



2023 UBCM Annual Convention – Resolutions Disposition
Friday, September 22, 2023

The following is a summary of the three resolutions debates, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at the 2023 UBCM Annual Convention. Official results will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Extraordinary Resolutions (ER)

ER1	Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Change the Resolutions Submission Deadline	Endorsed
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Special Resolutions (SR)

SR1	Health Equity for Rural and Remote Communities	Endorsed
SR2	911 Emergency Communications Service Delivery	Endorsed as Amended
	Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC work with local governments to modernize the 911 emergency communications system in a manner that is consistent with recent UBCM advocacy, and which includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of a 911 call answer levy on cellular devices, to address current and future financial challenges associated with the delivery of 911 services;• Development of consistent 911 service standards, without increasing service costs for local governments;• Creation of a provincial 911 governance model, with local government representation, to address policy and service standard issues, and manage revenue; and• Integration of mental health call options within the 911 framework including culturally safe options for Indigenous and other racialized peoples.	
SR3	Addressing BC’s Toxic Drug Health Emergency	Endorsed
SR4	Decriminalization and Public Use	Endorsed
SR5	Funding and Capacity for Police Training in BC	Endorsed

Endorse Block (EB) of Resolutions

The Endorse Block of resolutions was introduced as a block, which included resolutions EB1 to EB73. A motion to pull resolution EB3 from the block for individual consideration was unsuccessful. The Endorse Block was Endorsed.

EB1	Investment in Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery	Endorsed
EB2	Treatment on Demand	Endorsed
EB3	Safe Drug Supply	Endorsed
EB4	Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Service	Endorsed
EB5	Funding for Rural and Remote Volunteer Fire Department First Responder Programs	Endorsed
EB6	BC Emergency Health Services/Demands on Local Governments	Endorsed
EB7	Primary Care Clinic Funding	Endorsed
EB8	Ministry of Health Communication	Endorsed
EB9	Homes for People Action Plan	Endorsed
EB10	BC Housing Delays	Endorsed
EB11	Affordable Housing Infrastructure Upgrades	Endorsed

EB12	Development Approvals	Endorsed
EB13	Expanding Property Transfer Tax Exemptions	Endorsed
EB14	Municipal Authority for Empty Homes Tax	Endorsed
EB15	Short-Term Vacation Rental Listing Platforms	Endorsed
EB16	Review of Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Subsidies	Endorsed
EB17	Emergency Homelessness Prevention Strategies to Protect Renters in Core Housing Need	Endorsed
EB18	Extreme Weather Response	Endorsed
EB19	Mitigating Heat-Related Health Impacts in Residential Buildings	Endorsed
EB20	Incentives for Heat Pumps and Other Climate Resilience Retrofits in Multi- Residential Buildings	Endorsed
EB21	Enhanced Retrofit Programs for Part 3 Buildings	Endorsed
EB22	Cost of Emergency Response	Endorsed
EB23	Improved Level of Funding for Highway Rescue Services	Endorsed
EB24	Fire Department Compensation for Attendance at Traffic Incidents	Endorsed
EB25	Empowering Local Governments to use Traffic Enforcement Cameras	Endorsed
EB26	Funding Model for Emergency Management Responsibilities	Endorsed
EB27	2022 Emergency Support Services Program Guide	Endorsed
EB28	FireSmart and Wildfire Mitigation Funding	Endorsed
EB29	Provincial Government Re-Established as Diking Authority	Endorsed
EB30	Diversion Court	Endorsed
EB31	Increased Funding for Climate Adaptation Costs	Endorsed
EB32	Supporting Biodiversity in Local Communities	Endorsed
EB33	New Legislation for Protection of Biodiversity, Ecosystem Health and Species at Risk	Endorsed
EB34	Invasive Species – Amendment to the <i>Weed Control Act</i>	Endorsed
EB35	Ban on the Sale of Invasive Plant Species	Endorsed
EB36	Greater Enforcement for Provincial Invasive Mussel Defence Program	Endorsed
EB37	Water Sustainability Act	Endorsed
EB38	Regional Water Supply Strategies	Endorsed
EB39	Recycle BC Stewardship Plan Proposed Community Eligibility Criteria	Endorsed
EB40	Enhanced Access to Extended Producer Responsibility Programs	Endorsed
EB41	Expansion of the Recycling Regulation to Include Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Packaging and Printed Paper	Endorsed
EB42	ICBC Data	Endorsed
EB43	Clean Transportation Action Plan for Rural and Northern Communities	Endorsed
EB44	Moving the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Forward	Endorsed
EB45	Illegal Dumping on Agricultural Lands	Endorsed
EB46	Protection of Trees	Endorsed
EB47	Regional District Funding for Small Water Systems	Endorsed
EB48	Parking on Ministry of Transportation Rights-of-Way	Endorsed
EB49	Senior Levels of Government – Oversubscribed Funding	Endorsed
EB50	Sustainable Canadian Local Governments Asset Management Fund	Endorsed
EB51	Top-Up to Provincial Grants	Endorsed
EB52	Property Transfer Tax Sharing for Local Governments	Endorsed
EB53	Downtown Revitalization Grant Program	Endorsed
EB54	Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries	Endorsed
EB55	Protection of Old Growth Forests	Endorsed
EB56	Legislated Mapping and Management Plans in Community Watersheds	Endorsed
EB57	Crown Land User Fee	Endorsed

