



# Minutes 119<sup>th</sup> Convention

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# Minutes

## Minutes of the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Union of BC Municipalities held in Whistler, BC on September 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2022

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

### Tuesday Clinics

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022 the Electoral Area Directors, Small Talk, Mid-Sized Communities and Large Urban Communities Forums were preceded by the following clinics at 7:30am:

- Strengthening Responsible Conduct
- BC Public Libraries: To Infinity and Beyond
- Development of B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector
- BC's Economic Plan: A Plan for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow
- Local Grown Solutions to Homelessness and Addiction

### Electoral Area Directors Forum

Director Grace McGregor, as UBCM's Electoral Area Directors representative, opened the Forum at 8:45am on September 13, 2022. The first presentation addressed the *Fire Safety Act*, with presenters Brian Godlonton, the BC Fire Commissioner and Jesse Baltutis, Manager, Policy and Legislation with Emergency Management BC. Following the first presentation, Brian Godlonton, the BC Fire Commissioner, remained onstage to provide an update on BC's Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards. The third presentation of the day addressed the provincial Emergency Management Legislation, with speakers Grant Holly, Executive Lead, Policy, Legislation and Engagement and Jesse Baltutis, Manager, Policy and Legislation, both with Emergency Management BC.

A break was held at 10:15am and the group re-convened at 10:30am for the Minister of Municipal Affairs' speech and the Local Government Leadership Certificate presentation.

Forum delegates received a final presentation on Rural Roads and Transportation, from Ian Pilkington, Chief Engineer, Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

To close out the session, delegates held an open microphone session where Directors raised issues that included the need for legislative reform for Regional Districts; concerns regarding road speeds near commercial areas; the need for more discussion opportunities on emergency management legislation; and challenges with the requirement to replace fire trucks.

Director McGregor thanked the delegates and the speakers, and closed the session at 11:45am for a lunch, which was sponsored by Lidstone & Company Law Corporation.

## Small Talk Forum

Councillor Sarah Fowler, UBCM Small Community Representative, called the Forum to order at 8:45am on Tuesday September 13, 2022. The session began with UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introducing the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who addressed the delegates and congratulated Local Government Leadership Academy certificate recipients.

Following the Minister, Small Talk Facilitator Ron Poole welcomed the attendees and provided opening remarks. He introduced Village of Nakusp Mayor Tom Zeleznik and Village of New Denver Mayor Leonard Casley, who delivered a presentation on rural ambulance service, including concerns with the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) scheduled on-call (SOC) staffing model. As a follow-up to this presentation, BCEHS Chief Operating Officer Neil Lilley delivered remarks regarding the SOC model, and took questions from presenters and the audience. Notably, Mr. Lilley agreed that the SOC model has failed, and that a new model is needed to improve ambulance response in rural and remote areas.

The next presentation was delivered by District of Wells Chief Administrative Officer Dona Forseille, who discussed a number of administrative challenges faced by small communities, from staffing issues to financial limitations. Michelle Dann, Executive Director of Governance & Structure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, was in attendance to answer questions from the audience. Candace Witkowskyj, Executive Director, Local Government Management Association (LGMA), also contributed to the presentation by noting some of the services and professional development opportunities available through the LGMA.

Following the refreshment break, the Small Talk Forum then moved to a block of four discussion topics. The first topic was presented by District of Wells Chief Administrative Officer Dona Forseille, who raised challenges with repairing and replacing key infrastructure. The second topic was presented by Councillor Sarah Fowler, who outlined some of the supports delivered by the Village of Tahsis during the pandemic and recent emergencies. The third topic was delivered by District of Lillooet Councillor Jennifer Leach, who noted the benefits of opioid antagonist treatment clinics, including one located in her community. The final presentation came from Village of Lumby Chief Administrative Officer Tom Kadla, who raised the need for more regional approaches to address key issues (e.g. emergency management, housing) and achieve mutual benefits.

The next presentation was delivered by Village of Tahsis Councillor Sarah Fowler, who discussed the Village's detention pond, to help store rainwater runoff. As part of this presentation, Councillor Fowler described some of the flood risks in Tahsis, as well as the community's history of floods.

The final presentation was made by Rita Koutsodimos, Executive Director, BC Healthy Living Alliance. Ms. Koutsodimos provided information on active transportation in British Columbia, including tips for developing active transportation networks in rural communities.

The Forum adjourned at 11:45am for the Small Talk Lunch sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

## Mid-Sized Communities Forum

Councillor Jen Ford called the Forum to order at 8:45am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

The Forum focused on the recruitment and retention of local government staff as well as Indigenous partnerships in the areas of emergency management, economic development and housing.

The Forum opened with a panel on recruitment and retention that discussed issues and factors impacting recruitment and retention, local government approaches and best practices, and supporting resources. The panel included:

- Christian Saint Cyr, Publisher, BC Labour Market Report
- Milo Macdonald, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fort St. John
- Guillermo Ferrero, Chief Administrative Officer, City of White Rock
- Candace Witkowskyj, Executive Director, Local Government Management Association

A question and answer session followed the panel discussion.

The second panel explored approaches and philosophies of engaging with Indigenous communities, as well as ways of building the foundations for successful Indigenous-local government partnerships. It showcased a range of partnerships in the areas of emergency management, economic development and housing. The panel included:

- Charla Huber, Consultant, Charla Huber Indigenous Communications Inc.
- Mayor David Screech, Town of View Royal
- Chief Crystal Smith, Haisla Nation Council
- Mayor Phil Germuth, District of Kitimat
- Rosanna McGregor, Board Member, Aboriginal Housing Management Association, Williams Lake

A question and answer session followed the panel discussion.

At 11:20am, UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introduced the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who spoke briefly to delegates and congratulated Local Government Leadership Academy certificate recipients.

The session adjourned at 11:45am for a lunch sponsored by the BC Council of Forest Industries.

## Large Urban Communities Forum

Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver and Forum Chair, called the session to order at 8:45am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

The Forum opened with the first panel, on 911 Service. Presenters included:

- Oliver Gruter-Andrew, President & CEO, E-Comm 911
- Jeffrey Smith, Public Policy Leader, Emergency Services, TELUS
- Bob Lapham, CAO, Capital RD

Following the panel presentations, a question and answer session followed.

At 10:05am, UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introduced the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who spoke briefly to delegates and congratulated Local Government Leadership Academy certificate recipients.

Following a break, the Forum reconvened at 10:50am with the second panel on Recruitment and Retention.

Presenters for this session included:

- Christian Saint Cyr, Labour Market Analyst
- Lisa Spitale, CAO, City of New Westminster
- Doug Gilchrist, CAO, City of Kelowna
- Candace Witkowskyj, Executive Director, LGMA

After presentations, a question and answer session followed with delegates.

The session adjourned at 11:45 am for a lunch sponsored by TELUS.

## **Plenary Session: Re-envisioning Health Care in BC**

UBCM President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, opened the plenary session at 1:30pm. She began with an acknowledgement that the conference was being held on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat and Squamish people. It was noted that UBCM was holding a plenary session on the health care crisis in BC, given how significant and timely the issue continues to be in both rural and urban communities and in all areas of the Province. This includes emergency rooms that are closed, long wait times for surgery, challenges in finding family doctors, and ambulances that are understaffed and far away in times of emergency.

President Roodenburg invited the first speaker, Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, to address the delegates. Minister Dix acknowledged the primary care challenges in BC, and noted that there is a need to transform the system of health care and move to more team-based care. He also advised of the Province's initiatives to add more nursing and ambulance positions; support international doctors who want to work in BC; and the need to change the fee for service model for physicians.

Following the Minister's remarks, there was a Community Impact Panel, with speakers Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill; Mayor Merlin Blackwell, District of Clearwater; and Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver. Panelists provided an overview of how the health care crisis is unfolding in their communities, and the effect on community members.

The second panel sought potential solutions to the health care crisis, with four experts who addressed the delegates: Troy Clifford, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics & Dispatchers of BC; George Abbott, President, Circle Square Solutions Inc. and former Minister of Health; Dr. Kerry Jang, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia; and Dr. Ray Markham, Rural Family Physician. The expert panel was asked to identify the challenges in the health care system, as well as short and long-term solutions to address the issues.

Delegates had an opportunity to ask questions of the Expert Panel, with President Roodenburg moderating the discussion.

Minister Dix returned to the stage after the question and answer period to provide closing comments for the delegates. President Roodenburg thanked the speakers and adjourned the session at 3:15pm.

## **Provincial Policy Sessions**

Four concurrent provincial policy sessions convened at 3:30pm. The sessions were:

- CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program
- Developing an Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia
- Connectivity Readiness for Communities
- Reimagining Tourism in BC

## Community Excellence Awards

Winners received their awards at a special Awards Ceremony, held from 5:30-6:30 pm. Winners of the 2022 Community Excellence Awards were:

### Excellence in Service Delivery

**Winner:** City of Coquitlam – *Wildlife Attractant Reduction Through Solid Waste Compliance*

**Honourable mention:** District of Sparwood – *Lions Park Skating Loop*

### Excellence in Asset Management

**Winner:** District of Oak Bay – *Sustainable Infrastructure Replacement Plan*

### Excellence in Sustainability

**Winner:** City of Kamloops – *Kamloops Makes Big-Move Investments in Climate Action*

**Honourable mention:** City of Prince George – *Integrated Stormwater Management Plan*

### Excellence in Governance

**Winner:** Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen – *Utility Acquisition Policy and Process*

**Honourable mention:** District of Lake Country – *Let's Talk: What Happens After You Flush, Poop 101*

### Presidents Committee Choice

**Winner:** City of Kelowna – *Real-Time Flood Response EOC Dashboard*

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).

## Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception was held from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky B/C, Whistler Conference Centre. The Reception was sponsored by the Host Community, the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

## Wednesday, September 14, 2022

### Wednesday Clinics

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, the Convention commenced at 7:30am with the following clinics:

- Local Government's Role in BC's Mental Health Crisis
- Youth Climate Corps
- Renewable Energy and Local Economic Development
- Exploring Immigration Solutions for Community Economic Challenges
- Advancing the TRC Calls to Action

### Convention Opening Session

The UBCM President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, called the 119th Annual Convention to order at 8:30am on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Whistler Conference Centre.

### President's Address

The President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, provided the Opening Address to delegates. The President's Address is annexed to these Minutes as Appendix A.

## **Annual Meeting**

The First Vice President, Councillor Jen Ford, in the Chair opened the Annual Meeting.

### **Adoption of Conference Rules & Procedures**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Conference Rules and Procedures as printed in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book were adopted.

### **Adoption of Minutes of 2021 Convention**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, held virtually, on September 14-16, 2021 were adopted as prepared and distributed.

### **Annual Report**

The President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, presented the Annual Report, which, on regular motion, duly moved and seconded, was adopted.

### **Adoption of Financial Statements**

The Second Vice President, Mayor Ang Qualizza, presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the year ending May 31, 2022. 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, 2022, as approved by the Executive, was also circulated to the membership for their information.

### **Appointment of Auditors**

A regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Executive be empowered to appoint KPMG as auditors for the year commencing June 1, 2022, was adopted.

### **Appointment of Committees**

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

#### **Nominating Committee**

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Immediate Past President, UBCM, Chair  
Mayor Clara Reinhardt, Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments  
Director Penny Cote, Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities  
Councillor Laura Dupont, Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
Director Steve Forseth, North Central Local Government Association  
Councillor Lori Mindnich, Southern Interior Local Government Association

#### **Convention Committee**

Councillor Jen Ford, Chair  
Councillor Lori Mindnich, Vice Chair  
Director Grace McGregor  
Mayor Sarrah Storey  
Mayor Clara Reinhardt

## Scrutineers

Tom Kadla, CAO, Village of Lumby, Chief Scrutineer  
Kris Boland, CAO, City of Terrace  
Mike Younie, CAO, City of Mission  
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy CAO, City of Mission  
Robyn Carle, CAO, Village of Hazelton  
Daniel Sailland, CAO, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
Keeva Kehler, CAO, City of Parksville  
Lina Gasser, CAO, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine  
Sheryl Worthing, CAO, Village of Burns Lake  
Will Pearce, CAO, City of Vernon  
Mark Fercho, CAO, City of Cranbrook  
Pete Nelson-Smith, CAO, Village of Zeballos  
Doug Holmes, CAO, Nanaimo RD  
Kevin Poole, Director, Community Safety, Lands Administration, City of Vernon  
Jim Martin, CAO, Fraser Fort George RD  
Heather Nelson-Smith, CAO, District of Port Hardy

## Parliamentarian

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

## First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the first report with nominations for Table Officer positions:

President:	Councillor Jen Ford, Resort Municipality of Whistler
First Vice President:	Mayor Ange Qualizza, City of Fernie
Second Vice President:	Councillor Claire Moglove, City of Campbell River
Third Vice President:	Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver
	Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam

## Keynote Address, Althia Raj

At 9:25am Councillor Jen Ford, Chair of the Convention Committee, introduced Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Chair of the Municipal Finance Authority and thanked the Municipal Finance Authority for sponsoring the Keynote speaker. Mayor Brodie addressed the delegates and introduced Althia Raj. Following the presentation, Ms. Raj fielded questions from the delegates. Councillor Ford thanked Ms. Raj for her keynote address.

## Address by the Leader of the Green Party, Sonia Furstenuau

At 10:25am UBCM First Vice-President, Councillor Jen Ford introduced Sonia Furstenuau, MLA, Leader of the Green Party, who then addressed delegates.

Following her presentation, Councillor Ford thanked Ms. Furstenuau.

## Principal Policy Session – Resolutions

The first Resolutions session began at 10:40am with Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in Chair.

Councillor Frenkel was joined by the other members of the Resolutions Committee: Councillor Claire Moglove, Councillor Gord Klassen and Councillor Pete Fry. They were assisted by Parliamentarian Ian Izard, UBCM Executive Director Gary MacIsaac and other UBCM staff.

## **Motion to Vary the Agenda**

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to vary the agenda to admit for debate resolution RR38 Reinvestment in Island Coastal Economic Trust, was endorsed. The Chair advised that resolution RR38 would be considered on Friday morning, following the consideration of the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.

## **Section Extraordinary Resolutions (ER)**

Councillor Pete Fry assumed the Chair and reviewed the procedures for handling ER resolutions.

Councillor Pete Fry commenced consideration of ER resolutions.

### **ER1      Extraordinary Resolution to Pursue Amendments to the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act*      UBCM Executive**

Whereas the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is incorporated pursuant to the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act*, S.B.C. 2006, c. 18 (the “*UBCM Act*”) for the purpose of “representing in one organization the various municipalities of the Province”, despite serving a diverse membership of municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous communities from across BC;

And whereas the UBCM Executive approved a review of the organization’s governance documents in its 2021 workplan, endeavouring to:

- address out-of-date and unclear references to organizational practices and legislative cross-references within the Act;
- identify errors, inconsistencies, and incompatibilities within the *UBCM Act*, Bylaws, Executive Policies and Conference Rules and Procedures; and
- ensure that the above referenced governance documents are current, inclusive, clear, and compatible within the organization’s tiered structure of governance;

And whereas the UBCM Bylaws require that any request to the Province for an amendment to the Act may only be made pursuant to Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the membership:

Therefore be it resolved by Extraordinary Resolution that the UBCM Executive be authorized to petition the Provincial Legislature to support a Bill that would update the *UBCM Act*, while not departing from its intent and basic objects, in order to modernize:

- a) language that narrowly defines the UBCM membership, including but not limited to “municipal” and “municipal” government, to better reflect the breadth of the UBCM membership and foster inclusivity;
- b) out-of-date provisions and provisions that no longer reflect organizational practice; and
- c) section 7 of the *UBCM Act*, streamlining provisions by simplifying the incorporation by reference of outside statutes, and amending references to outdated legislation.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **ER2      Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws      UBCM Executive**

Whereas the UBCM Executive approved a review of the organization’s governance documents in its 2021 workplan, endeavouring to:

- identify errors, inconsistencies, and incompatibilities within the UBCM Act, Bylaws, Executive Policies and Conference Rules and Procedures; and
- ensure that the above referenced governance documents are current, inclusive, clear, and compatible within the organization's tiered structure of governance;

And whereas recent challenges related to the pandemic have highlighted a need for flexible governance provisions that adapt to external circumstances and evolving technology use;

And whereas the Union Bylaws require that amendments to the Union Bylaws may only be made pursuant to Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the Union:

Therefore be it resolved that the current UBCM Bylaws (2020) be amended by replacing those sections in the column marked "current" in Appendix A with those sections appearing in the column marked "proposed", in order to ensure that they are current, inclusive, clear and compatible with UBCM's tiered structure of governance.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **Section Special Resolutions (SR)**

Councillor Gord Klassen assumed the Chair and reviewed the procedures for handling SR resolutions.

Councillor Gord Klassen commenced consideration of SR resolutions.

### **SR1 Health Care Crisis**

**UBCM Executive**

Whereas all British Columbians, notably families, seniors, children and people with chronic and acute health care needs are facing an immediate health care crisis due to the closure of hospitals and emergency rooms in their communities;

And whereas there is a critical need for additional family physicians, emergency room doctors, specialists, paramedics, and nurses across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government take urgent steps to ensure hospitals, emergency rooms, and ambulance services are open and available 24 hours a day;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government increase funding and training opportunities for health care professionals so that all residents of British Columbia can access an appropriate and necessary level of care.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **SR2 Opioid and Overdose Crisis**

**UBCM Executive**

Whereas in April 2016, the Provincial Health Officer declared a public health emergency due to drug-related overdoses and deaths in BC;

And whereas BC communities are facing unintended financial and social consequences related to overdose prevention and supervised injection and inhalation sites including: additional security needs; cleanup of needles, drug paraphernalia, garbage, and human waste; and impacts on businesses and surrounding neighbourhoods:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government and health authorities to include funding and staff for security, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods in BC communities;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government share the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada with local governments in recognition that there are financial consequences due to the opioid and overdose crisis that are currently being covered by local budgets, and local police, fire and bylaw departments.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the first enactment clause by adding the phrase “and businesses” following “neighbourhoods”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government and health authorities to include funding and staff for security, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods **and businesses** in BC communities;*

*And be it further resolved that the provincial government share the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada with local governments in recognition that there are financial consequences due to the opioid and overdose crisis that are currently being covered by local budgets, and local police, fire and bylaw departments.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

### **SR3 Provincial Responsibility for Flood Protection**

**UBCM Executive**

Whereas climate change has led to an increased frequency and severity of extreme weather emergencies and disasters, including flooding events;

And whereas recent events have provided further evidence that BC local governments do not have the financial or human resources to conduct all necessary work (e.g. maintenance and repair of key infrastructure) in order to effectively address flood risks:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia significantly increase its level of funding and assume greater responsibility for flood preparedness and mitigation.

