

**MINUTES  
of the  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
of the Union of BC Municipalities  
held in  
WHISTLER, B.C.  
on  
September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2010**

**FORUM CLINICS**

On Tuesday, September 28, 2010 the Electoral Area Directors, Small Talk, Mid-Sized Communities and Large Urban Communities Forums were preceded by the following clinics at 7:30 a.m.:

- Towards Transformation & Implementation: Choirs to Coffee Talks
- Archaeology & Local Governments
- Rural Resource Roads
- Integrated Youth Engagement Strategies
- Beyond 2010: Creating Age-Friendly Communities

**ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS FORUM**

Chair Al Richmond, Electoral Area Representative and Chair for the Forum, called the session to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010.

The Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development began the session with his address to the delegates. This was followed by a panel on Rural Transit with Jim Gustafson, CAO, Regional District of Central Kootenay; Peter Rantucci, Director of Regional Transit Systems, BC Transit; and Kevin Schubert, Regional Transit Manager, Kootenays, BC Transit.

Following the morning break, a second panel convened on Coordination and Engagement Strategies for Rural BC at the Ministry of Community and Rural Development. Panel members included Tracy Thompson, Executive Director, Community Development Trust Program; Tom Jensen, ADM, Rural Secretariat; Ray Schultz, ADM, Mountain Pine Beetle Response Team; Mike Furey, ADM, Local Government Department. Two other Ministry staff were also in attendance to answer questions, Gary Paget, Executive Director, Governance and Structure Division; and Derek Trimmer, Director, Regional Initiatives. The panel was followed by a question and answer session.

The last item on the agenda was the open microphone session.

The session adjourned at 12:00 noon for a lunch sponsored by the Municipal Finance Authority of BC.

**SMALL TALK FORUM**

The session convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 with Mayor Roland Stanke, Small Community Representative, in the Chair. Mayor Stanke welcomed the delegates to the session and provided an overview of the issues addressed by the UBCM Executive over the past year of specific interest to small communities. Mayor Stanke was assisted throughout the Forum by facilitators Kevin Brown and Allan Chabot.

The Forum opened with a success story from the community of Wells about how the community purchased their school to save it from being closed, and in partnership with the school district the school is now vital and growing. Facilitators Kevin Brown and Allan Chabot then chaired a discussion of issues on the topics of community safety, finance and taxation and environment. Following the discussion of concerns related to speed on provincial highways that run through community centres, delegates endorsed a motion requesting that the UBCM Executive engage the Province in discussion as to how to address community safety concerns.

At 10:05 a.m., UBCM President Harry Nyce introduced the Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development, who spoke briefly to delegates. A brief refreshment break was held following the Minister's presentation.

Following the break, Lake Cowichan presented a success story about a community rain garden which captures contaminate run-off that would otherwise enter their storm system. Facilitators Kevin Brown and Allan Chabot then led discussion on land use, community economic development and health issues. A third success story from Creston focused on their physician recruitment program.

A discussion of selected issues followed and the Forum broke at 12:00 noon for a lunch sponsored by Spectra Energy.

## **MID-SIZED COMMUNITIES FORUM**

The session convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 with Councillor Kevin Flynn, Southern Interior Local Government Association representative, in the Chair. Councillor Flynn welcomed delegates to the Forum and provided an overview of the agenda.

The first hour of the session saw Brian Robinson, Works Superintendent, District of North Saanich; Wendy Colman, Prevention Coordinator, Fraser-Cascade School District #78; and Deryn Collier, Creston Valley Health Professional Recruitment Coordinator highlight health and recreation partnerships in their communities. Michael Weedon, Executive Director, BC BioEnergy Network also showcased examples of effective partnerships between local governments and the private sector that supported bioenergy projects. A question and answer session followed at 10:05 a.m. leading to the mid-morning break.

The session resumed at 10:35 a.m. with Councillor Lillian Szpak, City of Langford; Leanne Blackwood, Senior Planner, City of Langford; and Councillor Judith Cullington, City of Colwood discussing land use planning partnerships. Mayor Stewart Alsgard, City of Powell River; Stan Westby, CAO, City of Powell River; and Maynard Harry, Sliammon First Nation followed with a panel discussion on partnerships between local governments and First Nations. A question and answer session followed at 10:20 a.m.

President Harry Nyce introduced the Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development who addressed the delegates at 11:40 a.m. The session adjourned at 12:00 noon for a lunch sponsored by the Municipal Finance Authority of BC.

## **LARGE URBAN COMMUNITIES FORUM**

Councillor Tim Stevenson, Vancouver Representative, opened the Urban Forum at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 by welcoming the delegates and outlining some of the activities that UBCM has been involved in over the past year that are of interest to large urban communities. He also outlined the program for the morning and acknowledged other UBCM Executive members in attendance at the Forum.

John Norquist, President and CEO, Congress for the New Urbanism and the former Mayor of Milwaukee (1988-2004) was the guest speaker for the first part of the Forum. He outlined the many benefits that larger cities provide – socially, economically and environmentally. In addition, he discussed the policies that need to be put in place to strengthen the ability of cities to foster wealth and culture.

In the second part of the Forum, David Parker, Research Associate, Justice Institute of British Columbia discussed a recent report entitled "Kids N'Crime: Economic Aspects of the Development and Prevention of Criminality among Children and Youth" that had been released by the Vancouver Board of Trade and

the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He pointed out that strategic investments in early childhood development and family support today could save the government and society millions of dollars in the future.

At 10:55 a.m., President Harry Nyce introduced the Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development who addressed the delegates.

The final session of the Forum looked at recent changes in provincial liquor policy. Karen Ayers, Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, Ministry of Housing and Social Development and Cheryl Caldwell, Deputy General Manager, Licensing, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, Ministry of Housing and Social Development outlined the changes to liquor policy and how they might impact local government.

The session adjourned at 12:00 noon for a lunch sponsored by TELUS.

## **INDUSTRIAL TAXATION PLENARY**

The Plenary Session was opened at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Robert Hobson, Past President and co-chair of the Major Industrial Properties Steering Committee. After welcoming the delegates and introducing the panel members, Chair Hobson provided background and context to the issue and the work of the Provincial/UBCM/industrial community Steering Committee.

Mr. Gerry Armstrong then provided considerable detail about the deliberations of the Steering Committee, including those matters on which there has been general agreement (such as supporting partnerships and agreements) as well as those where the committee has yet to reach agreement (such as tax policy guidance or restrictions in taxing authority). Mr. Armstrong stressed that UBCM representatives on the committee continue to reinforce the need for additional revenue sources for local governments in order to afford them the opportunity to manage risk associated with a dependence on industrial taxation.

Chair Hobson then described the results of the UBCM hosted members' consultation session in August and UBCM's subsequent work on the file, including a meeting with the Ministers of Finance and Community and Rural Development, in which UBCM recommended a voluntary industrial community designation program accompanied by a tax transfer to local governments. Chair Hobson also reported that the Province indicated that this request would be considered as part of the 2011 budget process.

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff, City of Castlegar, and Mayor Dan Rogers, City of Prince George, also addressed industrial taxation matters, with Mayor Chernoff focussing on the challenges faced by their community in making an agreement with a major industrial taxpayer, and Mayor Rogers focussing on perspectives from a larger community with some industrial taxation, but with a greater degree of diversification.

The session concluded with a brief question and answer period, and it was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

## **PROVINCIAL POLICY SESSIONS**

Three concurrent workshops convened at 3:15 p.m. The sessions were:

- Elections Task Force
- RCMP Contract Negotiations - Update
- Political Realities of Climate Action - A Dialogue with Leaders

The sessions adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

## **WELCOME RECEPTION**

The Welcome Reception was held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Whistler Conference Centre and was hosted by the Resort Municipality of Whistler and UBCM.

## **WEDNESDAY CLINICS**

On Wednesday, September 29, 2010, the Convention commenced at 7:30 a.m. with the following clinics:

- Wind Energy Development on Local Government Lands
- Building for Gold: A Municipal Toolkit for GHG Reductions
- Living Wages: Child Poverty and Municipalities
- Dealing with Urban Deer Problems
- Financing Local Government Services Effectively

## **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**

The President, Chair Harry Nyce, called the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to order at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at the Whistler Conference Centre.

Ms. Rachel Thom led the conference in the National Anthem. UBCM President Harry Nyce gave the invocation.

### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

The President, Chair Harry Nyce, provided the Opening Address to delegates. The President's Address is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix A.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The First Vice-President, Councillor Barbara Steele, in the Chair opened the Annual Meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE RULES AND PROCEDURES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Conference Rules and Procedures as printed in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book were adopted.

### **MINUTES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on September 29-October 2, 2009 were adopted as printed and distributed.

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The President, Chair Harry Nyce, presented the Annual Report, which, on regular motion, duly moved and seconded, was adopted.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Third Vice-President, Mayor Mary Sjostrom, presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the year ending June 30, 2010. On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were adopted. The Audited Financial Statements were circulated in the Annual Report. A copy of the budget for the year commencing July 1, 2010, as approved by the Executive, was also circulated to the membership for their information.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Executive be empowered to appoint auditors for the year commencing July 1, 2010, was adopted.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The First Vice-President, Councillor Barbara Steele, announced the appointment of the following Convention Committees and officials:

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chair Robert Hobson, Past President, Chair  
Director Grace McGregor, Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments  
Mayor Christopher Causton, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities  
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
Councillor Kevin Flynn, Southern Interior Local Government Association  
Chair Karen Goodings, North Central Local Government Association

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Chair Robert Hobson, Chair  
Councillor Wesly Graham, Vice Chair  
Mayor Christopher Causton  
Mayor Mary Sjostrom

### **SCRUTINEERS**

Elsie Lemke, CAO, District of Peachland, Chief Scrutineer  
Martin Dalsin, CAO, District of Chase, Deputy Chief Scrutineer  
David Allen, CAO, Town of Golden  
Carl Bannister, CAO, City of Salmon Arm  
Patti Ferguson, CAO, City of Armstrong  
Doug Fleming, CAO, District of Chetwynd  
Paul Gipps, CAO, Town of Gibsons  
Leslie Groulx, Corporate Administrator, District of Clearwater  
Frank Kosa, CAO, Village of Lumby  
Fred Manson, CAO, City of Parksville  
Ron Poole, CAO, City of Terrace  
Glen Robertson, CAO, District of Mission  
Patrick Robins, CAO, Town of Princeton  
Deborah Sargent, CAO, Town of Smithers  
Corien Speaker, CAO, District of Elkford

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk Assistant & Acting Clerk of Committees, Legislative Assembly of BC

### **WELCOME FROM THE RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER**

Mayor Ken Melamed brought greetings from the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

### **FIRST REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE POSITIONS OF UBCM TABLE OFFICERS**

Chair Robert Hobson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the first report with the nominations for Table Officer positions:

For President:	Councillor Barbara Steele, City of Surrey
For First Vice-President:	Director Heath Slee, East Kootenay Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Mayor Mary Sjostrom, City of Quesnel
For Third Vice-President:	Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons
	Director Rhona Martin, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

## PRINCIPAL POLICY SESSION – RESOLUTIONS

The first Resolutions session began with Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in the Chair.

Mayor Sharon Gaetz was joined by the other members of the Resolutions Committee: Director Heath Slee, Mayor Christopher Causton, Mayor Greg Moore and Councillor Barbara Steele. They were assisted by Parliamentarian Kate Ryan-Lloyd, UBCM Executive Director Gary MacIsaac and other UBCM staff.

Rules for dealing with resolutions adopted during the Annual Meeting were reviewed by the Chair.

The Convention then commenced with consideration of resolutions.

### ***EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS***

Mayor Sharon Gaetz presented the “Report of the Resolutions Committee on the Resolutions Process Review” and subsequently introduced resolution ER1 for consideration. The Report is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix B.

#### **ER1 EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNION’S BYLAWS UBCM Executive RESPECTING RULES OF PROCEDURE & THE HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS resolution 2008-B137, which requested several changes to the UBCM resolutions process, was referred by the membership to the UBCM Executive for further consideration;

AND WHEREAS in response to resolution 2008-B137 the UBCM Executive through its Resolutions Committee conducted extensive research and member consultation, and as a result the Resolutions Committee has recommended certain improvements to the resolutions process that require amendments to the UBCM Bylaws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union’s Bylaws be amended effective upon adoption of this Extraordinary Resolution as follows, with the full wording of the proposed amendments provided for reference as Appendix B of the Report of the Resolutions Committee on the Resolutions Process Review:

- Sections 23(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) on the HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS be deleted and replaced with new sections (a), (c), (d) and (e) to make it possible to block vote on some or all of the grouped resolutions; and a new section (b) to implement the requirement to call the question on a resolution if there is no delegate wishing to speak in opposition or propose an amendment; and
- Sections 14(a), 15(c) and 22(c) be amended for clarity, consequential to the amendments to Section 23.

#### **ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

Mayor Sharon Gaetz introduced UBCM Past President Robert Hobson, who presented the “Report of the Structure Review Committee” and subsequently introduced resolution ER2 for consideration. The Report is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix C.

#### **ER2 EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNION’S BYLAWS UBCM Executive RESPECTING ADDITION OF TWO VANCOUVER METRO AREA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS in the spirit of adapting to change and ensuring that the composition of the UBCM Executive remains relevant to the entire membership, the UBCM Executive created a Structure Review Committee to examine and make recommendations for potential changes to the structure of the UBCM Executive;

AND WHEREAS arising out of its consideration of the historical and current composition of the UBCM Executive, as well as the evolution of local government in BC over time, the Structure Review Committee has recommended changes to the UBCM Executive structure that require amendments to the UBCM Bylaws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union's Bylaws be amended effective January 1, 2011 as follows, with the full wording of the proposed amendments provided for reference as Appendix B of the Report of the Structure Review Committee:

Sections 3(b) and (d); 4(b), (g), (h) and (i); and 5(a), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) be amended to add two additional positions to the UBCM Executive, to be known as Vancouver Metro Area Representatives; with these positions to be open to all elected officials who are in the GVRD area; and with these positions to be elected annually at the UBCM Convention by delegates from the GVRD and its member local governments.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

Director Heath Slee assumed the Chair and commenced consideration of Section A resolutions.

**SECTION A RESOLUTIONS**

**A1 HARMONIZED FEDERAL & PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS Stewart**

WHEREAS many potential projects of economic importance to British Columbia are required to undergo a separate, thorough, and detailed environmental assessment review with both the government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has successfully processed these environmental assessments in a more timely manner than the federal government has been able to;

AND WHEREAS many of these projects are important to the economic and social well-being of British Columbians throughout the entire province and lengthy delays in the environmental assessment process has the potential to cause many projects to be lost:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM support the initiative of the Province of British Columbia to combine the environmental assessment review processes of both the provincial and the federal government into one integrated process and urges the Government of Canada to support the initiative for the betterment of British Columbians and Canadians.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**A2 FOUR YEAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TERM New Westminster**

WHEREAS elections are expensive for both candidates and local governments;

AND WHEREAS a majority of provinces have switched to four-year terms:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government extend the local government term to four years.