EB58	Better Management and Maintenance of Forest Recreation Sites	Endorsed
EB59	Call for Support to Meet Provincial Archaeological Requirements	Endorsed
EB60	BC Transit Expansion Funding	Endorsed
EB61	Provide Funding to Double Transit Services in Rural BC	Endorsed
EB62	Improved Information Sharing Between Local Governments and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Endorsed
EB63	Economic Investments and Rural Roads State of Infrastructure	Endorsed
EB64	Public Safety and Speed Limits	Endorsed
EB65	Trans-Canada Highway Improvements	Endorsed
NR66	Modernization of the <i>Local Government Act</i>	Endorsed
EB67	Amendment of Section 744 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>	Endorsed
EB68	First Nation Inclusion in the Community Charter Section 90	Endorsed
EB69	Shared Ethics Commissioner's Office	Endorsed
EB70	Local Government Involvement in Broadband Improvement Projects	Endorsed
EB71	Review of Stumpage Rate for Community Managed Forest Tenures	Endorsed
EB72	Support for Local Governments Implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act	Endorsed
EB73	Equitable Communities	Endorsed

Not Endorse Block (NEB) of Resolutions

The Not Endorse Block of resolutions was introduced as a block, which included resolutions NEB1 to NEB2.

A motion to pull resolution NEB1 from the block for individual consideration was unsuccessful.

A motion to pull resolution NEB2 from the block for individual consideration was successful.

The amended Not Endorse Block, containing NEB1, was Endorsed as Amended.

NEB1	Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plant Program for Rail Lines	Not Endorsed
NEB2	Varied Taxation Rate for Residential (Class 1) Properties	Endorsed

No Recommendation (NR) Resolutions

A motion to vary the agenda to adjust the order in which the No Recommendation resolutions will be considered, to immediately consider NR75, was successful.

A motion to vary the agenda to adjust the order in which the No Recommendation resolutions will be considered, to immediately consider NR93, was unsuccessful.

NR1	\$10/Day Child Care Coordination and Funding	Endorsed
NR2	Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Support for Municipally Owned Child Care Facilities	Endorsed
NR3	Accessibility Plan Funding	Endorsed
NR4	Review of Benefits for People with Disabilities	Endorsed
NR5	Removing the Financial Barrier to Home Support for BC Seniors	Endorsed
NR6	Transitional Housing with Supports	Endorsed
NR7	Tackling BC's Toxic Drug Health Emergency	Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the BC Government to ~~work with medical researchers, experts, local service providers, other key stakeholders and people who use drugs to determine a comprehensive, integrated, economically and geographically accessible, and evidence-based province-wide plan to better tackle BC's toxic drug health emergency, including:~~

- Increasing safety by:
 - ~~o Rapidly delivering access province wide to resources and services that will improve users' and public safety, including drug testing, supervised consumption spaces and overdose prevention sites;~~

