



# MEMBER RELEASE

October 4, 2011

TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | Senior Staff  
 FROM: Union of BC Municipalities Secretariat  
 RE: **2011 Resolutions Disposition & 2011-2012 UBCM Executive List**

The following is a preliminary summary of the resolutions and positions adopted at the 2011 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 RESOLUTION

ER1 Electronic Voting at UBCM Convention  
*Endorsed*

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

SR1 Medical Marihuana  
*Referred to UBCM Executive*

SR2 Emergency Resolution on RCMP Contract Negotiations  
*Endorsed*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Government of Canada, in the spirit of partnership and collaboration, return to the table with the Government of British Columbia and the remaining provinces and territories to negotiate the settlement of a new RCMP contract that addresses the outstanding issues of a new partnership, cost containment and accountability.***

## MUNICIPAL AUDITOR GENERAL POLICY PAPER

*Endorsed as Amended*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM, while disagreeing on the necessity to create an office of the Municipal Auditor General, due to the fact that requirements of such an office are already met under existing local government legislation and regulations, endorse in principle the policy paper and instruct the UBCM Executive to continue negotiations with the provincial government.***

## SECTION A

A1 RCMP Integrated Teams  
*Endorsed*

A2 Local Government Elections – Online Voting  
*Endorsed*

A3 BC Ferries Rate Increases  
*Endorsed as Amended*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to recognize our coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and provide the independent BC Ferry Commission with a mandate to provide comprehensive recommendations aimed at creating equity between our terrestrial and marine highways and keeping jobs in coastal BC;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that the BC ferry fares **are reduced** and **current** service levels are **maintained** at current levels until such time as the provincial government implements legislation that recognizes our coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and creates equity between BC’s terrestrial and marine highway systems.*

A4 Enhanced Seniors’ Care Outreach & Preventative Health Programs  
*Endorsed*

- A5 Retention of Carbon Offsets by Local Governments  
*Endorsed*
- A6 Aquaculture Agreements  
*Endorsed*
- A7 Treaty Advisory Committee Funding  
*Endorsed*

***implementing the regulation, such as the use of a model bylaw to allow local government to assist in enforcing the regulation or mandating the Product Stewardship Program with responsibility to implement and monitor these regulations.***

## **SECTION B – PART 1**

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In keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures, Section B – Part 1 resolutions were considered as a block by the 2011 Convention on Wednesday, September 28. The exception was resolution B16, which was removed for individual debate and was considered following passage of the block.

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

- B1 Duty of Elected Officials to Respect Confidentiality  
*Endorsed*
  - B2 First Line Fire Truck Replacement Guidelines  
*Endorsed*
  - B3 Fire & Police Services Collective Bargaining Act  
*Endorsed*
  - B4 Emergency Management BC & Road Rescue Services  
*Endorsed*
  - B5 Local Government Emergency Response Costs  
*Endorsed*
  - B6 First Responder Training Funding  
*Endorsed*
  - B7 Scrap Metal Licensing & Regulating  
*Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed*
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to implement a system to licence and regulate the scrap metal economy in British Columbia and in the process consider different methods of***

- B8 Keep of Prisoners Cost  
*Endorsed*
- B9 Provincial Court of BC – Judicial Resources  
*Endorsed*
- B10 Responding to the Threat of Tsunamis  
*Endorsed*
- B11 Flood Mitigation Programs  
*Endorsed*
- B12 Diking Districts  
*Endorsed*
- B13 911 Call Levy  
*Endorsed*
- B14 Provision & Funding of Victim Services  
*Endorsed*
- B15 Crime Prevention Programs  
*Endorsed*
- B17 Determining Election Results Where a Tie Vote Exists After a Judicial Recount  
*Endorsed*
- B18 Regulation of Installation of Signs, Speed & Pedestrian Crossings Within Municipal Boundaries  
*Endorsed*
- B19 Bike Lane Sweeping  
*Endorsed*
- B20 Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Licensing & Safety  
*Endorsed*
- B21 Railcar Service  
*Endorsed*
- B22 Allocating Carbon Tax for Transit Funding  
*Endorsed*

B23	BC Hydro Fair Compensation <i>Endorsed</i>	B35	Development Cost Charges for Solid Waste Infrastructure <i>Endorsed</i>
B24	Varying Tax Rates <i>Endorsed</i>	B36	Farm Assessment Review Implementation <i>Endorsed</i>
B25	University Property Tax Payments <i>Endorsed</i>	B37	Brownfield Sites <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>
B26	Liquor Tax Allocation <i>Endorsed</i>		<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Assessment Authority ensure any site with an operating business have its assessment values consistent with other similar properties <b>regardless of actual or perceived contamination.</b></i>
B27	Public Library Funding <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>	B38	Recycling Deposit & Refund System Expansion <i>Endorsed</i>
	<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM <b>request that the provincial government restore funding for BC libraries and reading centres to the levels that were achieved as part of the strategic plan prior to 2009.</b></i>	B39	Product Stewardship Inadequacies <i>Endorsed</i>
B28	BCLC Revenue Allocation <i>Endorsed</i>	B40	Glass Sponge Reef Protection <i>Endorsed</i>
B29	Rural Dividend <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>	B41	Endangered Species & Ecosystems Protection Act <i>Endorsed</i>
	<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to develop a program that would provide additional financial and capacity building resources <b>to communities by returning a fair share</b> of the revenue created by resource industry activity in their respective regions.</i>	B42	Control of Canada Geese <i>Endorsed</i>
B30	Revenue Sharing from Mining Royalties <i>Endorsed</i>	B43	Ground Water Regulation & Agricultural Water Reserve <i>Endorsed</i>
B31	Infrastructure Funding for Small Communities <i>Endorsed</i>	B44	Regulation of Sale of Plants & Seeds <i>Endorsed</i>
B32	Universal Soil Removal Fee <i>Endorsed</i>	B45	Enforcement of Development Permits <i>Endorsed</i>
B33	Request to Amend Section 941 of the Local Government Act <i>Endorsed</i>	B46	Aggregate Extraction <i>Endorsed</i>
B34	Infrastructure Costs <i>Endorsed</i>	B47	Regulation & Protection of Use of Waterways <i>Endorsed</i>
		B48	Agricultural Land Commission <i>Endorsed</i>

B49 Provincial Parks  
*Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial government to provide appropriate budgets and staff to fully support the continued and sustained operation of provincial parks and related facilities and services, **year-round where appropriate**, thereby supporting the tourism industry and the quality of life of all British Columbians;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government be asked to recognize provincial parks and related facilities and services as the sole responsibility of the Province and cease all direct and indirect attempts to download these services, or any aspects of these services, to local government.*

B50 Forestry Practices on Private Managed Forest Lands  
*Endorsed*

B51 Funding for Visitor Centres  
*Endorsed*

B52 Agricultural Funding  
*Endorsed*

B53 Agriculture Policy  
*Endorsed*

B54 Clean Renewable Energy Projects  
*Endorsed*

B55 Barriers to Small Scale Food Production & Distribution  
*Endorsed*

B56 Support of the BC Grown & Processed Food Sector  
*Endorsed*

B57 Forest Tenure Review  
*Endorsed*

B58 Insufficient Funding of Health Authorities  
*Endorsed*

B59 Restore Funding to Hospitals  
*Endorsed*

B60 Rural Health Care  
*Endorsed*

B61 Mental Health Illness Impacts  
*Endorsed*

B62 Autism Programs & Funding  
*Endorsed*

B63 Community-based Seniors' Care  
*Endorsed*

B64 Introduction of Uniform Provincial Smoking Standards  
*Endorsed*

B65 Provincial Childcare Funding  
*Endorsed*

B66 Provincial & Federal Investment in Early Care & Learning  
*Endorsed*

B67 Provincial Housing Trust Funds  
*Endorsed*

B68 Utility Rate Review  
*Endorsed*

B69 Return to Heritage Funding  
*Endorsed*

B70 Restore Gaming Grants  
*Endorsed*

B71 Amendment to the Library Act to Allow for Remuneration of Board Members  
*Endorsed*

B72 High Speed Internet/Cell Phone Coverage  
*Endorsed*

B73 Education Curriculum on Local Government  
*Endorsed*

B74 Restore Funding to Women's Centres  
*Endorsed*

The following resolution, removed from the Section B – Part 1 block, was then considered individually:

B16 Online Voting in Local Government Elections  
*Removed from Consideration*

## SECTION B – PART 2-a

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In keeping with the procedures for handling resolutions, Section B – Part 2-a resolutions were considered as a block by the 2011 Convention on Thursday, September 29.

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

- B75 Homicide Investigation Costs  
*Endorsed*
- B76 Reduction of Sheriffs' Escort for Prisoners  
*Endorsed*
- B77 Provincial Legislation Regarding Metal Theft  
*Endorsed*
- B78 National Public Safety Broadband Network  
*Endorsed & Referred to FCM*
- B79 Funding for Coastal Flood Protection  
*Endorsed*
- B80 Wildland Interface Hazards on Crown Land  
*Endorsed*
- B81 Winter Tires Mandatory for Rental Vehicles  
*Endorsed*
- B82 Rail Crossing Upgrade Costs  
*Endorsed*
- B83 Highways – Liability  
*Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province on behalf of BC local governments to amend the **Negligence Act** so that municipalities cannot be enjoined as third parties for legal claims on provincial highways.*

- B84 Intersection Safety Cameras Along Highways  
*Endorsed*
- B85 Northern Living Deduction  
*Endorsed & Referred to FCM*

- B86 Outstanding Taxes on Defaulted Crown Leases  
*Endorsed*
- B87 HST & Pension Plans  
*Endorsed*
- B88 School Site Acquisition Charge  
*Endorsed*
- B89 Illegal Dumping  
*Endorsed*
- B90 Natural Area Tax Exemption Program  
*Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed*  
  
*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development be requested to grant local governments the authority to implement natural area protection tax exemption programs.*
- B91 Development of a Nature & Climate Conservation Strategy  
*Endorsed*
- B92 Authority to Control Weeds  
*Endorsed*
- B93 Balancing Agriculture & Aquatic Species at Risk Conservation  
*Endorsed & Referred to FCM*
- B94 Maintenance of Engineered Ditches  
*Endorsed*
- B95 Amend the BC Mines Act  
*Endorsed*
- B96 BC Water Act Modernization  
*Endorsed*
- B97 Protection of Lakes & Rivers  
*Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed*  
  
*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia restore funding and resources to provincial ministries to ensure the adequate protection of BC lakes and rivers, or provide the **enabling** regulatory authority and financial means to local governments to properly protect and manage lakes and rivers at the local level, **should they so wish.***

B98	Renewable Energy Requirement <i>Endorsed</i>		<i>infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia.</i>
B99	Contaminated Sites <i>Endorsed</i>	B108	Inclusive Physical Activity School Curriculum <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>
B100	Consultation with Local Government Regarding Resource Management <i>Endorsed</i>		<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to implement a provincial adaptation to curricula that will encourage:</i>
B101	Urban Farms <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>inclusive physical activities in all grades, particularly in physical education;</i></li> <li>2) <i>adaptation of wording in provincial curricula that will reflect seamless inclusion for all students; and</i></li> <li>3) <i>promotion of input and awareness in the development of resources and services (or programs) that will enhance inclusive physical activity;</i></li> </ol>
	<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM <b>encourage</b> local governments within the province of British Columbia <b>to</b> undertake an inventory of public land (inclusive of parks, boulevards, rights-of-way) including identification of current zoning and applicable bylaws and/or covenants, with the intention of creating local government agricultural land banks for all forms of urban agriculture activities in support of local food security initiatives that may include, but are not limited to: urban farms, community gardens, or edible boulevards;</i>		<b><i>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM encourage BC post-secondary institutions to adapt and enhance their curricula where relevant to teach and reflect inclusive physical activity through sport and recreation, healthy living, education and other related programs.</i></b>
	<i>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM <b>encourage</b> local governments <b>to</b> review procurement and business licensing policies to enhance the viability of urban agriculture.</i>	B109	Canada Post Service Cuts <i>Endorsed &amp; Referred to FCM</i>
B102	Agricultural Land Values <i>Endorsed</i>	B110	Public Telephone Access <i>Endorsed &amp; Referred to FCM</i>
B103	First Nations Urban Reserves <i>Endorsed</i>	B111	Long Form of the Canada Census <i>Endorsed &amp; Referred to FCM</i>
B104	Support for BRIDGES Program <i>Endorsed</i>	B112	Exclusion of Water Services from International Trade Agreements <i>Endorsed &amp; Referred to FCM</i>
B105	Reinvesting in Forest Stewardship <i>Endorsed</i>	B113	Federal Library Funding Contribution <i>Endorsed &amp; Referred to FCM</i>
B106	Elimination of MSP Premiums <i>Endorsed</i>	B114	Succession Planning for Local Governments <i>Endorsed</i>
B107	Water Regulations <i>Endorsed with Amendment as Proposed</i>	B115	Improvement of Accountability Measures <i>Endorsed</i>
	<i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging</i>		



## **SECTION B – PART 2-b RESOLUTIONS**

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- B116 Safe Cycling Routes Along Highway Corridors  
*Not Endorsed*
- B117 Reduce Voting Age for Local Government & School Board Elections  
*Note Endorsed*
- B118 Tax Credits for Emergency Responders  
*Endorsed*
- B119 Repeal Sections 420-427 of the Local Government Act  
*Endorsed*
- B120 Interest Rate on Arrears & Delinquent Taxes  
*Endorsed*
- B121 Tourist Accommodation Tax Relief  
*Not Endorsed*
- B122 Business Class Exemption  
*Not Endorsed*
- B123 LEED Gold Hospital Capital Projects  
*Endorsed*
- B124 Requirements for Public Notice  
*Not Endorsed*
- B125 Breach of Oath of Office by Elected Officials  
*Not Endorsed*
- B126 Unauthorized Disclosure of Information by Elected Officials  
*Not Endorsed*
- B127 DFO Referral Times  
*Endorsed*
- B128 Riparian Area Regulation Variance Protocol Update  
*Referred to UBCM Executive*
- B129 Control of Watersheds  
*Endorsed*
- B130 Effective Management of Water Resources  
*Not Endorsed*

- B131 Carbon Neutral Obligations  
*Referred to UBCM Executive*
- B132 Climate Action Charter  
*Not Endorsed*
- B133 Carbon Offsets  
*Endorsed*
- B134 Ecosystem Based Offsets for Local Governments  
*Not Endorsed*
- B135 Environmental Protection Fees  
*Endorsed as Amended*
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to develop a new revenue source through the implementation of environmental protection fees on all incoming freight, and that those revenues be **dedicated** throughout the province by the Invasive Plant Council of BC and local governments for the purpose of preventing, mitigating and eradicating invasive species;*
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that cargo certified as weed-free by the BC Cattlemen’s Association, or other recognized agency, will be exempt from the levy.*
- B136 Importance of Mechanical Insulation  
*Endorsed*
- B137 Citizen Complaints Regarding the RCMP in BC  
*No Action Required*
- B138 Re-instatement of Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative  
*No Action Required*
- B139 Fuel Management Prescription Program  
*Referred to UBCM Executive*
- B140 Regional Growth Strategy  
*Not Endorsed*
- B141 Grant Programs for Regional Districts  
*Endorsed*

- B142 Travel Expense for Participating in UBCM Committee Meetings  
*Endorsed*
- B143 Blue Community  
*Endorsed*
- B144 Animal Abuse  
*Endorsed*
- B145 Animal Welfare in BC Communities  
*Endorsed*
- B146 UBCM Resolutions Session Participation  
*Endorsed*
- B147 UBCM Name Change  
*Endorsed*
- B148 School District Board Transparency  
*Referred to UBCM Executive*

### **SECTION B – PART 3-a RESOLUTIONS**

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In keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures, Section B – Part 3-a resolutions were considered as a block by the 2011 Convention on Friday, September 30. The exception was resolution B149, which was removed for individual debate and was considered following passage of the block.

