

**Delegation: The Honourable George Heyman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy**

**Discussion Highlights:**

- **Municipal Solid Waste Forum (NCLGA #R22, 2019) and Subsidized Recycling Options for Small Municipalities (NCLGA #R38, 2019)**: The NCLGA discussed the challenges and expense of Solid Waste and Recycling in rural and remote areas, the need to include Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) paper and packaging in the EPR system for economies of scale, as well as the planning for the NCLGA Solid Waste Forum in 2020. Minister Heyman agreed that their Ministry would assist with the NCLGA Municipal Solid Waste Forum and offered to coordinate a conference call between the NCLGA, Peace River Regional District, Ministry Staff (Laurel Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister) and the Recycling Council of British Columbia (Brock MacDonald, CEO) to explore the topics further.
- **Geothermal Power (NCLGA #LR1, 2014)**: The NCLGA supported the development of geothermal power to contribute to the goals of Clean BC, and as a way to offset firewood burning and associated air quality issues. The NCLGA raised the need for the provincial government to support the business case for geothermal power by addressing the fees associated with the exploration permitting process currently under the Oil and Gas Commission (Note: drilling permit fees are estimated to be approximately 10 times cheaper if covered by the Mining Act. Under the Ministry of Energy and Mines) and limited access to Energy Purchase Agreements.

**NCLGA Representatives:**

- NCLGA President, Lara Becket (Area Director, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George)
- NCLGA Vice-President Sarrah Storey (Mayor, Village of Fraser Lake)
- Terry Robert, NCLGA Executive Director

**Referenced Resolutions:**

NCLGA Resolution	Sponsor Community	UBCM Status
<a href="#">Municipal Solid Waste (#R22 – 2019)</a>	Bulkley Nechako Regional District	Not intended for submission to UBCM
<a href="#">Subsidized Recycling Options for Small Municipalities (#R38 – 2019)</a>	Village of McBride	Endorsed as Amended
<a href="#">Geothermal Power (#LR1 – 2014)</a>	Village of Valemount	Endorsed