The result of the standing vote on A2 was questioned by more than fifty voting delegates, so the Chair ruled that according to the voting rules a ballot vote would be held to resolve the matter on Thursday morning.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**A3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS DATE Surrey**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend to the Province that the date for local government elections be moved to the third Saturday of October.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended to specify that those elected would take office on November 1, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend to the Province that the date for local government elections be moved to the third Saturday of October and that those elected take office on November 1.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**A4 VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH MEDICAL MARIHUANA ACCESS Maple Ridge REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS under s. 11(1) of the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations, a person may possess marihuana through the issuance of an authorization to possess (a "holder"), the federal government does not license or regulate compassion clubs that possess, produce or distribute marihuana to a holder for medicinal purposes and there is no verification by Health Canada that the applicable federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations are complied with;

AND WHEREAS police and fire services have identified community safety issues regarding medical marihuana grow houses such as increased risk of break-ins and home invasions because of the potential profits associated with the illicit sale of marihuana, health issues for children living in houses where marihuana is grown and increased risk of residential fires, chemical spills in sewer systems and injuries to growers and their families from growing techniques, use of chemicals and destruction materials:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to take immediate action to institute processes to verify compliance with the applicable federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations for licenses issued under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations.

**ON MOTION, was REFERRED to the UBCM EXECUTIVE**

**NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR FOR THE POSITIONS OF UBCM TABLE OFFICERS**

At 11:55 a.m., the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chair Robert Hobson, called for nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Table Officer positions were:

For President:	Councillor Barbara Steele, City of Surrey
For First Vice-President:	Director Heath Slee, East Kootenay Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Mayor Mary Sjostrom, City of Quesnel
For Third Vice-President:	Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons Director Rhona Martin, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

At the conclusion of nominations, Chair Hobson declared the positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President elected by acclamation and advised that there would be an election for the position of Third Vice-President.

The Convention adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon. All Area Associations hosted lunches during this period.

The Convention re-convened at 1:45 p.m.

**ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE BEN STEWART  
MINISTER OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The President, Chair Harry Nyce, introduced the Minister of Community and Rural Development, the Honourable Ben Stewart and invited the Minister to address the Convention. The Minister's address is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix D. Councillor Barbara Steele thanked the Minister.

## CANDIDATES' SPEECHES

The delegates heard two-minute speeches from each of the candidates for the position of Third Vice-President.

## REMARKS BY FCM PRESIDENT

UBCM President, Chair Harry Nyce, introduced Director Hans Cunningham, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, who addressed the Convention. Director Hans Cunningham spoke about the current activities of the FCM. Councillor Barbara Steele thanked Director Cunningham. FCM President Cunningham's address is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix E.

## CABINET PANELS

At 3:00 p.m. the following concurrent panels were held:

### **Community, Safety and Intergovernmental Relations Panel**

- Honourable Mike de Jong, Attorney General, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development
- Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

### **Education, Health and Social Development Panel**

- Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Children and Family Development, and Minister Responsible for Child Care
- Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport
- Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Health Services
- Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy
- Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development

### **Business and Economy Panel**

- Honourable Iain Black, Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development
- Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Labour
- Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance
- Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts
- Honourable Mary McNeil, Minister of Citizen Services and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and Public Affairs Bureau

### **Resource Panel**

- Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range
- Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Agriculture and Lands
- Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
- Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment
- Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action
- Honourable Randy Hawes, Minister of State for Mining

At 4:15 p.m., Chair Robert Hobson and the Honourable John Yap assisted with the presentation of the 2010 Energy and Climate Action Awards sponsored by the Community Energy Association.

The Convention adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY CLINICS

On Thursday September 30, 2010 the Convention commenced at 7:30 a.m. with the following clinics:

- Engagement in the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program
- Making Child Rights Come Alive in Your Community
- Can Ranching Survive in BC?
- Engaging Local Businesses to Meet Climate Change Goals
- The Benefits of Strong BC Film and New Media Industries

## COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Winners received their awards at a special awards breakfast, held on Thursday, September 30, 2010. Winners of the 2010 Community Excellence Awards were:

### **BEST PRACTICES, General**

WINNER: City of Surrey, Erosion and Sediment Control

HONOURABLE MENTION: City of Coquitlam, Coquitlam Optical Network Corporation, QNET  
City of Quesnel, Bulk Water Distribution Plant

### **BEST PRACTICES, Website:**

WINNER: District of Lillooet, lillooetbc.ca

HONOURABLE MENTION: Village of Tahsis, villageoftahsis.com

### **BEST PRACTICES, Civic Engagement**

WINNER: City of Port Coquitlam, On-line Outreach Program

HONOURABLE MENTION: Village of Cumberland, Cumberland Now

### **LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION**

**Small Community:** District of Kent, Duncan-Bateson Pump Station Goes Fish Friendly

**Mid-Size Community:** City of Dawson Creek, Effluent Water Re-use Project

**Large Community:** District of North Vancouver, Solar Application

**Regional District:** Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Passive Destruction of Methane with Microbes

### **PARTNERSHIPS –Tourism**

WINNER: City of Richmond, 2010 Olympic Marketing Strategy

HONOURABLE MENTION: District of Lillooet & City of Quesnel, Gold Rush Living Partnership  
Cariboo Regional District, The BC Street Experience

The plenary session reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

## SECOND REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Chair Robert Hobson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the second report of the Nominating Committee for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and Director at Large. Those nominated were:

**For Small Community Rep.** Mayor Corrine Dahling, Village of Tahsis  
Councillor Galina Durant, District of Stewart

**For Electoral Area Rep.** Director Al Richmond, Cariboo Regional District

**For Director at Large** Mayor James Atebe, District of Mission  
Councillor Bob Day, Town of Lake Cowichan  
Councillor Ralph Forsyth, Resort Municipality of Whistler  
Mayor Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack  
Councillor Wesly Graham, Town of Creston  
Councillor Murry Krause, City of Prince George  
Mayor David Pernarowski, City of Terrace  
Councillor Jerrilyn Schembri, District of Tumbler Ridge

## **ADDRESS BY CAROLE JAMES, MLA LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION**

UBCM President, Chair Harry Nyce, introduced Carole James, Leader of the Official Opposition, who addressed the Convention. Ms. James' address is annexed to these minutes as Appendix F. UBCM 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Councillor Barbara Steele thanked Ms. James.

### **POLICY SESSION – RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Sharon Gaetz assumed the Chair Thursday morning, following the address by the Leader of the Official Opposition, and was joined by members of the Resolutions Committee: Director Heath Slee, Mayor Christopher Causton and Mayor Greg Moore.

Mayor Gaetz introduced Special Resolution SR1, RCMP Police Costs & Accountability.

#### ***SPECIAL RESOLUTION***

##### **SR1 RCMP POLICE COSTS & ACCOUNTABILITY**

**UBCM Executive**

WHEREAS local governments are concerned about the rapidly increasing costs of RCMP police services and the affordability of these services in the future;

AND WHEREAS local governments are concerned about the accountability of the RCMP to local governments for the delivery of police services at the local level;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM implement the following strategy to ensure the federal and provincial governments are fully aware of local government concerns related to the delivery of local police services by the RCMP and the strength of these concerns:

- That a meeting be organized as soon as possible between federal cabinet representatives and local government representatives to discuss local government concerns with the rapidly increasing costs of RCMP services and the need for increased accountability of the RCMP;
- That local governments be requested to write to their federal Member of Parliament, the federal Minister of Public Safety and the President of Treasury Board, highlighting concerns with the rapidly increasing costs of RCMP police services and the need for increased accountability;
- That a meeting be organized as soon as possible between the federal BC Conservative Caucus and local government representatives to discuss local government concerns with the rapidly increasing costs of RCMP services and the need for increased accountability of the RCMP;
- That a meeting be organized as soon as possible between the appropriate provincial cabinet representatives and local government representatives to discuss local government concerns with the rapidly increasing costs of RCMP services, the need for increased accountability of the RCMP and measures that the province can take to assist in addressing these issues.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution C10 be admitted for debate, was endorsed.

#### ***SECTION C RESOLUTION***

##### **C10 RCMP CONTRACT COST DOWNLOADING**

**North Cowichan**

WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia can now be subject to unexpected costs as a result of major criminal investigations involving RCMP resources drawn from outside their local jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS these unexpected costs have the potential to create severe financial hardship for local governments;

AND WHEREAS the UBCM, on behalf of local governments across British Columbia, is currently negotiating with other orders of government to develop a new RCMP contract:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM give its RCMP contract negotiating committee a clear and unequivocal mandate to ensure that the new contract will explicitly assign to other orders of government all costs incurred for resources drawn from outside a local government's jurisdiction in the normal course of any major criminal investigation.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution C16 be admitted for debate, was not endorsed.

**SECTION B – PART I RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Gaetz reviewed the procedures for handling Section B resolutions.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that all B resolutions be admitted for consideration was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolutions B7, B14, B18 and B25 be removed from the Section B – Part 1 block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for Section B – Part 1 resolutions be adopted, was endorsed as amended.

The resolutions were endorsed as follows:

**B1 COMMUNITY CHARTER CONFLICT OF INTEREST Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

WHEREAS conflict of interest is a serious matter in all levels of government and the legal and court costs associated with upholding the conflict of interest provisions of the *Community Charter* are prohibitive;

AND WHEREAS by expanding the role of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner it would be beneficial ethically and financially for ensuring that the interests of the general public are upheld:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to expand the role of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to include matters arising at the local government level.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B2 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS many communities no longer have an assigned provincial judge and therefore have inadequate means to promptly resolve criminal issues;

AND WHEREAS the shortage of judges results in members of the public being poorly served and delays in due process;

AND WHEREAS many communities use community justice mechanisms to deal with first time offenders, reducing court time and helping to seek resolutions to matters in a more expeditious manner:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be strongly urged to adequately fund the services the community justice programs provide to communities and the now very overloaded court systems.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B3 PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF FIREWORKS Columbia Shuswap RD**

WHEREAS British Columbia experienced an active fire season this summer due to extremely dry weather conditions and the misuse and abuse of fireworks causes significant property damage and personal injury, and generates unnecessary costs for taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* enables local governments to regulate fireworks, however lack of staffing and funding drastically affects the ability of local governments to provide enforcement:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a province-wide approach is needed for the safe manufacturing, transportation, retail, wholesale and use of fireworks;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to regulate the use of fireworks in British Columbia by a permit system, including public education, enforcement, international and municipal cross border transportation, and cost recovery where loss can be directly attributed to the use and abuse of fireworks.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B4 TRANSFORMING THE FIRE/RESCUE SERVICE REPORT  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Bulkley-Nechako RD**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will be considering a report titled "Public Safety in British Columbia: Transforming the Fire/Rescue Service Report" which will affect the provision of fire rescue services in the rural areas of the province;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the impact upon local governments of the recommendations being put forward by the Fire Services Liaison Group to the provincial government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government hold consultation meetings for local governments to provide direct input to the Province regarding the proposed Fire Rescue Service Report recommendations.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B5 FIRE RESCUE SERVICE**

**Bulkley-Nechako RD**

WHEREAS the provincial government is desirous to enforce the new model of the fire rescue service:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government fund the changes and the ongoing costs with the money they collect from the Insurance Premium Tax.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B6 FUNDING OF ROAD-SIDE RESCUE SERVICES**

**Fort St. James**

WHEREAS volunteer organizations in many small communities provide road rescue and vehicle extrication services to motorists both inside and outside of municipal jurisdictions but are required to provide their own specialized training, equipment, and liability insurance;

AND WHEREAS the majority of road accidents requiring rescue or vehicle extrication services occur outside municipal boundaries but only fees for service are recovered through the Provincial Emergency Program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide core funding for training, equipment, and insurance for volunteer road rescue and vehicle extrication organizations.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B8 LONG-TERM BC COASTAL COMMUNITY FLOOD PROTECTION**

**Delta**

WHEREAS the provincial government recognizes that sea level rise and subsidence are occurring in communities along the BC coast;

AND WHEREAS coastal communities have limited funds for enhancing the level of flood protection:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government, in collaboration with the federal government, develop a long term funding strategy to maintain and improve the level of flood protection for communities.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B9 FIRST RESPONDER SUPPLIES**

**Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS the BC Ambulance Service has historically provided replacement oxygen and various medical supplies to first responders following first responder incident calls, but recently this practice has been discontinued in many locations throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS for many volunteer fire departments, the discontinuation of the provision of these resources creates a funding pressure that could result in a loss of first responder services to many of the small and rural communities that need this service the most;

AND WHEREAS first responder services are provided in support of the BC Ambulance Service and the providers of these services should not be expected to incur the cost of the required resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to reinstate the provision of replacement oxygen and various medical supplies to first responder groups on a province-wide basis.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B10 FINANCIAL, EQUIPMENT & PERSONNEL SUPPORT FOR RCMP RURAL DETACHMENTS**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachments serving rural communities in British Columbia have limited resources due to small population densities in their service area;

AND WHEREAS many small rural recreational areas experience huge increases in population densities during peak seasonal periods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia provide greater financial, equipment and personnel resources to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to assist with increased seasonal demands in rural recreational areas.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B11 ADDITIONAL POLICING**

**Invermere**

WHEREAS the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia has resulted in the sales tax charged on alcoholic beverages sold in licensed establishments changing from 15% to 12%;

AND WHEREAS a significant amount of police and bylaw enforcement resources are necessary to deal with the impacts from and the patrons of bars, nightclubs and other licensed establishments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM negotiate with the provincial government to allow local governments the ability to request an additional 3% sales tax be levied on all alcoholic beverages sold in licensed establishments within their jurisdiction, and that this money be directed to the local government to help fund existing and additional policing and bylaw enforcement in relation to bars, nightclubs and other licensed establishments.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B12 VICTIM SERVICES**

**Richmond**

WHEREAS the cost to municipalities of providing police based victim services continues to escalate due to the increased demand for the service;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General initially funded 50% of the cost of the program;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has maintained its funding expenditure at a fixed amount for many years;

AND WHEREAS providing assistance to victims of crime is a social service, which is primarily the financial responsibility of the Province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM continue to strongly endorse the victim services program and that the Province be requested to fund the program on a 50/50 cost shared basis as it was originally established.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B13 SUPPORT FOR YOUTH OUTREACH/STREET WORKERS**

**District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS many small and mid-sized communities are critically lacking in support services for youth at risk of becoming homeless or engaged in "at risk" activities;

AND WHEREAS these youth require guidance and education to protect them and help them to become productive adults in society:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government increase funding and expand youth outreach and street worker programs.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B15 GREENER TRANSPORTATION**

**Kaslo**

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that mankind is facing the most serious threat in history to its continuing existence from the profound effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere resulting in climate change and the increasing acidification of the oceans resulting in a drastic reduction of marine life;

AND WHEREAS a significant source of greenhouse gases are from internal combustion engines in the nation's automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work collectively with the Province of British Columbia and the government of Canada to greatly expand or create an electrified passenger and freight rail network linking most of the urban centres of the country making it the predominant mode of transportation for both intra-urban and inter-urban travel.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B16 INCREASED SHOULDER WIDTH OF HIGHWAYS**

**Vernon**

WHEREAS local governments are taking positive steps towards attaining the greenhouse gas reduction targets introduced by the Province in November 2007, through the incorporation and emphasis of alternative transportation and infrastructure in planning and development;

AND WHEREAS residents and visitors to and between communities require safe cycling infrastructure to provide alternative modes of transportation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that safe and adequate cycling be incorporated into highway design and construction consisting of a shoulder width of a minimum two metres that includes a rumble strip alongside the driving lane;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all existing highway improvements and future highway projects include these requirements throughout the province.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B17 BC CYCLING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**Vancouver**

