EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION

ER1 COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO FOREST FIRES OF 2003
Endorsed

WHEREAS many of BC’s communities have been devastated by the forest fires of this past summer;
AND WHEREAS communities across BC and Canada have pulled together to provide much needed emergency fire fighting and support services to assist affected regions:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that delegates at this 100th UBCM Convention express our gratitude and thanks for the courageous, heroic and selfless actions undertaken by countless volunteers who have worked tirelessly to protect and serve our communities during this time of crisis.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1 LIABILITY
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of BC Municipalities reaffirm the recommendations on civil liability endorsed at the 2002 Convention.

SR2 TOURISM AND AIR TRANSPORTATION
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call upon the federal and provincial governments to work together with communities to address the impediments to air travel and pursue policy changes that will improve and enhance airport operations and air travel opportunities in all regions of the province.

SECTION A

FINANCE

A1 SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge our Members of Parliament and MLAs to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ call for a long-term, financially sustainable infrastructure program;
AND IT BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be conveyed to FCM and the federal and provincial governments.

A4 KEEP OF PRISONERS
Endorsed
A5 SERVING OF CRIMINAL DOCUMENTS
Endorsed

LAND USE

A6 WITHDRAWAL OF BILL 48
Endorsed
A7 RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND REST AREA COMMERCIALIZATION
Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

A8 TRANSIT FUEL COST INCREASE
Endorsed
A9 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to reconsider its decision to eliminate highway rights-of-way landscaping and to consult with communities to find ways of maintaining this landscaping and eliminating the fire risk.

HEALTH

A10 COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS
Endorsed as amended:
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.

ENVIRONMENT

A11 ELECTRONIC WASTE: INDUSTRY PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

A12 BEETLE INFESTATION AND FOREST HEALTH
Endorsed as amended:
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.

LEGISLATIVE

A13 MANDATORY HELMETS FOR SMALL-WHEEL VEHICLES
Endorsed as amended:
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.

A14 BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART I

[Resolutions B4, B13, B18, B31 were pulled from the Section B – Part I block for individual debate; the block resolutions were considered before the individual resolutions.]

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B1 FEDERAL GUN REGISTRY
Endorsed

B2 FUNDING OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS
Endorsed

B3 PROCEEDS FROM FORFEITED PROPERTY
Endorsed

B4 FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUES
Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B6 BACK ROADS OF BC PROMOTION
Endorsed

B7 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Endorsed

B8 OPERATIONAL STANDARDS OF DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS
Endorsed

B9 DEVOLUTION OF PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS TO MUNICIPALITIES
Endorsed

B10 STAFFED LIGHTHOUSES
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that those light stations that have had staff reduced or eliminated be completely and immediately re-staffed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada Coast Guard immediately discontinue the removal of foghorns and other navigational aids on the coast of BC.

B11 TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY, CACHE CREEK TO ALBERTA BORDER
Endorsed

B12 COAST GUARD RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAVIGATION AIDS
Endorsed

TAXATION

B14 TAX ON LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT
Endorsed

B15 FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUES
Endorsed
FINANCE

B16 ADMINISTRATION OF COLLECTION SERVICES
Endorsed

B17 BC RAIL CROSSING MAINTENANCE AND LEASE FEES
Endorsed

B19 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT
Endorsed

ASSESSMENT

B20 FARM CLASSIFICATION
Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B21 GRAVEL EXTRACTION
Endorsed

B22 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION
Endorsed

B23 OIL TANKERS
Endorsed

LAND USE

B24 LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B25 TENURE REFORM AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
Endorsed

B26 IMPROVE ACCESS TO SALVAGEABLE TIMBER
Endorsed

B27 WHOLE LOG EXPORT
Endorsed

B28 FOREST RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS
Endorsed

B29 WOOD INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS
Endorsed

B30 COMPENSATION FOR REMOVAL OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Endorsed

B32 PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION OFFICERS
Endorsed

HEALTH

B33 SUPPORT FOR PROVINCE-WIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES
Endorsed

B34 RAISING THE LEVEL OF TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B35 BROADBAND AND CELLULAR PHONE
Endorsed

