

That the following recommendation be endorsed by Nelson City Council and submitted as a Special Resolution to the Association of Kootenay & Boundary local Governments at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Creston April 9 -11, 2014.

Special Resolution to AKBLG in Response to the Provincial Government's March 27th, 2014 decision to place some communities in Agricultural land Reserve Zone 2

Whereas the Provincial Government has, without consultation with the public or with local governments in the AKBLG region, created two zones for the Agricultural Land Reserve in the Province of BC and, through the creation of the "Kootenay Panel Region", placed some or all of the AKBLG region in Zone 2, thereby discriminating between regions and potentially constraining their ability to achieve and sustain agricultural self-sufficiency and economic development; and

Whereas not all affected regions wish to see the requirements of the Agricultural Land Reserve weakened in Zone 2; and

Whereas substantial agricultural activity has historically taken place and is currently being practiced outside of Zone 1;

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG send a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities, Minister of Agriculture Pat Pimm, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Coralee Oakes, and Premier Christy Clark, with copies to all BC local governments, requesting that the provincial government undertake consultation with the public, local governments, the Union of BC Municipalities, and affected parties, on the proposed two-zone approach to the ALR; and that Bill 24 not be brought into force until such consultation is complete.