Disposition of Resolutions Considered at the 2002 UBCM Convention

The following is a summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2002 Convention. The full and exact wording of any amendments will appear in the convention minutes.

**TAXATION**

A1 Provincial Homeowner Grant Administration
Endorsed

**LAND USE**

A6 Telecommunications Towers
Endorsed

C11 Transmission Towers and Transmitters
Endorsed as amended

**HEALTH**

A2 Re-affirming Health Capital Funding Formula
Endorsed as amended

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities reaffirm its members’ commitment to the existing cost sharing formula with the provincial government for health care capital project funding of at least 40%/60% where applicable;

And it be it further resolved the Union of BC Municipalities requests a reaffirmation of commitment to that principle from the provincial government.

**SELECTED ISSUES**

A3 Purchasing Provisions of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)
Endorsed

**TRANSPORTATION**

A4 Air Travel Security Charge
Endorsed

A5 Enabling Streetcars on City Streets
Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved that in formulating such mechanisms, Industry Canada consult with local government land use authorities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

SR1 Special Resolution on Consultation and Downloading
Endorsed as amended

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be called upon to:

1) work to develop a better shared understanding by all Ministries and local government of what constitutes downloading;

2) ensure Ministries and agencies adhere to a principled definition of downloading;

3) prepare and implement plans for meaningful consultation with local governments and communities on changes to levels of provincial services or funding that will impact those communities;

4) ensure there is a full cost impact analysis, including social and environmental impacts, of changes in levels of service or funding prior to any changes being made; and

5) where changes are made, develop implementation plans that are sensitive to local issues such as the timing of service reduction impacts on communities and their ability to respond if necessary.

SR2 Special Resolution on Transportation
Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved:

1) That the UBCM express its support for the principle of local government involvement in advising on provincial transportation priorities in regions;

2) That the UBCM signal that regional transportation advisory committees must have significant and meaningful local government participation;

3) That in response to the Ministry of Transportation’s discussion paper on opportunities for expanding transportation infrastructure, the UBCM assert that:

   • it is opposed to provincial highway tolls where there are no alternative non-toll routes;

   • it supports the principles for tolling as outlined in the discussion paper, and emphasizes support for the principles that small and/or safety-oriented improvements not incur a toll, that the public has the same access to tolled as it presently does to non-tolled highways save for necessary closures.
due to safety and maintenance, and that cost-
recovery is used as the basis for tolling,
• it strongly supports that public consultation occurs
  in all cases where tolls are considered; and
• when a highway project's fixed-term
  concession period expires, the government
  should ensure that toll collection ceases; and
• the provincial government not sell
  transportation infrastructure, and
(4) That other matters in resolutions (C35-39) be
referred to the Executive.

SECTION B – PART I

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B1 SIDE ARMS FOR AUXILIARY POLICE
Endorsed
B2 RAISING THE AGE OF CONSENT
Endorsed
B3 AGAINST CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
Endorsed
B4 COLLECTION OF MTI FINES - TYPE A
  TICKETS
Endorsed
B5 COLLECTION OF MTI FINES - TYPE B
  TICKETS
Endorsed
B6 FIRE SUPPRESSION RESPONSIBILITY
Endorsed
B7 TRAFFIC PATROL/ADULT CROSSING
  GUARDS
Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B8 BC FERRY SERVICE CHANGES
Endorsed
B9 LICENSING OF OFF-ROAD/ALL-
  TERRAIN VEHICLES
Endorsed

TAXATION

B10 PHASE OUT POLLUTION ABATEMENT
  EXEMPTIONS
Endorsed
B11 BC RAIL – PAYMENT OF FULL
  PROPERTY TAXES
Endorsed

FINANCE

B12 GAS FRANCHISE FEES
Endorsed
B13 PER CAPITA FUNDING FOR PUBLIC
  LIBRARIES
Endorsed
B14 FIRE SERVICES ACT – INSURANCE
  PREMIUM TAX
Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B15 WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES
Endorsed
B16 COMMUNITY FLOOD PROTECTION
  IN BC
Endorsed

