

July 31, 2024

Honourable David Eby
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Dear Premier Eby,

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: Calling for the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable capacity funding to municipalities and regional districts to support their emergency management responsibilities.

R14 2024 Initial Attack Fire Crew Location: Urging 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: Requesting funding for a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George for the North Central Local Government Area.

L11 2024 Emergency and Disaster Management Act for Regional Districts: Calling on the Province of BC to develop regulations under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* in collaboration with regional district representatives to ensure appropriate design of emergency powers and responsibilities.

The severe impact of the current wildfire season has underscored the urgent need for robust and reliable funding for local emergency management programs. Our members are on the front lines of disaster response, and need sufficient resources to effectively manage and mitigate the effects of emergencies.

Your leadership and support are vital in ensuring that our communities receive the funding necessary to enhance their emergency management capacities. We believe that long-term capacity funding is essential for maintaining and improving the resilience and preparedness of our local governments.

We respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss these resolutions and explore ways to secure the necessary funding to support our communities. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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