

UBCM 2013 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

The following is a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted during the policy sessions at the 2013 Convention. The full and exact wording of all amendments will appear in the Convention Minutes.

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Change the Fiscal Year

Endorsed

POLICY PAPER

Policy Paper 1: Local Government Finance

Endorsed

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

SR1 Packaging & Printed Paper Product Stewardship

Endorsed as Amended

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;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM appoint a representative committee

to negotiate with MMBC and the provincial government.

SECTION A

A1 Flood Management

Endorsed

A2 Regional Integrated Approach to Flood Management

Endorsed

A3 Emergency Notification

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM and FCM urge the provincial and federal governments to establish a world-class emergency and hazard mass notification system, including the following:

- the establishment of a province-wide, all-hazard radio system by expanding Weatheradio Canada coverage with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) protocols, to 100% of the populated areas in British Columbia by the end of 2014;*
- the establishment of a federal/provincial/local government cost-shared funding program with the purpose of ensuring that all of the communities in BC are able to establish mass notification systems that meet local needs; and*
- the distribution of information from the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre (WCATSC) immediately upon receipt of a tsunami warning, with follow up notifications as necessary.*

A4 Conflict of Interest

Endorsed

SECTION B1

B1 Use of Electronic Mail
Endorsed

B2 Reduced Liability for Local Governments in Conducting Building Inspections
Endorsed

B3 Elector Approval of Boundary Extensions
Endorsed

B4 Emergency Preparedness
Endorsed

B5 Search & Rescue Squad Funding
Endorsed

B6 RCMP Small Municipality Detachments
Endorsed

B7 Rural Policing
Endorsed

B8 Fire Department Response to Highway Accidents
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to develop a program with ICBC, separate from and in addition to the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP), to reimburse fire departments that respond to highway incidents.

B9 Federal Medicinal Grow Licenses
Endorsed

B10 Restorative Justice
Endorsed

B11 Regulations for Motorized Mobility Aids
As Amended, was Not Endorsed

B12 Coastal Ferries: Fiscal Fairness & Long Term Strategy
Endorsed

B13 Trans Canada Highway Upgrades
Endorsed

B14 Review of BC Road Maintenance Standards
Endorsed

B15 Public Transportation
Endorsed

B16 PST Legislation Impacts to District Energy Utilities
Endorsed

B17 PST Tax Exemption Request
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments be exempted from paying PST;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such exemption or rebate should not result in any reduction of grants in lieu or any other monies presently directed from the provincial government to local governments, nor should this be seen as an opportunity to download additional responsibilities to local governments without providing sufficient funding to compensate for such additional responsibilities.

B18 Small Community Grant Indexing
Endorsed

B19 Infrastructure Grants for Small Municipalities
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments implement infrastructure grant programs that recognize the limited capacity of small and rural local governments, and that facilitate efficient and fair access to infrastructure funding for all BC local governments, and further that grants not be conditional on 'P3' funding.

B20 Other Government Grant Programs Not Working
Endorsed

B21 Reporting Requirements
Endorsed

B22 Short Term Borrowing Limit
Endorsed

B23 Provincial Prisoner Cost Recovery
Endorsed

B24 International Association of Fire
Fighters Negotiations
Endorsed

B25 Drinking Water Approval Process
Endorsed

B26 Assessment of Contaminated Land
Endorsed

B27 Urban Ungulates
Endorsed

B28 Fish Habitat Protection
Endorsed

B29 Streamkeepers – Works in Streams
Endorsed

B30 Derelict & Abandoned Vessels
Endorsed

B31 Scotch Broom
Endorsed

B32 Enforcement of Source Water
Protection
Endorsed

B33 Brownfields
Endorsed

B34 Provincial Communication with
Local Government Regarding
Licenses & Permits
Endorsed

B35 Agricultural Land Commission
Land Determination
Not Endorsed

B36 Provincially Funded Support
Programs
Endorsed

B37 Contaminated Soil Facility – Threat
to Drinking Water Watershed
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the
Province of British Columbia be requested to
amend contaminated site regulations to provide
for thorough and appropriate consideration of
local government input and land use regulations
in the contaminated soils permitting process.*

