
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BUSINESS SECTION A, held May 4, 2022

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OPENING CEREMONIES

North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) President Cori Ramsay provided opening remarks, thanked local and Provincial Government representatives for attending, and offered housekeeping announcements.

Mallory Smith performed a rendition of “Oh Canada” and a recorded message provided by British Columbia Premier John Horgan was played, during which Premier Horgan thanked Local Government leaders for their work over the past year and during the pandemic and wished everyone good luck in the upcoming election.

Elder May Apsassin welcomed delegates to the traditional territory of the Dane-Zaa. The Doig River Drummers performed traditional Dane-Zaa songs.

Fort St. John Mayor Ackerman thanked Elder May Apsassin and the Dane-Zaa drummers, provided opening remarks, and welcomed delegates to the NCLGA Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Convention.

2. CALL TO ORDER

President Cori Ramsay called to order the 2022 NCLGA AGM at 9:01 am on May 4, 2022.

3. MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED (Steve Forseth/Sarrah Storey) THAT the minutes of the North Central Local Government Association 2021 Annual General Meeting, held virtually from May 5-6, 2021, be APPROVED as presented. **CARRIED**

4. NCLGA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

NCLGA President Cori Ramsay provided the President’s Report to delegates. NCLGA staff and Board were recognized and thanked for their service.

MOVED/SECONDED (Judy Greenaway/Sheila Boehm) THAT the North Central Local Government Association President’s Report be RECEIVED as presented. **CARRIED**

5. UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM) PRESIDENT UPDATE

A pre-recorded onscreen update from UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg was provided to delegates. **CARRIED**

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

First Vice-President and Chair of the Finance Committee Steve Forseth referred to an onscreen presentation and presented the Finance Report and Financial Statements.

MOVED/SECONDED (Judy Greenaway/Sarrah Storey) THAT the North Central Local Government Association's Financial Statements, year ended March 31, 2022, be APPROVED as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUDGET

MOVED/SECONDED (Sarrah Storey/Judy Greenaway) THAT the North Central Local Government Association's 2022-2023 Budget be APPROVED as presented.

CARRIED

8. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

MOVED/SECONDED (Sarrah Storey/Sheila Boehm) THAT KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants be APPOINTED as the North Central Local Government Association Accountant for 2022/23.

CARRIED

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

MOVED/SECONDED (Judy Greenaway/Sarrah Storey) THAT the North Central Local Government Association Finance Committee Chair's Report be RECEIVED as presented.

CARRIED

10. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination Committee Chair and Past President Sarrah Storey referred to an onscreen presentation of the Nomination Report. Before announcing the nominees for each Table Officer and Regional Representative appointments, it was explained that one nomination had been received for each Table Officer position and three nominations were received for the three Director at Large positions. The Nomination Committee Chair opened up nominations from the floor for the Table Officer positions. No nominations were received. Motions were carried to elect the President and two Vice-Presidents by acclamation.

President:

MOVED/SECONDED (Sheila Boehm/Tony Zabinsky) THAT Steve Forseth, Director, Cariboo Regional District be ELECTED NCLGA President by acclamation.

CARRIED

First Vice-President:

MOVED/SECONDED (Cori Ramsay/Judy Greenaway) THAT Sheila Boehm, Councillor, City of Williams Lake be ELECTED NCLGA First Vice-President by acclamation.

CARRIED

Second Vice-President:

MOVED/SECONDED (Sheila Boehm/Gary Foster) THAT Judy Greenaway, Councillor, District of Fort St. James be ELECTED NCLGA Second Vice-President by acclamation.

CARRIED

Nominations Report:

MOVED/SECONDED (Steve Forseth/Cori Ramsay) THAT the North Central Local Government Association's Nominations Report be RECEIVED as presented.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED/RECONVENED

President Ramsay adjourned the Annual General Meeting - Business Session A at 9:45 am on May 4, 2022 and reconvened at 10:30 am on May 4, 2022.

