

UBCM 2008 RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY DISPOSITION

The following is a preliminary summary of the resolutions, amendments and positions adopted at the 2008 Convention, as well as policy discussion outcomes. The full and exact wording of all resolutions, amendments and policy papers will appear in the Convention Minutes.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

ENVIRONMENT

SR1 SEWERAGE SYSTEM REGULATION

Endorsed

SR2 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION INITIATIVES

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia examine the application of the BC Carbon Tax with the intent of mitigating impacts and creating incentives for local governments and residents to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to mitigate the carbon tax in areas where residents cannot make choices about their fuel consumption due to distance, climate and resource based livelihoods.

ELECTIONS

SR3 NATIONAL DO NOT CALL LIST

Endorsed

SECTION A

COMMUNITY SAFETY

A1 CARE OF "DUALY DIAGNOSED" MENTALLY ILL

Endorsed

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A2 AMENDMENT TO MEAT INSPECTION REGULATION TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL FOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES/ABATTOIRS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be called upon to:

- amend the Meat Inspection Regulations to actively encourage regional abattoirs throughout British Columbia;
- address the need for regionalized Specified Risk Material (SRM) plants in British Columbia;
- support the "One Hundred Mile Diet" throughout the Province of BC with marketing programs designed to encourage this important trend;
- encourage farmers and ranchers to produce and process food in British Columbia for British Columbians.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM explore with the Province a mechanism for exemptions to the Meat Inspection Regulations for isolated communities such as those with water access only.

SELECTED ISSUES

A3 CALLING FOR A NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY

Endorsed

SECTION B – PART I

LEGISLATIVE

B1 GAS FRANCHISE FEES

Endorsed

B2 LIABILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the provincial government to amend the Negligence Act to replace joint and several liability with a system of pure several or proportionate liability (such as now exists in cases of contributory liability) under which defendants are responsible only to the degree to which they contributed to the loss.

Please make copies of this circular and distribute to Council/Board Members /Staff.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

**B3 POLICE RECORDS
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
ENVIRONMENT (PRIME)**

Endorsed

**B4 FUNDING FOR VICTIM SERVICES
AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
PROGRAMS**

Endorsed

B5 NON-RETURNABLE WARRANTS

Endorsed

B6 SUMMONS BY MAIL

Endorsed

**B7 REGIONAL DISTRICT
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BYLAWS**

Endorsed

B8 NUISANCE BOATS

Endorsed

B9 EQUITABLE POLICE FUNDING

Endorsed

**B10 FUNDING FOR SEARCH AND
RESCUE PROGRAMS**

Endorsed

**B11 RECOVERY OF HIT AND
RUN COLLISION COSTS BY LOCAL
AUTHORITIES**

Endorsed

**B12 FUNDING FOR FRASER RIVER
DREDGING**

Endorsed

B13 FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX

Endorsed

**B14 APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS PLANNING**

Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B15 TRANSPORTATION

Endorsed

B16 CN LEVEL OF SERVICE

Endorsed

B17 FUNDING FOR RURAL ROADS

Endorsed

TAXATION

B18 VARYING TAX RATES

Endorsed

**B19 REGIONAL DISTRICT
COMPENSATION FOR HYDRO
TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
LINES**

Endorsed

FINANCE

B20 PROVINCIAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Endorsed

**B21 FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO
MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

Endorsed

**B22 PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING IN
NORTHERN BC**

Endorsed

**B23 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY
PARKS**

Endorsed

**B24 REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS
FOR KEEPING OF PROVINCIAL
PRISONERS**

Endorsed

**B25 COST RECOVERY FOR
PROCESSING FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF
PRIVACY REQUESTS**

Endorsed

ASSESSMENT

B26 BUSINESS CLASS EXEMPTION

Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

**B27 PROTECTION OF WATER
RESOURCES AND WATERSHEDS**

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia abandon its initiative to sell crown land adjacent to watershed lakes in order to protect domestic water sources.

