



Minutes 117th Convention

Virtual September 22 – 24, 2020

2019 – 2020 UBCM Executive

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Minutes

Minutes of the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Union of BC Municipalities held virtually on September 22, 23 and 24, 2020

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Convention Opening Session

The UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait, called the 117th Annual Convention to order at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 broadcasting live from the Victoria Conference Centre.

President's Address: Interview with Mayor Maja Tait

The President, Mayor Maja Tait, met with First Vice-President Councillor Brian Frenkel to share her perspectives on serving as UBCM President over the past year. The Interview is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix A.

Annual Meeting

The First Vice-President, Councillor Brian Frenkel, in the Chair, opened the Annual Meeting.

Revised Conference Rules & Procedures

Delegates were advised that the revised Conference Rules and Procedures for 2020 were printed in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book to accommodate the virtual Convention format as authorized by a Special Provincial Ministerial Order.

Adoption of Minutes of 2019 Convention

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on September 24-27, 2019 were adopted as prepared and distributed.

Annual Report

The President, Mayor Maja Tait, presented the Annual Report, which, on regular motion, duly moved and seconded, was adopted.

Adoption of Financial Statements

The Second Vice President, Councillor Jen Ford, presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the year ending May 31, 2020. On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were adopted. The Audited Financial Statements were circulated in the Annual Report. A copy of the budget for the year commencing June 1, 2020, as approved by the Executive, was also circulated to the membership for their information.

Appointment of Auditors

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Executive be empowered to appoint KPMG as auditors for the year commencing June 1, 2020, was adopted.

Appointment of Committees

In advance of Convention, the following Convention-related committees and officials were appointed:

Nominating Committee

Councillor Arjun Singh, Immediate Past President, UBCM, Chair
Mayor Maja Tait, President
Councillor Craig Hodge, GVRD/Metro Vancouver Rep

Convention Committee

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Chair
Councillor Chad Eliason, Vice Chair
Director Grace McGregor
Councillor Carl Jensen
Mayor Jack Crompton

Scrutineers

Leslie Groulx, CAO, District of Clearwater, Chief Scrutineer
Tom Kadla, CAO, Village of Lumby, Deputy Chief Scrutineer

Parliamentarian

Ian Izard, Q.C., Clay and Company
Former Law Clerk and Clerk Assistant, Legislative Assembly of BC

Report of the Nominating Committee

Councillor Arjun Singh, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Report from the Nominating Committee. He noted that due to the pandemic the Nominating Committee had been constituted differently recognizing that the Area Associations could not participate. He indicated that with revised procedures adopted in June, under the virtual format there would not be a call for nominations from the floor. As a result, he proceeded to announce the following positions as acclaimed:

- Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis, Small Community Representative
- Director Grace McGregor, Kootenay Boundary Regional District, Electoral Area Representative
- Councillor Jen Ford, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Second Vice-President
- Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, City of Quesnel, First Vice-President
- Councillor Brian Frenkel, District of Vanderhoof, President

Councillor Singh advised there would be elections for the following positions:

For Third Vice President:

- Councillor Chad Eliason, City of Salmon Arm
- Councillor Clair Moglove, City of Campbell River
- Mayor Ange Qualizza, City of Fernie

For Director at Large: *(amended list following the withdrawal of Councillor Helen Poon, Port Alberni)*

- Councillor Sean Bujtas, City of Terrace
- Director Susan Clovechok, RD of East Kootenay
- Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton, City of Courtenay
- Councillor Sharmarke Dubow, City of Victoria
- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo
- Director Travis Hall, Central Coast RD
- Councillor Scott Harrison, Town of Qualicum Beach
- Councillor Ken Herar, District of Mission
- Councillor Sadie Hunter, City of Kamloops
- Mayor Martin Johansen, Town of Oliver
- Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St. John
- Councillor Amy Lubik, City of Port Moody
- Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill

For Vancouver Metro Vancouver Area Representative:

- Councillor Paul Albrecht, City of Langley
- Councillor Lisa Dominato, City of Vancouver
- Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam
- Mayor Val van den Broek, City of Langley

The Chair advised that all candidates speeches were posted to the virtual Convention platform. An overview of the on-line voting procedures was shared with delegates and Councillor Singh closed by thanking all of the candidates for their interest in running for office and his Committee members for their assistance in implementing the revised nominations and elections process for 2020.

Provincial Election Panel – The Campaign Begins

At 10:15, UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait introduced Jonina Campbell, Executive Director, BC Green Party; Maria Dobrinskaya, Broadbent Institute; and Caroline Elliott, Political Commentator & PhD Candidate to discuss the challenges and opportunities for three main provincial political parties during the election campaign, and what local governments should expect in terms of platform commitments.

Address by Councillor Bill Karsten, FCM President

At 11:00 am, UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait, introduced Councillor Bill Karsten, FCM President, who spoke about the association's current priorities and activities. President Karsten then introduced delegates to incoming FCM President, Councillor Garth Frizzell, City of Prince George, who provided brief remarks.

President Tait thanked President Karsten and Councillor Frizzell for their remarks.

Public Transit: Recovery and Rebuild

The policy session commenced at 11:10 am, chaired by Councillor Craig Hodge, GVRD/Metro Vancouver Representative, to address the challenges facing public transit due to the pandemic and what was needed to support transit communities at this difficult time. Presenters for this session included:

- Kevin Desmond, CEO, TransLink
- Erinn Pinkerton, President and CEO, BC Transit
- Mayor Jonathon Cote, New Westminster, Chair of the TransLink Mayors' Council
- Mayor Jack Crompton, Whistler, BC Transit community

Plenary Session – Reimagining Leadership: Lessons from the Pandemic

The plenary session began at 1:00pm and was a dialogue moderated by UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait, and featured The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of BC; Kim Baird, former Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation, and; Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer. The three distinguished panellists discussed the value of diverse approaches in leading during a time demanding resilience in the face of a society-shifting pandemic, as well as reflecting on their personal experiences as women in leadership. Convention delegates were able to ask several questions of the panellists including such topics of importance to local governments like BC's overdose crisis, social media, climate change, and the way many issues are overlapping and intersecting in real time.

Provincial Policy Session – Digitally-enabled, Remote & Ready

This session opened at 2:45 pm on Tuesday, September 22 and was chaired by Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg. Delegates heard from a panel that examined collaborative approaches to connectivity and over-coming barriers to access, scaled to work for any community, whether large or small, remote or rural or urban. A case study was also profiled which featured the Village of Kaslo and the Kaslo infoNet Society, who together built a high-performance community access network for the North Kootenay Lake communities.

Presenters for this session were:

- Susan Stanford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness;
- James Ehrlich, Founder of ReGen Villages
- Councillor Garth Frizzell, from the City of Prince George, and First Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- Tim Ryan, Director at Large for the Kaslo infoNet Society; and
- Director Maureen LeBourdais, from the Cariboo Regional District.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Principal Policy Session – Resolutions

The Resolutions session began at 9:00 am with Councillor Claire Moglove, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in the Chair.

Councillor Moglove was joined in person by one member of the Resolutions Committee, Councillor Brian Frenkel. The remaining members of the Resolutions Committee, Director Roly Russell, Mayor Jack Crompton and Councillor Pete Fry, joined the proceedings virtually. Councillors Moglove and Frenkel were assisted by Parliamentarian Ian Izzard, UBCM Executive Director Gary MacIsaac, and other UBCM staff.

In 2020, the organization of resolutions and the Conference Rules and Procedures for Handling Resolutions were updated to adapt to a virtual environment. The updated rules can be found on pages 4-8 of the 2020 UBCM Resolutions Book.

Section ER

Councillor Brian Frenkel assumed the Chair and commenced consideration of resolution ER1.

ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Provide the UBCM Executive with the Authority to Enable a Virtual Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention

UBCM Executive

Whereas the 2020 UBCM Convention and Annual General Meeting are being conducted in a virtual format as a result of the provincial state of emergency being declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the prohibition on mass gatherings that was issued by the Provincial Health Officer;

And whereas the special Ministerial Order #168 authorizes the holding of the UBCM Convention and the Annual General Meeting in a virtual format and allows the Executive to:

- hold a virtual AGM and Convention; and
- amend existing rules, procedure and processes and establish new ones to permit UBCM to conduct voting and other “in person” processes in a virtual setting; (the “Order”);

And whereas the Order will expire following the 2020 Convention and given the uncertainty with respect to the length of the state of emergency and prohibition on mass gatherings, the Executive is considering how to conduct future Conventions:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM Bylaws be amended to provide the UBCM Executive with the authority to hold a virtual Convention and AGM in the future should the same or similar state of emergency situation arise, making it impractical for UBCM members to meet in person; by adding the following new sections 10. (j), (k), (l), (m) to the UBCM Bylaws as follows:

10. DUTIES AND POWERS OF EXECUTIVE

(j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these bylaws or any policy, rule, or procedure adopted by UBCM, if a situation arises, such as a state of emergency, that prevents the Annual Convention from being held as an in-person event at a physical location, the Executive may mandate that the Annual Convention be held as a virtual convention conducted and attended via alternative communications medium (a “Virtual Convention”).

(k) Should the Executive elect to hold the Annual Convention as a Virtual Convention, it will notify members in accordance with these bylaws.

(l) A Virtual Convention will, where possible, be conducted in accordance with the requirements of these bylaws and any applicable policy, rule, or procedure adopted by UBCM. However, where the Executive determines that adhering to a requirement, policy, rule or procedure at a Virtual Convention is either impossible or would, in the Executive’s sole opinion, be very difficult or impractical, the Executive may provide an alternative requirement, policy, rule, or procedure suitable to the Virtual Convention’s format.

(m) Notwithstanding the foregoing subsection, the Executive will conduct the following business at a Virtual Convention:

- publish the previous fiscal years’ financial audit and report thereon;
- appoint an auditor or auditors to hold office until the next Annual Convention;
- elect Officers and the Executive;
- vote on Annual Resolutions; and
- such other business as the Executive in its sole opinion deem necessary.

On motion, was Endorsed

Section SR

The Chair then commenced consideration of resolution SR1.

SR1 New Emergency Management Legislation

UBCM Executive

Whereas the provincial government is in the process of modernizing its emergency management legislation, with many proposed changes—such as new mitigation and recovery duties—are likely to create financial and resource pressures for local governments;

And whereas Emergency Management BC has acknowledged the need to support local governments in responding to these proposed changes, but has yet to outline any specific support mechanisms:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government, as part of the process to modernize BC's emergency management legislation, implement the following measures:

- Develop an ongoing sustainable funding framework for local governments to address emergency management responsibilities;
- Confirm adequate provincial support services for local governments to address emergency management capacity issues; and
- Consult with UBCM and local governments in the development of these and other necessary measures to address challenges resulting from new emergency management legislation.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR2 Cannabis Taxation Revenue Sharing

UBCM Executive

Whereas BC local governments have yet to receive a share of provincial cannabis taxation revenue, despite the federal government's decision to increase the provincial share of cannabis excise tax revenue by 25 per cent in recognition of the costs and responsibilities assumed by local governments;

And whereas the provincial government continues to decline UBCM's requests to negotiate a cannabis taxation revenue sharing agreement, notwithstanding the growing body of evidence and local government support for an agreement, including but not limited to:

- consistent requests for revenue sharing, with UBCM members endorsing resolutions on this topic each year for the past four years;
- development of short- and long-term options for revenue sharing, as endorsed by the UBCM membership and presented to the Minister of Finance on multiple occasions; and
- findings from UBCM's 2019 cannabis cost survey, indicating substantial one-time and ongoing incremental costs incurred by local governments, associated with the legalization of non-medical cannabis:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government commit to negotiating a cannabis taxation revenue sharing agreement with local governments that honours the intent of the federal excise tax revenue sharing scheme and addresses local government short- and long-term costs associated with the legalization of non-medical cannabis.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR3 Local Government Election Financing

UBCM Executive

Whereas the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA) only applies to elector organizations and candidates during an election year for the specific purpose of campaigning;

And whereas, third-party advertising sponsors are only required to include sponsorship information on election advertising in the last 28 days leading up to General Voting Day;

And whereas in order to ensure fairness in the local government election process:

- all financial transactions, both during a campaign and outside of campaign periods, should be reported; and
- there should be full and transparent reporting of financial contributions to elector organizations and candidates, including reporting by third party entities that engage in significant campaign activities in support of candidates or endorsed candidates:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend LECFA to:

- require all elector organizations, as defined under the *Local Government Act* to register with Elections BC, similar to how provincial political parties are registered with Elections BC;
- require real time disclosure of in-kind support and financial contributions made to local government election candidates in election years, as well as to sitting elected officials in non-election years;
- apply contributor and contribution limits to operating accounts of elector organizations and candidates for operational purposes at all times, and to require that annual disclosure reports of contributions received in operating bank accounts, in election years and non-election years; and
- establish a pre-campaign period during which time all election advertising must include sponsorship information.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR4 Recovery and Rebuild of Public Transit in BC

UBCM Executive

Whereas transit is an essential service critical for providing mobility to support the social and economic recovery of transit communities and the Province, as part of the BC Restart Plan;

And whereas transit communities have incurred, and will continue to incur, significant financial losses due to the costs of responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic – costs which should not be downloaded onto regressive revenue sources like property taxes or transit fares which will hinder economic recovery;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC work with TransLink, BC Transit, UBCM and BC local governments to:

- a. Deliver a **Provincial Transit Recovery Strategy** to address the 2020 and 2021 financial impacts that TransLink and BC Transit have already incurred and will continue to incur due to the COVID-19 crisis so that both can continue delivering the services and mobility the province needs to rebuild and prosper in the coming months and years.
- b. Develop a **Provincial Rebuilding Strategy for BC's Transit and Transportation Sector** in 2021 that will strengthen BC Transit's and TransLink's funding models by expanding transit revenue tools to reduce reliance on transit fares so that both agencies can:
 - Sustain, improve and grow transit as the economy and population grows; and
 - Rebuild transit ridership and provide mobility alternatives to support economically competitive, sustainable and livable communities.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR5 Recovery Through Infrastructure Stimulus Funding

UBCM Executive

Whereas communities have incurred, and continue to incur, significant losses due to the costs of responding to the pandemic including lost revenue and job losses;

And whereas the provincial government is shifting its focus from restarting the province to recovery from the pandemic, including an allocation of \$1.5 billion for an Economic Recovery Fund;

And whereas infrastructure funding has historically generated significant economic returns for local communities, through increased employment, the flow through of dollars to local businesses, and the creation of community assets:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call for an infrastructure stimulus framework from the Province which maximizes local government choice and flexibility in ensuring funds are invested in the areas with the greatest need and economic return;

And be it further resolved that such an infrastructure stimulus framework includes:

- Flexibility on project category, eligible costs, procurement and timelines;
- Provides 100 percent funding for any recovery program and/or current infrastructure program;
- Supports shovel worthy projects over shovel ready projects and removes existing federal stacking rules; and
- Employs the current Gas Tax funding model.

On motion, was Endorsed

Councillor Claire Moglove assumed the Chair and continued consideration of the SR resolutions.

SR6 Broadband Internet

UBCM Executive

Whereas the 2019 BC Connectivity Report – produced by KPMG for the Northern Development Initiative Trust to assess broadband Internet connectivity available to rural and Indigenous communities in BC – identified significant challenges with both access and affordability, challenges which have become glaring in the current pandemic and economic recovery environment;

And whereas existing provincial funding focuses on completion of last-mile local network infrastructure or new, upgraded, or expanded backbone infrastructure; and federal government funding programs in development seem to focus on backbone infrastructure without requiring the completion of last-mile local networks; while none of the funding programs address the issue of existing, dormant backbone and last-mile infrastructure that either lacks an Internet service provider to make use of it, or is owned by an existing Internet service provider that declines to activate and use it:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial and federal governments, in their efforts to make broadband Internet access universally available, to implement measures to address access and affordability challenges particularly in rural and remote areas;

And be it further resolved that provincial and federal government funding programs for universal broadband Internet should – in addition to requiring Internet service providers to complete installation, upgrading, or expansion of both backbone and last-mile network infrastructure – require Internet service providers or the owners of network infrastructure to activate and make use of existing, dormant network infrastructure to help achieve universal broadband Internet access.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR7 Local Economic Recovery in Response to the Pandemic

UBCM Executive

Whereas recovery from COVID-19 will require international, federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments to work collaboratively to address the devastating health, safety, social and economic impacts;

And whereas UBCM serves as the collective voice and advocacy body for BC local governments, which are:

- recognized as orders of government under s. 1 of the *Community Charter*;
- continuing to incur significant revenue losses as a result of deferred property taxes, reduced tourism, lost transit fares, casinos revenues, as well as recreation and other user fees; and
- closest to the citizens of BC and best able to determine the needs of their residents, small businesses and non-profit organizations:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province work collaboratively with UBCM to identify the health, safety, social and economic challenges facing BC communities and provide corresponding financial support that will aid local governments in the Province's overall COVID-19 recovery effort.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR8 Mental Health, Addictions and Poisoned Drug Supply

UBCM Executive

Whereas there are two current public health emergencies in BC with the COVID-19 crisis declared in March 2020, and the overdose crisis declared in April 2016;

And whereas deaths due to unintentional illicit drug toxicity have increased considerably with 170 deaths in May 2020 alone, and 554 deaths between January and May 2020;

And whereas police and fire departments are responding to an increasing number mental health and overdose related calls, which results in higher costs carried by local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to introduce a comprehensive strategy for the provision of protective and health services that includes:

- Ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency;
- Implementing a province-wide agreement between police and mental health officials on the management of mental health patients in emergency wards;
- Developing integrated teams of health, police, and other officials on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to manage individuals with mental health issues; and
- Introducing additional long-term care beds to deal specifically with mental illness cases.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR9 Multi-Residential Insurance Rates

UBCM Executive

Whereas over the past year stratas and non-profit housing providers have experienced substantial increases to insurance premiums and/or found it difficult to secure an insurer for their buildings;

And whereas multi-residential housing constitutes a large portion of British Columbia's housing stock;

And whereas the BC Financial Services Authority's "BC Strata Property Insurance Market – Interim Findings" report identifies several "fundamental issues" straining the strata insurance market that are not

addressed in the Province's proposed amendments to the *Strata Property Act* and *Financial Institutions Act*, including a lack of capacity in the strata insurance market to support future expected demand:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province to take further evidence-based actions to address rapidly increasing insurance costs for multi-residential housing.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR10 Minimal Barrier Shelter Standards

Terrace

Whereas in 2017 service providers were mandated by BC Housing to operate all shelters as minimal barrier (aka low barrier);

And whereas this is a deterrent to accessing shelters for those individuals who are trying to maintain a clean and sober lifestyle, or for women and children fleeing violence, as they are forced to share shelter space with individuals dealing with active addictions under this policy:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to direct BC Housing to ensure that its policies support adequate shelter space throughout the province for those individuals needing to be sheltered in a safe, clean and sober environment.

