MEMBER RELEASE
October 5, 2010

TO: Mayor & Council; Chair & Board; Senior Staff
FROM: Union of BC Municipalities
RE: 2010 Resolutions Disposition & Executive List

The following is a preliminary summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2010 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.

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS
ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the Union’s Bylaws Respecting Rules of Procedure & the Handling of Resolutions
Endorsed
ER2 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the Union’s Bylaws Respecting Addition of Two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives to the Executive
Endorsed

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
SR1 RCMP Police Costs & Accountability
Endorsed

SECTION A
A1 Harmonized Federal & Provincial Environmental Assessment Process
Not Endorsed
A2 Four Year Local Government Term
Not Endorsed
A3 Local Government Elections Date
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend to the Province that the date for local government elections be moved to the third Saturday of October and that those elected take office on November 1.

A4 Verification of Compliance with Medical Marihuana Access Regulations
Referred to UBCM Executive

SECTION B – PART I
In keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures, Section B – Part 1 resolutions were passed as a block by the 2010 Convention on Thursday, September 30 with the exception of B7, B14, B18 and B25, which were pulled for individual debate. Consideration of these four resolutions followed passage of the block.

The disposition of the resolutions in the Section B – Part 1 block was as follows:

B1 Community Charter Conflict of Interest
Endorsed
B2 Support for the Community Justice Program
Endorsed
B3 Provincial Regulation of Fireworks
Endorsed
B4 Transforming the Fire/Rescue Service Report Recommendations
Endorsed
B5 Fire Rescue Service
Endorsed
B6 Funding of Road-side Rescue Services
Endorsed
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment for the addition of milk containers to the Recycling Regulation.

B28 Ban Pesticides & Other Chemicals

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide.

B29 Invasive Species

B30 Derelict & Abandoned Vessels, Barges & Docks

B31 Carbon Offsets

B32 Expanding the Scope of Carbon Offsets

B33 Product Stewardship Programs Cost Recoveries for Communities

B34 Funding of Local Government Recycling Programs

B35 Development of a Species & Ecosystem Protection Act for BC

B36 Parkland Dedication

B37 Treaty Settlement Costs

B38 ALR Review

B39 Meat Regulations

B40 Utilization of BC Pine Beetle Infested Forest
The following resolutions, removed from the Section B – Part 1 block, were then considered individually:

B7  Mandatory Helmets for Small-wheel Vehicles  
Not Endorsed

B14  Alcohol Reduction Strategy  
Endorsed

B18  Trails Along Railway Rights of Way  
Endorsed

B25  Support for Ministry of Environment in Dealing with Urban Wildlife  
Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to put more resources into wildlife management areas in which both rural and urban wildlife is a significant problem.

SECTION B – PART II-a

In keeping with the amended procedures for handling resolutions that were brought into effect as a result of the endorsement of 2010 resolution ER1, Section B – Part 2-a resolutions were passed as a block by the 2010 Convention on Thursday, September 30 with the exception of B76, B77, B85, B93 and B94, which were pulled for individual debate. Consideration of these five resolutions followed passage of the block.

The disposition of the resolutions in the Section B – Part 2 block was as follows:

B58  Requirement for Geotechnical Reports for Non-habitable Structures  
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request financial assistance from the Province to undertake secondary geotechnical studies in order to reduce the need for individual site specific studies.
B59  Fire Smart Canada Community Program
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province initiate a Fire Smart Canada Community Program similar to the FireWise program in the United States and the Partners in Protection Fire Smart Canada proposal.

B60  New Manufactured Homes – Protection of Consumers
Endorsed

B61  Restoration of Emergency Management Training Funding
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to restore core funding for emergency management, emergency social services, and first responder training to at least the 2008/2009 levels and to continue working with the BC Association of Emergency Managers, the Emergency Social Services Association and other stakeholders to improve emergency program training for every community in BC.

B62  Community Gaming Grant Funding for Emergency Training
Endorsed

B63  RCMP Costs
Endorsed

B64  Restricting the Importation of Precursor Products
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B65  PRIME-BC Funding
Endorsed

B66  Security of Canada Post Super Mail Boxes
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B67  Reservoir Flood Buffer
Endorsed

B68  Community Wildfire Protection Planning
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

B69  Travel Authorization Permit Exemptions for Emergency Response Vehicles
Endorsed

B70  Access to Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B71  Community Works Fund
Endorsed

B72  Exemption from Assistance to Business Requirements – Broadband
Endorsed

B73  Property Tax Deferment
Endorsed

B74  Expansion of Infrastructure Grant Programs to Include Major Local Government Facilities
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B75  Local Government Revenue
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B78  Location of Assessment Appeal Hearings
Endorsed

B79  Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve
Endorsed

B80  Federal Environmental Assessment Requirement for Co-generation Power Plants Burning Toxic Fuels
Endorsed

B81  Mapping of British Columbia’s Aquifers
Endorsed

B82  Proposed Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations
Endorsed

B83  ICBC Aggregate Data
Endorsed

B84  Community Energy & Emissions Inventory
Endorsed
B86 Maximizing Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Endorsed

B87 Hazardous Spill Response
Endorsed

B88 Security of Water Supply
Endorsed

B89 Education for Use of Full Cut-off Light Fixtures
Endorsed

B90 Extended Producer Responsibility – Construction Waste
Endorsed

B91 Interface Forests
Endorsed

B92 Highway Corridors
Endorsed

B95 Business Improvement Areas
Endorsed

B96 Community Farm Markets
Endorsed

B97 Regional Fishing Economy
Endorsed

B98 Timber Supply Constraints
Endorsed

B99 Alternative Energy Industry Growth
Endorsed

B100 Buy Local BC Fruit Programs
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia endorse and implement a “Buy Local” program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods in support of the British Columbia tree fruit industry.

