Disposition of Resolutions Considered at the 2001 UBCM Convention

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2001 CONVENTION. THE FULL AND EXACT WORDING OF ANY AMENDMENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Union of BC Municipalities in full convention, representing all 182 local governments in British Columbia, resolves to express:

Our heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, co-workers, and loved ones of those killed or injured in the grievous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

Our support for and solidarity with the local government leaders in the United States, the Mayors, Councils and civic workers including firefighters, police, emergency personnel and their support network. We recognize their bravery, self-sacrifice and dedication to serving at the front lines of their communities in dealing with the disastrous consequences of the terrorist attack.

Section A

ROTATION OF TABLE OFFICERS BETWEEN AREA ASSOCIATIONS

Not endorsed

FINANCE

A1 SECURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE SOURCES

Endorsed

A2 PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Endorsed

LEGISLATIVE

A3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AT MEETINGS TO ADDRESS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A4 NATURAL GAS DELIVERY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM strongly urge the BC Utilities Commission to direct that natural gas and electrical delivery companies ensure that resources exist so that an emergency response can be provided to the community within 30 minutes.

TAXATION

A5 GST ON LATECOMER CHARGES

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FCM intervene on behalf of local governments, to urge Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) to rescind its application of GST on latecomer charges; and further that it also coordinate a voluntary legal defense fund to oppose the assessment of GST on latecomer charges;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM consider amending its legal assistance policy to allow assistance to be given to appeals from courts, as well as from legally binding reviews of tribunals or government agencies.

ASSESSMENT

A6 CLASS 4 (MAJOR INDUSTRY) ASSESSMENT

Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

A7 CROSS-BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS - ADDRESSING THE NEED TO ESTABLISH AIR QUALITY MODELING STANDARDS

Endorsed and referred to FCM and the Provincial government.

COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES

A8 PACIFIC HAKE - A COMMUNITY POLICY DOCUMENT

Endorsed

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A9 PROVINCIAL LAND USE DECISIONS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM call upon the Provincial government and its Crown Corporations, Boards and Commissions to ensure through the Community Charter that adequate consultation takes place and encourage development of MOUs on specific referrals with affected local governments prior to their making land use, development and environmental decisions.

A10 SOFTWOOD LUMBER AGREEMENT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM emphasize to the Federal Government the urgency of immediate and vigorous principle-based discussions with the United States of America to ensure free and unrestricted access for Canadian lumber exports to the United States;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM encourage the Federal Government to work with leaders from industry and provinces Canada wide to ensure a consistent and united approach to negotiations ensuring a fair and equitable agreement for all Canadian lumber producers.

SELECTED ISSUES

A11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION
AND NAFTA, CHAPTER 11
Endorsed and referred to FCM

B3 INITIATING LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS
(SECTIONS 630 AND 631 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT)
Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B16 TRAFFIC PATROL / ADULT CROSSING GUARDS
Endorsed

TAXATION

B17 PAYMENT OF UTILITY LEVY BY SATELLITE TV COMPANIES
Not endorsed

B18 CONSTRUCTION OF PASSIVE LEISURE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE INITIATIVE
Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B19 ELIMINATION OF GST ON FUNERAL SERVICES
Endorsed

B20 FUEL TAX REVENUES FOR TRANS-CANADA/YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
Endorsed

B21 EQUITABLE PROPERTY TAXATION
Endorsed

B22 SHARE OF FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Endorsed

B23 PROVINCIAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION - FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
Endorsed

B24 EQUALITY IN GRANT-IN-LIEU PAYMENT
Endorsed

FINANCE

B25 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DOCKS
Endorsed

B26 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS
Endorsed

ASSESSMENT

B27 BC ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
Endorsed

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ENVIRONMENT

B28 GROUNDWATER REGULATIONS
Endorsed

B29 STREAMSIDE PROTECTION - TERRAIN RESOURCE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (TRIM) MAPPING
Endorsed

LAND USE

B30 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL LAND USES
Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES

B31 EXPORT OF RAW LOGS
Endorsed

HEALTH

B32 NEED FOR PROVINCIAL HEALTH SMOKING REGULATIONS
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B33 FIRST NATIONS CLAIMS
Endorsed

B34 REGIONAL PARK FEES AND CHARGES
Endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B36 INTERPRETATION ACT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Provincial Government to amend the Interpretation Act to make Crown Corporations or their agents subject to municipal and regional district rules.

B37 AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4(2)(A) OF THE PROVINCIAL NEGLIGENCE ACT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the Municipal Insurance Association appeal to the Provincial Government to amend Section 4(2)(a) of the Negligence Act to exclude local governments from Joint and Several Liability.

