



MEMBER RELEASE

October 2, 2012

TO: Chair & Board | Mayor & Council | Senior Staff
 FROM: Union of BC Municipalities Secretariat
 RE: **2012 Resolutions Disposition**

The following is a preliminary summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2012 Convention, as well as policy discussion outcomes. The full and exact wording of all resolutions, amendments and policy papers will appear in the Convention Minutes.

POLICY PAPERS

Policy Paper 1: Modernizing Building Code Safety Regulations
Endorsed

Policy Paper 2: Packaging & Printed Paper Stewardship in BC
Endorsed

Policy Paper 3: Collaborative Watershed Governance Accord
Endorsed

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Change the Name of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities
Not Endorsed

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1 Service Agreements with First Nations & the Regulatory Gap
Endorsed

SR2 Travel Expense for Participating in UBCM Committee Meetings
Not Endorsed

SECTION A

A1 Renewal of Infrastructure Funding Programs
Endorsed

A2 Local Government Involvement in Review of Municipal Taxation
Endorsed

A3 Reductions to Coast Guard Marine Radio/Traffic Control Centres
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the federal government to maintain the current levels of staff on watch year round at all five MCTS centres on our coast;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans to suspend the announced closure of Coast Guard facilities on the West Coast and that the UBCM host a meeting of impacted communities and the Minister to discuss the impacts of these closures and possible alternatives to closures.

A4 Policing in Remote Rural Towns & Villages
Endorsed

A5 Decriminalization of Marijuana
Endorsed

A6 Medical Emergency Services Alarm Calls Cost Recovery
Endorsed

A7 Elimination of Emergency Preparedness Funding
Endorsed

A8 Oil Tanker Traffic
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART 1

In keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures, Section B – Part 1 resolutions were considered as a block by the 2012 Convention on Wednesday, September 26.

The disposition of the resolutions in the Section B – Part 1 block was as follows:

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| B1 | Rural Policing Policies
<i>Endorsed</i> | B8 | Expert Panel Review of Business Taxation
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| B2 | Provincial Judicial Resources
<i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>

<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide more resources to expedite prosecution of local government bylaws, particularly those dealing with dangerous dogs, or consider a different judicial method to prosecute such cases.</i> | B9 | Capital Costs of Fire Suppression
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| B3 | Fraser Gravel Management
<i>Endorsed</i> | B10 | Generating Sustainable Funding for Rural Fire Departments
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| B4 | Flood Mitigation Funding
<i>Endorsed</i> | B11 | Local Government Grants
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| B5 | Ambulance Assists & Accident Callouts
<i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>

<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be petitioned to mandate that BC Ambulance Service and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia reimburse municipalities for services rendered on their behalf by volunteer or paid fire departments on the same basis as recoveries being currently made from BC Forest Services.</i> | B12 | Support for Provincial Community Recreation Infrastructure Funding Programs
<i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>

<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that support be expressed to the provincial government for the reactivation of the Towns for Tomorrow funding program and the Community Recreation Program.</i> |
| B6 | Coastal Ferry Act Review
<i>Endorsed</i> | B13 | Infrastructure Funding Criteria
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| B7 | Delivery of Property Tax Notices via Email
<i>Endorsed</i> | B14 | Flood Protection Infrastructure
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| | | B15 | Commercial Vehicle Licensing – Heavy Industrial Traffic
<i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>

<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to provide compensation to local governments to assist with the burden of infrastructure maintenance costs associated with ongoing use of local government roads and highways by heavy industrial vehicles.</i> |
| | | B16 | Funding for Water Infrastructure Projects
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| | | B17 | Use of Reserve Funds for Park Development
<i>Endorsed</i> |
| | | B18 | Property Transfer Tax
<i>Endorsed</i> |