LAND USE

B17 LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC
  LANDS
Endorsed
B18 GRAVEL REMOVAL
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B19 BC BUILDS WOOD INDUSTRY
  COMPETITIVENESS
Endorsed
B20 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR RURAL
  BRITISH COLUMBIA
Endorsed

HEALTH

B21 NEED FOR PROVINCIAL HEALTH
  SMOKING REGULATIONS
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B22 VIDEO GAMES RATING SYSTEM
Endorsed
B23 ACCESS TO INFORMATION
  TECHNOLOGIES
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART II

LEGISLATIVE

B24 SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE
Endorsed
B25 LIQUOR LICENSING
Not Endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE
  SERVICES

B26 CURFEW TO BE REINSTATED
Not Endorsed
B27 RURAL RCMP DETACHMENTS –
  RESIDENCY
Endorsed
B28 TRAINING OF RESCUE/FIRE
  PERSONNEL
Endorsed as amended
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union
of BC Municipalities petition the provincial
government to include local governments with
municipal fire/rescue departments in any
discussion about pre-hospital care to ensure
local government has access to any level of
training that it feels would meet local needs;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the
Union of BC Municipalities support a position that
any discussion about the provision of pre-hospital
emergency care be based on the principle of providing consistent and adequate levels of service province-wide and establish a compatible and recognized level of first aid for B.C. ambulance, fire department, and industry sectors.

B29 MARIJUANA GROW OPERATIONS
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia to pursue legislative changes to seek harsher penalties for persons involved in the growing and distribution of illicit drugs, and further that a specific policing initiative be undertaken to actively eliminate the production of illicit drugs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities pursue changes to the Residential Tenancy Act to permit an owner to evict a tenant engaged in the production of illicit drugs.

B30 CONTROLLING SALE OF GRAFFITI IMPLEMENTS
Withdrawn

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**ELECTIONS**

B31 FULL DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
Not Endorsed

B32 RESIDENCY OF CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICE
Not Endorsed

B33 TAX RECEIPTS FOR LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN DONATIONS
Not Endorsed

B34 NON-RESIDENT VOTER STATUS FOR CORPORATIONS
Not Endorsed

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**TRANSPORTATION**

B35 SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS FACILITIES
Endorsed

B36 IMPACT OF BEETLE KILL ON TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Endorsed

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**COAL DUST EMISSIONS**
Endorsed

**DEFERRAL OF INDUSTRIAL TAXES**
Not Endorsed

**BC RAIL - EXCESSIVE FEES BEING CHARGED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to have rail crossing maintenance costs and lease payments suspended or at the very least rolled back to the 1997 level immediately until such time as BC Rail pays full property taxes as promised by this provincial government.

**FOREST FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE**
Referred to UBCM Executive

**STRATA VS. FEE SIMPLE RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES**
Not Endorsed

**REMOVE TAX BENEFIT FROM USE OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLES**
Endorsed and referred to FCM

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**FINANCE**

B43 BC GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS
Endorsed

B44 TREATY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNDING
Endorsed

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**ASSESSMENT**

B45 MANAGING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ASSESSMENT
Endorsed

B46 BASIS OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Not Endorsed

B47 FARM CLASS REVIEWS
Endorsed

B48 CLASSIFICATION AND EXEMPTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE LAND RESERVE
Endorsed

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**ENVIRONMENT**

B49 BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS: TOILETS
Endorsed

B50 MUNICIPAL SEWAGE REGULATION
Endorsed

B51 WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT - APPEALS
Endorsed

B52 DRINKING WATER PROTECTION - SURCHARGES
Endorsed

B53 MANAGING CANADA GEESE POPULATIONS
Endorsed

B54 PROTECTION OF WATER SYSTEMS
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government adopt legislation similar to section 23 and sections 40 to 45 of the proposed “Drinking Water Protection Act 2001” which prohibits any tampering with water systems and proposing penalties of considerable strength, recognizing that encroachment of tampering with water systems places quality and control of these systems in perilous jeopardy and negatively affects the ability of water utilities to deliver a safe water supply, and establishing that such tampering or encroachment is a criminal offense punishable by significant fines or a jail term and providing authority for local government to stop such tampering or encroachment, under any circumstance and with immediate effect.

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**LAND USE**

B55 FRASER RIVER DEBRIS TRAP
Endorsed
such lands are required to provide necessary community services.

