

Report

Date June 4, 2024

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Subject Proposed Minister Meetings at 2024 UBCM Convention

PURPOSE

To receive Council's endorsement of Minister's Meetings to be requested during the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

BACKGROUND

Each year at the UBCM Convention local governments are invited to request meetings with Ministers from all Provincial Ministries. While short, these meetings are an opportunity to discuss issues, bring forward ideas or concerns and ask questions of Ministers.

DISCUSSION

Based on discussions with the Mayor and feedback from Council, eight topics have been identified for Minister's meetings:

1. Chemainus Wells
2. Costs/inequities of proposed south island E-Comm 911 funding change
3. Chemainus watershed and river
4. Quamichan Lake
5. Health of local mills
6. Homelessness; specifically the need for rehabilitation facilities, need for housing, and managing street disorder
7. Impacts of consolidated social service sites and potential for relocating the overdose prevention site
8. Biodiversity protection including synergies with provincial land protection and reconciliation objectives.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** That Council endorse the list of Union of British Columbia Municipalities Ministers meeting topics contained in the June 4, 2024 report from the Chief Administrative Officer.
 - This resolution provides direction to staff with respect to the meetings to request at the 2024 UBCM convention.
2. That Council endorse the list of Union of British Columbia Municipalities Ministers meeting topics contained in the June 4, 2024 report from the Chief Administrative Officer, with the following additions and changes: *[insert changes here]*
 - Meetings must be booked in the next few weeks, so receiving clear support from Council is

necessary today to ensure that there is time to submit the meeting requests and prepare the required background materials for the meetings.

IMPLICATIONS

Ministers have limited time at the UBCM convention, so meetings are more often booked with local governments that cannot easily attend meetings in Victoria or that are working collaboratively with their neighbours on issues. Where there are opportunities for joint meetings on issues, staff will request these joint meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the list of Union of British Columbia Municipalities Ministers meeting topics contained in the June 4, 2024 report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

Report prepared by and Approved to be forwarded to Council:



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