- B19 Road Rehabilitation & Associated Funding Options
Endorsed
- B20 Revenue Sharing
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM continue to advocate for a share of resource revenues being returned to communities in recognition of the services and infrastructure that local governments provide to support economic development in their region.*
- B21 BC Conservation Service Capacity
Endorsed
- B22 Funding for BC Conservation Service
Endorsed
- B23 Removal of Derelict & Abandoned Vessels from Coastal Waters
Endorsed
- B24 Increased Funding & Resources for Stream Protection
Endorsed
- B25 Energy Efficiency Improvements for Homeowners
Endorsed
- B26 Brownfields
Endorsed
- B27 Milk Containers
Endorsed
- B28 Extended Producer Responsibility
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the EPR program performance data it has collected, and based on program performance issues indicated by the data, revamp the Extended Producer Responsibility Program before it collapses in remote and rural BC.*
- B29 Illegal Dumping Enforcement
Endorsed
- B30 Agricultural Plastics Recycling
Endorsed
- B31 Use of Reclaimed Water
Endorsed
- B32 Strategic Engagement Agreements
Endorsed
- B33 Raw Log Exports
Endorsed
- B34 Farm Mentorship Programs
Endorsed
- B35 Buy BC
Endorsed
- B36 Powerline Improvements
Endorsed
- B37 School Based Youth Mental Health Services
Endorsed
- B38 Medical Transportation in Rural BC
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide additional medical transportation services that meet the needs of all rural British Columbians.*
- B39 Palliative Care in BC
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide additional palliative care services throughout British Columbia.*
- B40 Community-based Care for Seniors
Endorsed
- B41 Funding for Enhanced Seniors' Outreach & Preventative Health Programs
Endorsed
- B42 MSP Premiums for Seniors
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to end MSP premiums for seniors and to bear any associated costs.

- B43 Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
Endorsed
 - B44 Transitional Housing in Rural & Remote Communities
Endorsed
 - B45 Cellular Service
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to continue with its commitment and ensure that cell phone coverage is available to the travelling public and industrial traffic throughout the province by the end of 2012.*
- B46 Mechanical Insulation
Endorsed
 - B47 Renewal of Provincial Heritage Programs
Endorsed
 - B48 Regulation of Public Water Services
Endorsed
 - B49 Community Access Program Funding
Endorsed
 - B50 BC Childcare Plan
Endorsed
 - B51 Privatization of Water Systems
Endorsed
 - B52 BC Building Code
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART 2-a

In keeping with the procedures for handling resolutions, Section B – Part 2-a resolutions were considered as a block by the 2012 Convention on Thursday, September 27, with the exception of resolutions B55 and B93, which were removed from the block for individual consideration. Resolutions B55

and B93 were debated immediately following consideration of the amended Section B – Part 2-a block.

The disposition of the resolutions in Section B – Part 2-a was as follows:

- B53 Requirements to Exempt Necessary Water Works Projects from Elector Approval
Endorsed
- B54 Services Outside Municipality
Endorsed
- B55 Resort Municipalities
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development to consider a governance structure for mountain resort municipalities that includes elected representatives responsible for land-use decisions for a permanent population of at least 200 people;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM does not support the concept of an unelected body making land use decisions for an area with no population.

- B56 Equity in Funding for Municipal Police Services
Endorsed
- B57 Responding Safely to Hoarding
Endorsed
- B58 National Sex Offenders Registry
Endorsed
- B59 Authority to Remove Gang Members from Licensed Establishments
Endorsed
- B60 911 Pocket Calls
Endorsed
- B61 Streamflow Data from Independent Power Projects
Endorsed
- B62 Flood Mitigation Approval
Endorsed

<p>B63 Provincial Funding for Cycling Infrastructure <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i></p> <p><i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC invest in cycling infrastructure in order to accelerate the availability and broaden the range of cycling opportunities for commuter, recreational, and competitive cyclists living in and visiting rural and urban areas.</i></p>	<p><i>including representation on the Provincial Tsunami Debris Working Group that has been developed by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General;</i></p> <p><i>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments develop a funding strategy for removal of tsunami debris, to offset potential costs to local governments.</i></p>
<p>B64 Upgrades to Community Airstrips <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B76 Blue Carbon Credits <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B65 Long Term Translink Funding Model <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B77 Protection of Potable Water <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B66 Taxable Occupiers of Hospitals <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B78 Regulation of Abandoned Boats & Derelict Structures Along Public Waterways <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B67 Cell Service Payment in Lieu of Taxes <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B79 Enabling Fish Access to Historical Spawning Grounds at BC Hydro Dams <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B68 BC Hydro Grant in Lieu of Taxes <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B80 Changes to Fisheries Act <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B69 Local Government Funding <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B81 Disposal of Gypsum Containing Asbestos <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B70 Federal Infrastructure Funding <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B82 Agricultural Land Commission Fill Application <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B71 Reinstatement of Dedicated Line Item for Library Funding in BC <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B83 Agricultural Land Commission Policy No. 11 <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B72 Wildlife Conflict <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B84 Fencing Adjacent to Highways <i>Endorsed</i></p>
<p>B73 Qualified Environmental Professionals <i>Endorsed</i></p>	<p>B85 Five Year Strategy for BC Natural Gas <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i></p> <p><i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM strongly encourage the Province to develop strategies that will address the long term domestic supply, satisfy existing commitments, and provide incentives to build an infrastructure for ancillary enterprises</i></p>
<p>B74 Exterior Full Cut-off Lighting <i>Endorsed</i></p>	
<p>B75 Tsunami Debris to Hit West Coast in 2014 <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i></p> <p><i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that coastal communities that may be impacted by the tsunami debris from Japan be involved in any federal/provincial planning processes,</i></p>	