B38 LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS
Endorsed

B39 FIRE SERVICES ACT - INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX
Endorsed

B40 RESCINDING OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING REGULATION ACT
Endorsed

B41 CIVIC YOUTH COUNCILS
Not Endorsed

B42 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT
Not Endorsed

B43 COUNTER PETITION PROVISIONS
Not Endorsed

FINANCE

B47 STREET PROSTITUTION - SEIZED VEHICLES
Endorsed

B48 STREET PROSTITUTION / PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government enact the Secure Care Act to protect children from exploitation in the sex trade.

B49 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Endorsed

B50 VANDALISM TO PUBLIC PROPERTY
Not Endorsed

B51 RECOVERY OF HIT AND RUN COLLISION DAMAGE COSTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES
Endorsed

SECTION B - PART II

LEGISLATIVE

B35 PUBLIC EXCLUSION FROM MEETINGS
Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

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B41 CIVIC YOUTH COUNCILS
Not Endorsed

B42 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMITS WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT
Not Endorsed

B43 COUNTER PETITION PROVISIONS
Not Endorsed

B44 RCMP CONTRACT POLICING COSTS
Endorsed

B45 POLICING COST SHARING POLICY
Not Endorsed

B46 FUNDING FOR FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES
Endorsed

B47 STREET PROSTITUTION - SEIZED VEHICLES
Endorsed

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B49 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Endorsed

B50 VANDALISM TO PUBLIC PROPERTY
Not Endorsed

B51 RECOVERY OF HIT AND RUN COLLISION DAMAGE COSTS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES
Endorsed

B52 EMERGENCY PLANNING IN SCHOOLS
Endorsed

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B60 LOW/NO INTEREST DEBT FINANCING FROM THE BANK OF CANADA
Not Endorsed

ELECTIONS

B61 EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD - GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION
Endorsed
B62 DISQUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Withdrawn
B63 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION DATE
Not Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B64 FERRIES ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE HIGHWAY NETWORK
Endorsed
B65 CHAUFFEUR’S PERMITS
Endorsed
B66 TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND GAS PRICES
Not Endorsed
B67 HIGHWAY INFORMATION SIGNS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support the recommendations of the Ministry of Transportation Stakeholders Advisory Committee and request that the Provincial Government proceed with implementation in consultation with local governments to ensure that the program meets the needs of individual communities.

B68 APPROVAL OF ZONING BYLAWS BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
Not Endorsed

HEALTH

B72 RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
Endorsed

B73 USE OF REVENUE DERIVED FROM TOBACCO USAGE
Endorsed

B74 BC HEALTH AUTHORITIES REVIEW
Endorsed

B75 COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS
Not Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B76 VACANT AND CONTAMINATED SITES
Endorsed and referred to FCM

B77 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FUNDING
Endorsed

B78 MUNICIPAL SEWER REGULATION
Endorsed

B79 ON-SITE SEWAGE AUTHORITY
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health, in the development of sewage regulations assume the responsibility for ensuring an adequate enforcement mechanism is established for proper and regular maintenance of on-site sewage systems for individual properties.

B80 DELAY OF PROVINCIAL DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PLAN
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government embark on a consultation program on the development of regulations and policies related to the Provincial Drinking Water Protection Plan.

B81 STREAMSIDE PROTECTION - REMOVAL OF VEGETATION
Endorsed and referred to the Community Charter consultations

B82 STREAMSIDE REGULATIONS
Endorsed

B83 PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
Endorsed as amended:
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government provide funding and additional assistance to local government to implement the legislated standards and facilitate training.

B84 AERIAL SPRAYING OF BTK FOR GYPSY MOTH
Not Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B85 BC BUILDS A WOOD CULTURE
Endorsed (unanimously)

B86 IMPLEMENTATION OF AGGREGATE ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Energy and Mines enact new legislation to implement the recommendations in the “Report of the Aggregate Advisory Panel, March, 2001” in consultation with UBCM.

B87 EXPANSION OF SPAWN-ON KELP LICENCES
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be called on to abide by its own policy regarding the number of licences.

B88 INEQUITY IN HRDC PROGRAMS BETWEEN WEST COAST AND EAST COAST
Endorsed

B89 LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OVER RESOURCE ACTIVITIES
Not Endorsed
LAND USE

B90 AMENDING LAND USE CONTRACTS
Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B91 AMENDING LAND USE CONTRACTS
Not Endorsed

B92 COORDINATED PROVINCIAL APPROVAL SYSTEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
Referred to the Community Charter consultations and the UBCM Executive for further study.

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

B93 REGIONAL DISTRICT AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS SURFACE AND GROUND WATER ISSUES
Endorsed

ASSESSMENT

B94 BUSINESS CLASS TAX EXEMPTION
Not Endorsed

B95 BC ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY - RECLASSIFICATION OF MARINA LAND
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B96 LEGAL SERVICE SOCIETY FUNDING
Not Endorsed

B97 NORTHERN PORTS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development endorse.

B98 PROVISION OF EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
Endorsed and referred to FCM

B99 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
Referred to other agencies (i.e. BCMA, BCSTA etc.) for consideration.