And be it further resolved that this increased role in flood protection include the Province being re-established as diking authority in all local governments.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **Motion to Admit for Debate**

Councillor Claire Moglove assumed the Chair and brought forward a motion to admit for debate the Endorse Block of resolutions, the Not Endorse Block of resolutions and the No Recommendation resolutions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that all Endorse Block, Not Endorse Block and No Recommendation resolutions be admitted for debate, was endorsed.

### **Section Endorse Block (EB)**

Councillor Claire Moglove, Chair, reviewed the procedures for handling Section EB resolutions.

Councillor Claire Moglove commenced consideration of Section EB resolutions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolutions in the Endorse Block be considered as a block, was brought to the floor.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution EB14 be removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution EB26 be removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution EB33 be removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution EB40 be removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration, was not endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution EB41 be removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration, was not endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolutions in the amended Endorse Block be considered as a block, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for all resolutions in the amended Endorse Block be adopted, was endorsed.

The resolutions remaining in the Endorse Block were endorsed as follows:

**EB1      First Responder Program Funding      Chase**

Whereas many small local governments provide First Responder Program services to assist the BC Emergency Health Services Ambulance services;

And whereas the provision of assistance to the BC Ambulance Services is very valuable;

And whereas some costs associated with providing the service on behalf of BC Emergency Health Services are paid for by BC Emergency Health Services while hourly pay for First Responders and all vehicle costs are paid by the taxpayers of the local governments that assist the BC Ambulance Services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Emergency Health Services to increase the funding to local governments who provide First Responder Program to assist the BC Ambulance Service.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB2      BC Emergency Health Services Funding      Spallumcheen**

Whereas the high number of call volumes for volunteer fire departments to respond to medical calls far exceeds regular fire related needs;

And whereas the resources of volunteer fire departments and concerns for volunteer retention and burnout is a concern due to excessive medical calls:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to support additional funding and review any feasibility studies to ensure that provincial resources for BC Ambulance and 911 services are adequate to service local populations.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB3 BC Emergency Health Services – Partnership with Local Government Sponsor Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) ground ambulances are designed and equipped to provide emergency care and patient transport throughout British Columbia;

And whereas BCEHS personnel work closely with local governments in emergencies and disasters;

And whereas the lack of consultation with local government in the development of BCEHS policy that impacts life and safety may be harmful to our mutual constituents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to require BCEHS to report regularly to local government prior to the initiation of a policy where that policy may have an impact on local government resources or the safety of our mutual constituents.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB4 British Columbia Changes to Paramedic Service Delivery Daajing Giids**

Whereas sweeping changes have recently been instituted by the British Columbia Emergency Health Services in the manner of staffing and compensating paramedic service providers;

And whereas the impact of those changes has led to a dramatic drop in coverage for many rural and remote communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to intervene and ensure that British Columbia Emergency Health Services institutes an adequate interim framework to restore paramedic service levels in rural and remote communities and encourage 100 percent coverage for British Columbians no matter where their communities are situated in the province.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB5 Review of Rural BC Ambulance Resourcing Models Barriere**

Whereas it is generally recognized that ambulance service in BC is heavily urban focused, however increasing the number of other first responder service calls to make up for the BCES staffing shortfall, should not come at the expense of a reasonable level of BC Ambulance service in rural communities;

And whereas there has been little or no increase in provincial funds to independent First Responder Societies, municipal fire/rescue departments and rural RCMP staffing increases over the past several years, compromising these rural emergency response service levels in many rural communities throughout BC:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Government of BC to review its rural BC Ambulance resourcing models to ensure that adequate resources are available to properly service rural communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB6 BC Ambulance Service Kootenay Boundary RD**

Whereas BC Emergency Health Service's (BCEHS) 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;

And whereas, in addition to there often not being an adequate availability of paramedics in the province, the BC Ambulance Service within rural BC is experiencing a critical pandemic shortage, leading to significant shift vacancies and underserviced ambulances for prolonged periods of times - a long standing issue which

demonstrates that the current model is unsustainable due to the high degree of training and certification required and lack of meaningful and adequate compensation provided:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to undertake a review of the BC Ambulance Service, specifically in the rural areas, to find a solution and systematic way of managing recruitment and retention of paramedics and delivery of service in rural communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB7 Ambulance Services**

**Chetwynd**

Whereas the ongoing shortage of labour in Ambulance Services throughout rural BC is prevalent in most communities outside of large urban centres;

And whereas BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) 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 lobby the Province of BC to provide funding for increased wages and training opportunities to assist with recruiting and retention of workers in the BCEHS.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB8 Provincial Car Program**

**Okanagan-Similkameen RD  
Penticton**

Whereas Car 40 Programs, which aim to support the diversion of those suffering with mental health issues from the criminal justice system, and reduce patrol response and unnecessary hospital admissions have been successful in a variety of formats across the Province since 1978;

And whereas a Provincially integrated and funded Car 40 program would provide consistency to communities seeking new ways to support the health and safety of their residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province support an integrated Car 40 Program with appropriate and sustainable funding.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB9 Mental Health Crisis**

**Williams Lake**

Whereas there is a verifiable mental health crisis in our province that is exacerbated by insufficient funding and options for mental health supports in rural communities;

And whereas this is compounded by the opioid crisis and homelessness:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government and health authorities to provide increased support and funding for mental health, including a place to properly discharge patients to access ongoing supports.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB10 Overdose Prevention Site Security and Cleanup**

**Campbell River**

Whereas the provincial government has implemented a harm reduction policy involving a broad range of interventions to help keep people alive and safe, including overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites;

And whereas some individuals who utilize the services of the overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites leave under the influence of drugs which can lead to disorderly behaviour, urination, defecation, illegal camping, and safety issues which have a negative impact on businesses and residences in the surrounding area:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government and the federal government to provide a funding stream to cover the additional security and cleanup costs related to overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites, and any other social services related to people experiencing addiction and/or mental health issues.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB11      Extreme Heat Response**

**Delta**

Whereas the BC Coroners Service attributes 526 deaths to the extreme heat events experienced in southern BC between June and August 2021;

And whereas municipalities are on the front line in responding to extreme heat events in terms of providing cooling centres, communicating with the public, outreach to vulnerable citizens, and providing other heat mitigating measures such as misting stations and water sources;

And whereas there is currently no mechanism for local governments to receive provincial support for these efforts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government recognize extreme heat events as public health emergencies, similar to the Extreme Weather Response program, and fund local government response measures to ensure the public has access to cooling centres and other assistance during extreme heat events.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB12      Support for At-Risk Seniors at Home**

**Delta**

Whereas many seniors have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and the rising cost of living; And whereas emergency supports are available for homeless or precariously-housed seniors experiencing economic, mental or physical hardship;

And whereas there is a small but growing number of seniors who live in their own homes and also experience economic, mental and physical hardship, but for whom emergency supports are much more challenging to find:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government review the resources available to such individuals, identify service gaps, and implement measures to ensure that all seniors have access to some level of social supports, irrespective of housing status.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB13      Advocacy for Liveable Income Support Programs**

**Victoria**

Whereas adequate incomes are essential for the wellbeing of community members and families;

And whereas the current level of Income Assistance is not sufficient to cover the cost of the necessities of life, a problem made worse by sharp increases in the cost of housing, food, transportation and other human needs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia revise provincial Income Assistance programs to provide a liveable income for seniors, people with disabilities, and community members living in poverty.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB15      Increased Funding for Additional Resources for Healthcare      Elkford**

Whereas many communities across the province, particularly in rural and remote areas, there exists a shortfall of qualified staff to provide healthcare services;

And whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional demand on healthcare services;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to increase funding for additional resources to provide necessary primary healthcare services across the province such as increased Primary Care Network funding to support team based care in clinics (physicians, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, etc); funding for new Community Health Centres (CHC); and a review of the payment model for physicians in clinics, providing an alternative to the fee-for service model which is ill-suited to the CHC model for providing health care.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB16      Family Physician Funding      Lake Country**

Whereas British Columbians are continuing to struggle to access primary care and establish relationships with a family doctor despite a Provincial commitment to a new primary care network model in 2018;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia offers limited alternatives with limited funding to the fee for service model for physician compensation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to consider, implement and adequately fund alternative physician compensation models to replace the fee for service model to better support continuity of care and encourage doctors to practice family medicine.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB17      Family Physician Crisis      Saanich  
View Royal**

Whereas British Columbia's system of family physicians is in crisis and it is estimated that close to one million British Columbians – 20 percent of the population – is without a family doctor and, therefore, without longitudinal care;

And whereas many senior citizens, people with chronic health concerns, and those requiring prescription refills and regular health check-ups are without a reliable means of care as doctors leave their practices through retirement and for other health care opportunities, walk-in clinics close, and hospital emergency rooms are overwhelmed:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of BC to address this crisis with the urgency of any state of emergency and work with Doctors of BC and Divisions of Family Practice throughout British Columbia for a solution that will rebuild the family practice system so that citizens of BC can be confident of having a doctor to call their own.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB18 Physician (Specialist) Recruitment in Rural Areas Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities, in partnership with Divisions of Family Practice, have initiated programs to develop Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Urgent and Primary Care Centres (UPCCs) throughout the province to respond to a shortage of general practitioners and to provide conditions to attract general practitioners to rural areas;

And whereas rural communities are extremely challenged to recruit and retain medical specialists in many fields:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to establish a long-term program to identify the root cause of the chronic shortage of physicians, including specialists, and that they initiate a program to remove obstacles and fill vacancies in this essential service.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia ~~to establish a long-term program~~ to identify the root cause of the chronic shortage of physicians, including specialists, and that they initiate a program to remove obstacles and fill vacancies in this essential service.*

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

#### **EB19 Rural Medical Locum Funding Williams Lake**

Whereas there is a critical lack of medical professionals in smaller rural communities for people who require medical care;

And whereas there is inadequate funding to support small to mid-sized communities to attract medical locums:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the health authorities and the provincial government to further support and evaluate funding or other assistance for placing medical locums in smaller rural communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB20 Access to Healthcare Services Houston**

Whereas the recent pandemic exposed the lack of health care resources in rural British Columbia and resulted in many individuals being forced to leave their community for further evaluation and treatment;

And whereas accessible, reliable, and effective local medical services should be available to all British Columbians especially during significant illness events that impact the majority of residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to further support the development of improved local medical services that meet the needs of all rural British Columbians.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB21 Hospice Services Gibsons**

Whereas hospice societies across BC offer services and innovative programs which enhance the quality of life of palliative patients and their caregivers in the community where they live, as well as supportive bereavement programs for those who are left behind;

And whereas reliable government funding necessary for the sustainability of the essential social service provided by hospice societies is inconsistent and irregular:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Government of British Columbia to recognize the established place of hospice societies in the continuum of palliative care and bereavement support and develop a funding model which provides annual operational funding to community-based hospice societies for the provision of programs and services;

And be it further resolved that UBCM encourages local governments to also contribute financial support to hospice societies within their communities.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Government of British Columbia to recognize the established place of hospice societies in the continuum of palliative care and bereavement support and develop a funding model which provides annual operational funding to community-based hospice societies for the provision of programs and services.*

~~*And be it further resolved that UBCM encourages local governments to also contribute financial support to hospice societies within their communities.*~~

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

## **EB22 Expanding the Child Care Sector Workforce**

**Burnaby**

Whereas access to a quality child care system is key to the health and development of children;

And whereas access to a quality child care system supports families and is key to BC's economic recovery;

And whereas qualified Early Childhood Educators play a critical role in the advancement of a universal child care system;

And whereas qualified Early Childhood Educators deserve to be compensated commensurate with their education and experience, including access to benefits and pension plans:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM urge the provincial government to accelerate its Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy including implementation of a publicly funded, competitive and equitable wage grid for Early Childhood Educators that:

- recognizes staff qualifications and experience;
- creates a barrier-free path with specific supports for those who currently work in the child care sector without formal qualifications (i.e. family licensed childcare) to obtain an early childhood educator (ECE) credential; and
- provides wages, benefits, and working conditions that are competitive with other positions with similar education, experience and responsibilities;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government work with locally-based child care organizations to implement a wage grid that aligns with the business operations and staff compensation plans of these organizations;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to expand the implementation of 24 hour and extended hour child care centres to improve access to affordable and quality child care;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urges the Ministry of Education and Childcare to support and coordinate engagement and collaboration with local governments interested in and/or experienced with child care planning and research to inform the strategy of local needs and context.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB23 Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers**

**Fort St. John**

Whereas provisions in the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;

And whereas there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB24 Affordable Housing Support for Rural Areas**

**Islands Trust**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has implemented the "Homes for BC: A 30-Point Plan for Housing Affordability in British Columbia";

And whereas the Plan largely benefits urban areas that have better access to both resources and support services than rural areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide funding and support to local governments to facilitate affordable housing projects in rural areas in British Columbia.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB25 Affordable Housing**

**NCLGA Executive**

Whereas BC local governments are now required to do a Housing Needs Assessment every five years, and these Assessments are now showing that there is a lack of affordable housing in communities across BC;

And whereas the most recent UBCM Housing Report shows that development is increasing at the rate of the population growth;

And whereas housing remains under the provincial jurisdiction with BC Housing is responsible for the Provincial strategic housing action plan;

And whereas the rising cost of housing is making homeownership impossible for low income households:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to ask that BC Housing develop strategies including, but not limited to, building incentives for rural, remote and northern communities, so as to entice affordable housing in all areas of the Province.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB27 Safe and Clean Affordable Housing**

**Port Alberni**

Whereas the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction funds housing for low income clients;

And whereas the clients often arrange for monthly payments of rent directly to the landlord;

And whereas these forms of housing often do not meet minimum safety and cleanliness standards:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM urge the provincial government to ensure they are funding clients to live in safe and clean affordable housing.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB28 Aid for Elderly Renters**

**Richmond**

Whereas BC Housing's Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program is an important support within the housing continuum for many seniors, and where provincial funding for the program has remained stagnant since 2018;

And whereas BC Housing's Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program provides much needed rental subsidies for low-income seniors, yet the program's current rent ceilings and monthly payments do not reflect increasing housing costs for renters in many communities;

And whereas local governments are committed to increasing housing choices for all residents and low-income seniors are a key demographic, increasingly in need of affordable housing and other forms of financial assistance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of British Columbia to provide an increase to the maximum rent ceilings and monthly payment amounts through BC Housing's Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program;

And be it further resolved that the Province ensure that BC Housing's Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program will receive regular increases to its maximum rent ceilings and monthly payments in subsequent years.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB29 Legal Aid Funding for Tenancy Issues**

**Victoria**

Whereas the provincial government has pledged to alleviate the rental housing crisis, strengthen tenant protections, and expand the efficacy of the Residential Tenancy Branch;

And whereas BC is in the midst of a housing crisis which has pushed many tenants into vulnerable living situations and legal aid funding for tenancy issues would provide tenants with a fair opportunity to participate in the adjudication of their tenancy issues:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate that the provincial government reinstate the funding of poverty law legal aid for tenancy issues.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB30 Expanding BC Manufacturing and Construction of Wood-Frame Housing**

**Vancouver**

Whereas BC is facing both a climate emergency and a housing affordability crisis and one of the most affordable forms of new built single-family and multi-family housing is pre-fabricated wood-frame housing, typically taking one-half the time to construct and costing one-third to one-half the cost of concrete construction;

And whereas BC is in the enviable position of having a supply of second-growth wood that could be utilized for a sustainable value-added industry in the manufacture of Passive House standard, wood-frame pre-fabricated modular housing;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of British Columbia to enable, support and promote the development of a zero-carbon standard, wood-frame modular housing manufacturing industry in BC, including by modifying the BC Building Code and BC Step Code to enable quicker permitting and approval of prefabricated wood-frame housing and by encouraging BC Housing to utilize BC-produced prefabricated wood-frame housing wherever possible in its projects.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB31      Training of BC Workers in Deep Energy Retrofits and  
Climate-Smart Construction**

**Vancouver**

Whereas BC is facing both a climate emergency and a housing affordability crisis;

And whereas the most affordable housing is that which is already standing, the most affordable of which is aging and in need of climate-smart retrofits which retain embodied emissions, provide resilience in extreme weather and reduce GHGs;

And whereas training workers in deep energy retrofits and construction of deeply affordable climate-smart housing, including installing solar panels, solar hot water systems and heat pumps, would help alleviate currently long installation and construction wait-times and enable a faster pace of construction of climate-smart buildings and energy retrofits needed to achieve our climate emergency goals:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of BC to increase support and funding for trades training programs in deep energy retrofits, including installing solar panels, solar hot water systems and heat pumps, and training in the construction of climate-smart buildings including mass timber, Passive House standard and pre-fabricated net-zero-energy wood-frame modular buildings.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB32      Cannabis Taxation Revenue Sharing with Local Governments**

**Daajing Giids**

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 percent in recognition of the costs and responsibilities assumed by local governments;

And whereas the provincial government continues to enjoy growing taxation revenue from cannabis sales in local communities without sharing any of that revenue with local governments in spite of evidence of substantial one-time and incremental costs incurred by local governments associated with the legalization of non-medical cannabis detailed in findings from UBCM's 2019 cannabis cost survey:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to 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**

**EB34      "Build Back Better" Funding for Critical  
Infrastructure**

**Abbotsford, Fraser Valley RD  
LMLGA Executive**

Whereas the Province of BC completed a Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment for BC in 2019 that found that extreme weather events will continue to worsen across the province in coming years including

heat waves and severe river flooding with extreme precipitation events continuing to increase toward 1 in 20 year events becoming 1 and 10 year events or lower;