WHEREAS cycling is a critical element of the province's transportation system, serving growing numbers of citizens for commuting, recreation and sport year-round;

AND WHEREAS cycling not only supports BC's greenhouse gas emission goals and public health objectives, it provides community-friendly transportation at low cost to local governments;

AND WHEREAS cycling is an important part of BC's ecotourism industry with routes like the Kettle Valley Railway and others attracting thousands of visitors annually;

AND WHEREAS the development and expansion of safe cycling across the province requires a coordinated approach that includes the relevant provincial ministries working with local governments through UBCM:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to undertake a BC Cycling Development Program in cooperation with local governments to:

- ensure safety is paramount through the development of cyclist and driver education programs;
- develop a best practices guide for local governments designed to grow cycling traffic and cycling mode share by ensuring consistent standards province-wide in the implementation of cycling infrastructure, including bike lanes and signage, and the creation of cycling routes and loops to encourage destination cycling;
- allocate appropriate funding through the Ministry of Transportation to double cycling mode share by 2020 through strategies including increased capital cost sharing with local governments, safe cycling connections between local governments and safe cycling infrastructure on provincial routes through local governments; and
- consult with stakeholders on necessary amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act* to promote safe cycling and to develop appropriate province-wide standards for enforcement of the law as it applies to cyclists and to motorists.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B19 RURAL ROADS ACCESS & MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

**Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS, there is growing concern among some rural residents that basic maintenance of rural roads is not being deployed in remote areas of regional districts;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Transportation does not necessarily fund basic road maintenance service to all public road rights-of-way and many people depend on these roads throughout the year for access to their homes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia develop an improved program of basic rural road maintenance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that remote communities and regional districts be notified about which rural roads are maintained and those that are not.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B20 BC FERRY SERVICES PERFORMANCE**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS service levels, fare increases exceeding the consumer price index, and unsatisfactory 'on-time' performance negatively impact ferry users, their families and their communities to the extent that the social and economic cost of the service could ultimately result in a migration away from ferry dependent communities;

AND WHEREAS coastal ferries are an extension of the highway system and an essential part of the provincial transportation network, crucial to the economic and social health of the coastal region and the tourism industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferry Services be funded and administered as a critical component of the provincial transportation system in order to provide affordable, accessible and dependable service.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B21 LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BC TRANSIT**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the BC Transit Financial Forecast report noted that BC Transit's goal is to increase ridership by 5% per year leading to a doubling of ridership by 2020;

AND WHEREAS the projected increase in local taxation (on a provincial level) would rise from the existing level of \$63.2 million in 2009/10 to a projected level of \$139.1 million in 2013/14 with no clear indication of how the local community contributions will be funded:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Province and BC Transit to ensure that senior government financial support is available to mitigate the increased local government contribution requirements to transit funding.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B22 PARK LAND**

**Canal Flats**

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* requires that an owner of land being subdivided must either provide park land or pay to the local government an amount in lieu of park land dedication, which amount must be set aside in reserves and used solely for park land acquisition and for no other purpose;

AND WHEREAS existing parks might already benefit the subdivision, in which case the local government might prefer to expend its park land fund reserves to improve existing parks and other community or recreational amenities, with such capital improvements being a higher priority than the acquisition of additional land for parks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* to permit local governments to expend reserve funds collected in lieu of park land for either park land acquisition or capital improvements to existing park lands.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B23 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES & SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS**

**Delta**

WHEREAS under Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* it states that Parks Development Cost Charges (DCCs) can be used to pay the capital costs of providing fencing, landscaping, drainage and irrigation, trails, rest-rooms, changing rooms and playground and playing field equipment on park land;

AND WHEREAS this section does not include the ability for municipalities to use parks DCCs to pay the capital costs of synthetic turf fields, but BC municipalities are using synthetic turf for recreational soccer pitches and baseball fields because it is more durable, less affected by wet and cold weather, and unlike natural turf, can be used year-round:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* to include synthetic turf fields.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B24 PROVINCIAL MOTOR TAX FUEL**

**Barriere**

WHEREAS local governments are not able to generate enough revenue to fund the growing needs of their communities;

AND WHEREAS many citizens and local tax payers cannot afford the higher property taxes and fees that are needed to fund infrastructure repairs and increased services;

AND WHEREAS the government of Canada has chosen to share a portion of their gas tax revenue with local government;

AND WHEREAS the Province collects a 14.5 cents per litre gasoline tax in the areas outside of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Service Region and the Victoria Regional Transit Service Area:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to share a portion of the provincial gas tax with local government in a grant program similar to the Federal Gas Tax program without impacting current funding programs.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B26 RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION ON PRIVATE FOREST LANDS Parksville**

WHEREAS the study of ecosystem services as they relate to water is still developing and scientists are working to understand human impacts on water and the functions of fresh-water ecosystems in storing, filtering and purifying water;

AND WHEREAS the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* does not impose ecosystem-based riparian regulations and permits selective harvesting to the water's edge on all water courses including fish-bearing streams and community drinking water sheds:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the provincial government amend the *Private Forest Management Land Act* with the goal to maintain and restore the productivity and resiliency of riparian ecosystems by maintaining along a stream or river all the biological and physical characteristics of an undisturbed forest, including both buffering and connectivity.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B27 BC RECYCLING REGULATION Whistler**

WHEREAS the BC Recycling Regulation specifies the minimum amount for beverage container deposit or refund, this amount is lower than the minimum set out the in the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Regulation, and recover rates will increase with higher refunds;

AND WHEREAS recovery rates in BC have remained at 70 – 75% for many years and millions of containers still go to landfills, and travelling out of province to collect higher deposits or refunds should be discouraged:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment for the addition of milk containers to the Recycling Regulation.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B28 BAN PESTICIDES & OTHER CHEMICALS Coquitlam**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B29 INVASIVE SPECIES Squamish**

WHEREAS invasive plant species grow rapidly and outcompete native species, threaten public and animal safety, and have a significant environmental and financial impact on communities throughout British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the spread of invasive plant species is the second greatest threat to global biodiversity, after habitat destruction by land clearing:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia minimize the further introduction and spread of invasive species by:

1. educating the public, government agencies, and other land managers about non-native vegetation and their impacts;
2. dedicating resources to government agencies for control of invasive species; and
3. instituting a grants program to assist local organizations in invasive species control;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province act as a conduit to information and sources of expertise on invasive species including identification, prevention and control.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B30 DERELICT & ABANDONED VESSELS, BARGES & DOCKS**

**AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS UBCM has previously endorsed a resolution on the topic of derelict vessels in 2005 and the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges, and docks continues to be of significant concern and cost for local governments and harbour authorities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS there are many derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks that pose safety hazards, risks of environmental contamination and visual pollution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial and federal governments to develop a coordinated approach to the timely and adequate removal of all types of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks in all situations and consider the following strategies:

- funding mechanisms such as a fee on vessel registrations or a surcharge on marine fuel to fund the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks;
- designated disposal areas where owners can take their unwanted boats and structures to provide an alternative to abandonment on public property; and
- education and vessel product stewardship programs, for example fibreglass boat recycling centres.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B31 CARBON OFFSETS**

**Summerland**

WHEREAS the 176 municipalities which signed the BC Climate Action Charter have committed to measure and report corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and become carbon neutral (in operations) by 2012 which, at present, contemplates that each municipality will need to purchase carbon offsets through the Pacific Carbon Trust to achieve this objective;

AND WHEREAS without further policy and regulatory clarification the monies paid by municipalities to purchase carbon offsets may be utilized to fund non-municipal certified greenhouse gas reduction projects as directed to the Pacific Carbon Trust, the Province or other agency:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the provincial government ensure that:

1. local governments are fully engaged in the development of policies and regulations with respect to the further development and implementation of the carbon neutral mandate; and
2. there is a framework in place to provide that local government monies used to purchase carbon offsets will be made available to local governments for any certified greenhouse gas reduction projects in their communities or region.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B32 EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF CARBON OFFSETS**

**North Vancouver District**

WHEREAS 177 local governments have voluntarily signed-on to the BC Climate Action Charter and in so doing have agreed to be carbon-neutral in their operations by 2012;

AND WHEREAS local governments are making significant advancements to become carbon neutral, but are finding it difficult to attain carbon neutrality without the purchase of carbon offsets from the Pacific Carbon Trust or other verified offset providers; and the purchase of such offsets consumes resources that could otherwise be used locally to further reduce carbon emissions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the provincial government, local governments and the Pacific Carbon Trust to expand the scope and criteria of land-based projects that can qualify for immediate carbon credits and establish a model reserve fund that will allow local governments to deposit monies that would otherwise be spent on carbon offsets and use these funds to undertake effective projects in their communities to sequester carbon and reduce GHG emissions.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B33 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS COST RECOVERIES FOR COMMUNITIES**

**Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS under Province of BC legislation, extended producer responsibility (EPR) places the responsibility for end of life product management on the producer and consumers of a product whereby fees are charged to fund the collection, processing and recycling of such products;

AND WHEREAS local government, through participation in the BC Product Stewardship Council (BCPSC), advocates with a common voice for enhanced stewardship programs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia (Ministry of Environment) to monitor EPR programs in regional districts to encourage improved service levels and ensure that stewardship plans are being adequately delivered, and further, to evaluate EPR programs and develop a cost recovery formula that considers distributing revenue collected from the programs back to BC communities that bear the cost of collecting and transporting the material.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B34 FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECYCLING PROGRAMS**

**Delta**

WHEREAS waste diversion is a fundamental goal of waste management policy in Canada;

AND WHEREAS extended producer responsibility:

- (a) shifts responsibility for managing the post-consumer stage of a product to the producer and away from municipalities;
- (b) provides incentives to producers to incorporate environmental considerations in the design of their products; and
- (c) shifts the public sector tax-supported responsibility for waste to the individual manufacturer:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to look at the Ontario extended producer responsibility program and work with BC municipalities and regional districts to implement an expanded extended producer responsibility program to encompass a wider range of waste streams, including industrial and commercial packaging and residential blue box materials, and to shift the costs of waste diversion from municipal taxpayers and businesses onto the producers of the products.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B35 DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIES & ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT FOR BC**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS our province prides itself as a global tourist destination, and the continued growth of the eco-tourism economy wholly depends on the future survival of our wildlife and stewardship of our wild lands;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia is one of only two provinces in Canada without an endangered species law, the lack of which law leaves over 1,600 species-at-risk without adequate legal protection;

AND WHEREAS a robust law to protect species and ecosystems at risk will provide more certainty to developers, industry and local government decision-makers in guiding development in a way that sustains human well-being and species survival:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend that the Province of British Columbia develop a Species and Ecosystems Protection Act for BC.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B36 PARKLAND DEDICATION**

**Metchosin**

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* grants all municipalities the ability to acquire 5% dedication for park land during the subdivision process (or monies in lieu of park land);

AND WHEREAS Section 941 in subsection 5(b) does not apply to a subdivision by which the smallest lot being created is larger than 2 hectares;

AND WHEREAS rural communities often have land zoned for a minimum lot size greater than 2 hectares and as a result are not able to avail themselves of this provision:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial legislation be amended to increase the size of the smallest lot in Section 941 5(b) to be larger than 4 hectares.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B37 TREATY SETTLEMENT COSTS**

**Colwood**

WHEREAS open and principled community based agreements with Aboriginal people (treaties) may encompass multiple local governments, but the availability of the land component may be vastly different from one local government to the next;

AND WHEREAS there is a real long-term cost associated with the removal of lands from local government jurisdictions, which may place a burden solely on the land-owning local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to include a formula to fairly compensate any local government for the loss of land as a result of settlement agreement with Aboriginal people so that all the parties who benefit from the agreement share the costs and benefits of the agreement equally.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B38 ALR REVIEW**

**Columbia Shuswap RD**

WHEREAS since the creation of the Agricultural Land Reserves (ALR), the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has carried out a number of fine tuning reviews in some parts of the province but not others;

AND WHEREAS regional districts are in the process of developing growth management strategies through their Official Community Plans and other regulatory tools to direct and manage growth to designated settlement areas where appropriate services can be provided in order to create liveable and environmentally sustainable communities;

AND WHEREAS it is important to attain a level of certainty with respect to the suitability of retention of ALR lands for community planning purposes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ALC carry out a current comprehensive ALR fine tuning review in those portions of the province which have not had the benefit of a recent review.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B39 MEAT REGULATIONS**

**North Saanich**

WHEREAS the Province’s Meat Inspection Regulations are having an adverse effect on the local economy of rural communities due to the hardship they impose on small scale producers and processors;

AND WHEREAS the regulations are also negatively impacting local food security and sustainability due to the distances local producers are required to transport livestock, the stress it places on the animals, and the additional greenhouse gas emissions that result:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province to tailor the Meat Inspection Regulations to allow local, and/or mobile small-scale abattoir facilities to operate under less stringent facility regulations without lowering health and safety standards, without the requirements for a meat inspector on site when slaughtering, and that any meat processed in such a manner will be allowed to be sold locally to the public.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B40 UTILIZATION OF BC PINE BEETLE INFESTED FOREST**

**Tumbler Ridge**

WHEREAS BC Stats (2008) indicate the destruction of 14.5 million hectares of BC’s provincial forest by the pine beetle which will lead to the release of 990 million tonnes of CO2, five times that of annual emissions from all transportation in Canada;

AND WHEREAS using BC’s pine beetle infested wood to generate biomass energy will improve the local environment by clearing dead trees that would otherwise cause problems with soil erosion, habitat and the threat to communities from wild fires;

AND WHEREAS the use of biomass contributes to reducing emissions that contribute to climate change, in accordance with the Kyoto Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the plantation of seedlings on harvested BC’s beetle infected forests will result in a healthy reforestation in the most expedient manner and lead to more jobs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Ministry of Forests and Range and the provincial government to immediately implement effective policies which will allow for BC’s pine beetle infested wood to be utilized for bio-energy opportunities that will create new jobs; reduce BC’s carbon footprint; mitigate wild fire threat; and lead to the plantation of new healthy forests.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B41 INCREASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL RECREATION SITES**

**Burns Lake**

WHEREAS funding for local recreation sites and picnic areas has been significantly decreased in the past five years;

AND WHEREAS vibrant, well-maintained recreation sites are invaluable to communities pursuing tourism as a form of economic development:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province to ensure that it provides additional funding for the maintenance and upgrading of recreation sites to enhance and promote economic development through tourism.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B42 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

**District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS there are many communities that have inadequate support for citizens with mental illness and those who have dual diagnosis with addiction issues in need of mental health services, and have a higher risk of homelessness and other health related issues;

AND WHEREAS many members of our communities are unable to function and participate safely and fully in society and require a safe haven such as a drop-in centre:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to expand services and funding for people with mental illness and addictions, especially in small and midsize communities, where seed monies to fund "not for profit", day programs, street support workers, recreation programs and nutrition programs are critically lacking.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B43 RURAL HEALTH CARE**

**Columbia Shuswap RD**

WHEREAS health care services, specifically small rural medical clinics are important to its patients, some of which are seniors unable to drive or travel long distances;

