

July 31, 2024

Honourable Katrine Conroy
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Dear Minister Conroy,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to seek your support for several critical resolutions adopted by our association at the 2024 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Smithers, British Columbia (BC). These resolutions are essential to enhancing the emergency management capabilities and resilience of our municipalities and regional districts:

R11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Capacity Funding: This resolution calls for the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable capacity funding to municipalities and regional districts to fulfill their emergency management duties under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*.

R14 2024 Initial Attack Fire Crew Location: This resolution urges the Province of BC to maintain the Initial Fire Attack Crew Bases in their current locations and not relocate them without significant local stakeholder consultation.

R25 2024 Host Community Reception Centre in Prince George BC: This resolution requests the Province to fund a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George.

L11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act for Regional Districts: This resolution calls on the Province of BC to develop regulations under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* in collaboration with representatives of each regional district, ensuring that emergency powers and responsibilities are designed in consideration of their unique needs and jurisdictions.

The ongoing wildfire season has highlighted the critical need for adequate and stable funding for local emergency management programs. Our members are essential in protecting communities and responding to disasters, and require sufficient resources to perform these functions effectively.

We believe that the Ministry of Finance's role is crucial in securing the necessary funding to enhance the resilience and preparedness of our communities. We are committed to working with your ministry to identify funding solutions that will provide the stability and support our local governments need.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these resolutions in more detail and explore potential funding mechanisms. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Judy Greenaway
President, North Central Local Government Association

cc: Regional District Chairs, MLAs, and MPs in NCLGA's operating area