And whereas the Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General and Emergency Management BC have been working closely with the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee and local governments since mid-2019 to modernize the *Emergency Program Act* (EPA) to support local governments in responding and planning for disaster mitigation through phased-in legislative updates beginning in 2022:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the provincial government, as part of the process of modernizing the EPA legislation, include robust and sustainable 'building back better' funding at 100 percent as part of the first phase of the updated EPA legislation in 2022, and additionally consider enhancing the Community Resiliency Investment Program to include funding programs for flood related infrastructure improvement.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the provincial government, as part of the process of modernizing the EPA legislation, include robust and sustainable 'building back better' funding at 100 percent as part of the first phase of the updated EPA legislation in 2022, and additionally consider enhancing the Community Resiliency Investment Program to include funding programs **provincial grant funding** for flood related infrastructure improvement.*

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

**EB35      Funding Model for Emergency Management  
Responsibilities**

**Central Kootenay RD  
Nelson**

Whereas local governments across British Columbia are increasingly being impacted by severe weather events that are creating complex emergency situations;

And whereas local governments are legislated to plan for, respond to, and assist their communities in recovering from these emergencies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province of British Columbia create an annual funding model for local governments to more adequately prepare for and respond to local emergencies.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB36      Fuel Mitigation Outside Community Boundaries**

**Chase**

Whereas climate change is real and causing significant changes in the way local, provincial, and federal governments do business and provide services;

And whereas the Province of BC has provided funding for Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Fire Smart programs for local governments;

And whereas the continual drying and heating of our forests in British Columbia causes wildfires to ignite much more readily and to travel at higher speeds across the forested areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Wildfire Service to take action to reduce fuel loading around the perimeter of communities in British Columbia which will work in conjunction with initiatives undertaken in communities to protect themselves from wildfires.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB37 FireSmart Program Improvements**

**Rossland**

Whereas the FireSmart Mitigation Rebate program, funded by the provincial CRI FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program is a useful and popular component of municipal FireSmart hazard mitigation programs and the current reimbursement maximums were set, and have remained unchanged since program inception, in 2019:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to review the guidelines restricting reimbursement maximums to 50 percent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$500 per property, with consideration to increasing these financial incentives to motivate more property owners to participate in the Firesmart rebate programs offered by local governments.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB38 Legislation Requiring Underwriters to Recognize Fire Apparatus in Excellent Working Conditions of that can be upgraded**

**Central Kootenay RD**

Whereas Fire Underwriters Survey recommends to underwriters and requires fire apparatus replacement after an arbitrary length of service regardless of its mechanical condition or actual service hours for fire insurance grading purposes without regard of the fiscal impact on small and rural local governments and its ratepayers;

And whereas UBCM has endorsed resolutions over the last 15 years to petition the Province of British Columbia to advocate Fire Underwriters Survey to change its arbitrary and unsustainable requirements and the Province has repeatedly responded by stating that it does not have a role or influence on the content of the Fire Underwriters Survey, nor the determinations made with respect to the use of those determinations by the member companies of the Insurance Bureau of Canada who subscribe to this service, in changing these requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to introduce and adopt legislation that requires all underwriters providing insurance coverage in British Columbia, to recognize and provide credit for fire insurance grading purposes, any fire apparatus that is rigorously tested and recognized to be in excellent working condition or that can be upgraded instead of being replaced, to reduce the fiscal impact on small and rural local governments and its ratepayers.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **EB39 Dike Work Permitting Process**

**New Denver  
Salmo**

Whereas in order to realistically facilitate the repair and maintenance of dikes during the annual 'fish window', many local governments and communities find the lack of provincial funding and the current dike work Permitting Process onerous, lengthy and conflicting;

And whereas the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Diking Authority, and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans often have contradictory requirements in the dike work Permitting Process:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Diking Authority, and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to work collaboratively together to streamline the Permitting Process and work together to create a standard, shared step-by-step checklist for the process, along with guidelines for handling conflicting requirements;

And be it further resolved that the Province accept responsibility for funding dike maintenance in order to bring BC dikes up to regulatory requirements and proactively forestall catastrophic dike failures during weather events and spring freshet;

And be it further resolved that the Province take on flood mitigation projects more generally, including upstream risks outside of municipal jurisdiction.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB40 Reimbursement for Highway Rescue Services**

**Pemberton**

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

And whereas reimbursement of costs under the current model leaves fire departments and local governments to absorb a significant part of the cost of providing the services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province revise the funding model to ensure that fire departments and societies are reimbursed for all highway rescue incidents to which they attend outside of the municipal boundaries;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province to consider permitting fire departments to be reimbursed by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for highway rescue services.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB41 ICBC Reimbursement to Fire Departments for Highway Response with Taxing Jurisdiction**

**Barriere**

Whereas local government fire departments in communities that have a major highway(s) passing through them respond to highway incidents;

And whereas the cost of attending these highway incidents is borne solely by the taxpayers within the taxing jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to develop a program with ICBC to reimburse fire departments that respond to highway incidents which involve non-residents/non-property owners from within the fire department's taxing jurisdiction.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB42 New Provincial Mandate and Funding for 9-1-1**

**Vancouver**

Whereas 9-1-1 is an essential public safety service and emergency preparedness tool, and the CRTC has mandated the rollout of "Next Generation" 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) to move to calls to digital or IP-based infrastructure by March 1, 2025, and has communicated the need for a significant additional funding commitment from its local government service partners in 2022 and beyond, yet there is no provincially-governed agency responsible for the planning, operation and coordination of 9-1-1 services in BC;

And whereas local governments in BC are constrained in their financial revenue sources and financial capacity to fund these necessary and essential federally-mandated 9-1-1 service enhancements, and have called repeatedly for new funding sources to support local 9-1-1 services, as exist in other provinces, including adopting resolutions through the UBCM calling for a provincial wireless call-answer levy to fund local 9-1-1 service in 2004, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2019 and 2021:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to work collaboratively with the UBCM to develop a new provincial mandate and structure for 9-1-1 service delivery, with an improved governance, funding and operational model, to help modernize and improve 9-1-1 services across BC, including the planning, operation and coordination of CRTC mandated Next Generation 9-1-1 services.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB43 Rural Policing**

**Salmon Arm**

Whereas public safety is of equal concern to both municipal and regional district residents;

And whereas rural populations are growing steadily;

And whereas provincial policing compliments have not been increased at the same rate as municipally funded positions;

And whereas lack of police resources affects rural safety and is putting a strain on municipal budgets:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the province increase the provincially funded positions immediately;

And be it further resolved that future resource allocations accurately reflect the rural demands for policing services.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB44 Alternative Crime Reduction Strategies**

**Powell River**

Whereas there is a perception by the public that property crime, street crime and disorderly conduct are increasing, resulting in decreases in their quality of life and their confidence in the justice system;

And whereas property crime, street crime and disorderly conduct arise from a complex set of conditions engendered by addiction, homelessness, poverty and illness;

And whereas there is a public perception that the justice system makes decisions in relative isolation from the community and views property crime as a nuisance rather than a crime creating a revolving door for repeat offenders with few funded options for alternative crime reduction strategies:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM work with the Province to encourage and to fund alternative crime reduction strategies including:

- Justice, Health and Social services systems, and municipal police to work more closely together;
- Provide residents, businesses, and other community members with opportunities to participate in the justice system; and
- Identifying and separating offenders who could be helped by treatment, services and supports from those who should be in jail.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB45 Local Government Incentives for Climate Change Resiliency**

**Gibsons**

Whereas local governments are well positioned and well suited to take the lead on addressing climate change arising particularly from their influence over municipal operations, buildings and vehicle fleets as well as through decision on land use, transportation and infrastructure;

And whereas the Province of BC recognizes the vital role of local governments in climate action and the importance of supporting local government climate and resiliency goals with predictable funding, legislation, and actively engaging in partnerships with local governments to advance climate action in our communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC, in consultation with local government leaders, to implement and make available to local governments tangible and concrete tools that will encourage and incentivize local governments to adopt measures that will mitigate the impacts of climate change within our communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB46 Public Geoscience to Inform Decisions and ‘Build Back Better’**

**Chetwynd,  
Fort St. John**

Whereas BC local governments wish to make decisions about ‘building back better’ in a smart, sustainable way that creates jobs and achieves net-zero emissions;

And whereas Geoscience BC generates independent, relevant, public earth science research and data about British Columbia’s minerals, energy and water resources:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia work with Geoscience BC and the Government of Canada to continue funding for Geoscience BC to undertake critical earth science research that helps achieve net-zero emission targets, builds partnerships, creates jobs and attracts investment by:

- Investing \$5 million annually in Geoscience BC; and
- Assisting Geoscience BC to establish a sustainable long-term funding model.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB47 Creating Incentives for Renewable Energy Projects**

**Nelson**

Whereas local governments are required to set greenhouse gas reduction targets and decarbonizing the energy supply is critical to the Province’s efforts in reaching its low-carbon future as communities transition towards becoming more energy-efficient;

And whereas communities may have opportunities to create clean and renewable energy projects, such as micro-hydro, geothermal, or solar power;

And whereas such projects are typically only viable where local governments are guaranteed to be able to sell the power at an economically beneficial cost:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to restore the power purchase call program from BC Hydro to purchase local government generation at a price and term that supports the development of these renewable energy projects.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB48 Property Assessed Clean Energy**

**Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs promote energy efficient building retrofits through loans repaid via property tax requisition, and PACE programs support the reduction of greenhouse gases, target the most inefficient buildings, and can support equity of access for those enduring energy poverty;

And whereas in 2020 the Province identified PACE as a priority and in 2021 awarded the mandate to develop a PACE Roadmap for British Columbia's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy;

And whereas PACE loans are repaid by homeowners through an addition to annual property tax bills and currently property tax bills are issued by the Province on behalf of regional districts:

Therefore be it resolved that that UBCM request that the Province prioritize the PACE initiative enabling legislation and include consideration for participation by electoral area residents of regional districts.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB49 Access to Energy Advisors**

**NCLGA Executive**

Whereas access to Energy Advisors and materials is required for communities to meet provincial policies;

And whereas there is limited access to Energy Advisors and the required materials, located in northern, rural and remote communities, to meet the implementation of provincial timelines:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM continue to lobby the Province to secure additional Energy Advisors, make grants available and review implementation timelines for the northern, rural and remote communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB50 Exterior Lighting Pollution**

**Coldstream**

Whereas excessive lighting causes light pollution and glare;

And whereas light pollution may have a negative impact on quality of life, contribute to adverse health effects and pose potentially harmful consequences to the natural environment by disrupting ecosystems:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Building and Safety Standards Branch amend the BC Building Code to allow, facilitate and empower local governments to exercise control of lighting fixtures, including intensity and directionality, as part of their permitting and inspection process for all new construction and major renovations.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB51 Construction and Demolition Waste**

**Comox Valley RD**

Whereas the landfilling of construction and demolition materials comprises a considerable share of solid waste within the province leading to increased costs for solid waste management and lost opportunities for such materials to be resold, reused or recycled;

And whereas the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's Extended Producer Responsibility Five-Year Action Plan (2021-2026) does not include construction and demolition materials as a priority for their Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to add construction and demolition materials to their EPR Five-Year Action Plan to establish a producer responsibility framework that significantly reduces such waste.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB52 Expediated Provincial Regulation of Single-Use Plastics**

**Burnaby**

Whereas in 2019, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy published the CleanBC Plastics Action Plan which included the consideration for a provincial ban on single-use plastic items to provide a consistent approach to reducing single-use plastics;

And whereas the authorization of local governments to enact municipal bylaws to ban plastic checkout bags has created inconsistency between municipalities specifically in regards to the minimum fees applied to recycled paper bags and reusable bags;

And whereas the enactment of municipal single-use plastic bylaws is voluntary and thereby creating a patchwork of regulations between neighboring municipalities;

And whereas the federal government's proposed Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations published December 25, 2021 will be registered and in force by the end of 2022; and

And whereas the federal government's proposed Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations do not include replacement fees for single-use plastic items:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to expedite the development of single-use plastic regulations by the end of 2022.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB53 Prohibit Use of Expanded Polystyrene in the Marine Environment**

**qathet RD**

Whereas expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly known as Styrofoam™, in the marine environment can cause significant harm to marine life, seafood resources and ecosystems;

And whereas EPS is difficult to impossible to clean up from shorelines after it breaks down and has a high likelihood of entering the marine environment from damaged marine infrastructure, whether encased or not:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial and federal governments to prohibit the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS) in the marine environment.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB54 Used Tire Collection**

**McBride**

Whereas the Tire Stewardship of BC website identifies Regional Transfer Stations in the north as the only location within small rural communities to which used tires can be returned for recycling and Various Regional Districts have notified the public that they will no longer accept used tires for recycling at the Regional Transfer Stations due to space constraints and collection issues;

And whereas the loss of used tire collections sites within rural areas will result in the public discarding used tires on Crown Land along Forest Service Roads and within Gravel Pits; thus, defeating the Provincial Government strategy to place the responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producer and consumers, not the general taxpayer. The Provincial Government will have to cover the costs associated with clean up and disposal of the used tires discarded within crown lands. In addition, the environmental damage brings its own issues and costs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to work with Tire Stewardship of BC to ensure proper collection and disposal of used tires in all British Columbia communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB55 Recycle BC****Elkford**

Whereas local governments are eligible to join the Recycle BC program as a contracted collector provided that they are an incorporated municipality with a minimum population of 5,000 residents and have had a curbside garbage collection program in place for a minimum of two years in advance of the new curbside program for the same households;

And whereas Recycle BC's Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan, revised June 2019, notes that in 2021, Recycle BC will assess the feasibility of servicing smaller, densely populated communities of less than 5,000 residents that are immediately adjacent to an existing curbside service area, with the same requirement for curbside garbage collection:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to amend the recycling regulation to require the inclusion of communities with populations of less than 5,000 to be included in the Recycle BC Curbside Collection Program.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB56 Food Waste Reduction and Recovery in CleanBC Roadmap Squamish-Lillooet RD**

Whereas climate change, food waste, food recovery and food insecurity are key intersecting challenges facing BC communities, with food waste contributing to both greenhouse gas emissions and food insecurity

And whereas a better food recovery program could help reduce food insecurity, food waste, and GHG emissions;

And whereas CleanBC's Roadmap to 2030, which sets direction for advancing climate action in BC, does not include food waste reduction and food recovery:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 be amended to include food waste reduction and recovery as, or into, one of the pathways.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB57 Accessing Vehicular Greenhouse Gas Emissions Data****Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas local governments are unable to obtain accurate data that quantifies the transportation emissions in their municipality or region, in order to develop local action plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from this sector;

And whereas the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 targets a 25 percent reduction in kilometers driven by personal vehicles compared to 2020:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province require ICBC to provide access to the detailed registry database that includes vehicle make, model and year, by complete postal code, so a better estimate of greenhouse gas emissions can be determined.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB58 Improving Provincial Grant Processes****Nelson**

Whereas local government in British Columbia are increasingly reliant on a wide variety of grant programs to support the delivery of services, programs and projects in their jurisdictions;

And whereas the investment in developing projects and programs, completing grant applications and delivering projects and programs is increasingly time consuming and complex which all require significant investment of front end resources by local governments and the resulting delays in waiting for granting decisions add cost and delay project delivery resulting in inefficiencies at all levels of government and do not maximize the value of public funds that are utilized for these purposes;

And whereas grant funds for many programs and projects are better suited to be distributed to local governments on a non-application based granting basis:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the government of British Columbia to work with its federal counterparts to identify and expand grants that are more efficiently and effectively delivered on a non-application basis (similar to the Community Works Fund) and for those application based grant programs, that the delivery program of the provincial and federal governments be reviewed to increase certainty for local governments and reduce the costs and delays that are inherent in the current application based grant funding programs.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB59 Sustainable Funding for Libraries**

#### **Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC:

And be it further resolved that the Province of BC ensure that BC libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to provincial government funding in subsequent years.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB60 Increased Resources for Modernized Land Use Planning**

#### **Central Kootenay RD**

Whereas public lands in British Columbia are facing complex and cumulative pressures, with competing demands between stakeholders and ever-increasing impacts to wildlife and ecosystems, and in 2018 the Province of BC committed to “work collaboratively with Indigenous governments, communities, and stakeholders to modernize land use planning”, including “collaborating with Indigenous governments in natural resource management that is informed by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action”;

And whereas the advancement of land use planning through the Modernized Land Use Planning program to date has been limited, leaving many regions in BC without strategic direction or guidance on stewardship and management of public land and waters. With communities and local governments responding to proposals without the benefit of an integrated approach and knowledge of cumulative impacts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC add staffing to facilitate the completion of modernized land use planning, inclusive of the UNDRIP protocols endorsed by the Province of BC, by the end of 2024.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB61 Assistance to Private and Public Utilities Providers with Historical Unregistered Rights of Way Nelson**

Whereas there are many instances throughout British Columbia where both private and public utilities have infrastructure located within private property and no associated statutory rights of way or easement was registered against title to the property in the Land Title Office at the time of installation many years ago;

And whereas utilities are responsible for their infrastructure within private property because they are of benefit to the public and essential to the operation and maintenance of these critical services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to work with local governments and the private utilities to develop legislation that would permit the registration of statutory rights of way or other instruments to resolve historic issues with unregistered statutory rights of way or easements for critical infrastructure located within private properties in an expeditious and cost-effective manner.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB62 Local Governments to Have Legislated Input into Cutting Permits Squamish-Lillooet RD**

Whereas local communities currently have no legal avenue for providing input into forest land cutting permits before they are approved and issued by the Province;

And whereas communities are often impacted by harvesting and log hauling, with environmental impacts, visual impacts, road safety issues and little economic benefit:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to give local governments a legislated avenue for providing input before cutting permits for forest licensees and woodlot tenure holders are approved and issued by the Province.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB63 Stormwater Management Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas property, infrastructure and the natural environment are vulnerable to extreme weather events and other impacts of climate change, particularly in relation to stormwater run-off;

And whereas increasingly extreme weather events are intensifying the frequency and severity of stormwater issues causing overland flooding which is damaging critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, culverts, and active transportation systems, as well as impacting the natural environment, such as salmon-bearing streams, and further compounding challenges with respect to the management of stormwater run-off:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to bring together the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and local governments to collaborate on the development of an action plan that implements best practices for stormwater management, assigns clearly defined jurisdictional responsibilities and includes strategies to address risks to property, critical infrastructure and the natural environment.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB64      Emergency Equipment Provincial Sales Tax Rebate**