- o Quickly amending the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* to enable supervised consumption and other harm reduction facilities to allow inhalation or smoking of drugs where operations can otherwise be demonstrated as WorkSafe compliant; and
- o ~~Preparing for a review of the current 3-year (January 31, 2023 to January 31, 2026) Provincial decriminalization pilot program and the 4-year (2020-2024) Federal Safer Supply Pilot Project to determine how drug policies and programs can be refined to better support people who use drugs in accessing throughout BC a safer and tested drug supply therefore reducing their exposure to the often fatal dangers of the illicit market.~~
- Increasing economically accessible treatment by supporting the BC Nurses’ Union 2023 convention resolution to “develop a system of mental and addiction treatment and recovery services that are regulated, evidence-based, economically and geographically accessible, and are available when people are looking for it”; and
- Increasing prevention by investing in mental health treatment and life-enhancing youth, family and community well-being programs, including early childhood detection, intervention and ongoing supports for learning differences.

NR8	Exception to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Exemption to Address Illicit Drug Use in Spaces for Children and	Withdrawn by Sponsor
NR9	Increasing Rural Health Center Autonomy	Endorsed
NR10	Review of Health Authorities Structure Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to require a review of the structure/management of Health Authorities with multi-stakeholder engagement, including but not limited to local and Indigenous governments, community organizations, people with lived and living experience, and health staff as identified by relevant health care unions with the goal of maximizing the impacts on physical, mental, social and environmental health of the public, including acute and primary care, emergency department needs and surge capacity needs.	Endorsed as Amended
NR11	Regional Hospital District Capital Cost- Sharing Ratios	Endorsed
NR12	Locally Offered Training and Support for Public Health Officers in Northern BC	Endorsed
NR13	Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers	Not Endorsed
NR14	Provincial Funding for Municipal Medic Trucks Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to consider funding the capital and operating costs of medic trucks in municipalities local governments to ensure that an adequate level of fire protection is maintained in the community and the cost of providing purely medical services, a provincial responsibility, are not unfairly burdening municipalities local governments .	Endorsed as Amended
NR15	Expanding Development Permit Powers to Allow for Pre-Zoning	Endorsed
NR16	Supporting Non-Profit Ownership of Non-Market Housing in Air Space Parcels	Endorsed
NR17	1.0 Hectare Policy/Guidelines	Not Endorsed
NR18	Review of the Homeowner Protection Act	Endorsed
NR19	Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Housing Crisis	Endorsed
NR20	Provincial Matching of Local Government Land Investments in Affordable Housing	Not Endorsed
NR21	Increasing Affordable Rental Housing Supply	Endorsed
NR22	Rights of Tenants Facing Displacement Through Redevelopment	Not Endorsed
NR23	Advocacy for Pet Friendly Housing	Endorsed
NR24	Alternatives to Rent Control for Small Landlords	Not Endorsed
NR25	Encampment Management	Endorsed
NR26	“The Village” Model of Supportive Housing	Endorsed
NR27	Policy and Funding to Increase Resiliency in Schools	Endorsed
NR28	Temporary Warming Shelter	Endorsed

NR29	Updating the Strata Property Act to Include Allowances for Heat Pumps and Other Mechanical Cooling Systems	Endorsed
NR30	Cannabis Control and Licensing Act	Not Endorsed
NR31	Provincial Cannabis Tax Sharing with Local Governments	Endorsed
NR32	Long-Term Borrowing for Fire Apparatus Acquisition	Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to enact legislation that permits ~~municipalities~~ **local governments** to utilize long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority over a 20-year period, without the requirement to go to referendum **or AAP (Alternative Approval Process)**;

And be it further resolved that the Province of British Columbia work with insurance underwriters and change legislation to allow the use of older fire apparatus that pass an annual inspection without an affect to the insurance grading of the community.