AND WHEREAS it is important to support the health care in small rural areas of British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Minister to take the necessary action to ensure that doctors and other medical services are adequately provided to all residents in every community of British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B44 ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES**

**Williams Lake**

WHEREAS drug and alcohol addictions are known to contribute to a majority of criminal offences and anti-social behavior, particularly in northern and rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the provision of drug and alcohol addiction treatment services and facilities in northern and rural communities is frequently inadequate to address the demand for such services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to increase the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services and facilities.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B45 BC AMBULANCE SERVICES RESPONSE TIME**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS the administration and delivery of health care service is the responsibility of the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Ambulance Service, operating under the authority of the Emergency and Health Services Commission to provide public ambulance service across the province, has a target to respond within 9 minutes to 90% of the most serious calls (Delta/Echo) from its metro/urban stations and in 2009 responded within 9 minutes to only 52% of those calls placing the citizens of this province at risk:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call upon the Province of British Columbia to direct sufficient resources to meet the response time criteria to ensure that citizens of this province have access to timely high quality care during medical emergencies.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B46 RESTORE & MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR BC LIBRARIES**

**Nelson**

WHEREAS the provincial government of British Columbia has stated that one of its Five Great Goals is to make BC the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government recognized that libraries are central to that objective by developing and implementing the "Libraries Without Walls" strategic plan, which allowed libraries to

significantly improve and provide services such as the BC OneCard system, Books for Babies, a virtual reference service, and a provincial suite of online databases;

AND WHEREAS last year's funding cutbacks resulted in the loss of some of these programs and reduction in services for others, and additional cutbacks will mean a further reduction of programs and services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government maintain existing funding levels in 2010 for BC public libraries and reading centres, and further, that funding for BC libraries and reading centres be restored to the levels that were achieved as part of the strategic plan prior to 2009.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B47 GREENHOUSES**

**Kaslo**

WHEREAS British Columbia's food security has become increasingly vulnerable through a growing dependence upon the global market, which in recent times has experienced significantly fluctuating food prices and availability due to a large number of factors which are beyond our local control, including but not limited to:

- rising oil costs for food production and transportation
- climate change causing more severe weather phenomena such as droughts and floods
- increasing global market concentration of food production and stocks
- loss of farmland to urbanization, and less farmland being available for the average farmer;

AND WHEREAS locally grown, community based agriculture can provide for food sustainability and food security, create local jobs, reduce the carbon footprint and enhance economic well being by retaining more money in our local communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to create a program to promote and develop local food production on farmland and in greenhouses sufficient to meet the needs of communities throughout the province of BC.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B48 ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING**

**Powell River RD  
Powell River City  
North Saanich**

WHEREAS arts and culture are universal goods which represent a very important part of the social fabric of all communities;

AND WHEREAS the Province's Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services has recommended that the Province restore funding for arts and culture organizations to the 2008/2009 levels:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to restore funds to community arts and culture organizations to the 2008/2009 levels.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B49 SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING**

**Williams Lake**

WHEREAS a stable, effective public education system is instrumental in creating and supporting a successful and sustainable community, and many school districts have announced significant financial challenges for 2010 and beyond;

AND WHEREAS the closure of schools is detrimental to the development of students and effectively removes the heart of the community with significant social and economic loss, and minimizes the opportunity for any growth in the community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM strongly request the government of BC to continue its commitment to build strong communities throughout the province by adequately funding education and schools to achieve integrated sustainability of communities throughout the province.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B50 CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**Hudson's Hope**

WHEREAS the provincial government made a commitment in 2008 that all rural communities would be provided with advanced communications including cellular phone service within three years, which would provide lower cost communication and support economic growth;

AND WHEREAS many rural communities and vast areas of British Columbia are still without cellular coverage, and the absence of this service poses a hazard to all who travel through the province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government and cellular providers to foster economic growth and citizen safety by ensuring that cell phone coverage is available to all rural BC communities and their connecting corridors.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B51 POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN**

**White Rock**

WHEREAS poverty and its effects is something that each local government is faced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the importance of a poverty reduction plan be communicated to the leaders of all political parties in British Columbia highlighting the need to provide adequate and accessible income support for the non-employed, improve the earnings and working conditions of those in the low-wage workforce and improve food security for low-income individuals and families.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B52 CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION REGARDING ACCESSIBLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING STANDARDS**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS British Columbia Building Code Standards only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi-family housing and cannot be applied to single family dwellings or townhouse development;

AND WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of all housing types that are accessible:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Local Government Act* and/or *Community Charter* be changed and provide policy for local governments to apply tax incentives, development cost proportional forgiveness, density bonusing or other tools to encourage construction of accessible housing in all housing forms.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B53 ACCESSIBLE BUILDING CODE STANDARDS**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS most communities are trying to build housing and neighborhoods that will allow their citizens to age in place without having to move so they can remain connected to their community;

AND WHEREAS building codes only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi family housing and do not apply to single family dwellings or townhouse development:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial and federal building codes be amended to allow communities to apply accessible building standards to all residential classes.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B54 CANADA POST POLICY ON UNADDRESSED ADMAIL**

**Delta**

WHEREAS Canada Post will not deliver unaddressed admail to addresses which have a 'block' on this type of mail;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post policy includes exemptions from 'blocking' for unaddressed mailings from the House of Commons, provincial chief electoral officers, municipal electoral officers and Elections Canada;

AND WHEREAS local governments may, from time to time, undertake bulk mail-outs, such as public opinion surveys, intended to reach all constituents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Canada Post be requested to amend its unaddressed admail policy to include an exemption for bulk mail-outs by local governments.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B55 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES – GRADES 8 TO 12**

**Duncan**

WHEREAS many citizens, young and old, do not have a great deal of knowledge about the actual role of local government within their community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be requested to approach the provincial government requesting "Local Government Studies" be added to the grades 8 to 12 school curriculum.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B56 FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Invermere**

WHEREAS the development of children from the ages of 0-6 is important to the overall development of communities and society;

AND WHEREAS long term funding and investments in early childhood development leads to stronger communities and more socially responsible citizens:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM supports the Province's long term funding commitment to early childhood development programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be advised that the UBCM does not support any proposed cuts to early childhood development programs to offset short term financial short falls in exchange for long term societal impacts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to ensure early childhood development remains a provincial priority for funding.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B57 LEGAL AID FOR BC**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS local governments, being committed to equal access to justice for all citizens, consider that the provincial government has an obligation to fund legal services to ensure equal access to justice for every British Columbian;

AND WHEREAS reduced provincial government funding has, in the face of significantly increased demand, resulted in deep cuts to legal aid services and staff, thus harming the most vulnerable in our society, predominantly lower-income women and children:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Province to restore and increase funding for legal aid in British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

The Chair then introduced the following Section B – Part I resolutions for individual debate: B7, B14, B18 and B25.

**B7 MANDATORY HELMETS FOR SMALL-WHEEL VEHICLES**

**Port Moody**

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of individuals using skateboards, scooters, inline skates and other small-wheel vehicles are at risk of serious injuries and potential liability exists for municipalities from injuries sustained within pathways, sidewalks and roadways;

AND WHEREAS the Province has jurisdictional power to legislate helmet use on sidewalks and roadways as demonstrated by the mandatory helmet use requirement for cyclists in the existing *Motor Vehicle Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to require mandatory helmet use when operating a skateboard, scooter, in-line skates, roller skates or any other small-wheeled vehicle.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B14 ALCOHOL REDUCTION STRATEGY**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS abuse of alcohol contributes to a wide range of social ills in the province of British Columbia, costing the province approximately \$2.2 billion or \$536 per person, the highest per capita cost in Canada;

AND WHEREAS alcohol abuse is a contributing cause of 25% of all fatal motor vehicle accidents and 30 per cent of all criminal activity in BC, and contributes to the development of cancers, liver disease, heart disease, mental illness, fetal alcohol syndrome and homelessness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM join the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform in lobbying for the development of a provincial alcohol reduction strategy that may include some or all of the recommendations made by the Centre for Addictions Research and Dr. Perry Kendall to reduce the public safety and health concerns associated with problematic alcohol use in our society.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended by replacing the phrase “join the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform in lobbying” with the word “lobby”, and by removing the phrase “that may include some or all of the recommendations made by the Centre for Addictions Research and Dr. Perry Kendall”, was not endorsed.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B18 TRAILS ALONG RAILWAY RIGHTS OF WAY**

**Vernon**

WHEREAS railway dedication or rights of way in urban areas provide excellent opportunities to develop multi-use pathways or trails, known as Rails-with-Trails corridors, for alternate, active and “green” transportation;

AND WHEREAS feasibility studies have shown that these multi-use pathways can be developed safely so as not to cause significant conflicts with the routine operation of the rail system;

AND WHEREAS the development of off-road multi-use pathways for non-motorized vehicles is in the interest of all levels of governments to reduce motor vehicle use, improve the health of Canadian citizens and reduce emissions from transportation which contribute to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments be asked to support joint-use agreements with railway companies for rails-with-trails corridors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be asked to undertake legislative amendments to the Canadian *Transportation Act* to recognized the need for parallel corridors to be provided within rail rights of way and authorize provincial and local governments to apply to the Canadian Transportation Agency, in absence of agreement with a railway company, for authority to place trails within rail rights of way where this can be done safely.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the first enactment clause be amended by adding the phrase “following agreement of the land owners whose land these rails traverse through” after the phrase “rails-with-trails corridors”, was not endorsed.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B25 SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT IN DEALING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE Grand Forks**

WHEREAS many rural British Columbia communities must endure the growing wildlife population, which is not only a nuisance, but a threat to public safety, without the expertise, regulating authority or resources to deal with these populations;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment and its conservation officers have the authority and expertise to deal with these populations, but lack the adequate level of resources to deal with the issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to put more resources into wildlife management areas in which urban wildlife is a significant problem.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended to add the phrase “both rural and” before the phrase “urban wildlife”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to put more resources into wildlife management areas in which both rural and urban wildlife is a significant problem.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution be amended by adding a second enactment clause calling on the Province to “encourage the Canadian Wildlife Service to be more permissive in the issuance of kill permits, and failing an agreement to do so by Canadian Wildlife Service, that the Province take the initiative to provide kill permits to affected municipalities for goose population reduction or reconsider the bag limits under the British Columbia Hunting Regulations”, was not endorsed.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**SECTION B – PART II-a RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Christopher Causton assumed the Chair and continued with consideration of Resolutions.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolutions B76, B77, B85, B93 and B94 be removed from the Section B – Part II-a block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for Section B – Part II-a resolutions be adopted, was endorsed as amended.

The resolutions were endorsed as follows:

**B58 REQUIREMENTS FOR GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS FOR NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURES Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS section 56 [Requirement for Geotechnical Report] of the *Community Charter* generally provides that the building inspector may require the owner of land to provide a report certified by a qualified professional that the land may be used safely for the use intended;

AND WHEREAS this requirement as it pertains to applications for building permits for non-habitable accessory or smaller structures in hazard areas is onerous and costly for homeowners who have previously attained a geotechnical report for the primary structure:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request financial assistance from the Province to undertake secondary geotechnical studies in order to reduce the need for individual site specific studies.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B59 FIRE SMART CANADA COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

**Kaslo**

WHEREAS many communities small and large in British Columbia are threatened by potential wildfire occurrences adjacent to and within their communities;

AND WHEREAS community wildfire protection plans and operational fuel management projects on public and private lands can significantly reduce the threat and impact of a wildfire event:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province initiate a Fire Smart Canada Community Program similar to the FireWise program in the United States and the Partners in Protection Fire Smart Canada proposal.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B60 NEW MANUFACTURED HOMES – PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS**

**Barriere**

WHEREAS new stick built and pre-fabricated homes are subject to scheduled building inspections during construction by licensed building inspectors, and are subject to protection under the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act* and Regulations, but new “manufactured homes and mobile homes” are specifically excluded from that protection;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Standards Association is a testing agency but not a licensed building inspection agency, but by virtue of their affixed seal of approval of Procedures for Certification of Factory-Built Houses and Mobile Homes (Can/CSA-A277-90 and CAN/CSA-Z240 MH Series-92) manufactured homes and mobile homes are exempted from Section 9 of the B.C. Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the CSA approval applies only to each home at its factory location, not its ultimate residential location;

AND WHEREAS purchasers are offered minimal warranties by the insurance agencies of manufacturers and sellers, which are less than the minimum warranty standards afforded under the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act*, thus leaving no recourse for government mediation, or advocacy for consumers of these types of residential housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province provide equal protection to consumers of new manufactured single family dwellings through amendments to the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act* and its Regulations in all of its parts and sections.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B61 RESTORATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING FUNDING Hudson’s Hope**

WHEREAS the provincial government cut core funding for emergency management, emergency social service and first responder training for the 2009/2010 fiscal year and transferred some of it to year-by-year special access gaming grants, administered by the BC Association of Emergency Managers and the Emergency Social Services Association, that have been denied for the 2010/2011 fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS this financial assistance was relied upon by many small and rural communities and their volunteer organizations to provide critical services throughout vast areas of the province;

AND WHEREAS adequate training is imperative for an effective local emergency program which provides for the safety and well being of the citizens of BC, along with being legislated by Section 6 of the *Emergency Program Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to restore core funding for emergency management, emergency social services, and first responder training to at least the 2008/2009 levels and to continue working with the BC Association of Emergency Managers, the Emergency Social

Services Association and other stakeholders to improve emergency program training for every community in BC.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B62 COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY TRAINING Kent**

WHEREAS municipalities are required to have an Emergency Coordinator to recruit, train and educate our volunteers and to have an emergency plan to address emergency disasters;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has abrogated their financial responsibilities by no longer funding for training emergency volunteers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia restore the Community Gaming Grant funding for emergency training for BC municipalities.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B63 RCMP COSTS Dawson Creek**

WHEREAS local governments contract RCMP to provide policing on a cost share formula with the Province;

AND WHEREAS RCMP have a professional code and self monitoring mandate:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that all costs associated with RCMP self monitoring, defending themselves, or individual members in civil law or other malpractice allegations, be borne in total by the RCMP with provincial and federal funding and that no part of those costs, including monitoring equipment or temporary replacement staff, be borne by the local government.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B64 RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF PRECURSOR PRODUCTS Metro Vancouver**

WHEREAS Canada's role as a producer and exporter of manufactured drugs, such as crystal meth and ecstasy, has been increasing over the last few years;

AND WHEREAS organized criminal groups are operating laboratories to manufacture amphetamine-type stimulants and are major suppliers to the USA, Australian and European markets;

AND WHEREAS legislation to control the importation of substances used to produce amphetamine-type stimulants has been shown to be effective in deterring drug production in other countries;

AND WHEREAS Canada has obligations under the 1988 United Nations Convention to take steps to prevent the diversion of precursor substances and to monitor their manufacture and distribution with a view to reducing significantly the manufacture of synthetic drugs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to call upon the Province of BC to work with its federal counterparts to enact more stringent regulations under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and Precursor Control Regulations to:

1. restrict the importation of key precursor products and ensure that only legitimate manufacturers are able to obtain precursor chemicals; and
2. enforce the regulations and monitor the end use from bulk sales of precursor chemicals.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B65 PRIME-BC FUNDING Metro Vancouver**