**Port Hardy**

Whereas local governments support local fire services with equipment and apparatus to provide fire, road rescue and first responder services to communities, and there are limited opportunities for grants to support these large capital expenditures;

And whereas the costs for this type of equipment is costly, Goods and Services Tax (GST) is 100 percent returned to local governments; however, Provincial Sales Tax (PST) is an expense added to the cost of equipment:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide Provincial Sales Tax rebates for purchasing emergency equipment for local governments.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB65      Regional ICBC Rate Inequities**

**Fort St. John, Smithers,  
Williams Lake**

Whereas the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) and the Government of British Columbia have perpetuated inequitable regional basic insurance coverage value beginning in 2001 or earlier;

And whereas the Government of British Columbia, through Order in Council 458/2018, directed the BC Utilities Commission to approve an ICBC Basic Insurance Rate Design;

And whereas the 2018 Basic Insurance Rate Design acknowledges, but does not immediately correct, the inequity:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that a new ICBC Basic Insurance Rate Design be developed immediately that conclusively corrects the regional inequity;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request that ICBC and the Government of British Columbia explore opportunities for regional redress such as elimination of windshield deductibles, winter tire subsidies and regional variation in low-use discounts.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB66      Mandatory Winter Tires for Rental Vehicles**

**Lake Country**

Whereas winters in many parts of British Columbia are subject to icy road conditions and snowfall accumulation;

And whereas most rental vehicles are only equipped with all season tires rather than winter tires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to make it mandatory that winter rated tires be installed on rental vehicles during the winter months in BC.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB67      Reprioritizing Snow Clearing**

**Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas there is increased concern about the state of public roads in rural communities during and after major weather events;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's road classification system defines levels and response times for maintenance standards for each specific service area in order to prioritize service:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to work with local governments to review the existing road classification system to consider reprioritizing the order in which roads are cleared or maintained;

And be it further resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure increase funding for maintenance of secondary roads to ensure safe and accessible transportation options for rural communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB68      Highway Rest Stop Amenities**

**Comox Valley RD,  
Strathcona RD**

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for maintaining a network of rest areas and roadside stops along highways that include public amenities such as washrooms and waste receptacles;

And whereas increased travel and tourism throughout the Province of BC has led to those rest areas and roadside stops, many without such services and facilities, being inundated with litter and general waste that pollutes adjacent forests, beaches and waters;

And whereas the current maintenance program of the Ministry is insufficient to adequately deal with the level of use being experienced at these facilities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to expand its maintenance program for highway rest areas and roadside stops to ensure that such facilities are kept clean, tidy and sanitary for the travelling public.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB69      Roads and Bridges**

**NCLGA Executive**

Whereas transportation corridors are critical pieces of infrastructure;

And whereas provincial spending on transportation is insufficient to maintain provincial highways and bridges across the province;

And whereas climate emergencies are emerging more frequently:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to increase the annual budgeted figure for roads and bridges.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB70      Safety and Speed Mitigation Measures on Provincial Roads      Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure does not install speed mitigation measures on provincial roads, giving the rationale that provincial roads belong to all the citizens of British Columbia as they serve to promote the economy and inter-provincial movement of people and goods;

And whereas the criteria provided by the Ministry of Transportation applies to all roads under the Province's jurisdiction, whether they are numbered highways, rural roads or local subdivision roads:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to determine the primary use(s) of the provincial roads, and base safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB71      BC Ferries Provincial Statutory Guidance      Daajing Giids**

Whereas BC Ferries Services Inc., created by provincial legislation, is committed to support the economy, community sustainability and to partnering with labour to promote and support innovation through ferry service delivery, with changes in ferry service delivery having the potential for dire impacts on coastal and island community sustainability and the provincial economy;

And whereas an equitable, transparent, accessible and consistent consultation process for adjusting sailing service levels with system users, stakeholders and tax payers is non-existent:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to commit to develop a provincial vision and plan as recommended in the Redlin 2018 report, reviewing coastal ferry services, that has a broad scope, examines big ideas for change, considers challenges for improved service to the north coast and other underserved communities, and that said new vision and plan is to be enshrined in the *Coastal Ferry Act* and to the extent possible in the Coastal Ferry Services Contract.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB72      BC Ferries Commissioner's Relationship with Advisory Committees      Daajing Giids**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is responsible to provide for appropriate oversight of BC Ferries Services Inc. and has selected to provide that oversight through the statutory establishment of a BC Ferries Commissioner;

And whereas the BC Ferries Commissioner's statutory mandate does not include direct interaction with the 13 Ferry Advisory Committees, representing all the communities and stakeholders in BC Ferries' service area, whose issues and concerns are frequently not resolved, acknowledged or answered by BC Ferries:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to commit to amend the BC Ferry Commissioner's statutory mandate to require a BC Ferry Commissioner representative to sit on the Ferry Advisory Committees to hear service concerns directly from the 13 committees.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **EB73      BC Ferries Advisory Council      Daajing Giids**

Whereas BC Ferries Services Inc., created by provincial legislation, is committed to support the economy, community sustainability and to partnering with labour to promote and support innovation through ferry

service delivery, with changes in ferry service delivery having the potential for dire impacts on coastal and island community sustainability and the provincial economy;

And whereas an equitable, transparent, accessible and consistent consultation process for adjusting sailing service levels with system users, stakeholders and tax payers is non-existent:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to commit to establish an independent Coastal Ferry Advisory Council to complement the existing regional Ferry Advisory Committees, with representation from coastal business, labour, local governments and First Nations.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB74 Re-Investing in EV Infrastructure**

**Port Moody**

Whereas British Columbia and Metro Vancouver have shown exceptional leadership for electric vehicle (EV) uptake due in large part to generous incentives and early infrastructure upgrades;

And whereas the current level of EV ownership must increase to meet agreed-upon climate targets and cannot be considered sufficient at this time:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask all orders of government (federal, provincial and local) and BC Hydro to increase investment in EV infrastructure and decrease user fees (including Step 2 EV exemptions) until EV uptake is sufficient;

And be it further resolved that the Government of Canada immediately make all necessary regulatory changes to allow for pricing EV charging by unit of energy.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB75 Provincial Consultation with Local Governments**

**Chetwynd**

Whereas Section 2 of the *Community Charter* states that consultation is a key principle defining the local government/provincial government relationship and acknowledges that the residents of BC are benefited when both local and provincial governments work together;

And whereas provincial policies such as the Caribou Recovery Program, Old Growth Forest Policy Review and the Province's decision not to appeal the Supreme Court's decision in *Yahey v. British Columbia* impact communities in a variety of ways both directly and indirectly:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities that will be impacted by provincial policy.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to engage in meaningful consultation with ~~municipalities~~ **local governments** that will be impacted by provincial policy.*

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

#### **EB76 Development Approvals Authority**

**AVICC Executive**

Whereas the final authority to identify and approve development which is suitable to local government has historically resided in local governments;

And whereas locally elected officials best know the needs and wants of the residents of their communities and are fully accountable to the electorate of those communities;

And whereas locally elected officials are best able to balance the competing interests and values of the residents of their communities;

And whereas the existing system for approving local development leaves the power and responsibility to do so with local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the government of British Columbia to leave the authority to approve all development within the said local government, and to make no changes to the fundamental principles embedded in the legislation and make no changes to the legislation which might have effect of doing so except in collaboration with local government.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the government of British Columbia to ~~leave the authority to approve all development within the said local government, and to make no changes to the fundamental principles embedded in the legislation and make no changes to the legislation which might have effect of doing so except in collaboration with local government.~~ **preserve existing local government authority for development approvals, and to consult local government before exploring any changes to local government authority for development approvals.***

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

#### **EB77 Ethics Commissioner**

**White Rock**

Whereas Bill 26 – 2021: *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act* (No. 2), 2021 does not require a local government to adopt a Code of Conduct for Council members;

And whereas many local governments in British Columbia cannot afford or do not have an independent non-partisan Ethics Commissioner to review and resolve allegations of misconduct:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately create an Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that will:

1. respond to allegations of misconduct by an elected official of a municipal government and conduct an inquiry if warranted;
2. review decisions imposed on an elected official of a municipal government and conduct an inquiry if warranted; and
3. require local governments to adopt a “code of conduct” for council members.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB78 Thresholds for Disregarding Access Requests**

**Logan Lake**

Whereas public bodies are responsible for the management and protection of personal information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

And whereas under this Act, the requirements to meet the threshold to disregard a request because it is frivolous or vexatious or would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body because the request is excessively broad or is repetitive or systematic is unconscionably high and hard to obtain;

And whereas public bodies can be subjected to harassment, defamation, accusations and abuse of staff time with little to no protection and a legal requirement to respond to malicious requests:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM asks that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia review its thresholds for disregarding requests submitted under Section 43 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB79 Parental Leave for Elected Officials**

**Cariboo RD**

Whereas Section 125(7) of the *Community Charter* and Section 204(2) of the *Local Government Act* exempt elected officials from disqualification due to absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled board or council meetings, if the absence is due to illness or injury or is with the leave of the council or board, but does not provide an exemption for new parents;

And whereas it is recognized that it is important for new parents to have adequate time and energy to spend with their child:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to give its urgent attention to the matter of amending the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*, to include parental leave provisions that would grant elected officials who are new parents an exemption from being disqualified from office for absences of 60 consecutive days or 4 consecutive regular scheduled council or board meetings.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB80 Legislative Reform Initiative**

**Nanaimo RD**

Whereas regional districts are limited in their legislative authority in comparison with municipalities in several key areas such as business licensing authority, subdivision approval, regulation of fireworks discharge, parking enforcement, tree management, and taxation and funding models;

And whereas the social, political and economic environments that local governments operate within continue to evolve in areas such as climate change, environmental stewardship and a recognition of the importance of First Nations' participation in regional governance, and these realities should be reflected in updated legislation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM be urged to work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and regional districts to further a legislative reform initiative for the purpose of comprehensively reviewing and modernizing the *Local Government Act*.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB81 Sustainable Funding for Very Small Water Systems**

**Thompson-Nicola RD**

Whereas in the interest of providing a safe potable drinking water supply, Regional Districts are encouraged by the Province to assume ownership and operation of failing or deficient water systems owned by improvement districts, water users communities, societies and private development;

And whereas these water systems are not financially viable as they are very small in size (frequently less than 100 customers) with limited access to funding, they are located in rural or remote rural communities with a very limited tax base, and with no opportunity to amalgamate with other water systems to achieve economies of scale:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB82 Pricing Policy for Community Forests**

**Central Kootenay RD**

Whereas the tabular stumpage rate system that currently applies to community forest agreements provides the ability for community forests to innovate and invest in community priorities including climate change adaptation, wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, old growth management, recreational infrastructure development, with community economic development relying upon the current tabular stumpage system and rates;

And whereas any change in the current tabular stumpage policy that results in an increased stumpage rates and additional administrative burden for community forest tenures will greatly reduce and undermine the capacity of community forests to provide key socio-economic benefits to the communities that they support:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to maintain the tabular rate structure for community forest agreements in order to enable community forest agreement holders to implement modernized forest policies and to meet the full range of community objectives while operating viable businesses.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB83 Stumpage Fee Revenue to Support Local Governments**

**Gold River**

Whereas the provincial government receives stumpage fees from all forest companies within the Province and the provincial government keeps all the stumpage fees received and local governments do not directly receive any of these fees;

And whereas in northeast British Columbia, local governments directly receive fees from the Natural Gas industry:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to establish a mechanism to share a portion of all stumpage fees collected or add on a collection of an additional increase to stumpage fees from the forest companies to the local governments within the said region of the tree farm licences.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB84 Broadband Connectivity**

**Kootenay Boundary RD**

Whereas reliable and affordable access to broadband internet connectivity should be made available to all rural, remote and Indigenous communities in BC to support public health safety, economic development, social inclusion and access to information;

And whereas the Government of Canada has recognized that not all Canadians have access to reliable and affordable internet services and has established a Ministry of Rural Economic Development that includes rural broadband as a top priority:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to seriously commit to funding, and lobbying the federal government to fund, the implementation of affordable and reliable broadband internet services for all British Columbians.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB85 MMIWG2S Calls for Justice**

**North Vancouver District**

Whereas the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) Calls of Justice applies to the municipal government:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM support the Calls for Justice from the MMIWG2S report.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM support **further action by all orders of government towards addressing the Calls for Justice from the MMIWG2S report.***

**On motion, with amendment as recommended, was Endorsed**

**EB86 Cultural Awareness Training for Local Governments**

**Kitimat**

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action (No. 57, Professional Development and Training for Public Servants) states: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism";

And whereas cultural awareness training provides the foundation for learning and valuing different perspectives and backgrounds:

Therefore be it resolved that British Columbia local governments be encouraged to undergo localized Indigenous Cultural Awareness Training and to advance all Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**EB87 Electoral Boundary Commission Review**

**Dawson Creek**

Whereas recent amendments made to the *Electoral Boundary Commission Act* in 2021 will allow the redrawing of electoral boundaries in British Columbia whereby large geographical areas in the province may be amalgamated due to their lower populations thereby resulting in rural areas being represented by a single Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA);

And whereas a lower representation of members in the Legislative Assembly is not in the best interests of rural regions of British Columbia whose remoteness and distinctive character were once carefully enshrined within the Electoral Boundaries legislation which protected 17 rural electoral ridings:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Electoral Boundary Commission and the Provincial Government to demonstrate equality and fairness by ensuring fair representation of rural and northern communities in the Legislative Assembly where decisions are made that impact all British Columbians, including the rural regions which are resource rich sectors that strengthen the province's economy for the benefit of all British Columbians.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **EB88      Stable Funding for the Forest Enhancement Society**

**Cariboo RD**

Whereas the Forest Enhancement Society of BC is committed to supporting projects that reduce greenhouse gases, protect communities from wildfire, improve wildfire habitat and create jobs;

And whereas uncertainty in funding and resource availability is limiting the Society's ability to plan, support and complete long-term projects that would benefit British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the provincial government for long-term sustainable funding for the Forest Enhancement Society of BC.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

Chair Moglove then commenced consideration of the resolutions that had been removed from the Endorse Block for individual consideration.

#### **EB14      Guaranteed Livable Basic Income**

**Victoria**

Whereas poverty has a downstream effect on local governments, putting unsustainable pressure on their limited resources to deliver necessary public services and social supports as they struggle to keep up with downloaded responsibilities;

And whereas basic income addresses key social determinants of health, such as income and housing, it can alleviate pressures on local governments to address poverty and fill gaps in social supports, such as shelter, housing, food security and mental health:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI), ensuring everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs, which would go a long way towards eradicating poverty and homelessness, alleviating the pressure on municipalities to use their limited resources to fill gaps in our failing social safe net.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **Nominations from the Floor for UBCM Table Officers**

At 11:55am, Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, assumed the Chair and called for nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Table Officer positions were:

President:	Councillor Jen Ford, Resort Municipality of Whistler
First Vice President:	Mayor Ange Qualizza, City of Ferne
Second Vice President:	Councillor Claire Moglove, City of Campbell River
Third Vice President:	Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver
	Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam

At the conclusion of nominations, Councillor Frenkel declared the positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President elected by acclamation. He advised that an election would be held for the position of Third Vice President.

The Convention adjourned for lunch at 12:00 pm. All Area Associations hosted lunches during this period.

The Convention re-convened at 2:00 pm.

## **Address by the Minister of Municipal of Affairs, The Honourable Nathan Cullen**

At 2:00pm the President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introduced Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs who then addressed the delegates.

First Vice-President Councillor Jen Ford thanked Minister Cullen.

## **Candidates' Speeches**

At 2:30 pm, Councillor Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee called forward the two candidates for Third Vice President. The delegates heard brief two-minute presentations from Councillor Pete Fry and Councillor Trish Mandewo.

## **Cabinet Town Halls**

At 3:00pm the following concurrent Cabinet Town Hall sessions were held:

### **Housing**

Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing

Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance

Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests

Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure

Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for Translink

Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness, Province of B.C.

### **Stronger Public Service**

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services

Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care

## **Energy & Climate Action Awards**

At 4:15pm, the 2022 Energy and Climate Action Awards sponsored by the Community Energy Association were presented.

The Convention adjourned at 4:30pm.

**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

## **Thursday Clinics**

On Thursday, September 15, 2022 the Convention commenced at 7:30am with the following clinics:

1. Airports – Critical Socio-Economic Drivers for Communities
2. Archaeological Resource Management and Available Tools
3. Food Systems. Climate Action. Local Government
4. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
5. The Predicting and Alerting for Coastal Flooding Project

## **Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions**

At 8:30am, Councillor Brian Frenkel gave the second report of the Nominating Committee for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, Vancouver Metro Area Representative and Director at Large. Those nominated were:

Small Community Representative:	Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis
Electoral Area Representative:	Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District Director Brad Sperling, Peace River Regional District
Vancouver Metro Area Representative:	Councillor Tracy Miyashita, City of Pitt Meadows
Director at Large:	Mayor Merlin Black, District of Clearwater Councillor Debbie Haggard, District of Port Alberni Councillor Sadie Hunter, City of Kamloops Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St. John Councillor Cori Ramsay, City of Prince George Councillor Jenna Stoner, District of Squamish Mayor Sarrah Storey, District of Fraser Lake Councillor Gerry Taft, District of Invermere Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill

## **Address by the Leader of the Official Opposition: Kevin Falcon**

The President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, introduced Kevin Falcon, MLA, Leader of the Official Opposition, who addressed the delegates.

Following his remarks, First Vice President, Councillor Jen Ford thanked Mr. Falcon.

## **Policy Session – Resolutions**

The Resolutions session resumed at 8:55am with Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in the Chair.

Councillor Frenkel was joined by the other members of the Resolutions Committee: Councillor Claire Moglove, Councillor Gord Klassen and Councillor Pete Fry. They were assisted by Parliamentarian Ian Izard, UBCM Executive Director, Gary MacIsaac and other UBCM staff.

## Resolutions Process Review

Councillor Frenkel, Chair, introduced a report entitled UBCM Resolutions Process Review Backgrounder, which was published in Policy Book 1. Five questions were presented to the membership:

1. The current resolutions process is effective and responds to the needs of UBCM members?
2. In order to ensure that all resolutions are debated each year, criteria should be developed to limit the number of resolutions considered at the UBCM Convention?
3. Area Associations should prioritize the resolutions that they submit to UBCM?
4. A system should be put in place whereby the UBCM Executive chooses resolutions to be debated, up to a set limit, and in accordance with criteria to be developed?
5. A system should be put in place whereby an endorsed or defeated resolution cannot be sent in again for a certain number of years?

