

UBCM 2014 Resolutions Disposition

The following is a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted during the policy sessions at the 2014 Convention. The full and exact wording of all amendments will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Policy Paper

Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of BC Ferries
Endorsed

And be it further resolved that the Province establish an overarching authority to coordinate work camp development and monitor work camp operations.

Special Resolution

SR1 Strong Fiscal Futures
Endorsed

A5 Industrial Taxation of Liquefied Natural Gas Industry
Endorsed

Whereas the UBCM membership unanimously endorsed the Strong Fiscal Futures report at the 2013 Convention;

A6 Recycling Services in Rural & Small Communities
Endorsed

And whereas UBCM has sought to engage the Province on strengthening the local government finance system and improving taxpayer value through a spirit of collaboration and partnership;

Section B1

And whereas the Province, through the "Core Review" process, without consultation with UBCM, identified areas of provincial concern with the local government finance system:

B1 Municipal Boundary Extensions
Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to commit to meaningful engagement under the Strong Fiscal Futures framework in order to meet our respective mandates of strengthening the local government finance system.

B2 Breach of Closed Meeting Confidentiality
Not Endorsed

B3 Resources to Support Sexually Exploited Children & Youth
Endorsed

B4 Adequate Funding to Support Police Based Victim Services
Endorsed

Section A

A1 Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
Endorsed

B5 Restorative Justice Program Funding
Endorsed

A2 Medical Emergency Service Alarm Cost Recovery
Endorsed

B6 Rural RCMP Staffing Levels
Endorsed

A3 Agricultural Land Reserve & Agricultural Land Commission
Endorsed

B7 Licenses Issued Under Medical Marijuana Access Regulations
Endorsed

A4 Worker Camp Permitting
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

B8 9-1-1 Calls on Cellular Phones
Endorsed

B9 Medical Transportation
Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved that as a condition to establishing a worker camp, the Province be requested to establish a single window approval process for all industries that allows for comment from any agency, regulator and local government that has interest in the operation, safety, health and socioeconomic impacts associated with the camp;

B10 Port Property Tax Caps
Endorsed

B11 Payment in Lieu of Taxes
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that port authorities immediately begin using BC Assessment eligibility, class and valuation information for the purposes of calculating payments in lieu of taxes on a consistent basis for port properties within local government boundaries.

B12 Income Exemption for Child Support Payments
Endorsed

B13 Fire & Police Services Collective Bargaining Act
Endorsed

B14 ICBC Claims
Endorsed

B15 Road Rescue Services Funding to Communities or Societies
Endorsed

B16 Direct Sharing of Proceeds of Crime
Endorsed

B17 Library Funding as a Dedicated Line Item
Endorsed

B18 Unconditional Grants
Endorsed

B19 Flexible Matching Grants
Endorsed

B20 Protection of Small Community Grants
Endorsed

B21 Invasive Species – Quagga & Zebra Mussels
Endorsed

B22 Japanese Knotweed Management Plan
Endorsed

B23 Derelict Vessels
Endorsed

B24 Multi-Material BC
Endorsed

B25 Environmental Assessment Review Process
Endorsed

B26 Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Endorsed

B27 Implementation of Nearly Net-zero Building Regulations
Endorsed

B28 Provincial Energy Efficiency Programs
Endorsed

B29 Agriculture Funding in BC
Endorsed

B30 Liquefied Natural Gas Projects
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to develop an LNG plan to provide immediate and meaningful assistance to local governments in British Columbia that have limited staffing capacity and resources to deal with the demands and challenges associated with major industrial project development.

B31 Trades & Technology Skills Training
Endorsed

B32 Geothermal Power
Endorsed

B33 Anti-idling
Endorsed

B34 Concurrent Disorders & Chronic Offenders
Endorsed

B35 Regional Hospital District Capital Funding
Endorsed

B36 Insurance Corporation of British Columbia & Fire Insurance
Endorsed

B37 Inter-governmental Communication
Endorsed

B38 Domestic Natural Gas Supply
Endorsed

B39 \$10/day Child Care
Endorsed

B40 Child Poverty
Endorsed

B41 Poverty Reduction
Endorsed

B42 Rental Subsidies for Low
Income Households
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to increase BC Housing rental subsidies for low-income households in communities affected by industrial development.

B43 Affordable Housing
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the provincial government to increase the number of new affordable housing units constructed in British Columbia as soon as possible.

