

Date: April 28, 2026

To: Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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

Subject: 2026 Economic Development Submissions to Federal Budget

Attachment(s): 1. Prince George Budget Submission Draft

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 28, 2026, from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “2026 Economic Development Submissions to Federal Budget”.

Purpose:

This report supports committee conversation on Economic Development topics for the 2026 Federal Budget submissions. The deadline for submission is May 22, 2026.

Background:

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (FINA) invites Canadians to submit recommendations for the 2026 federal budget, with a focus on priorities like economic growth, affordability and fiscal responsibility.

The Economic Development Division has proposed four recommendations that the City of Prince George can leverage to grow our partnership with the federal government to advance shared priorities and strengthen Canada’s economic sovereignty and security.

The four recommendations are:

- **Investing in Sovereign Skies:**
 - o That the Government of Canada work with Prince George and local industry partners to prioritize investment, incentives, and regulatory support to scale Sustainable Aviation Fuel production in the region.

- **Supporting Arctic Defence through Strategic Housing**
 - o That the Government of Canada include Prince George in future phases of military housing expansion under the National Defence and Canadian Forces Housing Agency initiative, recognizing its proximity to the Arctic, housing capacity, and strategic role in supporting Canada’s northern defence objectives.

- **Unlocking Energy Trade and Transmission Infrastructure**
 - o That the Government of Canada invest in energy and trade corridor infrastructure in Northern British Columbia, including pipelines and related systems, while leveraging Prince George's role as a strategic inland hub and convener.

- **Strengthening Trade Corridors through Reliable Rail Capacity**
 - o That the Government of Canada work with industry and regional partners to support the introduction of rail duplication along key segments of the trade corridor between Prince George and the Port of Prince Rupert.

The full recommendations are attached for reference.

Strategic Priorities:

Active participation with the Federal government may have a link to each of the Council strategic priorities depending on topic.

Summary and conclusion:

This report provides content to assist in supporting submissions for the 2026 Federal budget.

Respectfully submitted:

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