

UBCM Budget

Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline

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BOOK 1

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UBCM GENERAL FUND

Revenue and Expenditures for the Year Ending May 31, 2015 and Budget for the Year Commencing June 1, 2015

	Actuals Year Ending May 31, 2015	Budget 2015/2016
REVENUE		
Annual Dues	1,143,476	1,140,992
Investment Income		
- General Fund	17,244	15,000
- Special Projects, LGPS		155,000
CVL Administrative Fee	16,000	16,000
Group Benefits Plan	485,663	475,000
Member Services	59,907	61,500
Administrative Fees (GTMS, LGPS)		107,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,722,290	\$1,970,492
EXPENDITURES		
Executive	196,627	220,000
Staff Salaries and Benefits	2,238,502	2,395,975
Staff Salary Recovery		
GTMS, LGPS, AVICC, LMLGA	(744,658)	(799,093)
Convention	(267,850)	(230,000)
	1,225,994	1,366,882
Staff Travel	64,505	57,000
Office Administration	225,127	233,600
Group Benefits	20,984	28,000
Member Services	24,952	32,000
Policy and Advocacy	24,238	
Local Government House Operations		264,000
Local Government House Recovery		(230,990)
		33,010
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,782,427	1,970,492
Surplus / (Deficit)	(60,137)	0
Contingency – Consulting		(50,000)
USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS/RESERVES	\$60,137	\$50,000
	\$0	\$0

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Resolution Omitted Due to Administrative Error

The following resolution was received prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions; however, due to administrative error, the resolution was omitted from the Resolutions Book.

The Resolutions Committee would propose that this resolution be added to Section B1 for consideration, because the resolution supports existing UBCM policy on the issue.

B123 Canada Post

Quesnel

Whereas Canada Post Corporation is in the process of eliminating door-to-door mail delivery as part of their ongoing program to increase postal rates and reduce postal services including the closure and downsizing of post offices, and reduction of post office hours;

And whereas door-to-door mail delivery is an essential utility service that positively contributes to the liveability and safety of Canadian neighbourhoods, especially for increasing populations of seniors, shut-ins and persons with mobility and accessibility challenges;

And whereas Canada Post's "super mail box" alternative to door-to-door mail delivery appears to be plagued with problems relating to criminal vandalism, theft, and general public safety:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Government of Canada to reverse the decision to eliminate door-to-door mail delivery and to properly consult with local governments and citizens in general relative to the continuation of door-to-door mail delivery and other levels of postal service that are expected and required in Canada.

NOT ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Add to Section B1
and
Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a very similar resolution, 2014-B47. Responses to the 2014 resolution have not yet been received from the federal government or Canada Post.

2015 Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline

A total of seven resolutions were received by the Resolutions Committee after the regular June 30 resolutions deadline and prior to the 12:00 pm, September 18 submission deadline for late resolutions. These resolutions are late, and the Resolutions Committee has applied the policies for dealing with resolutions received after the June 30 deadline.

The Resolutions Committee reviewed each resolution in accordance with the Conference Rules and Procedures:

33. Resolutions received after the deadline, are classified as “Emergency” and therefore appropriate for Plenary discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. Resolutions received after the deadline are appropriate to be referred to the Executive if the topic is such that it has arisen since the regular submission of resolutions and, in the opinion of the Resolutions Committee, the topic is non-controversial and in keeping with UBCM policy.

Resolutions received after the deadline are not appropriate for Plenary discussion or referral if they concern a topic that had arisen or was known prior to the regular deadline for resolutions.

Those resolutions with the recommendation “not admit for debate” relate to issues that could have been submitted for consideration prior to the regular June 30 resolutions deadline. In keeping with procedures, these resolutions will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2016 resolutions cycle, pending approval of the sponsor.

