

UBCM 2003 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2003 CONVENTION. THE FULL AND EXACT WORDING OF ALL AMENDMENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

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.

SR3 LIQUOR LICENSING POLICY

Endorsed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province consult with local government on its proposed changes to liquor regulations, sales and distribution and that all liquor stores be subject to local government bylaws (zoning, hours of operation, business licensing, etc.).

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.

A2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF CROWN LAND

Endorsed

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A3 MUNICIPAL BYLAWS FINES: COLLECTION POWERS

Endorsed

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 exert whatever influence it can to encourage both the federal and provincial governments to ensure the availability and application of both the sufficient and necessary resources to:

- Salvage the beetle infested wood before it deteriorates;
- Maximize immediate employment in the forest sector by salvaging beetle infested wood;
- Prevent the continuing spread of the beetle into productive forest and private lands, thereby further diminishing fibre values—by harvesting beetle infested wood on working forest lands and implementing a beetle management strategy in provincial parks;
- Ensure the processing of wood in mills located in the vicinity of where the wood is harvested, where milling capacity allows;
- Encourage industry, through the application of legitimate initiatives, such as hauling differentials, to process beetle infested wood both before deterioration of the fibre, and before healthy wood is harvested, thereby preventing further flooding of an already saturated lumber market;
- Continuously monitor the health of BC forests for signs of further infestation;

- Implement a BC Interior Mountain Pine Beetle Reforestation Plan to help combat this natural disaster; and

- Ensure that beetle-infested timber is not permitted to be transported during beetle flight season; and that strict regulations for the harvesting, transportation, storage and processing of insect infested timber be established, monitored and enforced at all times;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any changes to the stumpage appraisal system fully consider the operating costs for each harvesting system and operating area.

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

ELECTIONS

B5 MAIL-IN VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

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

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

B46 RURAL/SMALL COMMUNITIES POLICE COSTS

Referred to UBCM Executive

B47 AUXILIARY POLICE PROGRAM

Endorsed

B48 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Endorsed

B49 REGIONAL DISTRICT REIMBURSEMENT FOR RESPONSE TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Endorsed

ELECTIONS

B50 DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Not endorsed

B51 RECALL FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL

Not endorsed

B52 CHOICE IN LOCAL ELECTION TERMS

Not endorsed

B53 RESTORATION OF THE CORPORATE VOTE

Not endorsed

B54 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT – ELECTION OFFENCES

Endorsed

B55 ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Not endorsed

B56 TAX RECEIPTS FOR LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Endorsed

B57 DISQUALIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B58 FUNDING FOR NORTHERN ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

Not endorsed

B59 INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY

Endorsed

B60 FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL FUEL TAX

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that funds collected from this tax increase be fairly assessed and distributed throughout all communities to improve all aspects of transportation infrastructure.

B61 PRIVATIZING OF THE COQUIHALLA HIGHWAY

Withdrawn

B62 BC RAIL SERVICE

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities recommend that whether service is provided by BC Rail, a Provincial Crown Corporation, or a private enterprise, the existing north–south service and the integrity of the rail line be assured by the operator or operators of the system;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities recommend that the provincial government formulate a long-term rail transportation strategy that includes the reintroduction of passenger service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government be advised that the Union of BC Municipalities sets a high priority on the protection of jobs; minimizing any potential negative impacts on communities; and the necessity for having broad consultation – which includes, but is not limited to, customers, employees and communities – prior to any contractual commitment being made.

B63 TAXI SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH GUIDE/ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Referred to UBCM Executive

B64 REGULATION FOR THE “SEGWAY HUMAN TRANSPORTER”

Endorsed

B65 SUSTAINABLE TRANSIT FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE MODELS

Endorsed

TAXATION

B66 REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX COLLECTION

Endorsed

B67 PROVINCIAL GAS TAX

Endorsed

B68 CLASS 6 PROPERTIES

Endorsed

B69 COMMUNITY BOND INTEREST TAX EXEMPTION

Endorsed and referred to FCM

B70 TAX RATES FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES (PORTS)

Endorsed

B71 FOREST FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE

Endorsed

B72 HOTEL TAX

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to implement a province-wide local government hotel room tax that has the following features:

- local governments will have the opportunity to opt out from charging the tax in their jurisdictions;
- revenues from the tax will be returned to the local governments where the tax was collected;
- the two percent limit on the local tax rate be retained but modified to include a provision that would allow a local government to request a higher rate from the province;
- local governments be given full discretion over use of the funds raised

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 stop imposing any further revenue schemes which could become the domain of local governments.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government deliver on its commitment to provide new revenue sources to local government, as raised during the Community Charter development process.

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.

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.

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 that 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 that 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 LICENSES

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 DIVERSIONARY 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

**COMMUNITIES AND
RESOURCES**

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

HEALTH

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

SELECTED ISSUES

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.

2. The discussion paper on "New Environmental Legislation: Impacts and Implications for Local Government" be referred to the Environment Protocol Committee for government-to-government consultations.