



UBCM Budget

Special Resolution SR1

Resolutions B142 and B143

Report on Resolutions Received
After the Deadline

SEPTEMBER 2013

BOOK 2

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<p>UBCM Revenue and Expenditures for the Year Ending June 30, 2013 and Budget for the year commencing July 1, 2013</p>
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	<u>Actuals 2012-2013</u>	<u>Budget 2013-2014</u>
REVENUE		
Member Dues	1,136,096	1,113,000
Investment Income	16,334	15,000
Administrative Fees	208,000	214,000
UBCM Professional Council	852,146	789,612
Member Services		
- Group Benefits	502,198	465,000
- Member Services	68,738	76,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ <u>2,783,512</u>	\$ <u>2,672,612</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Executive	207,425	220,000
Salaries & Benefits	2,156,821	2,087,511
Staff Travel	59,081	57,000
Administration	208,450	233,600
Member Services		
- Group Benefits	24,858	28,000
- Member Services	35,922	36,500
Technology Reserve Transfer	10,000	10,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>2,702,556</u>	\$ <u>2,672,612</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ <u>80,956</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

SR1 PACKAGING & PRINTED PAPER PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

UBCM Executive

WHEREAS local governments have been offered the opportunity to continue providing collection services under the Multi-Material BC (MMBC) Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship program subject to confirmation by September 16, 2013 of their intent to participate;

AND WHEREAS while local governments remain supportive of extended producer responsibility for PPP products, there are fundamental concerns with the proposed program such as the decision-making timeline; the costs and financial risks of this program to local governments; the service delivery implications for residents; the feasibility of many of the standards being required; and the lack of necessary details;

AND WHEREAS many local governments would like to be active partners in the delivery of the PPP Stewardship program, it is imperative that additional work be undertaken between local governments and MMBC if a mutually beneficial contractual arrangement is to be reached:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government and MMBC provide an additional 90 days for local governments to properly clarify and consider the MMBC offer prior to the implementation of the MMBC PPP Stewardship plan in May 2014;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government review the MMBC PPP Stewardship plan, and require that the plan be revised to:

- address local governments' concerns with the implementation of the plan;
- ensure local governments' control of recycling programs in their communities;
- ensure producers take full financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of their waste;
- create meaningful market signals that encourage the reduction of packaging and innovation of better more recyclable packaging; and
- address the issue of continuity of service.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution on this issue.

The membership has, however, endorsed resolutions calling for:

- *the development of strategies to reduce unnecessary product packaging, as well as the creation of product stewardship programs for packaging (1987-B69; 1990-A14; 1991-B18; 1995-B38; 1997- B11; 1999-B14; 2000-B20; 2004-B13; 2005-B115; 2006-B29; 2008-B31)*
- *all packaging to be placed under the BC product stewardship legislation (2009-B39)*
- *the introduction of the industry product stewardship programs that would shift the responsibility for waste management from local governments to producers and consumers*

on such products as electronic waste, batteries, tires, used oil and plastics (2005-B24; 2004-B13; 2004-B14; 2004-B15; 2004-B82; 2003- B87; 1998- B60).

The membership has also endorsed the principle that industry or producers should be fully funding product stewardship programs, in which industry assumes the costs of marketing, collecting, transporting and processing materials (2007 UBCM Environment Action Plan).

As background, the BC Recycling Regulation was amended in May 2011 to include packaging and printed paper. The amendment shifts financial and administrative responsibility for managing these materials from local governments to the producers of packaging and printed paper (PPP). This transfer of responsibility is intended to encourage PPP producers to incorporate environmental considerations in the design of their products, as well as facilitate diversion of materials and products from local landfills.

A UBCM PPP Working Group was created to assist in identifying local government concerns and to draft a policy paper for the 2012 Convention. This paper was endorsed at the 2012 Convention and identified key local government issues and concerns with the proposed product stewardship program for packaging and printed paper, and proposed recommendations for resolving potential local government issues with the implementation of the packaging and printed paper product stewardship program.

The Resolutions Committee understands that the UBCM PPP Working Group has identified several major concerns with Multi-Material BC's (MMBC) financial incentive and service agreement. These include the:

- short time frame (3 months) offered to local governments to consider the financial incentive offer from MMBC;
- insufficient financial incentive offered for depots, curbside and multi-family collection;
- proposed penalties;
- lack of detail on standards for depots; and
- lack of information on who the post-collection service providers will be.