The Resolutions Committee recommends that the late resolutions be dealt with in the following manner:

A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE

LR1	Assistance to Refugees	Whistler
LR2	Appurtenance Provisions in the <i>Forest Act</i>	Canal Flats
LR3	Federal Port Operations on Agricultural Land	Richmond

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

N/A

C. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

(Issues known before the June 30 deadline for resolutions)

LR4	Federal Party Leaders' Debate on Local Government Issues	Esquimalt
LR5	Review of "Down-loaded" Building Codes	Capital RD
LR6	Home Renovation Tax Credits	Capital RD
LR7	Assistance to Refugees	Prince George

A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AS ISSUES EMERGING SINCE THE DEADLINE

LR1 Assistance to Refugees **Whistler**

Whereas the ongoing crisis for Syrians has ignited a need for a coordinated effort of aid from all levels of government in Canada;

And whereas Canada has a history of extending offers of settlement to refugees for humanitarian reasons:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the federal government to act immediately to accelerate the process and to significantly increase federal commitments to receive Syrian refugees in Canada matching or exceeding historic levels.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Admit for Debate**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The sponsor has indicated that this resolution responds to information about Syrian people displaced due to civil war and attempting to leave Syria for other countries. While Syria has been experiencing civil war for several years, news coverage over the past few weeks has focused on the refugee crisis. Prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions, the news media was not so keenly focused on the movement of refugees from Syria. The Resolutions Committee would suggest that the argument could be made that this resolution deals with an emergent issue and meets the criteria to be admitted for debate.

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution regarding refugees from Syria; or federal commitments of humanitarian aid and resettlement.

However, members endorsed a related resolution, 2009-B177, which asked the federal government to “immediately cancel all outstanding refugee transportation and pre-entry medical loan debt and to cease seeking repayment of the transportation and pre-entry medical costs for new Government Assisted Refugees coming to Canada.”

See also resolution LR7.

LR2 Appurtenance Provisions in the Forest Act

Canal Flats

Whereas previous to 2003, the *Forest Act* included a licence requirement to process timber at specific sawmills within a certain area;

And whereas timber is being shipped from the Canal Flats area as far as the West Kootenays and not the Canal Flats Sawmill;

And whereas the Canal Flats Sawmill is being closed permanently due to the lack of fibre at other sawmills:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province to re-examine the appurtenance requirement in the *Forest Act* to help create local or regional economic benefits from the timber that is being logged in an area.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Admit for Debate

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

As indicated by the sponsor, this resolution responds to a September 2015 decision by Canfor to close the Canal Flats Sawmill. The decision was not known prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions. Therefore, the Resolutions Committee would suggest that this resolution deals with an emergent issue and meets the criteria to be admitted for debate.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a Forest Policy Paper in 2002.

The Forest Policy Paper in part expressed UBCM members’ concerns about the removal of the appurtenancy clause from the provincial government’s forest policy, fearing that it would result in “a further loss of control over where the wood is processed and in some cases, massive job loss.” The paper further asserted that “if the break is made between harvesting and processing there has to be something provided to affected communities in exchange,” with affected communities consulted about the form and amount of compensation.

The paper proposed examples of ways to compensate affected communities, such as:

- *requiring the license holder to forfeit a substantial percentage of the AAC to be turned into a community-based tenure;*

- *reimbursing the community for loss of economic benefits if the timber is taken out of the area and hauled to another community for processing. For example, a portion of the stumpage could be returned to the community affected, as one form of compensation; or*
- *requiring that timber go to the most appropriate BC mill and further that the timber must be processed in BC.*

LR3 Federal Port Operations on Agricultural Land

Richmond

Whereas the *Agricultural Land Reserve Act* and regulations establish the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as a provincial zone in which agriculture is recognized as the priority land use, farming is encouraged, and non-agricultural uses are restricted;

And whereas the *Canada Marine Act* empowers federal port authorities to undertake port activities including the shipping, navigation, transporting and handling of goods and passengers, including managing, leasing, licensing, acquiring and disposing of lands for the purposes of operating and supporting port operations;

And whereas the provisions of the *Canada Marine Act* effectively exempt federal port authorities operating in BC from the land use provisions of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Act* and regulations;

And whereas Port Metro Vancouver, a federal port authority, has purchased land in Richmond, BC that falls within the Agricultural Land Reserve, and which over time it may wish to develop for port operations rather than agricultural use—a situation that could occur in any region of the province where a federal port authority operates;

And whereas the City of Richmond has expressed opposition to the Land Use Plan that Port Metro Vancouver prepared for the ALR land that it purchased in Richmond, specifically the fact that the plan may contemplate future non-agricultural use of ALR land:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial and federal governments to:

- order federal port authorities operating in BC to sell at fair market value any currently held real properties that fall within the Agricultural Land Reserve;
- enact legislative and regulatory changes to prohibit federal port authorities from purchasing land within the Agricultural Land Reserve if the intended use is non-agricultural; and
- require federal port authorities to establish meaningful consultation processes and a formal dispute resolution process with neighbouring local governments, to address issues arising from federal port operations and activities;

And be it further resolved that in the specific case of Port Metro Vancouver, UBCM urge the Board of Directors of Port Metro Vancouver to adopt a policy prohibiting the expansion of Port Metro Vancouver operations onto lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Admit for Debate

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee is aware that the sponsor submitted a related resolution, C39, prior to the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions. Resolution C39 has been placed in Section C3 and recommended for referral back to the area association. Resolution C39 as written is specific to Port Metro Vancouver and therefore regional in nature.

However, the Resolutions Committee would acknowledge that this resolution, LR3, addresses similar concerns but through a province-wide lens, recognizing that federal port authorities operate in many areas of the province and not solely in the lower mainland. By revising the resolution and moving away from regionally specific language, the sponsor has made the resolution more relevant to all communities across the province.

The Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the federal government prohibit the acquisition by federal port authorities of land in the BC Agricultural Land Reserve for non-agricultural, port purposes.

B. REFER TO UBCM EXECUTIVE

N/A

C. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

LR4 Federal Party Leaders' Debate on Local Government Issues Esquimalt

Whereas local governments continue to work with all orders of government as equal partners to solve some of our country's biggest challenges: jobs, economic growth and better quality of life;

And whereas with greater cooperation with the federal government, Canada will prosper from modern infrastructure, ensure our communities remain affordable and family-friendly, attract talent and investment, improve public safety, and ensure environmental sustainability for all Canadians;

And whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign calling on the federal party leaders to participate in a national debate on local government issues before the next federal election and asks its member local governments to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign:

And whereas housing renovations are recognized to help seniors stay at home, help the special needs of a family member or convert it to an intergenerational home, to create skilled employment for young people, and the use of refundable tax credits for renovations are known to boost energy efficiency, local economies, assist in removal of asbestos products, and to reduce off-permit renovations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to create new tax credit programs for consumers designed to help accomplish initial goals of sustainability and affordability to help encourage home renovations.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Not Admit for Debate*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B119 in the 2015 Resolutions Book.

LR7 Assistance to Refugees

Prince George

Whereas the Canadian volunteer organization Lifeline Syria, citing statistics from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), reports that as Syria enters its fifth year of civil war:

- nearly 12 million people – fully half the country’s population – are homeless, including 4 million refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries, and 7 million internally displaced people inside Syria;
- amongst the 12 million homeless people are 4.2 million Syrian children who have fled their homes;
- 90,000 Syrian refugees are registered by UNHCR every month;
- more than 250,000 Syrian people have died; and
- as of March 2015 nearly 254,000 Syrians had requested asylum in Europe;

And whereas the federal government over the past three years has contributed \$403.5 million in humanitarian aid to the Syrian crisis, and has committed to resettle a total of 11,300 Syrian refugees in Canada from 2015 through 2017:

Therefore be it resolved that, in light of the discrepancy between the large number of refugees with documented resettlement needs and the relatively small number of people the federal government has offered to assist, the federal government review and implement significant increases and expedited processing times for its humanitarian aid and resettlement commitments;

And be it further resolved that the federal government report out regularly to the Canadian public on the federal government’s progress toward achieving the above objectives;

And be it further resolved that the federal government implement additional assistance, in partnership with the United Nations or other humanitarian organizations, to actively address the urgent needs of Syrians inside Syria, including providing assistance to those wishing to leave Syria;

And be it further resolved that the federal government reach out to local governments, non-profit organizations and community groups across Canada that wish to assist in relocation efforts, providing information, advice and connections to ensure that the assistance Canadians extend to refugees is timely, appropriate and effective.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Not Admit for Debate*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee would acknowledge that both resolutions LR1 and LR7 refer to the challenges regarding refugees from Syria. The Committee has recommended that resolution LR1 be admitted for debate.