



Extraordinary Resolution Backgrounder

Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process

This resource provides context for the Extraordinary Resolution that will be considered during the first resolutions session Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

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Extraordinary Resolution

The Resolutions Committee is seeking membership support to amend the UBCM Bylaws through the Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process. An Extraordinary Resolution requires a three-fifths super majority of membership support. The intent of the resolution to amend UBCM's Bylaws is to apply additional criteria to the resolutions that are brought forward to Convention each year.

Current Policy and Approach to Resolutions

The current approach to resolutions can be summarized as follows:

- Local governments draft and submit resolutions to Area Associations or directly to UBCM;
- No limits are placed on the number of resolutions a local government or Area Association can submit; and
- All resolutions endorsed by an Area Association along with eligible resolutions submitted directly to UBCM are categorized and dealt with at UBCM's annual Convention.

There are positive elements to the current approach. Every local government has an equal opportunity to present issues for consideration by their peers. The process is also transparent, democratic and grass roots. These positive aspects have resulted in a consistently high number of resolutions to be considered each year at Convention, with an average of close to 220 annually over the past eight years.

Year	# of Resolutions in the Resolutions Book
2025	276
2024	267
2023	205
2022	206
2021*	113
2020*	210
2019	279
2018	208

*Virtual Conventions held during the COVID pandemic

The very success of the resolutions process, as reflected in the volume of submissions, is at the same time a source of several deficiencies.

The volume of resolutions requires that many are dealt within one of two consent agenda blocks, resulting in these resolutions not being considered individually. The volume of resolutions also means that the process to consider them is rushed, and/or that some resolutions do not make it to the floor and are dealt with at a later date by UBCM's Executive. The current process also does not provide any scope criteria. Finally, the sheer number of resolutions conveyed to the Province poses significant practical challenges for UBCM capacity and organizational effectiveness. UBCM has also heard that the volume of resolutions strains provincial capacity.

Recent Attempts to Streamline

Attempts to streamline the resolutions process are not new. Following a policy paper in 2009, a series of modest adjustments were made to UBCM Bylaws and procedures.

Most recently, in 2022-23, the Resolutions Committee undertook a resolutions process by holding a series of workshops at each Area Association and surveying the membership at the 2023 Convention. A set of five survey questions sought member input on proposed areas to streamline the resolutions process. The [results of the survey](#) were mixed with an equal amount of agreement and disagreement for most questions. This did not provide clear direction to address the deficiencies in the process resulting from the volume submitted.

Proposed New Approach

The Extraordinary Resolution proposes the adoption of four lenses to screen the resolutions received each year.

Should a resolution be captured by one or more of the four lenses, that resolution would not be put forward for consideration by the membership, and instead would be listed in an appendix of the Resolutions Book.

The four lenses are as follows:

1. Resolution is existing UBCM policy (as set by the membership endorsing or not endorsing a previous resolution or policy paper).
2. Resolution is outside of the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations.
3. Resolution is within the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations but does not meet UBCM criteria for format or clarity.
4. Resolution is regional in focus.

The following commentary provides additional context for each of the proposed lenses.

Lens #1 - Resolutions that reaffirm existing policy

The Resolutions Committee proposes that a five-year window would be established to set existing policy. Resolutions that align with those considered during the previous five years (whether endorsed or not) would not be voted on and instead would be listed in an appendix. A [resolutions database](#) can be found on the UBCM web site with historical resolutions that date back 20 years. This is a helpful resource for the membership to reference as they draft resolutions to ensure they are not re-submitting requests that have been made during the last five years.

The general intent of this lens is to filter out resolutions that reiterate existing policy, that has been set in the last five years.

Lens #2 - Resolutions outside of local government scope

The Resolutions Committee suggests that limiting resolutions for consideration to those that directly relate to local government operation and service delivery will strengthen the efficacy and credibility of UBCM's advocacy.

When an endorsed resolution from UBCM is conveyed to the Province, it should seek to effect change for issues which impact the ability of local governments to effectively operate and deliver services within their jurisdiction.

Requests that are outside of local government scope may be directed to their local MLA and/or the relevant Minister to seek change, to help reduce the volume of resolutions being considered by the membership.

Lens #3 - Resolutions that are unclear or poorly formatted

UBCM staff and the Resolutions Committee currently devote considerable time working with the sponsors to help them to clarify and format their resolutions. The application of this lens will encourage those drafting resolutions to meet established standards for clarity and format.