B57  TEMPORARY PERMIT TERM
Endorsed

B58  SUBDIVISION TO PROVIDE A RESIDENCE FOR A RELATIVE
Endorsed

B59  SOIL REMOVAL AND DEPOSIT
Endorsed

HEALTH

B60  MEAT INSPECTION
Referred to UBCM Executive

B61  HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARDS - REPRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to support a requirement for regional hospital district representation on health authority boards.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in keeping with the mandate of accountability to the public and local communities that regional health boards work with local governments and regional hospital districts to develop effective consultation processes on health issues of importance to citizens in communities.

SELECTED ISSUES

B62  AUDIO BOOK SERVICE
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government reinstate full funding for audio book services and not download this service to municipal and regional libraries to fund from local property taxation.

B63  CANADA POST UNADDRESSED ADMAIL POLICY
Endorsed

B64  FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly urge the provincial government to maintain its commitment to the development of new social housing through the funding of appropriate housing programs that encompass the range of need in communities, including components of family housing and homeless at risk.

B65  INSURANCE INDUSTRY LIABILITY CHANGES
Endorsed

B66  INFORMATION SHARING IN THE TREATY PROCESS
Endorsed

B67  SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY TRAILS
Endorsed

B68  EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR GAMING LICENCES
Not Endorsed

B69  FUNDING FOR BUS PASSES FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS
Endorsed

B70  UBCM - TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REMOTE COMMUNITIES
Not Endorsed

B71  UBCM FORUM FOR MEDIUM-SIZED MUNICIPALITIES
Referred to UBCM Executive

SECTION B - PART III

LEGISLATIVE

B72  MINIMUM HEATING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to reinstate the funding for Legal Aid services in BC, and ensure that the designated revenue collected from the provincial lawyers and notaries be used solely for legal aid purposes.

B74  DRUG TREATMENT CENTRES
Endorsed

B75  LAWS PERTAINING TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
Referred to UBCM Executive

TRANSPORTATION

B76  TRANSPORT CANADA SECURITY FEE
Endorsed

B77  BC FERRIES SERVICE
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferries be instructed to actively pursue other options, starting with an up-to-date Strategic Plan.

B78  INLAND FERRIES
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government prepare a socio-economic impact analysis on the effects to tourism, industrial transportation and residential traffic expected as a result of reductions of inland ferry services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of the socio-economic impact analysis, such is forwarded to Area Associations for their consideration.

B79  CANADIAN COAST GUARD - RIVER NAVIGATION
Endorsed and referred to FCM

TAXATION

B80  TWO-YEAR GST-FREE PERIOD
Endorsed

FINANCE

B81  TOLL CHARGES AND USER FEES: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS
Not Endorsed

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B82 ISSUES WITH BILL C-5: AN ACT RESPECTING THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE SPECIES IN CANADA
Referred to UBCM Executive
Endorsed

B83 PROVINCIAL WEED CONTROL COMMITTEE
Endorsed

LAND USE

B84 PROVINCIAL MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RECREATION
Endorsed

B85 ACQUIRING AND PROTECTING TRAILS
Endorsed

B86 PARKS OPERATIONS
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B87 SOFTWOOD LUMBER DISPUTE
Not Endorsed

HEALTH

B88 HEALTH CARE SERVICES WITHIN BC
Endorsed

B89 PRINCIPLES OF MEDICARE
Endorsed

B90 REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF HEALTH MINISTERS
Not Endorsed

B91 IMPLICATIONS OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT ON PUBLIC HEALTH CARE
Endorsed as amended and referred to FCM
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial and federal governments to examine the implications of free trade agreements on our public health care policies and operations.

B892 ACCESSIBLE LOCAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the provincial government to make every effort to preserve health care services in British Columbia in accordance with its commitments to provide accessible, timely and necessary health care throughout British Columbia.

