

2015 UBCM Annual Convention – Resolutions Decisions

The following is a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted during the policy sessions at the 2015 UBCM Annual Convention. The full and exact wording of any amendments will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Section A

A1 Allocation of New Building Canada Fund

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province to allocate a minimum of 60% of the Building Canada Fund directly to local government.

A2 Mental Health and Addiction Services and Resources

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be called upon to develop a long-term, multi-faceted strategy to help people suffering from mental health and addiction issues including integrated health and psychiatric care, criminal justice reform, and access to affordable housing, as a matter of priority within the BC health care system;

And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to ensure that the level of resourcing and facilities for providing mental health and addiction services are increased throughout the province to allow for improved access and treatment for those suffering from mental health issues, including addictions.

A3 Provincial Responsibility for Fire Services Act and Regulations

Endorsed

A4 Resourcing Local Governments for Oil and Hazardous and Noxious Substances Emergency Planning Response

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial and federal governments to expand the scope of oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) risk assessment and response planning to include all impacts and consequences on local communities and governments, and introduce additional funding for the resources and locally-specific capacity building required to ensure that local governments are in the best possible position to plan for and protect communities and the environment in the event of fires, explosions, spills and related incidents as a result of increasing transportation of oil and HNS;

And be it further resolved that UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call upon the federal government to develop a comprehensive emergency response plan and procedure for hazardous and noxious substance spill related emergencies that includes due recognition of and compensation for the role of local government emergency response services.

A5 Environmental Bill of Rights

Endorsed

Section B1

B1 Modernization of Local Government Act

Endorsed

B2 Establishment of a Provincial Fund to Support Search and Rescue

Endorsed

B3 British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards

Endorsed

B4 Victims Services Funding
Endorsed

B5 Interface Wildfire Proofing
Endorsed

B6 Sustainable Dredging of Secondary Channels of the Lower Fraser River
Endorsed

B7 Emergency Management BC Flood Protection Program
Endorsed

B8 Local Government Elections – Internet Voting
Endorsed

B9 Public Transportation in Rural Communities
Endorsed

B10 Road Safety Review and Assessment
Endorsed

B11 Upgrading of Critical Accident Zones on Highways
Endorsed

B12 Highway Speed Limits
Endorsed

B13 Increasing Rail Transportation Safety
Endorsed

B14 Tax Incentives – Affordable Housing
Endorsed

B15 Conservation Tax Incentive Program
Endorsed

B16 Provincial Sales Tax Revenue Rebates for Local Government
Endorsed

B17 Road Rescue Responder Costs
Endorsed

B18 Electricity Costs of Recreational Facilities
Endorsed

B19 Rail Crossing Maintenance Charges
Endorsed

B20 Additional Use of Funds Collected in Lieu of Parkland Contributions
Endorsed

B21 Broaden the Allowable Uses of Parkland Development Cost Charges
Endorsed

B22 Infrastructure Cost Sharing Formula
Endorsed

B23 Collection of Unpaid Municipal Bylaw Fines Against Municipal Property Taxes
Endorsed

B24 Coastal Douglas-Fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership Funding

Endorsed

B25 Management of Ungulate Populations

Endorsed

B26 BC Conservation Service Capacity

Endorsed

B27 Residential Renewable Energy Rebate Program

Endorsed

B28 Independent BC Review of Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Endorsed

B29 Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic in Coastal BC Waters

Endorsed

B30 Oil Spill Preparedness

Endorsed

B31 Oiled Wildlife Preparedness and Response

Endorsed

B32 Watershed Protection

Endorsed

B33 Ownership of Abandoned Transportation Corridors

Endorsed

B34 Ministry of Energy and Mines Permitting

Endorsed

B35 Recreation Sites

Endorsed

B36 Re-Examine Log Export Policy

Endorsed

B37 Support for Forest Industry

Endorsed

B38 Forest Industry Assistance

Endorsed

B39 Tree Protection Bylaws in Identified Urban Expansion Areas

Endorsed

B40 Rural Two Tier Hydro Rates

Endorsed

B41 Proposed Closure of Burrard Thermal Plant

Endorsed

B42 Reinstate the Mandatory Long Form Census

Endorsed

B43 ICBC and Windshield Repairs

Endorsed

B44 Poverty Reduction Strategy for British Columbia
Endorsed

B45 Shelter Allowances and Rent Subsidies
Endorsed

B46 A BC Plan to End Homelessness
Endorsed

B47 A Housing Action Agenda for British Columbia
Endorsed

B48 Purpose Built Rental Housing
Endorsed

B49 Expiry of Federal Cooperative Housing Agreements
Endorsed

B50 Funding Formula for Public Education
Endorsed

B51 Genetically Modified Organisms
Endorsed

Section B2-a

B52 Re-establish Provincial Government as Diking Authority in Small Communities
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be re-established as the diking authority in all local governments.