11. UBCM RESOLUTION SESSION

UBCM Resolution Committee Chair Brian Frenkel and UBCM Executive Director Gary MacIssac referred to an onscreen report with information and highlights from the UBCM resolution session and invited questions from participants. A question and answer session ensued.

MEETING ADJOURNED

President Ramsay adjourned the Annual General Meeting - Business Session A at 11:48 am on May 4, 2022.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BUSINESS SECTION B, held May 5, 2022

President Ramsay reconvened the Annual General Meeting - Business Session B at 10:01 am on May 5, 2022.

12. DIRECTOR AT LARGE NOMINATIONS

Nomination Committee Chair and Past President Sarrah Storey explained that three nominations were received for the three Director at Large positions and announced the nominees. The Nomination Committee Chair opened up nominations from the floor. Two nominations were received. Speeches were given by all nominees, Michelle Turnbull, Gladys Atrill, Marnie Brenner and Gary Foster. Lynne Christiansen's bio was read by Chair Storey as the nominee was not in attendance.

1st Nominee from the floor:

MOVED/SECONDED (Dale Bumstead/Betty Ponto) THAT Michelle Turnbull, Councillor, Village of Taylor be NOMINATED for the position of NCLGA Director at Large. **CARRIED**

2nd Nominee from the floor:

MOVED/SECONDED (Dolores Funk/Linda McGuire) THAT Gladys Atrill, Mayor, Town of Smithers be NOMINATED for the position of NCLGA Director at Large. **CARRIED**

13. RESOLUTIONS SESSIONS – PART 1

Finance Committee Chair and First Vice-President Steve Forseth provided an overview of the resolutions debate process before commencing the debate of the 2022 resolutions.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

ER1 – Housing

NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS BC local governments are now required to do a Housing Needs Assessment every five years, and these Assessments are now showing that there is a lack of affordable housing in communities across BC;

WHEREAS the most recent UBCM Housing Report shows that development is increasing at the rate of the population growth;

WHEREAS housing remains under the provincial jurisdiction with BC Housing is responsible for the Provincial strategic housing action plan;

WHEREAS the rising cost of housing is making homeownership impossible for low income households; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA lobby the Province of BC to ask that BC Housing develop strategies including but not limited to building incentives for rural, remote and northern communities, so as to entice affordable housing in all areas of the Province.

CARRIED

ER2 – Justice Reform

NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS crime is increasing at an alarming rate at the local, provincial, and national levels, and the criminal justice system has become a ‘revolving door’;
WHEREAS rehabilitation models of justice are seen to work in other countries and the current model of our justice system focuses on policing rather than rehabilitating;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM request the Province to advocate for the dismantling and rebuilding of the Criminal Justice Act, including amendments to Crown Council, to include trauma informed education, prevention, treatment and a focus on truth and reconciliation at the local, provincial and federal levels.

CARRIED

ER3 – Transportation

NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS transportation corridors are critical pieces of infrastructure;
WHEREAS provincial spending on transportation is insufficient to maintain provincial highways and bridges across the province;
WHEREAS climate emergencies are emerging more frequently;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA lobby the province to increase the annual budgeted figure for roads and bridges.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

ER4 – BC Energy Step Code, Access to Energy Advisors in the NCLGA Operating Area

NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS access to Energy Advisors and materials is required for communities to meet Provincial policies;
WHEREAS there is limited access to Energy Advisors and the required materials, located in northern, rural and remote communities, to meet the implementation of Provincial timelines;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM continue to lobby the Province to secure additional Energy Advisors, make grants available and review implementation timelines for the northern, rural and remote communities.

CARRIED

ER5 – Provincial Tax on Used Item Sales

NCLGA Executive

WHEREAS the Provincial Sales Tax is already applied at the time of purchase to applicable new items, used items sold at thrift shops and a selection of used item sold through private sales;
WHEREAS the re-use of items, helps alleviate emission levels, landfill pressures and provide options for addressing the rising cost of living;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province to not extend the application of the Provincial Sales Tax beyond current items or practices.

