UBCM 2004 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND POSITIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2004 CONVENTION. THE FULL AND EXACT WORDING OF ALL AMENDMENTS WILL APPEAR IN THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1 WIRELESS LEVY FOR 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the provincial government introduce legislation/regulations, in cooperation with the industry, that would allow a levy to be placed on cell and wireless services to contribute to the costs associated with the delivery of 911 emergency service in those areas of the province where the service is available.

SR2 ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide local government with clear protection from liability when following due process in the delivery of a provincial regulation or policy, including but not limited to the areas of:
- checking or not checking the qualifications of a declared qualified environmental professional,
- carrying out regulatory authority, including approving permits that rely on the report of a qualified professional,
- accepting site profile reports,
- development delays due to disputes or amendments to a qualified professional report,
- accepting amendments to the SPEA recommendations by a qualified professional based on requirements of other environment legislation or site development constraints,
- performing or not performing monitoring or evaluation of the implementation of qualified professional prescriptions,
- subsequent damages to fish habitat, developer interests, subject site or neighbouring sites due to development that has been approved or proceeded based on faulty or incomplete qualified professional reports;
- that for the purposes of accountability, it be clearly outlined where local government bears responsibility for decisions and outcomes in the site development approvals process when using qualified professionals.

SECTION A

JUSTICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A1 PROCEEDS OF CRIME SALES
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province and the federal government review legislative and non-legislative options in order to increase the ability to seize items that are proceeds of crime and to further ensure the funds from the disposition of these goods are distributed in an equitable manner directly to municipalities and regional districts to aid in covering policing costs.

A2 ACCESSING INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES
Endorsed and conveyed to FCM

A3 POLICING BASED ON AVERAGE ANNUAL POPULATION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Policing Services Division of the Solicitor General’s Ministry allocate policing resources on a basis which recognizes seasonal population influxes.

LEGISLATIVE

A4 SUPPORT FOR SAFE STREET ACT AND URBAN TRESPASS ACT
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government enact a “Safe Streets Act” similar to the legislation already in existence in Ontario to allow police and communities to more effectively deal with aggressive behaviour and to ensure that the penalties and laws are consistent throughout the province;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the Trespass Act to provide useful statutory authority or enforcement action for businesses and private property owners.

FINANCE

A5 IMPLEMENTING THE “NEW DEAL” FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CANADA
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly encourage prompt implementation of the “New Deal” for Canadian local governments.

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A6 OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Charter be amended to permit local governments to generate additional sources of revenue, other than what are currently listed in the Charter or in other provincial legislation.

A7 SMALL COMMUNITIES COST SHARING UNDER NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
Endorsed

A8 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX
Endorsed

SECTION B – PART I

LEGISLATIVE

A13 AVIAN INFLUENZA DISASTER RELIEF RECOVERY
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia to respond to the BC poultry industry request to the federal party leaders for $340 million in rapid recovery support to help the industry recover from the devastating Avian Influenza crisis.

A10 NAV CANADA SERVICE REDUCTION
Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

A11 GRAVEL EXTRACTION AUTHORIZATION PROCESS
Endorsed

A12 WEST NILE VIRUS FUNDING
Endorsed

TITLE III • TRANSPORTATION

B6 HIGHWAY RESCUE SERVICES
Endorsed

B7 ILLICIT DRUG PRODUCTION AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME
Endorsed

B8 MOwing OF HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY
Endorsed

B9 CELL SERVICE ALONG HIGHWAY 16
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to ensure that cell phone coverage is available to the travelling public along the entire BC highway system.

TAXATION

B10 TAX REFUND FOR MUNICIPAL ENERGY PROJECTS (CONSERVATION/ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GENERATION)
Endorsed

B11 INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX
Endorsed

B12 FEDERAL FUEL TAX
Endorsed

FINANCE

B13 EXCESSIVE PACKAGING AND UNSOLICITED WASTE
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM write to the provincial and federal governments asking them to work with industry to reduce packaging and excessive waste that ends up in the municipal waste.