Voting on the five questions contained in the report was conducted via an on-line survey emailed to elected local government delegates.

## Resolutions

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, provided a short overview of the Conference Rules and Procedures for Handling Resolutions.

## Motion to Vary the Agenda

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to vary the agenda to admit for debate resolution RR37 Island Rail Corridor, was endorsed. The Chair advised that resolution RR37 would be considered on Friday morning, following the consideration of the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.

## Section Endorse Block (EB)

Councillor Claire Moglove assumed the Chair and continued consideration of resolutions that had been removed from the Endorse Block of resolutions for individual consideration.

### EB26 Encouraging Safe and Affordable Housing

### Prince Rupert

Whereas the availability of safe and affordable housing is an ongoing crisis in Canada that is worsening and which requires urgent and bold action;

And whereas secondary suites are often not built with permits or registered with local governments because owners may wish to avoid paying income tax on the suite revenues, resulting therefore in some secondary suites not being built or being built unsafely without permits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government provide tax exemptions for all income derived from the rental of secondary suites as a measure to encourage the provision of safe and affordable housing.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by adding the phrase “and federal” and making the word government plural, following “the provincial”, as well as adding the words “long-term” before “rental”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial **and federal** governments provide tax exemptions for all income derived from the **long-term** rental of secondary suites as a measure to encourage the provision of safe and affordable housing.*

**On motion, with amendments as recommended and as proposed, was Endorsed**

### **EB33      Health Canada Increased Cannabis Regulation Resources      Port Alberni**

Whereas medical cannabis and commercial cannabis production are regulated by the federal government under the federal *Cannabis Act* and regulations;

And whereas Health Canada is responsible for managing risks posed to public health and safety in connection with cannabis through a variety of compliance and enforcement activities;

And whereas cannabis production operations may cause disturbing odours that impact the surrounding community:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that Health Canada be required to increase the resources adequate to manage compliance and enforcement of regulatory cannabis requirements, including regulations related to preventing the escape of cannabis odours associated with cannabis plant material to the outdoors.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the resolution by adding a second enactment clause, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that Health Canada be required to increase the resources adequate to manage compliance and enforcement of regulatory cannabis requirements, including regulations related to preventing the escape of cannabis odours associated with cannabis plant material to the outdoors;*

***And be it further resolved that Health Canada include limitations and regulations to the number of plants permitted in a single residential address for the production of cannabis for medical purposes.***

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

### **Section Not Endorse Block (NEB)**

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

Councillor Brian Frenkel commenced consideration of Section NEB resolutions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution NEB2 be removed from the Not Endorse Block for individual consideration, was not endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that resolution NEB3 be removed from the Not Endorse Block for individual consideration, was not endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolutions in Not Endorse Block be considered as a block, was endorsed.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for all resolutions in the Not Endorse Block be adopted, was endorsed.

The resolutions in the Not Endorse Block were not endorsed as follows:

### **NEB1 Home Affordability and Transfer Tax Levels**

**Lumby**

Whereas in BC home buyers pay a provincial Property Transfer Tax (PTT) at a rate of 1 percent on the first \$200,000 of the purchase price and 2 percent on the remainder up to and including \$2 million;

And whereas according to the BC Real Estate Association the average single-family home increased 22 percent in value in the past 2 years since June 2020 to \$915,000;

And whereas the Property Transfer Tax is not related to the cost of services provided, the 2 percent tax on amounts over \$200,000 creates an additional cost to homeowners making affordability more out-of-reach for more homebuyers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the BC government reduce the tax burden on home purchasers by applying the 1 percent tax rate to the first \$700,000 of the purchase price and 2 percent on the remainder up to and including \$2.5 million.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

### **NEB2 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 whereas the Province of British Columbia has shown leadership by eliminating user-fee barriers to public transit ridership for people 12 years of age and under;

And whereas 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 request that the Province of British Columbia work with local governments to introduce bold investments in sustainable transportation networks, including fare-free public transit services in communities that support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

### **NEB3 Hybrid UBCM Conferences**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas UBCM was established to represent local governments of all sizes and from all areas of the province, but elected officials from small and remote areas are not equally able to attend in person conferences;

And whereas UBCM has recognized the importance of reducing GHG emissions in response to the global climate emergency, but there are significant GHG emissions associated with travel and accommodation at conferences:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM establish options for electronic attendance at the annual UBCM conference that, at a minimum, give access to all speeches and informational presentations, and to online voting for officers, in order to reduce barriers and allow for broader democratic participation in the organization and reduce GHG emissions.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

## **Section No Recommendation (NR)**

Councillor Pete Fry assumed the Chair and reviewed the procedures for handling NR resolutions.

Councillor Pete Fry commenced consideration of NR resolutions.

### **NR1 Pre-Hospital Care in British Columbia**

**Cranbrook**

Whereas the pre-hospital care system in British Columbia lies within the jurisdictional responsibility of the Ministry of Health, however it relies critically on the delivery of service by municipal, regional and First Nations organizations;

And whereas the Ministry is critically reliant on this partnership in delivery of pre-hospital care in the Province of British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to work with the Local Government Management Association, Fire Chiefs Association of BC and First Nations Emergency Services Society to develop a fee-for-service framework to bill the Province on call outs that appropriately fund community based organizations that provide first responder services in support of the Ministry's health care responsibility to the citizens of British Columbia.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **NR2 First Responder Call Out**

**Radium Hot Springs**

Whereas many rural areas in the Province are isolated with limited communications and large distances from established communities, there is a need in extenuating circumstances for Emergency Medical Aid First Responders (EMAFR) to attend emergency scenes at a considerable distance from the station. These 'Out of Jurisdiction' responses require both skilled personnel and a rescue vehicle and can be of several hours duration. In many instances, the EMAFR are located closer to the scene of an incident than BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) and can provide a response sooner than the BCAS;

And whereas during these 'Out of Jurisdiction' responses, fire departments are reimbursed for activities under Emergency Management BC Policy 2.07, Road and Medical Rescue; while Emergency Medical Aid First Responders are not reimbursed for their activities at the same scene:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask Emergency Management BC to include Emergency Medical Aid First Responders as eligible for reimbursement under Section 2.07.3 for extenuating circumstances.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **NR3 Fire Department Medical First Responder Program**

**Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas volunteer fire departments throughout the province opt to provide Emergency Medical Assistance to enhance public safety in their communities which is valuable where there are long travel and wait times for BC Ambulance, or in circumstances when the BC Ambulance Service is experiencing high call volumes;

And whereas the Province has undertaken a review of the Emergency Medical Assists Regulation Schedule 1 “Services – License Category” that recommends increasing the minimum “scope of skill” services;

And whereas increased training requirements on volunteer fire departments will have a potential negative impact on the provision of emergency medical pre-hospital care services provided by the volunteer fire departments which could force volunteer fire departments to make the difficult decision to terminate their provision of the medical First Responder Program service due to the increase in scope of skills creating an overly onerous training requirement:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province to maintain the current minimum “scope of skills” services level to ensure that volunteer fire departments who opt in to providing the valuable service of Emergency Medical Assistance may continue to do so.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR4      Emergency Response Capacity of Front Line Housing Workers      Mission**  
**Addressing Overdose**

Whereas the growing opioid crisis is taking a toll on the police, fire and ambulance services of BC communities, with adverse effects on morale, recruitment, retention and budgets, that are making it difficult to sustain these services;

And whereas the use of uniformed first responders in addressing overdose is often highly traumatizing and ineffective for patients;

And whereas therapeutic staff working on the frontline in housing facilities, drop-in centres, and overdose prevention sites are prepared and willing to deliver emergency medical response, but are required to call 9-1-1 for every suspected overdose:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the provincial government to work with community partners and regulatory bodies to revise scopes of practice and professional indemnification, such that front line housing staff can be trained in emergency medical response and authorized to use professional discretion as to when to call 9-1-1.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR5      Registration of Internationally Educated Nurses      Kitimat**

Whereas registered nurses are in demand throughout British Columbia especially in the northern and rural regions of the province;

And whereas the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides for internationally educated nurses to obtain registration with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) and the regional health authorities are using student nurses programs:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to provide greater support to streamline the registration process for internationally educated nurses to the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, set up a financial support process, and bring together all stakeholders (National Nursing Assessment Association, BC College of Nurses and Midwives, BC Nurses Union, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training) to determine how to integrate internationally education nurses and employed student nurses to the workforce to address the nursing staffing crisis across the province.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR6 Provincial Follow Through on Population-Based Funding**

**Mission**

Whereas there is a widespread shortage of physicians across BC;

And whereas many cities within British Columbia are experiencing significant population growth resulting in corresponding pressure on healthcare services;

And whereas a networked approach to healthcare is both more efficient and effective for our communities, especially in the form of Patient Care Networks;

And whereas, despite many years of work and investment by local communities and Divisions of Family Practice, the Province's commitment to Population-Based Funding has slowed or stalled, without an alternative funding model to replace it:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the provincial government to maintain its commitment to the Population-Based Funding model and to enhance its investment in Patient Care Networks or provide alternative approaches with opportunities for input by local governments in British Columbia.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR7 Support for Bereavement Services to be Included in the BC Mental Health Plan**

**Port Moody**

Whereas BC is currently experiencing a mental health crisis;

And whereas there is a lack of publicly funded and accessible bereavement services for adults, young adults, and youth in our community despite the enormous toll the loss of loved ones has on mental health:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to include funding for non-profit, publicly accessible bereavement services in the BC Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Plan.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR8 Regional Food Supply Feasibility Study**

**Spallumcheen**

Whereas the effects of climate change, primarily flooding and wildfire events, have highlighted how fragile our food supply chain can be;

And whereas the need for a regional food supply system is greater than ever:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government, primarily the Ministry of Agriculture and the Premier of British Columbia, to support and fund local food supply feasibility studies, to ensure that as much food as possible can be grown, processed, and purchased within regional areas to sustain the local populations.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR9 Speculation and Vacancy Tax Review**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas housing availability and affordability impacts the health, social and economic well-being of communities;

And whereas the provincial speculation and vacancy tax generates revenues to support affordable housing initiatives in the areas where the tax is collected, but is currently only applicable in large urban centres:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to consult with local governments on an evaluation of the *Speculation and Vacancy Tax Act* including a review of the specified areas and the impact on areas adjacent to the designated taxable regions.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by adding the word “electoral” before “areas adjacent”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to consult with local governments on an evaluation of the Speculation and Vacancy Tax Act including a review of the specified areas and the impact on **electoral** areas adjacent to the designated taxable regions.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

## **NR10 Explore Vacancy Control**

**Victoria**

Whereas vacancy control does not apply to new construction and developers will still have incentive to build new units;

And whereas in BC there are mechanisms through which a landlord may apply to the Residential Tenancy Branch for an additional rent increase if they have incurred eligible capital expenditures or expenses to the residential property in which the rental unit is located;

And whereas rents continue to rise faster than inflation and the provincially allowable rent increases and the loss of stable rental housing stock and displaced renters adversely affects local economy, community, and ability to maintain health and essential services:

Therefore be it resolved that for the health of our local economies, UBCM advocate that the provincial government explore a vacancy control policy that would limit rent increases between tenancies.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

## **Results of Election for Table Officer**

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, assumed the Chair and presented the Table Officer election results for:

Third Vice-President: Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam

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

Councillor Pete Fry assumed the Chair and continued consideration of NR resolutions.

## **NR11 Enforcement Tools for Short-Term Rentals**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas according to the June 2021 Report of the Joint UBCM-Province Advisory Group on Short-Term Rentals, the short-term rental industry has seen significant growth since the arrival of online accommodation platforms such that effective regulation of short-term rental activity is necessary to ensure community economic benefits of the industry are balanced with reducing impacts of concern such as long-term rental housing availability, affordability and neighbourhood livability;

And whereas many popular vacation areas lie outside of municipal boundaries in electoral areas;

And whereas enforcement tools to regulate short-term rentals (STRs) are more limited for regional districts than they are for municipalities;

And whereas the recommendations in the June 2021 report do not adequately consider the urgency of the matter nor the practical barriers to the implementation of business licensing in electoral areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to develop and implement short-term rental enforcement solutions for all local governments, such as broadening authority to enforce compliance through simplified ticketing procedures, collection of evidence and the establishment of proof based on online investigation of accommodation listings, and expanding options to compel payment of unpaid fines through alternative mechanisms such as applying uncollected ticket fines to property taxes.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR12 Minimum Standards of Maintenance and Resources for Residential Tenancy Branch and Local Governments to Support Renter Wellbeing Port Moody**

Whereas there are large gaps in resourcing and legislative authority across institutions and levels of government across BC which leave renters vulnerable to poor and potentially hazardous living conditions depending on where they live, as well as an overwhelming lack of capacity and support for the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) to investigate, support and enforce complaints;

And whereas climate change is worsening conditions and vulnerabilities for low-income renters:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to strengthen protection of renters' health by undertaking the following:

- update the minimum standards of rental maintenance to include maximum and minimum safe temperatures and definitions of serious mold concerns, such that health concerns that are likely to increase for renters in the face of a changing climate;
- ensure mechanism for enforcement are in place in jurisdictions that do not have standard of maintenance bylaws;
- provide resources for local governments to enforce RTB rulings, which may include funding for staff or the creation of provincial positions, including necessitation that concerns are addressed even if the tenant who files them moves, while ensuring meaningful consultation with rural and remote communities to develop supports that will work in their contexts;
- provide all local governments the authority to undertake health and hazard related repairs, which would be recovered from offending landlords; and
- provide the RTB with additional resources to ensure timely support for adjudication, as well as tracking of health related concerns.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

**NR13 Rental Assistance Program Eligibility Criteria Delta**

Whereas BC Housing's Rental Assistance Program provides critical financial support for low-income families to help with monthly rent payments;

And whereas rental assistance is currently only available to families or people with dependent children, while single people do not qualify for assistance;

And whereas there is a growing and urgent need for supportive housing for all ages and abilities, including those with developmental disabilities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government review the eligibility criteria for rental assistance, and implement changes that would qualify single people with diverse abilities for financial support.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR14 Non-Profit Housing Acquisition Strategy**

**Victoria**

Whereas to expand the supply of community and affordable housing, experts tasked with delivering the final report of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability recommend that:

The federal and provincial governments independently or jointly create an acquisition fund to enable non-profit housing organizations to acquire currently affordable housing properties at risk of being repriced or redeveloped into more expensive units. Conditions should be attached to this funding that will prevent forced displacement of existing tenants when a building is acquired. The BC government should exempt non-profit organizations from the property transfer tax for building acquisitions that will be used to provide affordable housing:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate that the provincial government support the recommendation of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, to develop a provincial acquisition strategy and grant program that would allow non-profit housing providers to purchase and repair aging rental stock for the purposes of maintaining existing affordable housing.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR15 Community Housing Development Supports**

**Port Hardy**

Whereas many rural local governments in British Columbia are experiencing elevated demand for supply across the housing spectrum and have an interest in commissioning residential construction to meet the housing deficit but lack the technical resources to procure it;

And whereas Infrastructure BC supports the public sector by providing leadership in the procurement of complex capital projects:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM to lobby the provincial government to broaden the mandate of Infrastructure BC to facilitate the delivery of strategic housing projects on behalf of petitioning local governments.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR16 Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Bylaw**

**Saanich**

Whereas communities across British Columbia face acute challenges around housing affordability, undermining the well being of individuals, families and communities;

And whereas the legislative framework available for local governments currently does not permit a municipality to have a mandatory inclusionary housing bylaw if it chooses to pursue such as bylaw:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia make the legislative changes required to permit a municipality to adopt a mandatory inclusionary housing bylaw.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR17 Bare Land Strata Development Minimum Standards**

**Lumby**

Whereas bare land strata plan requirements for the strata's internal works and services are outside of local government purview;

And whereas it is recognized that municipalities should prescribe all developments standards as the municipality is concerned with how infrastructure is originally built and with the standards of living in its community;

And whereas current bare land strata developments do not have to meet minimum municipal standards, and as such may devolve into undesirable neighbourhoods that are inconsistent with other neighbourhoods, adversely affecting the land value beyond the area of the bare land strata subdivision:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM asks the BC Government to amend the Bare Land Strata Regulation to require that bare land strata developments meet the same minimum standards set by local governments, as required in their subdivision servicing bylaws, to ensure consistency across all developments throughout the community, in areas such as street lighting, sidewalks, curb heights, paved roads etc.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR18 Increasing Provincial Incentives for Installing Solar Panels and Solar Hot Water Systems**

**Vancouver**

Whereas the Province's CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and BC Hydro's Five-Year Electrification Plan, both released in the fall of 2021, promote rebates to purchase electric heat pumps that incentivize British Columbians to switch from using fossil fuels to hydro-electricity to heat their homes and hot water, thus mitigating climate change by reducing GHGs;

And whereas there are no equivalent incentives for home and building owners to increase their own supply of renewable energy or to reduce the demand for hydro-electricity, both of which will become increasingly important for climate resiliency as BC Hydro has estimated it has sufficient supply of electricity only until 2030;

And whereas rebates for home and building owners to install solar hot water systems and solar (photovoltaic) panels would increase the supply of clean energy as well as reduce energy costs for families and businesses both of which increase climate resiliency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC pursue as quickly as possible adding financial incentives, including increased feed-in-tariffs, for home and building owners to install solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC modify the BC Building Code, and include in a future BC Existing Buildings Alterations Code, specifications, including design and placement standards, and load-bearing requirements, for solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

Councillor Gord Klassen assumed the Chair and continued consideration of NR resolutions.