**B28 SALE OF LEASED LOTS ON
RESERVOIR LAKES**

Endorsed

**B29 ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT
STEWARDSHIP**

Endorsed

B30 BATTERY RECYCLING

Endorsed

**B31 UNNECESSARY PRODUCT
PACKAGING**

Endorsed

**B32 WILDLIFE RESCUE AND
ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY COST
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Endorsed

**B33 CONTAMINATED AND VACANT
SITES**

Endorsed

LAND USE

B34 LOGGING PRACTICES ON PRIVATE FOREST LANDS AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

Endorsed

B35 WATERSHED CONTROL

Endorsed

B36 COMMUNITY FORESTS

Endorsed

B37 FOREST TENURE LICENCES

Endorsed

B38 TRANSMISSION LINES ASSOCIATED WITH IPP'S

Endorsed

B39 PRIVATE POWER PROJECTS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia be urged to take a leadership role when granting environmental permits and land tenures within British Columbia relating to the development of private power projects by conducting a comprehensive regulatory, environment and community review process, to examine the cumulative impacts of proposed private power projects in regard to both generation and transmission.

B40 SURFACE LAND OWNERS AND SALES REQUESTS FOR SUB-SURFACE PARCELS

Endorsed

B41 OCEAN ENERGY STRATEGY

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the provincial government on a strategy for wave and in-stream tidal current technologies with the objective to encourage the development and implementation of environmentally feasible projects that will enable

economic and viable power generation so that British Columbia will become a global leader in this emerging sector.

B42 COALBED METHANE DEVELOPMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA'S SACRED HEADWATERS

Endorsed

B43 AGRICULTURAL LAND REVIEW

Endorsed

B44 SUPPORT FOR BILL M202 BRITISH COLUMBIA RAIL CORRIDOR SAFETY ACT, 2008

Endorsed

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B45 HIGHWAY 37 ELECTRIFICATION

Endorsed

B46 RETRAINING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Endorsed

B47 SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES

Endorsed

HEALTH

B48 LABELLING OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD

Endorsed

B49 TRAINING SPACES FOR DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Endorsed

B50 SMALL COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

Endorsed

B51 COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Ministries of Education, Health and Children and Family Development work together to fund the Community Based Mental Health Pilot Projects.

SELECTED ISSUES

B52 MANUFACTURED HOME PARK TENANCY ACT

Endorsed

B53 ELECTORAL SEATS IN THE NORTH ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities support the overall increase in elected representatives, but also a reinstatement of the three elected representatives, one each for Northern British Columbia, the Kootenays and the Cariboo-Thompson as being necessary for equitable, accessible and effective representation.

B54 CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to undertake a provincial mandate to work collaboratively with major cellular phone providers to improve cellular communications and connectivity along all major transportation corridors in British Columbia.

B55 YOUTH CENTRES AND YOUTH SERVICES

Endorsed

B56 NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE AND PROSPERITY AGREEMENTS

Endorsed

B57 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING

Endorsed

SECTION B - PART II**COMMUNITY SAFETY****B58 PROVINCE-WIDE CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM**

Endorsed

B59 WILDFIRE FUEL MODIFICATIONS ON CROWN LAND

Endorsed

B60 FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

Endorsed

B61 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Endorsed

B62 BC HYDRO AND TELUS GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities recommend the provincial government encourage utilities and federal and provincial crown corporations to accept their corporate social responsibility and establish province-wide graffiti clean up programs in consultation with local governments.

B63 BREACH OF RECOGNIZANCE OFFENCE

Endorsed

B64 EVIDENCE BY CERTIFICATE

Endorsed

B65 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE APPEARANCE NOTICES

Endorsed

B66 DRUG, PARTY AND CRACK HOUSES

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to develop a model for

communities to deal with the negative effects of illegal substance exchange and offensive parties in neighbourhoods.

B67 FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL FORCES' BEAT OFFICERS

Endorsed

B68 CANADIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM

Referred to UBCM Executive

B69 FLOOD PROTECTION FUNDING

Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT**B70 ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES**

Endorsed

B71 SALE OF INVASIVE PLANT SEEDS

Endorsed

B72 UNREGULATED WOOD-BURNING EMISSIONS

Endorsed

B73 EMISSIONS TRADING

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change to enter into consultations on the direction taken by the Province on carbon credit trading and its implications to the economies of the communities affected.