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stream, and to increase the recyclability of packaging materials, including consideration of charging industries based on excess waste created by their products and packaging and/or offering incentives for waste minimization;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM write to the federal government requesting that a disposal fee be imposed on those sending unaddressed ad mail through Canada Post, to be spent on waste reduction initiatives and a portion returned to local governments to cover the costs of waste disposal.

B14 MILK CONTAINER RECYCLING
Endorsed

B15 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE STEWARDSHIP
Endorsed

B16 FLOOD PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING
Endorsed

B17 FLOOD PLAIN AND STREAMSIDE/LAKESHORE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Endorsed

B18 FRASER RIVER DREDGING
Endorsed

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**LAND USE**

B19 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR INSTITUTIONAL USES
Endorsed

B20 LOCATION OF RETAIL LIQUOR SALES OUTLETS
Endorsed

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**COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES**

B21 MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE INFESTATION
Endorsed

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**SELECTED ISSUES**

B22 PARK FOREST MAINTENANCE
Endorsed

B23 PARK DAY USE AREAS
Endorsed

B24 PROPOSED LIFTING OF MORATORIUM ON PACIFIC WHITING (HAKE) ON-SHORE PROCESSING
Endorsed

B25 EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL GRID TO THE NORTHWEST REGION
Endorsed

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**HEALTH**

B26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Endorsed

B27 PROVINCIAL FUNDING OF HEALTH FACILITIES
Endorsed

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**LEGISLATIVE**

B31 HERITAGE STEWARDSHIP
Endorsed

B32 HERITAGE FUNDING
Endorsed

B33 REDUCED FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS
Endorsed

B34 RESOLUTION OF TREATIES
Endorsed

B35 IMPACT OF MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET CUTS
Endorsed

B36 COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES
Endorsed

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B37 OPPOSITION TO BILL 79 – THE COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST AMENDMENT
Endorsed

B38 NEW SAFETY STANDARDS ACT AND REGULATIONS
Not endorsed

B39 BILL 75 – SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS STREAMLINING ACT
Referred to UBCM Executive

B40 FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS
Referred to UBCM Executive

B41 INJURY INSURANCE CLAIMS
Not endorsed

B42 CHANGE TO COMMUNITY CHARTER
Not endorsed
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### ALLOCATION OF POLICING COSTS

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### POLICE GOVERNANCE

| B48 POLICE GOVERNANCE | Endorsed and conveyed to FCM |

| B49 SHARING OF LIQUOR TAX FOR POLICING | Endorsed |

### CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FUNDING

| B50 CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FUNDING | Endorsed and conveyed to FCM |

### BC HYDRO STREET LIGHTING SERVICE

| B51 BC HYDRO STREET LIGHTING SERVICE | Withdrawn |

### BC HYDRO LOCATES SERVICE

| B52 BC HYDRO LOCATES SERVICE | Endorsed |

### ELECTIONS

| B53 SIZE OF COUNCIL | Endorsed |

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### PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL NETWORKS

| B56 PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL NETWORKS | Not endorsed |

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### CN RAIL/BC RAIL AGREEMENT

| B58 CN RAIL/BC RAIL AGREEMENT | Withdrawn |

### FERRY SERVICE TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES

| B59 FERRY SERVICE TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES | Endorsed |

### AMENDMENT OF HIGHWAY ACT AND COMMUNITY CHARTER

| B60 AMENDMENT OF HIGHWAY ACT AND COMMUNITY CHARTER | Endorsed |

### INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS

| B61 INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS | Endorsed |

### DIFFERENT TAX RATES FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS

| B62 DIFFERENT TAX RATES FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS | Not endorsed |

### DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FRONT LOADING

| B63 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FRONT LOADING | Not endorsed |

### HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES

| B64 HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES | Not endorsed |

### ENCOURAGEMENT OF RAILWAY CAPACITY EXPANSION

| B65 ENCOURAGEMENT OF RAILWAY CAPACITY EXPANSION | Endorsed |
FINANCE

B66 COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEE REGULAR WORKING HOURS: EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY EVENTS
Endorsed

B67 PROVINCIAL FIRE LOSS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Endorsed

B68 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BEING EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF PROVINCIAL SALES TAX
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities approach the provincial government to immediately exempt local governments from the payment of Provincial Sales Tax.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such exemption should not result in any reduction of grants in lieu or any other monies presently directed from the provincial government to municipal governments, nor should such exemption be seen as an opportunity to download additional responsibilities to municipal governments without providing sufficient funding to compensate for such additional responsibilities.

