

May 23, 2019

Mayor Brian Taylor City of Grand Forks Box 220 Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0



Dear Mayor Taylor:

Re: 2019 Resolutions

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the AKBLG Spring 2019 AGM.

The resolution(s) will be presented to the UBCM membership for their consideration at the 2019 UBCM Convention in September.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process.

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Very Best Wishes,

Arjun Singh UBCM President

Enclosure

Additional Rehabilitation Detox Centres

Grand Forks

Whereas substance use, 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 detox followed by immediate rehabilitation is necessary in order to recover and the wait time between the two can be up to three 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, particularly in rural and remote communities.

Disaster Financial Assistance

Grand Forks

Whereas many small business owners in rural British Columbia have many different household income sources;

And whereas small businesses form a critical part of rural communities because of the employment, taxes, and services they provide:

Therefore be it resolved the Province change the Disaster Financial Assistance program criteria relating to income requirements, eligibility, and insurance availability to better address the needs of rural British Columbia small business owners.

Insurance Practices During and After Disasters

Grand Forks

Whereas many property owners and small businesses were recently affected by floods and fires across British Columbia;

And whereas many of those property owners and small businesses were unable to get insurance coverage, were unable to access that coverage in a timely manner, or were denied insurance coverage from their insurance provider:

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Finance review insurance practices in British Columbia to identify ways to insure property owners and small businesses during and after a disaster.

BC Housing Accountability

Grand Forks

Whereas the City of Grand Forks has been devastated by a recent flood and is challenged to protect and to rebuild its downtown core as a vibrant commercial area;

And whereas the basic principle of *Community Charter* is that municipalities and the Provincial government should foster cooperative approaches to matters of mutual interest;

And whereas BC Housing failed to consult Council about the location or size of supportive housing facilities before land was purchased and designs chosen:

Therefore be it resolved that BC Housing seek local government's approval before land is purchased for supportive housing initiatives.