

Resolutions Results

2024–2025

Resolutions often lead to substantive, province-wide changes, though they can sometimes take years to be realized. These are some of the actions and changes related to resolutions since the 2024 UBCM Convention.

Topic	Related Resolutions	Action
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
BC Hydro Service Connection	2020-EB71, 2012-B86	Effective July 5, 2025, BC Hydro updated its Distribution Extension Policy to address challenges raised by local governments and developers about how costs are shared for new or upgraded connections to the grid. Changes are intended to lower connection costs, improve cost predictability and support more equitable growth.
COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Emergency Management Legislation	2024-EB36, 2023-EB26, 2022-EB34, 2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2019-B104, 2018-B100, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B5, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44, 2012-B114	In November 2023, the new provincial emergency management legislation: Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) came into force, replacing the Emergency Program Act. The Local Government Advisory Committee was struck to gather feedback and provide input on regulations as they are developed, to ensure they reflect local government input and support UBCM members in their role of keeping communities safe.
Cyber Security	2024-EB39, 2018-B157	In April 2025, the Municipal Finance Authority and Information Systems Audit and Control Association co-sponsored a webinar for local governments on cybersecurity, including available resources, building a cybersecurity program, and managing a cyber breach.
Emergency Operations Centres	2024-EB36, 2023-EB26, 2022-EB34, 2022-EB35, 2022-NR23, 2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44	In June 2025, the Province announced that it is providing nearly \$7 million to support 139 emergency operation centre projects, benefiting 183 communities through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. These funds will be used to purchase supplies and fund training and exercises to support staff and boost response capacity. Emergency operations centres coordinate people, actions and resources, and support first responders on the ground. They also ensure people receive timely information, shelter assistance and other vital services throughout an emergency.
Protecting Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ People	2022-EB85, 2021-EB77, 2019-LR4	In June 2025, the Province announced new funding for the Path Forward Community Fund that will help ensure that Indigenous people have the resources they need to address violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. Since the Path Forward Community Fund was created in 2022, almost \$21 million has been invested in community-safety planning and capacity building for Indigenous people.
Repeat Offenders	2022-NR36, 2022-NR37, 2021-NR3, 2015-B54	In June 2025, the Province announced an additional \$6 million in funding for the Special Investigation and Targeted Enforcement (SITE) program. Introduced in 2023, the SITE program was launched as a three-year initiative to help police agencies enhance proactive enforcement and investigative techniques to address repeat violent offending.
ENVIRONMENT		
Electrification and Clean Power Action Plan	2023-NR43	In May 2025, the Province released a new Clean Power Action Plan to outline how it intends to address anticipated increases in electricity demand from population growth, economic development, and electrification. Several aspects may have implications for local governments in land use, infrastructure planning and community development.
Exotic Cat Species	2023-NR50, 2007-B126	In July 2025, the Province announced that it will be proposing a ban on the ownership of certain varieties of exotic, non-native and non-domestic cat species.

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Invasive Aquatic Species	2024-EB51, 2024-NR60, 2023-NR60, 2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2	In March 2025, the Province announced it was proposing key amendments to the Wildlife Act in the Spring legislative session, to address the spread of aquatic invasive species. Once enacted the proposed amendments will enable the Province to create regulations under the Wildlife Act to: 1) Prohibit the transport of watercraft over land with the drain plug in place. 2) Require inspection of all watercrafts entering BC from another jurisdiction prior to being launched in provincial waters. 3) Require vehicles transporting watercraft to stop at designated inspection stations.
Organics and Compost	2023-NR48, 2022-EB56, 2016-B112	In December 2024, the Province announced \$15 million in new funding through CleanBC's Organics Funding Program to support new or expanded organics infrastructure and collection programs. The Program will support greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and organics waste diversion through projects that enhance organics processing infrastructure, residential curbside collection, or both.
Salmon Aquaculture Transition	2018-B118, 2007-B172, 2006-B151	In late 2024 and early 2025, the federal government sought consultation on Canada's draft Salmon Aquaculture Transition Plan. The Plan provides a basis for engagement with coastal communities, First Nations, and other stakeholders on the transition to closed containment salmon farms.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Early Childhood Educators	2022-EB22, 2021-EB67, 2020-NR68, 2006-B168	In April 2025, the Province announced the opening of the new Fulmer Family Centre for Childhood Studies at Capilano University. The Centre is a purpose-built learning space with labs and classrooms to train early childhood educators, as well as increasing child care spaces on campus.
Recruiting International Nurses and Doctors	2024-EB12, 2023-SR1, 2018-B51, 2014-B132, 2012-B91, 2009-B148	In June 2025, the Province launched an advertising campaign in Western US states aimed at recruiting doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to work in BC.