On motion, was Endorsed

SR11 Police Act Review

UBCM Executive

Whereas the Province has convened a special committee to review the *Police Act*, which outlines the delivery of policing services in British Columbia;

And whereas the current structure excludes local representation on the special committee, despite local governments collectively spending more per year on policing services in British Columbia than any other order of government:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government commit to thorough consultation with local governments prior to the implementation of any changes to the *Police Act*, including recommendations made by the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*.

On motion, was Endorsed

Section EB

Councillor Brian Frenkel assumed the Chair and reviewed the procedures for handling Section EB resolutions.

As per the amended rules for 2020, requests submitted in advance of Convention to the UBCM Executive resulted in three EB resolutions being pulled from the block for individual consideration following Convention. Those resolutions pulled from Section EB block are:

- EB16
- EB19
- EB37

Councillor Brian Frenkel commenced consideration of Section EB resolutions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that an amended set of Section EB resolutions be considered as a block for debate, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for the resolutions in the Section EB block as amended be adopted, was endorsed.

The resolutions remaining in the Section EB block were endorsed as follows:

EB1 Regulation of Soft Plastics and Other Packaging Materials North Cowichan

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the appeal of a BC Court of Appeal decision in *Canadian Plastic Bag Association v. Victoria (City)*, a decision which effectively limits the ability of local governments to regulate the use of soft plastics and other plastic packaging within their geographic jurisdictions;

And whereas some local governments see the need for such regulation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of British Columbia amend Section 9 of the *Community Charter* to expressly allow local government regulation of plastics and other packaging substances that may be considered environmentally deleterious.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB2 Police Based Victim Services Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General has primary responsibility for funding Police Based Victim Services programs and local governments are being requested to cost-share funding programs in communities that contribute to policing costs;

And whereas the existing funding structure may create instability and capacity challenges for Police Based Victim Services programs reliant on a level of funding certainty in order to adequately plan, deliver and sustain programs that support the safety needs of victims and communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General fully fund Police Based Victim Services programs to ensure they are adequately funded on an ongoing basis to support and sustain the need for victim services in communities throughout BC.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB3 Restorative Justice Funding Colwood

Whereas between the years of 1999 and 2018, there have been 15 resolutions to UBCM from 11 local governments throughout BC, with 12 resolutions having been endorsed;

And whereas Public Safety and Solicitor General's community consultation process in 2018-2019 identified core and stable funding as the primary requirement for the success of restorative justice:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request core, stable provincial government funding of at least \$50,000 per year to each provincially-recognized restorative justice program operating in BC for long-term professional administrative staff support.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request core, stable provincial government funding of at least \$50,000 per year to each provincially-recognized restorative justice program operating in BC for long-term professional administrative staff support.

EB4 Costs of Keeping Prisoners

Nanaimo RD

Whereas Corrections BC has a fixed quarterly budget to reimburse RCMP detachments for all provincial prisoners kept in local government owned RCMP buildings;

And whereas this funding allocation per prisoner fluctuates in accordance with the number of prisoners kept each quarter, but does not reflect the true operating cost to the local government for keeping these prisoners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to fully fund the costs to keep prisoners in locally owned RCMP buildings.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB5 Police Services Model of Funding

Lantzville

Whereas for local governments under the 5,000 population threshold, approximately 33 percent of local government policing costs are recovered by the Province via police taxes, and as soon as the population hits 5,000, the local government is required to fund 70 percent of the total cost for policing as described in the policing agreements;

And whereas this can create sudden, large increases in the amount of funding required to address policing costs which can be an incredible, sudden and immediate financial shock for small local governments that are already struggling:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to review the current model of funding police services for local governments reaching 5,000 population with consideration to establishing a graduated annual increase, once the 5,000 population has been reached, in policing costs from the 33 percent Police Tax to 70 percent of policing costs over a five-year period.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB6 Funding for Rural Community Policing Resources

Cariboo RD

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote areas of the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government and the Solicitor General provide more resources to allow the RCMP to increase staffing resources in rural British Columbia.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB7 Funding for Rural Crime Reduction/Prevention Group

Cariboo RD

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote communities;

And whereas, many rural BC residents are frustrated with the level of services that the RCMP is currently able to offer:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government provide regular, ongoing and sustainable funding to support the development and growth of rural safety and crime reduction/prevention groups.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB8 Emergency SOS Auto 911 Call Smartphone Technology

Port Moody

Whereas the significant rise in cell phone 911 pocket calls and dropped 911 pocket calls has resulted since the introduction of the Emergency SOS Auto 911 call feature in smartphone devices and watches;

And whereas Canada has over 12 million calls to 911 annually, with 30 percent of those from pocket dialed and dropped 911 calls, which are a significant drain on resources, both from a 911 call centre standpoint, but also in terms of first responder operational resources:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the federal government and Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to require telecommunications service providers and companies that produce cellular devices to change the Emergency SOS default setting on cellular devices to “disabled” to prevent inadvertent and unintended 911 calls;

And be it further resolved that the federal government request that the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) support the consumer’s right to intentionally opt-in to the Emergency SOS function;

And be it further resolved that the federal government require telecommunications service providers to take a more active role in public education with respect to the Emergency SOS feature, including consumer rights.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB9 Sustainable Funding for Highway Rescue Services

Chase

Whereas many small community volunteer fire departments and societies provide vital highway rescue services for vehicle crashes that occur on provincial highways;

And whereas while Emergency Management BC reimburses highway rescue service providers for some of the costs incurred, most small local governments and societies are contributing approximately 66 percent of the costs associated with the provision of this valuable service by providing training, personnel and vehicles;

And whereas other emergency services attending vehicle crashes on Provincial Highways such as RCMP, BCEHS (Ambulance) and Coroner’s service are fully funded by provincial and federal funding agreements:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to commit additional annual funding for highway rescue services, to provide a more fair funding model that will ensure the continuation of these services that are vital for people travelling on provincial highways.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB10 Abandoned Vehicles

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the RCMP and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have authority for enforcing parking regulations outside of municipal boundaries, including the removal of abandoned or unlicensed

vehicles that may be illegally parked on rural roads, which is time consuming, costly, and takes away resources from other important community priorities;

And whereas regional districts have no authority for parking enforcement or removal of abandoned vehicles from rural roads but, as the representative local government with a direct connection to the community, must address resident concerns about abandoned vehicles that may be illegally parked or impacting the safe movement of pedestrians, traffic, or emergency vehicles in areas such as accesses to docks, boat launches, roads near waterfront parks, or areas where parking is limited:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide additional funding resources to support rural RCMP detachments or the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in responding to time consuming and costly removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles from rural roads, and to ensure that community safety concerns are prioritized and adequately attended to.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB11 Extending Life of Fire Apparatus

Peace River RD

Whereas the Fire Underwriters Survey requires that in order to receive credit for fire insurance grading purposes, all first line fire apparatus in small and rural communities should be replaced after 20 years of service and may only be extended up to 25 years when fire apparatus is tested and proven to be in excellent mechanical condition;

And whereas small and rural local governments often are financially challenged to replace high cost and minimally used fire apparatus on a 20-25 year rotational basis:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to advocate to the Fire Underwriters Survey to consider providing credit for fire apparatus that is 25 years or older and in sound working condition in order reduce costs to taxpayers.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB12 Collaborative Wildfire Mitigation

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas local governments and First Nations have for more than ten (10) years taken leadership of wildfire risk reduction activities through accessing various provincial funding opportunities, to reduce our communities' wildfire risk including through the UBCM Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program, and Forest Enhancement Society of BC;

And whereas local governments and First Nations are on the front line for community engagement through educating the public regarding wildfire risk reduction and providing concerns and input into proposed plans (e.g. Community Wildfire Protection Plans, fuel prescription or implementation); this work can take months for staff to ensure local governments are aligned with science, best practices and community context.

And whereas the Province has recently changed the delivery model for fuel treatments adjacent to communities, but the new Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction program has not clearly identified the role of local governments and First Nations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to commit to establish and support regional wildfire mitigation planning tables that include local governments and First Nations, provincial agencies (FLNRORD, BC Wildfire Service), licensees including Community Forests, water user groups, Fire Smart committees, and BC Parks, and other interested groups;

And be it further resolved that the regional planning tables will:

- Identify priorities for planning and implementation of wildfire risk reduction activities;
- Align funding from CRI and other sources;
- Coordinate public engagement;
- Ensure collaborative communication between all stakeholders;
- Ensure effective sharing of techniques, methods and processes between regions;
- Monitor the effectiveness of activities, and foresight and maintenance of treatments.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB13 Regional Geo-Hazards

Pemberton

Whereas the landscape of many rugged outdoor areas of BC face exposure to multiple hazards with potential for natural disaster, such as forest fires, landslides and flooding which impact residents as well as the traveling public;

And whereas the majority of provincial funding that is available is for response-related activities after an event has occurred:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province allocate funding to support more pro-active measures for risk management of regional geo-hazards through the establishment of consistent and regular monitoring.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB14 Provincial Funding for Dike Upgrades

Pemberton

Whereas diking infrastructure is crucial to flood mitigation for the protection of residents and the general public;

And whereas the provincial government will only allocate funding for dike upgrades which meet high-cost seismic standards;

And whereas neglecting dike upgrades while trying to facilitate designs that are to seismic standards could leave residents vulnerable to flooding disasters and exposed to massive and inevitable response costs in the interim:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government consider applications for funding for dike upgrades which may not meet seismic standards, but would allow for essential and cost-effective minor upgrades.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB15 Dike Improvement District

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas the Province had previously established Dike Improvement Districts and has now designated local government as a diking authority, removing these powers from Improvement Districts who are unable to access funding for repair and maintenance of dikes, without adequate consultation with both Improvement Districts and local governments;

And whereas the Province has not provided an overall assessment of the dikes or identified sustainable funding associated with the full capital cost of repair and on-going maintenance of dikes under the

jurisdiction of Improvement Districts, and dikes with no local authority, of which 20 percent in the Province are located within the Regional District of Central Kootenay:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to engage in further consultation with Improvement Districts and local government to discuss the overall impact of this decision on rural BC communities with populations under 20,000.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to engage in further consultation with Improvement Districts and local government to discuss the overall impact of ~~this~~ **the decision to designate local governments as diking authority** on rural BC communities with populations under 20,000.*

EB17 Transportation Services for Rural and Remote Communities

Stewart

Whereas there is limited to no public or non-emergency medical transportation services provided to many small, rural and remote communities in BC;

And whereas there exists a need for a socially-mandated intercity bus transportation program to provide essential transportation services for these small, rural and remote communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure work with BC Transit, local hospital boards, citizen and local government transit committees and private businesses to provide access to transportation hubs located in small, rural and remote communities in BC.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB18 Secondary Rural Road Maintenance

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas there is growing concern about the state of secondary roads in rural communities that are in need of safety improvements such as more frequent refreshment of pavement lane markings which are essential to ensuring the safe flow of vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, especially in more remote areas where street lighting may be minimal or non-existent;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as the responsible authority for the public road network in rural areas, oversees rural road maintenance through highway maintenance service contracts according to terms set out by the Province that define levels for maintenance standards and a budget for each specific service area:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review service level standards and increase funding for the upkeep of secondary roads in the provincial road network to ensure safe and accessible transportation options for rural communities who depend on them for day-to-day personal and business transportation needs.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB20 Practical Measures for Resource Roads

Squamish

Whereas the changing role of natural resource roads for communities (due to population growth, diversified commercial and recreational uses) and various emerging issues (safety, search and rescue, evacuation planning) are not being adequately addressed by the current management framework;

And whereas opportunity for stakeholders including the local public and local government to participate in collaborative road use planning and decision making can be frustrated by lack of information exchange and confusing or inadequate protocols, classifications and definitions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC government to implement certain immediate practical measures to facilitate integrated resource road use management and planning including, as recommended in the 2010 UBCM/Province of BC Joint Resource Roads and Communities Committee report:

1. To explore by policy the ways and means and criteria to distinguish resource road classes defined as high community or public use resource roads, along with flexible, result-oriented definitions for their maintenance (including deactivation); and
2. To initiate, through collaboration, local platforms for information exchange and dialogue on road management matters between public, commercial and resource industry parties with an interest in resource roads.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB21 Access to Provincial Parks

Slocan

Whereas the British Columbia provincial parks system represents an invaluable public asset to remote and rural communities, supports the integrity of our economic and social structure, promotes the physical well-being of our citizens, and presents a healthy and diverse natural environment;

And whereas the diminishing road access to our communities' provincial parks is currently disabled by abandoned, closed, or un-maintained logging and forest service roads:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to enable access to provincial parks and that access roads be designated as public roads and maintained as such.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB22 Maintenance of Forest Service Roads

Cariboo RD

Whereas for years the provincial government has approved the establishment of private land parcels that are only accessed by way of forest service roads, which are maintained by and at the discretion of the forest companies that use them;

And whereas the current and expected to worsen downturn in logging activities in BC is resulting in forest companies withdrawing their activities from the bush and ceasing maintenance of those forest service roads, which leaves residents stranded with no access to their properties:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to undertake a review of the province's many forest service roads to determine which ones are critical for the public's access/egress and develop a plan to maintain them as public roads.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB23 Funding for Local Government Infrastructure Upgrades as a Result of Highway Construction

Chase

Whereas local government infrastructure must often be upgraded when highway construction projects occur adjacent to communities;

And whereas many small local governments cannot fund expensive infrastructure upgrades that must be done when highway improvements are constructed:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to ensure that funding is provided for local government infrastructure improvements that are required to be constructed as a result of highway upgrades.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB24 Active Transportation Infrastructure – Highways Projects

Chase

Whereas the Province of BC as part of Clean BC has developed an Active Transportation Strategy under the leadership of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to improve active transportation networks that connect British Columbians from the places they live to the facilities they use;

And whereas BC Healthy Communities provides funding to local governments to develop local Active Transportation Plans supported by the BC Physical Activity Strategy;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure constructs highway improvements that connect to and integrate with local government infrastructure and residential developments in communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to include the construction of Active Transportation infrastructure such as safe, separate walking pathways, bicycle lanes, and safe connections to existing and future trail network infrastructure, into highway upgrade projects adjacent to populated areas.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB25 Continued Expansion of Trans-Canada Highway #1

**Abbotsford,
LMLGA Executive**

Whereas the Province of BC has identified the Fraser Valley as a growth and innovation corridor as part of a framework for improving British Columbians' standard of living to restore the British Columbia Dream;

And whereas the critical congestion and safety challenges along the Trans-Canada Highway through the Fraser Valley and toward Hope continue to impact the provincial movement of goods and services and access to the Asia–Pacific gateway, undercut the economic viability of a region with the province's highest population growth, undermine public safety and quality of life for residents and travelers, and create significant environmental and greenhouse gas emission impacts for BC:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province prioritize funding toward the continued expansion of the Trans-Canada Highway through the Fraser Valley and toward Hope in order to support HOV, Electric Vehicles, Autonomous Vehicles, Rapid Transit and Truck transportation (HEARTT);

And be it further resolved that this funding be made a high priority of the government of British Columbia.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB26 Increase Zero-Emission Vehicle Act Interim Targets

Langley Township

Whereas the BC *Zero-Emission Vehicle Act* 2025 target for light-duty vehicle sales is 10 percent and actual sales reached 9 percent in 2019, yet there is still significant unmet demand for zero-emission

vehicles across BC, and the purpose of the *Zero-Emission Vehicle Act* is to require industry to make zero-emission vehicles more affordable and available to British Columbians;

And whereas the Township of Langley, Metro Vancouver and many of its member municipalities have committed to achieving carbon neutral communities by 2050, requiring drastic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles starting today:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to amend the *Zero-Emission Vehicle Act* interim sales targets above the currently stated 10 percent in 2025 and 30 percent in 2030, to targets that accelerate the availability of zero-emission vehicles in BC beyond the current rate of adoption.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

And whereas the Township of Langley, Metro Vancouver, and many of its member municipalities local governments across BC have committed to achieving carbon neutral communities by 2050, requiring drastic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles starting today:

EB27 Zero-Emission Vehicle Mandate for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles Langley Township

Whereas medium- and heavy-duty vehicles produce over 30 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions from road transportation in BC and the Province of BC has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050 and Metro Vancouver has committed to becoming a carbon neutral region by 2050;

And whereas the Province has enacted the *Zero-Emission Vehicle Act* which recognizes the importance of zero-emission vehicle sales requirements as a critical action to accelerate greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the transportation sector; yet there is currently no legislation or targets in place to increase the adoption of zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in BC:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to enact zero-emission vehicle sales requirements for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB28 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Fraser-Fort George RD

Whereas the Province has, through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, established an initiative to build out an electric vehicle (EV) fast charging station network that includes expanding the network north of Prince George along the Highway 97 corridor and into the Peace region and directed BC Hydro to build out this network;

And whereas communities along the Highway 97 corridor, including the District of Mackenzie, and into the Peace Region, and across the province will benefit from increased tourism in providing travellers with electric vehicles the knowledge that there is an established level 3 EV fast charging stations network:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to continue to work with BC Hydro to ensure that level 3 electric vehicle charging stations be established across the province.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB29 Clean Vehicle Initiatives

New Westminster

Whereas a key part of the CleanBC program is “Move. Commute. Connect.”, an active transportation strategy with the goal to make it easier for people to commute to work or school using active transportation methods in order to cut down on carbon pollution and help improve the liability of our communities;

And whereas the CleanBC program also includes the “CEVforBC” program that provides rebates of up to \$8,000 for the purchase of a new electric or plug-in hybrid automobile, recognizing that incentives to alternatives to gasoline vehicles reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and makes our communities cleaner, safer, and more livable;

And whereas recent advances in technology have resulted in a new generation of electric-assist cycles that make cycling more accessible to more people for their daily commutes and shopping and recreation trips, allowing people to make more efficient, GHG-free and healthy transportation choices;

And whereas there is no public policy or community benefit to incentivizing the purchase of electric automobiles that is not achieved in a greater extent by incentivizing the purchase of electric-assist cycles:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to expand the clean energy vehicle program to include financial incentives for the purchase of electric-assist cycles in scale with the incentives provided for the purchase of electric automobiles.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB30 Emissions Reduction for Ride Hailing Fleets

Vancouver

Whereas Clean BC states that the Province will prioritize reducing climate pollution by shifting vehicles, homes, industry and business off burning fossil fuels and toward greater use of clean BC electricity and other renewable energies, with a target of a 40 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions over 2007 levels by 2030;

