

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: 2023 UBCM Follow Up Report

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft letter to Minister of Education and Childcare
2. Draft letter to Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills
3. Draft letter to Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
4. Draft letter to Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs DIRECTS staff to send draft 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities ministerial meeting follow-up letters to the designated recipients as attached to the report dated January 26, 2024 and titled “2023 UBCM Follow up Report.”

PURPOSE:

To provide the committee with options for follow up on ministerial meetings held during the 2023 Union of British Columbia Municipalities annual meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Attached to this report are four draft letters related to advocacy items advanced at the 2023 UBCM annual meeting. Per the committees’ terms of reference, and conversations held by staff, this standing committee has been determined to be the most appropriate space for a conversation on potential follow up letters to occur.

The four attached letters are provided for comment. Any minor corrections may be incorporated and sent as the letters are finalized. Any significant revision requests may necessitate the item being returned to the committee at a later date.

Further meetings were held during the conference, beyond those recommended for follow-up. At this time additional ministerial meeting follow-up letters are being held to allow for additional information to be received. As an example, following up with the Minister of Health regarding the cost of municipal fire halls providing medical services.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The attached letters touch on a range of topics and have relation to the strategic pillars of Economic Diversity and Growth (Draft letter to Minister of Energy and Mines, City Government and

Infrastructure Priorities (Draft letter to Minister of Education), Social Health and Wellbeing (Draft letter to Minister of Post Secondary and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions) as example.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

No considerations outside of staff time are known. Capacity is assessed as present to follow through with this report's recommendations.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

This report invites comments on four potential communications that may be sent as follow up to meetings held at UBCM in the fall of 2023. Pending feedback, the report also requests directions be given to disseminate finalized versions of the letters.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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Meeting Date: 2024/02/12