B74 REPORTING ON GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Endorsed

B75 PM 2.5 SOURCE PERMITS BASED ON CANADIAN WIDE STANDARDS

Withdrawn

B76 GAS-FIRED ELECTRICITY GENERATING FACILITY EMISSIONS

Endorsed

B77 CONTINUED OPERATION OF BURRARD THERMAL GENERATING STATION

Endorsed

B78 GROUNDWATER

Endorsed

B79 INTEGRATED RECOVERY OF RESOURCES IN MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL WASTE SYSTEMS

Endorsed

B80 SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF BEETLE KILLED TIMBER

Endorsed

B81 PROVINCE-WIDE BAN OF COSMETIC PESTICIDES

Endorsed

B82 CONTROL OF PESTICIDE USE

Endorsed

B83 NON-REFILLABLE 15L PET CONTAINERS

Endorsed

B84 TWINE AND AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS RECYCLING

Endorsed

B85 RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Endorsed

B86 AMERICAN BULLFROG MANAGEMENT

Endorsed

B87 SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION

Endorsed

B88 BAN ON THIN FILM SHOPPING BAGS

Endorsed

B89 NET ZERO BUILDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Endorsed

B90 CARBON CALCULATOR

Endorsed as amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to provide free-of-charge a carbon calculator for both lifestyle-based and travel-related carbon footprint calculations, that local governments could host and promote on their own websites.

B91 LAWN MOWER REPLACEMENT INCENTIVE

Endorsed

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B92 FUNDING FOR FILM COMMISSIONS

Endorsed

B93 MANDATORY PREPAYMENT FOR FUEL

Not Endorsed

B94 COMMUNITIES RELIANT ON FORESTRY

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to create a special grant funding to support local government services for all communities that may be impacted by mill closures and pine beetle infestation.

B95 ASSISTANCE FOR IMPACTED WESTERN PINE BEETLE COMMUNITIES

Endorsed

B96 SNOWMOBILE PARKING ACCESS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Transportation to consult with communities in order to identify and prioritize the cleaning of snowmobile parking and staging areas along the highway corridors.

ELECTIONS

B97 CORPORATE VOTING CATEGORY FOR NON-RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERS

Not endorsed

TAXATION

B98 ADDITIONAL HOME OWNER GRANT

Endorsed

B99 PROVINCIAL HOME OWNER GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Endorsed

B100 UTILITY COMPANIES GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to pass legislation enabling municipalities or regional districts to levy a tax of up to 5% on the gross operating revenues earned by a utility from all sources of their operation within the municipality or regional district.

B101 TAX BENEFITS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE OF LAND

Referred to UBCM Executive

B102 MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION

Withdrawn

B103 EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL SERVICE

Withdrawn

B104 UNIVERSITY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Endorsed

B105 MINIMUM TAXATION ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Not endorsed

B106 REDUCING EMPLOYEE TAXES FOR HYBRID VEHICLE CARPOOLING PROGRAMS

Endorsed

TRANSPORTATION

B107 RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS AND COMMODITIES

Endorsed

B108 SAFER CYCLING CONDITIONS

Endorsed

B109 POORLY PERFORMING INTERSECTIONS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to work with local governments to identify key intersections that are at major regional intersections performing at a LOS of E or F and provide funding for improvements to these failing intersections.

B110 HEARTLAND CONNECTOR

Endorsed

B111 NAV CANADA CONSULTATION

Endorsed

B112 FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Endorsed

B113 ENHANCED MONITORING AND REPORTING OF HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

Endorsed

B114 HIGHWAYS, ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE JOINT AWARENESS INITIATIVE

Endorsed

LAND USE

B115 DOCKS

Endorsed

B116 RETAINING RIVERVIEW LANDS

Endorsed

FINANCE

B117 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR FIRE HALLS

Endorsed

B118 MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS

Endorsed

B119 LOTTERY CORPORATION REVENUE SHARING

Referred to UBCM Executive

B120 MUNICIPAL PENSION RETIREES GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS

Referred to UBCM Executive

B121 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Referred to UBCM Executive

B122 FEDERAL GAS TAX AGREEMENT FUNDING CRITERIA

Not endorsed

B123 EXPAND THE USE OF GAS TAX FUNDING

Not endorsed

B124 SMALL COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL DISTRICT GRANTS FUNDING FORMULA

Referred to Regional District Task Force

ASSESSMENT

B125 NEW ASSESSMENT CATEGORY FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Endorsed

B126 NEW TAX CLASSIFICATION

Referred to UBCM Executive

HEALTH

B127 TRAINING FOR AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS - PARAMEDICS

Endorsed

B128 SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION FUNDING (CHPF) PROJECTS

Endorsed

B129 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Referred to UBCM Executive

B130 TEN YEAR FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR BC HOSPITAL FACILITIES

