



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: NCM 1.0

FROM: Maureen Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services

DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Invitation for a Joint Proposal to Co-host the 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Annual General Meeting and Convention in Prince George

SUMMARY: Purpose: For information and consideration

Attachments: Letter dated March 17, 2025 from Mayor Simon Yu, City of Prince George

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated March 18, 2025 regarding "Invitation for a Joint Proposal to Co-host the 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Annual General Meeting and Convention in Prince George" be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

ISSUE(S):

At the Regional Board meeting held on January 23, 2025, Director Ramsay informed that Prince George City Council would be considering a notice of motion at an upcoming meeting seeking support for the City to host the 2026 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention. The Board directed Administration to return a report detailing potential options for co-hosting and sponsorship of the 2026 NCLGA Convention in collaboration with the City of Prince George and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (LTFN).

Since that time, at the February 24 regular meeting, City Council resolved to submit a proposal to NCLGA, to host the 2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention in the City of Prince George and further directed that staff collaborate on a proposal that would potentially see the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and Lheidli T'enneh Nation co-host the 2026 NCLGA AGM & Convention. LTFN Chief and Council at their meeting on March 14 supported co-hosting this event with the City of Prince George and Regional District.

The attached correspondence was received from the City of Prince George with a formal invitation to co-host the event, should their bid be successful. The Board is asked for consideration the invitation and if appropriate, provide any direction to staff regarding potential sponsorship.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

Local Government Act - Section 263(1)(c):

- allows the board to provide assistance for the purpose of benefiting the community or any aspect of the community.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

Hosting the NCLGA AGM and Convention brings considerable economic advantages and allows the community to present itself to elected representatives from throughout north central British Columbia. The community serving as the host contributes to sharing the event's agenda, which encompasses sessions, speakers, and official tours.

NCLGA serves as the representative body for local governments in the northern region of the province. The Association is dedicated to fostering collaboration, advocating for its members' interests, and assisting municipal and regional governments in tackling the unique challenges faced in the northern part of the province. It offers valuable resources, networking opportunities, and a forum for local governments to exchange ideas and solutions. Additionally, it engages in advocacy on a range of policy matters at both provincial and federal levels to address regional issues, including infrastructure, resource management, economic development, and community welfare.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Previous contributions to the NCLGA include a \$10,000 contribution and staff support for developing the event program for the 2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium that was co-hosted by the City of Prince George, LTFN and the Regional District.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The Board may also wish to consider in its decision making other upcoming or regularly sponsored events, including potential for support for the City of Prince George 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games, the City's bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games, subject to a successful award, 2025 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium, and other local events such as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, National Indigenous Peoples Day, etc.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendation.
 - Report will be received for information.

Other Options:

- a. Consider the invitation from the City of Prince George to co-host the 2026 NCLGA Convention and AGM subject to a successful award and provide direction to staff regarding potential sponsorship through either a financial and/or in-kind contribution if the Board deems appropriate at this point in time.

COMMENTS:

NCLGA is the advocacy body for local government officials in north central BC. From 100 Mile House to the Yukon border, and from Haida Gwaii to the Alberta border, the NCLGA Association membership represents over 240 elected officials in over 42 local and First Nation Governments.

The 2025 NCLGA AGM and Convention is scheduled to take place in Prince Rupert from May 12 to 15, 2025. This event is being co-hosted by the NCLGA, the City of Prince Rupert, the District of Port Edward, and the North Coast Regional District.

A formal invitation has been received from Mayor Simon Yu on behalf of Prince George City Council regarding an invitation for a joint proposal to co-host the 2026 NCLGA Convention and AGM in Prince George and is attached to this report for the Board's consideration.

Options for sponsorship as a co-host include financial support, in-kind services in lieu of a cash contribution, or a combination of both. In-kind support could be staff assistance to provide professional services for the event or program, use of facilities for tours, or the supply of promotional materials.

Co-hosting would also present opportunities for direct advocacy to provincial and federal government representatives who attend the event. It would also strengthen and build on the partnerships with the City and LTFN in supporting our local economy.

Respectfully submitted,

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