



UNION OF
BRITISH
COLUMBIA
MUNICIPALITIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- BETWEEN THE -
BC BUSINESS SUMMIT
- AND THE -
UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES
SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

WHEREAS:
The economy of BC is affected by a wide variety of factors, some of which fall within the mandate of local government;

The economy of British Columbia is in a transition resulting from the increasing influence of global forces;

There are mounting concerns about the competitiveness of the British Columbia economy;
The sustainability and livability of all communities in British Columbia is fundamentally tied to the prospects of the economy;

Business and local governments have a stake in the success of economic policy and the legislation and regulations that put economic policy into effect;

Business and local governments have common interests in the development of the economy and have a relationship through land use and business licensing powers, amongst other things; and,

Business and local government believe there is public benefit in the establishment of closer working relationships with each other.

THEREFORE:
This Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the BC Business Summit and UBCM to work together to achieve the province-wide benefits of economic development.

PRINCIPLES:

The following principles pertain to this memorandum of understanding and the actions arising from the memorandum. These principles are:

- Mutual respect for each agency's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and that the memorandum of understanding does not fetter the individual mandates of the parties;
- Co-operation in the development and distribution of information; and,
- Harmonization of projects or initiatives to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

• Acknowledgement that a healthy environment is fundamental to a healthy economy.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

The BC Business Summit and UBCM have the following mutual objectives:

- Promote understanding of the needs of business and local government in a province-wide context;
- Discuss aspects of the regulatory environment to better reflect the interests of investors, consumers and taxpayers while ensuring environmental protection; and
- Provide notice of actions to achieve changes in provincial policy and regulation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The BC Business Summit and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities agree to establish a joint economic development working group to further the goals stated in this agreement. The joint working group will meet from time to time to review joint initiatives and projects as well as the general progress on goals and objectives.

COMMITMENT:

In witness of this Agreement the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 30th day of September, 1999.

SIGNED on behalf of the
BC BUSINESS SUMMIT by:

SIGNED on behalf of the
UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MUNICIPALITIES by:

Gary Povroznik, Business Council of BC

Mayor P. A. John Ranta, UBCM President

Laurie Kerr, BC Chamber of Commerce

Rick Turner, Vancouver Board of Trade

Allan Skidmore, Vancouver Board of Trade



*ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING
THE
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BETWEEN THE
UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES
AND THE
BC BUSINESS SUMMIT
Thursday, September 30, 1999*

- Alliance of Manufacturers & Exporters Canada
- B. C. Association of Private Care
- B. C. Automobile Dealers Association
- B. C. Biotechnology Alliance Society
- BC Chamber of Commerce
- BC Construction Association
- B. C. Maritime Employers Association
- B. C. Real Estate Association
- BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association
- B. C. Salmon Farmers Association
- BC Seafood Alliance
- B. C. Technology Industries Association
- B. C. Trucking Association

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- British Columbia Pharmacy Association
- Building Owners and Managers Association British Columbia
- Business Council of British Columbia
- Canadian Chemical Producers Association
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- Canadian Home Builders Association
- Canadian Petroleum Products Institute
- Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association
- Certified General Accountants Association of B. C.
- Certified Management Accountants Society of British Columbia
- Chilivack Economic Partners Corporation
- Coast Forest & Lumber Association
- Consulting Engineers of British Columbia
- Council of Forest Industries
- Council of Tourism Associations of British Columbia
- Independent Contractors & Businesses Association of BC
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC
- Investment Dealers Association of BC
- Mining Association of B. C.
- Mining Suppliers Contractors and Consultants Association of B. C.
- Northern Forest Products Association
- Pulp & Paper Employee Relations Forum
- Restaurant and Food Services Association of B. C.
- Retail Council of Canada
- Retail Merchants Association of British Columbia*
- Southern Interior Construction Association
- Truck Loggers Association
- Urban Development Institute
- Vancouver Board of Trade
- Western Brewers Association
