Disposition of Resolutions Considered at the 2000 UBCM Convention

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2000 CONVENTION. THE FULL AND EXACT WORDING OF ANY AMENDMENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

SECTION A

FINANCE

A1 FEDERAL REVIEW OF UI (EI) BENEFITS
Endorsed and referred to FCM

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A2 REGULATIONS FOR RATING VIDEO GAMES
Endorsed

HEALTH

A3 HOME SUPPORT SERVICES
Endorsed
A4 RECRUITMENT OF FOREIGN DOCTORS
Endorsed

ELECTIONS

A5 ANONYMOUS ELECTION ADVERTISING
Endorsed
A6 ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Local Government Act be amended so that a candidate need not open a campaign account if the candidate declares that he or she will not be accepting campaign contributions, and where there is no campaign account, to remove the requirement to pay all campaign expenses from such an account.

LEGISLATIVE

A7 CAMPAIGN FINANCE – BANK ACCOUNTS AND DISCLOSURE
Withdrawn

A8 IMPROVING THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS AND SECOND HAND GOODS DEALERS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs be requested to amend the Local Government Act to enable local governments to set the holding period for pawned and second hand goods:
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Attorney General, in consultation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, be requested to amend the existing provincial legislation pertaining to pawnbrokers to modernize the legislation and to include second hand dealers and permanent auction houses and also to assist in developing an online central reporting system for pawned and second hand inventory for use by police and dealers across the Province.

A9 EXTENDING COLLECTION PERIOD FOR LATECOMER CHARGES
Endorsed

A10 SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHARGES
Endorsed
A11 SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHARGES
Not Endorsed
A12 SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHARGE LEGISLATION
Not Endorsed
A13 PROCLAMATIONS
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

A14 WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION – AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS) AND AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT (AGP)
Endorsed as amended and referred to FCM
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM:
1. urge the Federal Government to consult with all Canadians, and especially local government jurisdictions, much more widely and comprehensively than it has in the past, and to do so much earlier in the process prior to contemplating any Canadian negotiating positions with respect to international trade agreements of all kinds;
2. while recognizing that trade can have beneficial impacts on local economies, recommends strongly to the Federal Government that it bring forward a proposal to the WTO to exclude “local governments and authorities” from the definition of a “measure” under Article I of the GATS agreement, and further that Canada work actively to seek support for this amendment from the other WTO members;
3. request the Federal Government to not include sub-national governments in Canada under the requirements of the Agreement on Government Procurement;
4. urge the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to continue to dedicate staff to closely monitoring WTO discussions and the activities of the Federal Government in this regard, and also to alert Canadian local governments of any potential encroachments on their jurisdiction and authority resulting from trade agreements.
A15 B.C. AND YUKON CAUCUS OF THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES
Not Endorsed
A16 National Marine Policy Divestiture Process
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

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A motion, duly moved and seconded was introduced at the beginning of A resolutions requesting that B103 be considered as part of the A resolutions. That motion was endorsed and B103 was renumbered A17.

A17 FREE TRADE IN LUMBER (PREVIOUSLY B103)
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM:
1. support free trade in softwood lumber with the US;
2. urge the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to include municipalities in consultation on decision regarding the future of the SLA; and
3. urge the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to work to restore free trade in softwood lumber with the US.

(B5 and B24 were pulled from the block for individual debate, their disposition is included in the information below)

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| B24 | FLOOD PROTECTION AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION | Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be asked to commit sufficient funding and resources to reduce flooding and erosion risks by identifying the opportunities to mitigate damage through flood protection works. |

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| B32 | LICENSING FEES FOR DOGS | Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to amend the Local Government Act to provide local governments with the authority to include the

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strong concerns about the increase in gas prices for both residential and commercial users.

