City of Prince George North Central Local Government Association - 2024 Resolution Submissions

Resolution submission #3: Taxation on School District Property

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 considering 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.

Background: The City of Prince Geore is supportive of the province's efforts to increase the number of childcare spaces across the province. However, concurrently, we ask that there be thought given to a mechanism by which local governments can recoup the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property. While these facilities are much needed, we note that the unique placement of these operations, specifically encouraged by provincial policy, moves a greater number of these businesses, outside of the municipal jurisdiction to levy taxes. This is challenging financially and as all local government strive to ensure equitable taxation to service providers across the community.

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