## **NR19 Homeowner Insurance Availability and Provisions**

**Central Kootenay RD**

Whereas homeowner insurance coverage across British Columbia is unavailable or is prohibitively expensive for many homeowners in rural and remote areas or in areas serviced by cable ferries;

And whereas homeowner insurance policy provisions across British Columbia are inconsistent, are subject to reductions in coverage when homes are sold or transition from construction insurance to regular homeowner insurance upon occupancy, and many policies cannot be renewed during wildfire season, which is becoming longer and more impactful each year:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to introduce and adopt legislation that requires all insurance providers in British Columbia to provide insurance to all homeowners in the province with provisions that are consistent, fair, and equitable.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR20 Home Owner Grant Increase**

**Okanagan-Similkameen RD**

Whereas the home owner grant's primary objective is to reduce the tax burden on the school portion of the tax notice;

And whereas with the material increase in property values those properties that increase above the average will bear a higher burden of taxes;

And whereas due to the increase in property assessment the school tax charge becomes higher than the Home Owner Grant:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Finance increase the additional home owner grant to reflect the actual school tax charged on the property where the school tax is higher than the home owner grant.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## **NR21 Tiny Homes**

**Oliver**

Whereas during the 2020/2021 fiscal year BC Housing subsidized nearly 19,000 shelter spaces and housing units and provided rent supplements and, further, it was reported by the Bank of Canada that in Quarter 3 of 2021 Canadians needed to spend over 37 percent of their household income to service a mortgage;

And whereas owning a home in British Columbia is becoming increasingly unaffordable and tiny homes offer an affordable, quick to build and green alternative to standard housing:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to review the BC Building Code to address barriers such as, but not limited to, egress, headroom and window and door size, and to recognize, allow and provide building requirements for tiny homes;

And be it further resolved that 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.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## NR22 Standardize Health and Safety Rules and Regulations to Facilitate Year-Round Housing in RVs

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas the province of BC is facing a housing crisis;

And whereas the Province has jurisdiction and is responsible for housing in BC;

And whereas the British Columbia Building Code, the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act* create an unclear regulatory environment for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to recognize that Recreational Vehicles (RVs) are used for year-round living, including the development of guidelines for best practices for ensuring health and safety for the use of RVs for year-round living, and for their inclusion within the BC Housing Action Plan.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by deleting the phrase “guidelines for best practices” and replacing that with the word “regulations”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to recognize that Recreational Vehicles (RVs) are used for year-round living, including the development of **regulations** ~~guidelines for best practices~~ for ensuring health and safety for the use of RVs for year-round living, and for their inclusion within the BC Housing Action Plan.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

## NR23 Emergency Management Program Reform

Lillooet

Whereas local governments and other local authorities in rural British Columbia are under-resourced to effectively respond to ever-increasing climate related disasters;

And whereas the elected officials and staff of local governments and other local authorities are often themselves personally and tragically impacted by these disasters;

And whereas the emergency management program provides provincially administered funding for on-the-ground efforts that largely rely on the victims of the disaster to be responsible for disaster response and recovery;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC offer on-the-ground provision of the duties assigned to local governments under section 6 of the *Emergency Program Act*, for local governments that opt-in, to ensure that adequate resources are always available and can be dynamically allocated throughout the province based on capacity and need.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## NR24 Emergency Equipment Provincial Procurement

Port Hardy

Whereas local governments support local fire services with equipment and apparatus to support fire, road rescue and first responder services, and there are limited opportunities for grants to support these large capital expenditures;

And whereas the provincial government as representatives for local government could leverage savings in purchasing emergency equipment in bulk to supply at a reduced cost to communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide opportunities for local governments to purchase emergency equipment through the Provincial Procurement Services Branch in order to reduce the cost of this equipment for local governments.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR25      Emergency Evacuation Transportation**

**Chase**

Whereas many small local governments not in close proximity to larger centres do not have publicly provided or privately provided bus service available;

And whereas in the event of an emergency evacuation, the provision of one or more busses would be an integral part of the evacuation of individuals particularly those vulnerable, mobility challenged and without their own or supportive transportation;

And whereas most small local governments have school bus services provided by the school districts to transport children to and from school but the buses are not stationed in the local governments in the summer which is the critical time particularly for wildfire risk and potential evacuation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to require school districts to keep some buses in the local government they serve during summer months to provide for the evacuation of vulnerable individuals if required.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR26      BC Wildfire**

**Kootenay Boundary RD**

Whereas communities have written to the federal and provincial governments requesting that they empower — local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front-line knowledge — to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change;

And whereas the Ontario government has assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage emergency events such as wildfires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR27      Provincial Wildfire Deployment Invoice Payment**

**Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas volunteer fire departments throughout the province opt to provide wildland firefighting personnel and resources to assist in response to support the communities across the province during emergency wildland/interface events;

And whereas the Province provides for payment for the deployed wildland firefighting personnel and resources;

And whereas the deployment of the wildland firefighting personnel and resources greatly assists in the public safety and protection of property across the province, and the delayed payment of invoices can place an undue strain on the firefighters who staff the fire apparatus and on volunteer fire department budgets who supply Structural Protection Units that go on the deployments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province to ensure the timely payment of deployment invoices in order to ensure that firefighters and volunteer fire departments can continue to deploy to assist in emergency wildland/interface deployment events without having to endure financial strain.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR28      Support Flood Recovery that Creates Safe Communities  
and Healthy, Resilient Ecosystems**

**Port Moody**

Whereas the tragic flood events of November 2021 highlighted that conventional approaches to managing floods have not ensured public safety, lead to province-wide disruptions of infrastructure and food supply, weakened our flood storage capacity in the floodplain and further degraded the ecological health;

And whereas many flood control structures (e.g. dikes and associated floodgates and pumps) are unnecessarily blocking access to important habitats for wild salmon (e.g., over 1,500 km in the lower Fraser River floodplain) and many of these structures are undersized for climate related increases in flooding as experienced during the November 2021 floods:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the federal and provincial governments to ensure flood control projects provide multiple benefits to communities by aligning flood control funding and criteria with other core objectives such as reconciliation, wild salmon recovery, biodiversity, green infrastructure, climate adaptation and mitigation, emergency preparedness and “building back better”;

And be it further resolved that Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship co-create Best Management Practices to provide technical guidance for local governments on achieving short-and long-term flood recovery needs that are multi-beneficial and improve climate adaptation needs.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR29      Raising the Disaster Financial Assistance Cap**

**Fraser Valley RD,  
LMLGA Executive**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has not increased the limit on Disaster Financial Assistance Funding (DFA) for homeowner applications since 1996;

And whereas since 1996 the cost and value of property in the Lower Mainland has significantly increased, creating a gap that prevents property owners from reasonably overcoming catastrophic loss:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and Emergency Management BC to increase the DFA limit on homeowner applications and consider implementing a framework that ties DFA compensation to BC Assessment values.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by deleting the word “Assessment” and replacing that with the word “market”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and Emergency Management BC to increase the DFA limit on homeowner applications and consider implementing a framework that ties DFA compensation to BC **market** ~~Assessment~~ values.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

### **NR30 Cannabis Controls and Communications with Local Government**

**Sechelt**

Whereas medical cannabis production is prevalent across BC, but local governments and police agencies have limited tools and capacity available to monitor and enforce federal regulations;

And whereas many local governments do not have the capacity to enforce local bylaws that are needed to ensure community safety:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the federal government to:

1. Reduce the maximum number of cannabis plants that any individual may produce for medical purposes;
2. Provide local government the necessary resources and legislative authority to effectively monitor and regulate the production of medical cannabis; and
3. Share a portion of all cannabis taxation revenue with local governments and police agencies to build enforcement capacity to address illegal medical and non-medical cannabis activity;

And be it further resolved that UBCM be considered for the role as administrator of cannabis taxation revenue sharing with local governments.

**On motion, was Referred to the UBCM Executive**

### **NR31 Unnecessary Repeat First Responder Call-Outs**

**McBride**

Whereas in the majority of rural and remote geographical sections of British Columbia, first responder resources are limited and comprised mostly of volunteers;

And whereas there are often numerous 9-1-1 calls over a period of time relating to one incident, requiring repeat response to the same incident, which leaves small communities at risk of having no responders available to attend other emergency calls, creates unnecessary costs to the Province, and exacerbates emergency personnel burnout:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Provincial Government to expand the Yellow Ribbon/All Clear initiative, province wide, and implement public education and awareness of the initiative that is already in use in some areas of the province;

And be it further resolved that the Province supply Yellow Ribbon/All Clear tape to all emergency response agencies in the province.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **NR32 RCMP Population Thresholds for Cost Sharing**

**Lake Country**

Whereas during the 1992 negotiations between the federal Solicitor General and the provincial negotiating team it was agreed that the Province of BC would be responsible for 90 percent of the share of the RCMP costs in communities with more than 15,000 residents and for 70 percent of the costs in communities with less than 15,000 residents;

And whereas there have been significant increases in RCMP costs as a result of the collective bargaining process that municipalities must pay since the thresholds were set in 1992:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial and federal governments to consider increasing the population thresholds to recognize the increased burden on emerging municipalities and inability for the current population thresholds to support the increasing costs of policing.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

### **NR33 Cost of Policing for Small Communities**

**Pemberton**

Whereas the current funding model for RCMP services results in an immense financial burden for small municipalities when their population grows above 5,000;

And whereas a large proportion of RCMP time and budget goes to policing provincial highways that either run through or beside small communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government develop a more transitional funding model for RCMP services for small communities that would see incremental adjustments as a community grows beyond 5,000 and then beyond 10,000 and finally over 15,000 residents;

And be it further resolved that UBCM be involved in the development of the policy.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **NR34 Policing Costs Related to Provincial Facilities**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas local governments are facing unprecedented costs for the provision of policing services in their communities;

And whereas the provincial government, through the provision of certain, albeit needed, facilities has not taken into account the incremental operational impacts that such facilities may have on the host communities;

And whereas policing resources, which are paid for by local property taxes, are being extensively utilized to respond to service calls related to these provincial facilities even though the services being provided at the facilities are usually for citizens throughout the broader region or, in some cases, across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to recognize and ensure that adequate funding, or provincially funded police resources, be provided to the host local government in order to offset the additional operational impacts that certain provincial facilities have on policing services in that community.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions**

At 11:30am Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, assumed the Chair.

Councillor Frenkel called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, Vancouver Metro Area Representative and Director at Large. Those nominated at the close of nominations were:

Small Community Representative: Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis

Electoral Area Representative: Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Director Brad Sperling, Peace River Regional District

Vancouver Metro Area Representative:	Councillor Tracy Miyashita, City of Pitt Meadows Councillor Lisa Dominato, City of Vancouver Councillor Margaret Kunst, Township of Langley Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver
Director at Large:	Mayor Merlin Black, District of Clearwater Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley RD Councillor Debbie Haggard, District of Port Alberni Director Travis Hall, Central Coast RD Councillor Sadie Hunter, City of Kamloops Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St. John Councillor Cori Ramsay, City of Prince George Councillor Jenna Stoner, District of Squamish Mayor Sarrah Storey, District of Fraser Lake Councillor Gerry Taft, District of Invermere Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill

At the conclusion of nominations, Councillor Frenkel declared the position of Small Community Representative elected by acclamation. He advised that there would be elections for the positions of Electoral Area Representative, Vancouver Metro Area Representative and Director at Large.

### **Candidates' Speeches**

The delegates heard brief two-minute speeches from each of the candidates for the positions of Electoral Area Representative, Vancouver Metro Area Representative and Director at Large.

Following candidate speeches, Councillors Miyashita and Dominato withdrew their nominations. As a result, Councillor Frenkel declared Councillor Margaret Kunst and Councillor Pete Fry elected by acclamation as the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives. Consequently, no election was held for the position of Vancouver Metro Area Representative.

### **Delegates Lunch**

The Annual Delegates Lunch was held in the Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel, Whistler.

The President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, introduced Special Guests, MLAs, and Life Members who were in attendance.

### **UBCM/BCSTA Protocol on Consultation & Cooperation**

UBCM and the BC School Trustees Association renewed their Protocol on Consultation and Cooperation. Originally signed in 2001, last renewed in 2019, the three-year term had expired. The Protocol represents the two organizations' continued commitment to work together to achieve the province-wide benefits of collaboration on issues of mutual interest. A renewed Protocol was signed by President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg on behalf of UBCM and Carolyn Broady, President of the BC School Trustees Association.

### **Long Service & Special Long Service Awards**

UBCM President, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, UBCM Past-President Brian Frenkel, and UBCM's President from 2020, Mayor Maja Tait recognized the Long Service and Special Long Service Award recipients from 2020 – 2022.

The following recipients were recognized with a Long Service Award:

- Councillor Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford
- Councillor John Rogers, Town of View Royal
- Councillor Ron Mattson, Town of View Royal
- Mayor Mitch Campsall, 100 Mile House
- Director Jerry Petersen, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Councillor Lanny Seaton, City of Langford
- Councillor Gary Youd, District of Logan Lake

The following recipients were recognized with a Special Long Service Award:

- Councillor Duck (Don) Paterson, Town of Ladysmith
- Director Jim Abram, Stathcona Regional District

The Delegates Lunch was sponsored by ICBC.

## Concurrent Workshops

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

- Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency – Update on the UBCM/Province MOU
- Modernizing B.C.'s Emergency Management Legislation
- Community Child Care Creation in BC
- Role of Local Governments in Supporting Seniors
- Lessons from an Atmospheric River: Insights for Local Governments

## UBCM Annual Banquet

In the evening, the reception and Annual Banquet were held for delegates and guests at the Whistler Conference Centre. The evening event was jointly sponsored by: FortisBC (Platinum), Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (Gold), Coastal GasLink (Silver) and BC Recycles with the Stewardship Agencies of BC (Bronze). The wine was sponsored by Simpcw Resources Group and the entertainment was sponsored by IBM Canada.

UBCM President, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, UBCM Past-President Brian Frenkel, UBCM First Vice President, Jen Ford and UBCM's President from 2020, Mayor Maja Tait recognized recipients of UBCM's Life Membership from 2020 – 2022.

The following Life Member recipients were recognized at the Banquet:

- Minister Selina Robinson
- Minister Josie Osborne
- Mayor Maja Tait
- Councillor Brian Frenkel
- Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

## **Policy Session – Resolutions**

The Resolutions session resumed at 8:00 am with Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in the Chair.

Councillor Frenkel was joined by the other members of the Resolutions Committee: Councillor Claire Moglove, Councillor Gord Klassen and Councillor Pete Fry. They were assisted by Parliamentarian Ian Izard, UBCM Executive Director, Gary MacIsaac and other UBCM staff.

### **Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline**

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair, commenced consideration of the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, delegates endorsed the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline. In accordance with the recommendations in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline, resolutions LR1, LR2 and LR3 were not admitted for debate.

### **Resolutions Pulled from Section Referred Resolutions (RR) for Individual Consideration**

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair, commenced consideration of the two Referred Resolutions that were pulled from Section RR via a motion to vary the agenda, for individual consideration.

#### **RR37 Island Rail Corridor**

[\*\*View Royal\*\*](#)

Whereas the E&N Rail Corridor, now known as the Island Corridor, which has connected Vancouver Island communities, businesses and services for more than 135 years is at risk of being lost forever by March 15, 2023 without the financial support and commitments of the provincial and federal governments;

And whereas because 80 percent of Vancouver Island's population lives within five kilometres of the corridor, it presents viable options for commuter and inter-regional passenger rail, as well as strong economic opportunities for excursion and freight services that will reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call on the provincial and federal governments to commit to making the necessary investments to preserve the Island Corridor so that it can continue to connect communities, establish safe and environmentally sound passenger and freight rail service, and strengthen economies up, down, and across Vancouver Island.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the resolution by adding a second enactment clause, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call on the provincial and federal governments to commit to making the necessary investments to preserve the Island Corridor so that it can continue to connect communities, establish safe and environmentally sound passenger and freight rail service, and strengthen economies up, down, and across Vancouver Island;*

***And be it further resolved that this process be initiated with full engagement and consultation with First Nations that have been and are presently impacted by the Island Rail corridor and the former east and north railway.***

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

**RR38 Re-Investment in Island Coastal Economic Trust**

**Courtenay**

Whereas the Island Coastal Economic Trust will initiate its dissolution in 2023, and local governments, and First Nations across the Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, and surrounding rural, islands, and inlet communities face immeasurable economic challenges with a need for locally accountable, self-determined finance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM formally request the provincial government make a generational investment in the renewal and transformation of Island Coastal Economic Trust into a permanent, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) focused, First Nations- and local government-led, fund focused on building sustainable, resilient communities for generations to come.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**Section No Recommendation (NR)**

Councillor Gord Klassen assumed the Chair and continued consideration of resolutions in the No Recommendation resolutions category, resuming with NR35.