NR33	BC Wildfire Service Firefighting Equipment	Endorsed
NR34	Implementing a Graduated Tier System for RCMP Cost-Sharing Agreements	Endorsed
NR35	Addressing Municipal RCMP Detachment Vacancies	Endorsed
NR36	Commercial Semi Truck Dash Cams	Endorsed
NR37	Large Infrastructure Project Impacts on Public Safety	Endorsed
NR38	Reducing Anchorages Outside the Port of Vancouver	Endorsed
NR39	Log Debris	Endorsed
NR40	Managed Forest Council Representation	Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* be amended such that the Managed Forest Council must include one member that is knowledgeable in matters relating to source protection of ~~local government~~ drinking water systems.

NR41	Riparian Areas Protection Regulation Compliance	Endorsed
NR42	Call for Improvements for Provincial Water Licencing Approvals	Endorsed
NR43	Understanding BC Hydro's Electrification Capacity	Endorsed
NR44	Increasing BC Hydro's Pricing for Renewable Energy Production	Endorsed
NR45	New Contribution Model to Finance Local Governments in the Climate Transition	Endorsed
NR46	BC Resources for Estimating Climate Costs	Endorsed
NR47	Planning Tools for Habitat Protection	Endorsed
NR48	Decreasing Food Waste, Increasing Food Security	Endorsed
NR49	Ensuring Accessibility Under the Federal Plastic Straw Ban	Not Endorsed
NR50	Amendments to the Controlled Alien Species Regulation to Prohibit Exotic Animals	Endorsed
NR51	Control of Scotch Broom	Endorsed
NR52	Funding Formulas to Regional Districts for Canada Community-Building Fund- Community Works Fund and Community	Endorsed
NR53	Long-Term Borrowing for Fire Apparatus Acquisition	Endorsed
NR54	Provincial Government Funding	Endorsed
NR55	Flexibility in Growing Communities Fund	Endorsed
NR56	Remove Elector Approval Requirements for Borrowing Through Municipal Finance Authority	Not Endorsed
NR57	eGaming Revenue Distribution	Endorsed
NR58	BC Hydro Beautification Grant	Endorsed
NR59	Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion Applications	Endorsed
NR60	Agricultural Land Commission Expansion of Non-Farm Usage on Farmlands	Not Endorsed
NR61	Agri-Industrial Activities	Endorsed

NR62	Prioritizing Local Governments in the Provincial Land Acquisition Process	Endorsed as Amended
	Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to consider and prioritize local governments and Indigenous governments in the Provincial Enhanced Referral Process when lands are being disposed of in communities.	
NR63	Registering Fees on Title	Endorsed
NR64	Removal of Racist and Discriminatory Clauses from BC Land Titles	Endorsed
NR65	Public Notification for Rural Subdivision Applications	Endorsed
NR66	Jurisdiction of the Surface Rights Board of British Columbia	Endorsed
NR67	Cost Recovery from Upper Watersheds/Private Managed Forest Lands to Support Watershed Stewardship	Endorsed
NR68	Public Lake Access	Endorsed
NR69	Vacant Property Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties	Endorsed
NR70	Limitation of Rent Increases on Commercial Properties	Amendment was
	Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province establish a rental limit increase on commercially zoned properties operated by small businesses similar to the rental increase limitation(s) that govern residential rental properties.	Endorsed, but Resolution as Amended was Not Endorsed
NR71	Tax Treatment of Farmland in Municipalities	Endorsed
NR72	Deferment Program for Local Government Parcel Taxes and Utility Fees	Endorsed
NR73	Tax Sale Cost Recovery	Endorsed
NR74	Provincial Sales Tax on Fossil Fuel Combustion Systems	Endorsed
NR75	Increasing the Existing Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Volunteers	Endorsed
NR76	BC Transit Service Delivery Model Flexibility	Endorsed
NR77	BC Transit Share of Expenses on Rural Routes	Endorsed
NR78	Public Transit to Industrial Lands and Business Parks	Endorsed
NR79	Rural Approval for Ride-Hailing Services	Withdrawn by Sponsor
NR80	Zero Emission Vehicles	Motion to Sever two enactment clauses into two separate resolutions was Endorsed
NR80.1	Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to recognize the challenges in northern British Columbia and outline their plan for supporting capacity building, improved infrastructure and other upgrades in northern British Columbia to meet zero emission vehicle sales targets.	Endorsed
NR80.2	Therefore be it resolved that if interim zero emission vehicle sales targets for 2030 are not met by the Province, then the Province may reconsider their 2040 objectives.	Not Endorsed
NR81	Fuel Pricing	Endorsed
NR82	Bringing Equity to Traffic Enforcement	Endorsed
NR83	MOTI Required Highway Upgrades	Endorsed
NR84	Building Bylaw Enforcement	Endorsed
NR85	Personal Leaves for Elected Officials	Endorsed
NR86	Valuation of Major Industrial Properties	Endorsed