B100 PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER INSURANCE
Endorsed

B101 GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTING MORATORIUM
Withdrawn

B102 TRADE CORRIDOR INITIATIVE
Referred to UBCM Executive for further study.

B103 ELECTORAL REFORM
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support the Provincial Government’s proposed initiative to establish a citizen’s commission to review the provincial electoral system.

B104 PROVINCIAL CAMPGROUND FEES FOR R.V.S
Endorsed

B105 FUNDING FOR AMATEUR SPORT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments be urged to increase funding for all amateur sport activities in Canada.

B106 PROVINCIAL LOTTERY FOR AMATEUR SPORT PROGRAMS AND AMATEUR ATHLETES
Not Endorsed

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

SR1 CONSIDERATION OF COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
Consideration of each of the agreements resulted in the following:

- Federal Department of Environment
  Endorsed

- Federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
  Endorsed

- BC Environmental Network
  Referred to the Area Associations for consideration

- First Nations Summit
  Endorsed

- Health Association of BC
  Endorsed

- BC School Trustees Association
  Endorsed

- BC Association of Police Boards
  Endorsed

- Protocol on Principles for Sharing Environmental Responsibilities
  Endorsed

SR2 SOFTWOOD LUMBER COUNTERVAILING DUTY
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:
1. UBCM reiterate its support for free trade in lumber.
2. UBCM urge the governments of BC and Canada to continue their discussions with U.S. counterparts impressing upon them that they must honour free trade in lumber.
3. If an agreement is not reached, that the UBCM Executive consider this dispute to be of highest priority and be empowered to take further action in concert with the membership and government.

SR3 AIR QUALITY
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Federal and Provincial Government to work in partnership with local communities to:

- Expand monitoring programs for local air quality to all regions of the province where there are possible airshed problems, so as to better
understand the nature of the emissions and to develop an inventory of what the source of the emissions are in the area;

• Develop airshed models to understand the sources of the air quality problems in the area and to estimate the impact of changes in the level and type of emissions;

• Develop airshed management plans to reduce emissions and to protect public health;

• Educate the public on the air quality problems in the community;

• Implement local bylaws to manage specific air quality issues.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Federal Government, as part of its international commitment to reduce greenhouse gases, to provide the necessary funding and technical assistance needed for local government to monitor and develop airshed management plans to effectively manage local air quality problems.

RESOLUTION REFERRED TO
RD DAY

C1 APPOINTMENT OF A.P.C. MEMBER AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to amend Section 898(5) of the Local Government Act to clearly authorize the appointment of a member of an advisory Planning Commission as an Alternate Director to a Regional District Board for an Electoral Area, stipulating that when acting as a board member, they cannot vote on a matter that they provided advice on in their capacity as an APC member.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO
POLICY SESSIONS

REPORT ON ENERGY FORUM

The following recommendations with amendments were endorsed:

1. Not support the removal of GST/PST on the utility bills but that the Provincial and Federal governments consider using these tax revenues to promote energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

2. Request that the utilities, Federal and Provincial governments provide funding, advice and tax incentives to all energy users who wish to undertake energy efficiency programs.

3. Request that the Provincial Government not consider deregulation of electricity.
   - Recommendation #3 was amended: “Advise the Provincial Government that the UBCM does not support the deregulation of electricity.”

4. Encourage the pursuit of alternative energy sources such as woodwaste, tidal, solar, district energy and geothermal as well as any other economically and environmentally feasible alternatives.

5. Request that consideration be given to rate restructuring / stabilization or some method of rewards and incentives instead of rebates to address the peaks which presently occur.

6. Encourage the federal and provincial governments to work in concert with local governments to develop an energy strategy that would include:
   • an outline of the energy sources available
   • alternative energy options to be pursued
   • a conservation strategy
   • a statement relating to domestic energy supply and relations with other international governments
   • long term energy planning (ensure reliability of the systems) as well as other issues including statements around air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

A motion to include an additional recommendation, #7, was referred to the UBCM Executive for discussion:
Recommendation #7 “The UBCM urge the Provincial Government to repatriate the downstream benefits from the Columbia River Treaty to the province for economic development in British Columbia.”

RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR

BRINGING THE PERPETRATORS OF THE BOMBING OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE TO JUSTICE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Prime Minister and the Government of Canada to help the United States bring the perpetrators of this horrific crime against humanity to justice in ways that will protect the innocent and reinforce the rule of international law and justice.
Endorsed

Resolutions Received After the Deadline

The Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline was considered on Friday morning. A motion, duly moved and seconded by members on Thursday morning admitted LR16 for debate.

A. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

LR1 I.C.B.C. ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Endorsed

LR2 STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Endorsed

LR3 DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES
Endorsed

LR4 GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR5 WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS
Referred to UBCM Executive

LR16 BILL C10 – AN ACT RESPECTING THE MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS OF CANADA
Endorsed