B69 GST REBATE FOR TAX-SUPPORTED EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
Endorsed as amended and conveyed to FCM:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia actively, and as soon as possible, establish and finance Water Management Review Boards, in consultation with impacted local governments throughout the province.

B70 COMMERCIAL RECREATION REVENUE SHARING
Not endorsed

B71 CREDIT UNIONS
Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B72 SUPPORT FOR INVASIVE PLANT STRATEGY
Endorsed

B73 INCLUSION OF HOGWEED ON NOXIOUS WEED LIST
Endorsed

B74 BTK (BACILLUS THURINGLENSIS KURSTAKI): AERIAL PESTICIDE SPRAY
Endorsed

B75 RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM membership not endorse a tripartite agreement for implementing a Riparian Areas Regulation unless the following measures have been satisfied:
• A comprehensive legal and logistical review of the Regulation by an objective party to identify, assess and address the implications of the Regulation to local governments;
• Full liability protection for local governments;
• Assurance of open involvement of local governments in the development of the compliance, enforcement and implementation strategies; and
• Assurance of open involvement of local governments in development of the guidebook for implementation of the Regulation;
AND BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Riparian Areas Regulation be extended to apply to institutional uses, including federal and provincial Crown lands and lands under treaty negotiations.

B76 UNCONFINED AQUIFER PROTECTION
Endorsed

B77 ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT BOARDS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia actively, and as soon as possible, establish and finance Water Management Review Boards, in consultation with impacted local governments throughout the province.

B78 NATURAL SHORELINES: RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government pay extra attention to emerging values and roles of natural marine riparian areas in helping protect our coastal communities and the ocean waters beside them;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities promote the values of riparian buffers along its members’ respective marine and freshwater shorelines through policies, model bylaws and guidelines, as well as through public education and awareness, whether or not there are Development Permit Areas or Environmentally Sensitive Areas designated or established.

B79 SHIPPING AIR EMISSIONS
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government move to immediately strengthen air emissions regulations in the shipping sector, including considering requiring ships to use lower-sulphur fuels, reducing ship speeds in coastal waters, having ships plug into local electrical systems rather than running engines for power generation while docked;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM express support for designation of North America’s west coast ports as International Maritime Organization “Special Areas” where stricter air emissions standards would apply.

B80 SPECIES AT RISK
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the appropriate legislation to allow for the granting of property tax exemptions to landowners who conserve ecologically significant areas containing species at risk, as defined in the federal Species at Risk Act.
and/or any future provincial Species at Risk Acts.

**B81 BEAR AWARE PROGRAM**
Endorsed

**B82 SMALL APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONIC WASTE**
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities write to Electronics Product Stewardship Canada and the provincial and federal governments to express its concern over the increasing amount of electronic solid waste and the fast obsolescence of these products, the inability to economically repair or upgrade older products, the high toxicity of electronics and the manufacturer’s responsibility for disposal of its own toxic products, and request immediate implementation of a national industry-funded stewardship program for electronics;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to pass legislation requiring that industry participate in an e-waste recycling program.

**REGIONAL DISTRICTS**

**B88 REGIONAL DISTRICT INTERESTS IN ADDITIONS TO TREATY SETTLEMENT LANDS**
Endorsed as amended
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all treaties and Agreements in Principle negotiated with First Nations by the provincial and federal governments require that, in addition to the current requirements with respect to municipalities, regional districts and local trust committees also be consulted and accommodated before lands are added to First Nations treaty settlement land post-treaty.

**B89 UNCONDITIONAL GRANTS TO REGIONAL DISTRICTS**
Endorsed

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**B90 UBCM CONVENTION DAYS**
Not endorsed

**B91 CHANGE OF NAME FOR UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES**
Not endorsed

**B92 AUDIBLE BIRD SCARE DEVICES**
Not endorsed

**B93 MANAGEMENT OF CULL ANIMALS**
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to devise a provincial strategy to facilitate the efficient, responsible and effective management of cull animals, fowl, processing by-products, processing waste and specified risk materials that does not include the disposition of these materials in the local solid waste management stream.