B38 Farm Gate Sales
Endorsed

B39 Support for Rural BC Project
Endorsed

B40 Canada-European Union
Comprehensive Economic & Trade
Agreement
Endorsed

B41 Technology & Engineering
Education
Endorsed

B42 Clean Energy
Endorsed

B43 Access to Medical Services
Endorsed

B44 Air Ambulance Services
Endorsed

B45 Health Service Consultation
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM
request **that** the provincial government ensure
that any **proposed** change in **the level of
health services available to any community
must first be the subject of consultation
between the health authority and local health
providers, residents of the affected community
and the **relevant** local governments.***

B46 Health Care for British Columbians
Endorsed

B47 Rural Doctor Shortage
Endorsed

B48 Funding for Community Hospice & Respite Beds

Endorsed

B49 Evaluation of Resolution Effectiveness

Endorsed

B50 Joint Task Force on School Funding Formula

Endorsed

B51 School Creative Solutions

Endorsed

B52 Provincial Funding of Social Service & Housing Programs

Endorsed

B53 Request to Amend the SAFER Program

Endorsed

B54 Social Housing

Endorsed

B55 Increase in Social Assistance Rates
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial and federal governments to increase the basic support allowance given to **individuals on disability, welfare, and/or old age security** to a level that reflects the true cost of living in our country.*

B56 Ensure Food Security

Endorsed

B57 Independence of the Seniors Advocate

Endorsed

B58 Access to Government Services

Endorsed

B59 Canada Post Distribution of Unaddressed Mail Regarding Public Safety Issues

Endorsed

B60 Access to Legal Services

Endorsed

B61 Expansion of Broadband Services

Endorsed

B142 BC Ambulance Services

Endorsed

SECTION B2-a

B62 Trapping of Animals

Endorsed

B63 Police Officer Recruitment Fund

Endorsed

B64 Emergency Management Plans for Dams in BC

Endorsed

B65 Telephone & Internet Service During an Emergency

Endorsed

B66 Bike Lanes on Provincial Road Rights-of-way

Endorsed

B67 Prohibiting Excessive Vehicle Noise

Endorsed

B68 Local Government Involvement in ICBC Litigation

Endorsed

B69 Underground Aquifer Mapping for Proposed Mining Projects

Endorsed

B70 Riparian Area Regulations

Endorsed

B71 Coordinated Environmental Review Process

Endorsed

B72 Genetically Engineered Plants & Animals

Endorsed

B73 Bear Aware Funding

Endorsed

B74 Funding for Deer Management Education
Endorsed

B75 Carbon Sequestration Offsets – Local Government Owned Trees
Endorsed

B76 Invasive Zebra & Quagga Mussels
Endorsed

B77 Major Appliance Stewardship Program
Endorsed

B78 Forest Stewardship Plan Extension
Endorsed

B79 Forest Stewardship & Industrial Activity
Endorsed

B80 *Mineral Tenure Act* Modernization
Endorsed

B81 Green Jobs Plan for BC
Endorsed

B82 Support for BC Association of Agricultural Fairs & Exhibitions
Endorsed

B83 Mental Health Patient Intake Procedures & Facilities
Endorsed

B84 Hoarding & Its Impacts on Local Governments
Endorsed

B85 Tiered Electricity Rates
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to review the impact of a tiered electricity rate structure on low-income British Columbians;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the results of the review of the tiered rate structure reveal a negative impact, that amendments be made to minimize the effect for those less fortunate and those who have

limited options to reduce their electricity usage (i.e. no access to natural gas).

SECTION B2-b

B86 Personal Information of Elected Officials
Endorsed

B87 Workplace Bullying & Harassment
Endorsed

B88 Shadow Populations
Endorsed

B89 Two-tiered Police Force
Endorsed

B90 Emergency Social Services & Temporary Disaster Assistance for Second Home Owners & Temporary Residents
Endorsed

B91 Photo Radar in School Zones
Endorsed as Amended

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to change its legislation to permit the use of **speed cameras** in school and playground traffic zones;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fine revenue be shared on a negotiated basis between local governments.

B92 Requirement for Working Smoke Alarms
Referred to UBCM Executive

B93 Other Voting
Not Endorsed

B94 Civic Election Term Length in BC
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the provincial government to increase the interval between civic elections from three years to four years, and that legislation be passed to do so in time for the 2014 election.

