

B66 GROW OPERATIONS – BC HYDRO

Duncan

WHEREAS the increase in the number of grow operations in British Columbia has become a growing problem for police departments;

AND WHEREAS BC Hydro is unable to supply police departments with records relating to unusual consumption of hydro:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities correspond with the Province of BC, requesting that it require BC Hydro to release records to the RCMP and other police departments so that the detection of grow operations in the Province of British Columbia can be simplified.

**B124 REGISTRATION OF NOTICE OF NATURAL
HAZARD ON PROPERTY TITLE**

Gibsons

WHEREAS local governments receive geotechnical reports, which identify natural hazards on properties within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS local governments are not authorized by the *Land Title Act*, the *Community Charter* or the *Local Government Act* to register a notice of a natural hazard on the title of property where a hazard has been identified:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to amend the *Land Title Act* to allow local governments to file a notice of a natural hazard on the title of a property within the jurisdiction of the local government.

B145 THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS efforts by the federal and provincial governments to open the Canada-US border to Canadian beef have been partially successful to date and are an important part of returning the cattle industry to sustainability;

AND WHEREAS in order to achieve true industry sustainability, the cattle industry must end its reliance on the US market and processing capability:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to facilitate development of British Columbia and Canadian processing capability as well as overseas markets for the cattle industry.

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2005 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTIONS

A8 REGIONAL FILM COMMISSIONS – PROVINCIAL FUNDING **Smithers**

WHEREAS Regional Film Commissions, including the Northern BC Film Commission, are an integral component of attracting film and movie production companies to rural and northern communities;

AND WHEREAS the film and movie industry has incredible growth potential in generating revenue and job opportunities in rural and northern BC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to continue to maintain funding at last year's level or increase funding for Regional Film Commissions in the years to come;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province consult with all affected stakeholders, especially local government, before making any changes that would affect the funding or locations of Regional Film Commissions.

B60 CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORS **Pitt Meadows**

WHEREAS carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible and odorless gas, can be harmful and even fatal to humans;

AND WHEREAS there have been several recent incidents of dangerous CO levels in ice arenas that have caused illness requiring hospitalization to arena users:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend the *BC Building Code* to make CO detectors mandatory in ice arenas.

B113 RURAL LANDFILL CLOSURES

Kootenay Boundary RD

WHEREAS closing rural landfills and replacing them with transfer stations is in the best interests of all residents of British Columbia and our shared environment;

AND WHEREAS the cost of carrying out these closures places a substantial financial burden on the residents of sparsely populated regional districts:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia include the closure of rural landfills and their replacement with transfer stations, as mandated in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plans, as eligible projects under Infrastructure Funding Programs.

**B115 DEPOSIT-RETURN SYSTEM FOR
TETRA-PAKS**

Nelson

WHEREAS tetra-paks are increasingly used for a range of products including soups, milk and milk substitutes, creating packaging that ends up in landfills;

AND WHEREAS the technology exists to efficiently recycle tetra-paks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities encourage the provincial government to include in the deposit return system all products packaged in tetra-paks.

**B152 UNWANTED TELEPHONE AND FAX
SOLICITATION**

Armstrong

WHEREAS unwanted telephone and fax solicitation is a growing nuisance for residents of the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the proposed regulatory framework for the telemarketing industry attempts to protect consumers against fraud and places regulatory requirements on the telemarketing industry but does not adequately address the issue of unwanted telephone and fax solicitation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be requested to lobby the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General, Compliance and Consumer Policy Division, to establish a Do-Not-Call Registry which would provide those consumers who do not wish to receive unwanted telephone and fax solicitation an opportunity to voluntarily remove their telephone and fax numbers from telemarketing call lists;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as this is not solely a provincial issue, the UBCM approach the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to jointly lobby the federal government and the CRTC as well.