

October 2, 2019

Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

RE: 911 Call Answer Levy on Cellular Devices

Dear Minister Farnworth,

On behalf of the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM), I write to advise you that the UBCM Executive has endorsed a motion to approve, in principle, enabling provincial legislation to create a new call answer levy (CAL) for cellular devices. This approval in principle came at the September 22, 2019 UBCM Executive meeting.

A key element of UBCM's support is an understanding that revenue derived through a 911 CAL will not be directed to general provincial revenue. Rather, a governance entity will be created to oversee revenue administration. This is consistent with past UBCM policy seeking the establishment of an independent body for 911 CAL revenue administration.

UBCM looks forward to continued engagement regarding the implementation of a 911 CAL, and the development of a new provincial 911 framework.

Yours truly,



Maja Tait
UBCM President

cc: *The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
The Honourable Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services