



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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ADDITIONAL – Director’s Report

REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Directors File No.: NCM 1.0

FROM: Lara Beckett, Director, Electoral Area C

DATE: February 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolutions for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association

SUMMARY: Purpose: To consider Draft Resolutions for Submission

Attachments:

- Proposed Resolution and Background – Local Watershed Governance Organizations
- Proposed Resolution and Background – Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems

Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated February 19, 2025 regarding “Proposed Resolutions for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association” be received for information.
2. THAT the Board approves the resolution titled “Local Watershed Governance Organizations”, as attached to the report dated February 19, 2025 to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting and subsequently the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.
3. THAT the Board approves the resolution titled “Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems”, as attached to the report dated February 19, 2025 to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting and subsequently the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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ISSUE(S):

Serving as the Regional District’s representative on the Nechako Watershed Roundtable, the proposed resolution topics have been identified as key areas for advocacy.

The Board is being asked to consider submission of the draft resolutions to the North Central Local Government Association 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting from May 12 – 15, 2025 in Prince Rupert. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the Association is March 14, 2025.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

N/A

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - the resolutions will be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) within the required timeframe for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting

Other Options:

1. Do not approve the draft resolutions in their current form and provide suggested amendments.
2. Do not approve the submission of the draft resolutions to the NCLGA
3. Postpone consideration and/or request further information.
 - Resolutions received after the submission deadline (March 14, 2025) may not be printed in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and may only be admitted for debate by special motion during the AGM & Convention.

COMMENTS:

Local watershed organizations are doing important work, but they often face funding challenges. As climate change brings more issues like changing rainfall, droughts, and floods, the need for stronger and more consistent funding for watershed health is becoming critical. Many watershed organizations and ad-hoc initiatives in BC are sustained by philanthropy and government granting programs, making them financially vulnerable and challenged in their ability to effectively contribute to watershed security. To achieve watershed security, it is essential that watershed entities have a sustainable funding model, complete with stable core funding.

Biodiverse climate resilient ecosystems are crucial for dealing with climate change. They offer natural protection against climate effects and support sustainable growth. Ecosystems that are diverse and resilient to climate change are important for the health of the environment and human progress. The establishment of planning tables across the Province will support the creation of a shared vision and roadmap for halting and reversing biodiversity loss and lead to positive impacts on our collective well-being, economic prosperity, and quality of life now and into the future.

Resolutions submitted to the North Central Local Government Association are forwarded to the Union of BC Municipalities if endorsed by the NCLGA membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Beckett, Director
Electoral Area C