B44 Rental Assistance for
Housing Cooperatives
Endorsed

B45 Seniors' Housing
Endorsed

B46 Development of a New Long Term Federal
Plan to Fix Canada's Housing Crunch
Endorsed

B47 Suspension of Canada Post Home
Delivery Service
Endorsed

Section B2-a

B48 Mass Casualty Medical Preparedness
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the provincial and federal governments to establish a world-class Mass Casualty Medical Emergency Preparedness Plan for high risk communities in BC's seismic activity zone that do not have hospitals or clinics.

B49 Volunteer Fire Departments/Fire
Underwriters Survey Classes
Endorsed

B50 Changes to BC Ambulance Service
Resource Allocations
Endorsed

B51 Revisions to the Residential Tenancy Act
Endorsed

B52 Transport Canada Divestiture of Assets
Endorsed

B53 Centre Line & Shoulder Line
Highway Marking
Endorsed

B54 Highways in British Columbia
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM recommend that the provincial Transportation Minister take a proactive approach and refurbish existing highways accessing rural and remote British Columbia communities.

B55 Rail Transportation Safety
Endorsed

B56 Railway Speed Limits Within
Municipal Boundaries
Endorsed

B57 Regulation of Party Buses & Limousines
Endorsed

B58 Communities in Bloom
Endorsed

B59 Resource Extraction Revenue Sharing
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM seek to engage the Province in discussions about the recommendations within the 2013 Strong Fiscal Futures Policy Paper that seeks to:

- *improve the resiliency of the existing local government finance system by maintaining and building its strongest features;*
- *improve value to taxpayers by tightening the management of shared provincial-local mandates and ensuring that regulatory requirements imposed on local governments achieve value for money;*
- *advance a local government agenda to both grow the economy and to have local governments share in the benefits of that growth through an Infrastructure Development and Community Building Bank;*
- *work to expand local government revenue tools to make the distribution of local government costs both fairer and more responsive to economic growth; and*
- *build the local government partnership (i.e. develop best practices).*

B60 Liquor Revenue Allocation
Endorsed

B61 Local Road Eligibility Under the New Building Canada Fund
Endorsed

B62 Derelict Vessels & Marine Environment
Endorsed

B63 Water Pricing Principles
Endorsed

B64 Local Improvement Charge for Energy Efficiency Retrofits
Endorsed

B65 Provincial Woodstove Program
Endorsed

B66 Aerodrome Placement
Endorsed

B67 Industry Resource Benefit
Endorsed

B68 Progress Report on Regional District Governance
Endorsed

B69 National Dementia Strategy
Endorsed

B70 Sobering & Assessment Centres
Endorsed

B71 Assertive Community Treatment Teams
Endorsed

B72 Access to Natural Gas
Endorsed

Section B2-b

B73 BC Ambulance Service as an Essential Service
Endorsed

B74 Community Specific First Responder Agreements
Not Endorsed

B75 Province as Diking Authority
Endorsed

B76 Flood Mitigation
Endorsed

B77 BC Building Code Changes
Endorsed

B78 Equal Standards for Federal & Provincial Building Codes
Endorsed

B79 Automatic Fire Sprinklers
Endorsed

B80 Funding for Retrofitting Older Multi-family Wood-frame Dwellings with Fire Suppressing Sprinkler Systems
Endorsed

B81 Asia-Pacific Northern Transportation
Infrastructure Strategy

Endorsed

B82 Comprehensive Pipeline & Energy
Transport Plan

Not Endorsed

B83 Establishing a Youth Caucus

Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM establish a youth
engagement committee with the purposes of:*

- *connecting with local youth councils across the
province to increase their participation in UBCM;
and*
- *supporting and helping to network young elected
officials within UBCM.*

B84 UBCM Committees

Endorsed

B85 Handling of Resolutions

Endorsed

B86 Standing Committee on Arts,
Culture & Heritage

Endorsed

B87 Dedicated Ministry for Local
Government Affairs

Endorsed

B88 Protection of Local Water Resources &
Watershed Land

Endorsed

B89 Environmental Appeal Board

Not Endorsed

B90 Groundwater Use Determination Under the
BC Contaminated Sites Regulation

Not Endorsed

B91 Remediation for Brownfields Acquired
Through Tax Sale

Endorsed

B92 Environmental Assessments for
Coal Transport

Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that a comprehensive
environmental and health impact assessment for the
shipment of thermal coal by rail and over coastal waters
be conducted;*