- that will support the natural gas sector in BC.*
- B86 Three Phase Power
Endorsed
- B87 Canada European Union Trade Agreement
Endorsed
- B88 Public Procurement Under the Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement
Endorsed
- B89 Declared Nuisances
Endorsed
- B90 Stormwater Management in Electoral Areas
Endorsed
- B91 Doctor Shortage in BC
Endorsed
- B92 Smoke Free Outdoor Public Places
Endorsed
- B93 Declining Health Services
Endorsed as Amended
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health take steps to ensure that the quality of medical services in small communities is returned to, and maintained, at a level that will ensure the public health and safety of our citizens is not at risk;*
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM support a moratorium on unilateral changes being made by a regional health authority to any health centre or hospital, so that negotiations can find a way to preserve these communities' access to 24/7 emergency services;*
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial Minister of Health initiate an audit of all health authorities to ensure delivery of medical services to remote and rural British Columbians complies with requirements of the Canada Health Act, all appropriate BC legislation and*

- all contractual agreements between the BC government and the health authorities.*
- B94 Cold Weather Funding
Endorsed
- B95 On-site Provincial Service Delivery Rural Communities
Endorsed
- B96 Funding for Northern Colleges
Endorsed
- B97 Transient Worker Data Collection
Endorsed
- B98 Amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act Dispute Resolution Process
Endorsed
- B99 Public Lakeshore Access
Endorsed
- B100 Accessible Ballot Program
Endorsed
- B101 Closure of Citizenship & Immigration Canada Offices
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the federal government to reconsider changes which will see the closure of 19 small Citizenship and Immigration Offices (four in BC and a relocation of the Vancouver regional office to Calgary) as it will have a negative effect on communities around the country and on Canada's place in the competitive market of attracting immigrants.*

SECTION B – PART 2-b RESOLUTIONS

- B102 Community Water Servicing
Endorsed
- B103 Assessing Communities for Physician Recruitment
Endorsed
- B104 Office of the Seniors Advocate
Endorsed

B105 Reinstatement of Farm Funding for Deer Fencing
Endorsed

B106 Fencing of Agricultural Interface
Endorsed

B107 Export of Landfillable Solid Waste
Not Endorsed

B108 Innovate BC's Natural Gas Transportation Network
Endorsed

B109 Integrated Landscape Planning Guidelines
Endorsed

B110 Family Violence Prevention Legislation
Endorsed

B111 Licenses Issued Under Marijuana Medical Access Regulations
Endorsed

B112 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Funding
Endorsed

B113 Full Funding for Fuel Abatement
Endorsed

B114 Funding Forest Fuel Mitigation
Endorsed

B115 Provincial Development of Rural Transportation Strategy
Endorsed

B116 UBCM Railway Committee
Endorsed

B117 Levy for "One Time Use" Plastic Bags
Not Endorsed

B118 Water Stewardship
Endorsed

B119 Commercialization of Water
Endorsed

B120 Contaminated Soil Relocation
Endorsed

B121 2012 Carbon Neutral Goals
Endorsed

B122 Shipping of Dangerous Goods Liabilities
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial and federal governments to create legislation that requires that liability for cargo on a ship be the responsibility of both the carrier and the one who sold the cargo until such time as the cargo reaches its final destination, and/or is outside of Canadian waters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial and federal governments to create legislation that requires shippers of dangerous goods and cargo, as well as the manufacturers, be required to pay into an emergency fund designed for three purposes:

- To clean up, and compensate for any and all damages, including capital devaluation, social, cultural, and ecological damage, caused by an accident involving said goods and cargo;*
- To fund research into improving clean-up methods to deal with the eventuality of such spills; and*
- To fund a sustained increase in provincial spill prevention, preparedness, mitigation and response resources;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM petition the federal government to restore the Coast Guard complement and safety measures along our coast to a standard that protects our coastline from the dangers of such accidents, and mitigates the amount of damage that would occur from the result of any such incidents.

