



Mayor Report to Council

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Date: October 17, 2025
To: Council.
Name and title: Mayor Simon Yu
Subject: Updates to the MOU on Regional Advocacy
Attachment(s):

1. Originally signed MOU on Regional Advocacy
2. Draft changes to the MOU on Regional Advocacy

Recommendation(s):

That Council APPROVES:

- (a) the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Advocacy; and
- (b) the Mayor signing the updated MOU on behalf of Council as detailed in the report dated October 17, 2025, from Mayor Yu, titled, "Updates to the MOU on Regional Advocacy".

Purpose:

This report supports Council conversation on proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Advocacy (the MOU) and requests approval for the Mayor to sign the updated MOU on behalf of Council.

Background:

On September 4, 2024, MPs Bob Zimmer and Todd Doherty, MLAs Shirley Bond and Mike Morris, Chief Dolleen Logan of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Chair Lara Becket and Prince George Mayor Simon Yu signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Advocacy. The MOU recognizes the complex challenges that face our region and commits signatories to working together to address these issues. The MOU is intended to be a living document wherein new signatories may be added as required and the priorities are to be reviewed on an annual basis.

The priorities outlined in the original MOU are as follows:

1. Expanding addiction treatment options, with a focus on establishing a regional treatment centre;
2. Enhancing regional healthcare services, particularly in staffing;
3. Ensuring timely public safety responses that address both immediate needs and root causes; and
4. Promoting economic development opportunities, including tools to address local infrastructure.

Since the September 2024 signing of the MOU, elections have taken place for Lheidli T'enneh's Chief and Council as well as at the provincial and federal levels.

On October 14, 2025, signatories, including recently elected MLAs, were invited to participate in the annual

review of the document. Following discussion, updates were proposed, including:

- Capturing illicit drugs and organized crime as issues in the preamble;
- Including the need to work collaboratively with law enforcement agencies under priority 3; and
- Altering the “levels of jurisdiction/government” terminology to “elected officials”.

Both the originally signed and updated versions of the MOU are attached for Council’s review.

Summary and conclusion:

This report supports Council conversation on proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Advocacy (the MOU) and requests approval for the Mayor to sign the updated MOU on behalf of Council.

Respectfully submitted:

Mayor Simon Yu

Meeting date: 2025/11/03