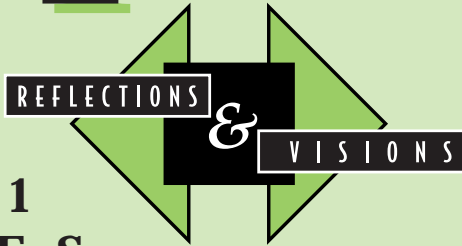


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DAILY UPDATES



FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 7:30 a.m. Clinics (4 concurrent)
- Managing Meetings: Rules & Best Practices
 - Sustainable Communities as an Economic Development Strategy
 - Economic Development – Arts, Heritage and Cultural Tourism
 - Recent Court Decisions
- 8:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker – David Baxter
- 9:30 a.m. Resolutions

Executive Elections

- Mayor **Helen Sparkes**, City of New Westminster, elected Third Vice-President.
- Director **Susan Gimse**, Squamish-Lillooet R.D. declared Electoral Area Representative.

Elections for the positions of Small Community Representative and five Directors at Large continue this morning 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the concourse area. The nominating committee encourages you to vote! ■

Awards

Long-service awards were presented at the annual banquet Thursday night to the following individuals in recognition of 25 years' service to local government:

- Councillor **Kiichi Kumagai**, Richmond
- Councillor **George Puil**, Vancouver

Life memberships were presented to:

- **Suzanne Veit**, former Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs
- outgoing UBCM President **Jim Abram**

Local Government Awareness Program

The following UBCM members received awards for their achievements in the 2001 Local Government Awareness Program:

- Year-long Award:
Fort Nelson/Northern Rockies
- Month-long Award:
Chilliwack
- Website Award (Small Community):
Revelstoke
- Website Award (Medium Community):
Nanaimo RD
- Website Award (Large Community):
Richmond ■

DAILY #3

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2001

Premier's Reflections and Visions

PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL, speaking to delegates on Thursday afternoon, expressed confidence in the future prosperity and stability of British Columbia, in spite of recent events in the States and the economic challenges facing the province. "The events of September 11th have shattered the things that were taken for granted, and created vast clouds of pain and uncertainty," he stated. However, he continued, as illustrated in both New York and Washington, there is nothing stronger than the spirit of community.



Premier Gordon Campbell

The Premier emphasized that his government is committed to having a balanced budget by the 2004-05 fiscal year, but admitted this will be an enormous challenge especially in light of the softwood lumber decision. Although most ministries will be faced with budget reductions, Mr. Campbell pledged that funding will not be cut in the areas of education and healthcare, nor will transfer payments to local governments be reduced.

In speaking to the Community Charter, the Premier informed delegates that after the exposure bill goes to the legislature in February 2002, local governments will have until the fall session to review and comment upon the Charter. He also announced that on February 26th, 2002 the provincial government will be hosting a Provincial Congress, where mayors from the 15 largest communities, representatives from the UBCM Area Associations, aboriginal leaders, and British Columbia MPs, MLAs and Senators will be asked to brainstorm on BC's future.

In closing, Gordon Campbell stated that he would not forget the lessons he has learned at the local level. "We're not going to let you down," he pledged. ■

Anderson: Live from Ottawa

DAVID ANDERSON, FEDERAL Minister of the Environment, speaking live from Ottawa, stressed that in order to face the challenges ahead in providing clear air, clean water and a sustainable environment, cooperation between all levels of government is imperative.

He emphasized that new and stronger connections must be built between governments and between governments and Canadians. "As a former Olympic rower," he added, "it was essential that the team rowed as one. Concerning environmental issues, we're all in the boat together." This cooperative effort to provide clean air, clean water and a healthy environment must also address the issue of climate change.

The recent agreement in Bonn on the Kyoto Protocol, he stated, provides the flexibility for countries such as Canada to meet the targeted goals. The federal government will also regulate new car emission standards so that they will be reduced by over 90% in the next six years. As well, there must be a change in consumer behavior to encourage the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles.

With regard to the Canada-BC infrastructure program, Anderson stated that he was committed to getting it right; that the program was addressing the right priorities. He advised that he will soon announce the approved green project applications. ■

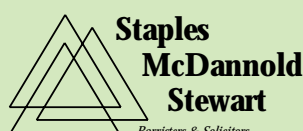
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Dispositions of resolutions debated Thursday

B48 STREET PROSTITUTION/ PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government enact the *Secure Care Act* to protect children from exploitation in the sex trade.