**B94 FUNDING FORMULA FOR EDUCATION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government work with affected stakeholders, such as the BC School Trustees Association, to review the current school funding formula so that it better reflects the special circumstances of different communities.

**B95 A LOTTERY PRODUCT IN SUPPORT OF SENIOR CITIZENS CARE**
Not endorsed

**B96 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION – ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES**
Not endorsed

**B97 LIBRARY ACT**
Endorsed
2004 meeting and sponsors of these resolutions are encouraged to provide the Executive with clarification prior to this meeting if required.

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**LEGISLATIVE**

B98 CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM AND FIREARMS REGISTRY
Endorsed

B99 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PRESENT NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTRY
Not endorsed

B100 APPROACH TO END THE TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN
Endorsed

**TAXATION**

B107 BC FERRIES SENIORS RATES
Not endorsed

B108 ESSENTIAL SERVICE
Endorsed

B109 PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING
Not endorsed

**FINANCE**

B110 HARMONIZATION OF PST ON FILM PRODUCTION
Endorsed

**Justice and Protective Services**

B102 COORDINATED APPROACH TO COMBAT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE THROUGH PROSTITUTION
Endorsed

B103 ABORIGINAL CHILD WELFARE PROVINCIAL COURT
Not endorsed

B104 YOUTH DRUG COURT
Endorsed

**Transportation**

B105 ROAD SAFETY AS A REQUIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
Endorsed

B106 ROAD SAFETY AS A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A DRIVER’S LICENCE
Endorsed

**Health**

B108 ESSENTIAL SERVICE
Endorsed

B109 PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING
Not endorsed

**Transportation**

B105 ROAD SAFETY AS A REQUIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
Endorsed

B106 ROAD SAFETY AS A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A DRIVER’S LICENCE
Endorsed

**Health**

B116 NEEDS-BASED UTILITIES SUBSIDY
Not endorsed

B117 PARKING FEES IN PROVINCIAL PARKS
Not endorsed

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**ENVIRONMENT**

B112 REDUCTION OF PHOSPHATES IN MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER
Endorsed

B113 PROPOSED SCOTT ISLANDS MARINE PROTECTED AREA
Endorsed

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**Communities and Resources**

B114 OIL AND GAS MORATORIUM
Endorsed

B115 OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION
Referred to UBCM Executive

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B129 PLANNING FOR ASSISTED AND SUPPORTIVE LIVING
Endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B131 BULLY FREE COMMUNITIES
Endorsed

B132 AGE DISCRIMINATION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia to change the definition of age as presented in the Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2002, c.62 (Bill 64) from “an age of 19 years or more and less than 65 years” to “an age of 19 years or more” so that seniors over the age of 65 years, or those who intervene on their behalf, have recourse to protect against age discrimination and mistreatment due to being elderly, provided such amendment does not affect the statutory provisions on mandatory retirement.

B133 WELFARE LEGISLATION
Endorsed

B134 PROVINCIAL WELFARE POLICY
No recommendation

B135 END CHILD POVERTY
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Canada undertake, in a comprehensive and non-stigmatic manner, to end child poverty in Canada.

B137 EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE
No recommendation

B138 ROLE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Endorsed

B139 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
No recommendation

B141 ENHANCEMENT OF REGIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Endorsed

B142 MITIGATION OF WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
Endorsed

B143 CHANGE OF NAME FOR FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES
Not endorsed

The following resolutions were removed from the Section B – Part III block for individual consideration.

B118 CREATION OF MINISTRY OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
Not endorsed

B119 HEALTH PROMOTION FOUNDATION
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Government of British Columbia to:
1) Support, through legislation, the establishment of an independent, at-arms-length from government, Health Promotion Foundation in British Columbia; and
2) Generate a sustainable, annual provincial contribution towards health promotion activities in British Columbia by dedicating $1.00 per person per year, or the equivalent of $4.077 million in 2003, from Medical Services Plan premiums to a Health Promotion Foundation.

