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Subject: City of Cranbrook Resolution re: Fort McMurray

The attached Resolution was approved by Cranbrook City Council at their Regular Council meeting on May 9, 2016, encouraging province-wide support from all BC Local Governments for Fort McMurray residents.

Sending on behalf of Cranbrook City Council,

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Resolution – Councillor I. Hockley

May 9, 2016 Regular Mtg.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 1, a forest fire of about 1,250 hectares menaced the southwest entrance to Fort McMurray, located about 435 kilometres northwest of Edmonton, putting pockets of the city on evacuation alert. By Tuesday, May 3, the entire population of Fort McMurray was ordered to evacuate as the wildfire threatened the whole community, creating the largest fire evacuation in Alberta's history; and

AND WHEREAS many families across the Province of British Columbia have relocated to Fort McMurray over the years to pursue employment opportunities and are now seeking refuge in their home communities and elsewhere until the crisis is over; and

WHEREAS the devastation caused by the wildfire in Fort McMurray has a far-reaching effect on many Cranbrook citizens and people throughout the Province of British Columbia, who have loved ones in Fort McMurray;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approve a donation from Council Contingency to the City of Fort McMurray in the amount of \$1,000 to be used at the City's discretion to benefit its residents in the aftermath of this disaster; and further, that staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all BC Local Governments through UBCM and encourage province-wide support for Fort McMurray residents.