

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**RE: Request for Support – Resolutions to Strengthen Rural Health Care**

Dear NCLGA Member Municipalities,

The District of 100 Mile House is bringing forward resolutions to the upcoming NCLGA convention focused on improving access to health care across rural and remote communities in our region.

Communities throughout the South Cariboo and the broader NCLGA area continue to face significant healthcare professional shortages. Current restrictions on Nurse Practitioner service hours are limiting access to primary care and increasing pressure on local emergency departments. Greater flexibility and sustained support for expanded Nurse Practitioner services would provide a practical, community-driven solution to help address these gaps.

In addition, long-term stability in rural health care depends on investing in education and training. Expanding healthcare training seats, reducing barriers to rural practice, and creating incentives for professionals to live and work in rural communities will help build resilient, self-sustaining regions. Working collaboratively through Union of British Columbia Municipalities, we can advocate to the Province for meaningful and sustained support.

We respectfully ask for your support and advocacy for these resolutions to strengthen rural health care now and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mayor Maureen Pinkney  
District of 100 Mile House

**North Central Local Government Association – 2026 Resolution Submission**

**Resolution #1 : Expansion of Nurse Practitioner Services to Address Rural Health Care Gaps**

**WHEREAS** there is a significant and ongoing shortage of health care professionals in the South Cariboo and across communities within the Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) region;

**AND WHEREAS** access to reliable and timely health care services is essential to the effective treatment, recovery, and overall well-being of residents in small rural, and remote communities throughout British Columbia;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the NCLGA, in collaboration with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), advocate to the Provincial Government for increased and sustained support for the expansion of the Nurse Practitioner Services as a means to address health care service gaps and better meet the needs of rural British Columbians.

**Resolution #2 : Expansion of Support for Medical Professional Services**

**WHEREAS** there is significant and on-going shortages of healthcare professionals in the South Cariboo and across communities in Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)

**AND WHEREAS** Efforts have been made in some healthcare professions, many other healthcare professions need attention for the overall wellbeing of residents in small, rural, and remote location;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NCLGA, in collaboration with the Union of British Columbia (UBCM), advocate to the Provincial Government for increased educational training seats in any appropriate college/university;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the NCLGA, in collaboration with the Union of British Columbia (UBCM), advocate to the Provincial Government look to reduce any barriers in accessing those training seats and create incentives to encourage healthcare professionals to practice in rural areas.

