26, 2024 and titled "2024 NCLGA Resolution Submissions.

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECOMMENDS to Council the proposed resolution contained within report dated January 26, 2024 and titled "2024 NCLGA Resolution Submissions" as related to taxation on school district property for submission to NCLGA.

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide the committee with an update on NCLGA items submitted at this time. Further, this report is meant to create a venue for additional conversation ahead of the 2024 NCLGA submission deadline.

BACKGROUND:

Two resolutions have been crafted at this time with a third resolution pending further conversation. The 'therefore' clauses of those resolutions are:

1. *THEREFORE, the North Central Local Government Association requests the province fund a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George for the North Central Local Government Area.*
2. *THEREFORE, NCLGA recognizes the dangers of Holocaust denial and distortion, which so often targets our young people, and urges the Ministry of Education and Child Care to introduce mandatory Holocaust education to elementary schools as of the 2024-25 academic year.*

A third resolution has been directed by the committee to be explored. Language used in that direction is:

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS Administration to seek further information and to return for the committee's consideration a resolution advocating to the province

for a mechanism by which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property.

This may be achieved through the following language:

WHEREAS there does not readily appear to be a mechanism by which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property, a placement that is encouraged by provincial policy, and;

WHEREAS local governments need every opportunity to collect the appropriate revenue for providing our wide range of services in light of inflationary pressures and the challenges posed by asset management;

THEREFORE, NCLGA advocates to the Minister of Education and Child Care that a mechanism by which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property be established.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The various resolutions touch on several strategic pillars, most tangibly City Government and Infrastructure Priorities (dedicated reception space, the collection of appropriate taxation on business operating on school property) work around Holocaust education may be viewed in relation to the sub priority of meaningful relationship development to advance shared priorities.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None. The submission of NCLGA resolutions is within the regular scope of the

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

This report provides an update on NCLGA resolutions submitted for the 2024 convention and proposes language related to a third possible submission.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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Meeting Date: 2024/02/12