



2017 UBCM Annual Convention – Resolutions Decisions

The following is a summary of the resolutions debate at the 2017 UBCM Annual Convention. The full and exact wording of any amendments will appear in the Convention Minutes.

Special Resolution

SR1 Local Government Role in BC Framework for Cannabis
Endorsed

Extraordinary Resolution

ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws Regarding Removal of a Resolution From a Block
Endorsed

Section A

A1 Local Government Election Campaign Financing
Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that **as** the provincial government **makes** changes to provincial campaign finance regulations to limit and restrict campaign donations, **the Province also implement reforms to** campaign finance regulations for local government, **in consultation with UBCM.***

A2 Encouraging the Use of Residential Property for Housing
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada take action to introduce effective fiscal and taxation tools to encourage the use of residential property to provide housing, and discourage speculation, “flipping,” commodity investment and other market distortions that contribute toward a sharp escalation in the price of housing.

Section B – Part 1

The Section B – Part 1 resolutions were introduced as a block. The block included resolutions B1 to B38, and B40 to B54.

B1	Public Notice	<i>Endorsed</i>
B2	Recall of Local Government Elected Officials	<i>Endorsed</i>
B3	Support for BC Fire Departments	<i>Endorsed</i>
B4	Interface Wildfire Prevention Responsibility	<i>Endorsed</i>
B5	Victim Services Program Funding	<i>Endorsed</i>
B6	Staffing Levels – Integrated RCMP Detachments	<i>Endorsed</i>
B7	Railway Manifest	<i>Endorsed</i>
B8	Public Transportation	<i>Endorsed</i>
B9	BC Transit Expansion & Funding Certainty	<i>Endorsed</i>

B10	Highway Maintenance	<i>Endorsed</i>
B11	Highway Lane Markings	<i>Endorsed</i>
B12	Highway 16 Updates & Improvements	<i>Endorsed</i>
B13	Provincial Compensation for Delinquent Taxes on Properties Not Subject to Tax Sale	<i>Endorsed</i>
B14	Restoration of Land Value Tax	<i>Endorsed</i>
B15	BC Hydro Fair Compensation	<i>Endorsed</i>
B16	Small Community Grant	<i>Endorsed</i>
B17	Property Transfer Tax for Homelessness & Affordable Housing	<i>Endorsed</i>
B18	Federal Funding Rules Limiting Gas Tax Funds Stacking	<i>Endorsed</i>
B19	Future Tripartite Infrastructure Funding Programs	<i>Endorsed</i>
B20	Split Classification for Short Term Commercial Accommodation	<i>Endorsed</i>
B21	Brownfields	<i>Endorsed</i>
B22	Access to Used Oil Recycling Facilities in Rural BC	<i>Endorsed</i>
B23	Local Partnerships for Energy Efficiency Retrofits	<i>Endorsed</i>
B24	Contaminated Sites	<i>Endorsed</i>
B25	Disposal of Drywall or Gypsum Board	<i>Endorsed</i>
B26	National Strategy for Abandoned Vessels	<i>Endorsed</i>
B27	Quagga & Zebra Mussel Funding	<i>Endorsed</i>
B28	Ban on the Sale of Invasive Species	<i>Endorsed</i>
B29	BC Conservation Service Funding	<i>Endorsed</i>
B30	Canada Goose Population Management	<i>Endorsed</i>
B31	Forest Stewardship Plans – Request for Improved Consultation	<i>Endorsed</i>
B32	Wind Turbine Siting on Crown Land	<i>Endorsed</i>
B33	Development Permits for Private Institutional Developments	<i>Endorsed</i>
B34	Non-tenured Value-added Wood Processors	<i>Endorsed</i>
B35	Facilitating Value-added Resource Development	<i>Endorsed</i>
B36	Optimizing Community Benefits of Forest Resources	<i>Endorsed</i>
B37	Exemption from Assistance to Business Requirements – Broadband	<i>Endorsed</i>
B38	Business Improvement Districts	<i>Endorsed</i>
B40	Health Services Planning	<i>Endorsed</i>
B41	Nurse Practitioners	<i>Endorsed</i>
B42	Provincial Assistance to Attract Doctors to BC	<i>Endorsed</i>
B43	Provincial Support for Physician Retention	<i>Endorsed</i>
B44	Regulation & Licensing of Supportive Recovery Homes	<i>Endorsed</i>
B45	Mandatory Certification & Licensing of Asbestos & Hazardous Material Removal Contractors	<i>Endorsed</i>
B46	Aboriginal Day	<i>Endorsed</i>

