

June 23, 2025

Mayor Joan Atkinson District of Mackenzie Bag 340 Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Dear Mayor Atkinson:

Re: 2025 NCLGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2025 NCLGA Spring Convention, either by the membership, or if referred to the NCLGA Executive for their consideration.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2025 UBCM Convention in September.

Please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process, email: jjustason@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

Councillor Trish Mandewo UBCM President

Enclosure

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Consultation on Removal of Crown Land

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Whereas effective communication and engagement between local government and the Province of BC is essential in facilitating collaborative discussion and resolutions that support local economies;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure provincial decisions regarding the removal of crown land from current and potential resource extraction activity, impacting the local economy must first include consultation from local government prior to decisions being made.

Forest Service Road Closures

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Whereas access to back country is an essential part of maintaining a healthy active community, particularly for rural and remote communities;

And whereas the decline of forest harvesting activities throughout the province has resulted in the closure of forest service roads and decommissioning of bridges, preventing access to back country areas, which stops tourism, industrial activities such as mining, fighting forest fires;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM strongly advocate to the provincial government that local government be fully consulted and actively engaged in decsion-making processes prior to any ministry action regarding the closure of forest service roads, and that collaborative solutions be developed to maintain access through reasonable and practical alternatives.

Rural Foundry Centres

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Whereas youth in rural and remote British Columbia are facing mental health and wellness challenges just like their peers in urban centers;

And whereas Foundry BC in-person Centers are largely located in urban British Columbia and not accessible for youth in rural and remote BC communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to commit to establishing in-person Foundry Centres that meet the needs of rural and remote youth in their home communities, recognizing the unique challenges of youth living in rural and remote communities.

Nuclear Energy in BC

Whereas local governments across the Province of BC have declared climate emergencies and nuclear energy is a greenhouse gas free source of electricity;

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And whereas BC Hydro has put out a call for electricity production, the first time it has done so in over a decade:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to review the *Clean Energy Act*, specifically to study the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in support of electricity production and reduction of greenhouse gas production in British Columbia.