B53 Human Trafficking
Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on **the RCMP, local police forces, and local governments to continue to work collaboratively** in order to implement the recommendations found within the National Task Force on Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada's recent report ("**NO MORE**" Ending Sex-Trafficking in Canada) as well as the Province of British Columbia's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.*

B54 Prolific Offenders
Endorsed

B55 BC Transit Funding Freeze
Endorsed

B56 Rail Crossing Safety Regulations
Endorsed

B57 Sustaining Clean Water Sources
Endorsed

B58 Hydroelectric Dam Water Use Planning
Endorsed

B59 Bio Solid Review Process
Endorsed

B60 Quagga and Zebra Mussels
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that the Province establish permanent inspection stations at key points of entry, coordinated with the Pacific Northwest Regional Defence Strategy for invasive species, and also develop a provincial control and containment strategy for regions that become infested, funded by the Province.

B61 Health Impact Assessments
Endorsed

B62 Compliance Under the BC Recycling Regulation
Endorsed

B63 Crown Land and Public Meetings
Endorsed

B64 Reforestation of Productive Agricultural Land
Endorsed

B65 Communications Regarding Drainage Maintenance
Endorsed

B66 Visitor Information Centre Funding
Endorsed

B67 Mountain Pine Beetle Impacted Communities
Endorsed

B68 Health Care Provider Crisis
Endorsed

B69 Rural Out-patient Accommodation
Endorsed

B70 Funding for Nurse Practitioners' Overhead and Operating Costs
Endorsed

B71 Proposed Site C Hydroelectric Dam
Endorsed

B72 Funding Program for Local Poverty Reduction Initiatives
Endorsed

B73 *Workers Compensation Act* Presumptive Clause for First Responders
Endorsed

B123 Canada Post
Endorsed

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.

Section B2-b

B74 Funding for Road Maintenance
Endorsed

B75 Highway Maintenance
Endorsed

B76 Routine Highway Maintenance Over Pipelines
Endorsed

B77 Development of an Emergency Response Seismic Mitigation Fund
Endorsed

B78 Disaster Relief
Endorsed

B79 WorkSafe BC Confined Space Regulations
Not Endorsed

B80 Rape Culture in Canada
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate for an intergovernmental task force to be convened to determine the steps needed to erase the "rape culture" that is pervasive in schools, universities, workplaces and elsewhere across Canada;

And be it further resolved that the task force be mandated to elicit testimony from victims in order to determine the steps needed to improve the reporting, arrest and conviction rates across Canada;

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B81 BC Emergency Response Management System
Endorsed

B82 Increasing Corporate Income Tax Rates
Endorsed

B83 Carbon Tax
Not Endorsed

B84 Business Class Exemption
Not Endorsed

B85 Office of Auditor General for Local Government
Endorsed

B86 Land Title Fees
Endorsed

B87 Funding Allocation to Small Communities
Endorsed

B88 Change the Requirements for Public Notification
Endorsed

B89 Setting of Local Government Fees
Endorsed

B90 Change the Position Title of Electoral Area Director
Referred to UBCM Executive

B91 Candidates for Local Government Elections to Run in One Jurisdiction Only
Endorsed

B92 Withdrawal, Death or Incapacity of an Election Candidate
Endorsed

B93 Recall of Local Government Elected Officials
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend BC's Community Charter to include a mechanism enabling voters to recall their local government elected officials, whereby the signatures of more than 50% of registered municipal or ward voters would be required, with the petition being initiated no less than 18 months after the date the local government elected official was sworn in to office, following the same recall timeline currently being used by Elections BC for the recall of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

B94 Campaign Contribution Legislation
Endorsed

B95 Aversive Conditioning of Urban Ungulates
Not Endorsed

B96 Geographic Scope of Environmental Impact Assessments
Endorsed

B97 Waiving Royalties for Gravel Extraction in Flood Hazard Areas
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to waive royalties for all gravel that is extracted by local governments and leaseholders from riverbeds adjacent to flood hazard areas, where qualified professionals confirm that gravel extraction will reduce flooding risk.