B36 SCHOOLS IN SMALL RURAL MUNICIPALITIES
Endorsed

B37 CONDOS DECLARED A DISASTER
Endorsed

B38 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON AVALANCHE RISK
Endorsed

B39 DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM
Endorsed

B40 IMPACTS OF PROVINCIAL CUTS ON MUNICIPALITIES
Endorsed

The following resolutions were removed from the Section B – Part I block for individual debate:

B4 RURAL POLICING COSTS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General be asked to develop a funding formula for provision of police services that resolves the current inequities, ensures that all communities in British Columbia share in the cost, and appropriately recognizes rural property tax contributions.

B13 SCHOOL ZONE HOURS
Not endorsed

B18 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR DUPLEXES
Endorsed

B31 BULK WATER EXPORT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial legislation be enacted that recognizes the precious value of British Columbia’s water resource and prohibits British Columbia’s bulk water from being sold internationally.

SECTION B - PART II

LEGISLATIVE

B41 TREE PROTECTION BYLAWS FOR REGIONAL DISTRICTS
Endorsed

B42 SECONDARY SUITES
Not endorsed

B43 TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY CHARTER – BILL 67
Endorsed

B44 UBCM ACTION REQUEST – PROVINCIAL POLICY CHANGES
Endorsed

B45 CHANGE OF NAME FOR UBCM
Referred to UBCM Executive
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through the local tax, which could include the funding of new tourism and economic development initiatives.

FINANCE

B73  CROWN LAND AVAILABILITY AND COST
Endorsed

B74  REVENUE TOOLS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GAMING)
Not endorsed

B75  SOURCES OF REVENUE GENERATION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government continue to take the lead role in Flood Hazard Management to ensure legislation, regulation, and standards are in place to deal with emergencies relating to flooding and flood management in British Columbia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request continued flood protection funding support from the province through the Flood Protection Assistance Funding (FPAF) program, in the annual amount of $4.0 million.

B76  REMUNERATION FOR COMMUNITY BOARDS
Endorsed

B77  PROPOSED LIQUOR TAX
Not endorsed

B78  FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL FOR CROWN LAND
Not endorsed

ASSESSMENT

B79  STRATA VS. FEE SIMPLE RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES
Not endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B80  CPR WEED CONTROL
Endorsed

B81  INVASIVE PLANT STRATEGY
Endorsed

B82  FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities insist that provincial government continue to take the lead role in Flood Hazard Management to ensure legislation, regulation, and standards are in place to deal with emergencies relating to flooding and flood management in British Columbia.

B83  EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES
Endorsed

B84  WEED CONTROL: RAILWAY RIGHTS OF WAY
Endorsed as amended and referred to FCM:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Canadian National Railway implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to control noxious weed growth along its rights-of-way and further, that the support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be solicited.

B85  WEED CONTROL: TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY
Endorsed as amended and referred to FCM:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Trans-Canada Highway operators implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to control noxious weed growth along the highway corridor and further, that the support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be solicited.

B86  CONTAMINATED SOIL
Referred to UBCM Review of Environmental Legislation

B87  DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: ALKALINE BATTERIES
Endorsed

LAND USE

B88  LOCAL CONSULTATION ON AQUACULTURE
Endorsed

B89  DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS: ENFORCEMENT
Endorsed

B90  SUBDIVISION PLAN – UTILITY RIGHTS OF WAY
Endorsed

B91  DUE DILIGENCE FOR LAND AND WATER LICENSEES
Referred as amended to UBCM Executive:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LWBC ensure that all applicants have undertaken a due diligence process that would include proper consultation with federal, provincial and First Nation Groups and local governments prior to issuing or renewing a water or land licence.

B92  SCHOOL SITE DESIGNATION AND CAPITAL FUNDING
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B93  FOREST POLICY REFORM IN COMMUNITIES’ INTEREST
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities endorse forest policy reform that puts communities and forests first, and is based on principles set out in resolution 2000-LR6, Adjacency Principle, which requested that the provincial government “introduce, pass and proclaim legislation that will entrench the principle of adjacency and afford resource-based communities a direct role in the control and use of the resources which surround them and upon which their livelihood depends.”

