

2003 UBCM GOLD STAR RESOLUTION WINNERS LIST

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A3	MUNICIPAL BYLAWS FINES: COLLECTION POWERS	City of North Vancouver District of North Vancouver West Vancouver District
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WHEREAS the current procedures available to local government for the collection of outstanding bylaw fines is cumbersome, costly and inefficient;

AND WHEREAS local governments will be embarking on a new system for enforcing their bylaws, especially parking bylaws, through the forthcoming Bylaw Forums legislation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to provide local government with imposed bylaw fines collection powers through the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC) for vehicle-related violations, and the ability to add unpaid fines to the property tax roll, where appropriate, for property-related violations.

A8	TRANSIT FUEL COST INCREASE	Campbell River
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WHEREAS the provincial government has enacted an increase in the provincial fuel tax of 3.5 cents per litre, effective March 1, 2003;

AND WHEREAS this tax has caused huge increases to the cost of providing transit services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to exempt transit services from the 3.5 cents per litre increase in provincial fuel tax.

A10 COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

Burns Lake

WHEREAS authority for health care spending in British Columbia has been delegated to five regional authorities whose boards are not required by statute to consult with communities on health care issues;

AND WHEREAS, as a result of this regionalization initiative, residents of rural and remote communities no longer have any direct input into the delivery of local health services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the *Health Authorities Act* to formally establish and recognize the role of community health advisory councils and require that regional health authorities consult with these organizations prior to establishing local service plans or making changes to local health care.

**A13 MANDATORY HELMETS FOR
SMALL WHEEL VEHICLES**

Port Moody

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of individuals participating in skateboarding and in-line skating activities are at risk for serious injuries and potential liability exists for municipalities from injuries sustained within pathways, dedicated park areas and roadways;

AND WHEREAS the *Motor Vehicle Act* includes a provision for mandatory helmet use on public roadways when operating a bicycle:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities support an amendment to the *Motor Vehicle Act* to require mandatory helmet use when operating a skateboard, scooter, in-line skates, roller skates or any other small-wheeled device.

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2003 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTIONS

A4 KEEP OF PRISONERS

Mission

WHEREAS municipal governments are responsible for the initial payment of expenses related to the keep of prisoners in municipal jails, including the initial costs for those prisoners that are legitimately the responsibility of the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has arbitrarily, and without consultation with local governments, drastically reduced its financial contribution to keep of prisoner expenses and thereby downloaded those costs directly onto local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be required to reinstate immediately the necessary funding for keep of prisoners for those prisoners that are the legitimate responsibility of the provincial government, including full reimbursement for the entire time of their incarceration in municipal jails;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government engage in meaningful consultation with the Union of BC Municipalities prior to making any future changes to the keep of prisoners contribution.

A14 MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS municipal boundary extensions into Electoral Areas can be done by Ministerial decree without assent of electors within the affected Electoral Areas and without the consent of the Directors of the affected Electoral Areas:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be asked to ensure the principle of "no forced boundary extensions" in the revision of the *Community Charter* as it relates to Regional Districts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Electoral Areas be included in discussions on changes of boundaries on an equal basis with municipalities.

B69 COMMUNITY BOND INTEREST TAX EXEMPTION

Warfield

WHEREAS community bonds issued by the Village of Warfield in partnership with the Municipal Finance Authority have proven to be an effective way to further reduce the cost of municipal borrowing;

AND WHEREAS by way of an additional benefit, community bonds enable councils to offer small investors in their municipality an attractive investment opportunity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the provincial and federal governments exempt community bond interest earnings from income taxes.

**B114 DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS FOR
FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS**

Coquitlam

WHEREAS the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Bill C-7) requires the use of alternative sentencing measures for first time non-violent offenders;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government is expected to provide these diversionary programs for young offenders to encourage healing and reconciliation as opposed to punishment, and to prevent youth from re-offending:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government provide funding to the provincial government for diversionary programs for first-time non-violent offenders.