ELECTIONS
B47 CAMPAIGN FUNDS TAX EXEMPTION
Not Endorsed
B48 QUALIFICATION AS PROPERTY OWNER FOR ELECTIONS
Endorsed
B49 NON-RESIDENT CORPORATE VOTE
Not Endorsed
B50 VOTER IDENTIFICATION
Not Endorsed
B51 ELECTORS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP
Endorsed
B52 TIME OFF TO VOTE
Not Endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES
B53 INCREASE COURT SERVICES FOR SMALLER COMMUNITIES
Endorsed
B54 USE OF RCMP RESOURCES
Endorsed
B55 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to amend the Provincial Emergency Preparedness Act to allow the delegation of the power to declare an emergency to an electoral area director in their electoral area if that area has the Emergency Planning function.
B56 PROTECTION OF YOUTH INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM express to the Provincial Government and the BC Utilities Commission, local governments

TRANSPORTATION
B62 BC CLASS 5 LICENCES
Not Endorsed
B63 UPGRADED OF HIGHWAYS
Endorsed
B64 ARTERIAL HIGHWAYS
Not Endorsed
B65 IMPACT OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN MUNICIPALITIES
Endorsed
B66 FUNDING OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be requested to lobby the Province of British Columbia to fund road construction and maintenance projects where it can be demonstrated that such works will enhance long term resource community stability, provide opportunities to diversify local economies and create conditions that support permanent jobs within communities.
B67 STANDARDS FOR SMALL ENGINE VEHICLES
Not Endorsed
B68 COVERED GRAVEL TRUCKS
Endorsed
B69 DOUBLE THE FINE IN SCHOOL/PLAYGROUND ZONES
Endorsed
B70 LOW FLYING AIRPLANES
Endorsed and referred to FCM

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B71 CANADIAN AVIATION REGULATIONS
AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE STANDARDS
Endorsed

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
SR1 SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON POLICE COSTS
Endorsed

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO POLICY SESSIONS
REFERRED TO STREAMSIDE PROTECTION WORKSHOP
C1 STREAMSIDE PROTECTION LEGISLATION
Endorsed
REFERRED TO HEALTH SESSION
C2 ELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD DIRECTORS
C3 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HEALTH BOARDS AND COUNCILS
Delegates attending the Monday health workshop did not support C2 and C3 and proposed a new resolution for member consideration:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health be encouraged to revert to the original concept of 1/3 provincial appointments, 1/3 elected representation and 1/3 directly elected from the public for members of Regional Health Boards and Community Health Councils.
Endorsed

RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR
SENIOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
WHEREAS it is clearly demonstrated that public transportation plays a key role in meeting the social, economic, environmental, health, regional growth strategy and transportation objectives of senior governments;
AND WHEREAS new investment in public transportation infrastructure and increased travel options are required to obtain these objectives:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:
1. The UBCM endorse the three goals for senior government support:
   • Continued provincial support for public transportation to keep pace with growth;
   • Federal tax exemption for employer provided transit benefits; and
   • Redirection of the equivalent of 3 cents a litre of fuel excise tax to public transportation nationally;
2. The UBCM establish a task force to coordinate local government efforts to achieve the three goals for senior government support for public transportation; and
3. The UBCM encourage all local government elected officials to immediately contact their existing MP’s and MLA’s, and those who would seek office in the upcoming elections, on the need for new federal support and continued provincial support for public transportation.
Endorsed

Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline
The Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline was considered by membership and one amendment was made to include consideration of LR7. Consequently 7 resolutions were recommended for debate. The following resolutions were admitted Friday morning as part of the Report on Resolutions received After the Deadline. (As noted below, LR6 was addressed on Thursday morning).

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS
LR1 DEFERMENT OF USER FEES
Not Endorsed
LR2 WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR WATER CONTAMINATED BY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
Endorsed
LR3 DEPORTATION/DESTRUCTION OF WATER BUFFALO
Endorsed
LR4 RCMP CONTRACT POLICING RESOURCE COSTS
Endorsed
LR5 MILL BAY-BRENTWOOD BAY FERRY
Endorsed
LR6 ADJACENCY AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES
Endorsed
(This resolution was admitted for debate on Thursday morning and was carried.)
LR7 SUMAS ENERGY 2 IMPACT ON BRITISH COLUMBIA
Endorsed

Other Policy Matters
THE DELEGATES ALSO ENDORSED THE FOLLOWING POLICY PAPERS
• 2000 Environment Action Plan
• Municipal Pension Plan Joint Trusteeship and Proposed Joint Management Agreement
• Land Use Coordination, Servicing and Dispute Resolution: Toward Certainty for Local Government
• UBCM Response to Bill 30: Gaming Control Act
• Report on Streamside Protection Directive
• Evaluating the Stability of BC’s Assessment Rolls

This report was received for information and referred to the UBCM Executive for follow up action.