B47	Rural Schools	<i>Endorsed</i>
B48	Don't Close the Doors on Adult Education	<i>Endorsed</i>
B49	Bus Passes for Persons with Disabilities	<i>Endorsed</i>
B50	Affordable Child Care	<i>Endorsed</i>
B51	Social Support Services for Seniors	<i>Endorsed</i>
B52	Addressing Homelessness	<i>Endorsed</i>
B53	Rental Housing	<i>Endorsed</i>
B54	UBCM Convention Resolution Section	<i>Endorsed</i>

Following consideration of the Section B – Part 1 block, resolution B39 was considered individually.

The Chair noted that for this resolution, the incorrect wording was printed in the Resolutions Book. Delegates were directed to refer to the resolution printed with correct wording in Policy Book 2 (blue cover). The correct wording is included below for reference.

B39 Regional Hospital District Capital Funding
Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government to acknowledge that property tax revenue is an unsuitable avenue to fund hospital infrastructure renewal projects and prioritize the urgent review of the historic cost sharing ratio with a recommendation, in consultation with regional hospital districts, to amend current policy accordingly.

Section B – Part 2-a

The Section B – Part 2-a resolutions were introduced as a block. The block included resolutions B55 to B71.

B55	Improvement District Governance	<i>Endorsed</i>
B56	Funding for Police-based Victim Assistance Services	<i>Endorsed</i>
B57	Regulation of Ride-sharing Services in Small, Rural & Remote Communities	<i>Endorsed</i>
B58	Designation & Maintenance of Recreation Roads	<i>Endorsed</i>
B59	Forest Service Roads, Tourism & Economic Diversification	<i>Endorsed</i>
B60	Restoration of Previous Provincial Funding Levels for Public Libraries	<i>Endorsed</i>
B61	Funding for Fire Equipment	<i>Endorsed</i>
B62	Provincial Action on Building Energy Benchmarking	<i>Endorsed</i>
B63	Provincial Zero Waste Strategy	<i>Endorsed</i>
B64	Illegal Dumping	<i>Endorsed</i>
B65	Environmental Assessment Cumulative Analysis	<i>Endorsed</i>
B66	Panel on Management & Preservation of Old Growth Forests	<i>Endorsed</i>
B67	Provincial Private Moorage Program	<i>Endorsed</i>
B68	Dock & Buoy Regulations	<i>Endorsed</i>

B69 “Buy Local” Policy for Public Institutions
Endorsed with Amendment as Recommended

*Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government institute a policy whereby taxpayer-supported institutions with on-site food services be required to source a targeted portion of their food purchases from local producers, **subject to the Province meeting its existing domestic and international trade agreement obligations, specifically recognizing procurement thresholds.***

B70 Funding for Child & Youth Mental Health & Substance Use Collaborative *Endorsed*

B71 The Case for Prevention of the Opioid Crisis
Endorsed with Amendment as Recommended

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia, and more particularly the Minister of Health, develop a comprehensive cross-governmental prevention and intervention program and corresponding implementation plan that has a long term vision, a well-governed and well-funded sustainable structure, as well as measurable outcomes to appropriately address the **drug overdose** crisis across the Province of British Columbia.*

Section B – Part 2-b

The resolutions in Section B – Part 2-b were considered individually.

