

Date: September 24, 2024

To: **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

Name and title: Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: UBCM 2024 Follow Up

Attachment(s): None.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled "UBCM 2024 Follow Up" from the Chair, dated September 24, 2024.

Purpose:

For Committee conversation this report is presented as a tool to facilitate conversation on the recent 2024 UBCM convention.

Background:

Topics where conversation may be helpful to define the next steps on advocacy include:

City of Prince George Resolutions:

- **ESS Reception Center:** UBCM considered the resolution to be too regional in focus. UBCM informed NCLGA that if endorsed at their spring convention, that they do not forward it to UBCM. Rather, NCLGA advocate on this issue. Staff was not familiar with this determination leading into the UBCM convention.

Next steps: Staff will connect with UBCM to better understand how this item fits into NCLGA's advocacy efforts and to share information on the proposal. Advocating for continued support in the form of prepositioned group lodging and ESS trailers as in 2024 is suggested in the interim.

- **Taxation on School District Property:** This resolution was not endorsed by the UBCM membership.

Next steps: As this is a province wide issue and the provincial advocacy body, UBCM, has considered and voted to not move forward with advocacy, staffs' suggestion would be to pause efforts on this item.

- **Mandatory Holocaust Education in BC's Elementary Schools:** This item was referred to the UBCM Executive as time for debate had expired.

Next steps: Staff would suggest monitoring for developments to determine next steps after the UBCM executive has considered this item.

MACC Meetings:

- Conversation on follow up required.
 - BC Hydro
 - ICBC
 - Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Partnerships, Engagement and Legislation Branch.
 - Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions – Treatment and Recovery Branch.

Ministerial Meetings:

- Conversation on follow up required.
 - Staff will look to arrange follow up letters post-election once a new cabinet is established. Pending conversation on the need for a further delegation to Victoria and the timing of that delegation these letters may form part of the materials for that engagement.
 - Housing
 - Attorney General
 - Mental Health and Addictions
 - Health
 - Transportation
 - Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
 - The Premier
 - Education & Childcare
 - Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
 - Public Safety & Solicitor General.

Other Meetings:

- Conversation on follow up required.
 - BC Anti Human Trafficking Network.
 - Skeena Resources
 - Enbridge
 - Metis Nation British Columbia

Other topics arising:

- As raised by committee members.

Summary and conclusion:

This report is offered as a vehicle for conversation on the recent UBCM convention and on continuing advocacy effort.

Respectfully submitted:

Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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Meeting date: 2024 / 10 / 01