Referred to UBCM Executive

B131 PHASED OUT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Referred to UBCM Executive

B132 HEALTH CAPITAL FUNDING

Referred to UBCM Executive

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

B133 REGIONAL DISTRICT POWERS

Referred to Regional District Task Force

B134 MINISTER OF STATE FOR REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Referred to Regional District Task Force

SELECTED ISSUES

B135 MUNICIPAL SOIL REMOVAL FEES INCREASE

Endorsed

B136 UNBUNDLED PARKING REQUIREMENT

Endorsed

B137 PRIORITIZING AND TRACKING RESOLUTIONS

Referred to UBCM Executive

B138 PROVINCIAL SANCTIONING BODY FOR PROFESSIONAL COMBAT SPORTS

Endorsed

B139 PARTICIPATION OF FIRST NATIONS AT UBCM

Endorsed

B140 SEWERS

Withdrawn

SECTION B – PART III

Due to time constraints, resolutions B141 – B156 were passed as a block by the 2008 Convention on Friday, September 26. Resolutions within the Section B - Part III block with no recommendation will be considered by the UBCM Executive at its December 5, 2008 meeting and sponsors of these resolutions are encouraged to provide the Executive with clarification prior to this meeting if required.

Prior to passage of the Section B – Part III block, resolutions B143, B149 and B153 were removed from the block for individual consideration, with the approval of Convention.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

B141 VISUAL FIRE ALARMS

Endorsed

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B142 INEQUITIES IN CANADIAN BORDER SERVICE COSTS

Endorsed

B143 LNG TANKER TRAFFIC BAN IN GEORGIA STRAIT

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the federal government to ban the passage of LNG tankers in the waters of the Malaspina, Georgia, Juan de Fuca and Haro straits, and Boundary Pass.

HEALTH

B144 KIDNEY DIALYSIS

Endorsed as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Health to ensure that services for kidney dialysis are available in local communities.

B145 BASIC DENTAL HEALTH CARE

Endorsed

B146 WARNING LABELS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Endorsed

ENVIRONMENT

B147 INTEGRATED OCEANS MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Endorsed

B148 ENCOURAGEMENT OF FUEL-EFFICIENT SMALL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING

Endorsed

B149 MANDATED USE OF BIO FUELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Not endorsed

SELECTED ISSUES

B150 REGULATORY CONTROLS FOR GAS PRICING

Referred to UBCM Executive

B151 INCLUSION OF BC FERRIES IN OMBUDSMAN'S MANDATE

Endorsed

B152 DEREGULATION OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Endorsed

B153 PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REFORM

Withdrawn

B154 HUMANE EGG PRODUCTION PRACTICES

Referred to UBCM Executive

B155 FAMILY DAY

Referred to UBCM Executive

B156 LINKING OF LITERACY VOLUNTEER WORK TO FORGIVENESS OR REDUCTION OF GRADUATE DEBT LOAD

Referred to UBCM Executive

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

LR1 LACK OF FUNDING FOR SERVICES MUNICIPALITIES PROVIDE

Referred to UBCM Executive

LR2 PRIVATE MOORAGE WHARF TENURE

Not admitted for debate

LR3 LICENSE PLATE TRANSFERABILITY TO REDUCE GREEN HOUSE GASES

Not admitted for debate

LR4 VANCOUVER ISLAND E & N RIGHT OF WAY

Not admitted for debate

LR5 PROVINCE-WIDE REFRIGERATION APPLIANCE FEE

Not admitted for debate

LR6 ENABLING LEGISLATION TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE BLANKET SPEED ZONES

Not admitted for debate

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED OFF THE FLOOR

LEADERS OF PROVINCIAL PARTIES SPEAKING AT UBCM CONVENTION

Endorsed

TILMA

Not Admitted for Debate

POLICY PAPERS

POLICY PAPER #1: FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: ACHIEVING FISCAL BALANCE

Endorsed

POLICY PAPER #2: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Endorsed

POLICY PAPER #3: HOME SUPPORT

Endorsed

POLICY PAPER #4: BC COMMUNITIES AGENDA

Endorsed as amended:

[ADDED TO "BUILDING COMMUNITIES, 8. RESPECTFUL GOVERNANCE RELATIONSHIPS".]

- supporting an exemption for local governments from the provisions of the National Do Not Call list.

POLICY PAPER #5: MOU ON SEWERAGE SYSTEM REGULATION

Endorsed