B101 Creating Green Jobs in Green Communities
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support and encourage the development of partnerships of local governments, community colleges, the Province and local investors to establish funding agreements which could provide the basis for stimulating and building enduring economies in British Columbian communities, through attracting and supporting green industries and providing the training for the newly-skilled workers they would require.

B102 Clean Energy Act Exemptions from Oversight
Endorsed

B103 Elimination of Provincial Fuel Tax on International Passenger Flights
Endorsed

B104 Community Forest Program Expansion
Endorsed

B105 Community Forest Land Base
Endorsed

B106 Provincial Support for Airport Marketing Programs
Endorsed

B107 Long Term Economic Viability of Short-line Railways
Endorsed and Referred to FCM

B108 Trade Agreement European Union
Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed and Referred to FCM

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request:

• a briefing from the Province of BC on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union;
• the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to provide sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on local government functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking;
• the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to sub national government procurement; and
• that the provincial government negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA.

B109 Marijuana Grow-ops Endorsed

B110 BC Ferries Subsidy Endorsed

B111 Capital Cost of Health Care Endorsed

B112 Improved Training for Rural General Practitioners Endorsed

B113 Palliative Care Fees Endorsed

B114 Development of a Livable-inclusive Communities Strategy Endorsed

B115 Re-instatement of Gaming Grants Endorsed

B116 6-Storey Wood Frame Residential Buildings Endorsed

B117 Mandatory Training Requirements for Building Contractors Endorsed

B118 Social Assistance Benefits Endorsed

B119 Food Security for BC Endorsed

B120 Motor Vehicle Accidents – Insurance Coverage & Liability Endorsed

B77 Allocating a Larger Proportion of Federal Gas Tax Revenue to Local Governments Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government to revise the agreement to expand the eligibility criteria and allocate to local governments a greater portion of federal gas tax revenues in a manner that allows for sustainable financial planning.

B85 Stop Permits on Schedule 2 Lakes & Rivers Endorsed

B93 Road Access Maintenance Standards for Selling of Share, Co-op & Bare Land Strata Conversions Endorsed

B94 Forestry Plans & Public Consultation Processes Endorsed as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide direction to forest licensees through regulation under the FRPA or other means to achieve smaller, more targeted forest development units in forest stewardship plans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government improve public consultation processes associated with forest stewardship plans, including extending the period for public consultation for a reasonable period of time before the stewardship plans are approved.

SECTION B – PART II-b RESOLUTIONS

B121 Mandatory Snow Tires Not Endorsed

B122 Mandatory Winter Tires Not Endorsed

B123 Bylaw Enforcement Notice Appeals Not Endorsed

B124 PRIME-BC No Action Required
B125 Segway – Alternative Mobility Device for People with Disabilities
Not Endorsed

B126 U-Pass Pricing Throughout BC
No Action Required

B127 Interim Tax Relief for Resort Owners
Not Endorsed

B128 Towns for Tomorrow Program Changes
Endorsed

B129 Grant Funding for Small Communities
Not Endorsed

B130 Expanded Timeframes for Infrastructure Construction Spending
Endorsed

B131 Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
Withdrawn

B132 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets in Official Community Plans
Endorsed

B133 Single Transferable License Plate
Endorsed

B134 Prohibition of the Sale of Rabbits in Pet Stores
Not Endorsed

B135 Legislated Mandatory Recycling at Landfills & Transfer Stations
Not Endorsed

B136 Provincial Standards for Recycling at Landfills & Transfer Stations
Not Endorsed

B137 Greywater Discharge Sites
Endorsed

B138 Offshore Oil & Gas Exploration & Development
Endorsed as Amended

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC** implement a legislated **ban on** off-shore oil and gas exploration and development;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the federal government to**

B139 Bulk Crude Oil Tanker Traffic
Endorsed as Amended

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be opposed to any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic in Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia;**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the federal government to establish a legislated ban on bulk crude oil tanker traffic through Dixon Entrance, Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound in British Columbia.**

B140 Tar Sands Oil
Endorsed

B141 Redundant Covenants on Property
Endorsed

B142 Land Use Contract Discharge/Amendment
Endorsed

B143 Youth Treatment Program Options – Substance Abuse
Endorsed

B144 Tobacco Use on Public Lands
Endorsed

B145 Base Level Harm Reduction
Endorsed

B146 Medical Cannabis
Endorsed

B147 School District Buildings & Property
Referred to UBCM Executive

B148 School District Property Exchange
Referred to UBCM Executive

B149 Accessibility Designation
Endorsed

B150 Prohibition of Fighting Events Unless Regulated by an Athletic Commission
Endorsed
B151  Amendment to Community Care & Assisted Living Act (Child Care Licensing Regulations)  
     Endorsed

SECTION B – PART III-a RESOLUTIONS

B152  Liquor Distribution Branch Changes to Support Industry Choice  
     Endorsed

SECTION B – PART III-b RESOLUTIONS

B153  Employment Insurance Boundaries  
     Endorsed

B154  Financing the Delivery of Employment Services  
     Endorsed

B155  For-profit Clinics  
     Not Endorsed

SECTION C

C10  RCMP Contract Cost Downloading  
     Endorsed

RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

Late resolutions LR3, LR4 and LR5 were not admitted for debate and, in keeping with UBCM procedures, will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2011 resolutions cycle, pending approval of the sponsor.

LR1  West Nile Virus Larviciding Program Funding  
     Endorsed

LR2  Local Government Autonomy in Apportioning Property Tax Burden Among Assessment Classes  
     Referred to UBCM Executive

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