

2017 Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline: Addendum

One resolution received by UBCM after the regular June 30 resolutions deadline and prior to the 12:00 pm, September 22 submission deadline for late resolutions, was left out of the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline. This was an administrative error. The resolution is printed below as resolution **LR10** for the reference of delegates, and is an addendum to the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.

With the inclusion of the addendum, ten late resolutions were received by UBCM. The Resolutions Committee has applied the policies for dealing with resolutions received after the June 30 deadline.

Resolutions with the recommendation “not admit for debate” relate to issues that could have been submitted for consideration prior to the regular June 30 resolutions deadline. In keeping with procedures, these resolutions would be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2018 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 29 AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE

LR1	Ranchers’ Role During Wildfires	Cariboo RD
LR2	Fire Mitigation Strategy	Cariboo RD Williams Lake
LR3	Commercial Inter-city Bus Transportation	Prince George
LR4	Rural Fire Recovery Fund	Williams Lake
LR5	Review of Site C: Consideration of Power Sources	North Saanich
LR6	Protecting Local Waterways & Wild Fish Species	Victoria

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

N/A

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

LR7	Local Government Term of Office	Nanaimo City
LR8	Rail Proximity Issues	LMLGA Executive
LR9	Cannabis Advertising	Langley Township
LR10	Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation	Central Saanich

C. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

LR10 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

Central Saanich

Whereas strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) are intended to penalize or deter citizens and municipalities from participating in public affairs;

And whereas in 2015 the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association called on the Province to adopt robust anti-SLAPP legislation that would protect the right to communicate on matters of public interest and would help to address an unnecessary burden on our overcrowded public court system;

And whereas anti-SLAPP legislation exists in other Canadian jurisdictions and existed in BC as the "Protection of Public Participation Act" until 2001:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the BC Government enact robust anti-SLAPP legislation that will protect the right to communicate on matters of public interest.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Not Admit for Debate

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

As the sponsor indicates in the text of the resolution, the BC Civil Liberties Association in 2015 called for provincial anti-SLAPP legislation. This call was made two years ago, and prior to the June 30, 2017 submission deadline for resolutions. Therefore, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this resolution does not deal with an emergent issue and does not meet the criteria to be admitted for debate.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2001-LR2, which affirmed UBCM support for the Protection of Public Participation Act and expressed opposition to the repeal of that legislation.

In response to resolution 2001-LR2, the provincial government stated that citizens' right to participate in government was already protected through the Rules of the Supreme Court. The Province suggested that under the Protection of Public Participation Act, there had been the potential for significant delays and overloading of the court system.