Though local governments have been asked to provide a decision on the MMBC offer and financial incentive by September 16, there are several local governments who may not be able to respond by this date given the lack of information, the financial risks of this program to local governments and the short time frame presented to local governments to consider the offer.

Therefore, Special Resolution SR1 asks that local governments be given an additional 90 days for local governments to properly clarify and consider the MMBC offer prior to the implementation for the PPP stewardship plan in May 2014. The time period may provide sufficient opportunity for local governments to seek the required information, and negotiate with MMBC, to achieve a comfort level prior to entering into a contract.

The resolution also incorporates the enactment clauses from four late resolutions that were received on this issue from UBCM members – the Town of Smithers, City of New Westminster, City of Port Moody and City of North Vancouver. See resolutions LR2, LR3, LR4 and LR5 respectively in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline, part of Policy Book 2 (blue cover) distributed to the membership on-site at Convention.

RESOLUTIONS OMITTED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR

The following two resolutions, numbered B142 and B143, were received prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions; however, due to administrative error, the resolutions were omitted from the *Resolutions Book*.

The Resolutions Committee would propose that the resolutions be handled in the following manner:

A. ADD TO SECTION B1 BLOCK

B142 BC Ambulance Services Stewart

B. ADD TO SECTION B2-b FOR INDIVIDUAL DEBATE

B143 Log Export Policy Squamish-Lillooet RD

B142 BC AMBULANCE SERVICES Stewart

WHEREAS communities in British Columbia are facing a severe deterioration of ambulance services as a result of cuts to provincial funding and a serious disconnection between the service model used by the BC Ambulance Service and the service model required to meet the needs of communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial Minister of Health to require the BC Ambulance Service to amend its service model to meet the actual needs of communities, and that the Minister provide adequate funding to implement that model.

*RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Add to Section B1 Block
and
Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide adequate funding, personnel and service levels for BC Ambulance Services (2007-B50, 2007-B156, 2006-B48, 2003-B33, 2000-B14, 2000-B93, 1996-B5).

B143 LOG EXPORT POLICY Squamish-Lillooet RD

WHEREAS the amount of our working forest that can be harvested economically is constrained by reduced domestic demand and low prices for certain portions of the timber profile, resulting in loss of job opportunities and economic benefits to communities and the Province;

AND WHEREAS international markets offer potential for improving the viability of uneconomic timber grades and stands, raising the value and simulating more active management of our forests:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government develop a log export policy that will address these challenges and opportunities for realizing optimal management of, and benefits from, our public working forests.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Add to Section B2-b for Individual Debate and No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that in 2012, the UBCM membership endorsed resolution B33, which opposed "any measures that would increase the export of raw logs from British Columbia."

In its response to the resolution the provincial government indicated that it was at the time engaged in a review of log export policy and would "take measures as necessary to ensure that domestic mills continue to have access to wood advertised for export prior to exports being approved."

Further, the Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions opposing expansion of (raw) log exports (2007-B44, 2007-B45, 2007-B179, 2003-B27, 2001-B31, 1992-B33).

The sponsor is not specifically asking the Province to increase log exports but it is asking the Province to develop a log export policy that will address the challenges and opportunities associated with dealing with uneconomic timber grades and stands; and how to realize the potential benefits from our public working forests. If one of those policy options specifically sought an increase in log exports, this would appear to be contrary to existing UBCM policy. The Committee has offered no recommendation since the enactment clause speaks to developing log export policy, generally, and would welcome the views of the members on this matter.

2013 REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

A total of nine resolutions were received by the Resolutions Committee after the regular June 30 resolutions deadline and prior to the September 13 noon cut-off for late resolutions. These resolutions are considered “late” and the Resolutions Committee has applied the policies for dealing with resolutions received after the June 30 deadline.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed each resolution in accordance with the Conference Rules and Procedures:

33. Resolutions received after the deadline, are classified as “Emergency” and therefore appropriate for Plenary discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. Resolutions received after the deadline are appropriate to be referred to the Executive if the topic is such that it has arisen since the regular submission of resolutions and, in the opinion of the Resolutions Committee, the topic is non-controversial and in keeping with UBCM policy.