The clarity of a resolution is important to ensure the membership can understand what is being requested as they cast their vote. As well, should the resolution be endorsed, clarity is necessary so that the Province understands what is being requested. [Resources](#) are available on the UBCM web site to help members draft a clear resolution, including writing guidelines and a sample resolution.

Lens #4 - Resolutions that are regional in focus

Resolutions for consideration at UBCM should have a province-wide focus. Resolutions that are regional in focus should be considered and acted upon by Area Associations.

In summary, the Resolutions Committee is seeking to reduce duplications, focus on local government issues, improve clarity, and ensure that the resolutions have a province-wide focus.

Testing the Proposal: Application to the 2025 Resolutions

To demonstrate the impact of the application of the four lenses, they have been applied to the resolutions found in the 2025 Resolutions Book. As a result of their application, a total of **121** resolutions were captured by one or more of the four lenses. In the case of two resolutions, two lenses were applied to each. These 121 resolutions would not have been included in the 2025 Resolutions Book, had the use of the four lenses currently been in effect.

Below is a table of the 2025 resolutions indicating when each of the four lenses were applied.

Res No.	Resolution Title	Lens 1 – Existing Policy	Lens 2 – Outside of Scope	Lens 3 – Clarity & Format	Lens 4 – Too Regional
	ENDORSE BLOCK (EB)				
EB1	Addressing Temporary Emergency Room Closures	X			
EB2	Streamlining Licensing for Out-of-Province and International Healthcare Professionals	X			
EB3	Health System Modernization Engagement	X			
EB4	Provision of Free Adrenaline Auto-Injectors		X		
EB5	Volunteer Fire Department Funding Model	X			
EB6	Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services	X			
EB7	BC Ambulance Service	X			

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EB8	Rural Health Transportation	X			
EB9	Implementation of Provincially Mandated Accessibility and Inclusion Plans	X			
EB10	Enhancing a Collaborative, Sustainable, and Inclusive Approach to Food Security and Well-Being	X			
EB11	Continue Funding Programs for Local Poverty Reduction Initiatives	X			
EB12	Strengthening Supported Child Development	X			
EB13	Mental Health and Addictions Resources for Youth	X			
EB14	Strategy for Rehabilitation, Homelessness and Public Safety	X			
EB15	Funding Off-Site Works for Affordable Housing	X			
EB16	Housing Requires Urgent Action	X			
EB17	Long Term Supported Housing	X			
EB18	The Village Model of Housing	X			
EB19	Advancing Home Relocation and Deconstruction in British Columbia	X			
EB20	Speculation Housing and Vacancy Tax in Rural Communities	X			
EB21	Speculation and Vacancy Tax	X			
EB22	Increase Funding for Wildfire Prevention				
EB23	FireSmart and Wildfire Mitigation Funding	X			
EB24	Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation	X			
EB25	Referendum for the Replacement of Fire Apparatus	X			
EB26	Fire Inspections and Investigations				
EB27	Implementation of the BC Flood Strategy to Protect Flood-Prone Communities	X			
EB28	Modernize the Police Cost Sharing Formulas	X			
EB29	Managing Policing Contract Costs Through Engagement in RCMP Collective Bargaining	X			
EB30	Police Services Funding Model	X			
EB31	Funding for 911 Services	X			
EB32	Addressing Repeat Offenders	X			
EB33	Victim Services Program Funding	X			
EB34	Motor Vehicle Response – Compensation Model	X			
EB35	British Columbia Conservation Officer Service Capacity	X			
EB36	Moose Habitat Considerations in Landscape Planning		X		
EB37	Non-Migratory Resident Canada Geese		X		

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EB38	Increased Defence Against Invasive Mussels	X			
EB39	Controlling Invasive Scotch Broom	X			
EB40	Conserving BC Landfill Capacity	X			
EB41	Provincial Circular Economy Strategy	X			
EB42	Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector Recyclables	X			
EB43	Producer Responsibility for Sustainable Packaging in BC's Recycling Regulation	X			
EB44	Inclusion of Agricultural Plastics Under Recycling Regulation	X			
EB45	Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems	X			
EB46	Tackling Energy Poverty and Increasing Workforce Capacity by Working with Youth Climate Corps	X	X		
EB47	Incentives to Invest in Low-Carbon Power Generation	X			
EB48	Sustainable Funding for Small Water Systems	X			
EB49	Modernization of Municipal Wastewater Regulations and Sewerage System Regulation				
EB50	Supporting Rural Contractors for Effective Home Retrofits	X			
EB51	Including Rail-Related Activities in the Environmental Assessment Act Scope	X			
EB52	Funding Indigenous Governments' Engagement in Local Government Planning Activities	X			
EB53	Sustainable Growing Communities Fund	X			
EB54	Provincial Oversight of Water, Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Areas	X			
EB55	Efficient Resource Permitting	X			
EB56	Expedite Municipal Applications for Crown Lands				
EB57	Approval of Aggregate Activities				
EB58	Provincial Funding for Archaeological Costs Borne by Local Government	X			
EB59	Strengthening Agricultural Land Commission Enforcement Capabilities	X			
EB60	Unpaid Fines by Transfer to Property Taxes				
EB61	Taxation of Utility Companies				
EB62	BC Port Tax Cap	X			
EB63	BC Ferry Advisory Committees	X			
EB64	Equitable Status and Funding for Inland Ferries as Essential Infrastructure				
EB65	Accessible Public EV Charging Stations	X			
EB66	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Remote Communities	X			

