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A3 POLICING BASE ON AVERAGE ANNUAL POPULATION Radium Hot Springs

WHEREAS many communities throughout British Columbia are subject to large influxes of seasonal visitors who are not recognized in census numbers;

AND WHEREAS policing resources are allocated on that census number, leaving those communities significantly under-serviced:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Policing Services Division of the Solicitor General's Ministry allocate policing resources on a basis which recognizes seasonal population influxes.

A10 NAV CANADA SERVICE REDUCTION Smithers

WHEREAS Flight Service Station and onsite weather operations contribute significantly to the viability, serviceability and safety of operations at our airports;

AND WHEREAS any reduction in these services has significant financial, liability, safety and serviceability impacts on the operations of our airports and therefore on our communities overall:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly oppose any reduction in the level of service at Flight Service Stations and/or Weather Stations at Community Airports and lobby the federal government to require NAV Canada to maintain current operational levels of service.

**B50 CANADIAN COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY FUNDING**

Kitimat-Stikine RD

WHEREAS the Canadian Coast Guard, as the mandated principal provider of maritime search and rescue, has a responsibility to support and oversee the activities of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary is increasingly dependent on other funding sources to provide and maintain vital search and rescue services because of restricted Canadian Coast Guard funding:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the federal government expand funding for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary to include assistance to community-based auxiliary units for the purchase, operation and maintenance of capital assets, equipment and supplies required for marine search and rescue.

**B73 INCLUSION OF HOGWEED ON
NOXIOUS WEED LIST**

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia imposes a duty on all land occupiers to control noxious plants designated in the *Weed Control Regulation* in Schedule A, Part 1 and Giant Hogweed is not designated as a noxious plant by the *Weed Control Regulation*;

AND WHEREAS Giant Hogweed is a noxious plant in several areas of the province and has a negative impact on human health, the environment and agricultural economic activity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province designate Giant Hogweed as a noxious plant in the *Weed Control Regulation*, or some other legislation of comparable stature, and impose a duty on all land occupiers to control Giant Hogweed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this duty to control Giant Hogweed be enforced using provincial rather than local government resources.

**B84 COMMUNITY WATERSHED LAND USE
RECREATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENTS**

Kimberley

WHEREAS the *Drinking Water Protection Act* may now require a water supplier to undertake water assessments that identify, inventory and assess the drinking water source for the water supply system, including land use and other activities and conditions that may affect that source;

AND WHEREAS the water supplier does not have authority to control land use, including recreation activities that may affect the water source when the water source is located on Crown lands:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be required to conduct adequate risk assessments that identify, inventory and assess threats to drinking water, including recreation activities, prior to approving such use on Crown lands within community watersheds.

2004 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTION WINNERS LIST

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2004 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTIONS

B48 POLICE GOVERNANCE Delta

WHEREAS while policing agencies are moving towards integration of services to better respond to public safety and security needs, there has been no collaboration between levels of government (federal, provincial and municipal) to reform current models of policing;

AND WHEREAS in addition to providing policing needs at a local level municipalities cannot sustain increased policing costs as a result of the demands of the integrated policing approach that is required today:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province and the federal government establish a task force (with municipal police input) to develop a model for a national unified police governance that will clearly identify the roles and funding responsibilities of each level of government and ensure a process that will work effectively and efficiently across the three levels of government.

**B66 COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEE
REGULAR WORKING HOURS:
EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY EVENTS**

Thompson-Nicola RD

WHEREAS municipalities and regional districts responding to extraordinary emergency events such as wildfires and floods dedicate resources, including employees, to responding to events;

AND WHEREAS such response places a financial burden on the responding agency, because staff regular hours worked during emergency events are not paid for by the federal and provincial governments and at the same time staff are unable to perform their regular duties while protecting government-owned resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness be requested to amend the Federal / Provincial Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements and the provincial government be requested to amend the Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation to allow local government to recover 100% of both regular time and overtime salaries of employees directly involved in responding to an extraordinary emergency event where a state of local or provincial emergency is declared.

**B67 PROVINCIAL FIRE LOSS REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS**

Prince Rupert

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services issued a request to all fire departments on November 24th, 2003 requesting that all fire departments send in fire reports for all fires regardless of dollar loss;

AND WHEREAS this reporting requirement imposes additional work loads for fire departments across the province and the compensation of \$3 per report barely covers the cost of investigation and filing:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services reimburse local governments for the investigation and reporting cost for all fires under \$500 at \$50 per report on fires of this nature that are investigated and reported.

**B106 ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AS A REQUIREMENT
TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Richmond

WHEREAS vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury among people between the ages of one and 25 in BC today;

AND WHEREAS road safety education can increase awareness among young people of the risks involved in being on the road and change their attitudes

toward risk behaviour involving vehicles, making them less willing to engage in or support unnecessary risk-taking:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Responsible for ICBC) to:

- require successful completion of a road safety education program within the Graduated Licensing Program to obtain a Class 5 driver's licence; and
- consider modification of existing ICBC road safety teaching guides and resources to deliver the road safety education outcomes..

B129 PLANNING FOR ASSISTED AND SUPPORTIVE LIVING

Skeena-Queen Charlotte RD

WHEREAS the provincial government created Health Authorities to support the Province's vision of providing high quality patient-centered care, improve health and wellness and create a sustainable, affordable public health care system;

AND WHEREAS Health Authorities need to work more closely with local communities to develop a long-term plan to address the need for assisted/supportive living and long-term care facilities for the aging population of British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to avoid the high costs, both financially and socially, by developing a long-term plan for assisted/supportive living and long-term care facilities in consultation with local communities.