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Subject: Consider co-sponsoring on similar NCLGA resolution addressing closure allowance

Hello Walter and Ethan,

I'm reaching out regarding a resolution your community submitted to the NCLGA, titled: Review and Repeal of the Closure Allowance for Major Industrial and Electrical Properties. I work with NCLGA to prepare Committee Comments and Recommendations for the resolutions they receive.

Your community's resolution on closure allowance is very similar to another resolution received by NCLGA from Fraser Lake and Bulkley-Nechako RD, titled: Amending the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation.

There is no real benefit in having the NCLGA members to consider two resolutions making virtually the same request regarding closure allowance. As such, I would like to know if Prince George would be open to co-sponsoring the resolution from Fraser Lake and Bulkley-Nechako RD, rather than putting your own forward? The wording of both resolutions is noted below:

[Amending the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation - Fraser Lake and Bulkely-Nechako RD](#)

Whereas Section 9 of the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation (the Regulation) significantly reduces municipal property tax revenues at a time when communities are already experiencing substantial job losses, and further impedes the ability of municipalities to build reserves for the reclamation of abandoned industrial sites that lack regulatory requirements for dedicated reclamation funds;

And whereas the Regulation can create incentives for industrial proponents to shut down operations earlier resulting in premature job losses and reduced government revenues; the Regulation limits opportunities for new investors to acquire and redevelop industrial sites; the Regulation provides exclusive subsidies to the natural resource sector that hinder economic diversification; and the Regulation shifts financial risk from investors to municipalities while subsidizing failing or failed enterprises:

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM urge the provincial government, through the Ministry of Finance, to repeal and replace Section 9 of the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation with provisions that support a clear and intentional strategy to provide more stable local economies, government revenues, revenues for reclamation of abandoned industrial sites, diversified economies, and sustainable economic growth.

Review and Repeal of the Closure Allowance for Major Industrial and Electrical Properties - Prince George

Whereas the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation closure allowances create an imbalance within the property assessment system by providing significant relief to large industrial property owners after closure, while transferring financial responsibility to local businesses and residents who had no role in the closure decision and lack the capacity to absorb additional costs;

And whereas this imbalance undermines fairness and limits a community's ability to stabilize and recover economically:

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA lobby the Province to have the Assessment Act amended, and associated regulations, to eliminate or substantially revise the closure allowance framework so that property assessment practices do not shift the fiscal impacts of major industrial closures onto small and medium-sized businesses, residents, and local

governments, and instead support municipal fiscal stability and community economic recovery.

Please let me know if you are agreeable to co-sponsoring?

Thank you,

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