And whereas approximately 40 per cent of GHG emissions in BC are due to vehicles, and shifting to zero-emission vehicles will not only help the provincial and local governments meet GHG emission-reduction targets, but also strengthen the economy, improve air quality and public health, and reduce fuel costs for drivers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to design and implement a BC *Clean Kilometre Act* for ride hailing fleets (transportation network services) and taxi fleets (passenger directed vehicles) that supports the targets set in Clean BC and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and requires ride hailing fleets and taxi fleets to reduce their emissions accordingly and that this act be developed in consultation with the ride hailing industry and local government representatives, recognizing there may be differences in regional requirements based on availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government ~~to design and implement a BC Clean Kilometre Act for~~ **consult with local government**, ride hailing fleets (transportation network services), and taxi fleets (passenger directed vehicles) **and implement requirements for these fleets to meet that supports the emissions** targets set in Clean BC and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and ~~requires ride hailing fleets and taxi fleets to reduce their emissions accordingly and that this act be developed in consultation with the ride hailing industry and local government representatives,~~*

recognizing there may be differences in regional requirements based on availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

EB31 Accessibility Guarantee for Passenger Directed Vehicles Vancouver

Whereas Bill 55, the BC *Passenger Transportation Amendment Act* which took effect September 16, 2019, imposes a \$0.30 fee for each non-accessible vehicle trip, but otherwise does not oblige passenger directed vehicles (PDVs) to a timeline or otherwise mandate a percentage of all fleet vehicles be accessible;

And whereas according to statistics from the Passenger Transportation Board, about 14 per cent of taxis in the province and about 19 per cent in Metro Vancouver are accessible and in other jurisdictions transportation network services (app-based ride hailing services) have demonstrated an ability to provide accessible vehicles as part of their fleet and business model:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to work in consultation with the passenger directed vehicle industry, disability community, and local government representatives in order to design and implement a wheelchair accessibility guarantee for all PDV fleets that support a minimum percent of all fleets are guaranteed to be wheelchair accessible, sufficient to ensure that transportation options for persons with disabilities are equal to those provided to non-disabled persons in all PDV fleets.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB32 Accessibility Funding for Passenger Directed Vehicles Vancouver

Whereas Bill 55, the BC *Passenger Transportation Amendment Act* which took effect September 16, 2019, imposes a \$0.30 fee for each non-accessible vehicle trip, but otherwise does not determine how or when those funds will be deployed to support accessibility of passenger directed vehicles (PDVs);

And whereas the disability community has identified a number of PDV accessibility concerns, including but not limited to a lack of accessible vehicles or central dispatch for accessible vehicles, accessible booking or payment processes or compulsory driver training:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to work in consultation with the passenger directed vehicle industry, disability community, and local government representatives in order to design and implement an accessibility funding strategy for all PDV fleets that ensures that transportation options for persons with disabilities are equal to those provided to non-disabled persons in all PDV fleets, and specifically that all fleets have sufficient numbers of wheelchair accessible vehicles, and accessible booking, dispatch and payment processes.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB33 Speculation and Vacancy Tax West Vancouver

Whereas housing affordability is a key challenge in many communities facing high median home prices, including a number of homes that are vacant;

And whereas the Province reported that in 2018, \$58 million was collected under the Speculation and Vacancy Tax program;

And whereas the Province gave the City of Vancouver the power to impose its own vacancy tax, which has provided Vancouver with approximately \$40 million in additional revenue:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government provide local governments with the power to levy their own Speculation and Vacancy Tax, so that they too can address housing affordability and other community effects of vacant homes.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB34 Request to the Government of BC for Dedication of One percent of PST to Local Governments Port Moody

Whereas due to downloading of responsibilities, local governments are increasingly reliant on granting systems that are not reliable in the long term and unequitable due to staff resources for small local governments compared to larger local governments;

And whereas increased predictable revenue sharing arrangement reflects shared interests between local governments and the Province, including policing, recreation, transit, and the environment:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to allocate an amount equivalent to 1 percent of BC's Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to local governments across British Columbia as part of ongoing cost-sharing agreements.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB35 Gas Tax Funding Vanderhoof

Whereas local governments continue to use their outdated infrastructures and tools to maintain and enhance community services since the user demand is ever increasing to renew or add new local government infrastructure to support community quality of life;

And whereas, the 2019 doubled Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) transfer paid directly to each local government empowers them to deliver thousands of infrastructural projects, from roads and bridges to transit, water, waste and energy systems thereby proving to be the most efficient, reliable and cost effective way to empower local governments and ensure that the correct tools and infrastructure is secured by local leaders who understand their local needs best:

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM and FCM respectfully lobby the federal government to continue to support grass root community quality of life by permanently doubling the Gas Tax Fund transfer to support local infrastructures.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB36 Gas Tax Funds Capital RD

Whereas the federal government distributes gas tax funds to municipalities and electoral areas throughout Canada based on population;

And whereas the provincial government allows gas tax funds to be used as a municipal or electoral area contribution towards some provincial grant applications:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate with the provincial and federal governments that gas tax funds should not be considered stacking under all federal and provincial grant programs.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB38 Ongoing Sustainable Grant Funding Model

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas the Provincial government has an interest in local governments actively participating in, or delivering, many of its initiatives, priorities, and programs, and has developed a broad range of grant programs to provide funding assistance to local governments to facilitate such work;

And whereas, grants provide a valuable source of revenue for capital projects and other major one-time expenditures, but discretionary grant programs constitute an insecure funding stream for on-going program work undertaken by local governments, such as emergency management and fire protection programs, requiring a significant administrative commitment relating to application submissions and financial reporting;

And whereas, both local and the Provincial governments benefit from having more secure, less administratively onerous Provincial funding streams available to facilitate local government participation in Provincially supported programs, such as the existing, ongoing funding that is provided through annual operating agreements for BC Transit partnerships and Victim Services partnerships:

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM ask the Provincial government to review its funding model to local governments to consider moving away from one-time, grant-based funding models for ongoing local government programs, such as emergency management and fire protection, to a more secure on-going and sustainable funding model based upon annual operating agreements in support of Provincial initiatives, priorities, and programs.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB39 Access to Infrastructure Grant Funding for Improvement Districts

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas The United Nations have declared that access to clean drinking water is a Human Right and in British Columbia, some Rural and Remote Communities served by Improvement Districts are still not able to provide clean potable water to its residents;

And whereas the current BC Government Policy restricts Improvement Districts access to water Infrastructure Grant funding by recommending the financially prohibitive and challenging process of conversion to a Regional District Service as the only solution:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to establish a process for Improvement Districts to have access to Provincial and Federal Infrastructure Grant funds, and still maintain their autonomy.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB40 Recreation Infrastructure Funding

Chase

Whereas all communities in British Columbia directly provide, or provide financial support for some level of, recreation services to their residents;

And whereas many communities in British Columbia have aging recreation infrastructure built by volunteers or through borrowed funds;

And whereas recreation services are an essential component of all vibrant communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to reinstate funding programs that assist local governments in rehabilitating or rebuilding existing aging recreation infrastructure to ensure small community sustainability and promote physical activity for all residents of small communities.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

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EB41 Restoring Sustainable Provincial Library Funding Levels

Nelson

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local government, and where Provincial library funding has remained virtually stagnant for the past 30 years;

And whereas libraries in British Columbia provide open and equal public access to vital resources, including the internet, public computers, digital library tools and in-person service from expert staff to provide opportunities for all British Columbians to access knowledge and information and increase literacy in our communities and present informative programs, including First Nations programs and material which advance public understanding and reconciliation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM strongly encourage the Government of British Columbia to give urgent attention to funding for BC public libraries by adding \$20 million to the BC Provincial Budget for 2021 for allocation to public libraries throughout BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province be requested to ensure that BC Libraries will henceforth receive Provincial Government financial support at a sustainable level in subsequent years following the 2021 Budget.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB42 Re-Examining Municipal Pension Plan Divestment

Vancouver

Whereas since 2016, when the UBCM report, Primer on Fossil Fuel Divestment and the Municipal Pension Plan noted that “Divestment may compromise our investment strategy, increase risks and costs, and negatively affect our clients’ investment returns”, there have been major shifts in global climate science and investment strategies. The October 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report verified that global warming is accelerating, with a window of little more than a decade to drastically reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions to avert catastrophic climate change impacts. Since 2016, divestment has accelerated. In 2014, global funds committed to fossil fuel divestment was \$52 billion. In 2018: \$8 trillion. In 2019: \$11 trillion, including pension funds such as Caisse, Quebec, Quebec’s equivalent to B.C.’s pension fund manager, whose CEO stated: “There are going to be stranded assets associated with climate change...we think it’s good risk management to, over time, exit those”;

And whereas evidence is growing that fossil fuel-free funds are outperforming fossil fuel investments. The 2019 return on the BC Government Employees Union’s fossil fuel-free investments, for example, was 21.7 percent:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM re-examine and update its 2016 Primer on Fossil Fuel Divestment and the Municipal Pension Plan report in light of globally changing investment and divestment strategies and inform BC Investment Management Corporation, as the provider of investment management services for BC’s Municipal Pension Plan, of the concerns of the UBCM regarding the growing financial risks related to

investing in fossil fuels and its support for a plan, built on leading practices related to fossil fuel-free investment portfolios, to fully divest Municipal Pension Plan funds from fossil fuels.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

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EB43 Grant-in-Lieu of Taxes Revision

North Coast RD

Whereas senior governments are exempt from property taxation under s. 125 of the *Constitution Act*;

And whereas provincial grant-in-lieu amounts are determined under the *Municipal Aid Act* and federal payment-in-lieu amounts are determined under the *Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act*;

And whereas grant-in-lieu revenues from exempted provincial and federal government properties are significantly lower than those revenues that would be collected through property taxation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to review, support and implement changes to the determination of grant-in-lieu and payment-in lieu of property tax amounts under the *Municipal Aid Act* and *Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act*.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB44 Tax Land and Improvements Separately

Victoria

Whereas unaffordable housing generally reflects high land values that are driven up by speculation, which makes ownership very expensive to buy, but profitable for sellers and developers, and puts rental housing at a disadvantage when competing for buildable sites;

And whereas a lower property tax rate on improvements and a higher rate on land value could be made to keep taxes the same or lower for most properties, but would reduce the speculative gain from ownership and make rental housing developments more competitive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend the *Community Charter* to grant municipalities the option of setting different property tax rates for land and improvements.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB45 Reassignment of Residential Based Short-Term Rentals to Class 6: Business and Other

Rossland

Whereas a dwelling unit (or secondary dwelling unit located on the same property) that is used as a commercial enterprise for short term rentals and does not serve as the primary residence for the owner, or other person.

And whereas tourist overnight accommodation uses such as motels, hotels, BnB's with four sleeping units or greater, and resorts are classed and taxed as businesses:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to assign a dwelling unit (or secondary dwelling unit located on the same property), offered and used as a whole for short term rentals for 50 percent or more in the calendar year, to the appropriate tax class and be redefined as "Class 6: Business and Other";

And be it further resolved that where the dwelling unit or secondary dwelling unit located on the same property is also used for a residential purpose, that this assignment be in respect to the total percentage of the property used for commercial "Class 6: Business and Other" purposes.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB46 Brownfield Taxation

Vanderhoof

Whereas brownfields littered in prime locations create loss of economic value in affected communities and draw unattractive attention to visitors and prospective investors;

And whereas brownfields' owners settle with paying the cheap cost of annual property taxes rather than remediation of the property for the economic development and revitalization of the community:

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to empower local governments by amending the *BC Assessment Act* to tax brownfields in a separate property class in order to encourage revitalization of brownfields for the economic benefits and commercial development of the community.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB47 Forest Harvesting Plans

Thompson-Nicola RD

Whereas in past years forest licensees were required to present their forest harvesting plans to the local communities affected;

And whereas there has been a breakdown in communications between the BC Forest Service, Forest Companies, and Contractors to the detriment of recreational and other legitimate crown land users resulting in usage conflicts and loss of income:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask BC Forest Service to compel tenure holders and harvesting contractors to present their harvesting plans to local communities prior to the commencement of logging activities.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB48 Private Managed Forest Land Program Environment Values

Cumberland

Whereas the Province reviewed the Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL) Program in 2019 to inform the government's consideration of future policy options;

And whereas local governments strongly indicated that key public environmental values in the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* are insufficient:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia proceed with amendments to the management objectives and regulatory framework for Private Managed Forest Lands to better protect drinking water quality and riparian areas, and to require alternatives to slash pile burning where feasible to protect air quality.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB49 Invasive Species Funding

Burns Lake

Whereas the spread of invasive species on provincial public lands results in the adverse effect on the economic wellbeing of municipalities and regional districts;

And whereas effective management of invasive species requires long-term stable funding before the invasion is irreversible:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to budget for long-term, stable funding for invasive species management.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB50 Protection of British Columbia Watercourses from Invasive Aquatic Species

Chase

Whereas currently the very dangerous Zebra and Quagga mussels have not yet been identified as having invaded watercourses (lakes, rivers, streams) in British Columbia;

And whereas these invasive aquatic species are devastating to all aspects of watercourses by altering the eco-system of the watercourses, negatively affecting spawning areas which harm the survival of fish eggs, seriously reducing the availability of food for native aquatic species, damaging essential infrastructure and negatively affecting recreational activities;

And whereas all these negative affects of the Zebra and Quagga mussels if invasion occurs in British Columbia watercourses will cost the taxpayers of British Columbia millions, if not billions of dollars in lost tourism, loss of economic development opportunities, damage to critical infrastructure, and other unknown costs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the BC provincial government to lobby the federal government to provide more financial, educational and enforcement support for the protection of British Columbia watercourses from aquatic invasive mussels.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB51 Sustainable Funding for Watershed Stewardship

Vanderhoof

Whereas effective stewardship of watersheds is critical for the sustenance, health, and wellbeing of current and future generations of British Columbians;

And whereas the lack of water-use plans hinders the feasibility of maintaining healthy aquifers, stable riverbanks, and the prevention of ice dams for the safety and security of neighbouring communities:

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC fund the cost of hydrologists to determine an accurate measurement of beds in major rivers across BC, as well as provide stable funding to groups with projects relating to advancing watershed sustainability.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB52 Timely Review and Approvals - Section 11 Water Sustainability Act Columbia Shuswap RD

Whereas works within and adjacent to watercourses are often necessary and prescribed to mitigate risks to life, businesses and properties associated with riparian protection, flooding and debris flows;

And whereas the waiting time for necessary Section 11 approvals under the *Water Sustainability Act* to undertake such improvement works is significant and approaching several years, thus contributing to these risks:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to allocate greater resources to the processing of these Section 11 approvals under the *Water Sustainability Act*;

And be it further resolved that the Ministry initiate a process in order to provide more rapid and timely approvals in cases of urgent situations.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB53 Harmonize BC Plastics Action Plan and Strategy on Zero-Plastic Waste Nanaimo RD

Whereas the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation Paper requested feedback regarding bans on single-use packaging, reducing and recycling more plastics, and higher returns of plastic bottles;

And whereas harmonization of the BC Plastics Action Plan and Canada-wide Strategy on Zero Plastic waste regulations regarding reduction of single-use plastics shifts the costs and responsibility of restricting single-use plastics from local governments to producers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to collaborate with the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment to ensure consistent regulations across Canada to reduce single-use products and increase producers' responsibility for end-of-life management of single-use products.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB54 ICI Packaging and Paper Products Recycling Regulation Amendment Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas resolution 2018-B68 'Packaging and Printed Paper Recycling Regulation Amendment' was previously endorsed by the UBCM membership;

And whereas the Province responded it would consider expanding BC's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs for future inclusion of Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) packaging and paper

products as part of their commitment to the Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment Canada-Wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility;

And whereas BC's EPR programs have yet to be expanded to include ICI packaging and paper products which is having a disproportionate impact on remote and rural communities where access to private or commercial services is limited and often unavailable:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to take action on amending the Recycling Regulation to expand BC's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs to include product categories for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional packaging and paper products.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB55 Amend Recycling Regulation to Include Mattresses and Bulky Furniture

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the inclusion of mattresses and bulky furniture in an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program ensures the costs associated with recycling and disposal are borne by manufacturers;

And whereas an EPR program for mattresses would create jobs, divert materials that are difficult to manage at disposal facilities, save landfill space, reduce GHG emissions and save energy through recycling:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to include mattresses and bulky furniture in an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program to shift the cost and responsibility of recycling and disposing of these materials from local governments to manufacturers.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB56 Extended Producer Responsibility

Harrison Hot Springs

Whereas the Province has adopted recycling regulation of the *Environmental Management Act*;

And whereas BC's Industry-led product stewardship programs require producers of designated products to take extended producer responsibility for the life cycle management of their products:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province include a regulation for producers of child car seats, mattresses and upholstered furniture ensuring the producers' responsibility for the life of the product and reducing local government waste disposal costs, the amount of garbage in landfills and a reduction in illegal dumping.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB57 Expand Extended Producer Responsibility Programs

Nanaimo RD

Whereas eighteen Regional Districts met with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy at the 2019 UBCM Convention to petition the Ministry to amend the Recycling Regulation to include packaging and printed paper from the ICI sector;

And whereas Minister Heyman issued a letter December 18, 2019 responding to the request and noting that the Province recently undertook research and focused engagement concerning additional products that might prove suitable to manage under the Recycling Regulation, and that any work to explore regulatory amendments involving ICI materials would be accompanied by further consultation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province commit to further consultation on the issue of amending the Recycling Regulation to include packaging and printed paper from the ICI sector.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB58 Provincial Tools for Building Energy Benchmarking

Vancouver

Whereas the Province of BC has communicated support for a 2017 UBCM motion requesting that the Province develop an energy benchmarking program requiring that buildings above a size threshold benchmark their energy performance and report this information to the province annually and that the resulting data be available to local governments to inform their climate policy and programs, but not yet acted on that motion—leaving room for additional direction;

And whereas the urgency to implement measures to help reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the building sector has grown since the October 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report verified that drastic reductions in GHG emissions are needed by 2030 in order to avert catastrophic climate change impacts, and increasing numbers of local governments in BC (numbering 31 as of January 31, 2020) declare a global climate emergency and develop bolder plans to mitigate accelerating climate change:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province act on the 2017 UBCM motion for a building energy benchmark program within a year and that the program include appropriate industry support tools to facilitate easy compliance, a benchmark data management system accessible by local governments to help inform their industry engagement and policy development, and plans and timelines for expanding the program to include other building types.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

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EB59 ICBC Data for GHG Reduction Efforts

Squamish

Whereas BC's transportation sector accounts for about 37 percent of the Province's total greenhouse gas emissions;