• Report on CFCI Task Force

The following recommendations were put forward for member consideration:
1. That the UBCM membership support participation by the UBCM Communities and Resources Committee in the development of strategies deemed by the Executive to support the promotion of BC wood and wood products.
2. That the provincial government:
   • immediately commence LRMPs in those regions of the province not yet underway and complete the Central Coast LRMP by March 31, 2001 as announced by the Minister;
   • publicly state that where legitimate, provincially sanctioned land use plans are in place, those land use decisions will be respected and not reopened for discussion; and
   • restate its commitment to open door negotiations over public resources and advise that all parties interested in land use decision making need to participate at the LRMP or similar table(s).
3. That the forest industry jointly with local, provincial and federal governments work together to establish an internationally recognized and acceptable certification system.
4. That the forest industry, provincial and federal governments provide adequate funding for the establishment of domestic and international campaigns to promote BC wood/wood products; and sustainable BC forest practices; and where possible;

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That all three parties work together in conjunction with other affected groups such as UBCM, IWA, First Nations and others to coordinate and dovetail initiatives to avoid duplication and maximize the resources available.

5. That the UBCM membership reaffirm its support for the public land use process.

The following is the disposition of those recommendations:

- Recommendation #1 was endorsed with an amendment to add the words “and the UBCM Environment Committee” after the words “Communities and Resources Committee”.
- Recommendation #2 was endorsed.
- Recommendation #3 was referred to the UBCM Executive.
- Recommendation #4 was referred to the UBCM Executive.
- Recommendation #5 was endorsed.

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO UBCM EXECUTIVE**

The following resolutions were not debated during the Convention, but in accordance with UBCM policies, they will be referred to the UBCM Executive for consideration at their November 23-24 meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION**

B72 UBCM AIRPORT COMMON FRONT REGIONAL AIRPORTS

**TAXATION**

B73 PROVINCIAL SALES TAX
B74 TAXATION OF FOREIGN-BASED ACTORS/FOREIGN FILM TAX CREDIT PROGRAM
B75 BUSINESS CLASS TAX EXEMPTION
B76 REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY SOLD
B77 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE FOR REPLACEMENT HOUSING
B78 PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
B79 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR SOLID WASTE FACILITIES
B80 FUEL PRICES
B81 AVIATION FUEL TAX EXEMPTIONS
B82 7% TAX ON VESSELS AND RV’S LEFT FOR STORAGE IN BC

**ENVIRONMENT**

B83 DISPOSAL OF USED ANTI-FREEZE
B84 PRODUCT LABELING AT THE GASOLINE PUMP
B85 PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY
B86 PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS
B87 STREAMSIDE DIRECTIVES
B88 BC LAND COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN
B89 FUNDING LEVELS FOR FOREST SERVICE RECREATION
B90 CRANBERRY OPERATIONS
B91 COMMERCIAL HARVEST OF SEALS AND SEA LIONS
B92 ENDANGERED SPECIES – COMPENSATION
B93 STAND-BY PAY FOR AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS
B94 LOSS OF PAY PROVISIONS FOR AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS WHILE ON TRAINING SEMINARS
B95 FUNDING OF INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES
B96 SUPPORT FOR UNBC HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE
B97 DOBBIN REPORT
B98 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR MULTILEVEL CARE FACILITIES
B99 PROPOSED CHILD SERVICES EQUALITY ACT
B100 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICE

**ASSESSMENT**

B106 BC ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCESS

**SELECTED ISSUES**

B107 DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
B108 ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES
B109 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES
B110 LIBRARY SERVICES TO FIRST NATIONS
B111 COMMUNITY YOUTH ASSET DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
B112 CIVIC YOUTH COUNCILS
B113 DISABLED HOMEOWNER GRANT
B114 HIGHER GLASS IN ARENAS
B115 SNOWMOBILE/TOURISM INDUSTRY
B116 PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL REFORM
B117 WORKER’S COMPENSATION BOARD DISCUSSION PAPER - CLAIMS AVOIDANCE

Those members sponsoring resolutions that have been referred to the UBCM Executive (B72-B117) please review the comments and recommendations of the Resolutions Committee as you may wish to provide additional information in those instances where no recommendation has been offered.