B98 Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulation
Endorsed

B99 Removal of Lands from Agricultural Land Reserve
Endorsed

B100 Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles
Not Endorsed

B101 Support for Prioritizing of Resolutions
Not Endorsed

B102 Include Marijuana Derivatives and Review Access
Endorsed

Section B3-a

B103 Fines for Failing to Stop for a School Bus
Endorsed

B104 Increase Physiotherapy Academic Seats
Endorsed

B105 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Endorsed

B106 Action on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations
Endorsed

B107 National Orange Shirt Day
Endorsed

B108 Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government to:

- *Update the Homelessness Partnering Strategy “Designated Communities” eligibility list to reflect significant homelessness challenges faced by many communities not previously identified as having serious homelessness challenges; and*
- *Amend the funding criteria to consider a broad range of factors including community capacity and the specific needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;*

And be it further resolved that federal government funding of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy be increased to take into account new communities added to the program.

B109 Housing First Funding

Endorsed

B110 Registered Disability Savings Plan

Endorsed

Section B3-b

B111 National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Endorsed

B112 Warning Labels for all Fossil Based Liquid Fuels

Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM support, and that member local governments will implement where possible, legislation to require retailers of petroleum products to provide plastic sleeves (nozzle toppers) with warning labels on pump handles for all fossil based liquid fuels.

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 B113 to B122.

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 2015.

B113 Wildlife Allocation Policy

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B114 National Pharmacare Program

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B115 Accessible Birth Control

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B116 Fire Insurance for Rural BC Homeowners

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B117 Assisted Living Support for Challenged Adults

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B118 Annualized Earnings Exemption

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B119 Home Renovation Tax Credits

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B120 Divestment of Fossil Fuel Related Investments in the Municipal Pension Plan

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

B121 Downloaded Building Codes

Not Endorsed

B122 Payday Loan Regulations

No Recommendation – Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive

Section C

Section C resolutions are not admitted for debate. They are referred to similar resolutions in Section A or Section B. If regional in scope, they are referred to Area Associations. Section C resolutions are listed here for reference only, with the referral noted.

C1 Regional District Charter

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B1)

C2 Expand Options for Statutory Public Notification

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B88)

C3 Provincial Funding for Police-Based Victim Services

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B4)

C4 National Inquiry on Indigenous Women

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B111)

C5 Rural Inspection and Enforcement of *Fire Service Act* Regulations

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C6 Regular System of Fire Inspections

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C7 Fire Inspection in Unincorporated Areas

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C8 Fire Inspections and Enforcement in Unincorporated Areas

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C9 *Fire Services Act* and Regulations

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C10 Fire Inspections in Rural Areas

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A3)

C11 Provincial Transit Investment Freeze

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B55)

C12 BC Transit Service Expansion Funding

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B55)

C13 Routine Highway Maintenance Over Pipelines

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B76)

C14 Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B28)

- C15 Independent BC Environmental Review of Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B28)
- C16 Environmental Bill of Rights**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A5)
- C17 Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A5)
- C18 Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A5)
- C19 Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A5)
- C20 Review of Site C by BC Utilities Commission**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B71)
- C21 Liquefied Natural Gas Siting Standards and Best Practices**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)
- C22 Marine-related Emergency Response Standards**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)
- C23 Oil Spill Emergency Response Coordination and Support for Local Governments**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A4)
- C24 Timber Supply**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B37)
- C25 Mental Health and Addictions Drain on Policing Resources**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A2)
- C26 Mental Health**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A2)
- C27 Seamless Path Along the Recovery Trajectory**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A2)
- C28 Increase Community Health Supports for Mental Health**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution A2)
- C29 FortisBC – Two Tiered Rates**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B40)
- C30 BC Poverty Reduction Plan**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B44)
- C31 Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Criteria Change and Impact to Local Services Delivery**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B108)
- C32 *Workers Compensation Act* Presumptive Clause for First Responders**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B73)
- C33 *Workers Compensation Act* Presumptive Clause for First Responders**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B73)
- C34 *Workers Compensation Act* Presumptive Clause for First Responders**
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B73)

C35 Optional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B100)

C36 Implement Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B106)

C37 ICET Funding
Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Area Association)

C38 Vancouver Island Coordinated Solid Waste Strategy
Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Area Association)

C39 Discouraging Port Metro Vancouver from Expanding on Agricultural Lands
Not Admitted for Debate (referred back to Area Association)

Resolutions Received After the Deadline

On motion, duly moved and seconded, delegates endorsed the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline. This means that resolutions LR1, LR2 and LR3 were admitted for debate, while the remaining late resolutions were not admitted for debate.

LR1 Assistance to Refugees
Endorsed

LR2 Appurtenance Provisions in the *Forest Act*
Endorsed

LR3 Federal Port Operations on Agricultural Land
Endorsed

LR4 Federal Party Leaders' Debate on Local Government Issues
Not Admitted for Debate (referred automatically to Area Association)

LR5 Review of "Down-loaded" Building Codes
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B121)

LR6 Home Renovation Tax Credits
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution B119)

LR7 Assistance to Refugees
Not Admitted for Debate (referred to resolution LR1)