WHEREAS the Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) is the provincially-approved and universally-accepted records management system for municipal police agencies and RCMP in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the PRIME system was solely funded by the Province during implementation commencing in 2003 and, more recently, partially subsidized by the member agencies;  
AND WHEREAS the provincial government, through the Police Services Division, has mandated that the project become self-funding such that municipalities across BC will be required to fully fund PRIME-BC rather than partially subsidizing the overall costs through the province;

AND WHEREAS this proposed provincial downloading would have significant financial implications for municipalities, including as yet unknown future costs for levies, training and upgrades;

AND WHEREAS the existing governance structure of PRIME-BC provides no accountability to the member municipalities who are now being required to fund the project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to call upon the provincial government of British Columbia to pay for capital and operations costs of PRIME-BC and to review the governance structure to ensure there is effective municipal representation and accountability to the municipalities regarding the performance of PRIME.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B66 SECURITY OF CANADA POST SUPER MAIL BOXES**

**Pitt Meadows**

WHEREAS Canada Post has established the use of Super Mail Boxes for the delivery of residential mail in communities;

AND WHEREAS residents are reporting increased illegal access to the Super Mail Boxes resulting in the theft of mail which can also contribute to an increased risk of identity theft:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia call for Canada Post to investigate options for increased security of Super Mail Boxes and implement a solution to reduce illegal access and theft of mail from the Super Mail Boxes.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B67 RESERVOIR FLOOD BUFFER**

**Coquitlam**

WHEREAS the establishment of reservoir "flood buffers", storage space to contain flood flows, at BC Hydro facilities is a very cost-effective method of providing community flood protection that reduces the need for expensive dike upgrades and river dredging commonly funded by the Province and local governments;

AND WHEREAS there are many beneficiaries to flood buffers but local governments are often the sole players of compensation to BC Hydro:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia direct BC Hydro to establish flood buffers for community flood protection purposes at their reservoir facilities where economically viable;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to compensate BC Hydro for lost power generation revenue through remissions to their water rental fees, if necessary.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B68 COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANNING**

**Strathcona RD**

WHEREAS the majority of funds available under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program have been used for mitigation work related to the pine beetle infestation in the BC interior;

AND WHEREAS there are insufficient funds remaining to allow coastal communities to assess, prioritize and abate wildland interface hazards in a similar fashion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to continue to provide funding of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B69 TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch has implemented a travel authorization permitting process, as outlined in the Compliance Circular dated June 15, 2009, requiring fire apparatus - operated by or on behalf of a municipality or other authority responsible for public fire control operations - that exceeds legal axle weights as listed in the BC *Commercial Transport Act* and Commercial Transport Regulation to obtain a conditional permit that may limit, prohibit and make direction respecting use on provincial roadway routes:

AND WHEREAS emergency response personnel, in the interest of public safety, just respond to incidents by the most accessible, expedient and direct route possible thereby deeming the travel authorization permitting process impractical and detrimental to emergency response operations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to reconsider its position and exempt public and not for profit emergency response vehicles from the requirement for travel authorization permits on provincial roadways.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B70 ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES Parksville**

WHEREAS as a result of the 1993 federal government decision to make accessibility standards voluntary, the transportation policy in Canada remains archaic and plagued with numerous barriers for people with disabilities, lagging far behind many industrialized countries including the United States and Britain;

AND WHEREAS federal regulation and policy are required to ensure the needs of travelers with disabilities are given precedence as new transportation policies, programs and services are developed:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM, FCM, provincial and federal governments be requested to ensure that Canadian public transportation providers be required by law, similar to the United States *Americans with Disabilities Act*, to provide physical access for disabled passengers travelling in Canada.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B71 COMMUNITY WORKS FUND Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities, representing local governments in British Columbia, has entered into an agreement with Canada and British Columbia to transfer a portion of federal gas tax funds to local governments by establishing the Community Works Fund for the purpose of providing funding to local governments to improve the quality of the environment and contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner water or cleaner air;

AND WHEREAS the funding agreement continues at the pleasure of the government of Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the federal government to enact a permanent continuation to the Community Works Fund program with funds provided being indexed to account for the effects of inflation.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B72 EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS – East Kootenay RD  
BROADBAND**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* provides an exemption from the assistance to business prohibition for the operation of a service to provide capital financing for services provided by a telephone, natural gas or electric power utility;

AND WHEREAS the availability of high-speed broadband service has become as critical to economic development, education, and communication as those services listed above:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend Section 797.1(3) of the *Local Government Act* by adding broadband as a service for which capital financing can be provided.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B73 PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT Salmo**

WHEREAS the Province has developed a property tax deferral program which is being expanded to include families with children under the age of 18;

AND WHEREAS municipalities do not receive payment for the deferred taxes until well after their property tax penalty date and have foregone the penalty, while the Province collects an administration fee and interest from the property tax penalty date and does not in turn compensate affected municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC transfer to municipalities the interest earned from the property tax due date to the date of the actual payment.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B74 EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE Central Saanich  
MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

WHEREAS numerous local governments throughout British Columbia are experiencing significant issues and challenges in relation to local government facilities, in terms of aging infrastructure and inadequate space and functionality;

AND WHEREAS many, if not all, major infrastructure grant programs do not contain significant funding components for the extensive upgrading, renovation, reconstruction and new construction of essential local government facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Province and the federal government for the addition of significant funding components in the infrastructure grant programs to assist local governments with major facilities projects such as municipal halls, fire halls, public safety buildings and public works yards.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B75 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE Prince Rupert**

WHEREAS BC local governments are facing insurmountable infrastructure deficits, in terms of maintaining their current and aging infrastructure, such as water and waste water systems; transportation systems; transit, solid-waste management, as well as community, recreational, cultural and social infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS local governments' current ability to generate revenue through property taxes, user fees and grants is woefully inadequate to meet the demands being placed on them, which require a reliable and dedicated source of revenue that grows with the economy and can significantly reduce the need for ongoing and unsustainable increases to property taxes, user fees and, water and sewer rates:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the federal government to share revenue with BC local governments equivalent to 1% of the HST on an annual basis to help them fund important services and infrastructure to their citizens, as the local government deems is in the best interest of the community.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B78 LOCATION OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL HEARINGS**

**Quesnel**

WHEREAS many mid-sized and small municipalities have lost the services of their local BC Assessment Authority office, as operations have been centralized and consolidated to larger regional centres;

AND WHEREAS such loss of local assessment services has resulted in an inequitable, unfair inconvenience and cost as small-town taxpayers are required to travel, in the dead of winter, to have their assessment appeals heard in regional centres, usually at great distances from the communities in which the appeals were launched:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the BC Assessment Authority hear assessment appeals, if necessary through electronic means, in mid-sized and small municipalities in order that taxpayers are not faced with the inconvenience and financial burden of winter travel to regional centres.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B79 SOUTHERN STRAIT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE**

**Islands Trust**

WHEREAS the Southern Strait of Georgia in British Columbia is an ecologically, economically, and culturally rich area that contains the critical habitat of the endangered southern resident orca and is being harmed by a variety of human activities;

AND WHEREAS the government of British Columbia and Parks Canada agreed in 1995 under the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy to undertake a study to assess the feasibility of protecting and managing this area as a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) under the Canada *National Marine Conservation Areas Act*, and have been engaged in the feasibility study since 2004:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM supports the establishment of a large, ecologically zoned NMCAR in the southern Strait of Georgia from the proposed southern end of Haro Strait, up to and including, Gabriola Passage, and urge immediate action from the provincial and federal governments to proceed on this initiative while respecting First Nations interests in the area.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B80 FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR CO-GENERATION POWER PLANTS BURNING TOXIC FUELS**

**Kamloops**

WHEREAS the proposal to build a co-generation power plant to burn creosote treated railway ties within the geographical centre of the populated area of the City of Kamloops and subject to the pattern of prevailing winds to the east of Kamloops has raised health concerns amongst the residents of Kamloops and adjacent rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the technology proposed for this incinerating facility is new and does not have a history of monitoring for any long term implications on the health of residents and animals within the surrounding airshed:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the federal government to require a federal environmental assessment be completed prior to the commencement of operation of all co-generation power plants fuelled by agents containing potentially toxic compounds who receive grants from agencies that are solely funded by the federal government.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B81 MAPPING OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AQUIFERS**

**Hudson's Hope**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia began mapping aquifers in 1994, but has not mapped any since March 2007 and vast areas of the province remain unmapped;

AND WHEREAS the UN World Water Report 3 (2009), on page 226, identified that water resource management should be based on a quantitative understanding of the state of the resource;

AND WHEREAS aquifers are presently under increased pressure due to the demands of multiple users, especially the oil and gas industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to continue to map and classify aquifers throughout the province to provide baseline information and to ensure that future decisions regarding groundwater management are made with quantitative data.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B82 PROPOSED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS EFFLUENT REGULATIONS**

**Metro Vancouver**

WHEREAS the UBCM supports the efforts to harmonize the municipal wastewater effluent regulations across Canada, as outlined in the Canada-Wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent (CCME Strategy) and as detailed in Environment Canada's Proposed Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (Regulations);

AND WHEREAS the CCME Strategy cannot be completed without adequate senior government funding contribution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM convey to the federal and provincial governments that local governments cannot commit to the wastewater treatment plan upgrades, as required in the CCME Strategy and the Regulations, without a funding formula that includes funding contributions from the provincial and federal governments.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B83 ICBC AGGREGATE DATA**

**Delta**

WHEREAS local governments have been mandated by the Province to set community greenhouse gas reduction targets that will require the implementation of sector-specific climate action initiatives;

AND WHEREAS a significant portion of community emissions are produced by the transportation sector of which there is very little aggregate data available to develop a baseline upon which to measure the success of climate action initiatives:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province direct ICBC to collect and release aggregate data (e.g., the estimate of vehicle kilometers traveled by vehicle class) that local governments can use to implement and measure the success of transportation-related climate action initiatives.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B84 COMMUNITY ENERGY & EMISSIONS INVENTORY**

**Delta**

WHEREAS the Province has conducted community specific Community Energy and Emissions Inventories (CEEIs) for the baseline year of 2007;

AND WHEREAS local governments and regional districts are and will be, working towards implementing community energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction plans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province commit to funding a CEEI update for local governments every two years.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B86 MAXIMIZING REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

**Metro Vancouver**

WHEREAS local governments have made steady progress to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act* to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets, policies, and actions in official community plans;

AND WHEREAS further legislative and fiscal actions by the provincial government are necessary to enable local government actions to maximize reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the buildings, transportation, and solid waste sectors:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the Province:

- in the buildings sector, accelerate the modernization of the BC building Code and increase incentives and regulations for residential and commercial building retrofits;
- in the transportation sector, enable local governments and similar local authorities to implement comprehensive transportation demand management measures, coordinate current provincial greenhouse gas emissions standards for light-duty vehicles with new federal standards, and increase funding for sustainable transportation infrastructure and the Scrap-It Program;
- in the solid waste sector, accelerate legislative measures to reduce waste and emissions in product lifecycles, extended producer responsibility, and packaging; and
- establish standard tools, assumptions, data and forecasting methods so that local and regional targets, policies and actions are coordinated.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B87 HAZARDOUS SPILL RESPONSE**

**Pitt Meadows**

WHEREAS the provincial Environmental Management Branch has been responsible for a wide array of environmental management regulatory programs, including environmental emergency response and spill reporting, but is now limiting their spill response to local governments based on resources available and sensitivity of the spill;

AND WHEREAS local governments do not have the in-house expertise or financial resources necessary to respond to and evaluate the hazards associated with spills that occur on public or private property within the local government boundaries:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province allocate adequate funding for the provincial Environmental Management Branch that will ensure that all spills that occur in the province can be evaluated for hazards and environmental impact by the Environmental Management Branch and be responded to by the trained professionals at the Environmental Management Branch including any remediation necessary, rather than relying on local governments to take the lead.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B88 SECURITY OF WATER SUPPLY**

**Port Alberni**

WHEREAS many BC communities get their drinking water from sources on land privately owned by corporations and individuals other than the local government;

AND WHEREAS communities need to manage the land base to provide a safe and constant supply of water:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to implement a program of assistance for communities with water supplies owned privately to acquire the land comprising the water shed.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B89 EDUCATION FOR USE OF FULL CUT-OFF LIGHT FIXTURES**

**District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS the use of “full cut-off” exterior lighting allows light rays to be directed below the horizon of

the light fixture which is a more energy efficient, sustainable option that also reduces light pollution in communities and glare for motorists;

AND WHEREAS public bodies and the commercial sector should be encouraged to utilize full cut-off exterior lighting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the Province of British Columbia support an education program on the benefits of installing full cut-off exterior lighting fixtures.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B90 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY – CONSTRUCTION WASTE Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS an abundance of construction waste is entering the municipal solid waste stream;

AND WHEREAS there is increasing pressure on local governments to provide resources for the prevention and clean up of illegal dump sites:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM encourage the Province to expand extended producer responsibility programs to include construction materials and to work with the manufacturers and retailers of construction materials, to develop systems for tracking materials commonly found at illegal dump sites.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B91 INTERFACE FORESTS**

**Kimberley**

WHEREAS rural communities, particularly in the 13 resort communities struggle to balance reduction of wildfire hazard, ecosystem health, tourism and social - recreational values in the forests surrounding their municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the expectation of long-term timber revenue from wildland-urban interface is in conflict with other compelling values and the 2 kilometre buffer zone is insufficient for many local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests and Range update its policies to:

- (a) establish community interface forests as unique buffer zones, with local governments empowered to define the 'zone';
- (b) place stumpage revenue from the sale of crown timber off crown land in the 'zone' in trust for the community to manage the community interface forest;
- (c) amend existing policies to ensure that the primary management goal within the wildland-urban interface should be the reduction of wildfire hazard and promotion of ecosystem health and resilience; and
- (d) work with local governments to fund and implement a comprehensive management program based on current sound science research that protects the economic, environmental and social assets of community interface forests.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B92 HIGHWAY CORRIDORS**

**Lake Country**

WHEREAS many municipalities have significant development and densification along highway corridors, and Section 52 of the *Transportation Act* establishes that municipal zoning bylaws do not apply to land and improvements within 800 metres of a highway controlled area, unless approved in writing by the Minister or his designate;

AND WHEREAS the definition of a "controlled area", being a radius of 800 metres from an intersection of a controlled access highway with any other highway, land and improvements, has become onerous for local government and possibly provincial staff as well:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to undertake amendments to the definition of “controlled area” within the meaning of Section 52 of the *Transportation Act* that would reduce the effective distance from 800 metres to 500 metres.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B95 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS**

**East Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS regional districts do not have the power to establish business improvement areas;

AND WHEREAS a business improvement area would be a valuable economic development tool to generate revenue for marketing, tourism, and other ventures that benefit the commercial sector:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to grant regional districts the power to establish business improvement areas.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B96 COMMUNITY FARM MARKETS**

**North Saanich**

WHEREAS local community farm markets build communities, have re-vitalized the local economies of urban and rural communities, and can provide food security with a lower carbon footprint;

AND WHEREAS local farm markets require funding to cover start-up costs for infrastructure, promotion and insurance:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province to provide funding to contribute to the start-up costs for communities to establish new local farm markets.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B97 REGIONAL FISHING ECONOMY**