And whereas local governments are struggling to find accurate data that quantifies the transportation emissions in their municipality or region so that they can develop local action plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from this sector:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the BC government require ICBC to collect mileage data when drivers renew their vehicle insurance and then share the data of kilometres driven and fuel and vehicle type annually with local governments.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB60 Mandatory Signage for Bear Traps

Maple Ridge

Whereas dogs are accidentally killed yearly across British Columbia when they are unintentionally lured into a baited bear trap often resulting in a gruesome death;

And whereas people are unable to avoid bear traps because there is no requirement for signage to be posted warning of said traps:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to impose a mandatory requirement for trappers to post signage warning of active bear traps in the area to prevent accidental harm to those in the area.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB61 Cumulative Effects of Land Use Decisions

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas communities of British Columbia are dependent on healthy, ecologically diverse, functioning ecosystems upstream from Official Community Plan areas for services such as drinking water, stormwater management, erosion control, pollinator protection for food systems, infrastructure / asset management and climate resilience;

And whereas provincial ministries often consider applications to make private or industrial use of provincial public land independently of each other and do not have or apply sufficient regulatory frameworks for ensuring long term ecological resilience such as integrated multidisciplinary land use planning or cumulative effects analysis before authorizing applications for use:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to develop and implement integrated, multidisciplinary / multi-ministry land use planning and cumulative effects analysis tools to be applied to long term planning at the watershed scale and to individual applications to make private use of provincial public lands, with the goal of restoring and mitigating further damage to ecological resilience and protecting public infrastructure assets for the long term.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB62 Stormwater Management

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas stormwater run-off and drainage related problems such as flooding, erosion, and slope instability are becoming increasingly prevalent in rural areas due to development pressures and are being exacerbated by the effects of climate change which results in more variable, intense, and frequent storm events;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as the subdivision approving authority, is primarily responsible for the design and maintenance of drainage works related to public roads in rural areas, and does not enforce or regulate stormwater and drainage related problems from one property to the next once development has been approved:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate for increased collaboration between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, regional districts, and municipalities to develop and implement management strategies that:

- recognize the need for an integrated stormwater management approach that plans at the watershed level as well as at the individual development level;
- are responsive to ongoing development pressures and challenges associated with climate change;
- increase provincial oversight of the implementation of stormwater related components of subdivision approvals on an ongoing basis;
- increase the Province's ability to address concerns from residents on an ongoing basis about property damage and safety issues that arise from stormwater and drainage related problems; and

- incorporate the impacts of planned upstream forestry activities in their drainage assessments.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB63 Accretions

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas creation of the Kootenay Lake Stewardship Partnership was designed to coordinate a common approach among First Nation, federal, provincial and local governments as a means to ensure protection of riparian habitat and various fisheries;

And whereas actions and decisions of the office of Land Title Survey Authority in granting controversial accretions being seen as undermining that common approach and can lead to a further destruction of riparian habitat by a minority of property owners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Attorney General to review the actions and decisions of the Land Title Survey Authority to ensure that granting of accretions meets legislation, prior court decisions and does not result in destruction of riparian habitat and damage to spawning areas and fish populations.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB64 New Agricultural Land Commission Regulation

Vanderhoof

Whereas the Ministry of Agriculture made legislative changes in regards to Bill 15 and Bill 52 which implemented restrictions that affect residences in Agricultural Land Reserve;

And whereas the changes that limit land parameters and inhibit construction of additional residences does not fit the agricultural need of most BC rural communities as it removes the possibility of multi-generational homes on family farmland thus discouraging young farmers from taking over their family farm and impeding sustainable agricultural businesses through lack of agricultural succession planning, farmland housing for families, and farm workers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Agricultural Land Commission that the January 28, 2020 signed amendment to section 32 (3) (c) and (d) of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation, BC Reg. 30/2019 remain permanently in effect and not expire on December 31, 2020.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB65 Private Land Logging

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas over the past two decades multiple local governments of British Columbia have repeatedly requested regulation of private land logging by resolution to UBCM;

And whereas there has been little change in the requirement to conserve our natural physical assets such as water, wildlife habitat, and soil stability when harvesting trees and building roads on large tracts of private land:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM prioritize and work with the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development to resolve the issues surrounding logging on large parcels of private land in BC when volumes to be harvested are over 600 cubic meters;

And be it further resolved that the province change legislation to allow regional districts to implement tree cutting bylaws.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB66 Working Forest Reserve

Port Alberni

Whereas many BC communities are considered 'forest dependent' and rely on the stability and growth of the forest industry for continued employment and economic growth;

And whereas the majority of employment provided by the forest industry is in the manufacturing sector, and therefore, requiring security in the allocation of fibre to continue its operations and positive contributions to the communities in which they operate:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM membership urge our federal and provincial governments to implement measures to prevent the mass export of timber from private managed forest land, considering the detrimental social and economic impacts to those BC communities which are considered 'forest dependent' should mass export of timber continue;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government designate land reserves that enable forestry entities to commit to long-term investments in forestry, working forest management methods and manufacturing in an effort to achieve the maximum value from our forests.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB67 Forestry Economic Downturn

Vanderhoof

Whereas curtailments of local sawmills in BC have exhibited the potential of creating a significant economic downturn to the residents of BC, the local government's tax base, and extending to the province;

And whereas limited access of local forestry industries to timber continues to incite more aggravated downturn on the wellbeing of BC rural communities:

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal government to provide significant support to rural British Columbians by reviewing the selling of Timber Licenses and requiring that timbers be kept within the designated Timber Supply Area in order to maintain economic stability and forestry longevity in BC rural communities.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB68 Ranching Concerns

Peace River RD

Whereas Range Tenure holders are concerned with the lack of service that is offered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, including a lack of staff with experience or training in ranching related issues, high turnover, and unreasonable delays in communications and approvals;

And whereas ranchers are faced with numerous delays in approvals for fence installation due to the removal of natural boundaries by third party operators;

And whereas ranchers are facing hardships and are unable to properly manage their tenures due to a lack of qualified staff who can assist ranchers with range burning applications:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to bring up staffing levels in the range department so that grazing tenures or license issues are dealt with more timely and efficiently to prevent entire grazing seasons being lost.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB69 Funding for High Speed Internet Services in Small Communities

Chase

Whereas many communities under 10,000 population in British Columbia are critically underserved for connectivity;

And whereas in 2020, there are so many opportunities for economic development in small and remote communities if connectivity were provided to a suitable level;

And whereas the federal government launched a connectivity strategy called, “High-Speed Access for All”, with the goal to achieve universal 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds for 90 per cent of Canadians by 2021, 95 per cent of Canadians by 2026, and the hardest to reach Canadians by 2030, such download and upload speeds considered to be adequate for the average Canadian, which does not take into consideration the needs of businesses and entrepreneurship:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to seriously commit to funding and lobbying the federal government to fund the installation of connectivity with download and upload speeds that encourages economic development for communities under 10,000 population in British Columbia.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB70 Internet and Cell Phone Service

Bulkley-Nechako RD

Whereas access to fast, affordable broadband internet and cell phone service is essential in today’s digital world;

And whereas broadband internet and cell phone service in many rural and remote communities across British Columbia is either non-existent or too slow and unreliable to access many services necessary for economic and social well-being;

And whereas during an emergency where social interaction is limited or traditional communications infrastructure is compromised, it is imperative that citizens have reliable broadband internet and cell phone service to access health care, education, online meeting platforms, emergency information, and other programs relating to health and wellness;

And whereas while fees charged for broadband internet and cell phone service in rural and remote communities are among the highest in Canada and the world, the quality of service has in many instances declined in recent months:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to establish an infrastructure framework to ensure that equal access to internet and cell phone service is available to all British Columbians.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB71 BC Hydro Service Provisions

Fort St. John

Whereas BC Hydro is responsible for connecting newly constructed infrastructure to its power lines;

And whereas there are lengthy wait times for BC Hydro to install services for projects that result in an excessive delay in service provision, additional expenses and/or a loss of revenue for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved UBCM lobby the provincial government to address lengthy wait times for BC Hydro connections so that projects can be connected in a timely fashion.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB72 Geothermal Exploratory Drilling Regulations

Valemount

Whereas in alignment with section 2 of British Columbia's *Clean Energy Act*, geothermal energy is capable of providing British Columbian municipalities, Indigenous Peoples, residents, and businesses with emissions-free, renewable, and baseload heat and electricity, for the health and socio-economic benefit of the Province;

And whereas shallow exploratory drilling to determine temperature, stratigraphic, or hydrologic information – a fundamental tool in the exploration for geothermal resources, is now regulated by the Oil and Gas Commission under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* as per the 2017 amendment of the *Geothermal Resources Act*, which unnecessarily increases shallow exploratory drilling costs by as much as ten (10) times as compared to the previous versions of the *Geothermal Resources Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government and its relevant ministry – the Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources, to amend the *Geothermal Resources Act* and/or direct the Oil and Gas Commission to allow for the cost-effective use of shallow exploratory drilling for geothermal energy development in British Columbia.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB73 Business Licensing Authority for Regional Districts

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the *Community Charter* provides municipalities the authority to regulate businesses through a business licensing structure, while regional districts have not been granted business licensing authority and must undertake a lengthy legislative application process in order to be granted that authority through provincial regulation;

And whereas municipalities may utilize business licensing as a tool to assist with the enforcement and compliance of local bylaws such as the regulation of cannabis and short-term rentals, while regional districts with similar bylaw enforcement challenges do not have that option readily available to them:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to explore options to amend the *Local Government Act* to provide regional districts legislative authority for business licensing similar to the authority provided to municipalities in order to ensure fair and equal access for all local governments wishing to utilize business licensing as a tool to support compliance with local bylaws.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB74 Ambulance Services

Chetwynd

Whereas ongoing labour shortages are prevalent in most small rural communities in ambulance halls throughout British Columbia, leading to increased response times and reducing patients' access to possibly lifesaving treatment;

And whereas BC Emergency Health Service (BCEHS)'s ambulance service is a vital component of life safety and access to healthcare for those who live and work in small rural communities, which are often a significant distance from fully-equipped hospitals:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to provide more resources along with a commitment to finding a long-term solution to staff shortages for small rural community ambulance services.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB75 Increased Funding for Health Connections Patient Transport

**Sparwood,
Creston**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia introduced the Health Connections Patient Transport Program in 2004/05 for Interior Health Authority to connect patients to enhanced services at Regional Hospitals with annual targeted funding of One Million Dollars, with no additional targeted funding since the program began;

And whereas location to access tertiary (i.e. Cancer, Cardiac) services is changing for Kootenay residents from Alberta to Kelowna:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to increase targeted funding for the Health Connections Patient Transport Program within the Interior Health Authority, to provide a patient transportation option for those requiring enhanced services.

And be it further resolved that the provincial government allocate funding to BC Transit to explore options to provide Health Connections Services on an integrated province wide system.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

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EB76 Provide Universal No-Cost Coverage of Prescription Contraception

Victoria

Whereas cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities;

And whereas providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to make all prescription contraception in BC available at no cost under the Medical Services Plan.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB77 Provision of Free Prescription Contraception in BC

Burnaby

Whereas cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities;

And whereas providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system;

And whereas contraceptive methods targeted at men and those with penises (i.e., condoms or vasectomies) are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan;

And whereas contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (i.e. birth control pills, intra-uterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to make all prescription contraception in BC available at no cost under the Medical Services Plan.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB78 Provincial Action to Enhance Food Security During Emergencies

Comox Valley RD

Whereas food security and food supply issues are essential to all emergency response and recovery efforts;

And whereas the status and consideration of food security and supply issues are not adequately addressed within the provincial emergency management system and structures:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province provide greater consideration of food security and supply, including localized knowledge, within the provincial emergency management structure and provide guidance and resources to local governments and their emergency operations centres for this purpose.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB79 Mental Healthcare Services

Vanderhoof

Whereas mentally vulnerable children, youth and adults in BC rural communities are left to face many life-threatening obstacles during a mental health crisis as they wait to obtain services in larger communities due to its absence in their localities;

And whereas very few rural communities were declared eligible for Community Action Team through the recently disbursed \$3.5 million provincially received by the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction:

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction to provide funding for additional beds and facility expansion in major mental health and addiction service centres throughout rural BC.

On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed

Therefore it be resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction to provide funding for additional beds and facility expansion in major mental health and addiction service centres ~~throughout~~ particularly in rural areas of BC.

EB80 Supportive Housing for Complex Needs

Kelowna

Whereas existing provincial and regional health providers and housing programs and associated funding models aren't in alignment to meet the complex mental health and housing needs of our communities.

And whereas the local governments have acknowledged the need for specialized housing resources allocated to clients with complex and unique needs as the current programming model for housing units is not equipped to house those individuals with these types of challenges:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to invest in a new supportive housing model, along with an integrated approach to housing supports and regional health services, to address the needs of individuals with the most complex and unique needs.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB81 Housing Supports for Adults with Developmental Disabilities Delta

Whereas adults with developmental disabilities receive only \$375 a month for shelter (housing) which is inadequate to allow them to live independently;

And whereas adults with developmental disabilities are not eligible for BC Housing subsidies, and BC Housing refers them to Community Living BC for additional support;

And whereas Community Living BC provides support to address disability-related housing needs, but cannot fund the actual cost of housing:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to ensure that the totality of supports available for adults with developmental disabilities is adequate to support long-term independent-living, or semi-independent living with minimal supports, within their communities.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB82 Provincial Government Funding Increase for BC Housing Courtenay

Whereas adult supportive housing funded by BC Housing provides accommodation for people with a history of severe trauma, often resulting in difficult behaviours that can have significant impact on surrounding neighbourhoods and requiring skilled caregivers to manage;

And whereas government funding for BC Housing does not include adequate levels to either provide neighbourhood outreach services or assure skilled staff and minimal turnover:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to increase funding levels to BC Housing in order to mandate and assure that community outreach services and the stability of an adequately skilled staff are components of supportive housing developments that are vital in local communities.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB83 Coordinated Strategy to Address Liveaboards Islands Trust

Whereas affordable housing pressures are leading to a growing population of liveaboards along the British Columbia coastline;

And whereas there are cumulative impacts on the marine environment and inadequate access to public services for liveaboard communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to work with First Nations, and federal, provincial, and local government stakeholders, to develop a coordinated strategy to study and address the environmental and social impacts associated with liveaboards on the British Columbia coastline.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB84 Supporting Tenants and Local Governments in the Delivery of Tenant Assistance

Burnaby

Whereas local governments have limited authority to require enhanced protections for tenants, except in limited instances, such as rezoning applications;

And whereas the benefits provided to tenants under local government tenant assistance policies often help vulnerable individuals and families in the community, including those receiving income assistance from senior levels of government;

And whereas even when local government tenant assistance policies may apply, implementation and enforcement of local government tenant assistance plans are challenging due to overarching provincial mandates, jurisdiction, and processes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the *Residential Tenancy Act* and other provincial legislation to:

- Allow local governments the ability to require tenant assistance, such as financial compensation and supports to tenants above those required in the *Residential Tenancy Act*, for additional types of permits and applications, and provide local governments greater enforcement powers to ensure compliance and delivery of tenant assistance benefits secured by local governments;
- Ensure monthly rental supplement payments received during displacement as benefits under local government tenant assistance policies are not considered income, which may inadvertently affect an individual's ability to qualify for income and disability assistance programs and other financial assistance; and
- Have the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia create guidance documents for local governments and landlords on the collection of personal information for the purpose of tenant assistance policies.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB85 Expanded Authority to Notify Renters Impacted by Renovations

Vancouver

Whereas renters are facing the risk of displacement and housing insecurity as a result of renovations to existing rental buildings;

And whereas the *Residential Tenancy Act* does not currently require landlords to provide proof of permits or a description of the scope of work for renovations where tenancies are likely to be terminated, and local governments have limited authority to require notification related to tenancy issues as a condition of issuance of certain permits;

And whereas existing renters facing evictions due to renovations could benefit from information on the type and extent of renovations being undertaken to their buildings in order to support potential cases with the Residential Tenancy Branch:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to amend the *Local Government Act* to clarify and broaden the conditions that can be imposed on building or development permit applications submitted for renovations or redevelopment of an existing building that contains rental housing units including, but not limited to, requiring applicants to provide information on existing tenancies and communicating the proposed work related to the requested permit.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB86 Home Owner Grant Program in Electoral Areas

Capital RD

Whereas the British Columbia Home Owner Grant related to property tax is larger if a person(s) lives in a rural area;

And whereas the five Southern Gulf Islands of Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, North and South Pender Islands and the Juan de Fuca do not receive the 'rural' grant because the Capital Regional District (CRD) is excluded from the rural grant. This is unfair and inequitable for the taxpayers of the Southern Gulf Islands whose living conditions are no different than those in neighboring jurisdictions such as the electoral areas of the Cowichan Valley and Nanaimo Regional Districts who are eligible for the rural grant:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the province officially designate the Capital Regional District electoral areas as 'rural' for the purposes of the British Columbia Home Owner Grant.

On motion, was Endorsed

EB87 Assistance with Step Code Implementation

Smithers

Whereas the Building Code is being changed to include higher energy standards in accordance with the Energy Step Code, and successful implementation of the Energy Step Code requires:

- Preparedness of the building community;
- Energy advisors that are readily accessible;
- Availability and affordability of required materials;
- Staff capacity within local governments;

And whereas discussion with local governments and the building community in rural, remote and northern regions have identified the following barriers to successful implementation:

- Lack of local training opportunities for the building community;
- Lack of qualified Energy Advisors, and the possibility that some small and remote communities will not have an adequate workload to entice an Energy Advisor to do business in the area;
- Lower availability of materials and higher material costs in rural communities leading to concerns of affordability among residents;
- Lower capacity within small local governments;

And whereas local governments want to be a part of the solution in implementing the Energy Step Code, but often lack required resources, leading some jurisdictions to consider seeking exemptions from the Step Code:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to assist communities with Energy Step Code implementation in an equitable way by working with communities to address barriers.

On motion, was Endorsed

The resolutions pulled from the Section EB block for referral to the UBCM Executive were as follows:

EB16 Medical Cannabis Safety Concerns

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the federal *Cannabis Act* controls the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada, including the application and licensing of personal and commercial medical cannabis production, which should be compliant with local bylaws according to criteria set out for applicants in the process administered by Health Canada as the agency responsible for approval of cannabis production facilities;

And whereas local governments have responsibility for the enforcement of local bylaws and ensuring life-safety compliance with fire and building code regulations, but Health Canada has no process in place to

share licensing information with local authorities about the location of medical cannabis production facilities in BC communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate for an expanded legislative framework that provides options for local authorities to oversee building and fire safety requirements for cannabis production facilities from the outset of the license application process and prior to the commencement of construction of cannabis production facilities in local communities;

And be it further resolved that UBCM advocate for federal and provincial collaboration with local governments to develop information sharing agreements, so local governments are informed of the locations and licensing particulars of personal and commercial medical cannabis production in their communities and can thereby ensure enforcement of local bylaws to mitigate safety risks within BC communities.