Resolutions received after the deadline are not appropriate for Plenary discussion or referral if they concern a topic that had arisen or was known prior to the regular deadline for resolutions.

Those resolutions with the recommendation “not admit for debate” relate to issues that could have been submitted for consideration prior to the regular June 30th resolutions deadline. In keeping with procedures, these resolutions will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2014 resolutions cycle, pending approval of the sponsor.

The Resolutions Committee recommends that the late resolutions be dealt with in the following manner:

A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE

LR1 Fairness & Balance in the BC *Heritage Conservation Act* Belcarra

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

LR2 BC Product Stewardship for Packaging & Printed Paper Smithers
LR3 Multi-Material BC Product Stewardship Packaging & Printed Paper Plan for BC New Westminster
LR4 Multi-Material BC – Packaging & Printed Paper Stewardship Port Moody
LR5 Packaging & Printed Paper Product Stewardship North Vancouver

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

LR6	Protection of Local Water Resources & Watershed Land	Cowichan Valley RD
LR7	Funding Assistance for Project Proposal Evaluation	Prince Rupert
LR8	Parking Enforcement in Rural Areas	Sunshine Coast RD
LR9	Howe Sound Management Plan	Sunshine Coast RD

A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE

LR1 FAIRNESS & BALANCE IN THE BC HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT Belcarra

WHEREAS private property owners and local governments are involved in heritage conservation issues both as fee simple property owners and as part of local government building and development permit processes;

AND WHEREAS unregistered or undiscovered archaeological sites can result in significant heritage investigation and conservation costs as a prerequisite to property development, as well as significant and costly delays due to additional permits and inspections:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to formulate amendments to the BC Heritage Conservation Act that provide fair, balanced and reasonable treatment of property owners who are impacted by unregistered or undiscovered archaeological sites on fee simple property.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Admit for Debate*

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to amend the Heritage Conservation Act to ensure "fair, balanced and reasonable" treatment of property owners with unregistered or undiscovered archaeological sites on their property. However, the Committee notes that members did endorse a related resolution, 2007-B139, which requested that the Province provide "funding equal to 100% of the total expenditures borne by local governments to record and document archaeological findings in accordance with the provincial Heritage Conservation Act."

The Resolutions Committee understands that the catalyst for this resolution was media attention pursuant to a notice of appeal filed by the Province of British Columbia on June 28, 2013. The Court of Appeal file number is CA41018. The respondent named in the appeal filed a notice of appearance on July 2, 2013 – and this was past the June 30 deadline for submission of resolutions to UBCM.

The above referenced appeal pertains to the owner of private property not previously designated as a heritage site. In preparation for development on the property - replacing the existing house - a heritage site was discovered. The property owner was therefore required to undertake an archaeological impact assessment, which delayed development and cost roughly \$600,000. The

most recent ruling in this matter was by the Supreme Court of BC, which judged that provincial staff had “no statutory authority to require [the property owner] to pay for heritage inspection or heritage investigation under any circumstances.”

The Committee would suggest that while the impact of heritage conservation requirements on property owners – including local governments – is not new, the timing of this particular case renders it an emergent issue. The sponsor has learned that while the provincial government appeal is underway, the BC Archaeology Branch will not issue Heritage Inspection Permits for newly discovered heritage sites. The sponsor suggests that this has the potential to affect infrastructure projects.

The Committee therefore recommends that the resolution be admitted for debate.

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

LR2 BC PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOR PACKAGING & PRINTED PAPER New Westminster

WHEREAS in 2012 the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) adopted Policy Paper #2: Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Product Stewardship;

AND WHEREAS local governments’ concerns and objectives for the stewardship program for PPP outlined in the UBCM policy paper have not been incorporated into Multi-Material BC’s stewardship plan and local government efforts over the summer to mitigate these concerns have not been successful:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to review Multi- Material BC’s stewardship plan for Packaging and Printed Paper and require that the plan be revised to:

1. address local governments’ concerns with the implementation of the plan; and
2. ensure producers take full financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of their packaging and printed paper products.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ***Refer to UBCM Executive***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Multi-Material BC (MMBC) has set a deadline of September 16, 2013 for local governments to make a decision regarding their level of participation in the packaging and printed paper programs for which Multi-Material BC will assume responsibility in 2014.

