



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

File No.: BOA 1.8

FROM: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 7, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 BC Natural Resources Forum – Minister Meeting Requests

SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

Attachments: None

Previous Reports: None

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated November 7, 2025, regarding “2026 BC Natural Resources Forum – Minister Meeting Requests” be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

### ISSUE(S):

The 23rd Annual Forum, themed “Momentum for Continued Growth: Building B.C.’s Resource Future,” will take place January 20–22, 2026, in Prince George. This theme is intended to underscore a significant period for western Canada’s resource sector, characterized by renewed optimism, accelerated project and infrastructure initiatives, and a strong emphasis on fostering meaningful partnerships with Indigenous communities.

The Board is being asked to identify if there are any Ministers and/or Ministries they would like to meet with during the BC Natural Resources Forum, should an opportunity arise, as well as the specific topics they wish to discuss.

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

N/A

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships

Organizational Strength and Adaptability

Quality Community Services

Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

Awareness and Engagement

Statutory or Routine Business

### SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The BC Natural Resources Forum is an annual event in British Columbia that brings together government, Indigenous leaders, industry, investors, and environmental groups to discuss the future of natural resource development in the province. The forum focuses on fostering collaboration and dialogue around sustainable resource development, economic growth, and environmental stewardship across sectors such as forestry, mining, energy, and Indigenous resource management.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

N/A

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

The BC Natural Resources Forum does not have a designated process to request meetings with Ministry officials; however, other Regional Districts have been successful in obtaining meetings with certain Ministries in past years.

Ministers scheduled to attend at least a portion of the conference include:

- Honourable Jagrup Brar, Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals
- Honourable Tamara Davidson, Minister of Environment and Parks
- Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
- Honourable Spencer Chandra Herbert, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth
- Honourable Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
- Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests

Other Ministries and crown corporations may be in attendance.

Should there be interest from the Board members, Administration will reach out to request a meeting during the conference dates.

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendation
  - The report will be received for information.

Additional Options

1. Provide guidance on meeting requests for specific Ministries attending the BC Natural Resources Forum
  - a. Administration will request meetings during the course of the conference.

**COMMENTS:**

If the Board has topics of interest for discussion with Ministries planned to be in attendance for the BC Natural Resources Forum, providing direction to Administration to request an opportunity to meet would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

***“Chris Calder”***

Chris Calder  
Chief Administrative Officer

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