



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

UBCM Executive

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

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

SECTION B – PART I

(B2, B16, B17 and B32 were pulled from the block for individual debate)

LEGISLATIVE

B1 DIRECTOR BENEFITS

Endorsed

B2 REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY SOLD

Not endorsed

B3 INITIATING LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS (SECTIONS 630 AND 631 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT)

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B4 FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

Endorsed

B5 FINES - CONTRAVENTION OF BYLAW

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B6 HIGHWAY RESCUE FUNDING

Endorsed

B7 RECOVERY OF POLICING COSTS FOR PRISONERS

Endorsed

B8 HIGHWAY RESCUE SERVICES

Endorsed

B9 POLICING COSTS

Endorsed

B10 MATCHING FUNDS TO SUSTAIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Endorsed

B11 BYLAW COURTS

Endorsed

B12 VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAM - INCREASE IN FUNDING

Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B13 RURAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Endorsed

B14 WINTER MAINTENANCE OF BC'S HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Endorsed

B15 ROAD CLOSURE/ABANDONMENT PROCESS

Endorsed

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

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
USESEndorsed 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

SECTION B - PART II

LEGISLATIVE

B35 PUBLIC EXCLUSION FROM MEETINGS

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter
consultations

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

**JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

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

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

B52 EMERGENCY PLANNING IN SCHOOLS

Endorsed

FINANCE

B53 MUNICIPAL SUPERANNUATION FUND

Endorsed

B54 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE
ALARMS IN PRE-1983 RESIDENCES

Not Endorsed

B55 INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPAL
INCORPORATION

Endorsed

B56 GAMING - PROFIT SHARING

Not Endorsed

B57 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
CHARITABLE GAMING AND ACCESS TO
GAMING REVENUE

Endorsed

B58 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Not Endorsed

B59 REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Not Endorsed

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

TAXATION

B69 COMMUNITY AIRPORT TAX EXEMPTION

Endorsed and referred to Community Charter consultations

B70 ELIMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR SCHOOL TAXATION FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE BC LAND RESERVE

Referred to UBCM Executive for further study and consideration at 2002 convention.

B71 PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

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 and Provincial Governments recognize the importance of the Ports of Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Stewart, and encourage utilization of these ports to their full potential by promoting them, and by removing any impediments for shipping products to the Ports, and reviewing the CNR/BCR rail agreement to ensure that the railroads are working together to the advantage of the Ports.

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

- Lands Advisory Board, BC Chiefs

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 air shed 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