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TO: **Mayor and Council**
         Chair and Regional District Board
         Administrator

FROM: President/Chair Harry Nyce
         Chair Robert Hobson, Chair, Regional District Task Force

DATE: March 10, 2010

RE: **FINAL REPORT – REGIONAL DISTRICT TASK FORCE**

Attached is the Final Report from the Regional District Task Force (RDTF) entitled "Enhancing the Tools for Problem Solving in Regions".

The Task Force is a collaborative process between UBCM and the Ministry of Community and Rural Development. A Joint Statement of Understanding was signed at the 2008 UBCM Convention to formalize the process. The Task Force was adamant that the Province be a full participant in the review process as ultimately the support of the province is needed for any proposed changes to be implemented.

The Task Force investigated three key issues:
   • Electoral Area Governance;
   • Crown – Regional District interface; and
   • Fringe planning and servicing issues.

In the report, the Task Force worked hard to seek practical solutions to difficult problems facing regional districts. It identified and reviewed a range of issues facing Regional Districts and developed a number of tools/approaches that could be used to address some of these issues – if implemented. We know that new approaches and tools are only as good as their implementation, and for implementation to be successful it has to adapt to the diversity of BC's regions.

The challenges facing each Regional District are diverse. Regional District issues and challenges are interconnected and are part of a broader system. In some cases province-wide solutions may be effective in other cases a range or menu of approaches and tools may be more effective. The report in its recommendations attempts to reflect the complex nature of the challenges and possible solutions.

The Final Report of the Regional District Task Force is intended to provide a framework for encouraging the development of more resilient service partnerships, greater harmony among jurisdictions, and enhanced citizen representation. Next steps in the process is to undertake the pilot studies needed to test the tools and approaches identified in the report and develop the targeted legislative changes needed to implement these measures.