

# Memorandum of Understanding on Local Government Financial Resiliency



Ministry of Municipal Affairs Update from the Province-UBCM Working Group on Local Government Finance (LGFWG)



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Establish a
Partnership with
the Province

 An effective partnership is critical to finding sustainable solutions

**New Economy** 

- Transitioning from tangible to nontangible assets
- Impacts to the property tax system

Addresses Cost Drivers

- Attainable Housing
- Community Safety
- Climate Change



# **Progress to Date**



#### **September 15, 2021**

Members of the UBCM endorsed their report, Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency -Today's Recovery and Tomorrow's New Economy.



#### May 16, 2022

Province and UBCM staff finalize the Terms of Reference for the Working Group.



#### September, 2022

2022 Interim Report published.

WG presentation to UBCM Membership at Convention.



#### **July 2023**

Minister's and UBCM **Presidents Committee** Meeting.

- -Shared Problem Statement endorsed (Rec. #1)
- -Direction to explore possible approaches regarding challenges with property tax system.

The Province and UBCM completed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishing the Working Group (WG) to further investigate matters related to local government financial resiliency.

Initial Ministers' and UBCM **Presidents Committee** Meeting

**Endorsed the Short-Term** (2022) Work Plan.

June, 2022

Ministers' and UBCM **Presidents Committee** progress briefing.

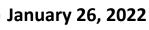
- -Endorsed the Medium-Term (2023) Work Plan.
- -Directed WG to provide further analysis on recommendation #1

March 2023

2023 Interim Report published.

WG presenting updates to **UBCM** membership at Convention

September 2023





## RECOMMENDATION

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The Province to commit to partner with UBCM and local governments, recognizing and reversing the historic downloading of jurisdictional responsibility on housing, in the development and implementation of a province-wide homelessness strategy.

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Work with the Province and with other key stakeholders, recognizing and reversing the historic downloading of jurisdictional responsibility for mental health and addiction services on local governments and locally-funded police, to develop a comprehensive strategy to address mental health and addictions patients.