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EB67	Emergency Road Network Planning	X			
EB68	Forest Service Road Closures	X			
EB69	Road Access to Provincial Parks	X			
EB70	Highway Speed Limits	X			
EB71	Saving Money and Saving Lives: Empower Municipal Default Speed Limits				
EB72	Twinning of Highway 16				
EB73	Active Transportation Infrastructure on Rural Highways	X			
EB74	Enhancing Rural Transit Systems	X			
EB75	Increasing Transit Service Expansion	X			
EB76	Small Community Transit Service Fund	X			
EB77	Provincial Consultation on Legislative Changes	X			
EB78	Provincially Funded WorkSafe BC Coverage - Elected Officials	X			
EB79	Unruly Behaviour – Development of Task Force	X			
EB80	Review of the BC Library Act				
EB81	Bylaw Enforcement Notice Penalty Increase for Development Violations	X			
EB82	Assessment Data Amendments and Municipal Financial Impact	X			
EB83	Forest Sustainability	X			
EB84	Forestry Industry and Fibre Decline	X			
EB85	Support for Additional Dead Wood Salvage	X			
EB86	Engagement Protocols in Resource Development Processes	X			
EB87	Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making	X			
EB88	Consultation on Removal of Crown Land	X			
EB89	Increased Ministry Funding for Agriculture	X			
EB90	Industrial Electrification Expansion	X			
EB91	Investment in Recreational Tourism	X			
EB92	Rural-Focused Immigration Policy	X			
EB93	Increased Funding and Requirement for Civics Education				
EB94	BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Representation in Rural BC Communities				
EB95	Lobbyist Registration				
NOT ENDORSE BLOCK (NEB)					
NEB1	Primary Care Clinic Space	X			
NEB2	Personal and Defamatory Attacks on Local Government Leaders	X			
NEB3	Provincial Government Water Panel	X			

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	NO RECOMMENDATION (NR)				
NR1	Ensuring Equitable Access to Child Care Funding				
NR2	Child Care Licensing Requirements				
NR3	Hiring More Qualified Medical Professionals				
NR4	Strengthening Rural Healthcare Through Scope-Based Compensation Models				
NR5	Addressing Rural Physician Shortages Due to Practice Ready Assessment-BC and Longitudinal Family Physician Changes		X		
NR6	Local Voices, Stronger Healthcare: Enabling Healthcare Collaboration Frameworks in Rural BC				
NR7	Expanding Career-Life Connections with Rural Practicum Program				
NR8	Emergency Room Closure Notification				
NR9	Rural Foundry Centres				
NR10	Strengthening the BC Poverty Reduction Strategy				
NR11	Mental Health Support for Local Government Officials				
NR12	Health and Wellbeing of BC's Public Safety Personnel				
NR13	Advancing Recovery-Informed Workplace Practices				
NR14	Support for Communities with Correctional Facilities				
NR15	Free Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy as part of Postpartum Care in British Columbia		X		
NR16	Adequate Public Sanitary Facilities and Toilets				
NR17	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
NR18	Homeless Encampments within City Limits on Provincial Land				
NR19	Mandatory Good Neighbour Agreement				
NR20	Supportive Housing Targets and Treatment				
NR21	Enhancing Housing Stability through Preventive Measures and Supportive Programs				
NR22	Simplifying Access to Public Land for Housing				
NR23	Co-op Housing Program and Sustainable Funding for Housing				
NR24	Lowering Financial Barriers for Community Housing Projects				

