



June 11, 2024

B.C. Municipalities and Regional Districts

CR-6871

RE: Support for Downloading Costs on Municipalities

Dear Municipalities of BC,

Kamloops City Council recently received a report titled "The Financial Impacts of Higher-Level Government Policy Change" at a May 28, 2024, Council meeting. The report highlighted a number of significant costs that have been downloaded to the municipality due to changes in policies or lack of Provincial action. It is attached for your reference.

Next steps are necessary in order to create a call to action for all provincial party leaders in British Columbia as the election approaches.

It is also crucial that we bring these costs to the attention of our constituents as they grapple with significant increases to taxation at the local level and seek to bring responsibilities and associated costs back into appropriate scope for all levels of Canadian government. We are therefore urging fellow municipalities in British Columbia to perform a similar evaluation of the costs of higher-level government policy changes on your communities so that we can effectively bolster the advocacy already happening through UBCM in concrete terms.

Through our collective strength, and as one unified voice committed to seeing positive change in our communities, we can make a difference for the citizens who have chosen to make British Columbia home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Neustaeter".

Councillor Katie Neustaeter
Deputy Mayor, City of Kamloops

cc: Council
David Hallinan, Corporate Services Director, City of Kamloops