**Prince Rupert**

WHEREAS for thousands of years salmon fishing has been of vital importance to the First Nations people both on the Pacific coast and inland along the rivers and to this day the Pacific coast marine commercial fishing industry and the inland sports fishery are both essential to our region as economic generators;

AND WHEREAS at the 57th Annual BC Chamber of Commerce AGM in May of 2009 the delegates passed a “policy for maintaining a vibrant sport fishing industry in British Columbia” and Prince Rupert City Council feels the policy is reflective of only the sport fishing industry, and undermines the commercial fishing industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to support both the commercial fishing industry and the sports fishing industry equitably as they are both critical economic generators for residents within the province.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B98 TIMBER SUPPLY CONSTRAINTS**

**Vanderhoof**

WHEREAS since 2004 the constraints on the interior forest districts have increased to where they now negatively impact the timber supply, resulting in a shortage of fibre supply threatening the loss of jobs, which would be devastating to the local economies;

AND WHEREAS before the full effect of the mountain pine beetle was understood, constraints on the forest, in particular visual quality objectives and wildlife tree patches, were applied having a negative impact on local mill’s longevity and operations in their traditional areas:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the Minister of Forests insures that there is a comprehensive cost benefit analysis completed along with a cumulative impact assessment on the current

impacts of established constraints, in particular the constraints of visual quality objectives and wildlife tree patches.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B99 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INDUSTRY GROWTH**

**Dawson Creek**

WHEREAS communities in BC are envisioning green energy as one aspect of economic diversity and prosperity;

AND WHEREAS present regulations and legislation in BC are not supportive of alternative energy industry growth:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM assume a priority position to lobby the provincial government to establish levels of feed-in tariffs and tax incentives that will position the alternative energy industry in BC to a level comparable with the USA and Ontario as well as European models.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B100 BUY LOCAL BC FRUIT PROGRAMS**

**North Okanagan RD**

WHEREAS the British Columbia interior tree fruit industry is under extreme hardship;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia interior tree fruit industry represents 800 growers operating orchards that generate \$130 million in wholesale revenue, contribute \$900 million in economic activity and directly employs 1,500 person years at the grower, packer and processor level:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia endorse and implement a "Buy Local" program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods in support of the British Columbia tree fruit industry.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B101 CREATING GREEN JOBS IN GREEN COMMUNITIES**

**Duncan**

WHEREAS the current global economic instability combined with the loss of many forestry based industries and their jobs emphasizes the need to build more resilient communities through partnership and innovation;

AND WHEREAS BC local governments and the Province have already recognized the urgent need for positive action on climate change by signing the Climate Action Charter, using the Climate Action Toolkit and existing programs such as the Green Buildings BC for Local Governments program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support and encourage the development of partnerships of local governments, community colleges, the Province and local investors to establish funding agreements which could provide the basis for stimulating and building enduring economies in British Columbian communities, through attracting and supporting green industries and providing the training for the newly-skilled workers they would require.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED**

**B102 CLEAN ENERGY ACT EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERSIGHT**

**Hudson's Hope**

WHEREAS the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) has properly regulated and provided independent oversight of utilities in this province for many years;

AND WHEREAS the *Clean Energy Act* seriously restricts the BCUC's mandate to protect the interests of British Columbian consumers through scrutiny of utility resource planning and activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the provincial government to amend the *Clean Energy Act* to reinstate the BCUC's ability to protect consumer interests through public and transparent scrutiny of the utility sector.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B103 ELIMINATION OF PROVINCIAL FUEL TAX ON INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS**

**Kamloops  
Richmond**

WHEREAS local airports and communities recognize and appreciate that the Province eliminated fuel taxes on international cargo operations, and that the carbon tax is not applicable to international flights;

AND WHEREAS other provincial jurisdictions have eliminated fuel tax on international flights, placing them in a more competitive position to significantly enhance new opportunities and gain new business:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government of British Columbia eliminate the fuel tax on all international passenger flights, which would cost the government approximately \$20 million annually in forfeited revenue but the growth in international travel would quickly offset this amount and generate a net increase in government's overall revenues, as well as supporting economic development in airport communities and improving BC's international connectivity, building a base for future growth.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B104 COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM EXPANSION**

**Logan Lake**

WHEREAS community forests are area based forest tenures managed by and for BC communities and while the number of Community Forest Agreements (CFAs) has increased rapidly in the last decade to represent 1.5% of the provincial AAC, the size and area of many existing CFAs are not viable and many additional communities have expressed an interest to participate in the program;

AND WHEREAS the Community Forest Agreements have and will continue to supply benefits such as employment, wood products, timber supply to local milling facilities, aesthetic, recreational and watershed values to 54 communities in the province even during the economic downturn;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the findings of the Province's Working Roundtable on Forestry's March 2009 Report, recommendation #23, the Minister of Forests and Range has committed to expanding the Community Forest Program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be petitioned to implement the Forestry Roundtable recommendation #23 to expand the Community Forest Agreement Program in a manner that maintains the objectives of this unique tenure.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B105 COMMUNITY FOREST LAND BASE**

**Port Alberni**

WHEREAS BC's community forests are struggling to secure a viable land base to involve communities in the local forestry and provide local jobs and economic and environmental benefits to forest communities;

AND WHEREAS BC Timber Sales administers an abundance of land, without the level of community input and benefit as community forests:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to grant the BC Timber Sales land base and tenure to community forests.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B106 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT MARKETING PROGRAMS**

**Richmond  
Kamloops**

WHEREAS local communities across British Columbia recognize their airports are a significant economic generator but there is no systematic marketing effort for our airports;

AND WHEREAS recent changes in international agreements will facilitate travel from Asia and the recovering world economy will stimulate new route planning by airlines, and the World Route Development Forum held in Vancouver in September 2010 - in North America for the first time - will give the province additional profile among airlines and travel planners:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia work with BC airports to create an air service marketing program that would generate awareness of what our province has to offer leverage financial resources and initiate a greater sharing of information among partners to help improve BC's marketing, and increase international and transborder flights to BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a program, involving the Province, BC airports and regional economic development agencies as well as destination marketing organizations and tourism agencies, would include promoting British Columbia as Canada's gateway between North America and Asia for air travelers and air cargo, as well as identifying specific target markets in the US and Europe and appropriate promotional materials.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B107 LONG TERM ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF SHORT-LINE RAILWAYS**

**Vernon**

WHEREAS Canadian Pacific Railway has issued a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance of Railway Line in accordance with the Canadian *Transportation Act* for the recently closed rail line between Armstrong and Sicamous;

AND WHEREAS rail provides a cost effective and reliable transportation option required for the development of economically sustainable, environmentally responsible and financially viable communities throughout British Columbia and Canada and is fundamental to the growth strategies and economic development plans of many local and regional jurisdictions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments commit to a funding program that will support the economic viability of short-line railways, thereby maintaining valuable railway transportation infrastructure and corridors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government commit to protecting rail rights-of-way during discontinuance to ensure that all communities, the Province of British Columbia and the government of Canada maintain transportation options to respond to economic development and community needs into the future.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B108 TRADE AGREEMENT EUROPEAN UNION**

**Logan Lake**

WHEREAS the Canadian government has entered into negotiations with the European Union for a comprehensive economic trade agreement;

AND WHEREAS European corporations are insisting on full access to procurement by sub national governments - including local governments, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies, which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request:

- a briefing from the Province of BC on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union;

- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to provide sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on local government functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking; and
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to sub national government procurement; and
- that the provincial government negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from the CETA.

**ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED and REFERRED to FCM**

**B109 MARIJUANA GROW-OPS**

**Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS illegal marijuana grow operations are an ongoing problem in British Columbia and increasingly in rural areas posing substantial public safety and social risks to neighbouring properties, communities, and society at large;

AND WHEREAS regional districts have been requested to assist the RCMP in any way possible to combat the effects of grow operations and other illegal drug manufacturing properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the provincial government, the RCMP and regional districts to develop the necessary strategies and tools that will enable regional districts to assist in the elimination of illegal marijuana grow-ops and other drug manufacturing operations in rural areas and to ensure that environmental and safety concerns left in the aftermath of such operations are addressed.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B110 BC FERRIES SUBSIDY**

**Metchosin**

WHEREAS children suffering from serious illnesses such as cancer who reside on Vancouver Island and in coastal communities may require treatment at the BC Children’s Hospital in Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the ferry subsidy to access non-emergency medical specialist services not available in their own community helps alleviate the financial burden incurred while travelling for reasons associated with the children’s health conditions;

AND WHEREAS the ferry subsidy is restricted to the patient (and an escort under certain conditions), and does not cover the cost of parents travelling back and forth from their home to Vancouver during the extended period of their child’s treatment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferries and the provincial government, through the Ministry of Health Services, recognize the financial challenges for some families and provide help by subsidizing the ferry fares of immediate family members incurred when travelling back and forth on BC Ferries during the extended period of a child’s treatment.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B111 CAPITAL COST OF HEALTH CARE**

**West Kelowna**

WHEREAS Regional Hospital Districts were originally created, among other things, “to establish, acquire, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, operate and maintain hospitals and hospital facilities”;

AND WHEREAS in some Regional Hospital Districts, non-Aboriginal residents residing on First Nations land do not contribute to the capital costs of hospitals and health facilities yet are users of these facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Health Services to establish an equitable provincial system to collect funding for regional hospital capital projects from non-Aboriginal residents residing on First Nations lands.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B112 IMPROVED TRAINING FOR RURAL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

**Burns Lake**

WHEREAS the medical needs of the residents of small, rural, Canadian communities are identical to residents of more urban centres;

AND WHEREAS the training provided by Canadian medical programs does not prepare our general practitioners for the many and varied challenges they must meet in a small, rural setting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the necessary government ministries and medical education programs to identify and develop appropriate changes in the Canadian medical education system required to ensure that general practitioners can meet the needs of rural Canadians, such as proficiency in surgery, anesthesia and obstetrics.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B113 PALLIATIVE CARE FEES**

**Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS the medical health care coverage covers the cost of fees for palliative care within acute care facilities but not within residential care facilities;

AND WHEREAS many palliative care patients are serviced through residential care facilities due, in part, to the limited availability of palliative care beds within acute care facilities and are then burdened by the inequity of being billed for costs associated with palliative care that other families experiencing the same traumatic circumstances are not required to bear:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that the costs of palliative care are the same in residential care facilities as they are in acute facilities.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B114 DEVELOPMENT OF A LIVABLE-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

**NCLGA Executive**

WHEREAS the Measuring Up The North Initiative (Phase 1) has been successful in helping BC communities assess and improve how livable, age-friendly, disability-friendly, universally designed and inclusive they are for all residents and visitors;

AND WHEREAS many time-limited initiatives such as MUTN Phase 1 and others in the province have started the momentum but there is still a great deal more to do;

AND WHEREAS MUTN has developed tools and processes and learned lessons that could contribute to a province-wide initiative:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province of BC to create a framework called the Livable-Inclusive Communities Strategy that communities can use as a guideline to plan for livable, age and disability friendly communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial Livable-Inclusive Communities Strategy include provincial funding and support as well as provincial awards that recognize and encourage business, community, local governments and individuals in their efforts.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B115 RE-INSTATEMENT OF GAMING GRANTS**

**Fraser-Fort George RD**

WHEREAS in the Fall of 2009 the Ministry of Housing and Social Development announced changes in the Government Gaming Grant Program as a result of unprecedented global economic challenges;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned changes included a reduction or elimination of gaming grant funding to a number of non-profit organizations, including the elimination of funding to arts and cultural organizations, major capital projects grants and playground grants;

AND WHEREAS the reduction and elimination of this funding has impacted the ability of non-profit organizations to deliver services that contribute to the economic viability, sustainability and cultural fabric of our communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM strongly request the BC government to continue its commitment to build strong communities by funding non-profit organizations through the Government Gaming Grant Program.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B116 6-STOREY WOOD FRAME RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code was recently amended to permit the construction of six storey wood frame residential buildings from the previous maximum of four storeys;

AND WHEREAS the addition of two storeys of wood frame construction will require new design elements and construction techniques that address issues such as water ingress, seismic events and fire fighting capabilities and the British Columbia Building Code does not require any type of additional certification for professionals, trades or contractors involved in the design and construction of six storey wood frame buildings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to establish additional qualifications for professionals, trades and building contractors involved in the construction of six storey wood frame residential buildings.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B117 MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code sets out a number of technical provisions for the construction of buildings;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code does not require mandatory training for building contractors responsible for achieving a number of the technical provisions contained within the British Columbia Building Code:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to introduce mandatory training requirements for building contractors involved in the construction of buildings.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B118 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS**

**Houston**

WHEREAS the current policy of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development requires that all recipients of social assistance must be available for, and actively seeking, employment in order to be eligible to continue receiving benefits;

AND WHEREAS several successful projects providing essential skills for work training have been run in communities with significant success in providing many people with basic skills necessary to be successful in the search for a job:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be petitioned to change their policy to permit any person to be identified by the local administration of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development as lacking marketable employment skills and be approved as exceptions to the "actively seeking work" requirement, and be encouraged to participate in an essential skills for work program, all without loss of social assistance benefits.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B119 FOOD SECURITY FOR BC**

**Peace River RD**

WHEREAS there is an international shortage of food and the world population is growing at a rapid pace;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia was 73% self sufficient in producing the province’s food requirements in 1985 and just 48% self sufficient producing its food requirements in 2001;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia land base has less than 5% available land suitable for the production of food:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities prevail upon the provincial government to work with stakeholder associations to develop and implement strategies and policies to ensure British Columbia is self sufficient in food production by the year 2020.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B120 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS – INSURANCE COVERAGE & LIABILITY**

**Surrey**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province on behalf of BC local governments to:

- a) Amend the provincial motor vehicle regulations to request the motor vehicles carry a minimum of \$5 million in third party liability insurance coverage; and
- b) Amend the *Negligence Act* to eliminate joint and several liability for municipalities in the context of motor vehicle accidents.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

The Chair then introduced the following Section B – Part II-a resolutions for individual debate: B76, B77, B85, B93 and B94.