CARRIED

MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

R1 – Regional ICBC Rate Inequities

**Town of Smithers / City of Williams Lake
/ City of Fort St. John**

WHEREAS the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) and the Government of British Columbia have perpetuated inequitable regional basic insurance coverage value beginning in 2001 or earlier;

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia, through Order in Council 458/2018, directed the BC Utilities Commission to approve an ICBC Basic Insurance Rate Design;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 Basic Insurance Rate Design acknowledges, but does not immediately correct, the inequity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that a new ICBC Basic Insurance Rate Design be developed immediately that conclusively corrects the regional inequity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM request that ICBC and the Government of British Columbia explore opportunities for regional redress such as elimination of windshield deductibles, winter tire subsidies and regional variation in low-use discounts.

CARRIED

R2 – Veterinarian Shortage

**Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
/ Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

WHEREAS there is a critical shortage of veterinarians, particularly for large animals, in BC;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC sponsors 20 IPA (Inter-Provincial Agreement) students (out of the 140+ who apply) per year for the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, and has committed to one year funding for an additional 20 students for 2022-23:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM request the Minister of Advanced Education and the Government of BC commit to funding a total of 40 veterinary students under the Inter-Provincial Agreement in each year for four years at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

CARRIED

R3 – Public Interest Guidelines for Charging Prolific Offenders

**City of Terrace
/ City of Campbell River**

WHEREAS prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;

AND WHEREAS the BC Prosecution Service's vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law;

AND WHEREAS the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offenses that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM ask the provincial government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes "the public interest" with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.

CARRIED

R4 – Unnecessary Repeat First Responder Call-Outs

Village of McBride

WHEREAS in the majority of rural and remote geographical sections of British Columbia, first responder resources are limited and comprised mostly of volunteers;

AND WHEREAS there are often numerous 9-1-1 calls over a period of time relating to one incident, requiring repeat response to the same incident, which leaves small communities at risk of having no responders available to attend other emergency calls, creates unnecessary costs to the Province, and exacerbates emergency personnel burnout:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM petition the Provincial Government to expand the Yellow Ribbon/All Clear initiative, province wide, and implement public education and awareness of the initiative that is already in use in some areas of the province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province supply Yellow Ribbon/All Clear tape to all emergency response agencies in the province.

CARRIED

R5 – Youth and Child Sex Trafficking in Canada

City of Dawson Creek

WHEREAS the sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth, children and the vulnerable is increasing in Canada as reported by Statistics Canada, Federal Public Safety Ministry, Canadian Centre to End Trafficking and the Trafficking in Persons Report 2020 (USA State Department);

AND WHEREAS the trafficking profile in Canada disproportionately involves women and children from Indigenous communities, migrants and new immigrants, LGBTI persons, persons with disability, youth, children and the vulnerable:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the RCMP, city police forces and local governments to work collaboratively in order to implement the recommendations found in the Federal National Action Plan under Federal Public Safety, that there be Provincial Awareness Campaigns in place to augment the work of the National Centre to End Human Trafficking, and that Inter-agency Task Forces (as exist to combat drug and gang violence) be put in place.

CARRIED

R6 – Access to Healthcare Services

District of Houston

WHEREAS the recent pandemic exposed the lack of health care resources in rural British Columbia and resulted in many individuals being forced to leave their community for further evaluation and treatment;

AND WHEREAS accessible, reliable, and effective local medical services should be available to all British Columbians especially during significant illness events that impact the majority of residents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to further support the development of improved local medical services that meet the needs of all rural British Columbians.

