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THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

May 31, 2018

Mayor Frank Konrad
City of Grand Forks
Box 220
Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0

Dear Mayor Konrad:

Re: 2018 Resolutions

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the AKBLG Spring 2018 AGM.

The resolution(s) will be presented to the UBCM membership for their consideration at the 2018 UBCM Convention in September.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Information & Resolutions Coordinator, if you have any questions about this process.

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Sincerely,



Director Wendy Booth
President

Enclosure

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RF1
WE3- U2 - 2018 Resolutions
endorsed at AKBLG
by Council

Request for Increased Court Access

Grand Forks

Whereas the provincial government is committed to improving access to justice and the courts, and appoints and pays judges for the courts;

And whereas rural communities typically make do with a part-time circuit judge once a month, while hundreds of millions of dollars has been allocated to improving court access in urban centers:

Therefore be it resolved the provincial government mandate increased access to the courts in rural BC by providing a bi-monthly circuit court judge so that routine court matters may be dealt with in a more expedient manner.

Convention Decision:

Amend Criminal Justice Branch Charge Assessment Guidelines

Grand Forks

Whereas the criminal justice system is a foundation of Canadian society that plays an important part in maintaining a just, peaceful and safe society;

And whereas in BC, police do not have authority to lay charges as in other provinces, and unlike other provinces, the BC Crown Counsel requires a "substantial likelihood of conviction" criteria for laying charges:

Therefore be it resolved the provincial government drop the burden of proof criteria for Crown Counsel in the laying of criminal charges from a "substantial likelihood of conviction," to a "reasonable likelihood of conviction."

Convention Decision:

Request for Additional Crown Counsel Lawyers

Grand Forks

Whereas property crime rates have increased throughout the province, and the more borderline criminal cases are not going to trial because Crown Counsel resources are stretched too thin;

And whereas it is the Crown Counsel who lays charges and prosecutes in criminal matters:

Therefore be it resolved the provincial government increase the number of Crown Counsel lawyers to adequate levels to keep better pace with the growing criminal caseload.

Convention Decision: