



# MEMBER RELEASE

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TO: UBCM Members  
FROM: UBCM Secretariat  
**RE: NEW POSTINGS TO UBCM WEBSITE**

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We wanted to alert members to two new postings that have been made to the UBCM website that will be of specific interest to local governments.

## **1. UBCM/MIA JOINT RESPONSE TO WHITE PAPER ON LIMITATION ACT REFORM**

In October 26, 2010, UBCM circulated a memo to members advising that the Ministry of Attorney General had issued a White Paper on Limitation Act Reform and was inviting comment on the proposed reforms. Two recommendations of specific interest were:

- moving to a single ultimate limitation period of either 10 or 15 years; and
- moving to a single two-year basic limitation period for all civil claims.

UBCM advised that we would be preparing a response jointly with the Municipal Insurance Association and encouraged members to also indicate their support for the recommendations proposed. We wish to advise that our submission has been conveyed to the Province and can be accessed online as follows:

[ubcm.ca/EN/main/resolutions/policy-papers/subject-list-policy-papers.html#CivilLiability](http://ubcm.ca/EN/main/resolutions/policy-papers/subject-list-policy-papers.html#CivilLiability)

Thanks to those members who also sent letters to the Province indicating their support for the UBCM/MIA position.

## **2. SUMMARY REPORT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

In April 2010, the Community Economic Development Committee released its economic development report entitled *“Evaluating the Economic Development Role of BC Local Governments, A Snapshot of Community Effort and Opportunity”*.

This report was the culmination of years of work undertaken by the Community Economic Development Committee on this topic, focusing on the findings from a 2009 survey on the roles of local governments in economic development planning. The report summarized the survey results on specific topic areas and focused on a series of community snapshots to provide an overview of the evolving role that local governments are playing in this policy area.

Many communities and associations have asked UBCM if we could provide the results to the specific survey questions that were asked. We are pleased to advise that a companion report

which specifically details the survey results to each of the questions that were posed, has been prepared and is now available online as follows:

[ubcm.ca/EN/main/resolutions/policy-areas/community-economic-development.html](http://ubcm.ca/EN/main/resolutions/policy-areas/community-economic-development.html)

We hope that this report will assist communities in their own economic development efforts.

If you have any questions about either of these reports please contact Marie Crawford at: [mcrawford@ubcm.ca](mailto:mcrawford@ubcm.ca).

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