



2016 UBCM Annual Convention – Resolutions Decisions

The following is a summary of the resolutions debate at the 2016 UBCM Annual Convention. The full and exact wording of any amendments will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Special Resolution

SR1 Local Government Development Finance System
Endorsed

Section A

A1 Downloading of DNA Analysis Costs
Endorsed

A2 Marijuana Regulations
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the **federal and provincial governments directly involve local government, through UBCM and FCM, in the process of establishing a regulatory approach to marijuana in Canada, while ensuring that all orders of government are granted adequate time to align and integrate regional and local regulations and practices with new federal laws.***

A3 Marijuana Sales and Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments
Endorsed

A4 Tax on Short Term Accommodation
Endorsed

Section B – Part 1

B1 Establishing Local Public Notice Policies
Endorsed

B2 No Forced Amalgamations
Endorsed

B3 Reversal of Recent Amendments to RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program
Endorsed

B4 BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standards: Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook
Endorsed

B5 Fire Underwriters Survey Equipment Requirements
Endorsed

B6 Wildfire Management
Endorsed

B7 Flexibility in Establishing Fees and Penalties

Endorsed

B8 Restorative Justice

Endorsed

B9 Priority for Construction of Bicycle Lanes

Endorsed

B10 Highway Line Paint

Endorsed

B11 CN Railway Crossings

Endorsed

B12 Reinstate BC Ferry Service – Port Hardy to Bella Coola

Endorsed

B13 Vacant Land Taxation

Endorsed

B14 Local Government Infrastructure PST Exemption

Endorsed

B15 Payment by Universities for Services Provided by Municipalities

Endorsed

B16 Fire Wage Arbitration

Endorsed

B17 Sustained Funding for First Responder Agencies

Endorsed

B18 Build Canada Grant Funding Program

Endorsed

B19 Local Improvement Charge for Municipally-financed Green Energy Technologies

Endorsed

B20 Federal Government Cooperation for Oil Spill Response in BC

Endorsed

B21 Assessment and Mitigation of Marine Shipping Risks and Impacts in the Salish Sea

Endorsed

B22 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs

Endorsed

B23 Carbon Reduction Targets

Endorsed

B24 Limit or Ban Burning on Forest Lands in Community Airsheds

Endorsed

B25 Watershed Protection

Endorsed

B26 Protection of Water

Endorsed

B27 Landfill Guidelines

Endorsed

B28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags

Endorsed

B29 Used Oil and Oil Container Recovery

Endorsed

B30 British Columbia Conservation Service Capacity

Endorsed

B31 Site C Dam Project

Endorsed

B32 Strengthen Local Input

Endorsed

B33 Consultation with Local Governments for Industrial Projects

Endorsed

B34 Respect for Local Government

Endorsed

B35 Establishment of Group Homes in Rural Communities

Endorsed

B36 Community Economic Development Investment Fund

Endorsed

B37 Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme

Endorsed

B38 BC Hydro Remote Community Electrification Program

Endorsed

B39 Meat to Table

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to change the policy on allowing unlimited Class E licenses and a minimum number of Class D licenses (market driven) for local livestock producers.

B40 Community Based Agricultural Extension Program

Endorsed

B41 Obtaining Land from Province Below Market Value

Endorsed

B42 Lumber Product Diversity and High Value Added
Endorsed

B43 Diagnosis of Work Related Mental Health Injuries Among First Responders
Endorsed

B44 Strengthening Primary Care Home Network
Endorsed

B45 Renewed Call for a National Housing Strategy
Endorsed

B46 Home Renovation Tax Credits
Endorsed

B47 Poverty Reduction Strategy for BC
Endorsed

B48 Two Tiered Rate System
Endorsed

B49 Child Care Delivery Regulation and Funding
Endorsed

B50 Universal Daycare Plan
Endorsed

B51 Accessible Affordable Childcare
Endorsed

B52 Education Funding
Endorsed

B53 Accessible Building Code
Endorsed

B54 Amend Eligibility for Community Gaming Grants
Endorsed

B55 Gaming Funds Available to Non-profit Community Organizations
Endorsed

Section B – Part 2-a

B56 *Emergency Program Act*
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*Therefore be it resolved that **the Province work collaboratively with local governments to provide physical and human resources to support** emergency response and disaster events.*

B57 Pedestrian and Cycling Pathways Along Rural Road Rights-of-way
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to demonstrate the Province's commitment to **walking and cycling infrastructure** in rural areas by **giving regional governments the option of participating** in the planning and development of regional **walking and cycling transport** networks and infrastructure within Ministry road rights-of-way.*

B58 Climate Change Recommendations
Endorsed

B59 Non-migratory Resident Canada Geese
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Government of Canada to exempt non-migratory resident Canada Geese from the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918;

*And be it further resolved that local government authorities in British Columbia **be offered the option of choosing to undertake** management of non-migratory resident Canada Geese **in their communities**;*