**B76 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF PROVINCIAL CARBON TAX REVENUES**

**Metro Vancouver**

WHEREAS the Province implemented a carbon tax, beginning 2008 through 2012, on greenhouse gas emissions stemming from the purchase and use of fossil fuels in British Columbia, to induce market responses resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, local governments are required to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets, policies, and actions in official community plans and regional growth strategies to support provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets;

AND WHEREAS local governments require additional fiscal resources to implement new actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to support provincially legislated greenhouse has reduction targets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to provide local governments with their per capita share of provincial carbon tax revenues to support capital and operating costs associated with new greenhouse gas emissions reduction actions implemented by local governments and regional transportation authorities to support provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B77 ALLOCATING A LARGER PROPORTION OF FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS local governments continue to have access to a single consistent source of revenue, that being a property tax, and it is impossible for local governments to achieve long-term sustainability while covering the costs of replacing aging infrastructure from that single tax base;

AND WHEREAS the revenues provided to local governments through the gas tax agreement between the federal and provincial governments and the Union of BC Municipalities have proven inadequate to address the still-growing infrastructure deficit in local jurisdictions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government to revise the agreement and allocate to local governments a greater portion of federal gas tax revenues in a manner that allows for sustainable financial planning.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended by inserting the phrase "to expand the eligibility criteria" after the phrase "revise the agreement", was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government to revise the agreement to expand the eligibility criteria and allocate to local governments a greater portion of federal gas tax revenues in a manner that allows for sustainable financial planning.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**B85 STOP PERMITS ON SCHEDULE 2 LAKES & RIVERS**

**Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS the provincial government is in the process of rewriting the *Water Act* to ensure more protection for our shrinking clean finite water sources, and various provincial authorizations under the *Environmental Management Act* and the *Water Act* are being used to authorize, and are proposed to be used, to authorize the conversion of fish bearing lakes, streams and rivers and any other fish habitat into toxic tailings ponds for mines;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 2 lakes are contrary to many of the more protective standards that are being discussed under the new "Water Smart" standards for the *Water Act*:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government to discontinue the permitting of any Schedule 2 lake designations in the province of BC.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B93 ROAD ACCESS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR SELLING OF SHARE, CO-OP & BARE LAND STRATA CONVERSIONS**

**Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS pursuant to Part 2, Division 2, Section 8 of the *Real Estate Development Marketing Act* the Province of BC prescribes that road access standards be included in subdivision processes;

AND WHEREAS through the selling of shares, land co-ops and bare land strata, land owners/developers can circumvent requirements set out in such subdivision processes by beginning their developments under the aforementioned ownership regimes and then applying for subdivision or building strata status:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to develop a policy or mechanism to ensure that rural access road and maintenance standards required through subdivision processes also apply to selling of share, co-op or bare land strata conversions.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

## **RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

Chair Robert Hobson, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the election results for:

Third Vice President: Director Rhona Martin

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to destroy the ballots, was endorsed.

## NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

At 10:40 am, Chair Robert Hobson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and Director at Large. Those nominated at the close of nominations were:

<b>For Small Community Rep.</b>	Mayor Corrine Dahling, Village of Tahsis Councillor Galina Durant, District of Stewart
<b>For Electoral Area Rep.</b>	Director Al Richmond, Cariboo Regional District
<b>For Director at Large</b>	Mayor James Atebe, District of Mission Councillor Bob Day, Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor Ralph Forsyth, Resort Municipality of Whistler Mayor Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack Director Karen Goodings, Peace River Regional District Councillor Wesly Graham, Town of Creston Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons Councillor Murry Krause, City of Prince George Mayor David Pernarowski, City of Terrace Councillor Jerrilyn Schembri, District of Tumbler Ridge Councillor Marg Spina, City of Kamloops

Chair Hobson declared the position of Electoral Area Representative elected by acclamation and declared there would be an election for the positions of Small Community Representative and Director at Large.

## CANDIDATES' SPEECHES

The delegates heard brief two-minute presentations from each of the candidates for the positions of Small Community Representative and Director at Large.

## INTRODUCTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

President Harry Nyce introduced UBCM Life Members and hosted a lunch for the following Life Members in attendance at Convention:

### From the 1980s:

Mayor Jim Ogilvie	Kimberley	UBCM President, 1980-81
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### From the 1990s:

Joyce Harder	Lillooet	UBCM President, 1990-92
Ms. Gillian Trumper	Port Alberni	UBCM President, 1996-1997
Mayor John Ranta	Cache Creek	UBCM President, 1998-99

### From the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:

Director Jim Abram	Strathcona RD	UBCM President, 2000-2001
Director Hans Cunningham	Central Kootenay RD	UBCM President, 2001-2002
Councillor Patricia Wallace	Kamloops	UBCM President, 2002-2003
Mayor Frank Leonard	Saanich	UBCM President, 2003-2004
Director Susan Gimse	Squamish-Lillooet RD	UBCM President, 2007-2008
Chair Robert Hobson	Central Okanagan RD	UBCM President, 2008-2009

### Our Life Members (ie. Ministers, Deputies or long serving staff):

George Abbott	Shuswap	Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, 2001-2004
Murray Coell	Saanich North & the Islands	Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, 2004-2005
Ida Chong	Oak Bay – Gordon Head	Minister of Community Services, 2005– 2008
Blair Lekstrom	Peace River South	Minister of Community Development, 2008-2009
Kevin Krueger	Kamloops-South Thompson	Minister of Community Development, 2009
Richard Taylor	Victoria	Long Serving UBCM Executive Director, 1982-2007

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, EDWARD GREENSPON**

Mayor Mary Sjostrom introduced Cindy Brown, Vice-President, Communications with ICBC, who subsequently introduced journalist Edward Greenspon, the keynote speaker. Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Greenspon.

## **REMARKS FROM CENTRAL 1 CREDIT UNION**

Councillor Wesley Graham introduced Richard Thomas from Central 1 Credit Union who provided brief remarks to Convention delegates.

At 12:00 noon, the Plenary adjourned, a Life Members Lunch was held and delegates departed for lunch.

## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

At 2:00 p.m. the following concurrent workshops were held:

- Sustainable Schools, Services & Communities
- Exploring our Clean Energy Future
- Helping Communities Address Alcohol & Other Drug Issues
- Finding Solutions for Management of Derelict Vessels

The sessions adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL UBCM BANQUET**

In the evening, the Annual Banquet was held for delegates and guests at the Whistler Conference Centre with the Reception and entertainment sponsored by Terasen.

President Nyce presented Long-Service Awards in recognition of 25 years of service in local government to:

- Councillor Bob Bose, City of Surrey
- Councillor Larry McNabb, City of Nanaimo - *accepted by Mayor John Ruttan*

President Nyce presented a Special Long Service award, recognizing 35 or more years of service to:

- Mayor Alice Maitland, Village of Hazelton

President Nyce presented a Life Membership to the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development (accepted by the Honourable Ben Stewart).

Councillor Barbara Steele, President-Elect, presented a Life Membership to Chair Harry Nyce, UBCM President.

Mr. David Bodnar, Director of Community, Aboriginal and Government Relations for Terasen, introduced slam poet, Mr. Shane Koyczan. The Whistler band "The Hairfarmers" provided dance music for the delegates following the entertainment.

On Friday October 1, 2010, the Plenary reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

## **ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE STOCKWELL DAY MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MINISTER FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC GATEWAY**

President Harry Nyce introduced Minister Stockwell Day, Minister for International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway. Minister Day's address is annexed to these minutes as Appendix G. Councillor Barbara Steele thanked Minister Day.

## **ADDRESS BY JANE STERK LEADER OF THE GREEN PARTY OF BC**

President Harry Nyce introduced Ms. Sterk, who then addressed the delegates. Ms. Sterk outlined the key policies of the Green Party of BC. President Harry Nyce thanked Ms. Sterk.

### **POLICY SESSION – RESOLUTIONS**

The Resolutions session began at 8:35 a.m. with Mayor Christopher Causton in the Chair.

Reporting for the Resolutions Committee were Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Director Heath Slee, Mayor Greg Moore and Councillor Barbara Steele.

### ***SECTION B – PART II-a RESOLUTIONS***

Mayor Christopher Causton continued with consideration of Section B – Part II-a resolutions.

#### **B94 FORESTRY PLANS & PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESSES Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS forest stewardship plans approved under the *Forest & Range Practices Act* (FRPA) contain forest development units as large as 760 square kilometres that are much too large for fair assessment by the public and stakeholders to determine possible impacts;

AND WHEREAS consultation processes for forest stewardship plans rely on vague newspaper ads and short comment periods that make it difficult for the public to become aware of forest stewardship plans and the locations of proposed forest development units and hard pressed to respond within designated comment periods:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide direction to forest licensees through regulation under the FRPA or other means to achieve smaller, more targeted forest development units in forest stewardship plans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government improve public consultation processes associated with forest stewardship plans, including extending the period for public consultation for a reasonable period of time after the logging plans are approved.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the second enactment clause be amended to replace the phrase “after the logging” with the phrase “before the stewardship”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide direction to forest licensees through regulation under the FRPA or other means to achieve smaller, more targeted forest development units in forest stewardship plans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government improve public consultation processes associated with forest stewardship plans, including extending the period for public consultation for a reasonable period of time before the stewardship plans are approved.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

### ***REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE***

Mayor Greg Moore assumed the Chair and presented the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.

#### **A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010 AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE**

LR1 West Nile Virus Larviciding Program Funding

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

LR2 Local Government Autonomy in Apportioning Property Tax Burden Among Assessment Classes

C. LATE RESOLUTION: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE  
(Issues known before the June 30 deadline for resolutions)

LR3 Canada Post Service Cuts  
LR4 Long Form of the Canada Census  
LR5 Public Library Funding

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline be amended by admitting for debate resolution LR2, Local Government Autonomy in Apportioning Property Tax Burden Among Assessment Classes, was not endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline be amended by admitting for debate resolution LR4, Long Form of the Canada Census, was not endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline be adopted, was endorsed.

**LR1 WEST NILE VIRUS LARVICIDING PROGRAM FUNDING**

**Kelowna**

WHEREAS the Okanagan Valley, including the regional districts of Okanagan-Similkameen, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia Shuswap, Kootenay Boundary and Thompson Nicola are high-risk zones for West Nile Virus and the virus is now established in the southern BC interior;

AND WHEREAS local governments are legislated under the BC *Public Health Act* and West Nile Virus Control Regulation BC Reg. 357/2004 to mitigate the West Nile Virus health hazard by mosquito larviciding as directed by local medical health officers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend to the provincial government to provide local governments in West Nile Virus high-risk zones with adequate sustained funding to carry out mosquito larviciding each spring and summer.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

Mayor Sharon Gaetz assumed the Chair and commenced consideration of Section B – Part II-b resolutions.

**SECTION B – PART II-b RESOLUTIONS**

**B121 MANDATORY SNOW TIRES**

**McBride**

WHEREAS winter weather creates hazardous road conditions and the use of snow tires on passenger vehicles and light trucks has been proven to provide improved traction in these conditions;

AND WHEREAS the use of snow tires has been proven to reduce morbidity and mortality in associated motor vehicle incidents, and yet all passenger and light truck vehicles are not required to use snow tires:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province to require all passenger and light truck vehicles to be equipped with tires specifically manufactured for winter driving conditions, and that these tires be installed on such vehicles between October 15th and April 15th.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B122 MANDATORY WINTER TIRES**

**Whistler**

WHEREAS all season and summer tires are ineffective on British Columbia roads during winter weather conditions and increased mobility has led to staggering casualty statistics and enormous health care and vehicular insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that only winter tires are designed to excel in the colder temperatures, slush, snow and ice that many parts of our province experience for five months or more:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to develop a mountain highway designation and adopt a law whereby the installation of winter tires or carrying chains becomes mandatory for all vehicles on mountain highways in the province of British Columbia between the months of November and April of each year.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B123 BYLAW ENFORCEMENT NOTICE APPEALS**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the requirement for a disputant to appeal an adjudicator's decision under the Bylaw Enforcement Notice System to the Supreme Court poses difficulties for individuals residing in communities remote to Supreme Court venues;

AND WHEREAS allowing appeals to be heard by the Provincial Court would provide better access to the judicial system for individuals in remote communities to appeal decisions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities meet with the Province to review the appeal process for the Bylaw Enforcement Notice System with a view towards meeting the needs of more remote communities that don't have easy access to the Supreme Court and to ensure there is independent and impartial oversight of the dispute resolution process that is easily accessible to the parties involved.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B124 PRIME-BC**

**Dawson Creek**

WHEREAS PRIME costs were introduced as a "no cost to municipalities" program which has since evolved to include a fee to local governments of \$1,000.00 per RCMP member, absent of any meaningful consultation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to expand the PRIME-BC Board of Directors by adding a minimum of two local government representatives, one each to be appointed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Government Finance Officers Association of BC in an effort to balance the representation on the Board with the stakeholders responsible for paying the costs of the system.

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**B125 SEGWAY – ALTERNATIVE MOBILITY DEVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Tumbler Ridge**

WHEREAS approximately one-half of all car trips are less than five kilometres long and involve only a single occupant;

AND WHEREAS the electric Segway Human Transporter is an environmentally-friendly, short distance type of vehicle;

AND WHEREAS in 2007 at the UBCM Convention, local governments and the province demonstrated their shared commitment to take action on climate change by signing onto the BC Climate Action Charter;

AND WHEREAS studies have shown that the Segway may be a good device for people with disabilities because it allows them to participate in social and functional activities in a manner that traditional mobility aids do not facilitate as well:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow for the use of the Segway Human Transporter wherever traditional mobility aids are permitted.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B126 U-PASS PRICING THROUGHOUT BC**

**Langley City**

WHEREAS the U-Pass price of approximately \$25 per month at UBC and SFU has been a success at providing affordable access to these post secondary schools and indirectly offsetting the high cost of living and tuition for students;

AND WHEREAS these are well-established benchmarks for price and service but there are vastly different levels of services throughout the province, and even within regions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM encourage the provincial government to provide funding incentives to transit authorities for implementing U-Pass programs across the province with fees based on the current UBC and SFU ratio of "service provided: U-Pass price".

**NO ACTION REQUIRED**

**B127 INTERIM TAX RELIEF FOR RESORT OWNERS**

**Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS property assessments have risen astronomically in recent years for owners of small resorts;

AND WHEREAS the recent economic downturn has further reduced an already seasonal business operation for owners of small resorts, creating an imbalance between property taxes due and income received:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Surveyor of Taxes to provide interim tax relief for small resort owners, wherein resorts would be taxed proportionally to the time they are in operation (6 months per year max) or 50% of the current tax.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the enactment clause be amended to end after the phrase "small resort owners" by striking the phrase "wherein resorts would be taxed proportionally to the time they are in operation (6 months per year max) or 50% of the current tax", was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Surveyor of Taxes to provide interim tax relief for small resort owners.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B128 TOWNS FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM CHANGES**

**Burns Lake**

WHEREAS local governments are subject to additional reporting requirements and shorter deadlines for the provincial Towns for Tomorrow program as a result of an abrupt change to include the federal government as a funding partner;

AND WHEREAS this abrupt inclusion of federal dollars results in additional reporting requirements, no additional funding, and a shorter deadline of March 2011:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province of BC and the federal government to reinstate the original reporting and deadline requirements for the Towns for Tomorrow program.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B129 GRANT FUNDING FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES**

**Valemount**

WHEREAS the current grant programs provided by the federal and provincial governments require that local governments provide 1/3 of the funding for particular grant programs;

AND WHEREAS the rural communities under 2,000 population, which are dependent on residential taxation, are struggling to meet the 1/3 portion of the funding:



**B133 SINGLE TRANSFERABLE LICENSE PLATE**

**Quesnel**

WHEREAS many resource-based, rural and remote British Columbian drivers must rely on large vehicles for business, work and basic winter transportation;

AND WHEREAS drivers cannot afford the double insurance charged by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) for a second fuel-efficient vehicle that could be used when the larger vehicle is not needed;

AND WHEREAS the double insurance nullifies any cost savings in fuel efficiency of a second fuel-efficient vehicle:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM encourage the provincial government, as part of its Climate Action Plan, and to stimulate the economy, to direct ICBC to allow drivers, who can drive only one vehicle at a time, to purchase a single license plate that could be transferred between fuel-inefficient and fuel-efficient vehicles, as needed.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B134 PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF RABBITS IN PET STORES**

**Richmond**

WHEREAS the City of Richmond seeks to reduce the significant number of abandoned domestic rabbits at large in city parks and to encourage responsible pet ownership;