Referred to the UBCM Executive

EB19 Public Highway Designation for Resource Roads

Tahsis

Whereas many rural and remote communities throughout British Columbia rely on resource roads for food, fuel and medical services;

And whereas the lower maintenance standards for these roads compared with other provincial roads have contributed to motor vehicle injuries and fatalities:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province establish a new public highway designation for resource roads that serve as the primary or secondary access roads for communities which would have clearly defined standards for construction, maintenance, enforcement and be funded/resourced similarly to the public highway system.

Referred to the UBCM Executive

EB37 BC Gaming Grant

Hazelton

Whereas communities under 10,000 in British Columbia have limited opportunities to access funding for programs and services related to arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment and social services;

And whereas larger communities are able to access gaming revenue from gambling facilities;

And whereas residents of smaller communities utilize and participate in the British Columbia Lottery Corporation without benefit to their communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to make available gaming grant funding for those communities under 10,000 for programs and services related to arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment and social services.

Referred to the UBCM Executive

Section NEB

Councillor Claire Moglove assumed the Chair and reviewed the procedures for handling Section NEB resolutions.

As per the amended rules in 2020, requests submitted in advance of Convention to the UBCM Executive resulted in two NEB resolutions being pulled from the block for individual consideration following Convention. Those resolutions pulled from Section NEB block are:

- NEB4
- NEB6

Councillor Claire Moglove commenced consideration of Section NEB resolutions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that an amended set of Section NEB resolutions be considered as a block for debate, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for the resolutions in the Section NEB block as amended be adopted, was endorsed.

The resolutions remaining in the Section NEB block were not endorsed, as recommended, as follows:

NEB1 Online Gaming

Vernon

Whereas municipalities are limited by the "*Community Charter*, Part 7, Division 1, Paragraph 192" to specific types of revenue sources;

And whereas local governments imposing fees for services have seen significant declines in revenues, including casino gaming revenues, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting Provincial State of Emergency;

And whereas online gaming revenues increased significantly since 2017/2018;

And whereas local governments with gaming facilities rely on gaming revenues to offset costs for operating, infrastructure and capital projects:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to allocate revenues generated by online gaming to replace lost casino gaming revenues for host local governments experiencing shortfalls due to the closure of gaming facilities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB2 School Bus Safety

New Westminster

Whereas motor vehicle seat belt laws have been fundamental to improved road safety in Canada over the past 40 years;

And whereas the US National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending three-point seat belts in all new school buses and 37 states are now either requiring three-point seat belts for school buses or have started down the legislative pathway towards this requirement;

And whereas Transport Canada recognizes that seat belts on school buses can offer added protection for school-age children, have created technical requirements for their installation and use, and allow provinces, territories and school bus operators to decide whether to install seat belts;

And whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to set standards to protect the safety of public school students in British Columbia, and the Ministry of Public Safety and the Office of the Solicitor General are responsible for regulating road safety in British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the BC Ministry of Education and the BC Ministry of Public Safety to mandate that all buses transporting students in British Columbia be equipped with seat belts that meet Transport-Canada regulatory standards and institute programs to assure those belts are used safely.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB3 Election Finance Tax Credits

Vancouver

Whereas the Canada Revenue Agency cites the *Income Tax Act* for the deduction from tax otherwise payable of a portion of the total eligible amount of monetary contributions to a registered party, a provincial division of a registered party, a registered association, or a candidate, as those terms are defined in the *Canada Elections Act*. The maximum annual tax credit an eligible individual may claim is \$650 Contributions to a Registered Party, a Registered Association or to a Candidate(s) in a federal election;

And whereas “Political Contributions Regulations” in BC’s *Income Tax Act* allows for eligible individuals to make contributions to BC political parties, registered BC constituency associations and/or candidate(s) in a provincial election. Eligible individuals may claim credit on a T1 income tax return calculated as the lesser of 75 percent of contributions up to \$100 or 50 percent of contributions between \$100 and \$550 or 33 1/3 percent of contributions in excess of \$550;

And whereas Bill 15, *Local Elections Campaign Financing Amendment Act, 2017* received Royal Assent on November 30, 2017, resulting in many changes to the financing provisions of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. The rules applied to the 2018 General Local Elections and are retroactive to October 31, 2017. In local election in BC, an eligible individual may contribute up to \$1,200 per year per campaign to an unendorsed candidate or \$1,200 in total to each campaign of an elector organization and its endorsed candidates:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province support personal income tax credits, for contributions made in compliance with the BC *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, as is similar to the rules and requirements in BC’s *Income Tax Act*, for personal income tax credits for provincial political contributions;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the provincial government make necessary amendments to BC’s *Income Tax Act* to allow eligible individuals to claim credit on a T1 income tax return for political contributions made in accordance to the BC *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB5 Broadband Infrastructure Taxation

East Kootenay RD

Whereas the cost to deploy broadband infrastructure to support connectivity services is significant and revenue opportunities in rural areas are often not adequate to provide a return on investment that would attract private investment, resulting in underserved rural communities throughout the province;

And whereas both the provincial and federal governments have made universal access to broadband services a priority including through the provision of infrastructure grants to encourage private investment in rural areas; however, the ongoing property taxation of broadband infrastructure creates a significant additional cost which further inhibits the already strained business case for private investment in broadband connectivity:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia provide local governments with the ability to set tax rates for broadband infrastructure.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB7 Varied Tax Rate for the Residential Class

Langley City

Whereas the Province of British Columbia through the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 specifies that there is one assessment class for all types of residential properties and the *Community Charter* outlines that a municipal bylaw to establish the property value taxes each year under section 197 (3) specifies there is a single rate for each property class;

And whereas the assessed value of the multi-family strata units and single family housing appreciates at vastly different rates, leading to large fluctuations and tax rate swings year-to-year between these housing types:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC *Assessment Act* and the *Community Charter* to allow the residential class to be split into two distinct residential classes so that a different rate may be applied to each type of residential property to allow for better tax planning, and a more consistent application of property tax changes for all residents no matter their housing type.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB8 Greenhouse Gas Limits for New Buildings

Port Moody

Whereas the energy efficiency requirements for new buildings in the British Columbia Energy Step Code continues to allow levels of carbon pollution that are inconsistent with local government and provincial climate change commitments;

And whereas failing to limit carbon pollution from new construction will necessitate retrofits to those new buildings in the future at greater difficulty and cost for building owners, occupants, and taxpayers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to include GHG limits for new construction as an enforceable element in Division B of the British Columbia Building Code, including a pathway to achieve zero GHG emissions for new construction in a timeline commensurate with the science of climate change and BC's reduction targets;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the BC government to revise the Province's goal in the Clean BC Plan to "make every new building constructed in BC "net-zero energy ready" by 2032" to "make every new building constructed in BC "zero emissions" and "net-zero energy ready" by 2032";

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the BC government to liaise with staff at Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments, North Central Local Government Association, and Southern Interior Local Government Association to ensure that there are provisions in the GHG limits that take into account and support the unique circumstances faced by rural communities, such as, but not limited to, decisions to utilize local materials and alternative building methods.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB9 Access to Emergency Health Services

Port Coquitlam

Whereas the February 2019 Auditor-General's Report "Access to Emergency Health Services" recommended that "the Ministry of Health work with local governments and British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) to ensure that BCEHS can implement a co-ordinated approach to pre-hospital care that results in:

- medical oversight, to the extent appropriate, across agencies to ensure that patient care meets acceptable medical standards

- data-sharing between agencies to better understand whether patients are getting the right medical interventions at the right time
- signed agreements outlining the roles and responsibilities of fire departments, including the level of care provided
- confirmation that first responders are being notified of events where they can best contribute to patient care.";

And whereas urban fire departments continue to receive fewer calls to attend to provide emergency medical assistance and the public must wait for BCEHS, unnecessarily, despite the ability of fire departments to provide faster medical assistance;

And whereas local governments and BCEHS have been meeting for several years and have failed to enter into agreements for the fire service personnel to provide emergency medical assistance to the level of their training;

And whereas some local governments want the ability to respond to more calls and provide a wider range of emergency medical assistance;

And whereas despite the fact that fire services personnel may provide ancillary health services pursuant to the *Health Emergency Services Act* without an agreement with the BCEHS, the BCEHS controls all calls, through the Critical Response Model, and does not dispatch such calls:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge local governments, at their discretion, to maintain complete authority over the level of emergency medical assistant training their respective fire departments and personnel will attain, consistent with the level of service each deems appropriate to their communities;

And be it further resolved that, at their discretion, local governments have the authority to determine the appropriate response level, of their fire departments, including call type based on the needs of their respective community.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB10 First Responder Program in British Columbia

Metchosin

Whereas local governments who choose to provide additional pre-hospital care to their citizens, through the First Responder Program, must sign an agreement to follow a model that is used province-wide, from metropolitan areas to the most rural parts of the province, and which may not address the individual needs or circumstances of the community or jurisdiction;

And whereas collaborative pilot projects have proven successful in both addressing the needs and capacities of individual communities as well as being beneficial to the care of the citizens of British Columbia;

And whereas municipal fire services are fully funded from municipal government or local authority:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia through BC Emergency Health Services, to allow individual local authorities to decide the level of service, dispatching protocols and local resource utilization for all pre-hospital care events to meet the specific needs of the individual community.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB11 Coroners

Chetwynd

Whereas the residents of the Province of British Columbia deserve timely and professional coroner services when deaths occur;

And whereas there are only 32 full-time coroners and approximately 75 community coroners working from five regional offices and the Offices of the Chief Coroner in Burnaby and Victoria;

And whereas the community coroners are expected to cover a wide range of communities which results in substantial wait times when deaths occur:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to hire more coroners and to establish a model that ensures adequate staffing levels are in place.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB12 Community Social Needs Resourcing Strategies

Kelowna

Whereas existing provincial funding and resource models are based on strong partnerships between all levels of government, there is an unaddressed need to provide flexibility in funding allocation to address unique and complex localized health, housing, and social needs.

And whereas the current provincial funding structure does not provide flexibility to support local governments to adapt and design locally relevant and responsive strategies and solutions based on local real-time conditions to effectively address unique community complex social needs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to design a flexible funding program and resource model that enables local governments to develop and implement strategies which align with, and respond to, unique local context and conditions of social issues and needs of the respective local governments.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB13 Social Development Specialist Funding

Penticton

Whereas there is a growing pressure on local governments within the province to provide services in areas which have not traditionally been local government services, including homelessness, addictions, mental health, child-care and age friendly matters;

And whereas the Province is providing resources and services and local governments are left with the responsibility of coordinating the available resources and services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to provide 50 percent of the costs of a social development specialist for local governments with a population of 10,000 or more, or to local governments that are deemed to be communities in need, in order to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the alignment of policy, strategies and resourcing.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB14 Amend the Residential Tenancy Act to Strengthen Maintenance Standards

Victoria

Whereas property maintenance standards are vital for protecting existing housing stock and tenants as they help to ensure that living environments are safe, secure, and appropriate;

And whereas many jurisdictions currently lack regional and municipal standards or regulations, including municipal bylaws or health standards:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the *Residential Tenancy Act* to strengthen standards of property maintenance that set out a breadth of health, safety, and security standards, and establishes enforcement mechanisms that ensure adherence to these standards.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB15 Establish Standards for Building Electrification, Heat Pumps and Water Heaters North Vancouver District

Whereas currently local governments are prohibited from requiring local standards or technical requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province enact legislation to empower local governments to establish standards for building electrification, heat pumps, and water heaters.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NEB16 Voting Rights for Alternate Directors Nanaimo RD

Whereas the *Local Government Act* provides that an Electoral Area Director must appoint an Alternate Electoral Area Director who may take the place of, vote and generally act in all matters for the absent Electoral Area Director;

And whereas the bylaws of UBCM disqualify Alternate Electoral Area Directors from participating in debate and voting at the Annual and Special Conventions;

And whereas this provision of the UBCM bylaws:

- prevents an Electoral Area from having a voice at UBCM Conventions when the Electoral Area Director is absent; and
- could be improved by permitting an Alternate Electoral Area Director to participate in debate and vote at the Annual and Special Conventions of the UBCM:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM change its bylaws to enable an Alternate Electoral Area Director, in the absence of the Electoral Area Director, to participate in debate and vote at Annual and Special Conventions of the UBCM.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

The resolutions pulled from the Section NEB block for referral to the UBCM Executive were as follows:

NEB4 #AllOnBoardCampaign New Westminister

Whereas youth across British Columbia and all people living in poverty deserve safe, easy, and affordable commutes;

And whereas a lack of affordable transportation is a significant barrier to social connection, access to services and labour market inclusion for low income adults and youth;

And whereas direct harm can be brought to low income adults and youth due to punitive fare evasion ticketing, which can impact credit ratings and further entrench poverty;

And whereas the #AllOnBoard campaign has been endorsed by business, labour, and advocacy organizations across British Columbia in their call to remove the barriers to public transit for youth and those experiencing poverty:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government work to make transit access more equitable by supporting free public transit across BC for youth under 19 years of age;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government support a sliding scale monthly pass system based on income;

And be it further resolved that BC Transit and TransLink proactively end the practice of fare evasion ticketing of minors, and introduce community service and restorative justice options for adults as an alternative to fare evasion tickets.

Referred to the UBCM Executive

NEB6 Community Amenity Contributions

Coquitlam

Whereas youth across British Columbia and all people living in poverty deserve safe, easy, and affordable commutes;

Whereas communities, especially in Metro Vancouver are challenged to enhance and deliver services and amenities including but not limited to affordable housing, community centres, park and fire service expansion to ever increasing populations;

And whereas Development Cost Charges do not adequately address many of these items, as such guidelines were established by the provincial government under which municipalities could ask for “Voluntary Contributions” from development to provide a range of identified amenities, yet no accompanying legislation was established to support the guidelines;

And whereas municipalities undergo extensive negotiations and processes to establish and secure commitment for these voluntary contributions from development, further encumbering and delaying the delivery of much needed housing stock across the affordability spectrum:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government work with municipalities and key stakeholders including the development industry to establish legislation under which the charging of Community Amenity Contributions is enforceable and inclusive of pre-established objectives and costs much in the manner of Development Cost Charges.

Referred to the UBCM Executive

Section NR

Councillor Brian Frenkel assumed the Chair and commenced consideration of resolutions in Section NR.

NR1 Predominant Purpose of Bylaw

North Vancouver District

Whereas the original intent of section 9(2) of the *Community Charter* was to give a council unfettered discretion to elect to adopt a bylaw under a head of power determined by the council such that a bylaw will be upheld if it is attacked on the basis that the predominant purpose in fact (versus the legitimate purpose elected by the council) is one requiring ministerial approval;

And whereas the original intent and effect of section 9(2) was that a municipality need only determine one proper purpose for a bylaw to be valid, “even if members of Council may have had other motivations”: *International Bio Research v. Richmond (City)*, 2011 BCSC 471 at para. 43:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend section 9(2) of the *Community Charter* to provide that (a) a bylaw is presumed to be enacted validly, in good faith and for a proper purpose if the council elects to determine in the bylaw the predominant purpose, and (b) that the council may adopt a bylaw under more than one head of power under the *Community Charter*, whether this is a matter of concurrent jurisdiction under section 9(1).

On motion, was Endorsed

**NR2 Amend Section 8(6) of the *Community Charter* to North Vancouver District
Include “Prohibit” in Relation to Business**

Whereas the current statute limits the authority to only “regulating” in relation to “business” and the original white paper on the *Community Charter* contained the proposed authority to “prohibit” as well as “regulate”, as in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Toronto, Winnipeg and Yukon;

And whereas in order to proceed with several climate change best practices, it will be necessary to prohibit certain business practices, such as selling fossil fuel heating systems after a certain date:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend section 8(6) of the *Community Charter* to enable a council by bylaw to regulate or prohibit in relation to businesses, business activities and persons engaged in business.

On motion, was Endorsed

NR3 Legislative Clarification on Temporary Use Permits Cariboo RD

Whereas the *Local Government Act* establishes that a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) may be issued for a term up to three years, and may be renewed only one time for a term up to three additional years;

And whereas there is nothing prohibiting an applicant from applying for a new Temporary Use Permit to get around the prohibition of a second renewal, after the initial permit and one renewal have expired:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to specify that an applicant is not permitted to apply for a new Temporary Use Permit after their initial TUP and one renewal have expired.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NR4 Green Roofs North Vancouver District

Whereas currently the *Local Government Act* allows a local government to require landscaping under section 527 and to control runoff under section 523, but the LGA and *Community Charter* do not empower local governments to require and enforce the related building standard of construction (prohibited under the *Building Act*) or to require and enforce maintenance of green roofs, including with security requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend the *Local Government Act* to empower local governments to expressly require green roofs and enforce the related building standard of construction, and maintenance of green roofs, including with security requirements.

On motion, was Not Endorsed

NR5 Criminal Record Checks for Local Government Elected Officials Maple Ridge

Whereas individuals holding office in a local government are elected into a position of trust and power where they have access to sensitive data and are expected to "conduct themselves in an open, transparent and accountable manner" according to the Candidate's Guide To Local Government Elections in BC;

And whereas there is no requirement for elected officials to submit criminal record checks despite being privy to highly sensitive information and allowed to participate in activities that other employers would require criminal record checks for, such as volunteering;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to amend Section 87 of the *Local Government Act* to include criminal record checks as part of the nomination documents submitted by candidates thereby creating a high standard of transparency that will improve public trust in locally elected officials.

On motion, was Endorsed

End of Resolutions Session

At 11:59 am Chair, Councillor Frenkel, called for an end to debate and concluded the resolutions session.

He noted that any resolution for which the Resolutions Committee had provided no recommendation would be referred automatically to the UBCM Executive, to be considered at their meeting in November 2020.

