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SECTION ER

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

Section ER contains resolutions submitted by the Union of BC Municipalities Executive that pertain to proposed amendments of the UBCM Bylaws.

SECTION ER

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

**ER1 EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNION'S UBCM Executive
BYLAWS RESPECTING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE
HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS resolution 2008-B137, which requested several changes to the UBCM resolutions process, was referred by the membership to the UBCM Executive for further consideration;

AND WHEREAS in response to resolution 2008-B137 the UBCM Executive through its Resolutions Committee conducted extensive research and member consultation, and as a result the Resolutions Committee has recommended certain improvements to the resolutions process that require amendments to the UBCM Bylaws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union's Bylaws be amended effective upon adoption of this Extraordinary Resolution as follows, with the full wording of the proposed amendments provided for reference as **Appendix B** of the **Report of the Resolutions Committee on the Resolutions Process Review**:

- Sections 23(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) on the HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS be deleted and replaced with new sections (a), (c), (d) and (e) to make it possible to block vote on some or all of the grouped resolutions; and a new section (b) to implement the requirement to call the question on a resolution if there is no delegate wishing to speak in opposition or propose an amendment; and
- Sections 14(a), 15(c) and 22(c) be amended for clarity, consequential to the amendments to Section 23.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the Report of the Resolutions Committee on the Resolutions Process Review, printed in Convention Policy Book 1 (green cover), provides detailed discussion of the background to this Extraordinary Resolution and thorough assessment of this issue. The Committee would encourage the membership to read the Report of the Resolutions Committee on the Resolutions Process Review prior to Convention as preparation for consideration of this resolution.

Conference decision: _____

**ER2 EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNION'S UBCM Executive
BYLAWS RESPECTING ADDITION OF TWO VANCOUVER
METRO AREA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS in the spirit of adapting to change and ensuring that the composition of the UBCM Executive remains relevant to the entire membership, the UBCM Executive created a Structure Review Committee to examine and make recommendations for potential changes to the structure of the UBCM Executive;

AND WHEREAS arising out of its consideration of the historical and current composition of the

UBCM Executive, as well as the evolution of local government in BC over time, the Structure Review Committee has recommended changes to the UBCM Executive structure that require amendments to the UBCM Bylaws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union's Bylaws be amended effective January 1, 2011 as follows, with the full wording of the proposed amendments provided for reference as **Appendix B** of the **Report of the Structure Review Committee**:

Sections 3(b) and (d); 4(b), (g), (h) and (i); and 5(a), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) be amended to add two additional positions to the UBCM Executive, to be known as Vancouver Metro Area Representatives; with these positions to be open to all elected officials who are in the GVRD area; and with these positions to be elected annually at the UBCM Convention by delegates from the GVRD and its member local governments.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the Report of the Structure Review Committee, printed in Convention Policy Book 1 (green cover), provides detailed discussion of the background to this Extraordinary Resolution and thorough assessment of this issue. The Committee would encourage the membership to read the Report of the Structure Review Committee prior to Convention as preparation for consideration of this resolution.

Conference decision: _____

SECTION A RESOLUTIONS

Section A contains those resolutions that pertain to new policy matters not previously discussed by the membership and/or priority issues that have broad application for all UBCM members.

Section A may also contain select resolutions endorsed and forwarded by the Area Associations on policy matters that have broad application for all UBCM members and highlight issues of concern around the province.

SECTION A

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A1 HARMONIZED FEDERAL & PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Stewart

WHEREAS many potential projects of economic importance to British Columbia are required to undergo a separate, thorough, and detailed environmental assessment review with both the government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has successfully processed these environmental assessments in a more timely manner than the federal government has been able to;

AND WHEREAS many of these projects are important to the economic and social well-being of British Columbians throughout the entire province and lengthy delays in the environmental assessment process has the potential to cause many projects to be lost:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM support the initiative of the Province of British Columbia to combine the environmental assessment review processes of both the provincial and the federal government into one integrated process and urges the Government of Canada to support the initiative for the betterment of British Columbians and Canadians.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial and federal governments harmonize their environmental assessment review processes into one integrated process.

UBCM has long-standing policy supporting the harmonization of federal and provincial environmental assessment processes. The federal and provincial governments had an agreement to facilitate the harmonization of the assessment review process. However, a recent court decision has indicated that the federal government cannot transfer its legal responsibility for undertaking environmental assessments.

See also resolution C22.

Conference decision: _____

ELECTIONS

A2 FOUR YEAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TERM

New Westminster

WHEREAS elections are expensive for both candidates and local governments;

AND WHEREAS a majority of provinces have switched to four-year terms:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government extend the local government term to four years.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has considered two previous resolutions calling on the provincial government to extend the term of office of local government elected officials to four years. Members did not endorse resolution 2006-A9, but members did endorse resolution 2007-B95 which endorsed a move to a four-year term. Therefore current UBCM policy is in support of the four-year term.

The Committee also notes that the report of the Local Government Elections Task Force has recommended a move to four-year terms, and recently the provincial government has indicated its support for the recommendations coming out of the Task Force.

The Committee would suggest that this resolution, A2, needs to be considered in light of resolution C13, which is requesting the continuity of 3-year terms. Since A2 reflects current UBCM policy, resolution A2 has been put forward as a section A resolution, whereas resolution C13 has been placed in section C. Rather than putting both resolutions forward for debate, the Committee has chosen to put one resolution forward so as to focus the debate on this issue, and ensure that the UBCM membership provides clear direction on this important matter.

