

# 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:** Summary of Activities Report January 2024

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. A draft letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care on taxation.
2. A letter to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education on the aviation sector.
3. A letter to the Minister of Transport on the aviation sector.
4. A letter to the Minister of Immigration on the aviation sector.
5. A letter to the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport on grants.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 26, 2024 and titled "Summary of Activities Report January 2024".

**PURPOSE:**

To provide the committee with an update on actions taken related to recent committee business.

**BACKGROUND:**

**1. Pilot Shortage**

For awareness, three letters have been sent in line with the recommendations of the committee and subsequent direction of Council. Copies of these letters are provided here for your records. Currently, we are holding for response and remain alert to identifying additional opportunities.

**2. Gaming Grant**

For awareness, a letter regarding the gaming grant advocacy items recommended by this Committee and subsequently supported by Council has been drafted and sent. A copy of the letter is attached here for your records. Currently, we are holding for response and remain alert to identifying additional opportunities. A further action directed by Council is to explore how changes to the program have impacted local recipients of these funds. That work is ongoing.

**3. ESS Reception**

For awareness, the NCLGA resolution related to a dedicated ESS Reception Center has been refined to reflect NCLGA submission requirements, this includes the opportunity to provide background information separate from the resolution text. A copy of the resolution text and background information is not attached to this report as it is already present in this agenda

package under new business with the staff report related to NCLGA submissions. At this time copies of the resolutions have been transmitted to contacts at both the Lheidli Tenneh First Nation and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George.

**4. Prince George Public Library (PGPL) Board Correspondence**

For awareness, the decision of Council regarding the PGPL correspondence on expanding the boards composition to include a member of the Lheidli Tenneh First Nation and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George has been communicated. Certified resolutions have been provided to the PGPL. This item is now closed. As this item has relevance to the City of Prince George Reconciliation Framework a note has been made to include this approval as a step taken under the framework when talking about reconciliation efforts.

**5. Taxation of Business on School District Property**

For awareness, the letter directed by the Committee in line with the TOR has been drafted. The committee chair is in conversation with the mayor on next steps. A draft copy of the letter is attached here for your records.

**6. Veterans Community Covenant Referred Items**

For awareness, a note has been made to include the approval of a support letter for the Support our Troops license plate program as a tangible action taken under the Veteran and Families Community Covenant (pending decision at the 5 February regular council meeting).

As well a presentation format of the covenant has been produced to aid in communicating on the pledge. We intend to investigate budget sources to have a few of these made into a plaque that could be distributed to relevant agencies.

All other items referred to staff from the covenant report are in the process of being communicated to the relevant departments. No significant updates are available currently. Staff look forward to communicating on these matters further.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The updates herein touch on items under several of the strategic pillars. More fulsome linkages can be found in the individual reports where these items are advanced individually.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

No additional financial considerations are intended from this report. It is the staff liaison's intention that where financial considerations are present an individual report, with greater detail, would be presented as a separate agenda item.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

This report is provided to share a consolidated update on recent committee business and is intended to highlight the current state of each issue. A more detailed report may be provided from time to time on items as staff deems necessary or the committee requests.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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