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Attention: Jamee Justason

Dear Ms. Justason,

Reference: **UBCM Convention Schedule**

City Council has been reviewing its memberships in various organizations, taking into consideration the value provided by the organization versus the expense to be a member. At the July 27, 2020 Council meeting, Council had a robust discussion regarding this topic as well as the current format of the annual UBCM Convention.

The resolutions session, in which many municipalities contribute submissions for discussion, are debated at the same time as individual local government Minister meetings are scheduled. Both are important to attend which leaves local government elected officials conflicted with competing priorities since their resolution submission(s) may be discussed at the same time as they are scheduled to meet with a Minister.

Since the 2020 UBCM convention is virtual, this allowed the Ministers meetings to be scheduled from September 14 to 18 with the convention itself taking place from September 21 to 24. It is recognized that the alternate format was developed due to the pandemic although this change may bode well to incorporate as part of the regular convention schedule moving forward. This would allow local government elected officials to participate in the convention as well as attend requested Minister meetings.

It is acknowledged that UBCM is undertaking a review of its existing resolution process to streamline the number and content of submissions which may result in the number of resolutions being reduced.

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It would be appreciated if UBCM could provide an update on members' response to the resolution submission process changes and the change in Minister meeting scheduling.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (250) 787-8160 or by email at lackerman@fortstjohn.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Ackerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori Ackerman
Mayor

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