NR87	Foreign Worker Program	Endorsed
NR88	Expediting Forestry Approvals	Endorsed
NR89	BC Affordable, Net Zero, Offsite Wood Housing Industrial Development	Endorsed
NR90	Exemptions for Elections Workers	Endorsed
NR91	Extending Election Nomination Period	Not Endorsed
NR92	Provincial Sales Tax Levied on Private Used Vehicle Sales	Endorsed
NR93	Wellbeing of Future Generations Act	Not Endorsed

Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part One

RR1	Child Care	Not Admitted for Debate
RR2	Universal Child Care	Not Admitted for Debate
RR3	Accessible Child Care	Not Admitted for Debate
RR4	Child Care - Multi-Year Funding to Local and Indigenous Governments and Non- Profit Organizations	Not Admitted for Debate
RR5	Early Child Care Support	Not Admitted for Debate
RR6	Provincial Funding for Universal Child Care	Not Admitted for Debate
RR7	Resolve Health Care Shortages in Rural Communities	Not Admitted for Debate
RR8	Rural, Remote Paramedic Sustainability	Not Admitted for Debate
RR9	Treatment for Mental Health and Addictions in Rural Communities	Not Admitted for Debate
RR10	Withdrawal Management Services	Not Admitted for Debate
RR11	Addiction Treatment in Rural and Remote Communities	Not Admitted for Debate
RR12	Physician Assistants	Not Admitted for Debate
RR13	BC Health Attraction and Retention	Not Admitted for Debate
RR14	Rural Health Care Provider Crisis	Not Admitted for Debate
RR15	Vaccine Mandate for Health Care Workers	Not Admitted for Debate
RR16	Health Authorities Performance Review	Not Admitted for Debate
RR17	911 Levy	Not Admitted for Debate
RR18	Protection and Restoration of Biological Diversity in Local Communities	Not Admitted for Debate
RR19	Supporting Biodiversity in Local Communities	Not Admitted for Debate
RR20	ICI Packaging and Paper Products Recycling Regulation	Not Admitted for Debate
RR21	Enabling Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing Legislation	Not Admitted for Debate
RR22	Vacant Property Tax on Commercial Properties	Not Admitted for Debate
RR23	Inclusion of First Nations in Section 90 of the <i>Community Charter</i>	Not Admitted for Debate
RR24	Creation of Independent Municipal Ethics Commissioner	Not Admitted for Debate
RR25	Offsite Wood Construction	Not Admitted for Debate
RR26	BC Affordable, Net Zero, Offsite Wood Housing Industrial Development	Not Admitted for Debate

Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part Two

RR27	Equitable BC Hydro Pricing in Distribution Energy Policy for Missing Middle Housing	Not Admitted for Debate
RR28	Supporting Biodiversity in Local Communities	Not Admitted for Debate

Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part Three

RR29	Stand-Alone Mental Health and Addictions Facility	Not Admitted for Debate
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RR30	Jasper National Park West Gate Upgrade	Not Admitted for Debate
RR31	South of Fraser Interurban Rail	Not Admitted for Debate

Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part Four

RR32	Working Committee for Flood Disasters	Not Admitted for Debate
RR33	Local Government Financial Resiliency - Consumption Tax Review	Not Admitted for Debate
RR345	A New Fiscal Framework for Sustainable and Predictable Local Government Funding	Not Admitted for Debate

Late Resolutions (LR)

LR1	2023 Wildfire Season – Economic Impacts to the Forestry Sector - Request for Inventory	Endorsed
LR2	Economic Relief for Commercial and Industrial Business Sectors Impacted by Wildfires within British Columbia	Endorsed