

DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair
Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

SUBJECT: Update to Proposed 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions

ATTACHMENTS: Schedule "A" - City of Prince George Resolutions regarding:

1. Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems through Alternative Coordinated Initiatives; and
2. Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offences.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. ENDORSES, for submission to the 2021 UBCM convention, the resolution titled "Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems through Alternative Coordinated Initiatives" set out in Schedule "A" to the report dated May 20, 2021 titled "Updated Proposed 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions";
2. ENDORSES, for submission to the 2021 UBCM convention, amendments to the resolution titled "Improved Efficiencies in Policing and the Prosecution of Criminal Offences" set out in Schedule "A" to the report dated May 20, 2021 titled "Updated Proposed 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions"; and
3. DIRECTS Administration to distribute the endorsed resolutions set out in Schedule "A" to the report dated May 20, 2021 titled "Updated Proposed 2021 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Resolutions" to all BC local governments and the North Central Local Government Association.

PURPOSE:

For Council consideration and decision.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

At the May 10, 2021 regular Council meeting, Council reviewed four (4) proposed resolutions for submission to the 2021 Union of BC Municipalities (UCBM) Convention. At that meeting, Council endorsed three (3) resolutions titled "Increased Capacity at the National Forensic Lab Services", "Improved Efficiencies in Policing and Prosecution of Criminal Offences", and "Comprehensive Training Model for RCMP Members." Further, Council referred the resolution titled "Capacity in Federal and

Provincial Court Systems” back to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions to consider including references to preventative and rehabilitative systems that address root causes of crime such as mental illness and addictions. Changes were made to highlight the issue of ongoing interactions with the criminal justice system by repeat offenders.

At the May 19, 2021 meeting of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions, the committee considered Council’s referral and approved the resolution titled “Increasing Capacity in Provincial Court Systems through Alternative Coordinated Initiatives” attached as Schedule “A” to be recommended to Council for their endorsement and submission for debate at the 2021 UBCM Convention in September.

In addition the resolution regarding “Improved Efficiencies in the Prosecution of Criminal Offences” was returned from UBCM subsequent to Council’s approval on May 10th with further suggested amendments to the resolution title and to the enactment clause to add clarity.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

This report provides an update on two resolutions proposed to be advanced to the UBCM 2021 Convention for consideration. One resolution is newly proposed by the Intergovernmental Resolutions Committee in response to Council’s referral at the May 10, 2021 council meeting and the second proposed resolution contains further amendments suggested by UBCM staff.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair
Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

Meeting Date: 2021/05/31