B123 Regulating the Sale of Unsterilized Rabbits
Endorsed

B124	Wildlife Trapping <i>Endorsed</i>	<i>meaningful consultations with local governments prior to approval and installation of telecommunication towers or antennae, including input on siting, aesthetics, safety, intensity and impact on property values;</i>		
B125	BC Stewardship Regulations Relating to Packaging & Printed Paper <i>Endorsed</i>			
B126	Genetically Engineered Free Zones <i>Endorsed</i>	<i>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM work with FCM and the federal government to develop and adopt best practices for minimizing the impacts of towers in communities;</i>		
B127	Noxious Weeds & Range Lands <i>Not Endorsed</i>			
B128	Tax Collection Legislation <i>Endorsed</i>	<i>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that where there are issues with towers following installation, that the federal government be required to work cooperatively with the local government to ensure issues are resolved in a timely manner.</i>		
B129	School Property Tax Rebate for Class 6 Businesses <i>Not Endorsed</i>			
B130	Vacant & Derelict Building Tax Rate <i>Endorsed</i>			
B131	Tax on Biofuel <i>Not Endorsed</i>	B142	Time Allotted for Resolution Debate at UBCM <i>Endorsed</i>	
B132	Small Community Grant <i>Endorsed</i>	B143	Market Rental Housing Stock <i>Endorsed as Amended</i>	
B133	Municipal Price Index <i>Not Endorsed</i>		<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide incentives for the retention of existing and development of new market rental housing.</i>	
B134	Remuneration of Municipal Councils <i>Not Endorsed</i>	B144	Motor Vehicle Insurance for Elected Officials <i>Not Endorsed</i>	
B135	Re-distribution of Gaming Revenue <i>Not Endorsed</i>	B145	Building Regulations – Non-potable Water <i>Endorsed</i>	
B136	Liability for Contaminated Sites <i>Endorsed</i>		SECTION B – PART 3-a RESOLUTIONS	
B137	Federal Gas Tax Funding Eligibility <i>Not Endorsed</i>		In keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures, Section B – Part 3-a resolutions were considered as a block by the 2012 Convention on Friday, September 28.	
B138	Business Class Exemption <i>Not Endorsed</i>		The disposition of the resolutions in the Section B – Part 3-a block was as follows:	
B139	Rural Tourism Assessments <i>Endorsed</i>		B146	Release of Dangerous Offenders <i>Endorsed</i>
B140	Making Boards of Variance Optional <i>Not Endorsed</i>			
B141	Siting of Telecommunications Towers & Antennae <i>Endorsed as Amended</i>			
	<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with FCM and the federal government to require Industry Canada to conduct</i>			

B147 Provincial Remediation Process for Inappropriately Used Buildings
Endorsed

B148 Workplace Safety Awareness
Endorsed

B149 Wireless High Speed Internet
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART 3-b RESOLUTIONS

B150 Tax Benefits for Volunteers
Not Endorsed

B151 Skilled Professionals
Endorsed

B152 Move Up the HST to GST/PST Transition Deadline
Not Endorsed

B153 Worksafe BC – Hazardous Materials Regulations
Not Endorsed

B154 Shark Fin Harvesting
Endorsed

B155 Duty-free & Tax-free Limits
Not Endorsed

B156 Signage & Safe Pull-outs for Highway Areas with Cell Phone Coverage
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that proper signage and safe pull-outs be installed in areas throughout BC where coverage is available, identifying these areas as having cell phone connectivity.

B157 Liquor Services for Events in Unlicensed Venues
Endorsed

B158 Restore Funding to Katimavik
Endorsed

SECTION C – PART 3 RESOLUTION

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to vary the agenda by admitting resolution C37 for debate, was endorsed. Resolution C37 was debated immediately following consideration of the resolutions in Section B – Part 3-b.

C37 Highway of Tears Safety
Endorsed

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

Four late resolutions, LR1, LR2, LR3 and LR 6, were deemed to be emergency in nature and were admitted for debate. Late resolution LR4 was withdrawn. None of the other late resolutions were admitted for debate. In keeping with UBCM procedures, the late resolutions will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2013 resolutions cycle, pending sponsor approval.

LR1 Call Answer Levy for Wireless Service Providers
Endorsed

LR2 Invasive Species – Quagga & Zebra Mussels
Endorsed

LR3 Small Water Systems Treatment
Endorsed

LR4 Discontinuation of Live Television Coverage of Council Meetings
Withdrawn

LR6 Requirement for By-elections
Endorsed