CARRIED

R7 – Registration of Internationally Educated Nurses**District of Kitimat**

WHEREAS registered nurses are in demand throughout British Columbia especially in the northern and rural regions of the province;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides for internationally educated nurses to obtain registration with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) and the regional health authorities are using student nurses programs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to provide greater support to streamline the registration process for internationally educated nurses to the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, set up a financial support process, and bring together all stakeholders (National Nursing Assessment Association, BC College of Nurses and Midwives, BC Nurses Union, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training) to determine how to integrate internationally educated nurses and employed student nurses to the workforce to address the nursing staffing crisis across the province.

CARRIED

R8 – Property Assessed Clean Energy (Pace)**Regional District of Fraser-Fort George**

WHEREAS Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs promote energy efficient building retrofits through loans repaid via property tax requisition, and PACE programs support the reduction of greenhouse gases, target the most inefficient buildings, and can support equity of access for those enduring energy poverty;

AND WHEREAS in 2020 the Province identified PACE as a priority and in 2021 awarded the mandate to develop a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Roadmap for British Columbia's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy;

AND WHEREAS PACE loans are repaid by homeowners through an addition to annual property tax bills and currently property tax bills are issued by the Province on behalf of regional districts:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM request that the Province prioritize the PACE initiative enabling legislation and include consideration for participation by electoral area residents of regional districts.

CARRIED

R9 – Request for Increased Funding to BC Public Libraries**Town of Smithers**

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

AND WHEREAS public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff; AND WHEREAS public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM urge the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province ensure that BC libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to provincial government funding in subsequent years.

CARRIED

R10 – Stable Funding for the Forest Enhancement Society**Cariboo Regional District**

WHEREAS the Forest Enhancement Society of BC is committed to supporting projects that reduce greenhouse gases, protect communities from wildfire, improve wildfire habitat and create jobs;
AND WHEREAS uncertainty in funding and resource availability is limiting the Society's ability to plan, support and complete long-term projects that would benefit British Columbia:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government for long-term sustainable funding for the Forest Enhancement Society of BC.

CARRIED**R11 – Cultural Awareness Training for all Local Governments****District of Kitimat**

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (No. 57, Professional Development and Training for Public Servants) states: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism";
AND WHEREAS cultural awareness training provides the foundation for learning and valuing different perspectives and backgrounds:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM and NCLGA encourage British Columbia local governments to undergo localized Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training and to advance all Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

CARRIED**R12 – Parental Leave for Elected Officials****Cariboo Regional District**

WHEREAS Section 125(7) of the *Community Charter* and Section 204(2) of the *Local Government Act* exempt elected officials from disqualification due to absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled board or council meetings, if the absence is due to illness or injury or is with the leave of the council or board, but does not provide an exemption for new parents;
AND WHEREAS it is recognized that it is important for new parents to have adequate time and energy to spend with their child:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to give its urgent attention to the matter of amending the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*, to include parental leave provisions that would grant elected officials who are new parents an exemption from being disqualified from office for absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled council or board meetings.

CARRIED

LATE RESOLUTIONS (continued under Item 17 in Agenda)

L1 – Proposed Electoral Area Boundary Changes

District of Chetwynd

WHEREAS the B.C. Electoral Boundaries Commission will be considering population growth, demographics and geography along with size, shape and boundaries of B.C.'s electoral districts and potentially change the size or number of electoral districts;

AND WHEREAS Members of Legislative Assembly are challenged to cover the huge distances in the Peace Region, sometimes in adverse weather conditions, to meet with constituents about issues unique to the Peace including rural and remote health care, restrictions on backcountry snowmobile usage, caribou habitat recovery initiatives, hydro-electric dams, hunting regulations, the impact of old growth forest policies and water licensing:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province of BC not to reduce the number of Members of Legislative Assembly in the NCLGA Boundaries.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

L2 – Provincial Government Funding Increase for BC Public Libraries

City of Prince George

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years:

AND WHEREAS public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, public computers, digital library tools, and in-person service from expert staff;

AND WHEREAS public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services that support jobseekers and small businesses, increase literacy in communities, advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and promote equity and inclusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince George Public Library Board urges the Government of British Columbia to increase funding for public libraries from \$14 million to \$22 million in the BC Provincial Budget for 2022;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Prince George Public Library Board urges the Government of British Columbia to maintain financial support at a sustainable level in subsequent years following the 2022 Budget.