*And be it further resolved that **other orders of government provide funding** to assist **local governments who choose to undertake management of non-migratory resident Canada Geese in their communities.***

B60 Protection of Water Bodies from Invasive Mussels
Endorsed

B61 Allowable Annual Cut
Endorsed

B62 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-free BC
Endorsed

B63 Review of "Down-loaded" Building Codes
Endorsed

B64 Fossil Protection Legislation
Endorsed

Section B – Part 2-b

B65 Time Available for Mail Ballot Process
Endorsed

B66 Streamlining Truck Permits
Endorsed

B67 Regulation of Off-road Vehicles
Withdrawn

B68 Train Idling
Endorsed

B69 Accessible Taxi Services
Endorsed

B70 Integrity Commissioner for Local Government
Referred to UBCM Executive

B71 Extended Absence from Regional District Board
Not Endorsed

B72 Shelf Ready Design Documents
Endorsed

B73 Gas Tax Funding Holdbacks
Endorsed

B74 Gas Tax Fire Equipment
Endorsed

B75 Equitable and Gradual Police Funding Model
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that the current model of funding police services for emergent municipalities be reviewed with consideration given to an incremental increase based on gradual population growth.

B76 Social Procurement
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advance the use of social procurement practices by local governments.

B77 Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing
Endorsed

B78 Municipal Tax Collection and Tax Sale
Endorsed

B79 Provincial Home Owner Grant Program
Not Endorsed

B80 Investigative Standards for the Independent Investigations Office
Endorsed

B81 RCMP Funding
Not Endorsed

B82 Analysis of Rural Policing Requirements
Endorsed

B83 RCMP-based Victim Services
Not Endorsed

B84 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Maximum Penalty
Endorsed

B85 Increasing Maximum Fine Amount
Endorsed

B86 Pet Owners' Liability Act
Endorsed

B87 Provincial Dangerous Dogs Registry

Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that a **provincial** dangerous dog registry **be** established **for all dogs that have killed or seriously injured a person or domestic animal** across the province and all local government animal control agencies, **municipalities**, municipal police and RCMP register **all** dogs they have deemed as **perpetrating such behaviour**;*

*And be it further resolved that all local governments be authorized to use this **provincial** registry to seek compliance with this designation in their local government.*

B88 Dangerous Dogs

Endorsed

B89 Strategic Forest Resource Management

Endorsed

B90 Mines Act Permit Notification

Endorsed

B91 Effect of Treaties on Crown Tenure and License Holders

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the treaty negotiators and the governments of British Columbia and Canada to commit to:

- a) Increased openness and transparency in all treaty negotiations; and*
- b) Timely, meaningful consultation with all affected third parties.*

B92 Processing of Section 107 Road Dedications

Endorsed

B93 Boundary Adjustments in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Endorsed

B94 Removal or Demolition of Vacant and Derelict Buildings

Endorsed

B95 Allocation of Provincial Funding Grants for Regional and Municipal Libraries

Endorsed

B96 Community Charter and Local Government Act Index

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to prepare and provide to local governments in British Columbia an effective and user-friendly index for the Community Charter and Local Government Act, and that this task be set as provincial priority for 2016-2017.

B97 Gender Neutral Language

Endorsed

B98 Transgender Rights

Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM **acknowledges** the Province of British Columbia **for its inclusion of specific protection for transgender people in the BC Human Rights Code**, and that UBCM urge local governments in BC to develop and implement transgender inclusion policies in order that transgender and gender variant citizens can be better included in all our communities.*

B99 Parental Rights for Elected Officials

Endorsed

B100 Auditor General for Local Government

Not Endorsed

B101 Non-treaty First Nations Participation in UBCM

Referred to UBCM Executive

B102 Support for Prioritizing Resolutions

Not Endorsed

B103 Code of Conduct for Conferences and Events

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM implement a code of conduct for conferences, all events connected with the conference including all receptions and traveling to and from;

And be it further resolved that UBCM provide a code of conduct that addresses safety, sexual harassment, and discrimination; provides a safe mechanism for reporting breaches in conduct; and includes consequences for breaches including potentially expelling from the conference without refund.

B104 Taxation of Brownfields

Endorsed

B105 Varied Tax Rate for the Residential Class

Not Endorsed

B106 Funding for Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to establish immediately the development of policy and procedures for a rainwater harvesting system rebate program for agricultural users.

B107 Water and Sewage Disposal Services in Electoral Areas

Not Endorsed

B108 Review of Professional Reliance Model

Endorsed

B109 Aquifer and Water Source Protection

Endorsed

B110 Protection of Active Riverbeds

Not Endorsed

B111 Rainwater as a Potable Water Source

Endorsed

B112 Disposal of Yard Waste

Endorsed

B113 Safe Soils Program

Endorsed

B114 Regional Hospital Districts

Endorsed

Section B – Part 3-a

B115 BC Child Protection Services

Endorsed

B116 Payday Loans Regulation

Endorsed

B117 Passenger Rail Service Between North Vancouver and Prince George

Endorsed

B118 BC-wide Youth Cycling Education Framework

Endorsed

B119 Income Assistance

Endorsed

B120 Income Assistance Rates Increase

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to increase income assistance rates in BC by 2017.