*And be it further resolved that an appropriate federal
and/or provincial agency be named to monitor rail
transport, barge transfer and transport of thermal coal
over coastal waters to ensure oversight and
implementation of environmental and health protection
measures.*

B93 Home Energy Labeling

Endorsed

B94 Benchmarking Tools for Building
Energy Use

Endorsed

B95 Climate Change Action & Economic Risks
of Natural Disasters

Endorsed

B96 Streetlights & Carbon Neutrality

Endorsed

B97 Extended Producer Responsibility
for Mattresses

Endorsed

B98 Elected Officials Coverage Under *Workers
Compensation Act*

Endorsed

B99 Local Government Tax Sale
Dispute Process

Not Endorsed

B100 Boundary Extension Guidelines

Not Endorsed

B101 Part 26 of *Local Government Act* &
Related Legislation

Not Endorsed

B102 Parking Enforcement in Rural Areas
Endorsed

B103 Equitable Penalty & Sentencing Powers for
Regional Districts
Endorsed

B104 Absence of Director Due to Illness
Endorsed

B105 Business Class Exemption
Not Endorsed

B106 Port Improvements Tax Exemption
Endorsed

B107 Liquid Natural Gas Development
Endorsed

B108 BC Hydro & Independent Power Producers
Endorsed

B109 Property Reclassification of Medical
Marijuana Production Facilities
Endorsed

B110 Classification Split on
Accommodation Hotels
Endorsed

B111 BC Assessment Authority
Endorsed

B112 Farm Assessment
Endorsed

B113 Marijuana Production on Agricultural Lands
Endorsed

B114 Owner-occupancy Requirement for
Secondary Suites
Not Endorsed

B115 Secondary Dwellings
Endorsed

B116 *Mines Act* Alignment with Official
Community Plans
Endorsed

B117 Ownership of Abandoned Rail Corridors
Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government
facilitate public acquisition and ownership of abandoned
transportation corridors;*

*And be it further resolved that the Province work with
UBCM to develop a funding mechanism – for example, a
province-wide parcel tax similar to the Municipal
Finance Authority tax – to assist governments or
community groups to purchase and maintain abandoned
transportation corridors for public recreational use.*

B118 Funding Assistance for Project
Proposal Evaluation
Endorsed

B119 Municipalities With No Residents
Endorsed

B120 Lease Agreements with
Provincial Government
Endorsed

Section B3-a

B121 CSA Certified Standard for Recreational &
Sport Helmets
Endorsed

B122 National Park in the South
Okanagan-Similkameen
Endorsed

B123 Provincial Social Policy Framework
Endorsed

Section B3-b

B124 Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster
Endorsed

B125 Whistle Cessation
Not Endorsed

B126 DOT-111 & DOT-111A Rail Tanker Cars
Endorsed

B127 Westray Criminal Code Amendments
Endorsed

B128 Priority Phone Service Restoration
Endorsed

B129 Disaster Relief Fund
Not Endorsed

B130 Utilization of the Community Paramedicine
Model for Ambulatory Service
Endorsed

B131 Smoking & E-cigarettes
Endorsed

B132 Shortage of Physicians & Specialists in BC
Endorsed

B133 Strengthening Telecommunications
Infrastructure
Referred to UBCM Executive

B134 Protecting Children Through Effective
Family Dispute Resolution – Parenting Plan
Not Endorsed

Section C3

C19 Representation on Health Authority Boards
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health be requested to initiate legislative change to require the composition of health authority boards to include representation from regional districts.

Resolutions Received After the Deadline

LR1 National Energy Board Public Hearing
Process
Endorsed

LR2 Environmental Assessment of Trans
Mountain Expansion Project
Endorsed

LR3 Requiring Consequence & Response
Capacity Assessment for Sunken or
Submerged Diluted Bitumen
Endorsed

LR4 Discontinuation of Community Library
Training Program
Endorsed

LR5 Regional Governance Models
Not Admitted for Debate

LR6 Support for Proactive Action to Protect
Workers
Not Admitted for Debate

LR7 Proactive Action to Protect Workers
Not Admitted for Debate

LR8 Worker Protection Through the Westray Act
Not Admitted for Debate

LR9 Local Authority for Animals in Critical
Distress
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 2015 resolutions cycle, pending sponsor approval.