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NR25	Amenity Cost Charges and Affordable Housing				
NR26	Provincial Development Cost Charges Deferment Program				
NR27	Property Transfer Tax Exemption for Local Government Housing Corporations				
NR28	Discharging Restrictive Land Covenants to Support Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing				
NR29	Provincial Reform on School Planning				
NR30	Supporting Climate-Resilient and Infrastructure-Ready Housing Targets				
NR31	Preventing Deaths from Extreme Heat by Amending Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Legislation				
NR32	Response to Extreme Heat Events				
NR33	Provincially Backed Affordable Home Insurance		X		
NR34	Protecting Homeowners Access to Insurance and Mortgages in the Wake of Emergency and Disaster Management Act Implementation		X		
NR35	Income Tax on Secondary Suites and In-Home Rentals				
NR36	Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act Exemption Flexibility for Small Communities				
NR37	Maximum Municipal Bylaw Ticket Fines				
NR38	Ending Residential Tenancies due to Income Eligibility				
NR39	Advocating for Pet-Friendly Rental Housing				
NR40	Tiny Homes and Recreational Vehicles				
NR41	The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification in BC Buildings				
NR42	Request to Repeal the Single Exit Stairway Building Code				
NR43	Installation of Early Wildfire Detection Technology				
NR44	FireSmart Policy Crown Lands				
NR45	Fire Resilient Forest Practices				
NR46	Shift of Provincial Wildfire Response Responsibilities onto Regional Districts				
NR47	Financial Support for Implementation of the Fire Safety Act				
NR48	Emergency Social Services Grant Funding for Capital Costs				
NR49	Protections and Support for Emergency Support Services Volunteers				
NR50	Provincial Disaster Debris Plan				

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NR51	Disaster Financial Assistance Insurance Eligibility				
NR52	Interim Diking Policy Updates				
NR53	Major Planned Events Advocacy				
NR54	Addressing RCMP Staffing and Contract Costs				
NR55	Creation of Regional Crime Prevention Officer Positions for Rural BC				
NR56	Release of Prolific Offenders in Communities				
NR57	Human Trafficking, Gender Based and Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic				
NR58	Mailing Illegal Substances via Canada Post			X	
NR59	Sharing Fentanyl Precursors Information with Law Enforcement				
NR60	Regulating Vape Shops				
NR61	Creating Safer Streets through Provincial Bear Spray Legislation				
NR62	Illegal Dumping in Rural Areas Clean-up Funding				
NR63	Provincial Waste Hauler Licensing				
NR64	Solid Waste Management Approvals				
NR65	Sustainable Funding for Landfill Gas Regulation Compliance				
NR66	Balanced Emissions Policies				
NR67	Nuclear Energy in BC				
NR68	BC Building Code Amendment to Include Natural Gas				
NR69	Legislating the BC Coastal Marine Strategy				
NR70	Standardized Wake Surfing Regulation				
NR71	Financial Incentives for Residential Rainwater Catchment Systems				
NR72	Emergency Water Treatment Plants				
NR73	Ministerial Oversight of Proposed Sewerage (Septic) Systems				
NR74	Support for Natural Asset Inventory Development				
NR75	Mobile Live Animal Programs				
NR76	Hybrid Wolfdogs				
NR77	Provincial Support for Addressing Feral Rabbits				
NR78	Allocation of Wildlife Revenues to Conservation				
NR79	Regulation of Mushroom Harvesting Industry				
NR80	Remove Cigarette Butts From Environment				

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NR81	Strengthening Regional Emergency Management Capacity				
NR82	Two-Year Term for Regional District Chairs and Vice Chairs				
NR83	Establishment of a Framework for Intergovernmental Relations with First Nations				
NR84	Equitable Distribution of Non-Casino Gaming Revenue				
NR85	Agricultural Land Reserve Boundary Review				
NR86	Accessory Dwellings in the Agricultural Land Reserve				
NR87	Permit Vacation Rentals within the Agricultural Land Reserve				
NR88	Small-Scale Farm-to-Table Restaurants in the Agricultural Land Reserve				
NR89	Soil and Other Material Tracking				
NR90	Agriculture Land Commission Compliance and Enforcement Ticketing				
NR91	Private Managed Forest Lands				
NR92	Natural Resource Royalty Sharing with Watershed Associations				
NR93	Dedicating Water Rental Fees to Watershed Security				
NR94	Provincial Financial Support for Municipal Industrial Land Planning				
NR95	Updated Ancillary Uses for Airports Located on Crown Land				
NR96	Supporting Housing Affordability Through Taxation Changes and Financial Commitment				
NR97	Burden of Delinquent Property Taxes				
NR98	Localized Input on Highway Maintenance Contracts				
NR99	Commercial Transport Training Standards				
NR100	Saving Money and Saving Lives: Provincial Default 30 km/h for Local Streets with No Centre Line				
NR101	Ministry of Transportation and Transit Approval on Minor Rezoning Applications				
NR102	Updating the Name of the Motor Vehicle Act		X		
NR103	Traffic Controls at Inactive Railroad Crossings				
NR104	Priority Ferry Boarding for Livestock and Agricultural Products				
NR105	Payment In Lieu of Works and Services for Land Development				