The disposition of the remaining Section NR resolutions is as follows:

NR6 Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government Maple Ridge

Whereas the UBCM Working Group on Responsible Conduct (WGRC) has been working extensively to support local government initiatives to address less-than-responsible local government conduct by providing local government council and board members with a set of principles and general standards of conduct that can be used to develop their own code of conduct;

And whereas the WGRC continues to work on potential legislative change that focuses on the importance of councils and boards turning their minds to codes of conduct in a standardized and consistent manner:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to establish an Independent Office of Integrity to serve the public, elected officials and local government officials in an advisory, educational and investigative role in the development, application and enforcement of codes of conduct.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR7 Equitable Police Funding Model Creston

Whereas the current RCMP policing model sees BC municipalities over 5,000 in population pay the full provincial cost share (either 70 percent or 90 percent depending on the size), while unincorporated areas, and municipalities under 5,000 in population pay the provincial police tax rate, which covers up to 50 percent of the estimated cost of policing;

And whereas due to this system there is an inequity perceived by municipalities and their taxpayers due to the Province subsidizing policing costs for some taxpayers and not others:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to review the current model of funding RCMP police services with consideration given to equitable funding of police services through a provincial police tax based on the assessed value of improvements for the areas served by the detachments.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR8 Solving RCMP Municipal Resource Pressures

Squamish

Whereas many regions in British Columbia are experiencing population growth in addition to provincial promotion of industrial and tourist activity in rural or remote areas that do not have the necessary public safety infrastructure;

And whereas BC has seen an almost 30 percent increase in Provincial Parks and Recreation Site visitation since 2014, most of which are outside municipal boundaries;

And whereas municipalities impacted by industrial or tourism hot spots outside their boundaries have experienced increased criminality and road safety issues with minor or no increases in Provincial RCMP police resources resulting in municipal RCMP police resources becoming the backstop to address the pressures created by rural population growth, provincial tourism promotion and industrial project approvals:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General of BC develop a funding model whereby Provincial RCMP resources increase and are allocated to regions across BC at a rate aligned with provincial tourism and/or industrial activity growth and rural population increases in that region.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR9 Expanded Role for RCMP Auxiliary Program

Cariboo RD

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote communities;

And whereas due to risk analysis, insurance and potential liability the RCMP Auxiliary Program has been severely restricted to the point of limited utility:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government and the Attorney General provide the necessary legal, risk and insurance protections to allow the RCMP Auxiliary Program to ride on calls with members to provide valuable assistance, support and safety to our overworked and understaffed RCMP Detachments.

No Action Required – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR10 Increased Funding for Provincial Police Resources Along the Trans-Canada Highway Corridor

Revelstoke

Whereas the Trans-Canada Highway 1, from the Alberta / British Columbia provincial border through Revelstoke has surpassed its capacity due to increasing tourism and commercial transportation, resulting in frequent collisions, and the transportation route closures impeding commerce in the area;

And whereas there has been little or no increase in provincial police resourcing for communities along the Trans-Canada Highway to effectively reduce speeds beyond posted limits and ultimately improve road safety by reducing collisions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit extra resourcing towards additional provincial police officers posted to the effected local governments and the deployment of safety control measures, such as photo radar, in the Trans-Canada Highway transportation corridor.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR11 Review Fines for Speeding

Central Saanich

Whereas the provincial government has not reviewed and updated traffic fines since 1997, with the exception of excessive speed in 2010;

And whereas the current traffic fines for speeding are not deterring drivers from exceeding speed limits on municipal and provincial roads:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to increase traffic fines significantly for speeding in an effort to make driving above the speed limit 'less attractive' for drivers in BC.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR12 Bylaw Enforcement Officers Enforcing Speed Limits in School Zones Lumby

Whereas many British Columbia local governments are experiencing rising enforcement costs and reductions in policing resources, resulting in strained police services;

And whereas other jurisdictions have enabled additional law enforcement agencies to assist with speed limit enforcement:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia, through the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, amend Section 146 (9) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow local governments, through a bylaw, the ability to enforce speed limits in school zones in order to provide an improved level of child safety.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR13 Encouraging Personal Accountability in Emergency Management Nelson

Whereas the Province is modernizing the *Emergency Program Act* which sets out the responsibilities of the Province and local governments related to emergency preparedness, response and recovery;

And whereas individuals and businesses must be informed to understand their personal responsibilities in emergency preparedness with regard to the things individuals and businesses can and should do to mitigate the impact of any emergency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM strongly encourage the Province to include changes to the *Emergency Program Act* that reflects the knowledge and lessons learned from previous emergencies and emphasize the importance of individual and business preparedness in mitigating the impact of any disaster or emergency;

And be it resolved further that the Province fund education targeting individuals and businesses in how to best prepare for potential disasters or emergencies.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR14 Emergency Mitigation and Preparedness

Harrison Hot Springs

Whereas the Province has adopted the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;

And whereas proposed changes to the BC *Emergency Program Act* will include disaster mitigation as an additional local government responsibility:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province be similarly required by legislation to undertake disaster mitigation work on all lands and facilities under the care and control of the Province where emergency events could negatively impact adjacent communities under local government jurisdiction.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR15 Emergency Interagency Communication System

McBride

Whereas local government and regional district emergency first responders have no central interagency communication system to verify the validity of call outs between all emergency agencies;

And whereas this places smaller local governments at risk with unnecessary call outs given the shortage of emergency first responder resources and personnel:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide access to the RCMP Central Emergency Communication System for all Provincial Emergency Services to improve field communications and prevent un-necessary call outs.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR16 Flood Risk Mitigation Through Green Infrastructure and Natural Assets

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the side channels, tributaries and sloughs of the Fraser and other large rivers have deep value to First Nations as historic transportation corridors, sites of food cultivation and harvest, refuge and gathering places; many of these same waterways are or were valuable recreational fishing, boating and swimming sites but are no longer safe and accessible for these activities;

And whereas these waterways provide moderating effects for localized and riverine flooding and valuable habitat for wild salmon and other important species;

And whereas there is no current requirement or standard practice for treating these natural and manmade waterways as valuable natural assets for their provision of the aforementioned ecosystem services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the federal and provincial governments remove constraints and implement requirements for incorporating green infrastructure and nature-based solutions in flood management to ensure effective flood risk mitigation while maintaining or restoring social, cultural and ecological co-benefits for these systems;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request that the federal and provincial governments promote natural assets as a viable emergency planning solution and provide appropriate funding through the Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund, Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Emergency Management BC and other similar emergency planning and mitigation funds.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR17 BC Cannabis Regulation – Section 37

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas in British Columbia, and specifically in the Kootenay Region, there is a historical legacy of cannabis cultivation and a clear acknowledgment that the cannabis industry is a pillar of our regional economy;

And whereas Section 37 of the BC Cannabis Control Regulation prohibits the promotion of any place to consume or to spend time after consuming cannabis, which significantly limits the ability for the cannabis industry to thrive, and in many cases limits potential business owners to operate all together:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the provincial government to remove Section 37 from the BC Cannabis regulation, which will remove a significant barrier to the success of the cannabis industry in British Columbia.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR18 Needle Retrieval and Disposal Program

Terrace

Whereas harm reduction best practices include needle distribution rather than needle exchange;

And whereas local governments are left to clean up discarded drug paraphernalia such as needles found within their jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to develop an effective retrieval and safe disposal program for used needles and that they involve local governments in the development of this program.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR19 Collection of Blood Samples for Police Drug Testing

Delta

Whereas Bill C-46 amended the Criminal Code to authorize any police officer who has reasonable grounds to believe a drug-impaired driving offence or a blood drug concentration level offence has occurred, to demand a sample of blood to determine per se limits of drug levels in the blood;

And whereas Bill C-46 amended the Criminal Code to allow ‘qualified technicians’ to draw blood without the supervision of a doctor;

And whereas drawing blood in a timely matter (less than two hours) is critical to capturing accurate blood drug concentration levels:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the BC Government to allow hospital emergency room nurses or qualified technicians to draw blood, at the request of police, without having to admit the subjects as patients to the hospital.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR20 Private Liquor Store Moratorium

Burns Lake

Whereas the government placed a moratorium on the issuance of new Licensee Retail Stores (private liquor stores) until July 1, 2022, the negative impacts of this moratorium have economic and social implications for smaller communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to end the government-imposed moratorium on new Licensee Retail Stores.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR21 Vegetation Control Along Powerlines

Cariboo RD

Whereas all of our communities rely on a safe, stable, and reliable electrical power grid;

And whereas we are seeing and experiencing an increase in violent storms that bring down trees and branches on power lines, interrupting power supply and frequently travel:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that utility companies have the mandate and resources to effectively manage vegetation along power lines to ensure a safe, stable and reliable electrical power supply.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR22 Amend the Jury Act

Fort St. John

Whereas the *Jury Act* disqualifies Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament from jury duty but does not include local government elected officials;

And whereas local government elected officials actively lobby for legislative amendments, oversee their RCMP Detachment work plans and are privy to sensitive information that could create a real or perceived conflict of interest if required to participate on a jury in their municipality:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Jury Act* to disqualify local government elected officials from jury duty.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR23 Development Cost Charges Bylaw and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Abbotsford

Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing administers the approval of the Development Cost Charges Bylaw for local governments and has rejected the inclusion of local government capital costs for Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) highway interchanges on the basis that the local government does not own the aforementioned tangible capital asset;

And whereas MOTI expects up to 33 per cent of highway interchange capital costs be paid for by the local government:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to provide for local governments to be able to include their portion of the capital cost for MOTI interchanges in their Development Cost Charges Bylaw or that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure fully fund capital costs for all MOTI-owned interchange projects.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR24 Active Transportation

Bulkley-Nechako RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure policy requires local governments to take responsibility for pedestrian and cycling trails within highway rights of way;

And whereas local government involvement in planning and operating active transportation infrastructure within highway right of way is inefficient and ineffective given that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure sets the guidelines and gives final approval:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to assume responsibility for the development and operation of active transportation infrastructure within highway rights of way.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR25 Congestion Pricing

North Vancouver District

Whereas vehicle congestion leads to a plethora of issues, such as increased air pollution, increased GHG emissions, and reduced quality of life for individuals;

And whereas congestion charges have been successful in cities around the world:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to enact legislation to enable local governments to impose and collect vehicle congestion charges.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR26 Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

Victoria

Whereas equitable access to mobility is fundamental to full and meaningful participation in local communities, including access to education, employment, services, recreation, culture and community life, and noting that emissions from transportation generate a majority of community-based emissions in many communities, meaning that changes in transportation options have the potential to have a substantial impact in reducing green-house gas emissions;

And whereas forward-looking jurisdictions around the world from Kingston, Ontario to Kansas City, Missouri, to Luxembourg and Estonia are eliminating user-fee barriers to public transit ridership, with residents paying for transit services through the tax system rather than at the fare box:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to work with local governments to introduce fare-free public transit services where communities support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR27 Benefits of Public Car Insurance

Burnaby

Whereas public car insurance creates local jobs and significant investments in municipalities through road safety and improvement, grants-in-lieu, and community grants while providing greater control to municipalities to plan for risks and costs;

And whereas jurisdictions with only private insurance options have experienced significant rate hikes year after year while accident benefits dramatically decline:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to preserve public car insurance, including jobs and local investments, in British Columbia.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR28 Accessible Parking Campaign

Dawson Creek

Whereas most handicap accessible parking spots are designed for standard sized vehicles without a side entry conversion to accommodate ramps or lifts for drivers or passengers with disabilities;

And whereas drivers or passengers with disabilities riding in a vehicle equipped with a side entry conversion require extra room to safely enter and exit the vehicle through the use of a ramp or lift:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to enact legislation in British Columbia that requires the provision of wheelchair accessible parking spaces, where are no less than 5.5 metres long, 2.5 metres wide, and have a clear pedestrian aisle of no less than 2.5 metres with a designated "no parking" sign.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR29 Requirement for Trust Accounts for Commercial Properties

Fort St. John

Whereas there are commercial properties that are unable to pay property taxes that result in a loss of revenue for local government;

And whereas the majority of rental and lease agreements include an amount in the rental fee that is allocated towards property taxes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM be asked to lobby the Province to implement a requirement for commercial property landlords to establish trust accounts to deposit property tax payments collected as part of the lease/rental agreements.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR30 Places of Public Worship Tax Exemptions

Radium Hot Springs

Whereas philanthropic organizations in each community provide different levels of service and public benefit that each local government may wish to recognize;

And whereas matters of worship are highly personal, and the financial obligations of places of public worship should only be shared among the citizens and taxpayers in a community with the consent of the local government body:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Provincial Government to amend the *Community Charter* to move the tax exemption "places of public worship" from statutory [Section 220 (1) (h)], to permissive [Section 24 (2)].

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR31 Taxation of Group 4 Independent Schools

Kimberley

Whereas Group 4 independent schools bring hundreds of student residents to our communities that consume municipal services such as transit, library, bylaw enforcement, policing, and road and trail maintenance;

And whereas the *Community Charter* exempts these Group 4 Independent Schools from property taxation which the municipality normally utilizes to fund these services, thereby placing an extra burden on existing taxpayers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC either remove the tax exemption for Group 4 Independent Schools from Provincial legislation or provide compensatory grants to municipalities that are affected.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR32 Employer Health Tax

Sicamous

Whereas the Province of British Columbia implemented changes in 2018 to the Medical Services Plan and introduced a new Employer Health Tax in 2019 to replace the Medical Services Plan premiums;

And whereas the Employer Health Tax is placing an increased financial strain on small business and is having negative consequences on the economy of British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to increase the small business exemption threshold from \$500,000 to \$1.25 million and ensure the tax is fully graduated so that the 1.95 percent rate is the same at all payroll thresholds in order to bridge the gap and create fairness overall.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR33 Local Government Price Index

Nanaimo City

Whereas local government and household spending are often compared by taxpayers through the lens of the Consumer Price Index which measures changes in the prices paid by household consumers for goods and services;

And whereas local government purchases do not fall into the same category as household purchases with respect to the types of goods each purchases:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to create a Local Government Price Index that more accurately reflects the projected costs of the types of goods that local government purchase.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR34 Enumeration and Consideration of Seasonal Populations

Cariboo RD

Whereas many grants and public sector planning activities look largely at the population of an area as a determining factor in the grant amount, grant eligibility, and public service availability and levels;

And whereas many communities in rural British Columbia experience a great increase in seasonal population, which puts a strain on existing public services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to begin enumerating the seasonal populations of rural communities and that the seasonal population be strongly considered when looking at grant funding and the establishment of public service levels.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR35 Odometer Readings for Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Tracking

Powell River

Whereas transportation is the single largest greenhouse gas (GHG) emission source for most BC communities, and accurately tracking these emissions is critical for all local governments as well as for the

Province of British Columbia to be able to implement effective climate change mitigation initiatives and achieve GHG emission reduction targets;

And whereas the provincial government does not currently provide accurate transportation emissions data to BC communities to enable them to work strategically and measurably in the reduction of community transportation emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to require the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) to collect odometer readings from all customers at the time of vehicle insurance purchase and renewal and provide aggregates of this information to local governments in order to enable effective and targeted local government action on transportation GHG emissions reduction.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR36 Reducing Truck Pollution on Residential-Adjacent Commercial Transport (Trucking Routes) Vancouver

Whereas the high number of older, heavy-duty diesel trucks travelling on residential-adjacent trucking routes exposes homes, schools, businesses and residents to significant traffic pollution linked to increased risk of respiratory diseases, such as asthma and heart disease. Of particular danger is soot, which is indicative of diesel exhaust, a carcinogen associated with lung cancer;

And whereas according to a July 2018 study by University of Toronto professors in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Metro Vancouver, elevated levels of traffic pollution can be detected as far as 250 metres from major roads, putting thousands of British Columbians at risk of suffering serious health issues from living on or near commercial transport (trucking) routes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to significantly strengthen regulations restricting traffic pollution, particularly of the particulates (soot) emitted by heavy-duty vehicles as well as requiring fuel alternatives that significantly reduce pollution on residential-adjacent commercial transport routes.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR37 Provincial Enabling of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing by Local Governments Vancouver

Whereas local governments in British Columbia are considering how to most effectively support members of their communities in actions to mitigate climate change, especially to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from buildings, which account for over 50 percent of GHG emissions in many communities, but are challenged by the fact that the vast majority of buildings are privately owned and most building owners face financial barriers to energy and emission-reducing retrofits;

And whereas there is a reluctance by the Province to pursue public financing mechanisms for private buildings, but rapidly growing interest by private investors to put their capital to work solving challenges such as climate change, while earning a reasonable return on investment—as evidenced by the \$11 trillion in funds being divested globally from fossil fuels in 2019 and nearly a billion dollars of third party private investment in Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (C-PACE) in the United States in 2017 and 2018:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request that the Province update the *Vancouver Charter* and *Community Charter* to enable BC local or regional governments to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing programs that include accessing third party private investment.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR38 GHG Reduction Legislation

North Vancouver District

Whereas measuring and reducing carbon pollution is critical to addressing the climate emergency:

And whereas the courts are currently bound by the Plastic Bag Decision which would likely require ministerial approval of environmental bylaws and limit authority under the other heads of power:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province enact legislation to enable local governments to require GHG emission reduction or elimination, including the sale or installation of fossil fuel heating systems and sale of fossil fuel vehicles, and require upgrades to or removal of fossil fuel heating systems.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR39 Engaging Northern and Remote Communities on New Programs

Kitimat

Whereas northern and rural communities need to be included in meaningful consultation when provincial greenhouse gas reduction programs are developed, in order to maximize success of the programs in those communities and prevent barriers to implementation;

And whereas program requirements can create barriers for community participation when resources are not available at a local or regional level (such as Energy Step Code requiring certified Energy Advisors to ensure compliance), and if programs are not scaled to suit small communities (such as offering fuel-switching incentives only for very large commercial and multi-family residential buildings);

And whereas when provincial programs are implemented without an adequate allocation of resources to northern and rural communities, the responsibility to overcome barriers is shifted to local government and contractors, each already facing challenges of limited organizational capacity:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that it consults with residents and local governments regarding the unique culture, remoteness and low density of northern and remote communities when designing and implementing new provincial greenhouse gas reduction programs, including grants, and to ensure that such programs are designed in a way that allows them to succeed in our communities.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR40 Creating One Planet Communities

Saanich

Whereas we live on one planet, and in Canada we use 3-4 planets resources per resident which is an unsustainable share of the Earth's bio capacity and resources, thus threatening the well-being of current and future generations;

And whereas Saanich has declared a Climate Change Emergency, and has successfully used the One Planet Saanich model for resident engagement to help reduce our communities ecological footprint to one planet's worth of bio capacity:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage local governments to take steps to engage their citizens in reducing their ecological footprint by utilizing a “One Planet” or similar model for a sustainable future.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR41 Closing Federal Corporate Tax Loopholes to Fund Climate-Related Adaptation and Mitigation Nelson

Whereas local governments are incurring substantial costs in relation to the impacts of climate change, including volatile weather patterns, droughts, wildfires, erosion and other impacts and such costs are anticipated to continue rising;