AND WHEREAS the City of Richmond has adopted a bylaw to ban the sale of rabbits in pet stores:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia give consideration to enacting legislation banning the sale of rabbits in pet stores.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B135 LEGISLATED MANDATORY RECYCLING AT LANDFILLS & TRANSFER STATIONS Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS there are no current regulated province wide standards stipulating that both private and local government landfills and transfer stations are required to facilitate composting and recycling options on site;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult to manage different waste management programs within a region or province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial government of BC to legislate that all landfill and transfer station sites be required to facilitate uniform composting and recycling options to the highest possible standard.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B136 PROVINCIAL STANDARDS FOR RECYCLING AT LANDFILLS & TRANSFER STATIONS**

**Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS there are currently no province wide standards for what is currently being recycled at landfills and transfer station sites;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult for consumers to understand different programs within the same region:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government of BC to form a legislative committee with members that represent all interests in BC to determine the highest achievable provincial recycling standard regarding a uniform recycling initiative without creating an even bigger environmental footprint by shipping it long distances, unless it is in a return shipment if it is practical;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the same legislative committee determine fees that can be put on widely used products to be used directly in the cost of recycling them, and that we work towards local solutions that are equitable for recycling and not affected by the current economy of any period.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

**B137 GREYWATER DISCHARGE SITES**

**Sicamous**

WHEREAS Section 13 of the British Columbia *Environmental Management Act* restricts the discharge of greywater in Shuswap Lake;

AND WHEREAS the Province has not actively enforced the restrictions on greywater discharge into Shuswap Lake:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide greywater discharge sites on and/or along all applicable recreational fresh water lakes and waterbodies.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B138 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT**

**Metchosin**

WHEREAS there has occurred an environmental disaster of unprecedented proportions in the Gulf of Mexico due to the unforeseeable difficulties that can be encountered in offshore drilling for petroleum products;

AND WHEREAS the damages to the 2000 km of Alaskan shoreline plus 1300 sq km of ocean habitats from the Exxon Valdez accident are still being felt more than 20 years after that accident;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia marine waters and coastline could well face an equally enormous environmental catastrophe:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC maintain the moratorium on off-shore oil and gas exploration and development for all future time;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the federal government to maintain the moratorium on west coast offshore exploration and programs for all future time.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the first and second enactment clauses be amended by replacing the phrase "maintain the moratorium" with the phrase "implement a legislated ban", was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC implement a legislated ban on off-shore oil and gas exploration and development for all future time;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the federal government to implement a legislated ban on west coast offshore exploration and programs for all future time.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the first and second enactment clauses be amended by replacing the phrase "for all future time" with the phrase "until technology proven elsewhere is available", was not endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the first and second enactment clauses be amended by striking the phrase "for all future time", was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC implement a legislated ban on off-shore oil and gas exploration and development;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the federal government to implement a legislated ban on west coast offshore exploration and programs.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**B139 BULK CRUDE OIL TANKER TRAFFIC**

**Queen Charlotte**

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project will result in increased crude oil tanker traffic and risk of accidental oil spills in northern coastal waters in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS a crude oil spill will have devastating and long lasting effects on the Pacific North Coast area that is recognized for its unique and diverse ocean ecosystems, which provide critical marine habitat and marine resources that sustain the social, cultural, environmental and economic health of coastal communities, including First Nations communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be opposed to any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic on the North Coast of British Columbia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the federal government to establish a moratorium on bulk crude oil traffic through northern BC coastal waters.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the first enactment clause be amended by replacing the phrase "on the North Coast of" by the phrase "in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in"; that the second enactment clause be amended by replacing the term "moratorium" with the phrase "legislated ban" and inserting the word "tanker" after the phrase "bulk crude oil"; and that the second enactment clause be amended by replacing the phrase "northern BC coastal waters" with the phrase "Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia", was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be opposed to any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the federal government to establish a legislated ban on bulk crude oil tanker traffic through Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**B140 TAR SANDS OIL**

**Queen Charlotte**

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project proposes to deliver tar sands oil for loading onto crude oil tankers and delivery overseas via northern coastal waters;

AND WHEREAS mining of tar sands oil contributes unacceptably to climate change and to degradation of the environment and is contrary to the principles of the BC Climate Action Charter that has been signed by 177 BC local governments and the Islands Trust as a commitment to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2012:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities oppose tar sands oil being shipped in pipelines across northern BC for loading onto crude oil tankers.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

Director Heath Slee assumed the Chair and continued with consideration of Section B – Part II-b resolutions.

**B141 REDUNDANT COVENANTS ON PROPERTY**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS redundant covenants on title can contradict a local government's zoning bylaw and negatively impact development potential for private owned property;

AND WHEREAS approvals for release of the charge(s) by the signatories to the charge(s) can be difficult to obtain and local governments are not authorized by the *Land Title Act*, the *Community Charter* or the *Local Government Act* to release the charge(s) from title:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to amend the *Land Title Act* to allow local governments to apply to the BC Land Title & Survey Authority for the release of the charge(s) from title.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B142 LAND USE CONTRACT DISCHARGE/AMENDMENT**

**Richmond**

WHEREAS many local governments in British Columbia have residential land use contracts dating back to the 1970s that may be tied to old or obsolete zoning bylaws;

AND WHEREAS it may be difficult to get each and every property owner to agree to discharge or amend a residential land use contract involving multiple properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enable local governments to discharge or amend a residential land use contract where the owners of at least 51% of the properties within the residential land use contract agree to the discharge or amendment.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B143 YOUTH TREATMENT PROGRAM OPTIONS – SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**Dawson Creek**

WHEREAS families in BC face difficult decisions with few options when dealing with youth struggling with abuse and addiction;

AND WHEREAS previous attempts to create legislation in the province to protect these youth were abandoned:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urges the Province of British Columbia to implement a further avenue of support for youth struggling with addiction and substance abuse when all other options for intervention and voluntary treatment have failed, similar to programs available in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba where detox and treatment options are available to families whose youth struggling with abuse have refused treatment.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B144 TOBACCO USE ON PUBLIC LANDS**

**Gibsons**

WHEREAS local governments provide open public spaces for parks, recreation and community events, and the public has the right to enjoy freedom from the effects of tobacco use while on public lands;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC collects taxes from the sale of tobacco products:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to allocate a portion of its tobacco tax revenue as funding for local governments to use for education and signage to reduce tobacco use on public lands owned by local governments.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B145 BASE LEVEL HARM REDUCTION**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS addiction has been recognized as a medical issue rather than a moral failing;

AND WHEREAS research has shown that harm reduction measures like needle exchange and safe consumption sites save lives and money by reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of community-based harm reduction services is all too often treated as a political rather than a public health issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province to legislate that base levels of harm reduction services, including needle exchange and access to safe substance use equipment and detox and treatment beds, be made available in every local government in British Columbia in order to ensure that political pressure does not limit access to necessary health services for those affected by problematic substance use and addiction problems, including adequate funding to support these services.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B146 MEDICAL CANNABIS**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS the federal medical cannabis program administered through Health Canada's Marihuana Medical Access Division does not satisfy the constitutional rights of critically and chronically ill patients to access marihuana for medicinal use;

AND WHEREAS the use of cannabis by legitimate cannabis patients is a health issue, and as such should be under the legislative purview of provincial governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government toward the goal of decentralizing the administration and oversight of legitimate medical cannabis use and production from federal authority to provincial health ministries as part of their public and personal health mandate.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B147 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & PROPERTY**

**Prince Rupert**

WHEREAS declining enrollments continue to impact school districts throughout our region and schools are being boarded up in efforts to have remaining operating schools meet capacity requirements as directed by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS our school districts are experiencing increased financial pressures and money spent maintaining deteriorating school properties are monies taken out of education programming for students:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Minister of Education to allow school districts the option to sell derelict school properties with the proviso that any monies gained be spent in the local school district on education programming for students.

**ON MOTION, was REFERRED to UBCM EXECUTIVE**

**B148 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY EXCHANGE**

**District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS a number of school districts in BC are reconfiguring school catchment areas and closing schools;

AND WHEREAS local governments across BC face the challenge of providing infrastructure for services and community amenities with fewer resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC authorize school districts and local government to exchange land and buildings.

**ON MOTION, was REFERRED to UBCM EXECUTIVE**

**B149 ACCESSIBILITY DESIGNATION**

**Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS many members of our society are affected by accessibility limitations;

AND WHEREAS communities who strive to make accessibility a priority are often unrecognized and unknown to those who might utilize them:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to implement a Provincial Accessibility Capital designation similar to the Forest Capital of British Columbia designation administered by the Association of BC Forest Professionals, and to award that designation to a community or region within British Columbia on a two-year basis.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B150 PROHIBITION OF FIGHTING EVENTS UNLESS REGULATED BY AN ATHLETIC COMMISSION** **North Cowichan**

WHEREAS Section 143 (2) of the *Community Charter* authorizes local governments to adopt a bylaw to regulate "professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions";

AND WHEREAS regulating professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions by an athletic commission ensures fighters' safety:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia prohibit professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions unless regulated by an athletic commission under Section 143 (2) of the *Community Charter*.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B151 AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY CARE & ASSISTED LIVING ACT (CHILD CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS)** **Sparwood**

WHEREAS the Province is mandated to regulate and enforce health, safety and staffing standards for child care facilities to protect our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS new regulations enacted in 2007 have placed a burden on those community facilities that are attempting to meet the needs of a wide variety of clients, some of whom are employed by resource based companies requiring their employees to work long and varied shift schedules:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the Province of British Columbia to review the Child Care Licensing Regulations in consultation with child care operators, and where necessary, make amendments to the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* that would better serve the needs of shift work clients, and parents with multi-age children.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR SMALL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

Chair Robert Hobson, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the election results for:

Small Community Representative:	Councillor Galina Durant, District of Stewart
Director at Large:	Mayor James Atebe, District of Mission Councillor Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons Councillor Murry Krause, City of Prince George Councillor Jerrilyn Schembri, District of Tumbler Ridge

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to destroy the ballots, was endorsed.

**SECTION B – PART III RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Christopher Causton assumed the Chair and commenced consideration of Section B – Part III resolutions.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Section B – Part III resolutions be considered as a block, was endorsed.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolutions B153, B154 and B155 be removed from the Section B – Part III block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

The resolutions were endorsed as follows:

### ***SECTION B – PART III-a RESOLUTIONS***

#### **B152 LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH CHANGES TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY CHOICE Vernon**

WHEREAS both the winery licenses and distiller licenses are controlled by the Liquor Distribution Branch which has set separate yet very specific guidelines for each industry;

AND WHEREAS the distillers of BC are only permitted to sell their products off-site to Liquor Distribution Branch stores and any other retail stores designated by the Liquor Distribution Branch, provided they have an agent's licence;

AND WHEREAS holders of the distillers license under the current Liquor Distribution Branch regulations are not permitted to:

- sell directly to the food and beverage industry;
- charge a fee for samples provided during tastings;
- host events at the manufacturing facility;
- operate a lounge; or
- set aside an outdoor area on their property to host patrons for outdoor picnic events, as allowed by the winery licenses:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the legislation and regulatory structure with respect to alcoholic beverage manufacture, distribution and sale in British Columbia to ensure fairness and balance among components of the industry - including the artisan distillers.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

### ***SECTION B – PART III-b RESOLUTIONS***

The Chair then introduced the following Section B – Part III-b resolutions for individual debate: B153, B154 and B155.

#### **B153 EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOUNDARIES**

**Prince Rupert**

WHEREAS the federal government has imposed Employment Insurance boundaries in British Columbia and these boundaries make no distinction between regions that have enjoyed economic prosperity and other regions which have been decimated by widespread economic decline;

AND WHEREAS the criteria required to receive unemployment insurance benefits should reflect the actual state of the regional economy where people live:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development to reconfigure the current Employment Insurance regional boundaries to reflect the geographic and economic realities in British Columbia.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

#### **B154 FINANCING THE DELIVERY OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**Trail**

WHEREAS the transfer of Employment Insurance funds from the federal government to the provincial government under the Labour Market Development Agreement and the related business transformation process currently underway will result in a significant restructuring of the procurement and delivery of employment and training services for clients;

AND WHEREAS the delivery of employment and training services in communities is most effectively delivered by community-based agencies that have an understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the local labour market;

AND WHEREAS the proposed contract payment model proposed by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development in the "Business Transformation Project Stakeholder Information Package" released on May 11, 2010 will make it difficult or impossible for many community based agencies to secure the financing required to manage the contract start-up costs without severely affecting other services delivered by those agencies:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to alter the proposed contract payment and financing structure to allow for advances to be paid to the successful proponents that will be selected to manage the community-based Employment Service Centres across the province.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

**B155 FOR-PROFIT CLINICS**

**Victoria**

WHEREAS health care is a right in that everyone must have the right to high quality, responsive and appropriate health care which is publicly funded, publicly accountable and publicly controlled;

AND WHEREAS access to health care must be equitable - regardless of an individual's income, ability, age, cultural heritage, sex sexual orientation or geographical location;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government, through the Medical Services Plan of BC, insures medically required services provided by physicians in accordance with the *Medicare Protection Act* and the *Canada Health Act*;

AND WHEREAS the number of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT facilities in BC has more than doubled in the past five years;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of for-profit facilities are operating in breach of the *Canada Health Act's* criteria requiring universality and accessibility by charging patients privately for medically necessary and MSP insured hospital or physician services;

AND WHEREAS for-profit clinics represent an increasing and serious threat to British Columbians' health and the financial stability of the health care system;

AND WHEREAS there is clear evidence that such clinics cost more than public facilities, increase wait times by draining scarce health human resources from the public system, and compromise patient safety:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) request that the Province of British Columbia:

1. Establish a moratorium on any further expansion of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT clinics
2. Require an end to public funding of for-profit clinics, including the contracting-out of day surgeries and the provision of health authority contracts to for-profit clinics
3. Require full accountability and transparency on the part of for-profit clinics by ensuring that they submit to all oversight and regulatory mechanisms currently applied to public facilities operating under the *BC Hospitals Act*
4. Expand public capacity by requiring the development of publicly funded and administered outpatient facilities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM continue to research and monitor the threat to universal public health care posed by the operations of private, for-profit surgical and MRI/CT facilities in its members' communities.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**

## **PORT METRO VANCOUVER CRUISE PRIZE**

Chair Harry Nyce introduced Chris Badger, Chief Operating Officer of Port Metro Vancouver, who gave brief remarks and drew a winner for the cruise contest. Chair Nyce thanked Mr. Badger.

## **REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE BILL BENNETT**

Councillor Barbara Steele, invited the Honourable Bill Bennett to make remarks in response to his Life Membership Award from the UBCM. Minister Bennett thanked UBCM for bestowing the honour of Life Membership to him.

## **INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Chair Harry Nyce, UBCM Past President introduced the new President-elect Councillor Barbara Steele. President Steele provided a number of acknowledgements and outlined some of the priorities for the coming year.

## **ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE GORDON CAMPBELL PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

President Barbara Steele introduced Premier Campbell, who then addressed the delegates. Premier Campbell's address is annexed to these minutes as Appendix H. Councillor Steele thanked the Premier.

## **CONVENTION CLOSING**

Chair Harry Nyce closed the Convention. The Convention adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Certified Correct

Gary MacIsaac  
Executive Director