B72	Unconditional Local Government Grants	<i>Endorsed</i>
B73	Provincial Share of Infrastructure Spending	<i>Endorsed</i>
B74	Water Improvement Districts	<i>Endorsed</i>
B75	Community Works Funding – Small Communities	<i>Referred to AVICC</i>
B76	Local Government Infrastructure Project Funding	<i>Endorsed</i>
B77	Eligibility to Access Federal Gas Tax Funding	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B78	<i>Local Elections Campaign Financing Act</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
B79	First Nations & Closed Meetings	<i>Endorsed</i>
B80	Elimination of Boards of Variance	<i>Referred to UBCM Executive</i>
B81	Definition of a Parcel of Land	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B82	Whistle Cessation	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B83	Expedite Accident Clearing	<i>Referred to UBCM Executive</i>
B84	Interface Wildfire Risk	<i>Endorsed</i>
B85	Modification of Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes	<i>Endorsed</i>
B86	Emergency Recovery Costs	<i>Endorsed</i>
B87	Sprinklers for 4-storey Wood Frame Residential Buildings	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B88	Funding for Drug Recognition Experts	<i>Endorsed</i>
B89	Restorative Justice Training	<i>Endorsed</i>
B90	Local Government Photo Radar	<i>Endorsed</i>
B91	Tax on Vacant & Derelict Residential Properties	<i>Endorsed</i>
B92	Federal GST Charges on Provincial Carbon Tax	<i>Endorsed</i>
B93	Tax-free Employer-provided Health Benefit Plans	<i>Endorsed</i>
B94	2017 Federal Budget – Proposed Removal of One-third Non-taxable Expense Allowance	<i>Endorsed</i>

B95	Hazardous Properties Remediation Costs	<i>Endorsed</i>
B96	Review of & Amendments to the <i>Hospital District Act</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
B97	WorkSafeBC Regulations on Asbestos	<i>Endorsed</i>
B98	Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy	<i>Endorsed</i>
B99	Municipal Lobbyist Registry	<i>Endorsed</i>
B100	Microcell Transmitter Placement Consultation <i>Endorsed</i>	

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Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 metres of residences, schools and hospitals.

B101	Policy on Breweries, Distilleries & Meaderies	<i>Endorsed</i>
B102	Provincial Water Lot Leases	<i>Endorsed</i>
B103	Forest Health	<i>Endorsed</i>
B104	Business Registry	<i>Endorsed</i>
B105	Comprehensive Reporting of Community Energy & Emissions Inventory	<i>Endorsed</i>
B106	On-road Transportation Sector Required in the Community Energy & Emissions Inventory	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B107	Ending the Inhumane Use of Animal Traps	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B108	Province-wide Rat Reduction Strategy	<i>Endorsed</i>
B109	Recycle BC	<i>Endorsed</i>
B110	Preventing Polystyrene Foam Pollution in the Marine Environment	<i>Endorsed</i>
B111	Non-compostable Produce Sticker Labels <i>Endorsed as Amended</i>	

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial and federal governments (where applicable) change both domestic and import regulations related to food labelling to require vegetable-based ink/food safe stamps on all fruits and vegetables sold in Canada.

B112	Spill Detection Technology	<i>Endorsed</i>
B113	Environmental Assessment Funding System	<i>Endorsed</i>
B114	Woodland Caribou Implementation Plan Consultation	<i>Endorsed</i>
B115	Task Force for Watershed Management	<i>Endorsed</i>
B116	Resale of Electricity for Electric Vehicle Charging	<i>Endorsed</i>

Section B – Part 3-a

The Section B – Part 3-a resolutions were introduced as a block. The block included resolutions B117 to B120.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to remove resolution B117 from the block for individual consideration, was endorsed. The block then included resolutions B118 to B120.

B118 Rural Dividend Fund Program
Endorsed with Amendment as Recommended

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government determine other means of investigating the financial strength of non-profit organizations that are key partners and valuable contributors to sustainable rural community economies.

B119 Equal Access to Public Education
Endorsed with Amendment as Recommended

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Education consult with affected stakeholders to make clear definitions of rural and remote, identifying the significant difference between lower mainland rural and remoteness with northern rural and remoteness;

And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the Ministry of Education to provide all required funding to bus eligible students to and from school, because all rural and remote students must have equal access to public education.

