



NOTICE OF MOTION

Date: 16 January 2025
To: Mayor and Council
From: Councillor Cori Ramsay and Councillor Ron Polillo
Subject: City of Prince George Bid for 2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention
Attachments: N/A

The date for this motion to be considered is at the Feb 24, 2025 regular council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That council directs staff to submit a proposal to NCLGA, to host the 2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention in the City of Prince George.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

That council directs staff to collaborate on a proposal that would potentially see the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and Lheidli T'enneh Nation co-host the 2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention.

DISCUSSION:

In 2020, the City of Prince George was to host the annual NCLGA Conference; however, due to the global pandemic, the convention was put on hold for one year. In 2021, the pandemic continued and a virtual convention was held in Prince George with all conference attendees attending remotely.

Established in 1955, NCLGA is the advocacy body for local government officials in north central BC. From 100 Mile House to the Yukon border, and from Haida Gwaii to the Alberta border, the NCLGA Association membership represents over 240 elected officials in over 42 local and First Nation Governments.

Upon reviewing all NCLGA minutes available on the NCLGA website, it showed that it has now been more than six years since the City hosted an in-person NCLGA AGM & Convention.

2018 – Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
2019 – Williams Lake
2020 – Virtual

2021 – Virtual in Prince George

2022 – Fort St. John

2023 – Dawson Creek

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2024 – Smithers

As a gathering place for many across north central BC, hosting a future NCLGA AGM & Convention would bring in roughly 250-300+ elected officials from across north central BC. Additionally, the opportunity exists to invite many MLAs, Cabinet Ministers/the Premier to meet with the NCLGA membership and address issues that impact our collective body.

Given that the last several NCLGA AGMs have seen community partners collaborate on hosting, it is recommended that the City work with the RDFFG and the Lheidli T'enneh Nation to co-host this event.

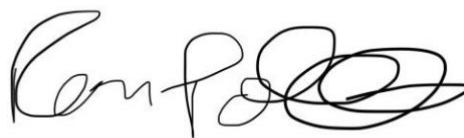
Based on past experience on the NCLGA Board of Directors, a letter expressing interest in hosting should suffice as the application with potential dates provided. The event should take place in the second or third week of May with Monday being set aside for study tours, and Tuesday – Thursday set aside for AGM and Convention business. It should be also noted that the NCLGA Organizing Committee Terms of Reference would likely ask for representation from council to represent the host community on the organizing committee; some staff support would likely be required.

Should no dates in May 2026 be available at the Prince George Conference & Civic Centre, administration should prepare a proposal to host in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Cori Ramsay



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