B121 Standardize Provincial Approach to Tenant Assistance

Endorsed

Section B – Part 3-b

B122 National Pharmacare Program

Endorsed

B123 Rural Pharmacies

Endorsed

B124 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants

Endorsed

B125 Saving Lives Through Organ Donation

Endorsed

B126 Eliminate Fees for Prostate-Specific Antigen Testing and Designate Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Endorsed

B127 West Coast Herring Recovery Plan

Endorsed

B128 Unredeemed Container Deposits

Not Endorsed

Due to time constraints, a motion was duly moved and seconded to introduce the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for the remaining Section B – Part 3 resolutions as a block. This includes resolutions B129 to B147.

The Resolutions Committee recommendations on the remaining Section B – Part 3 resolutions were endorsed as a block.

Resolutions for which the Resolutions Committee provided no recommendation will be considered by the UBCM Executive at their meeting in November 2016.

B129 Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B130 Reinstatement of PST Exemption for Electric Bicycles

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B131 Adult Education

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B132 School Bus Transportation Funding

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B133 Access to Services for Youth Transitioning Out of Care

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B134 Bus Passes

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B135 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B136 Foreign Investors in Real Estate

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B137 Tenant Evictions Through Renovations

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B138 Designate National Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B139 BC Family Day

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B140 Discontinuance of Annual Time Change

Not Endorsed

B141 Highways Maintenance

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B142 Tax Exemption for Emergency Preparedness Kits
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B143 Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Removal
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B144 Reflective Products for Non-professional Road Users
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B145 Extending the Civil Resolution Tribunal to Tenancy
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B146 Graduated Licensing for Motorcycles
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B147 Unconditional Local Government Grants
No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

Section C – Part 2

The Resolutions Committee recommended that resolutions in Section C – Part 2 should not be admitted for debate. They are referred to similar resolutions in Section A or Section B, and are listed here for reference, with the referral noted. One resolution from this section, C21, was admitted for debate, and the decision on the resolution is noted below.

C1 DNA Analysis Costs
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A1)

C2 DNA Downloading
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A1)

C3 Mandatory Certification and Licensing of Asbestos and Hazardous Material Removal Contractors
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B142)

C4 Short-term Residential Rental Accommodations
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)

C5 Tax Fairness for Online Accommodation Booking Platforms
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)

C6 Collection of Provincial Sales Tax and Municipal and Regional District Tax on Short-term Accommodation
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)

C7 Federal Marijuana Tax Fund
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C8 Marijuana Revenues
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C9 Non-migratory Resident Canada Geese
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B59)

C10 Watershed Protection Outside of Community Jurisdiction
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B32)

C11 Timber Sales

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B32)

C12 Restoration of BC Agricultural Extension Service

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B40)

C13 Diagnosis of Work-related Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Among First Responders

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B43)

C14 Eliminate Fees for Prostate-specific Antigen Testing

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B126)

C15 Prostate-specific Antigen Testing

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B126)

C16 Poverty Reduction Plan for BC

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B47)

C17 National Housing Strategy

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B45)

C18 Investing in Post-secondary Education

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B131)

C19 Funding for Post-secondary Education

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B131)

C20 Funding for Adult Basic Education

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B131)

C21 Fostering Change: Supporting Kids Aging Out of Care

Endorsed

C22 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-free BC

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B62)

Section C – Part 3

The Resolutions Committee recommended that resolutions in Section C – Part 3 should not be admitted for debate. The topics are regional in scope, and the resolutions are referred to Area Associations. The resolutions in Section C – Part 3 are listed here for reference, with the referral noted. Two resolutions from this section, C26 and C27, were admitted for debate. The decisions on the resolutions are noted below.

C23 Executive Leadership Committee on Flood Mitigation

Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Lower Mainland Local Government Association)

C24 Island Corridor Foundation Federal Funding

Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities)

C25 Support for the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance

Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to North Central Local Government Association)

C26 Electoral Area Grant Opportunities

Endorsed

C27 Protection of Old-growth Forests

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging;

*And be it further resolved that **UBCM** send a letter to the provincial government—Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations—as well as relevant government organizations requesting that the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan be amended to protect all of Vancouver Island’s remaining old growth forest on provincial Crown land.*

C28 Post-secondary Collaboration in Northern BC

Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to North Central Local Government Association)

C29 Island Corridor Foundation

Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities)

Resolution Received After the Deadline

LR1 Replacement of Oxygen Used by First Responders

Endorsed

Resolution Off the Floor

OF1 Building New Student Housing

Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government remove the restriction on public entity debt that presently applies to British Columbia’s public post-secondary educational institutions, **or employ other mechanisms that have been successful in providing housing options**, thereby enabling these colleges and universities to take on debt to build new student housing.*