Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Resolutions on Legalization and Regulation of Marijuana

2016 A2 Marijuana Regulations Nelson

Whereas the Government of Canada has publicly declared its intention to legalize, regulate and restrict access to marijuana with creation of a federal/provincial/territorial task force with input from experts in public health, substance abuse and law enforcement to design a new system of marijuana sales and distribution with appropriate federal and provincial excise taxes applied;

And whereas the Government of Canada Standing Policy Committee has committed to working with the provinces and local governments of Canada on a coordinated regulatory approach to marijuana, respecting provincial health jurisdiction and particular regional concerns and practices:

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.

Convention Decision: **Endorsed as Amended**

2016 A3 Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments Duncan

Whereas the federal government plans to establish a federal/provincial/territorial task force to seek input from experts in public health, substance abuse, and law enforcement to design a new system of strict marijuana sales and distribution with federal and provincial excise taxes applied;

And whereas regulation and enforcement for medicinal marijuana retail dispensaries will likely fall to the local governments once the law changes, thus creating additional burdens on local government resources:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the federal government to request that a portion of any future federal or provincial tax collected through marijuana sales and distribution be shared with local governments, and that the concept of tax sharing with local governments be forwarded to the task force looking into the new system of marijuana sales and distribution, for consideration.

Convention decision: **Endorsed**