B94  FOREST SERVICE RECREATION SITES
Endorsed
B95 MEASURABLE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF INDEPENDENT POWER PROJECTS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to:
1. Develop, in consultation with local government, industry, the public and regulatory stakeholders, clear and measurable criteria by which to evaluate independent power production projects against community social, land use and environmental values and an agreed upon "green energy" standard for both the generation and power line components of the projects;
2. Establish standards for transmission line development that:
   • Require optimization of existing power lines infrastructure and shared use of lines as a condition of right-of-way agreements and provide regulatory authority (through the BCUC or LWBC) to require shared use as a condition of licensing,
   • Recognize and protect scenic value zones in areas of high tourism activity,
   • Require that, where there are no alternatives (e.g., use of existing structures or placing lines underground), new power lines in areas of high scenic value and high tourism activity be engineered and aligned so as to minimize their visual impact;
3. Establish an independent monitoring function to ensure accountability and enforcement of conditions and standards applied to independent power production projects.

B96 BC UTILITY COMMISSION: OVERSIGHT OF INDEPENDENT POWER PROJECTS

Endorsed

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

B97 WEIGHTED VOTES
Referred to future Community Charter discussions

B98 REGIONAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION COSTS
Not endorsed

HEALTH

B99 HEALTH CARE FUNDING
Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the benefits to be derived by British Columbia from the "Health Care Renewal Accord 2003" be largely targeted to the rural communities of British Columbia;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those benefits be specifically targeted to the communities that face imposing travel distances in order to access specialized medical care.

B100 WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATIONS AND HEALTH CUTS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES
Referred to UBCM Executive

B101 LOCAL CONSULTATION ON HEALTH CARE
Endorsed

B102 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HEALTH CARE
Not endorsed

B103 HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS
Not endorsed

B104 HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP
Endorsed

B105 HEALTH CARE FUNDING AND SERVICES
Referred to UBCM Executive

SELECTED ISSUES

B106 JOINT PANEL RE: LIABILITY AND DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION
Not endorsed

B107 HANDS-FREE CELLULAR EQUIPMENT
Endorsed

B108 SEMINARS FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS
Endorsed

B109 CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS AND USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY
Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education be requested to review legislation, policies and funding formulas that pertain to the closure of schools and the future profit and non-profit use of school property and the demolition of fully depreciated school facilities;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education be requested to require School Districts to develop a post-closure plan for schools being closed, with community input and approval of the Ministry.

B110 RELOCATION OF CANADA GEESE
Endorsed

B111 BC FERRY LIQUOR SALES
Not endorsed

SECTION B - PART III

LEGISLATIVE

B112 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT
Not endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B113 ENFORCEMENT OF GUN REGISTRATION LAW
Endorsed

B114 DIVERIONARY PROGRAMS FOR FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS
Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B115 KOOTENAY LAKE FERRY TOLLS
Endorsed

B116 DESIGNATION OF MOUNTAIN HIGHWAYS
Not endorsed
TAXATION

B117 REGULATING UTILITY PRICES
Not endorsed

B118 ENABLING LOCAL COMMUNITY FOREST COUNCILS
Not endorsed

B119 IMPROVE THE SMALL BUSINESS FOREST ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
Endorsed

B120 OPEN MARKETING OF TIMBER FROM CROWN TENURES
Not endorsed

B121 LOCAL ADVERTISING OF LOG EXPORT PACKAGES
Not endorsed

B122 STUMPAGE BINGO
Endorsed

B123 POWER SALES
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to insist that non-utility industries provided with water resources for the purpose of industrial power production use the electricity resource for industrial activity, and not for power sales.