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NR106	Balanced Approach to Building Code Updates				
NR107	Leaves of Absence Provisions for Elected Officials				
NR108	Codes of Conduct				
NR109	More Formalized Property Assessment Processes for Communities in BC				
NR110	Forestry Industry and Sustainable Fibre				
NR111	Natural Gas and Liquified Natural Gas Strategy				
NR112	Economic Impact and Resource Revenue Sharing				
NR113	Local Government Response to US Imposed Tariffs				
NR114	Canada-First Local Government Procurement Strategy				
NR115	Eliminating Interprovincial Trade Barriers				
NR116	Ranked Voting for Mayoral Elections				
NR117	Aligning the By-Election Provisions of the School Act with those of the Local Government Act				
NR118	Reinstatement of Federal Funding for Settlement Programs				
NR119	Safe Welcome Communities				
NR120	BC Human Rights Tribunal				
NR121	Adopting European Elevator Standards to Improve Accessibility and Affordability				
NR122	Municipal Infrastructure Plan Library				
REFERRED RESOLUTIONS (RR)					
RR1	Mental Health Support for Local Elected Officials				
RR2	Mental Health Support for Local Elected Officials				
RR3	Expand Alert Ready Program				
RR4	Implement a Regionally Balanced Approach to Supportive Housing				
RR5	Regional Approach to Homelessness	X			
RR6	Equitable Distribution of Emergency Shelter Beds	X			
RR7	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR8	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR9	Housing as a Human Right				
RR10	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR11	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR12	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR13	Declaring Housing as a Human Right				
RR14	Housing as a Human Right				
RR15	RCMP Cost Sharing	X			

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RR16	Municipal Costs of Contract RCMP Services Beyond 2032	X			
RR17	Compensation for Road Rescue Services	X			
RR18	Catch and Release of Repeat Offenders	X			
RR19	Provincial Reforms to Bail Administration	X			
RR20	Sustainable Funding for Small Water Systems	X			
RR21	Support for BC Conservation Officer Services	X			
RR22	Conservation Officer Advocacy	X			
RR23	Enforcement and Education for Use of Crown Land	X			
RR24	Aligning Housing and Homelessness Initiatives with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	X			
RR25	Provincial Funding for Public Libraries	X			
RR26	Increased Core Funding for Public Libraries	X			
RR27	Increased Capital Funding for Libraries	X			
RR28	Provincial Funding for Public Libraries: Overdue	X			
RR29	Provincial Core Funding for Evolving Public Libraries	X			
RR30	Importance of Inland Ferry Service				
RR31	Essential Service Levels of Inland Ferries				
RR32	BC Ferry Advisory Committees	X			
RR33	Support and Resourcing for Active Transportation Projects	X			
RR34	Removal of the BC Port Tax Cap				
RR35	Highway Road Maintenance Agreements – Addressing Regional Adaptation	X			
RR36	Lobbyist Registration				
RR37	Financial Support for Infrastructure Costs	X			
RR38	Infrastructure and Capital Projects Requiring Electoral Approval	X			
RR39	Unmet Demands on Social and Community Infrastructure as a Result of Provincial Housing Targets	X			
RR40	Infrastructure Support for Specified Municipalities – Housing Supply Act	X			
RR41	Funding Support for Infrastructure Upgrades Required Due to Bill 44	X			
RR42	Consistent and Predictable Funding for Housing, Infrastructure and Rural Economic Development	X			
RR43	Allocation of Provincial Sales Tax for Infrastructure Renewal				
RR44	Improvement Districts Policy Revision			X	

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RR45	Enhanced Wraparound Supports and Second-Stage Housing for Individuals in Recovery in Rural Northern Communities				X
RR46	Quesnel North-South Interconnector				X
RR47	Blood Plasma Donor Centre for Northern BC		X		X
RR48	Psychiatric Hospital for Northern BC				X
RR49	UBCM Voting Schedule				
RR50	Commercial Rent Control				
	TOTAL	107	10	2	4