

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Christine Thompson, Councillor
DATE: March 27, 2023

Along with Councilors Eburne-Stoodley, Lafleur and Zielinski, I attended 2023 EOS-AKBLG Session called “Traditions and Tides...Leadership in an Unchartered Frontier March 8th to 10th at the Kimberley Conference Centre. These educational workshops were for newly and returning elected Mayors and Councilors. I always learn new things when I can attend conferences. Among other things, I learned that Cities representatives to Regional Districts take an oath that decisions that they make will be in the best interests of the Regional District. As a Council, we cannot direct our representative how to vote on any specific issue. However, I have no doubt that Council’s position would be taken into consideration.

I was able to lobby Regional Directors, Municipal Councilors and the President of the AKBLG asking for their support for our resolution regarding Health Authorities. As a result of those discussions, I recommended an amendment to the original resolution, and Mayor Baker brought this forward at a Special Meeting of Council held March 16th that was endorsed by Council. The resolution has been forwarded to the AKBLG for consideration at the annual conference scheduled in April. The UBCM will comment and make a recommendation for consideration by the delegates.

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