- B95 Local Government Election Campaign Finance Rules
Endorsed
- B96 Reducing Default Speed Limits for Municipal Roads
Not Endorsed
- B97 All Terrain Vehicle Operation on Public Roads
Endorsed
- B98 *Community Charter/Local Government Act Amendment*
Not Endorsed
- B99 Provincial Fuel Tax Funding for Active Transportation Infrastructure
Endorsed
- B100 Host Local Government Share of Casino Revenues
Endorsed
- B101 New Property Class for Large Commercial Entities
Endorsed
- B102 Medical Marihuana Land Use Assessment & Taxation
Referred to UBCM Executive
- B103 Assessment of Wine & Cider Producers
As Amended, was Not Endorsed
- B104 Coastal Douglas Fir Partnership
Endorsed
- B105 Watershed Protection
Endorsed
- B106 Removal of Carbon Tax from Biofuels
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC amend the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements) Act to remove the Carbon Tax from the entire biofuel portion of all fuel production and sales derived from reused oil sources only, and provide further incentives to

ensure that the renewable fuel sector continues as a viable industry for BC consumers and supports provincial greenhouse gas reduction objectives.

- B107 Goose Population Control
Endorsed
- B108 Noxious Weeds & Range Lands
Endorsed
- B109 Agricultural Land Commission Applications
Not Endorsed
- B110 Agricultural Land – Second Dwelling
Not Endorsed
- B111 Regulation of Foreign Ownership of Farmland
Endorsed
- B112 Private Managed Forest Land Assessment & Consultation
Endorsed
- B113 Landscape Security
Endorsed
- B114 Review of Planning & Development Legislation
Not Endorsed
- B115 Restaurant Liquor Licenses in the Agricultural Land Reserve
Endorsed as Amended
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation and the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation be amended to allow for the sale or service of wine, beer and spirits manufactured and **grown** in British Columbia in winery lounges as a permitted farm use in the ALR.*
- B116 Community Forest Management Zone for Wildfire Hazard Reduction
Endorsed
- B117 Grow-op Bylaw Authority
Endorsed

B118 Third Party Monitoring of Sewerage Installations Abutting Farmland
Endorsed

B119 Water Quality Testing
Endorsed

B120 Early Intervention Centres for Mental Health & Addiction
Endorsed

B121 Reinstating Riverview
Endorsed as Amended

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government immediately begin to undertake all necessary action, including funding, to reinstate Riverview as a **patient-centred, wrap around care**, modern centre of excellence for mental health care and support.*

B122 Funding for Hospice Care
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hospital District Act be amended to provide enabling legislation authorizing regional hospital districts to requisition funds to support the capital costs of hospice societies and centres located within a regional hospital district.

Due to time constraints, the remainder of the resolutions from Section B2-b, as well as the resolutions from Section B3, were not considered. In accordance with s. 18 of the Conference Rules & Procedures for Handling Resolutions, these resolutions were referred automatically to the UBCM Executive, who will consider the resolutions at their meeting in November 2013.

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

LR1 Fairness & Balance in the BC Heritage Conservation Act
Endorsed

LR2 BC Product Stewardship for Packaging & Printed Paper
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR3 Multi-Material BC Product Stewardship Packaging & Printed Paper Plan for BC
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR4 Multi-Material BC – Packaging & Printed Paper Stewardship
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR5 Packaging & Printed Paper Product Stewardship
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR6 Protection of Local Water Resources & Watershed Land
Not Admitted for Debate

LR7 Funding Assistance for Project Proposal Evaluation
Not Admitted for Debate

LR8 Parking Enforcement in Rural Areas
Not Admitted for Debate

LR9 Howe Sound Management Plan
Endorsed

The resolutions that were not admitted for debate relate to issues that were known prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions. These resolutions will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Association for consideration in the 2014 resolutions cycle, pending sponsor approval.

RESOLUTION OFF THE FLOOR

OF1 Martin Mars Water Bomber
Sponsor: Port Alberni
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be urged to renew the contract with Coulson Group and retain the Martin Mars water bomber as part of its fire suppression program in the interests of its effectiveness in direct attacks, delivery cost, its long-term utility and its ability to create safe zones through strategic drops.