And whereas 2019 reports indicate that many corporations are not paying between 24 to 29 percent of legally owed federal taxes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM strongly encourage the Canadian Government to implement measures to close corporate tax loopholes and collect owed corporate taxes in order that such funds be directed to local governments and Indigenous communities, in order to pay for climate change adaptation, mitigation, and resilience measures.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR42 Venting Index Requirement and Efficiency of Burns Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas there is a large amount of smoke created during forest fuel reduction burns and/or agricultural burns;

And whereas there are minimal days that the venting index permits burning resulting in a large number of burns being undertaken during the permitted times, which results in a tremendous amount of smoke being produced, as all burning is taking place within a short period of time;

And whereas forced air curtain burner or trench burner systems greatly reduce the smoke created during combustion by improving the efficiency of a fire resulting in clean burns with very little atmospheric particulate being produced:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to allow burning outside of the venting days with the use of forced air systems, such as trench or curtain burners.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR43 BC Water Resources Central Kootenay RD

Whereas local governments in British Columbia are the purveyors of water and water is and will become a very important issue as the province experiences the effect of climate change;

And whereas the analysis, quality, abundance protection, conservation, allocation and use of both ground water and surface water is of utmost importance both ecologically and financially now and in the future:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to create a ministry with the sole responsibility to research and provide education, protection and conservation of BC’s water resources.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR44 Water Conservation and Grey Water Use

North Vancouver District

Whereas local governments may require water conservation and grey water use in relation to a drainage system under section 8(2) and (3)(a) of the *Community Charter*, and as a condition in a phased development agreement under section 516(3) of the *Local Government Act*, but not in relation to plumbing requirements for new buildings or the retrofitting of old buildings:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province enact legislation to empower local governments to require water conservation and grey water use in relation to plumbing and drainage requirements for new buildings or the retrofitting of old buildings.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR45 Support for a British Columbia Coastal Protection Strategy

Port Moody

Whereas unlike all the Atlantic provinces, BC has no comprehensive coastal and marine strategy, a BC Coastal Protection Strategy will clearly articulate provincial jurisdiction and enable the Province to better engage with other governments and communities;

And whereas no marine counterpart to the BC *Land Act* exists, and piecemeal legislation and policy govern numerous coastal marine activities;

And whereas a BC Coastal Protection Strategy will provide a vision and objectives to guide actions in the increasingly crowded coastal zone and highlight the importance the government places on these vital areas such as sensitive marine ecosystems, and vulnerable species, as well as their importance to protecting our coastal communities and economies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to develop and enact a Coastal Protection Strategy and law to leverage and coordinate the work of provincial ministries, First Nations, local communities, and stakeholder groups to preserve coastal and ocean health, halt coastal habitat loss, accelerate the completion of a network of marine protected areas to benefit fisheries, biodiversity and the economy, set marine environmental quality objectives from upland activities, and help communities adopt ecosystem-based approaches to manage risks from flooding due to extreme weather events, sea level rise, climate change, and ocean acidification.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR46 Marine Debris

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas a large volume of marine debris including plastics, styrofoam, components of boats, docks, and fishing gear is increasingly washing up on local shores which is environmentally damaging to marine environments, poses risks to fish and wildlife, creates a safety hazard for marine traffic, and places added pressure on communities to collect and haul shoreline marine debris to disposal facilities which is costly and logistically complex;

And whereas local governments have no jurisdiction on shorelines, as that is under the authority of the Province, and provincial efforts to increase producer responsibility for product stewardship have not been sufficient at reducing pollution caused by marine debris due to the diversity of materials and their often unknown source of origin:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to adequately resource and develop a provincial program to assist with marine debris shoreline clean-up efforts that focusses on increasing regulation and enforcement for sectors responsible for the majority of marine debris, expanding recycling

options for commonly found materials such as styrofoam, and funding communities that are struggling to address significant marine debris pollution on their shorelines so that regular community-led shoreline clean-up events are supported and collected marine debris can be safely transported to disposal facilities.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR47 Home Heating Oil Spill Prevention

[View Royal](#)

Whereas home heating oil is very toxic, killing fish and other marine life in waterbodies;

And whereas prevention is the most effective means to safeguard our environment and avoid the unnecessary provincial and municipal expenditure of both time and money for clean up:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to implement legislation to:

- Require home heating oil tanks be registered and tagged as being in good condition and prohibit companies from filling tanks without a proper tag;
- Create a mandatory inspection system including authorized inspector access for this purpose;
- Legislate absolute liability for home heating fuel companies for any spills from tanks they fill and require those companies to carry insurance for that liability;
- Legislate a public insurance fund paid for by a surcharge on heating oil fuel sales to pay for spills from properties where the property owner has self-identified as having a heating oil tank; and
- Require proper decommissioning of tanks that no longer meet certification or that are unused for a prescribed period of time.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR48 Standards and Labelling of “Flushable” Wipes

[Nanaimo RD](#)

Whereas some items labelled as “flushable”, such as disposable wipes, cause significant problems in sewer systems, damaging infrastructure and risking environmental pollution;

And whereas public awareness and education campaigns sponsored by local governments can only partially mitigate the problem in the absence of consistent standards and proper labelling and advertising:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with FCM to advocate at the federal level for the development of clear standards for products labelled “flushable” and to increase regulatory oversight of labelling and advertising of such products.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR49 Funding for Clean Renewable Energy Projects

[Cumberland](#)

Whereas the BC Hydro Standing Offer Program encouraging the development of new small and clean renewable energy projects was indefinitely suspended in 2019 after the Province’s comprehensive review of BC Hydro;

And whereas renewable energy projects are a feasible revenue source for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia reinstate the BC Hydro funding and electricity purchase program for renewable energy projects for local governments.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR50 Use of High Efficiency Electrical Appliances Incentives

[Kootenay Boundary RD](#)

Whereas several Kootenay Boundary communities have committed to a transition to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050;

And whereas electricity generated in BC is considered a renewable energy source and carbon free while natural gas is not;

And whereas the incentives available from suppliers for carbon intensive energy sources e.g. natural gas in the province are greater than those available for carbon free sources:

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of BC to require all energy suppliers in the province, including Fortis BC, to increase the carbon free energy incentives available to all residents to support the use of high efficiency carbon free energy appliances and heating systems to the point where those incentives are at a minimum equalized to those currently provided by carbon intensive energy suppliers.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR51 Facilitating Clean Energy Retrofits

Squamish

Whereas many local governments have declared climate and ecological emergencies and have set significant targets to reduce emissions, to protect the environment, and to support health, wellness, and quality of life;

And whereas existing buildings account for 11 percent of BC's current greenhouse gas emissions, and retrofitting those buildings is critical to BC meeting its climate targets, while bringing money into the economy, adding new jobs to the market, and reducing energy bills for citizens;

And whereas a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program is an effective way to facilitate critical building retrofits, but existing legislation creates a significant administrative burden and other barriers for local governments wanting to implement an effective PACE program:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to enact Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) legislation following the PACE Alberta legislative checklist to develop a "pay as you save" energy retrofit incentive program for residential and commercial building owners.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR52 Home Emissions and Energy Rating and Labelling

Squamish

Whereas many local governments have declared climate and ecological emergencies and have set significant targets to reduce emissions, to protect the environment, and to support health, wellness, and quality of life;

And whereas existing buildings account for 11 percent of BC's current greenhouse gas emissions, and retrofitting those buildings is critical to BC meeting its climate targets, while bringing money into the economy, adding new jobs to the market, and reducing energy bills for citizens;

And whereas Home Emissions and Energy ratings and labelling provide a good system for homeowners and buyers to raise awareness of their property's Emissions and Energy performance which in turn helps to encourage changes to reduce property emissions, but currently there is no statutory authority for a local government to require Emissions and Energy labelling or rating:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to enact legislation to enable a local government to require building Emissions and Energy rating and labelling.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR53 Hazardous Materials Recycling Regulation Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas non refillable pressurized tanks and sharps (needles) have been identified across British Columbia as creating serious health and safety concerns for the public and workers engaged in garbage and recycling collection, processing and landfilling;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia can include these hazardous materials under the Recycling Regulation to ensure cost effective and safe disposal under an Extended Producer Responsibility Program:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to include nonrefillable pressurized tanks and sharps (needles) under the Recycling Regulation.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR54 A Provincial Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Cigarettes and Vaping Products Delta

Whereas waste from smoking cigarettes and vaping is unsightly, toxic to the environment and marine life, and is one of the most common sources of litter in many communities;

And whereas awareness and enforcement campaigns, have been ineffective in addressing the problem, and public ashtray programs have had mixed success:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to work with the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) to include cigarette and vaping waste as a priority product category for extended producer responsibility in Canada, consistent with the 2019 Canada-Wide Action Plan on Zero Plastic Waste;

And be it further resolved that the Province work with industry to implement a province-wide extended producer responsibility deposit-return program for cigarettes and vaping waste to eliminate litter generated by smoking.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR55 Cardboard Recycling Bulkley-Nechako RD

Whereas cardboard is cardboard;

And whereas all cardboard in the Province of BC should be treated equally:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC immediately incorporate all cardboard into the existing Extended Producer Responsibility Program operated by Recycle BC.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR56 Recovering Costs for the Illegal Disposal of Wildlife Carcasses

Highlands

Whereas BC's small and rural governments are incurring waste disposal fees due to the illegal disposal of wildlife carcasses or parts on local government lands, including lands where people may be present, which is an offence under the *Wildlife Act*;

And whereas discarded wildlife carcasses or parts is defined in the *Wildlife Act* as an attractant to potentially dangerous wildlife; therefore a potential danger to people and domestic animals when illegally disposed of on land where there are likely to be people. This illegal disposal on local government land then becomes a cost (disposal fee) to a local government:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be requested by UBCM to cost share revenue generated from hunting activities (via a program or other means) with affected local governments to recover the costs associated with this illegal disposal on local government lands;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to investigate ways of preventing this illegal activity with improved language and clear direction within the *Wildlife Act* and/or Regulations.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR57 Invasive Species Act

Burns Lake

Whereas there is no current provincial legislation that specifically addresses the negative impacts that invasive species cause for the economic well-being of municipalities and regional districts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to develop a comprehensive Invasive Species Act that addresses all taxa, prohibits the sale of invasive species, and includes appropriate enforcement clauses.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR58 Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) Enabling Subdivision into Smaller Affordable Lots

Central Kootenay RD

Whereas the Ministry of Agriculture seeks to strengthen farming in BC and there are portions of the province where successful, intensive agriculture is practiced on small lots while showing significant farm receipts;

And whereas the viability of small lot agriculture depends on the affordability of the land and improvements which is in competition for Agricultural Land with the "hobby farm" development model featuring large homes and accessory buildings often impacting the land without contributing to agricultural production:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Agriculture to work with the Agricultural Land Commission to designate areas of the province where the Agricultural Land Reserve may be subdivided into smaller affordable lots provided the developed footprint is scaled such as to enable craft and/or niche agricultural market activity.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR59 Cannabis Enforcement and Regulation within the Agricultural Land Reserve

Maple Ridge

Whereas UBCM was not consulted on the legislative and regulatory changes that have changed the characterization of cannabis production on the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to "farm use";

And whereas the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act* protects and exempts farm operation from liability in nuisance for any odour, noise, dust or other disturbance resulting from that farm operation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Agriculture to continue to work with farm operators and the Cannabis Policy Technical Working Group to address the concerns of local government in relation to the water usage, waste, light emission, and the lack of enforcement related to cannabis operations within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR60 Sustainable Development Goals

Squamish

Whereas all 193 member nations of the UN General assembly adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals for achievement by 2030 to ensure a better, and more sustainable, equitable, peaceful, survivable, and prosperous future for all;

And whereas every level of government has authority over areas critical to progress on most of the Sustainable Development Goals:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province require all local governments to report on their efforts and progress in achieving each of the Sustainable Development Goals within their geographic jurisdiction;

And be it further resolved that the UBCM Executive work with the Province to help local governments improve their reporting and accountability over time by developing a standardized reporting approach for the Sustainable Development Goals at a municipal and regional level.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR61 Indigenous Peoples' Representation

Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has enacted Bill 41-2019, the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* to align BC's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);

And whereas UNDRIP includes Article 5: Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and culture institutions while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the State;

And whereas the *Local Government Act* does not allow for Indigenous peoples' representation at regional district tables when the regional district is situated in non-treaty territory:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to, in consultation with BC Indigenous peoples and impacted regional districts, explore amending the *Local Government Act* to include self-determined participation by BC Indigenous peoples as voting regional district directors.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR62 Re-Evaluation of Outpatient Model

Terrace

Whereas a significant proportion of the province's homeless population have mental illnesses; And whereas being homeless presents a threat to their well-being and safety:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to re-evaluate the current outpatient model of mental health care.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR63 Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuits

Prince George

Whereas under the *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* (the “Act”) the provincial government may sue a manufacturer or wholesaler of an opioid product to recover the costs of health care benefits on an aggregate basis, for a population of persons who have suffered damage caused or contributed to by the use of or exposure to an opioid product;

And whereas pursuant to the Act and other legislation, the provincial government has launched a class action lawsuit on behalf of all federal, provincial and territorial governments to recover the costs of health care benefits from manufacturers and wholesalers of opioid products, whose marketing practices have had devastating impacts on the lives of thousands of British Columbians;

And whereas the definition of “health care benefits” under the Act includes “other expenditures by the government, made directly or through one or more agents or other intermediate bodies, for programs, services, benefits or similar matters associated with disease, injury or illness” and local governments have faced substantial “health care benefits” costs due to the opioid crisis:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the provincial government to share any recovery of damages from the class action lawsuit with local governments, to further enable local governments to continue offering services and support programs that aim to reduce harm and stigma, address the root causes of the opioid crisis, and support people struggling with mental health and addiction.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR64 A Strategy for Rural Economic Development Through Health Care

Kaslo

Whereas local health care at all stages of life impacts the economic development of communities: e.g. family members lose work time, people and their businesses move out of the community or choose not to locate there;

And whereas “ageing in place” keeps seniors close to home, where their partner, family or friends are better able to provide loving support and care, which reduces the load on health care providers and improves quality of life for all;

And whereas concentrating health services in regional centers transfers a significant economic burden to individuals in the form of transportation costs, increased energy consumption and housing in-affordability;

And whereas providing health care jobs in small communities stimulates the local economy with numerous spin-off benefits, creating opportunities to attract new people, their families, and businesses;

And whereas our elderly, and all patients, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, not as “users”:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Government of British Columbia to build a strategy to expand rural community health care services with consideration for maximizing local economic impacts, creating professional job opportunities, access to affordable housing, improving social wellbeing and reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR65 Helipad Hospital Construction

North Coast RD

Whereas none of the new or existing level 3 trauma hospital construct plan in rural British Columbia include plans or designs for onsite helipads;

And whereas due to an absence of onsite hospital helipads, rural BC trauma patients experience delayed access to level 3 trauma hospitals:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to legislate that all current at future level 3 and above trauma hospitals being constructed in rural BC receive capital funding to construct and operate an onsite helipad.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR66 Farmers' Markets as Essential Services During Emergencies Comox Valley RD, White Rock

Whereas farmers' markets are a key resource in addressing food security during an emergency by providing access to food quickly and efficiently;

And whereas farmers' markets have not been consistently permitted to operate across the province during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province take the necessary steps to ensure farmers' markets are identified as an essential service during all provincial and local states of emergency.

No Action Required – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR67 Free Menstrual Products in Civic Facilities

Port Coquitlam

Whereas equity-based policies around access to menstrual products helps to support inclusion, mobility, reduces stigma, and promotes gender equality;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia issued ministerial order M149/89 on April 3, 2019, requiring all public schools to have free menstrual products in school restrooms;

And whereas numerous jurisdictions across British Columbia and Canada have enacted policies to provide menstrual products in school, park, and civic restrooms to promote the health, mobility, and participation of citizens:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide policy direction and funding to cover the costs associated with providing free and accessible menstrual products in local and regional government run civic facility restrooms, including parks, libraries, shelters, service centres, police, judicial and incarceration centres.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR68 Early Childhood Education Labour Force Shortage

Williams Lake

Whereas there is a chronic shortage of Early Childhood Educators (ECE's) across the province that impedes the ability of qualified workers to return to the workforce after a parental leave:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to implement a standard minimum \$25 per hour wage for ECE's in British Columbia to address the challenge of a lagging labour force in the child care sector;

And be it further resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to address the gender-biased systems that place an unequal requirement on entrants into the ECE profession in comparison to other sectors, particularly when compared with trades education.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR69 Vacancy Tax

White Rock

Whereas the City of Vancouver has authority through the *Vancouver Charter* to implement an Annual Vacancy Tax;

And whereas other municipalities are governed through the *Community Charter* where there is no current authority to implement a Vacancy Tax:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to amend the authority given to municipalities through the *Community Charter* permitting municipalities the authority to impose, by bylaw, an annual vacancy tax on taxable residential and commercial properties.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR70 Declaring a Homelessness Emergency: Making an Emergency Plan to Drastically Reduce Homelessness

Vancouver

Whereas British Columbia has at least 7,655 homeless people, and homelessness robs people of their security, dignity, rights and lives, as homeless people have about half the life expectancy as housed people;

And whereas Bill C-97 (June 21, 2019) containing the *National Housing Strategy Act*, and the federal right to housing legislation enshrines the need to “recognize that the right to adequate housing is a fundamental human right affirmed in international law.”:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call upon the Province to declare a Homelessness Emergency and work with all orders of governments, BC Housing and other partners on a Homelessness Emergency Plan to build or find dignified, affordable housing for at least 80 percent of counted homeless people within three years.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR71 Tiny Home Legitimization

Squamish

Whereas communities across BC are experiencing a housing crisis, and the full spectrum of affordable small housing forms and options that could meet their needs are not currently available to them;

And whereas tiny homes, single detached housing units less than 46.45 square metres (500 square feet) distinct from mobile homes or recreational vehicles and meant for full-time living, could support infill densification (as laneway alternatives), and yet some of their features are not permissible as per the BC Building Code (and the National Building Code), therefore unavailable to communities in need of financially accessible and affordable small housing options:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to work with the BC Building Code Interpretation Committee to review the 14 Code change requests (ranging from application of the code, definitions within the code, combination rooms, ceiling heights, doorways, stairs, guards, smoke detectors, escape windows and lateral loads to plumbing fixtures) made at the federal building code level in support of mobile tiny houses in March 2017 by the Canadian Home Builders' Association;

And be it further resolved the Province should incorporate these changes into Part 9 of the BC Building Code, that would define tiny houses as allowable permanent dwellings, and thus permit them to be constructed where local government official community plans and zoning bylaws deem them appropriate.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR72 Safety Requirements for Existing Secondary Suites Delta