**NR35 Urging the BC Government to End its Immigration Detention Contract with the Canada Border Services Agency**

**Vancouver**

Whereas the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has used Provincial prisons to detain tens of thousands of migrants while they await the resolution of their immigration or refugee matters, 94 percent of whom are held for administrative reasons posing no risk to the public and include children, survivors trauma or persecution, and persons with disabilities including mental health conditions;

And whereas in a March 2022 submission to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner stated that in the current immigration detention system people with disabilities and racialized people experience harsher treatment and are detained for longer periods of time, and there is strong evidence that current practices contravene BC's Human Rights Code and international human rights conventions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to terminate its immigration detention agreement with the Canada Border Services Agency, stop incarcerating immigration detainees in BC jails, and call on the federal government to do away with immigration detention altogether.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR36 Public Interest Guidelines for Charging Prolific Offenders**

**Terrace**

Whereas prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;

And whereas the BC Prosecution Service's vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law;

And whereas the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offenses that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest:

Therefore be it resolved that that UBCM ask the provincial government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR37 Criminal Justice Reform for Repeat, Convicted Offenders**

**Lillooet**

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed in the Province of BC;

And whereas many BC residents are frustrated with the low sanction sentences imposed by the Provincial Court criminal justice system;

And whereas criminals may not choose the path to recovery as provided for by various provincial, federal, or First Nations government-created mental health programs, Indigenous court systems, reform programs, safe injection sites, methadone, or Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) clinics;

And whereas many thefts and drug-related crimes are perpetrated by criminals who are “well known to police” and have multiple or long criminal records:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC and the BC’s Attorney General to immediately begin working with the Government of Canada to address issues with Canada’s and British Columbia’s justice system including the proposed imposition of weightier consequences and greater accountability for repeat offenders, thereby supporting the rights of all Canadians to live in safe communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

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

**NR38 New Legislation to Protect and Restore Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Health**

**Islands Trust**

Whereas a healthy environment is essential for the wellbeing of residents, local communities and local economies;

And whereas the cumulative impacts of inadequate provincial environmental regulations impose costs and risks on local communities, including risks associated with climate change, drinking water supply, wildfire hazard, flooding, and security of municipal infrastructure, and may undermine local government planning:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to, in partnership with Indigenous leadership, develop and communicate in a timely way the process and timelines through which they will develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, scientists, and members of the public.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR39      Advocacy for Legislation to Protect Biological Diversity and Ecosystems Health**

**Port Moody**

Whereas a healthy environment is essential for the wellbeing of residents, local communities and local economies, and the cumulative impacts of inadequate provincial environmental regulations impose costs and risks on local communities, including risks associated with climate change, drinking water supply, wildfire hazard, flooding, and security of municipal infrastructure, and may undermine local government planning;

And whereas in order to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, and advance the objective of reconciliation, the provincial government has committed to fully implement the recommendations of the 2020 Old Growth Strategic Review (OGSR), including recommendation 2: “Declare conservation of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia’s forests as an overarching priority and enact legislation that legally establishes this priority for all sectors”:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to work with Indigenous leadership to, in a timely way, develop and the process and timelines through which they will develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous and western scientific experts, and the concerned public.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR40      Biodiversity Crisis Requires Urgent Species at Risk Protection and Legislation**

**North Vancouver District**

Whereas British Columbia has the greatest biological diversity of any province or territory in Canada, the most species at risk, and is the only major jurisdiction in Canada without stand-alone Species At Risk legislation;

And whereas only 4 of the 1,336 species at risk recognized by the province are legally protected under the *Wildlife Act*, yet unsustainable land use and extractive development are causing BC’s wildlife populations to decrease in abundance, with many species facing extinction;

And whereas the current patchwork of provincial laws and regulations has not effectively prevented species decline or extinction and is not consistent with British Columbia’s commitment to enshrine the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into law:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment to urgently enact Species At Risk Protection and Legislation in partnership with First Nations and in a manner that promotes and respects First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights and interests along with adequate funding, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR41      Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**

**Islands Trust**

Whereas the increasing impacts of climate change are requiring local governments to develop robust climate adaptation plans and policies;

And whereas these adaptation plans and policies must be grounded in a detailed analysis of the unique climate risks and vulnerabilities of each local area:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to fund and support the development and integration of climate risk and vulnerability assessments into Official Community Plan review processes.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR42 Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

**Richmond**

Whereas many local governments have adopted Community Energy and Emissions Plans with policies sufficient to locally achieve the deep GHG reductions needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures, and have amply demonstrated commitment to climate action through advancing low-carbon or zero-carbon initiatives and implementing advanced flood protection, drainage, and diking projects, as applicable;

And whereas it is increasingly evident that oil and gas producers are seeking to indefinitely extend the production and consumption of fossil fuels rather than allow a transition to low or zero GHG energy sources, in significant part through the expanded use of subsidies, thereby diverting needed resources from energy efficiency, renewable energy and low-GHG electrification;

And whereas an exclusive focus by senior governments on setting limits on GHG emissions rather than on the fossil fuels producing these emissions now threatens to undermine climate action at the local level:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to expeditiously follow through on its CleanBC commitment to enact a GHG emissions cap for natural gas utilities, and to support the objectives of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative, to:

1. end new exploration and production, including an end to the use of subsidies to artificially increase the supply of, and demand for, fossil fuels;
2. set limits directly on fossil fuel production so as to set out a measured and predictable phase out of existing stockpiles and production of fossil fuels; and
3. accelerate a just and equitable transition to support workers and communities dependent on fossil fuels.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

#### **NR43 Accelerating Zero Emissions Buildings**

**Powell River**

Whereas the need to take urgent action to address climate change in BC has never been clearer in the face of fires, floods and extreme weather, and buildings are a major source of GHG emissions in BC;

And whereas the technologies, products and construction methods exist today to construct zero emissions homes and buildings at little additional cost, and the building industry is ready to tackle this challenge:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to accelerate its timelines for requiring zero emissions new construction of buildings and mandating the sale of greater than 100 percent efficient space heating equipment to 2025 for coastal regions of British Columbia;

And be it further resolved that a GHG emissions intensity limit for buildings, representing a 50 percent decrease from current levels, be introduced for new construction by 2025 for other regions of the Province of BC.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR44      Amendment to Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation**

**Elkford**

Whereas in recent years there have been significant increases of wildfire activities in both number and size across the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation requires that a person must ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling vegetative debris is used in order to minimize the amount of vegetative debris to be open burned;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to further limit the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to prohibit open burning across the province as an alternative to chipping, mulching or transporting material to a green-waste recycling facility.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

#### **NR45      Clothesline Act**

**Powell River**

Whereas the *British Columbia Clean Energy Act* set provincial objectives to reduce BC Hydro's expected increase in demand by 66 percent through demand-side measures by 2020;

And whereas clothes dryers are one of the highest energy consuming household appliances:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request the Province of British Columbia enact a Clothesline Act to ensure that no law, by-law, covenant or agreement prevents, prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation or use of a clothesline outdoors at a single-family dwelling; or on the ground floor of a multi-unit residential building; or clothes drying racks on any outdoor balconies.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR46      Pesticide Use Within Community Drinking Water Supply Areas**

**Cumberland**

Whereas the *Integrated Pest Management Act* regulates the use of pesticides and herbicides on private land that is managed by forestry;

And whereas the provision of safe drinking water is a priority for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia enhance the tools set out in the *Integrated Pest Management Act* regulation on the use of pesticides within a community drinking water supply area to require Pest Management Plans, referrals and reporting to local governments, and monitoring of residual chemicals at water intakes and points of diversion.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR47      Protecting BC Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping**

**Vancouver**

Whereas in order to mitigate sulphur air pollution from burning heavy oil, the maritime shipping industry employs exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers) which result in a solution of concentrated acidic sulphates, metals, and other toxins, which cruise and cargo vessel traffic in Canadian jurisdiction annually discharge tens of millions tonnes of this acidic washwater directly into BC's coastal waters;

And whereas ocean acidification is of major concern to coastal communities, particularly those coastal communities encouraging shellfish harvesting, aquaculture, tourism, and commercial and recreational fisheries. Worldwide, authorities have variously banned or are moving to limit the dumping of scrubber wash in coastal waters;

And whereas on the Pacific Coast of North America, California and Washington have implemented stricter protections, and on March 1st, 2022 the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will introduce phase one (of three) of new exhaust gas cleaning systems washwater discharge requirements in its jurisdiction after conclusive findings showed negative effects on aqualife and concentrations of metals that exceeded safe thresholds:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government commit to advocate to the federal government on the issue of exhaust gas cleaning systems' acidic wastewater discharge, as part of a comprehensive BC Coastal Marine Strategy; pushing for stronger environmental protections, in line with thriving cruise and cargo waters of our US neighbours, to include preventative measures to stop scrubber dumping from ships and require cleaner fuels be used.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR48      World Class Shipbreaking Regulations for BC and Canada      Comox Valley RD**

Whereas shipbreaking and recycling is a necessary, yet hazardous activity that bears high environmental and labour risks;

And whereas established and emerging international standards such as the Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships; the Basel Convention (including the BAN Amendment); and the EU Ship Recycling Regulation point at gaps in British Columbian and Canadian government shipbreaking policies and regulations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM:

1. Request the BC Government Cabinet to:
  - Establish, maintain, and enforce a registry of approved shipbreaking facilities in British Columbia;
  - Work with the federal government to ensure Canada ratifies the Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships; the Basel Convention BAN amendment; and considers adopting something comparable to the EU Ship Recycling Regulation or better (such as planning to transition away from beaching practices); and
  - Provide public investment dollars to qualified shipbreaking facilities to help them meet new standards and regulations.
2. Forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration by its Environment and Sustainability Committee, with a view to expand this resolution to all of Canada with associated advocacy to other provinces and the federal government.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR49      Funding for Water Improvement Districts      qathet RD**

Whereas competition for limited Community Works Funds allocated to regional districts is very strong;

And whereas water improvement districts have minimal options for grant funding to upgrade aging water systems and costs to upgrade aging water systems would be borne by regional districts if water improvement districts dissolve:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province for a one-time, new fund to bring all rural water systems operated by improvement districts into compliance with health regulations.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR50      Increase the Permitted Size of Additional Dwellings  
on ALR Parcels**

**Thompson-Nicola RD**

Whereas Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) regulations that allow an additional dwelling restrict the maximum size of this dwelling to 90m<sup>2</sup> on ALR parcels less than 40 hectares in area;

And whereas a double-wide or standard modern single wide manufactured home is larger than 90m<sup>2</sup>, thus significantly restricting options for additional dwellings:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia increase the allowable maximum size for additional dwellings on ALR land.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

**NR51      Discriminatory Covenants**

**West Vancouver**

Whereas the issue of outdated covenants that contain discriminatory language is one that affects municipalities across the Province;

And whereas it is cost-prohibitive for local governments to individually and proactively identify and report covenants containing discriminatory language to the Land Title and Survey Authority (LTSA):

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province:*

1. direct the Registrar of the LTSA to proactively search for and identify discriminatory language contained in registered covenants; and
2. provide the Registrar of the LTSA with the ability to delete and/or redact any occurrences of discriminatory language identified.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR52      Crown Land Application Wait Times**

**Pemberton**

Whereas municipal use of crown land is often essential to the provision of important municipal services;

And whereas the lengthy application process for nominal rent tenures and sponsored crown grants impacts municipalities' ability to provide these services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province increase funding to reduce application wait times and improve the application process for sponsored crown grants and nominal rent tenures.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR53      Reverse PST on Fossil Fuel Heating**

**Clinton**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia announced in the Provincial Budget on February 22, 2022, that Provincial Sales Tax (PST) would be added to all fossil fuel heat and hot water appliances to encourage British Columbians to revert to electric heat pumps and hot water heaters;

And whereas even though heat pump technology may be improving, currently heat pumps are not sufficient to heat homes and businesses in the British Columbia Interior and Northern Regions which would necessitate auxiliary heat sources to augment heat pumps during the coldest days of winter in those regions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Provincial Government of British Columbia to reverse this decision until such time as heat pump technology has improved sufficiently to adequately heat buildings in the Interior and Northern Regions of the Province.

**On motion, was Referred to the UBCM Executive**

**NR54      Shift to Non-Fuel-Based User-Pay Taxation Mechanisms      Sunshine Coast RD**  
**to Fund Road Infrastructure in Rural Areas of BC**

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is challenged by a lack of funding to adequately maintain rural roads and highway infrastructure in BC;

And whereas there is an imperative to move towards electrification and alternative fuels that don't pay into the established road and gas tax funding mechanism:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the provincial government to shift taxation for road infrastructure to a more equitable, user-pay model through alternative funding mechanisms such as tolling, vehicle taxes, or other means that are not reliant on fuel sales.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

**NR55      Transportation Network Services in Rural and Remote Communities      Enderby**

Whereas the Province of BC has created a regulatory framework permitting transportation network services to operate in BC, which provides a passenger transportation option to address the significant public need for vehicles-for-hire and, in turn, reduce impaired driving, improve the ability of seniors and persons with barriers to access needed resources, and stimulate economic development;

And whereas the Province's regulatory framework is so onerous that it effectively prohibits the establishment of transportation network services in small, rural, and remote communities where it has the greatest potential to address areas under served by traditional public transportation options, and has contributed to the proliferation of unregistered transportation network services operating across the province, which poses a safety risk to consumers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests that the Province of BC amends its regulatory framework to establish a transportation network service solution that will enable viable, competitive, and safe services throughout the province, including in small rural and remote communities.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR56      Interregional Transit      Nanaimo RD**

Whereas there is a high demand for transit expansion hours within regional and municipal boundaries and local governments must use their region's transit expansion hours to address transportation needs within their regional boundaries;

And whereas there is a demand for interregional transit that has a geographic scope extending beyond regional boundaries that would be best managed as a provincial transportation matter to support the viability of interregional connections:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit for interregional transit in BC to be considered a provincial transportation matter, using a different service model whereby interregional hours are managed as cost-sharing contracts by BC Transit, allowing private sector enterprise or local governments the opportunity to bid on interregional segments of transit.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## Results of Election for Electoral Area Representative & Director at Large

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, assumed the Chair and presented the election results for:

Electoral Area Representative:	Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley RD
Director at Large:	Mayor Merlin Blackwell, District of Clearwater Director Travis Hall, Central Coast RD Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St. John Councillor Jenna Stoner, District of Squamish Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, City of Port McNeill

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

Councillor Brian Frenkel, Chair of the UBCM Resolutions Committee, in the Chair continued consideration of NR resolutions.

## NR57      Prioritizing Provincial Funding for Large Transit Expansions      Nanaimo RD

Whereas transit systems across BC would benefit from expanded service hours to better serve residents and enable them to travel efficiently;

And whereas to remain in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation, larger expansions of transit systems are necessary as they move regions and municipalities towards common goals and improve transit for a greater portion of the population:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit to prioritize large transit expansions when determining allocation of transit funding, in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by adding the phrase “consider prioritizing” before “large transit expansions”, as well as adding in “budget” before “allocation”, as well as deleting “of” and replacing that with “for”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit to **consider prioritizing** large transit expansions when determining **budget** allocation ~~for~~ of transit funding, in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

#### **NR58 Expanding the Fare-Free Transit Program**

**Central Saanich**

Whereas the BC Government's fare-free transit program for youth aged 12 and under (grade 6) saves families money while offering youth low-carbon transportation that helps the province and municipalities reach carbon neutrality targets;

And whereas expanding eligibility to those aged 13 and under (grade 7) would reduce the current disparity between the "have fare-free" and those who "have not" within middle schools:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM endorse a request that the Province of BC expands the fare-free transit program for youth aged 13 and under (grade 7).

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR59 Review of the Regulatory Environment Pertaining to E-Mobility Devices Coquitlam**

Whereas the Province is committed to expand and improve options for low or zero emission transportation modes and make active transportation safer and more convenient for everyone;

And whereas the Province aims to double the percentage of active transportation trips taken by 2030;

And whereas in addition to electric kick scooters there is a growing number of other electrified devices such as electric skateboards, electric unicycles or one-wheels:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to review the *Motor Vehicle Act* regulations to enable local governments to pilot the operation of a broader suite of e-mobility devices to increase the choice of active modes and improve safety for vulnerable road users.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR60 Micromobility Users Insurance**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas those who choose to cycle, scoot or roll on public streets are subject to similar rights and duties as the driver of a motor vehicle;

And whereas those drivers who are currently licensed and insured may also use other self-propelled or electrified means to travel which reduces the risk and costs to ICBC while their insured vehicles are parked at home:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to instruct ICBC to examine the provincial insurance regime to expand insurance policy options to remove any barriers to micromobility users (self-propelled or electrified devices).

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR61 On-Road Use of Off-Road Vehicles for Snow Clearing**

**Merritt**

Whereas the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* prohibits private owners from driving off-road vehicles on municipal streets;

And whereas Division 24 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* Regulations allows RCMP discretion to issue operation permits for non-standard vehicles, including off-road vehicles;

And whereas heavy snowfall can render streets and sidewalks impassable, requiring substantial effort to clear them, which residents sometimes wish to perform expeditiously using off-road vehicles:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government and RCMP work with local governments to develop transparent and consistent frameworks allowing the on-road use of off-road vehicles within a prescribed, permit-specific area, for the purpose of clearing snow.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR62      Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to Better  
Support Fire Department Incident Responses**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia prioritizes safety measures for the effective delivery of emergency services, and the *Motor Vehicle Act* of British Columbia mandates that motorists must operate in a safe manner near emergency fire department vehicles and life safety equipment, inattentive motorists near emergency scenes can be distracted to the extent that their actions threaten the safety of the public and fire department personnel;

And whereas an unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on a highway or private driveway at a fire or an alarm of fire is used to actively suppress fires and a puncture would cut off a critical lifeline to firefighters and anyone inside a building;

And whereas if a fire hose is filled with water and becomes severed, it can pose a serious risk of injury or death to a member of the public or fire department personnel:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to better support fire department incidents by increasing the violation amount to reflect the serious life safety hazard of driving over a fire hose, with fines similar to other offences where motorists obstruct or interfere with life safety equipment.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR63      Local Elected Official Benefits**

**Summerland**

Whereas one barrier to attracting a diversity of candidates to local government participation is the low compensation received by local government elected officials;

And whereas benefits typically available to public servants at all levels of government are not readily available to local government elected officials, further widening the gap between elected officials and other public servants or private sector employees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to establish an accessible benefits program for local government elected officials to support attracting diverse local government candidates.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR64      Assessing Vacant Lands to Support Housing for BC's  
Most Vulnerable**

**Vancouver**

Whereas sadly thousands of British Columbians are homeless, sleeping in shelters, tents, and encampments, while many jurisdictions in Canada and down the West Coast have successfully triaged their homelessness crises with temporary, tiny shelter-type villages, as a transition to more permanent housing;

And whereas BC Assessment classifies property according to its use, and local governments apply a mill rate to the respective classification to determine taxes, while owners of vacant land are incentivized to reduce their property taxes by changing temporary use and assessment, for example by adding a community garden to be re-classified as a Class 8 Recreational;

And whereas properties assessed as Class 3 Supportive Housing integrate long-term housing units with on-site supports for persons who were previously homeless or persons who are at risk of homelessness are subject to special valuation rules by the provincial government that reduce the assessed value of the property to a nominal amount, and have received funding from the government or a regional health board:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to work with local governments to develop and fund an incentive for more readily and rapidly repurposing vacant land as temporary Class 3 Supportive Housing, to support the creation of emergency or ad-hoc housing or shelter with on site supports as a short-term use, and including tiny homes, navigation centres, portables, and/or modular housing.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

#### **NR65      Expanding the Mandate of BC Assessment Authority**

**Port Moody**

Whereas all communities in BC are experiencing an ongoing housing crisis, placing an extraordinary pressure on local governments to provide affordable housing without having equitable access to the tools to properly assess project proformas in order to negotiate maximum affordable housing components in developments;

And whereas local governments recognize that reconciliation efforts must include housing discussions and to provide effective and equitable affordable housing, there must be collaboration with Indigenous Peoples:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to expand the mandate of BC Assessment Authority to implement a province-wide shared service model to support municipalities in assessing the merits of rezoning and development applications to provide accurate pricing and development cost estimates and to provide analysis of opportunities for affordable housing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

**On motion, was Not Endorsed**

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

#### **NR66      Managed Forest Land Valuation**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas the 2022 Assessment Roll marks the third year that the land value component of the formula for valuation of Managed Forest Land has been frozen;

And whereas the valuation formula for Managed Forest Land remains under review by BC Assessment, the Province and Industry:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask BC Assessment and the Province to conclude the Class 7 Valuation Formula review and implement an understandable, fair and transparent formula for Managed Forest Land valuation.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

Councillor Brian Frenkel assumed the Chair and continued consideration of NR resolutions.