CARRIED

13. MIABC UPDATE

NCLGA President Cori Ramsay introduced Councillor Gord Klassen of Fort St. John who provided an update on the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

14. MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY UPDATE

NCLGA President Cori Ramsay introduced Mayor Lyn Hall of Prince George who provided an update on the Municipal Finance Authority.

15. NDI UPDATE

NCLGA President Cori Ramsay introduced Joel McKay, CEO of the Northern Development Initiative Trust. Joel McKay provided an update on the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

16. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SESSION

NCLGA President Cori Ramsay introduced Lori Ackerman, Mayor of the City of Fort St. John, Chief Judy Desjarlais of Blueberry River First Nations, and Shona Nelson, Band Manager of Doig River First Nation. The representative facilitated a discussion regarding truth and reconciliation and calls to action. It was noted that May 5 is the National Day for the National Day of Awareness & Action for MMIWG2S, Red Dress Day. Mayor Allen Courtoreille of Chetwynd requested 30 seconds of silence in honour of the missing and murdered women, girls, and 2-spirited people.

MEETING ADJOURNED/RECONVENED

President Ramsay adjourned the Annual General Meeting - Business Session B at 12:04 pm on May 5, 2022.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BUSINESS SECTION C, held May 5, 2022

First Vice-President Steve Forseth reconvened the Annual General Meeting – Business Session C at 1:04 pm on May 5, 2022.

17. RESOLUTIONS SESSIONS – PART 2

First Vice-President Steve Forseth continued the debate of the 2022 resolutions.

L3 – Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers

City of Fort St. John

WHEREAS provisions in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;
AND WHEREAS there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

CARRIED

L4 – Electoral Boundary Commission Review

City of Dawson Creek

WHEREAS recent amendments made to the Electoral Boundary Commission Act in 2021 will allow the redrawing of electoral boundaries in British Columbia whereby large geographical areas in the province may be amalgamated due to their lower populations thereby resulting in rural areas being represented by a single Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA); and
WHEREAS a lower representation of members in the Legislative Assembly is not in the best interests of rural regions of British Columbia whose remoteness and distinctive character were once carefully enshrined within the Electoral Boundaries legislation which protected 17 rural electoral riding:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association lobby the Electoral Boundary Commission and the Provincial Government to demonstrate equality and fairness by ensuring fair representation of rural and northern communities in the Legislative Assembly where decisions are made that impact all British Columbians, including the rural regions which are resource rich sectors that strengthen the province's economy for the benefit of all British Columbians.

CARRIED

L5 – Mental Health Crisis**City of Williams Lake**

WHEREAS there is a verifiable mental health crisis in our province that is exacerbated by insufficient funding and options for mental health supports in rural communities;
AND WHEREAS this is compounded by the opioid crisis and homelessness;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government and health authorities to provide increased support and funding for mental health, including a place to properly discharge patients to access ongoing supports.

CARRIED**L6 – Rural MD Locum Funding****City of Williams Lake**

WHEREAS there is a critical lack of medical professionals in smaller rural communities for people who require medical care;
AND WHEREAS there is inadequate funding to support small to mid-sized communities to attract medical locums;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the health authorities and the provincial government to further support and evaluate funding or other assistance for placing medical locums in smaller rural communities.

