

UBCM DAILY

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UBCM 2003 / 100th AGM

UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES

CONVENTION 2003 DAILY UPDATES

THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 7:00 a.m. Clinics (4 concurrent)
- Lobbying Other Governments
 - Ethical Standards under the Community Charter
 - Air Service to the Heartlands
 - Insuring a Safer BC: Road Safety Strategies
- 8:00 a.m. **Special Address:** Hon. Paul Martin, PC, MP
- 8:35 a.m. "B" Resolutions
- 9:40 a.m. Address by Joy McPhail
- 2:00–2:40 p.m. Update on Implementation of the Community Charter
- 3:00–5:00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops:**
- Climate Change: Hot Issue! Cool Opportunities
 - Connecting Communities to the 2010 Games
 - Ensuring Affordable Housing: Roles and Responsibilities
 - Beyond Elections: Youth in Governance

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

UBCM: A strong connective fabric

AS THIS IS THE 100TH ANNUAL General Meeting, UBCM President, **Patricia Wallace**, used her address to the Opening Session to reflect on the last ten decades of the organization's history and to find the threads that have woven the strong, resilient fabric that connects local communities and is known as the UBCM. The formation of the UBCM in 1905 was spearheaded by Mayor C. J. Stephens of Kamloops, who provided vision and leadership to connect those participating municipalities in an organization that has thrived for nearly 100 years. Early on, in 1919, the UBCM Convention supported the formation of the Municipal Officers Association, now the Local Government Management Association, and set the tone for the broad range of cooperation and consultation agreements that typify the modern organization. Over the next few decades, President Wallace observed that many of the tenets that are the foundation of the UBCM were present then. Since its beginning, the UBCM has been motivated by resolutions from its members advocating change and has often had to be tenacious in driving its agendas forward in the face of non-responsive senior governments.

In the 1950s, the area associations were formed that furnish direct representation of regional areas to the provincial government, but also provide area associations a seat on the UBCM Executive to ensure that the Executive is representative of all regions of the province. President Wallace observed that the 1960s brought about many cooperative initiatives that included the Municipal Financial Authority, BC Assessment Authority, and the regional district system, and laid the groundwork for the establishment in the 1980s of the Municipal Insurance Association. She commented that these types of service and governance structures maximize the benefits of cooperation with the least cost to local independence and autonomy.

This policy of standing united as one body and nurturing solutions through incremental change has been a proven path for 100 years, President Wallace noted, and that with each and every step UBCM has expanded the scope of consultation, notice and autonomy. As of January 1st, 2004, she commented, we will have the new Community Charter that states we "... are recognized as an order of government within (our) jurisdiction that is democratically elected, autonomous, responsible and accountable." ■



Delegates gather to mark the UBCM's 100th AGM

Minister acknowledges the power of connections

IN HIS ADDRESS TO UBCM DELEGATES, the Honourable **George Abbott**, Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, acknowledged that the province has been through an exceedingly stressful year. The

Minister stated that he believes that having come through this adversity, the province will emerge stronger and more resilient. Communities have not only proved their strength, he observed, but the power behind their connections with other communities demonstrates a level of coordination that kept situations from becoming far worse.

The Minister emphasized his optimism for the province's future. "Things are on the

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UBCM 2003 resolutions dispositions

The following is a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2003 convention. The full and exact wording of any amendment will be posted to UBCM's website post-conference and will be distributed to all members.

SECTION A

A1 SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Endorsed as amended

A2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND

Endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A3 MUNICIPAL BYLAWS FINES: COLLECTION POWERS

Endorsed

A4 KEEP OF PRISONERS

Endorsed

A5 SERVING OF CRIMINAL DOCUMENTS

Endorsed

A6 WITHDRAWAL OF BILL 48

Endorsed

A7 RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND REST AREA COMMERCIALIZATION

Endorsed

A8 TRANSIT FUEL COST INCREASE

Endorsed

A9 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING

Endorsed with an amendment

A10 COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

Endorsed with an amendment

A11 ELECTRONIC WASTE: INDUSTRY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Endorsed

A12 BEETLE INFESTATION AND FOREST HEALTH

Endorsed as amended

A13 MANDATORY HELMETS FOR SMALL-WHEEL VEHICLES

Endorsed with an amendment

A14 BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS

Endorsed

SR1 LIABILITY

Endorsed

SR2 TOURISM AND AIR TRANSPORTATION

Endorsed

SR3 LIQUOR LICENSING POLICY

Endorsed

SECTION B – PART I

[Resolutions B4, B13, B18, B31 were pulled from the Section B-Part I block for individual debate, the block resolutions were considered before the individual resolutions.]