B124 ECONOMIC STABILIZATION STRATEGY
Referred to UBCM Executive

B125 SHARING OF RESOURCE REVENUE
Not endorsed

B126 COLUMBIA RIVER DOWNSTREAM BENEFITS
Endorsed

B127 MAINLAND TO VANCOUVER ISLAND CABLE CROSSING
Endorsed

B128 COALBED METHANE DEVELOPMENT
Referred to UBCM Executive

B129 COALBED METHANE
Endorsed

COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES

B130 COMBATING FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER
Endorsed

B131 HEALTH CARE BILLING
Not endorsed

B132 HOME SUPPORT FUNDING
Endorsed

B133 WCB PRESUMPTION FOR CERTAIN CANCERS
Endorsed

B134 BC MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIA
Endorsed

B135 SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING
Endorsed

B136 GRANTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS
Endorsed

B137 RURAL LANDOWNER’S ADVOCATE OFFICE FOR BC
Referred to UBCM Executive

B138 SEXUAL ORIENTATION: SECTION 318(4) OF THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA
Endorsed

B139 FEDERAL ELECTION BOUNDARIES
Endorsed

B140 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE
Endorsed

Resolutions Received After the Deadline

LR1 COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS: FEES
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide a mechanism for local governments to recover costs incurred in the fulfillment of this provincial responsibility.

LR2 EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING FEES
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide a mechanism for local governments to recover costs incurred in the fulfillment of this provincial responsibility.

LR3 PST EXEMPTION FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to amend the Social Services Tax Act to remove the specific exclusion related to local government for machinery and equipment (M&E) PST exemptions.

LR10 BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE OR MAD COW DISEASE)
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities immediately lobby
the province of BC to join with other western provinces to have the Government of Canada place a temporary halt to all imports of WTO beef until border closures are lifted.

LR17 WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTRES Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government reverse its decision to cut core funding for the province’s Women’s Centres.

LR22 PRIVATIZATION OF BC HYDRO Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities:
• call upon the provincial government to abandon its plan to join the US-based private utility consortium known as RTO West in light of the threat that such an action would pose to the stability and sovereignty of the province’s electricity system;
• call upon the provincial government to cease all efforts to break up what has, until recently, been an efficient, integrated public utility and return the transmission function of BC Hydro as a line of business within the integrated utility rather than proceeding as a new company (BC Transmission Corporation) created under the Company Act in May of 2003.

RESOLUTIONS ADMITTED OFF THE FLOOR

VICTIMS SERVICES PROGRAMS Endorsed
WHEREAS Victims Services Programs provide an important service in rural communities by providing emotional support and practical assistance to people who are victims of crime, their family members, witnesses and those who suffer other traumas;
AND WHEREAS funding for these programs has been reduced, thereby resulting in severe cuts to the number of programs, such as the 24/7 Crisis Intervention Centre and the Crown Victim Service, but the need for these services has not declined:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government re-institute equity in funding for Victims Services, and make a commitment to the maintenance of that funding.

“BUY CANADIAN” BEEF PURCHASING POLICY
Endorsed
WHEREAS the United States border remains closed to Canadian live cattle exports following the discovery of a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) on an Albertan farm;
AND WHEREAS increasing domestic consumption of Canadian beef is a simple, market neutral means to support British Columbia’s beef cattle producers:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities seek provincial government endorsement of a “Buy Canadian” only purchasing policy for beef used within BC government institutions and agencies including prisons, hospitals, and the BC Ferry Corporation.

2003 UBCM CONVENTION POLICY PAPER DISPOSITION

POLICY PAPER: NEW ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION: IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
The purpose of the policy paper is to:
• Explore the impacts and implications of the new environmental policy and legislation being proposed by the province on local government;
• Identify issues that local government will need to have addressed if it is to participate in the process.
The policy and legislative changes proposed focus on three broad themes:
• Shared stewardship and risk based approach;
• Partnerships and compliance;
• Liability and use of qualified professionals.
The following principles and actions were endorsed by the 2003 Convention:
1. Any shared stewardship and partnership responsibilities should:
• Be supported by the appropriate legislative, regulatory and policy authorities that clearly defines local government roles and responsibilities;
• Provide local government with protection from liability arising from the delivery of provincial standards/guidelines;
• Respect local government jurisdiction and recognize its authority;
• Be accompanied by the appropriate funding and technical resources.