B49 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Endorsed

B50 VANDALISM TO PUBLIC PROPERTY

Not Endorsed

B51 RECOVERY OF HIT AND RUN COLLISION DAMAGE COSTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Endorsed

B52 EMERGENCY PLANNING IN SCHOOLS

Endorsed

B53 MUNICIPAL SUPERANNUATION FUND

Endorsed

B54 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE ALARMS IN PRE-1983 RESIDENCES

Not Endorsed

B55 INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION

Endorsed

B56 GAMING - PROFIT SHARING

Not Endorsed

B57 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CHARITABLE GAMING AND ACCESS TO GAMING REVENUE

Endorsed

B58 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Not Endorsed

B59 REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Not Endorsed

B60 LOW/NO INTEREST DEBT FINANCING FROM THE BANK OF CANADA

Not Endorsed

B61 EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD - GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

Endorsed

A motion, duly moved and seconded that LR16 be removed from the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline and admitted for debate was carried.

LR16 BILL C10 – AN ACT RESPECTING THE MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS OF CANADA

Endorsed

B62 DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Withdrawn

B63 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION DATE

Not Endorsed

B64 FERRIES ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE

HIGHWAY NETWORK

Endorsed

B65 CHAUFFEUR'S PERMITS

Endorsed

B66 TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND GAS PRICES

Not Endorsed

B67 HIGHWAY INFORMATION SIGNS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support the recommendations of the Ministry of Transportation Stakeholders Advisory Committee and request that the provincial government proceed with implementation in consultation with local governments to ensure that the program meets the needs of individual communities.

B68 APPROVAL OF ZONING BYLAWS BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

Not Endorsed

B69 COMMUNITY AIRPORT TAX EXEMPTION

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B70 ELIMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR SCHOOL TAXATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE BC LAND RESERVE

Referred to UBCM Executive for further study.

B71 PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

Not Endorsed

B72 RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Endorsed

B73 USE OF REVENUE DERIVED FROM TOBACCO USAGE

Endorsed

B74 BC HEALTH AUTHORITIES REVIEW

Endorsed

B75 COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

Not Endorsed

B76 VACANT AND CONTAMINATED SITES

Endorsed and referred to FCM

B77 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FUNDING

Endorsed

B78 MUNICIPAL SEWER REGULATION

Endorsed

B79 ON-SITE SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health, in the development of sewage regulations assume the responsibility for ensuring an adequate enforcement mechanism is established for proper and regular maintenance of on-site sewage systems for individual properties.

B80 DELAY OF PROVINCIAL DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PLAN

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government embark on a consultation program on the development of regulations and policies related to the Provincial Drinking Water Protection Plan.

B81 STREAMSIDE PROTECTION - REMOVAL OF VEGETATION

Endorsed and referred to the Community Charter consultations

B82 STREAMSIDE REGULATIONS

Endorsed

B83 PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Endorsed as amended:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government provide funding and additional assistance to local government to implement the legislated standards and facilitate training.

B84 AERIAL SPRAYING OF BTK FOR GYPSY MOTH

Not Endorsed

B85 BC BUILDS A WOOD CULTURE

Endorsed (Unanimously)

B86 IMPLEMENTATION OF AGGREGATE ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Energy and Mines enact new legislation to implement the recommendations in the "Report of the Aggregate Advisory Panel, March, 2001" in consultation with UBCM.

B87 EXPANSION OF SPAWN-ON KELP LICENCES

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be called on to abide by its own policy regarding the number of licences.

B88 INEQUITY IN HRDC PROGRAMS BETWEEN WEST COAST AND EAST COAST

Endorsed

B89 LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OVER RESOURCE ACTIVITIES

Not Endorsed

B90 AMENDING LAND USE CONTRACTS

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B91 AMENDING LAND USE CONTRACTS

Not Endorsed

B92 COORDINATED PROVINCIAL APPROVAL SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Refer to the UBCM Executive for further study.

