

# MINUTES OF 2020 NCLGA AGM

Online and Virtual AGM, June 15 – July 3, 2020

## **Business Session Number One**

### **1. Call to Order**

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) was called to order at 1:30 pm on June 15, 2020 when members were notified by email that the AGM materials were available to review on NCLGA's website. These documents included:

- 2020 AGM agenda
- 2019 AGM Minutes
- 2020 Annual Report
  - 2019/2020 NCLGA Board
  - President's Report and Strategic Plan
  - Advocacy Report
  - Finance Report
  - 2019/2020 Financial Statements
  - 2020/2021 Budget
  - Nominations Report and Nominees for Executive and Director at Large Positions
  - 2020/2021 Appointed Regional Representatives
  - 2020/2021 Resolutions
  - NCLGA Members
- Online & Virtual AGM Process and Procedures
- Off the Floor Nomination and Consent Forms

Members had the opportunity to forward recommended revisions for the 2019 AGM minutes and 2020/2021 budget, as well as submit off the floor nominations for Executive and Director at Large positions to NCLGA by 11:59 pm on June 18.

### **First Business Session Adjourned at 11:59 pm June 18, 2020**

### **Second Business Session Opened at 9:00 a.m. June 23, 2020**

Slate 1 online voting opened. Members voted on administrative business and Executive positions for the NCLGA Board using the Simply Voting online voting platform after reviewing the annual report and 2019 AGM minutes.

### **2. Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, which was held from May 7-10, 2019, be adopted. **CARRIED**

**3. President's Report**

President Beckett's report be received as presented in the annual report.

**CARRIED**

**4. Advocacy Report**

NCLGA's advocacy report be received as presented in the annual report.

**CARRIED**

**5. Financial Statements**

First Vice-President Storey's finance report and the financial statements as of March 31, 2020 be adopted as presented in the annual report.

**CARRIED**

**6. Budget**

The 2020/2021 budget be approved as presented in the annual report.

**CARRIED**

**7. Appointment of Auditor/Accountant**

KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed as the North Central Local Government Association's Accountants for 2020/2021.

**CARRIED**

**8. Resolutions**

The resolutions be received as presented in the annual report and NCLGA's website.

**CARRIED**

**9. Nominations for NCLGA President**

Sarrah Storey, from the Village of Fraser Lake, was nominated for the position of President. No nominations from the floor were received by 11:59 pm on June 18.

Sarrah Storey, from the Village of Fraser Lake, was declared President by acclamation.

**10. Nominations for First Vice-President**

Cori Ramsay, from the City of Prince George, was nominated for the position of First Vice-President. No nominations from the floor were received by 11:59 pm on June 18.

Cori Ramsay, from the City of Prince George, was declared First Vice-President by acclamation.

**11. Nominations for Second Vice-President**

Steve Forseth, from the Cariboo Regional District, was nominated for the position of Second Vice-President. No nominations from the floor were received by 11:59 pm on June 18.

Steve Forseth, from the Cariboo Regional District, was declared Second Vice-President by acclamation.

## **Second Business Session Closed at 11:59 pm June 25, 2020**

## **Third Business Session Opened at 9:00 am June 29, 2020**

Slate 2 online voting opened. Members voted on Director at Large positions on the NCLGA Board using the Simply Voting online voting platform.

### **12. Nominations for Director at Large**

Lynne Christiansen, from the City of Terrace, and Judy Greenaway, from the District of Fort St. James, have been nominated for Director at Large positions.

Gary Foster, from Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, submitted an off the floor nomination for the position of Director at Large by 11:59 pm on June 18.

Lynne Christiansen, Judy Greenaway and Gary Foster were declared Directors at Large by acclamation.

## **Third Business Session Closed at 11:59 pm June 30, 2020**

## **Final Business Session Commenced at 12:00 pm July 3, 2020**

President Lara Beckett welcomed members to the 2020 AGM closing ceremonies webinar, thanked the 2019/2020 board for their time, and acknowledged that NCLGA's offices are situated on the traditional territory of the Lhedli T'enneh First Nation.

Lara then summarized the voting results of the AGM, which are noted in detail under the second and third business sessions of these meeting minutes.

Afterwards, President Beckett provided her closing remarks as 2019/2020 NCLGA President.

### **2019/2020 President Remarks:**

Lara shared her perspectives on the challenges and opportunities for local governments in North Central BC, and NCLGA's role in helping to address the challenges.

Climate change is a key issue affecting our environment and economy, and thus also our social services. COVID-19 has exposed vulnerabilities in the functioning of our society, but it provides an opportunity to reset our direction.

During the past year, the NCLGA Board has worked to ensure that all voices across the NCLGA region were heard on issues. Board decisions and advocacy work (e.g. follow up on member resolutions, letters, meetings, and presentations) have been effective in forwarding our message to senior governments and public agencies. NCLGA is being recognized as a voice to be listened to.

To make further gains for our communities, the issues that we raise need to come with solutions supported by research. This can be done by member local governments working together on common problems.

### **2020 Community Leadership Awards:**

Lara then introduced the three Community Leadership Award winners and invited representatives from each community to provide a short summary of their winning initiatives.

Mayor Lyn Hall from the City of Prince George reviewed two projects, which led to the city winning the award for the Social Responsibility category. The city has established Homeless Service Hubs for the homeless population. Two shelters have already received 3300 client visits between early fall 2019 to the end of May 2020.

Meanwhile, indigenous awareness online training is helping to build relationships with indigenous communities. The training has focused on two types of relationship building: staff to staff and triparty government relationships. To date, more than 600 city staff have participated in the training and learned how to foster strong relationships with First Nation bands and councils. With triparty government relationship building, the city, regional district and First Nation communities are learning from each other and creating trust.

Mayor Joan Atkinson from the District of Mackenzie then discussed the municipality's updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Environmental Sustainability award category. In 2017, the district undertook a major planning initiative to update the 2005 plan. The new plan was adopted in July 2018. It features 37 recommendations, including establishing a stakeholder committee. The plan focuses on identifying and implementing wildfire mitigation opportunities at the landscape level. The district has partnered with McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest to implement the plan. A Wildfire Protection Coordinator was also recently hired. Meanwhile, the local fire department also plays a lead role.

Due to technical challenges, Councillor Wilbur from the City of Dawson Creek was unable to provide a summary of the city's Events and Tourism Strategy for the Economic Development award category. Lara Beckett encouraged members to connect with her directly for more info.

Following the awards celebration, Lara Beckett once again thanked the 2019/2020 Board for their service and introduced the 2020/2021 Board, including NCLGA's new President, Sarrah Storey.

### **2020/2021 President Remarks:**

Sarrah thanked Lara for her hard work and dedication as President over the past year. Then she discussed the key strategic priorities for the upcoming year within the framework of NCLGA's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

Communication with members, relationship building and advocacy will be NCLGA's focus for 2020/2021. Delivering webinars and the Solid Waste Forum for members; enhancing relationships with other area associations, FCM and UBCM; developing resolution letters for provincial ministers; supporting members with Ministers meetings at the 2020 UBCM Convention; and delivering a webinar session around the UBCM Convention are examples of how NCLGA will serve its members over the coming year.

Sarrah's goal as President will be to work with the Board and membership to enhance alignment and advocate for solutions based on the issues and opportunities identified in the 2020 NCLGA Resolutions. Sarrah reminded members to invite NCLGA to the table at each and every opportunity. We need to continue working together on solutions to have a voice that is impactful.

### **Final Business Session Adjourned at 12:50 pm July 3, 2020**