B1 FEDERAL GUN REGISTRY

Endorsed

B2 FUNDING OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Endorsed

B3 PROCEEDS FROM FORFEITED PROPERTY

Endorsed

B5 MAIL-IN VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Endorsed

B6 BACK ROADS OF BC PROMOTION

Endorsed

B7 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Endorsed

B8 OPERATIONAL STANDARDS OF DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS

Endorsed

B9 DEVOLUTION OF PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Endorsed

B10 STAFFED LIGHTHOUSES

Endorsed as amended

B11 TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY, CACHE CREEK TO ALBERTA BORDER

Endorsed

B12 COAST GUARD RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAVIGATION AIDS

Endorsed

B14 TAX ON LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

Endorsed

B15 FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUES

Endorsed

B16 ADMINISTRATION OF COLLECTION SERVICES

Endorsed

B17 BC RAIL CROSSING MAINTENANCE AND LEASE FEES

Endorsed

B19 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

Endorsed

B20 FARM CLASSIFICATION

Endorsed

B21 GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Endorsed

B22 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

Endorsed

B23 OIL TANKERS

Endorsed

B24 LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Endorsed

B25 TENURE REFORM AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

Endorsed

B26 IMPROVE ACCESS TO SALVAGEABLE TIMBER

Endorsed

B27 WHOLE LOG EXPORT

Endorsed

B28 FOREST RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS

Endorsed

B29 WOOD INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS

Endorsed

B30 COMPENSATION FOR REMOVAL OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Endorsed

B32 PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS

Endorsed

B33 SUPPORT FOR PROVINCE-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES

Endorsed

B34 RAISING THE LEVEL OF TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS

Endorsed

B35 BROADBAND AND CELLULAR PHONE

Endorsed

B36 SCHOOLS IN SMALL RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

Endorsed

B37 CONDOS DECLARED A DISASTER

Endorsed

B38 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON AVALANCHE RISK

Endorsed

B39 DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM

Endorsed

B40 IMPACTS OF PROVINCIAL CUTS ON MUNICIPALITIES

Endorsed

The following resolutions were removed from the Section B – Part I block for individual debate:

B4 RURAL POLICING COSTS

Endorsed with an amendment

B13 SCHOOL ZONE HOURS

Not endorsed

B18 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR DUPLEXES

Endorsed

B31 BULK WATER EXPORT

Endorsed with an amendment

Motion to admit Late Resolution LR10 – to the floor for debate.

LR10 BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE OR MAD COW DISEASE)

Endorsed

SECTION B - PART II

B41 TREE PROTECTION BYLAWS FOR REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Endorsed

B42 SECONDARY SUITES

Not endorsed

B43 TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY CHARTER – BILL 67

Endorsed

B44 UBCM ACTION REQUEST – PROVINCIAL POLICY CHANGES

Endorsed

B45 CHANGE OF NAME FOR UBCM

Referred to UBCM Executive

B46 RURAL/SMALL COMMUNITIES POLICE COSTS

Referred to UBCM Executive

B47 AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM

Endorsed

B48 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Endorsed

B49 REGIONAL DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT FOR RESPONSE TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Endorsed

B50 DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Not endorsed ■

Barriere Bear Fundraiser

Area Associations raffled off “Barriere Bears” at Wednesday’s luncheons. A total of \$5,496.00 was raised with NCMA leading the way. ■

Ministers available to delegates

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON'S CABINET sessions saw 5 concurrently held panels dealing with resource issues, health issues, education and social development, community and safety, and business and the economy. These panels each featured from 2 to 7 Cabinet Ministers who were available to answer delegates' questions and provide information concerning their spheres of responsibility. Look for further coverage of these sessions in upcoming issues of the quarterly *UBCM News*. ■

FCM calls on delegates to “bridge the gap”

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION of Canadian Municipalities, Mayor **Yves Ducharme**, addressed the UBCM on Wednesday morning and called on delegates to mobilize to support a new deal for their communities. Launching the FCM initiative “Bridging the Gap” in his hometown of Gatineau, Quebec last week, Mayor Ducharme stated that the FCM wants to move municipal issues to the top of the federal agenda. “If we act now and take advantage of the upcoming leadership change, we have a real chance”, he observed. To succeed, he added, municipal leaders need grassroots support on funding shortfalls in order to develop true partnerships with other levels of government. He advised delegates to educate business leaders, community groups and local media in their own communities. ■

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upswing,” he commented. Building permits are ahead of national rates, and there has been a 15% increase in housing starts. He acknowledged that the softwood lumber issue was still deeply troubling for many communities, but stated that the Premier was pressing for a solution with the United States, as well as working to develop more market opportunities. He also observed that the 2010 Olympics were a “seven-year economic development opportunity” for the whole province, and that the most important benefit could be to emerge with a great amateur sport system to fuel the aspirations and dreams of the young. ■

Mayor Frank Leonard President Elect

The following UBCM Table Officers were elected by acclamation:

President:

- Mayor **Frank Leonard**, Saanich

First Vice-President:

- Dir. **Aaron Dinwoodie**, Central Okanagan R.D.

Second Vice-President:

- Councillor **Marvin Hunt**, Surrey

Third Vice-President:

- Mayor **Wayne Dahlen**, Dawson Creek

Thursday sessions will feature:

- presentation of nominations received for Directors at Large, Small Community and Electoral Area Representatives (8:30 am)
- nominations (9:55 am)
- candidate speeches (10:00 am) ■

