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Local Governments Set Priorities for Coming Year

PRINCE GEORGE, BC— Representatives from 41 local governments met last week to decide priorities for the northern 70% of our province. The North Central Local Government Association's (NCLGA) 59th Annual General Meeting was held May 7-9 in Fort St. John, BC. The AGM saw 35 resolutions passed unanimously, with special emphasis placed on telecommunications and transportation issues currently affecting north and central British Columbia.

The most significant aspect of the NCLGA's annual event is the debate over resolutions, said Kim Eglinski, Regional Councilor for the Northern Rockies Regional District, and Chair of the NCLGA's Resolutions Committee. "When a resolution passes at our AGM, it gives our association its marching orders for the coming year. Getting all municipalities on board with new resolutions is essential to the NCLGA's mandate."

Resolutions are formulated by individual local governments, and debated at the Annual General Meeting. If passed, they become the guiding voice for the association's efforts in the upcoming year. Many municipalities are in disagreement on recent issues, namely the resource development projects happening in the northern reaches of our province. The NCLGA works to unite these municipalities, forming a solid and unified position that is supported by all constituents in the region.

Our allied position is exemplified by the Board of Directors, newly elected at each AGM. Covering a large geographical area, elected members hail from Port Edward to Hazelton to McBride. As in past years, our current board is made up of some of the strongest leaders in BC. New President Brian Frenkel is anticipating a solid year to come. "We have a talented incoming Board of Directors, and I'm expecting great results from our new board's breadth of expertise. Moving forward, I have no doubt that our board will be able to accomplish all it has been tasked with for this year."

The NCLGA's next AGM will be held in Prince George from May 6-8, 2015.

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