CARRIED**L7 – Community Forests Escalating Stumpage****Village of Burns Lake / Village of Valemount /
District of Mackenzie / Village of McBride**

WHEREAS the tabular stumpage rate system that currently applies to community forest agreements provides the means through which community forests innovate, operate in contentious areas, invest in long-term forest stewardship and provide jobs and other benefits to their communities;
AND WHEREAS the ability of community forests to innovate and invest in community priorities including climate change adaptation, wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, old growth management, recreational infrastructure development, and community economic development relies upon the current stumpage rates;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

CARRIED AS AMENDED**L8 – Public Geoscience to Inform Decisions and ‘Build Back Better’****City of Fort St. John
District of Chetwynd**

WHEREAS BC municipalities wish to make decisions about ‘building back better’ in a smart, sustainable way that creates jobs and achieves net-zero emissions,
AND WHEREAS Geoscience BC generates independent, relevant, public earth science research and data about British Columbia’s minerals, energy and water resources:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and the UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia work with Geoscience BC and the Government of Canada to continue funding for Geoscience BC to undertake critical earth science research that helps achieve net-zero emission targets, builds partnerships, creates jobs and attracts investment by:

- Investing \$5 million annually in Geoscience BC; and
- Assisting Geoscience BC to establish a sustainable long-term funding model.

CARRIED

L9 – Stagnant Public Library Funding**Village of Burns Lake**

WHEREAS levies paid by local governments primarily finance libraries in British Columbia, provincial library funding has remained stagnant for 13 years as library expenses have continued to increase;
AND WHEREAS public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC.

WITHDRAWN

L10 – Provincial Consultation with Municipalities**District of Chetwynd**

WHEREAS Section 2 of the Community Charter states that consultation is a key principle defining the local government/provincial government relationship and acknowledges that the residents of BC are benefited when both local and provincial governments work together;

AND WHEREAS Provincial policies such as the Caribou Recovery Program, Old Growth Forest Policy Review and the Province’s decision not to appeal the Supreme Court’s decision in Yahey v. British Columbia impact communities in a variety of ways both directly and indirectly:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province of BC to engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities that will be impacted by Provincial policy.

CARRIED

L11 – Ambulance Services**District of Chetwynd**

WHEREAS the ongoing shortage of labour in Ambulance Services throughout rural BC is prevalent in most communities outside of large urban centres;

AND WHEREAS BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) ambulance service is a vital component of life safety and access to healthcare for those who live and work in small rural communities, which are often a significant distance from fully-equipped hospitals:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province of BC to provide funding for increased wages and training opportunities to assist with recruiting and retention of workers in the BCEHS.

CARRIED

L12 – Pricing Policy for Community Forests

Village of Valemount

WHEREAS the tabular stumpage rate system that currently applies to community forest agreements provides the means through which community forests innovate, operate in contentious areas, invest in long-term forest stewardship and provide jobs and other benefits to their communities;

AND WHEREAS the ability of community forests to innovate and invest in community priorities including climate change adaptation, wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, old growth management, recreational infrastructure development, and community economic development relies upon the current stumpage rates;

AND WHEREAS any change in the current tabular stumpage policy that results in an increased stumpage rates and additional administrative burden for community forest tenures will greatly reduce and undermine the capacity of community forests to provide key socio-economic benefits to the communities that they support. The tabular stumpage policy enables community forest agreement holders to implement modernized forest policies and to meet the full range of community objectives while operating viable businesses:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

AMALGAMATED INTO L7

L13 – Pricing Policy for Community Forests

District of Mackenzie

WHEREAS the ability of community forests to innovate and invest in community priorities including climate change adaptation, wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, old growth management, recreational infrastructure development, and community economic development relies upon the current stumpage rates;

AND WHEREAS any change in the current tabular stumpage policy that results in increased stumpage rates and additional administrative burden for community forest tenures will greatly reduce and undermine the capacity of community forests to provide key socio-economic benefits to the community that they support:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia maintain their tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

AMALGAMATED INTO L7

L14 – Pricing Policy for Community Forests

Village of McBride

WHEREAS the tabular stumpage rate system that currently applies to community forest agreements provides the means through which community forests innovate, operate in contentious areas, invest in long-term forest stewardship and provide jobs and other benefits to their communities; and

WHEREAS any change in the current tabular stumpage policy that results in an increased stumpage rates and additional administrative burden for community forest tenures will greatly reduce and undermine the capacity of community forests to provide key socio-economic benefits to the communities that they support. The tabular stumpage policy enables community forest agreement holders to implement modernized forest policies and to meet the full range of community objectives while operating viable businesses:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements.

