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Re: Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, at their Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, passed the following resolution:

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WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

Carried."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Diane Langman, Chair

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