The disposition of the resolutions in the Section B – Part 3-a block was as follows:

- B150 Seniors’ Testing Under DriveABLE Program  
*Endorsed*
- B151 Bee Importation  
*Endorsed*
- B152 Trading Water Rights  
*Endorsed*
- B153 Marine Conservation Strategy – Vancouver Island Shelf  
*Endorsed*
- B154 Funding for Regional Area Geologists  
*Endorsed*
- B155 HST Exemption  
*Endorsed*

- B156 Casino Development  
*Endorsed*

The following resolution, removed from the Section B – Part 3-a block, was then considered individually:

- B149 Transportation of Hazardous Materials  
*Endorsed as Amended*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the federal and provincial governments conduct a review to determine whether the emergency response capabilities are appropriate for the quantities and class of hazardous materials now being transported along the new Asia Pacific Gateway corridor.*

### **SECTION B – PART 3-b RESOLUTIONS**

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- B157 Age Restrictions on Indoor Tanning  
*Endorsed*
  - B158 Elimination of MSP Premiums for Seniors  
*Removed from Consideration*
  - B159 For-profit Clinics  
*Not Endorsed*
  - B160 Food Safety at Community Events  
*Endorsed as Amended*
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that all health authorities develop reasonable policies that will allow the sale and provision of foods prepared in non-commercial kitchens and which are not cost prohibitive or otherwise prohibitively onerous to the average citizen.*
- B161 Alaska Hwy 97 North – Four-laning  
*Not Endorsed*
  - B162 Highway 16 Three-laning  
*Not Endorsed*
  - B163 Volunteer Dues Income Tax Credit  
*Not Endorsed*
  - B164 Canada First Shipping & Transportation Policy  
*Endorsed*



B165 Annual Halibut Quota  
*Not Endorsed*

Due to time constraints, in keeping with UBCM resolutions procedures the recommendations for remaining Section B – Part 3 resolutions were adopted as a block, except resolution B174, which was removed for individual debate and considered following passage of the block. Resolutions with no recommendation were referred automatically to the UBCM Executive.

The disposition of the remaining Section B – Part 3 resolutions was as follows:

B166 Allocation of Pacific Halibut to Sport Fishing Sector  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B167 Public Commission on Forests  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B168 Federal & Provincial Environmental Assessment Processes  
*Not Endorsed*

B169 Incandescent Light Bulb Ban  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B170 Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B171 Trapping Regulations  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B172 Carbon Taxing of the Coal Industry  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B173 Tuition Fees  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B175 Provincial Income Assistance Rates  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

B176 Cuts to Family Reunification Program  
*Referred Automatically to UBCM Executive*

The following resolution, removed from the remaining Section B – Part 3 block, was then considered individually:

B174 BC Hydro Wireless Smart Meters  
*Endorsed*

## **RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

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One late resolution, LR6, was deemed to be emergency in nature and was admitted for debate. No other late resolutions were admitted for debate. In keeping with UBCM procedures, the late resolutions will be forwarded to the appropriate Area Associations for consideration in the 2012 resolutions cycle, pending sponsor approval.

LR6 Oil Pipelines & Tanker Traffic in BC  
*Endorsed*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the National Energy Board, Port Metro Vancouver, and all appropriate federal ministers ensure that any applications to expand the amount of oil transported by pipeline or tanker in British Columbia undergo:***

- a. the highest degree of environmental assessment; and***
- b. meaningful public consultation, including direct engagement with affected municipalities, regional authorities and British Columbia First Nations.***

## **RESOLUTION OFF THE FLOOR**

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OF1 Health Care Costs Recovery Act  
*Endorsed*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to withdraw all current claims under the Health Care Costs Recovery Act against local governments and provide a commitment to review their practice of pursuing claims against local governments except in cases of gross negligence.***

## 2011-2012 UBCM EXECUTIVE

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