AMALGAMATED INTO L7

WHEREAS the Tire Stewardship of BC website identifies Regional Transfer Stations in the north as the only location within small rural communities to which used tires can be returned for recycling and Various Regional Districts have notified the public that they will no longer accept used tires for recycling at the Regional Transfer Stations due to space constraints and collection issues; and

WHEREAS the loss of used tire collections sites within rural areas will result in the public discarding used tires on Crown Land along Forest Service Roads and within Gravel Pits; thus, defeating the Provincial Government strategy to place the responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producer and consumers, not the general taxpayer. The Provincial Government will have to cover the costs associated with clean up and disposal of the used tires discarded within crown lands. In addition, the environmental damage brings its own issues and costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to work with Tire Stewardship of BC to ensure proper collection and disposal of used tires in all British Columbia communities.

CARRIED**MEETING ADJOURNED/RECONVENED**

First Vice-President Steve Forseth adjourned the Annual General Meeting – Business Section C at 1:28 p.m. on May 5, 2022.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BUSINESS SECTION D, held May 5, 2022

First Vice-President Steve Forseth reconvened the Annual General Meeting – Business Session D at 2:36 pm on May 5, 2022.

18. RESOLUTIONS SESSIONS – PART 3

First Vice-President Steve Forseth called three times for resolutions from the floor. No resolutions were brought forward.

19. PROLIFIC OFFENDERS AND RANDOM VIOLENT ATTACKS

Mayor Lyn Hall of Prince George approached the microphone to speak on behalf of the BC Urban Mayors' Caucus, and noted that information regarding an upcoming investigation into the issue of prolific offenders has been published by the Government of British Columbia.

MEETING ADJOURNED

First Vice-President Steve Forseth adjourned the Annual General Meeting – Business Section D at 2:40 p.m. on May 5, 2022.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – CLOSING CEREMONIES, held May 5, 2022

President Cori Ramsay reconvened the Annual General Meeting at 6:05 pm on May 5, 2022.

20. 2021/2022 PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Cori Ramsay welcomed members to the closing ceremonies and provided closing remarks as the 2021/2022 NCLGA President.

21. ELECTION RESULTS FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE POSITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD

Nomination Committee Chair and Past President Sarrah Storey announced the results of the election for three Director at Large positions and introduced the NCLGA Board for the 2022/2023 term.

The 2022/2023 Board will be:

Past President: Cori Ramsay, Councillor, City of Prince George

President: Steve Forseth, Area D Director, Cariboo Regional District

First Vice President: Sheila Boehm, Councillor, City of Williams Lake

Second Vice-President: Judy Greenaway, Councillor, District of Fort St. James

Directors at Large: Gladys Atrill, Mayor, Town of Smithers; Marnie Brenner, Councillor, City of Williams Lake; Gary Foster, Mayor, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Regional Representatives: Dannielle Alan, Director, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George; Angie Delaine, Director, Cariboo Regional District; Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake Mayor, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako; Dean Paranich, Director, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine; Evan Putterill, Director, North Coast Regional District; To Be Determined, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

22. MOTION TO DESTROY THE ELECTION BALLOTS

MOVED/SECONDED (Steve Forseth/Owen Torgerson) THAT the North Central Local Government Association Director at Large election ballots be DESTROYED. **CARRIED**

23. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE 67TH ANNUAL NCLGA AGM

MOVED/SECONDED (Steve Forseth/Charlie Rensby) THAT the 67th Annual North Central Local Government Association Annual General Meeting be ADJOURNED at 6:19 pm on May 5, 2022. **CARRIED**