HOUSING

Canada's Housing Plan	2023-NR21, 2022-EB25, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50	The federal government announced a two-year, \$50 million dollar Housing Plan with the aim of unlocking millions of new homes for Canadians. There are three key elements: 1) Building more homes; 2) Making it easier to rent or own a home; 3) Helping Canadians who can't afford a home.
Financialization of Housing	2024-NEB3, 2020-EB85, 2017-B53, 2017-B126, 2016-B137	In December 2024, the federal government initiated consultation to explore the financialization of housing, with the purchase and acquisition of existing single-family homes by very large, corporate investors. Input is being sought on specific examples or data of such activities, and on the impacts, positive or negative, for Canadian renters, prospective homeowners and existing homeowners.
Homebuilding Efficiency	2023-NR21, 2022-EB25, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50	In November 2024, the federal government launched a \$7.1 million Regional Homebuilding Innovative Initiative (RHII) for British Columbia to advance innovative homebuilding solutions and boost efficiency in homebuilding through activities such as investments in manufacturing and construction technologies and development of tools to improve off-site construction.
Planning and Development Finance	2024-SR2, 2023-EB11, 2023-EB49, 2022-EB34, 2020-SR5, 2020-EB35, 2018-B111, 2012-A1, 2012-B13, 2011-B34	In March 2025, the Province issued a series of new or updated guidance documents for local governments on the planning and development finance legislative framework brought into effect in the fall of 2023, addressing housing issues including: tenant protection, inclusionary zoning, development cost charges and amenity cost charges, pro-active planning and more.
Development Cost Charge and Amenity Cost Charges by Installment	2009-B84 (resolution requested ability to defer for non-profit housing only)	In June 2025, the Province amended the Development Cost Charge and Amenity Cost Charge (Installments) Regulation to allow developers to take four years, rather than two, to pay development cost charges. They will be able to pay 25% at permit approval and the remaining 75% at occupancy or within four years, whichever comes first.

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Short Term Rentals Registry	"2024-NR30, 2023-EB15, 2022-NR11, 2018-A4"	In January 2025, the Province launched a registry for short-term rentals (STR). Operators in BC with short-term rental listings on platforms such as Airbnb, Vrbo and others, will be required to register. This is in addition to any requirements and rules set out by local municipalities and governments, including any business licence requirements.
OTHER		
Land Use Heritage Conservation Act Improvements	2023-EB59, 2019-B52, 2013-LR1, 2007-B139,	Announced July 2025, the Province is moving forward with the next stage of consultation and engagement on modernizing the Heritage Conservation Act. The intended outcomes are: 1) making permitting faster and easier, to avoid waiting for multiple permits and navigating unclear rules and processes; 2) helping people and communities rebuild quicker after disasters such as wildfires and floods; 3) protecting heritage more effectively, reducing the risk of accidental damage to sacred or other significant sites; and 4) strengthening the role of First Nations in decision-making about their own heritage and ancestors, in alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
Legislative Closed Council and Board Meetings	2023-EB68, 2017-B79, 2007-B64, 2007-B65	In June 2025, the Province held two webinars to gather input from local governments on possible amendments to closed meeting provisions in the local government legislation. The potential amendments would expand the circumstances in which local government board and council meetings can be closed to the public, including some circumstances specifically relevant to local government-First Nation relations.
Finance Borrowing without Electoral Approval	2013-B25, 2012-B53, 2007-B77, 2002-C46	In June 2025, the Province announced changes to the municipal liabilities regulation and the short-term capital borrowing regulation. Municipalities can borrow up to \$150 per capita without elector approval, up from \$50, when the term of the borrowing is less than five years (amendment to the short-term capital borrowing regulation). For larger amounts of debt or longer-term debt, municipalities can borrow twice as much without elector approval (increased from 5% to 10% of dependable revenue, through an amendment to municipal liabilities regulation). These changes increase municipalities' ability to borrow without elector approval, but have no impact on overall debt servicing limits. The liability servicing limit remains 25% of the annual calculation revenue as established in the Municipal Liabilities Regulation.