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Member Municipalities
Rainy River District Municipal Association

Dear: Sir/Madam:

Re: RRDMA Representation on the Local Government Networking Group

At their recent general membership meeting held in Devlin, Ontario on May 18th, 2016, the members of the RRDMA considered the current status of the Local Government Networking Group. This was an initiative to establish and maintain a key working relationship among the district municipalities and First Nations to identify issues of mutual concern across our district and discuss and strategize a joint approach in dealing with them. This endeavour was first initiated a few years ago and municipalities appointed representatives to a LGNG Committee. The Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat generously undertook to arrange, schedule and record the several meetings that were held. Unfortunately the interest in the LGNG has waned over recent years and the LGNG has not achieved the expected goals. The Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat has been disbanded. It is now the position taken by the RRDMA, that the lack of participation on the LGNG demonstrates that the concept is not supported enough to warrant further involvement by the RRDMA. The membership on May 18th, 2016, resolved as follows:

“THAT the (Rainy River District Municipal Association) RRDMA participation in the Local Government Networking Group be discontinued effective immediately.”

It is the consensus that, in future, if matters of mutual concern are identified and there would be an advantage to pooling resources with the First Nations to address them, an invitation would be extended to the First Nations to join in discussing and strategizing for a joint response. In an effort to continue relations with the District First Nations, it will be the policy of RRDMA that the First Nations will be invited to have representation at all the Association's general meetings including the annual meeting. They would be offered the opportunity to participate at these meetings which they can do by requesting to be included in the agenda for the respective meeting(s).

As a result of this resolution passed at the May 18th, 2016 meeting, the RRDMA will no longer be participating in the LGNG meetings. Any future participation by members of municipal councils will be as representation of those councils and not as RRDMA representatives.

Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed by Glenn Treftlin]

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Secretary-Treasurer
cc: District First Nations; Gordon Armstrong, Councillor, Town of Rainy River