SELECTED ISSUES

B93 REINSTATEMENT OF TROPHY HUNTING BAN ON GRIZZLY BEARS
Referred to UBCM Executive

B94 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Endorsed

B95 RENTAL INSURANCE AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION INSURANCE
Not Endorsed

B96 OMBUDSMAN BUDGET
Endorsed

B97 NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR SPECTATOR PROTECTION AT HOCKEY GAMES
Endorsed

B100 PROVINCIAL LOTTERY TICKET FOR AMATEUR SPORTS PROGRAMS AND AMATEUR ATHLETES
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities demand that the provincial government conduct meaningful consultation with the Union of BC Municipalities and member municipalities before changes to liquor licensing legislation regulations are introduced.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government direct that:
• the decision to allow the expansion of patron capacity in existing premises before the new regulation takes effect on December 2, 2002 be rescinded;
• it be replaced with a policy that fully respects the spirit of the direction approved at Open Cabinet (March 15th 2002) under which all patron capacity increases would include local government approval; and
• it restore the limit on the number of restaurant drinking only seats established by Cabinet in December 2001 and the local government approval of these drinking only seats in restaurants.

LR2 SMALL COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENT FOR EDUCATION
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education ensures that the Small Community Supplement is used to keep rural schools open.

LR3 CANADIAN COAST GUARD SERVICE
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the federal government to provide, as soon as possible, a modern, suitably equipped and staffed Coast Guard service, including hovercraft, capable of meeting the service needs of the Fraser Delta and similarly all service areas across the province.

LR4 TELUS OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY PROGRAM
Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge Telus to reconsider its “Operational Efficiency Program” in order to reduce the number of job losses and to more fairly distribute the impact of workforce reductions.

LR6 SOFTWOOD LUMBER DISPUTE
Endorsed

[Note: Resolutions Received after the Deadline appear in Policy Book 2]

LR1 LIQUOR LICENSING CHANGES: LOCAL CONSULTATION
Endorsed as amended

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

- Solicit the cooperation of other provinces in presenting a united front to the Prime Minister urging that the Federal Government, having jurisdiction over international trade, continue to press the United States for an early resolution to this dispute;
- Endorse and propose to the Federal Government the urgent requirement for relief to displaced forestry workers in the form of pension bridging for older workers, retraining programs and enhanced Employment Insurance benefits for others affected by this dispute;
- Endorse and propose to the Federal Government the urgent requirement for relief to affected communities such that they might undertake Community Economic Development or Diversification Initiatives, and work with communities to promote a positive and regulatory-friendly environment conducive to the attraction of new business;
- Endorse and propose to the Provincial Government that any new forest policies that are both conducive to facilitating an end to the U.S. lumber trade dispute and are good for the Province of British Columbia, be implemented as soon as possible.

LR7 VALUE OF BC RAIL TO BC COMMUNITIES

Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities, on behalf of its members, undertakes a comprehensive study to determine the value, including future opportunities, of BC Rail to our communities and the province of British Columbia.

2002 UBCM CONVENTION POLICY PAPER DISPOSITION

[Policy Papers #1 - #5 are available for review on Civicnet, www.civicnet.gov.bc.ca.]

POLICY PAPER #1: RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CHARTER
All recommendations endorsed (see page 6 in policy book #1)

POLICY PAPER #2: RESPONSE TO DISCUSSION PAPER ON CIVIL LIABILITY
All recommendations endorsed (see pages 10-12 in policy book #1)

POLICY PAPER #3: FOREST POLICY
All recommendations endorsed (see page 13-16 in policy book #1). The paper was amended with the addition of the recommendation of LRS:

LR5 Forest Policy: Small Scale Salvage Program
That the provincial government retain control of the small scale salvage program so that all Crown Forests can have small scale salvage permits issued for the well being of BC forest's health and economy.

POLICY PAPER #4: ENERGY POLICY DIGEST
The UBCM supports the maintenance of a regulated price structure utilizing cost-based, postage-stamp rates that ensure economical electricity to all parts of the province.

POLICY PAPER #6: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PROVINCE OF B.C. ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATION OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS

The Convention approved the following motion:

1. That the UBCM Executive be authorized to sign the MOU, which will be subject to an initial trial-use period;

2. That implementation of the MOU be monitored over the next 10 to 12 months and begin, if possible, with a workshop for provincial treaty negotiators on its contents; and that

3. the MOU be brought to the 2003 UBCM Convention with possible amendments to be considered for ratification by the membership.

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