

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Christine Thompson

DATE: February 11, 2019

SUBJECT: Report to Council

I am proposing that the following resolution be included in the Committee of the Whole Meeting for debate by Council prior to referring it to the Regular Meeting for consideration and adoption. It can then be forwarded to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) prior to their deadline for submissions (March 1) for consideration at their Annual General Meeting scheduled in April.

WHEREAS ADDICTION, particularly drug addiction, is considered a mental health issue;

AND WHEREAS smaller communities do not have many of the supports required to assist those wanting to recover from addiction;

AND WHEREAS detox followed by immediate rehabilitation is necessary in order to recover;

AND WHEREAS the wait time between detox and rehabilitation can be up to 3 months,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions be encouraged to fund more detox and rehabilitation centres throughout the Province.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Christine Thompson