B120 Long Term Rental Accommodation
Endorsed with Amendment as Recommended

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Minister Responsible for Housing to undertake a review of the Residential Tenancy Act to identify and address elements of the Act that discourage development of new long term rental accommodation housing stock and that discourage existing homeowners from offering long term rental accommodation.

Following consideration of the Section B – Part 3-a block, resolution B117 was considered individually.

B117 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits Funding
Endorsed as Amended

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government fund comprehensive, 24/7 access to services and staffing needed (sexual assault nurse examiners) and provide SAEC kits in communities lacking in forensic services.

Section B – Part 3-b

The resolutions in Section B – Part 3-b were considered individually.

B121	Family Day	<i>Endorsed</i>
B122	Rights of Service Dog Teams	<i>Endorsed</i>
B123	Ending Discriminatory Insurance Coverage	<i>Endorsed</i>
B124	Handling of Motions to Vary the Agenda	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B125	Location of UBCM Annual Convention	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B126	Renovictions & the <i>Residential Tenancy Act</i>	<i>Endorsed</i>
B127	National School Food Program	<i>Endorsed</i>
B128	Exam Requirements for Owner Builder Certification	<i>Endorsed</i>
B129	Abolition of Daylight Savings Time	<i>Endorsed</i>
B130	Bill C-15 Federal Banking “Bail-in” Legislation	<i>Referred to UBCM Executive</i>
B131	Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracking	<i>Not Endorsed</i>
B132	Electric Vehicle Charging in Strata Buildings	<i>Endorsed</i>
B133	BC Ambulance Services	<i>Endorsed</i>
B134	Comparable Standby Wages for BC Ambulance Service	<i>Endorsed</i>
B135	BC Ambulance Service	<i>Endorsed</i>
B136	Helicopter Emergency Medical Services	<i>Endorsed</i>

B137 Protocols to Respond to Student Drug Overdose on Secondary School Grounds
Endorsed as Amended

*Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Minister of Children and Family Development jointly create provincial standards for **elementary**, middle and secondary schools province wide to address drug use and potential incidents of overdose in BC schools including protocols for training and administration of Naloxone (Narcan).*

B138 Agricultural Dams *Endorsed*

B139 Single Wide Mobile Homes as Second Dwellings on Agricultural Properties *Endorsed*

Section C

C1 Extension of Taxation Authority for Vacant & Derelict Buildings *Not Admitted for Debate*

C2 Legalization & Regulation of Cannabis *Not Admitted for Debate*

C3 Federal Budget Impact on Tax Exemptions *Not Admitted for Debate*

C4 Provincial Funding Levels for Libraries *Not Admitted for Debate*

C5 Regulation of Small On-farm Breweries & Meaderies *Not Admitted for Debate*

C6 Regional Hospital District Capital Infrastructure Funding Formula *Not Admitted for Debate*

C7 Creating a Fair Market Approach to Lease Rates for Marinas *Not Admitted for Debate*

C8 UBCM Resolutions *Not Admitted for Debate*

C9 E & N Transportation Corridor Development Cost Charge *Not Admitted for Debate*

Resolutions Received After the Deadline

Resolutions from the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline that were not admitted 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 2018 resolutions cycle.

LR1 Ranchers' Role During Wildfires *Endorsed*

LR2 Fire Mitigation Strategy *Endorsed*

LR3 Commercial Inter-city Bus Transportation *Endorsed*

LR4 Rural Fire Recovery Fund *Endorsed*

LR5 Review of Site C: Consideration of Power Sources *Endorsed*

LR6 Protecting Local Waterways & Wild Fish Species *Not Admitted for Debate*

LR7 Local Government Term of Office *Not Admitted for Debate*

LR8 Rail Proximity Issues *Not Admitted for Debate*

LR9 Cannabis Advertising *Not Admitted for Debate*

LR10 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation *Endorsed*

Resolution From Off the Floor

OF1 Martin Mars Long Term Contract
Not Endorsed