



## MEDIA RELEASE – FOR RELEASE JUNE 5, 2023

The North Central Local Government Association’s (NCLGA) 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Convention was co-hosted by the communities of Chetwynd and Dawson Creek, from May 9-12, 2023 in Dawson Creek, BC. The meeting entitled, “Northern Communities Leading Together” was a success, with over two hundred registrants participating. Resolution topics were focused on health care and land use and are available on the NCLGA website. All Resolutions were passed, updates to the Constitution and Bylaws were made, and a new Board of Directors was approved.

Sheila Boehm, Councillor, City of Williams Lake, has been appointed as the new President of the NCLGA Board of Directors and will serve a one-year term. Sheila is a second-term Councillor for the City of Williams Lake and served this past year as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the NCLGA. Sheila is a self-employed chiropractor in Williams Lake for over twenty years and worked as a Registered Nurse prior to that at Cariboo Memorial Hospital.

*“I am excited to be taking on the President role with NCLGA. As a long-term resident of Northern and Rural BC, I believe this is the best place to live, work, and play and I look forward to collaborating with the Board and membership to ensure issues of our region are heard and supported.” – Sheila Boehm, NCLGA President.*

### NEW 2023/2024 NCLGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	<b>Sheila Boehm</b> , City of Williams Lake
1st Vice President	<b>Judy Greenaway</b> , Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
2nd Vice President	<b>Gladys Atrill</b> , Town of Smithers
Past President	<b>Steve Forseth</b> , Cariboo Regional District
Director at Large	<b>Jerrilyn Kirk</b> , Fraser Fort George Regional District
Director at Large	<b>Michael Moses</b> , City of Williams Lake
Director at Large	<b>Tony Zabinsky</b> , Fort St. John
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Vacant</b> , Peace River Regional District
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Dannielle Alan</b> , Fraser Fort George Regional District
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Betty Anderson</b> , Cariboo Regional District
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Sarah Storey</b> , Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Julie Maitland</b> , Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Barry Cunningham</b> , North Coast Regional District
Appointed Regional Representative	<b>Lorraine Gerwing</b> , Northern Rockies Regional District

### 2023/24 NCLGA RESOLUTIONS (<https://www.nclga.ca/resolutions/2023-resolutions>)

- Regional Hospital District Capital Cost-Sharing Ratios
- Review of Health Authorities Structure
- Withdrawal Management Services
- Stand-Alone Mental Health and Addictions Facility
- Addiction Treatment in Rural and Remote Communities
- Health Authorities Performance Review
- Rural Health Care Provider Crisis

- Ministry of Health Communication
- Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers (*submission 1*)
- Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers (*submission 2*)
- BC Housing Delays
- 2022 Emergency Support Services Program Guide
- Clean Transportation Action Plan for Rural and Northern Communities
- Public Lake Access
- Public Notification for Rural Subdivision Applications
- Registering Fees on Title
- Provincial Sales Tax Levied on Private Used Vehicles
- Provincial Sales Tax on Fossil Fuel Combustion Systems
- Jasper National Park West Gate Upgrade
- Zero Emission Vehicles
- Building Bylaw Enforcement
- Local Government Involvement in Broadband Improvement Projects
- Foreign Worker Program
- Support for Local Government Implementing *the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*
- Treatment for Mental Health and Addictions in Rural Communities
- Rural Approval for Ride-Hailing Services
- Prioritizing Municipalities in the Provincial Land Acquisition Process
- Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant Program for Rail Lines
- Locally Offered Training and Support for Public Health Officers in Northern BC
- Limiting Ability of Major Industrial to Reduce Assessed Value
- Encampment Management
- ALC Exclusion Applications.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Established in 1955, the NCLGA is the advocacy body for local government officials in North Central British Columbia. From 100 Mile House to the Yukon border, and from Haida Gwaii to Alberta, our association represents over 240 elected officials in over 39 local governments.

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