The Committee understands that some local governments have significant concerns about aspects of the MMBC programs, including the financial incentive offer; the proposed terms and conditions to become a qualified collector; maintenance of service levels; lack of a transition plan; and the overall approach to implementation.

Because of the timing of the MMBC deadline, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this issue is emergent in nature. The Committee would emphasize that the UBCM Executive is aware

of the concerns of the UBCM membership, and through Special Resolution SR1, included in Policy Book 2, seeks member direction on packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the UBCM Executive so that the resolution can inform their advocacy regarding packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

**LR3 MULTI-MATERIAL BC PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP New Westminster
PACKAGING & PRINTED PAPER PLAN FOR BC**

WHEREAS in 2012 the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) adopted Policy Paper #2: Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP);

AND WHEREAS the local government concerns and objectives for the stewardship program for PPP outlined in this document have not been recognized and incorporated into Multi-Material BC's (MMBC's) plan for PPP;

AND WHEREAS the plan is being fast-tracked onto local governments in a "take it or lose it" manner which prevents public involvement and analysis by the citizens we represent;

AND WHEREAS the plan provides MMBC the unfettered ability to levy fines onto local governments of up to \$5,000 per truck load for contamination of recyclables over 3 per cent;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to review the MMBC Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Plan and require that the plan be revised to:

- address local governments' concerns with the implementation of the plan;
- ensure local governments' control of recycling in their communities;
- ensure producers take full financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of their waste; and
- create meaningful market signals that encourage the reduction of packaging and innovation of better, more recyclable packaging.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Refer to UBCM Executive*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Multi-Material BC (MMBC) has set a deadline of September 16, 2013 for local governments to make a decision regarding their level of participation in the packaging and printed paper programs for which Multi-Material BC will assume responsibility in 2014.

The Committee understands that some local governments have significant concerns about aspects of the MMBC programs, including the financial incentive offer; the proposed terms and conditions to become a qualified collector; maintenance of service levels; lack of a transition plan; and the overall approach to implementation.

Because of the timing of the MMBC deadline, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this issue is emergent in nature. The Committee would emphasize that the UBCM Executive is aware of the concerns of the UBCM membership, and through Special Resolution SR1, included in Policy Book 2, seeks member direction on packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the UBCM Executive so that the resolution can inform their advocacy regarding packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

LR4 MULTI-MATERIAL BC – PACKAGING & PRINTED PAPER STEWARDSHIP Port Moody

WHEREAS in 2012 the UBCM adopted Policy Paper #2: Packaging and Printed Paper Product Stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the local government concerns and objectives for the stewardship program for packaging and printed paper (PPP) outlined in this document have not been recognized and incorporated into Multi-Material BC's (MMBC's) plan for PPP:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to review the MMBC stewardship plan for PPP and require that the plan be revised to:

- address local governments' concerns with the implementation of the plan;
- ensure local governments' control of recycling in their communities;
- ensure producers take full financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of their waste; and
- create meaningful market signals that encourage the reduction of packaging and innovation of better, more recyclable packaging.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Refer to UBCM Executive*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Multi-Material BC (MMBC) has set a deadline of September 16, 2013 for local governments to make a decision regarding their level of participation in the packaging and printed paper programs for which Multi-Material BC will assume responsibility in 2014.

The Committee understands that some local governments have significant concerns about aspects of the MMBC programs, including the financial incentive offer; the proposed terms and conditions to become a qualified collector; maintenance of service levels; lack of a transition plan; and the overall approach to implementation.

