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RDEK Board c/o Shawn Tomlin Email: <u>stomlin@rdek.bc.ca</u>

As a committed sponsor of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) Convention and Annual General Meeting, the 2020 AKBLG Organizing Committee would like to invite RDEK to join us again as a sponsor of this year's Convention. Local Government Elected officials and Senior Staff from the East and Central Kootenays, and the Kootenay Boundary will gather in Radium Hot Springs, B.C. **April 24 – 26th, 2020**.

This year's theme is: 2020 Vision: Embrace the Past to Build the Future

Approximately 175 delegates will be attending convention education sessions. A snapshot of some of the highlighted programming topics include: UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), Climate Change, Municipal Funding, Technology outlook beyond 5 years, Transit in rural communities, a Debate on carbon tax and a debate on whether or not Local Governments should be actively looking at replacing their fleets with electric vehicles.

The organizing committee's goal is to provide delegates and attendee's essential information they can use to move their communities forward in planning for the future.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us again as a sponsor. This is a great opportunity to come and network with local government elected officials. Please complete the attached form and forward to our Executive Director, Carolyn Maher, at <u>ed@akblg.ca</u> or call 250 688-0650.

Sincerely,

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Clara Reinhardt Mayor of the Village of Radium Hot Springs