



City of Delta
COUNCIL REPORT
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

From: **Corporate Services Department**

Date: **June 16, 2025**

2025 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests

The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the following meeting requests with Cabinet Ministers during the 2025 UBCM Convention be submitted in the following order of preference:

1. Minister of Transportation and Transit
 - a. Second Exit out of Ladner – River Road Overpass (Fraser River Tunnel Replacement Project)
2. Minister of Health
 - a. Delta Hospital Emergency Department
 - b. Creation of an Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC)
3. Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
 - a. Dredging of the Lower Fraser Secondary Channels
 - b. Water Lot Leases and Float Homes
4. Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
 - a. Updates on the Provincial Housing Target Order, Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) Requirements, and Federal Infrastructure Investments
 - b. Request for Updates on Legislative Amendments for DCC Deferral and Ash Scattering
 - c. Second Exit out of Ladner – River Road Overpass (Fraser River Tunnel Replacement Project)
5. Minister of Agriculture and Food
 - a. Strengthening Agricultural Land Commission Enforcement Capabilities

▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to propose meeting requests with provincial Cabinet Ministers during the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention, which will be held in Victoria. Council is also asked to share additional meeting requests or amendments to proposed requests during consideration of this report.

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

During the upcoming 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention, the provincial government is offering local governments and regional districts the opportunity to request meetings with provincial Cabinet Ministers on topics relevant to their municipalities. These meetings, each lasting 15 minutes, require the meeting topics along with background information to be submitted in advance to the appropriate ministry.

Additionally, the provincial government allows municipal staff to request meetings with provincial ministry staff. As such, the City Manager's Office intends to schedule meetings with provincial ministerial staff in parallel with the topics discussed with Cabinet Ministers.

The deadline for staff submitting requests to Cabinet Ministers is July 2 at 6:00 pm. Meetings are subject to the Cabinet Ministers' availability and scheduling constraints. Not all meeting requests may be granted. Local Governments are asked to rank the meeting requests in order of preference. Local Governments may request up to 3 topics per meeting request.

Previously, during the 2024 UBCM convention process, the City of Delta met with the following Cabinet Ministers regarding the corresponding topics:

1. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - a. Utility and Transportation Infrastructure Investments
 - b. Second Exit out of Ladner – River Road Overpass (Fraser River Tunnel Project)
2. Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
 - a. MKB Delta Lands Water Sustainability Act Approvals
 - b. Water Lot Leases and Float Homes
 - c. Dredging of the Lower Fraser Secondary Channels
3. Minister of Agriculture and Food
 - a. Future Agricultural Water Supply
4. Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
 - a. Provincial Regulation of Fireworks
 - b. Intersection Safety Cameras

In 2024, Meetings with the Minister of Forests on archaeology permit lead times and with the Minister of Housing on investments to support the housing target order and small-scale multi-unit housing were requested but not scheduled. However, staff-to-staff level meetings did occur with staff from the Ministry of Forests and with the Ministry of Housing.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

The recommended meeting topics listed in the recommendations section were developed based on priorities previously identified for ministerial meetings held or requested earlier in 2025. If meetings have not yet occurred by the time of the UBCM Convention, the proposed topics will serve as the basis for initial discussions. If meetings have already taken place, the UBCM meetings will provide an opportunity to follow up and request updates on the status of those files. The topic of “Second Exit out of Ladner – River Road Overpass (Fraser River Tunnel Replacement Project)” is a priority item and UBCM meetings provide an additional opportunity for Delta to raise this item with appropriate Ministers, including the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Previously, Council met with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to discuss the provincial regulation of fireworks, and intersection safety cameras. These items continue to be advocated for by staff, UBCM, and in the case of the regulation of fireworks, FCM. As such, it is no longer recommended to continue to advocate for these items at the ministerial level.

Pending Council’s endorsement of the proposed 2025 meeting topics, staff will prepare detailed briefing materials, including background notes and key discussion points, along with leave-behind documents for Council’s use during the meetings with Cabinet Ministers.


Implications:

Financial Implications - The estimated cost for each Councillor and staff member attending UBCM in Victoria is approximately \$4,000. This covers the cost of travel, accommodation, the registration fee, and per diem.

Other Implications - Attending UBCM meetings is essential for Delta to effectively convey priorities and maintain strong relationships with senior levels of government.

▪ **CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council support the proposed 2025 UBCM meeting requests with Cabinet Ministers.



Mike Brotherston
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