B130 LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR NURSES, PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES AND PHARMACISTS
Withdrawn

B136 SERVICES TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Withdrawn

B140 EDUCATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOURCE INDUSTRIES
Endorsed as amended:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to ensure that all students in British Columbia receive formal, balanced and meaningful education in the importance and sustainability of forestry, agriculture, mining and oil and gas to our province.

B144 ESTABLISHMENT OF GAMING RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
Endorsed

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

LR1 OIL AND GAS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Ministry of Energy and Mines formally include local governments in the consultation process for the Oil and Gas Regulatory Improvement Initiative, presenting in public sessions before relevant local governments and seeking formal responses.

RESOLUTIONS ADMITTED OFF THE FLOOR

DEACTIVATION OF FOG HORNS
Comox-Strathcona RD
Endorsed
WHEREAS the Canadian Coast Guard has a mandate to provide navigational aids and safety services to mariners and communities on the coast of BC;
AND WHEREAS Canadian Coast Guard management based in Victoria, BC has unilaterally decided to remove fog horns at three lightstations on the Inside Passage without the necessary consultation with mariners and coastal communities:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to immediately order
the reconnection of these essential aids to navigation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister instruct his Victoria staff to stop any further disconnections or removals of horns, and to reconnect all former fog horn installations at staffed lightstations and other major sites on the BC coast.

EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM
Cariboo RD
Endorsed
WHEREAS 2003 saw many emergencies, from forest fires to floods, throughout British Columbia;
AND WHEREAS many of these emergencies occur in locales that do not have access to radio or telephone signals;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to equip and manage an emergency radio frequency using the best technology available to broadcast on the local level during emergency operations.

COMMUNITY WATERSHEDS
Sunshine Coast RD
Endorsed
WHEREAS the provincial government has not acted to grant management authority to legally constituted water purveyors over community watersheds used for potable water as recommended by UBCM resolution 1998-B65;
AND WHEREAS there are continuing conflicts of use within community watersheds used for potable water as recommended by UBCM resolution 1998-B65;
AND WHEREAS the local purveyor of water and therefore the local ratepayer bear all the long term financial liability for water treatment and for maintaining water supply:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the British Columbia provincial government to enact legislation that empowers local government water purveyors to protect the community watersheds used for potable water.

NEW DEAL FOR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Endorsed as amended
(Note: first bullet point of Section A amended to read “Respect for all levels of government”)
The purpose of the policy paper is to:
• set out a UBCM perspective on the New Deal; and
• lay out directions for the UBCM Executive to pursue with the federal and provincial governments as an agreement is negotiated.
The six key elements of a New Deal mandate for the UBCM which were approved are:
• purpose of the New Deal;
• recognition of local and regional needs;
• recognition that the needs of various areas of the province are different;
• method of funding;
• recognition that smaller communities have a need for a minimum level of support; and
• program management.

REVENUE SHARING
Endorsed
The purpose of the policy paper is to:
• reinforce existing UBCM policy, not prescribe a formula or means by which revenues would be shared;
• highlight the resource wealth of our province;
• identify examples of previous and existing revenue sharing programs; and
• present the case for a province-wide resource revenue sharing program that will assist communities to provide the necessary infrastructure and services to sustain their communities and facilitate resource development.
A possible resource revenue sharing program could include a percentage of:
• stumpage payments or some type of land rent tax;
• royalties for oil, natural gas, coal, coal bed methane, and sand and gravel;
• rental fees for the use of water for hydroelectricity; and/or
• taxes from minerals.
The following recommendation was endorsed by the 2004 Convention:
• That UBCM endorse the policy paper and the proposed direction to pursue the development of a resource revenue sharing agreement with the provincial government for BC local governments.

BC COMMUNITIES AGENDA
Endorsed
The purpose of the policy paper is to:
• set out local government goals to foster communities that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable and that are safe and secure, accessible and healthy;
• outline local government goals to advance communities that are financially sustainable, have respectful intergovernmental relationships and a fair balancing of interests;
• identify specific actions on a primarily provincial scale that are needed for communities to reach their full potential; and
• identify the federal government role in community building.
Actions under the following two broad headings were endorsed:
• government actions needed to support sustainable communities from a local government perspective; and
• relationships needed between governments to allow communities to reach their potential.