B93 REGIONAL DISTRICT AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS SURFACE AND GROUND WATER ISSUES

Endorsed

B94 BUSINESS CLASS TAX EXEMPTION

Not Endorsed

B95 BC ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY - RECLASSIFICATION OF MARINA LAND

Endorsed

B96 LEGAL SERVICE SOCIETY FUNDING

Not Endorsed

B97 NORTHERN PORTS

Endorsed as Amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments recognize the importance of the Ports of Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Stewart, and encourage utilization of these ports to their full potential by promoting them, and by removing any impediments for shipping products to the Ports, and reviewing the CNR/BCR rail agreement to ensure that the railroads are working together to the advantage of the Ports.

B98 PROVISION OF EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Endorsed and referred to FCM

B99 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Referred to other agencies (i.e. BCMA, BCSTA, etc.) for consideration.

B100 PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER INSURANCE

Endorsed

B101 GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING MORATORIUM

Withdrawn

B102 TRADE CORRIDOR INITIATIVE

Referred to UBCM Executive for further study.

B103 ELECTORAL REFORM

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support the Provincial Government's proposed initiative to establish a citizen's commission to review the provincial electoral system, and encourage this independent body to engage in broad consultation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM be prepared to make representation to this independent body if issues arise that have an impact on local government.

B104 PROVINCIAL CAMPGROUND FEES FOR R.V.S

Endorsed

B105 FUNDING FOR AMATEUR SPORT

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments be urged to increase funding for all amateur sport activities in Canada.

B106 PROVINCIAL LOTTERY FOR AMATEUR SPORT PROGRAMS AND AMATEUR ATHLETES

Not Endorsed ■

Panel to review drinking water legislation

A Wednesday morning clinic explored the issue of water safety in British Columbia in light of the recent problems in Walkerton, Ontario. **Kersteen Johnston**, Executive Director Health Protection, Ministry of Health Services, observed that there were challenges in protecting drinking water as BC has approximately 3,000 operational water systems and one of the highest rates of intestinal illness in Canada. Presently, there are 304 "boil-water advisories" in British Columbia, some of which have been in effect for more than ten years. The largest percentage of suspected sources of contamination comes from animals. In comparing what would have happened if BC had a Walkerton, similar problems would have been that the manure pile could still have been allowed on a flood plain with a community well, the operator could have been poorly trained, and the well could have been poorly constructed. However, in BC the lab would have reported the bacteria results directly to the health inspector, and health officials would have reviewed the data and ranked the system for relative risk. In Ms. Johnston's opinion, there would quite likely have been a boil-water advisory placed on the system much earlier.

Lynn Husted, from the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, stated that her ministry deals with the source protection aspect of drinking water and monitors water quality. She cautioned that water sources face more threats from contaminants and there is a need for vigilance in protecting water source quality. The *Drinking Water Protection Act*, passed in April 2001, is not in force and is being reviewed by a nine-member independent panel which will make recommendations to government. Key issues to be addressed include whether the framework is flexible, effective and comprehensive in protecting groundwater, are the regulations workable and affordable, infrastructure financing, and the necessity of regulation of small systems. A preliminary report is to be submitted by November 30th, and the final report with recommendations is due on January 15th, 2002. **Robert Hobson**, Chair, Central Okanagan RD and UBCM Director at Large, has been appointed to the board as the UBCM representative. ■

Softwood Lumber: long-term solution sought

At the Thursday morning clinic that addressed the impact of a 19.3% duty that the US Department of Commerce will be placing on Canadian lumber exported to the United States, **Michael de Jong**, Minister of Forests, stated that the provincial government is not interested in a band-aid solution. The Premier, he advised, absolutely demands a long-term solution that will provide unfettered, free access to the American lumber markets. The United States have been pursuing a competitive advantage through trade sanctions – a process determined and governed by Americans for Americans. The Minister advised that we have challenged these processes in the past, but there are no guarantees for future successful negotiations. As well, this is a lengthy and expensive course of action. The federal government has opted to pursue this legal route, but as the forest industry is, in Minister de Jong's opinion, the single-most important driver of our province's economy, his government has decided, in addition to the legal challenge, to pursue discussions directly with the United States. The government's preference, he said, is to investigate if there is an American willingness to negotiate a long-term arrangement. He noted all stakeholders in BC are now presenting a unified front, and the US is taking notice of this, as previous divisions had worked to their advantage. In recent talks, the Minister observed that there was some openness on the part of the Americans, and this has led to the scheduling of more meetings for early next week. ■