Whereas secondary suites in single family dwellings are a widespread form of affordable rental accommodation in many BC communities;

And whereas the BC Building Code does not provide sufficient flexibility to allow existing secondary suites in single family dwellings to meet current Building Code requirements without incurring significant costs associated with reconstruction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to establish a province-wide policy on alternative life safety requirements for existing secondary suites in single family dwellings.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR73 BC Building Code Central Kootenay RD

Whereas the changes to the BC Building Code in 2018 added significant costs and reliance on mechanical systems and synthetic materials to residential construction and is further exaggerated by the BC Energy Step Code;

And whereas most local governments agree with the concept of reducing GHG emissions however new home ownership is deterred by adding costs of energy consultants and mandated energy solutions in areas of the province that have high land values but lower average annual income and where mechanical solutions are not relevant due to infirm power therefore adding further pressure to the affordable housing crisis in BC:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the BC Building and Safety Standards Division to assess regional financial disparities making building affordability and flexible low cost building methods a priority for the revision of the BC Building Code in 2022;

And be it further resolved that additions to building code that are beyond structural integrity and safety be addressed through incentives, not punitive or prescriptive measures.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR74 Recommending Change of *Strata Property Act* and *Residential Tenancy Act* to Disallow Discrimination Against Pet Owners Port Moody

Whereas BC is experiencing a housing crisis and it is hard enough to find shelter even if the prospective renter does not have pets that serve in effect as close family members and emotionally essential life partners for their owners;

And whereas in 2017, an estimated 1700 pets had to be given up or terminated because their owners could not find stable shelter with them:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to change the *Residential Tenancy Act* and *Strata Property Act* such that landlords and strata organizations may not reject applicants for rental units because their family unit may include pets, on the condition that those pets would not pose serious and specific concerns in regard to physical danger, noise, smell, or an adverse allergic reaction among other building residents.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR75 Streamline Building Officials Certification Process

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the Building Officials Association of British Columbia, under an administrative agreement with the Province, is responsible for education and examinations for persons applying for membership, and certification of members as registered building officials;

And whereas the current lengthy process for certifying a Level One Building Official affects local governments' ability to hire and retain qualified staff and provide building inspection services in a timely manner:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province and the Building Officials Association of British Columbia to streamline the examination and certification process by reducing the two year local government experience requirement to one year and review reasons for the high failure rate in the Level 1 examination.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR76 Whistleblower Legislation

Nanaimo City

Whereas whistleblower legislation has become statute for provincial government employees;

And whereas local government does not have an independent third party to receive whistleblower complaints or concerns:

Therefore be to resolved that UBCM create an independent third party to handle complaints and concerns of local government employees and officials or lobby the provincial government to expand their program to include local government.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR77 Community to Community Forum Grants

Port Hardy

Whereas the importance of open and continuing conversation between local governments and First Nations governments is critical to further reconciliation;

And whereas the UBCM Regional Community to Community Forum (C2C) program is an important resource to assist with these dialogues, it is also important that governments be allowed the flexibility to access this funding when it is most beneficial to the communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM to allow the Regional Community to Community Forum grants to not be subject to specific deadlines, but be made available throughout the year, and that those granted funds be available for a full calendar year.

No Action Required – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR78 Citizenship Ceremonies

Summerland

Whereas Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) no longer holds Canadian citizenship ceremonies in smaller communities around British Columbia, and instead hold them only in larger centers;

And whereas Canadian citizenship ceremonies were often the only events to celebrate multiculturalism in smaller communities and they served to encourage an acceptance of diversity and inclusion in these communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM lobby the Federal Government of Canada to return to its previous practice of holding Canadian citizenship ceremonies in smaller communities around British Columbia.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

NR79 Post-Secondary Education in Rural Communities

Burns Lake

Whereas the availability of post-secondary education is a critical piece in strengthening the fabric of small, rural communities as it allows residents to acquire further education and skills, without having to relocate and increases the community capacity for economic resilience and growth;

And whereas, local government, in partnership with local First Nations, is most aware of local needs and is in the best position to determine the most appropriate post-secondary provider:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to allow local government, in partnership with local First Nations, to have increased autonomy over the choice of their post-secondary education provider.

No Recommendation – was Referred to the UBCM Executive

Address by Andrew Wilkinson, MLA, Leader of the Liberal Party

At 1:00 pm UBCM President Mayor Maja Tait introduce the Leader of the Liberal Party, MLA, Andrew Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson addressed delegates and First Vice President Councillor Brian Frenkel thanked him for his remarks.

Community Excellence Awards

The 2020 Awards Ceremony was held from 1:20-2:00 pm. Before the winners were announced, videos of the top three projects in each category were shown. The winners of the 2020 Community Excellence Awards were:

Excellence in Asset Management

Winner: Town of Gibsons – Eco-Assets Strategy

Honourable mention: Village of Ashcroft – Small Municipality Focused Asset Management

Excellence in Governance

Winner: City of Kamloops – Adopting a “Let’s Talk” Commitment Guides Kamloops’ Engagement During COVID-19

Honourable mention: City of Burnaby – Mayor’s Task Force on Community Housing – Your Voice. Your Home.

Excellence in Service Delivery

Winner: City of Surrey – Surrey Makes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Honourable mention: Township of Spallumcheen – Sustainable Service Delivery & Water Improvement District Conversion

Excellence in Sustainability

Winner: City of Vancouver – Rain City Strategy: a green rainwater infrastructure and rainwater management initiative

Honourable mention: Regional District of Central Okanagan – Regional Floodplain Management Plan

The Community Excellence Awards were sponsored by the Municipal Finance Authority of BC (Gold), Urban Systems (Gold), and the Joint Provincial – UBCM Green Communities Committee (Silver).

Results of Elections for Third Vice-President, Director At Large and Vancouver Metro Area Representative

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Councillor Arjun Singh, assumed the Chair and presented the election results for:

Director At Large:

- Director Susan Clovechok, Regional District of East Kootenay
- Councillor Sadie Hunter, City of Kamloops
- Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St John
- Councillor Amy Lubik, City of Port Moody
- Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill

Vancouver Metro Area Representative:

- Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam
- Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City

Third Vice President:

A tie was declared between:

- Councillor Claire Moglove, City of Campbell River
- Mayor Ange Qualizza, City of Fernie

The Chair advised that a run-off ballot would be prepared for delegates to vote for the position of Third Vice-President.

Concurrent Workshops

At 2:30 pm the following concurrent workshops were held:

- **Confronting Systemic Racism in Canada**

This session brought together diverse voices to explore how racism continues to manifest itself in Canadian society. Presenters shed light on the challenges faced by black and Indigenous peoples and others, and discussed concrete approaches to confronting systemic racism. Presenters included:

- Chief Robert Joseph, Ambassador, Reconciliation Canada;
- Dr. Akwasi Osusu-Bempah, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto
- Harsha Walla, Executive Director, BC Civil Liberties Association

- **Economic Recovery: Building Back Better and Stronger**

This workshop highlighted the impact of the pandemic on economic development and how communities have responded. Presenters shared lessons learned and success stories in their effort to support local economic recovery. Presenters included:

- Dale Wheeldon, President and CEO, BC Economic Development Association
- Amy Reid, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, City of Quesnel
- Greg Lawrence, General Manager, Community Futures North Cariboo
- Stephen Wu, Manger, Economic Development, City of Surrey
- Mike Gilbert, Regional Economic Development Officer, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
- Rose Klukas, Economic Development Officer, City of Campbell River

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Federal Address by Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change

At 9:00 am UBCM President, Mayor Maja Tait introduced the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. Minister Wilkinson addressed delegates and then took questions. At the close of the session, Mayor Tait thanked Minister Wilkinson for his remarks.

Keynote Address: Interview with Margaret Atwood

At 9:30 am Councillor Craig Hodge introduced Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond and Chair of the Municipal Finance Authority, as the sponsor for UBCM's keynote address. Following Mayor Brodie's remarks, Councillor Hodge introduced Margaret Atwood and welcomed Ms. Simi Sara, long-time journalist who proceeded to interview Ms. Atwood on a number of issues current to the local government context. After the interview, Councillor Hodge facilitated a question and answer session. The session concluded with Councillor Hodge thanking Ms. Sara and Ms. Atwood for the informative and inspirational conversation.

Address by Sonia Furstenau, MLA, Leader of the Green Party

At 10:45 am the First Vice President, Councillor Brian Frenkel introduced Sonia Furstenau, MLA and newly elected Leader of the Green Party, who then addressed delegates. Following her address Councillor Frenkel thanked her for her remarks.

Results of Election for Third Vice-President

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Councillor Arjun Singh came forward to announce the results in the run-off ballot for Third Vice-President:

- Mayor Ange Qualizza, City of Fernie

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to destroy the ballots, was endorsed.

Concurrent Workshops

At 11:00 am the following concurrent workshops were held:

- **Seniors Homes: What Has the Pandemic Taught Us?**

This session explored the structure and funding of long-term care homes, and how these facilities became a hotbed for COVID-19 transmission among their residents. How did we get here? How did our current model in British Columbia evolve? What have we learned? Presenters included:

- Isobel Mackenzie, Advocate, Seniors Advocate BC
- Pat Armstrong, Department of Sociology, York University
- Kim McGrail, Faculty, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia
- Terry Lake, CEO, BC Care Providers

- **The New Now: Life After Covid**

This workshop focused on how COVID-19 has forced us to rethink how we live and work. As we continue to adapt, presenters discussed the longer-term impacts of the pandemic in four key sectors: public transit; the economy; the workplace; and urban planning. Presenters included:

- Ute Maya-Giambattista, Principal, Urban Design & Board Member, FOTENN & Council for Canadian Urbanism
- Ken Peacock, Chief Economist, Business Council of British Columbia
- Eve Hou, Manager of Policy Development, TransLink
- Dan Gunn, CEO, VIATeC

Installation of President-elect

At 1:00 pm the President, Mayor Maja Tait introduced President-elect, Councillor Brian Frenkel from the District of Vanderhoof.

Port of Vancouver Prize Draw

President-elect, Councillor Brian Frenkel introduced a short clip from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority as the recognized as the Draw Prize sponsor. Mayor Tait joined Councillor Frenkel to draw the name of the prize draw winner: Councillor Jaime McEvoy, City of New Westminster.

Interview with Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

At 1:15 pm the President, Mayor Maja Tait introduced John Horgan, MLA and Leader of the NDP Party. Mr. Horgan provided opening comments and then introduced Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Burnaby who interviewed the NDP Leader on a variety of topics. Following his remarks Councillor Brian Frenkel thanked Mr. Horgan for his remarks.

Convention Closing

Councillor Brian Frenkel closed the Convention. The Convention adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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Executive Director

Appendix A

President's Address: Interview with Mayor Maja Tait

Brian Frenkel: Well Maja, I have to tell you, I like my job this morning because I get to ask the questions. Get ready while I go all Anderson Cooper!

Maja Tait: Ask away Brian!

BF: There is a collective fatigue in discussing the pandemic, but there is no way around it. COVID 19 has flipped local government planning and priorities at just about every level - can you talk about how it changed the work of UBCM?

MT: Well initially, like everyone else, we were scrambling to adjust our workplaces to protect the health and safety of staff.

After that, it was about rolling up our sleeves and getting to work.

For our funding programs, we really wanted to focus on keeping processes moving. Pandemic or no pandemic, local governments continue to build infrastructure and deliver services, and we wanted to make sure communities were able to access the funding available.

A big part of that was working with the federal government to ensure the doubled Gas Tax allocation went out quickly in a lump sum.

BF: If you think back to the first months of the pandemic, was happening in terms of advocacy with the province?

We realized we needed to reach out to our members to learn more about the challenges Councils and Boards were facing. We assigned staff to connect with CAOs in close to 40 communities to triage the impacts and report back.

The first thing we heard was that local governments needed more information, especially with regard to implementing and enforcing health measures. We worked quite closely with the province to share the questions we were hearing. At the same time, we began participating in daily joint information calls across government and increased the pace of our communications to the membership.

As provincial communications became more robust, and our members needs were met, we shifted our attention to the financial impacts of the pandemic.

BF: The phase one health measures led to closures of facilities and new rules for public transit. How did that impact local governments?

MT: There was an immediate and dramatic loss of variable revenue – things like parking, casinos, public transit, and rec centres.

It seemed that the mid-size and large size communities were impacted the most, with some revisiting their budget or laying off staff.

The pandemic had different effects, though, from one community to the next. In general, smaller communities were telling us that things were manageable in the short term.

We relayed what we heard to the province and within two weeks Minister Robinson announced a package of interim financial measures to provide certainty and flexibility. That provided some relief, and I did interviews at the time to say this was a good first step.

I want to acknowledge the engagement by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister Robinson throughout this period – the level of engagement really has been impressive.

BF: There were several months with no fare collection for public transit – how much did that set those communities apart?

MT: Transit communities took the biggest hit, and the bigger the transit system the bigger the impact. So, our engagement with the province and with FCM really zeroed in on the need for funding support for transit systems.

We worked closely with the Mayors' Council, BC Transit, TransLink and transit communities and hosted a public transit forum in June - to quantify the losses and support advocacy both provincially and federally.

BF: So, let's get to the big news from last Thursday. What is your take on the Restart Agreement announced by the federal and provincial governments?

MT: The scale is quite impressive. Over a billion dollars in emergency funding for public transit and BC Ferries is a big step forward.

And we have never seen anything like the \$540 million that is earmarked for local government operations. The province consulted with UBCM on the design of this program, and we will continue to work with them until the program details are announced.

And there were things that were quite frankly a surprise, like the new \$100 million COVID recovery infrastructure program.

These are massive commitments by the federal and provincial governments, and they directly respond to the key issues identified by our members: the need to support operations and public transit.

Another important aspect is that the funding will extend into 2021, when the financial pressure is likely to be strongest.

This really is excellent support from the federal and provincial governments. I also want to acknowledge the excellent work that FCM has done on this file over the past year in helping make the case for funding. They are a great partner.

BF: These funds obviously will help sustain service delivery for local governments. Where do you think things are heading, though, in terms of recovery?

MT: It's hard to say. As I said earlier, the pandemic has affected each community uniquely. There are two concerns, that I see as broadly shared by our members.

First, many of us are concerned about the health of small businesses and major industries in our communities. I think it is obvious that some sectors will be facing an uphill battle until there is a vaccine.

We are already seeing some businesses shut down, and we can see the sorrow of these business owners. The big question is: how much further does that go, and how does that affect our communities as a whole?

Second, I think many local governments are greatly concerned with vulnerable populations, and how they faring during the pandemic.

One of the special resolutions up for consideration this year addresses the issue of poisoned drug supply. We are also featuring the issue of homelessness in one of the workshops.

I have to say though, there have been resolutions and workshops on these issues for years and things seem to be getting worse. My sense is that that public frustration is at a critical level. All orders of government need to reach way beyond the established approaches to these issues.

MT: (continuing) – Now, before we go any further, Brian, I have a question for you.

One of the areas you have been working on concerns provincial consultation with local government as an order of government in matters of land use and resource management. This was a priority identified at last year's convention – how is that going?

BF: To be quite honest, I don't think we have seen much progress on this file.

The whole issue hinges on the way the province is implementing its response to the United National Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples, or UNDRIP. Local governments have endorsed the implementation of UNDRIP principles, so we are onboard with that. Our concerns really boil down to the stakeholder role assigned to local governments in some consultation processes.

Bringing local governments in after the key decisions is a mistake. I think it leads to unintended consequences, and it limits our ability to share our areas of expertise.

We made this a focus of our outreach in the legislature this spring to get across the message that every ministry needs to work with local governments as an order of government. We also talked about the need for a clearer role in the overall implementation of UNDRIP.

I think we are working our way collectively through a big social change, so this will take some time. UBCM is in it for the long haul and will keep raising awareness with all of the MLAs about the need for a better way forward.

BF: (continuing) – I want to shift gears and talk about a mission with the local government association in Cambodia last January – what can you tell me about that?

MT: UBCM has a MOU with the National League of Communities in Cambodia.

We are working through FCM's international programs to help develop capacity in their national association that represents local governments.

In January I led two workshops aimed at attracting more women to Cambodian local governments and creating an environment where they can thrive. This is an important issue in Canada and is just as important in other developing nations. I was thrilled to be able to represent UBCM in this rewarding work.

BF: Maja, that's all my questions for this morning. Any final words?

MT: I just want to acknowledge everyone who has put their name forward to run for a spot on UBCM's Executive. This is a record turnout, and I think it is awesome to have so many choices. I want to thank all the candidates, and I really encourage all of our voting delegates to make sure that you vote.

BF: Thanks Maja (transition to next element)

Appendix B Report on Virtual Attendance at the 2020 Convention

The registration for the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities held virtually, September 22 – 24, 2020, was as follows:

UBCM Members

	Represented at Convention	Voting Delegates	Non-voting Delegates	Total
51 Cities	48	184	29	213
54 Districts	46	153	24	177
14 Towns	11	35	5	40
42 Villages	31	77	15	92
28 Regional Districts	28	126	30	156
8 First Nations	1	2	1	3
197 Members	165	577	104	681

Non-Members

	Non-voting Delegates
Federal MPs or Senators	0
Provincial Ministers and MLAs	79
Provincial or Federal Staff	104
Observers	73
Sponsors	69
UBCM Staff or Contracts	29
Students	5
	359

Appendix C Resolutions Not Admitted for Debate

Section C2

C1	Funding to Implement <i>Emergency Program Act</i> Changes	Cache Creek
C2	Cannabis Retail Tax Revenue Sharing	Langley City
C3	Provincial Support for Victims' Services	Nanaimo RD
C4	Funding Model for Incarceration of Prisoners	Parksville
C5	Election Finance Contribution Limits	Vancouver
C6	Election Finance Reporting	Vancouver
C7	Fair Access to Funding for Regional Public Transit	Squamish
C8	Provincial Support for Libraries	Vanderhoof
C9	Library Funding	Fraser-Fort George RD
C10	Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program	Bulkley-Nechako RD
C11	Regulate Sale and Installation of Fossil Fuel Infrastructure	Squamish
C12	Addressing Increases to Condominium Insurance	Burnaby
C13	Creation of Risk-Sharing Model that Returns Strata Premiums and Owner Deductibles to 2019 Levels	White Rock
C14	Amend the <i>Residential Tenancy Act</i> to Reduce “No Pet” Clauses	Victoria

Section C3

C15	Keep of Prisoner Program	Kamloops
C16	De-Centralizing Forest Management	North Cowichan
C17	Re-Evaluation of Outpatient Model	Kamloops

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- Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Radium Hot Springs, replaced Director Roly Russell as the AKBLG in October 2020.