Because of the timing of the MMBC deadline, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this issue is emergent in nature. The Committee would emphasize that the UBCM Executive is aware of the concerns of the UBCM membership, and through Special Resolution SR1, included in Policy Book 2, seeks member direction on packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the UBCM Executive so that the resolution can inform their advocacy regarding packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

**LR5 PACKAGING & PRINTED PAPER PRODUCT
 STEWARDSHIP****North Vancouver**

WHEREAS in 2012 the UBCM adopted Policy Paper #2: Packaging and Printed Paper Product Stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the local government concerns and objectives for the stewardship program for packaging and printed paper outlined in this document have not been recognized and incorporated into Multi-Material BC's stewardship plan for packaging and printed paper, and through the summer ongoing negotiations to mitigate these concerns have not been successful:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to review the Multi- Material BC stewardship plan for packaging and printed paper and require that the plan be revised to:

- address local governments' concerns with the implementation of the plan;
- ensure local governments' control of waste management, including recycling programs, in their communities;
- ensure producers take full financial responsibility for the collection and recycling of their waste; and
- create meaningful market signals that encourage the reduction of packaging and innovation of better more recyclable packaging.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Refer to UBCM Executive*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that Multi-Material BC (MMBC) has set a deadline of September 16, 2013 for local governments to make a decision regarding their level of participation in the packaging and printed paper programs for which Multi-Material BC will assume responsibility in 2014.

The Committee understands that some local governments have significant concerns about aspects of the MMBC programs, including the financial incentive offer; the proposed terms and conditions to become a qualified collector; maintenance of service levels; lack of a transition plan; and the overall approach to implementation.

Because of the timing of the MMBC deadline, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this issue is emergent in nature. The Committee would emphasize that the UBCM Executive is aware of the concerns of the UBCM membership, and through Special Resolution SR1, included in Policy Book 2, seeks member direction on packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

Therefore, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the resolution be referred to the UBCM Executive so that the resolution can inform their advocacy regarding packaging and printed paper product stewardship.

C. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE**LR6 PROTECTION OF LOCAL WATER RESOURCES Cowichan Valley RD
& WATERSHED LAND**

WHEREAS it is recognized that water is a public trust and the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions emphasizing protection and control of local water resources, and that adequate tools are required to enable local authorities to enact measures for protection of watersheds;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has recently released further details concerning implementation of its commitment to modernize the Water Act, which includes a strategy to protect water flows for fish and the environment; regulate groundwater; improve governance; and promote conservation, in order to address issues of source water protection, industrial pollution and land-use changes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment to proceed in its efforts to modernize the Water Act including full consultation with First Nations, to ensure that the new Water Sustainability Act establishes a strong enabling framework, in the context of provincial and federal oversight and regulatory backstop, that:

- increases the local role in key decisions affecting the health of watersheds;
- ensures protection for water for fish and the environment in the context of local conditions;
- regulates groundwater;
- promotes water conservation;
- recognizes First Nations Rights and Title; and
- establishes a meaningful role for local government, First Nations, and local watershed authorities regarding approvals and control.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Not Admit for Debate*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution addresses an issue that arose prior to the June 30th submission deadline and therefore does not meet the criteria for admission as an emergency resolution.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2011-B96, which emphasized to the provincial government the importance of input and involvement of local government, and that it be “active and ongoing as the Water Sustainability Act is developed and new water management roles are created.”

In response to the resolution the provincial government referenced its ongoing engagement with local government throughout the Water Act modernization process. At that time, the Province indicated willingness to “take more time to further engage with British Columbians on draft legislation in 2012 before it is finalized,” including local government engagement.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Admit for Debate**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution addresses an issue that arose prior to the June 30th submission deadline and therefore does not meet the criteria for admission as an emergency resolution.

The Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government amend the Local Government Act to grant regional districts the authority to enforce parking regulations. However, members have endorsed a number of resolutions seeking to clarify or enhance the authority of regional districts in areas including but not limited to:

- *authority to control weeds (2011-B92);*
- *natural area tax exemption (2011-B90);*
- *watershed control (2008-B35);*
- *controlled substance property bylaws (2008-B7, 2006-OF);*
- *Regional District Charter (2006-B47);*
- *authority to appoint approving officer (2006-A3); and*
- *taxation authority (2003-B66).*

LR9 HOWE SOUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the standards and regulations for the fire department costs are regulated by provincial standards;

AND WHEREAS the costs of operations for the fire departments for small municipalities are significant:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC reduce the fire department provincial standards and regulations (other than relating to fire fighters safety), for small municipalities.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Admit for Debate**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution addresses an issue that arose prior to the June 30th submission deadline and therefore does not meet the criteria for admission as an emergency resolution.

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government support the development of a Comprehensive Management Plan for Howe Sound.