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February 26, 2021

Chair Karla Kozakevich
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin Street
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

Dear Chair Kozakevich:

Re: 2020 Resolution(s) Referred to UBCM Executive

A resolution(s) sponsored by your community was included in the 2020 Resolutions Book for consideration at the annual UBCM Convention.

Due to a lack of time at the Convention, delegates did not have an opportunity to consider your resolution(s). UBCM Policies provide that all resolutions not considered at Convention are referred automatically to the UBCM Executive for their consideration and action.

At the recent February Executive meeting, the Executive considered the resolutions referred to them from the 2020 Convention, including your resolution(s). The Executive were provided with the Resolutions Committee comments and recommendations, as outlined within the Resolutions Book, to assist them in their deliberations.

Upon review, the Executive decided to Endorse with an Amendment: NR61 Indigenous Peoples' Representation. As such, it will be conveyed to the appropriate order of government or organization.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, at 604-270-8226 Ext. 100 or jjustason@ubcm.ca

Yours truly,



Brian Frenkel
UBCM President

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2020 NR61 Indigenous Peoples' Representation

Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has enacted Bill 41-2019, the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* to align BC's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

And whereas UNDRIP includes Article 5: Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and culture institutions while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State;

And whereas the *Local Government Act* does not allow for Indigenous peoples' representation at regional district tables when the regional district is situated in non-treaty territory:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to, in consultation with BC Indigenous peoples and impacted regional districts, explore options for making regional governance more inclusive of Indigenous peoples including potentially amending the *Local Government Act* to include self-determined participation by BC Indigenous peoples as voting regional district directors.

Convention Decision: **Not Considered - Automatic Referral to Executive**

Executive Decision: **Endorsed as Amended**

Resolutions Committee Comments

Amendment:

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