#### **NR67      Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations**

**Ashcroft**

Whereas land used for the purposes of extracting, storage of products manufacturing or transporting of goods are categorized as Class 5 Light Industry in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 with the exception of lands used or held for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the business of transportation by railway;

And whereas ancillary rail operations such as transloading facilities are a heavy burden on local government infrastructure through trucking activity and movement of product and require a higher level of government support including fire services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the assessment classifications in the *BC Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 and that business for the purposes ancillary to railway operations including transloading facilities be reclassified as Class 5 Light Industry in order to create fair taxation from railway operations and further that, Section 5(e) be repealed from the Act.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR68      Emergency Operations Centre Reserve Funds**

**Fraser Valley RD  
LMLGA Executive**

Whereas regional districts are recognized as local authorities under the *Emergency Program Act* that must develop and implement emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters;

And whereas regional districts are limited by the current funding model under the *Local Government Act*, requiring fiscal equivalence:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and Emergency Management BC to provide regional districts with a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre Reserve Fund to facilitate the timely provision of emergency response when prior expense authorization is not practical and works are essential to save lives and protect property.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

**NR69      Beyond GDP: A Wellbeing Framework in British Columbia  
District**

**North Vancouver**

Whereas Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was never intended to be used as an indicator of a society's health or wellbeing, does not reflect Indigenous values, does not account for the health of natural systems which underpin all life, and does not account for harmful externalities including pollution and climate change impacts;

And whereas the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations recommended that the province adopt a Wellbeing Framework in British Columbia in the 2020 report 'Centering First Nations Concepts of Wellbeing toward a GDP-alternative Index in BC';

And whereas 82 percent of Canadian respondents felt that measures beyond economic growth such as health and safety, access to education, access to clean water, time for extracurricular and leisure activities, life satisfaction, social connections, and equality of access to public services are important to their day-to-day life:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, and all relevant Ministries to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples, including the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, to transform the current Gross Domestic Product economic framework in BC into a Wellbeing Framework which centres Indigenous values, includes the health and wellbeing of all people and all species, and includes the health of natural systems which underpin all life.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## NR70 Provincial Apology for Sixties Scoop

Vancouver

Whereas the Sixties Scoop refers to the forcible removal of thousands of Aboriginal children from their families and communities, a Provincial strategy of assimilation that saw Aboriginal children placed in care and adopted to non-native families beginning in 1951 and continuing until the mid-1980s;

And whereas in his 1985 report on Aboriginal child apprehension and the Sixties Scoop, Manitoba Provincial Justice Edwin Kimelman referenced the UN Genocide Convention of 1948 concluding that “cultural genocide has taken place in a systematic, routine manner.”;

And whereas the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have all since apologized to the survivors of the Sixties Scoop:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the province of British Columbia make a formal apology to the communities, families and survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, to amend the enactment clause by deleting the phrase “make a formal apology” and replacing that with the phrase “engage an inclusive process with Indigenous Peoples to achieve a meaningful apology”, was endorsed.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the province of British Columbia ~~make a formal apology~~ **engage an inclusive process with Indigenous Peoples to achieve a meaningful apology** to the communities, families and survivors of the Sixties Scoop.*

**On motion, as amended, was Endorsed**

## NR71 Paid Protestors

Sicamous

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides that every person in Canada has the right to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly as part of a democratic nation;

And whereas lawful protests provide citizens the opportunity to express views and grievances for government to respond to;

And whereas individuals that are recruited and paid by organizations to protest on their behalf create a false perception of public opinion on matters of community interest:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to investigate and lobby for the prohibition of organizations paying individuals to protest of their behalf.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

## NR72 Veterinarian Shortage

Bulkley-Nechako RD,  
Frasers-Fort George RD

Whereas there is a critical shortage of veterinarians, particularly for large animals, in BC;

And whereas the Province of BC sponsors 20 IPA (Inter-Provincial Agreement) students (out of the 140+ who apply) per year for the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, and has committed to one year funding for an additional 20 students for 2022-23:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Advanced Education and the Government of BC commit to funding a total of 40 veterinary students under the Inter-Provincial Agreement in each year for four years at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

**On motion, was Endorsed**

### **Installation of President-elect**

At 10:45am the President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introduced the President-elect, Councillor Jen Ford from the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

### **Port of Vancouver Prize Draw**

The President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg invited Naomi Horsford, Municipal Executive Liaison of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority representing Port of Vancouver to present the prize draw. Councillor Ralph Forsyth, from the Resort Municipality of Whistler, was announced as the winner of the prize draw.

### **Address by the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia**

At 11:00am the President, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg introduced the Premier of British Columbia, the Honourable John Horgan.

Following the remarks from the Premier, President-elected Councillor Jen Ford thanked the Honourable John Horgan.

### **Convention Closing**

Councillor Jen Ford closed the Convention. The Convention adjourned at 11:30am.

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Gary MacIsaac

Executive Director

## Appendix A

### Interview with the President of UBCM: Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg

**JF:** Good morning delegates, and Laurey, good morning to you.

**LR:** Good morning, Jen – thanks for guiding our discussion today.

**JF:** It's a pleasure. This has been quite a year, and we have a lot to cover, so let's get to it.

**LR:** I am in your hands!

**JF:** We are in the final days of our term of office. What are your thoughts as we approach the end of the term?

**LR:** Several things, actually, and they all relate to the word "emergency".

The past four years have been a series of crises: the pandemic; extreme weather; the opioid crisis; the lack of housing; the collapse of the forest sector – and that's just the top of the list. These issues are massive, complex and many cases unprecedented.

I think the first thing that needs to be said is that this has been a period of unusual stress for everyone who has served in local government – both elected officials and staff.

Local governments have been as we have responded to all of these issues and continued to do our day-to-day business.

I want to acknowledge the good work of our councils and boards under intense conditions. Whether we are stepping down or running again, we should be proud of leading through such a challenging time. As I have said before, local governments rock.

**JF:** Laurey, the issues that you listed are all things that require systemic change. In your conversations with local government, what other complex issues that you are hearing about?

**LR:** One thing that I hear about frequently is a concern with declining standards of behaviour.

We have entered into a period of incredible toxicity in public life that is fed by a powerful intersection of forces. The role of social media, both in spreading misinformation, creating rogue communities and coordinating attacks on elected officials and cannot be overstated. The organized revolt against public health orders is also a factor.

Many of us saw the video from a couple of weeks ago in which the Deputy Prime Minister and her female staff were being stalked by some massive, angry guy. It was no surprise to learn that he is a local organizer for the truck convoy and is active online.

The video struck a chord because the only purpose was to intimidate and harass the Deputy Prime Minister while she is doing her job. The fact that harassment and intimidation increasingly is an option that more and more citizens are choosing is not something that we can just ignore.

**JF:** It's a big issue, and it appears to be a factor for some in deciding whether or not to run in the current election. But this is something that impacts society as a whole, so I am wondering what you think local government can do about it.

**LR:** It may be counter-intuitive, but I think this is where we have to lean into our conduct as elected officials.

We need to find someplace to start, and I think it starts with us.

We can play to the mob, or we can take a higher road. How we use social media, the language we choose for interviews, the causes we support, how we campaign – each of these plays into this larger dynamic. We know there are standards of civility that are necessary for society – it is up to us to do our part to uphold them.

I think the way local governments are increasingly taking charge of this issue is hopeful. Five years ago, only a handful of local governments had a code of conduct. Now it is a majority.

And while we are still learning how to use them appropriately, I am seeing more and more stories where they are helping to draw the line on inappropriate behaviour. This is being driven by the grassroots of our membership, and the province has been an excellent partner working with UBCM on this.

Thanks to a resolution at last year's convention, all local governments will now be required to consider adopting a Code of Conduct. The foundational principles for responsible conduct have also been embedded in the Oath of Office.

UBCM has also worked with the province and LGMA to develop an online course that will be available shortly after the election as new Councils and Boards are forming.

Some colleagues I respect are skeptical that we can do anything about changing behaviour. My feeling, though, is that behaviour is always changing, for better or for worse. I am glad to see that increasingly we are seeing responsible conduct as something essential for civil society. It's important work and we all need to be part of it.

**JF:** One of the critical crises facing BC communities continues to be housing attainability. What has UBCM been doing to address this issue?

**LR:** The crisis in housing has been with us for a decade and continues to worsen.

Housing policy to increase the right supply of homes continues to be the focus of discussion with the province

One of our reports from last year was a joint study with the province that outlines priorities for the regulation of short-term rentals. The growth of this industry has come at the expense of the long-term housing supply. We need provincial regulation for this industry, and right now we are waiting for the province to act on the policy options we proposed.

Work is also continuing with the province on refining the development approval process.

We are also consulting through the finance working group on OCPs, zoning, and development finance policy.

I continue to struggle with the view that the main source of the housing crisis is the pace of local government approvals. Development approval is one piece of a big puzzle. As someone said recently, "you can't live in a housing approval".

There is no question that we need more housing supply in BC. Our policy though needs to be alive to all of the factors that are in play: interest rates; investor activity; supply chains; inflation; provincial regulation; and labour shortages. Every one of these impacts housing supply, and we can't lose sight of that.

**JF:** Over the past year, the Minister Responsible for Housing made several statements that the province is considering legislative options to increase housing supply. What should we be watching for?

**LR:** I think we should take the government at its word and anticipate that legislation will be coming this fall.

No one knows for certain what that will look like until the legislation is introduced. If and when that happens, I expect that local governments will evaluate the legislation and make our views known. UBCM will certainly be doing that.

One thing is for sure: the province always has more success with local government when legislation is supportive and promotes working together.

That means building upon the good things that have been happening – a greater focus on new purpose-built rentals; densifying communities; and supporting new development with adequate infrastructure from parks to schools. One of the tests of any legislation is whether it improves our working together.

**JF:** Ok let's switch gears and talk about the extreme weather events of the past two years. We all get that local governments are facing massive infrastructure costs to adapt to our changing climate – how is that a factor in UBCM's work?

**LR:** I think the strategy the province released in June is promising. The investments the province is making through CleanBC are also providing a step and reflect resolution adopted by our members. But we all know the infrastructure costs for adaptation are jaw-dropping, and we have to get on it. We are fortunate that with each passing year we are getting better at asset management because that will help us identify priorities through this period of change.

But climate change is one of the reasons why the province's commitment to work with UBCM to review the local government finance system is so important. The property tax was not designed to respond to issues that are on the scale of climate change.

It says a lot about the province's commitment to local government that Premier Horgan said "yes" to ensure that the system that supports communities is up to the challenges that are coming.

There is a special session tomorrow led by the **Financial Review Working Group**. They will be unveiling the goals for their six-month work plan which include negotiations of infrastructure agreements; the funding mechanisms for growth-related infrastructure, and the impacts of the New Economy on property taxation.

This is the kind of systemic work that we need, and I am optimistic about this process.

**JF:** Laurey-Anne, around the province there appears to be increasing activity in terms of reconciliation. What are some of the actions that you are seeing that look promising?

**LR:** I am finding that I want to learn more about inclusive regional governance which allows for non-Treaty First Nations to have representation on regional district boards. At present, only Treaty First Nations can participate.

This issue has been raised through UBCM resolutions calling on the Province to explore approaches to inclusive governance. After further discussions with the Province, the issue was addressed as an action in the DRIPA plan.

Many regional districts in BC have multiple Indigenous communities in their midst. It doesn't benefit anyone to work in isolation, so I am looking forward to deepening our understanding of this.

**JF:** We were talking earlier about the importance of infrastructure renewal in relation to climate change. UBCM administers funding programs and works with the province on program design. What programs should local governments be particularly aware of right now?

**LR:** The largest fund UBCM administers is the Canada Community Building Fund, which has delivered over \$4 billion to BC communities. We had 189 applications in the current intake which are now being processed by engineering staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. We anticipate that the funding announcements will be made in the spring of 2023.

A program that is flying under the radar is the \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. Our understanding is that this funding will be transferred directly from the federal government to local governments. The program is still in the design phase, and we hope to see a call for applications by early December. This is a massive amount of new funding to support local housing initiatives – we should make sure that BC communities get our share.

**JF:** My last question today is about the *other* big transition that is happening in BC politics. This summer Premier Horgan announced he was stepping down as Premier and a contest is now underway to choose a new leader for the party. What are your thoughts as the Premier prepares for his final address to UBCM?

**LR:** Personally, I am going to miss him. His humour, his caring for people, his basic decency – these are personal qualities that I admire.

From the beginning, he has had his door open to local government, and he respects the jurisdiction and authority of those who are elected locally.

He has been candid about his health challenges, and I think we all appreciate the dignity with which he has dealt with those while he has been Premier.

There are a lot of positive changes that have been introduced under his leadership: campaign finance reform; the framework for cannabis legalization; increases in the funding for supportive housing and Clean BC, the replacement of the Climate Action Program with something even better plus increased investment for wildfire and other emergency-related issues. And that's not all of it.

While we are all waiting to see the result of the leadership contest, I was glad to meet with David Eby while he was in Victoria last week. It was good to go over the themes for this year's convention and discuss ways in which local government and the province can continue our ongoing work. My message to him is that UBCM is always ready to work with the province to work on the priorities that we share. It was a good discussion.

JF: Thank you...

LR: thank you...

## Appendix B

### Report on Attendance at the 2022 Convention

The registration for the One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities held in Whistler, BC, September 13 – 16, 2022, was as follows:

#### UBCM Members

	Represented at Convention	Voting Delegates	Non-voting Delegates	Partners	Total
53 Cities	50	210	66	60	336
52 Districts	50	172	50	51	273
14 Towns	14	53	10	14	77
42 Villages	37	92	31	38	161
28 Regional Districts	28	125	42	44	211
8 First Nations	3	6	6	0	12
197 Members	182	658	205	207	1,070
Member Representation 93%					

#### Non-Members

	Non-voting Delegates	Partners	Total
Federal MPs or Senators	1	0	1
Provincial Ministers and MLAs	73	6	79
Provincial or Federal Staff	218	0	218
Observers	282	1	283
Sponsors	81	0	81
UBCM Staff or Contracts	51	1	52
Students	6	0	6
	712	8	720

## Appendix C

### Resolutions Not Admitted For Debate

#### Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part One

RR1	Beyond GDP: Maternity and Parental Leave to the UBCM Council and Board Remuneration Guide	Squamish
RR2	Tiny Home Building Standard	Nanaimo RD
RR3	Flood Risk Mitigation	Kaslo
RR4	Flood Mitigation Service	Keremeos, Okanagan-Similkameen RD
RR5	Province as Authority for Orphan Dikes	Fraser Valley RD
RR6	Mitigate Risk from Flooding – Berms, Dikes and Dams	Central Kootenay RD
RR7	Highway Rescue Funding	Chase
RR8	New Provincial Mandate and Funding for 9-1-1	Coquitlam
RR9	New Provincial Mandate and Funding for 9-1-1	Pitt Meadows
RR10	BC Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Reform	Lillooet
RR11	Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty	New Westminster
RR12	Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty	Port Moody
RR13	Library Funding	Central Kootenay RD, Cranbrook, Nelson, Radium Hot Springs
RR14	Restoring Provincial Funding for Public Libraries	Richmond
RR15	Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries	Powell River
RR16	Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries in BC	qathet RD
RR17	Library Funding	West Kelowna
RR18	Request for Increased Funding to BC Public Libraries	Smithers
RR19	Long Term Sustainable Funding for Public Libraries	Creston
RR20	Increase Funding for Public Libraries in the BC Provincial Budget 2023	Burnaby
RR21	Library Funding	East Kootenay RD
RR22	Library Funding	New Westminster
RR23	Provincial Government Funding Increase for BC Public Libraries	Prince George

RR24	Ride Sharing	Okanagan-Similkameen RD
RR25	Pricing Policy for Community Forests	Powell River
RR26	Pricing Policy for Community Forests	Northern Rockies RM
RR27	Community Forests Escalating Stumpage	Burns Lake, Mackenzie, McBride, Valemount
RR28	Pricing Policy for Community Forests	Port Alberni
RR29	Community Forests Pricing Policy	Golden
RR30	Pricing Policy for Community Forests	Clearwater
RR31	Tabular Rate Structure	Lake Cowichan
RR32	Community Forest Tabular Pricing	Smithers
RR33	Proposed Electoral Area Boundary Changes	Chetwynd

### **Section Referred Resolutions (RR) – Part Two**

RR34	Justice Reform	NCLGA Executive
RR35	Youth and Child Sex Trafficking in Canada	Dawson Creek
RR36	Provincial Sales Tax on Used Item Sales	NCLGA Executive

### **Section Late Resolutions (LR)**

LR1	Participation in Hiring Provincial RCMP Detachment Commanders	Cariboo RD
LR2	Expansion of the Recycling Regulation to Include Industrial, Commercial And Institutional Packaging and Printed Paper Recyclables	Alberni-Clayoquot RD
LR3	Restoration of Three-Year Terms of Local Government Office	Victoria

### Pre-Conference Study Sessions & Tours

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

#### Study Tours

8:00 am – 4:30 pm      Agriculture Study Tour

#### Study Sessions

9:00 am – 12:00 pm      Investing Public Safety Reform  
Housing Futures Housing Solutions  
Learning from the Lytton Fire: Preventing Future Wildfire Disasters

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm      Reconciliation in Action  
Inclusive Local Government = Diverse Voices at the Table  
Decriminalization and Harm Reduction: Key Considerations for Local Governments

## 2022 – 2023 UBCM Executive

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**Note:**

\*as a result of October 15, 2022 Local Government Elections: Mayor Qualizza, Councillor Moglove and Mayor Wickstrom were not re-elected so were unable to continue on the UBCM Executive. As provided for in the Bylaws, Councillor Mandewo moved to First Vice-President to fill one of the Table Officer vacancies.