See also resolution C13.

Conference decision: _____

A3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS DATE

Surrey

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM recommend to the Province that the date for local government elections be moved to the third Saturday of October.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have considered previous resolutions seeking to move the local government election date to the third Saturday in October from November, but these have not been endorsed by the membership (2001-B63; 2006-B77; 2007-B96). As well in 2009, B100 was put forward for consideration but due to a lack of time did not get considered for debate and was referred to the UBCM Executive. The Executive chose not to endorse B100, in keeping with existing UBCM policy.

This is an issue that has come forward as a result of the work of the Elections Task Force and UBCM and the Province are seeking direction from the membership. The Committee has put forward the recommendation to not endorse because that is in keeping with existing policy, but obviously the decision to change the date is up to the membership.

See also resolutions C11 and C12.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

A4 VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH MEDICAL MARIHUANA ACCESS REGULATIONS Maple Ridge

WHEREAS under s. 11(1) of the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations, a person may possess marihuana through the issuance of an authorization to possess (a “holder”), the federal government does not license or regulate compassion clubs that possess, produce or distribute marihuana to a holder for medicinal purposes and there is no verification by Health Canada that the applicable federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations are complied with;

AND WHEREAS police and fire services have identified community safety issues regarding medical marihuana grow houses such as increased risk of break-ins and home invasions because of the potential profits associated with the illicit sale of marihuana, health issues for children living in houses where marihuana is grown and increased risk of residential fires, chemical spills in sewer systems and injuries to growers and their families from growing techniques, use of chemicals and destruction materials:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to take immediate action to institute processes to verify compliance with the applicable federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations for licenses issued under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse with Proposed Amendment & Refer to FCM*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to:

- take immediate action to institute processes to verify compliance with the applicable federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations for licenses issued under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations; and*
- release the information as to registered medical marijuana sites to local authorities.*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered but did not endorse resolution 2009-B65, which requested that licensed medical marijuana sites be required to comply with federal, provincial, territorial and local government legislation and regulations.

The Committee would note that the UBCM has written the federal government regarding the licensing of medical marijuana sites in local communities and requested that these sites comply with local bylaws and local police be informed of their location. In its response, the federal government stated that licensed medical marijuana operations are required to comply with local bylaws, however, there is no inspection of these sites by the federal government to ensure that these requirements are met. The Committee would suggest that there needs to be better balance developed around this issue, while it is important to ensure individuals health issues are kept private, there is also a need to ensure that the public is protected.

An amendment is proposed is to capture both the need to verify compliance and to notify local authorities where these might be so as to ensure public safety.

See also resolutions C6 and C7.

Conference decision: _____

SECTION B RESOLUTIONS

B resolutions will be dealt with on the Convention floor in the order in which they appear in the Resolutions Book.

Section B contains those resolutions which will not automatically be entered for debate but **may be brought to the Convention floor with the approval of the delegates after all resolutions in Section A have been considered.**

The amended UBCM Executive policies on resolutions state that SECTION B will be divided into three categories and shall be brought to the Convention floor with the approval of the delegates after all resolutions in Section A have been considered. Such resolutions are prefixed B and are printed in the second section of the Resolutions Book.

- Part I - Resolutions to be Considered as a Block
 - previously considered and endorsed resolutions;
 - resolutions in keeping with UBCM policy; or
 - other major previously approved policy papers/ documents.

- Part II and Part III - Resolutions for Individual Consideration
 - resolutions on topics not previously considered;
 - previously considered but not endorsed resolutions;
 - topics of local or regional significance;
 - topics of national significance and recommended, as appropriate, for consideration by FCM.

The Resolutions Committee has discretion in classifying these resolutions as:

- Part II: those issues considered within the jurisdiction of local government.
- Part III: those resolutions on matters of interest to local communities that are considered not within the jurisdiction of local government.

Resolutions under this category that have not been debated by the Convention will be submitted to the Executive for appropriate action [note that the recommendation is printed in the Resolutions Book] and the sponsors advised of the Executive action.

SECTION B - PART I

Resolutions to be Considered as a Block

This section contains resolutions that:

- have been previously considered and endorsed; or
- are in keeping with UBCM General Policy or other major previously approved policy documents.

After consideration of Section A resolutions, a spokesperson from the Resolutions Committee will introduce the following motion:

“SHALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR PART I - B RESOLUTIONS BE ADOPTED?”

If the motion is approved by delegates, all Part I - Section B resolutions will be endorsed as a block.

These resolutions will not be debated / discussed individually unless there is a motion introduced to specifically consider a resolution. Such a motion would be:

“I MOVE THAT RESOLUTION B(x) BE REMOVED FROM THE BLOCK AND BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY FOR DEBATE.”

Such a motion would be introduced as an amendment to the general motion stated above.

If the motion were approved, the resolution would be considered after the primary motion was decided.

SECTION BI

LEGISLATIVE

B1 COMMUNITY CHARTER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Okanagan-Similkameen RD

WHEREAS conflict of interest is a serious matter in all levels of government and the legal and court costs associated with upholding the conflict of interest provisions of the *Community Charter* are prohibitive;

AND WHEREAS by expanding the role of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner it would be beneficial ethically and financially for ensuring that the interests of the general public are upheld:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to expand the role of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to include matters arising at the local government level.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2007-B66, which requested that the provincial government "provide local government elected officials and the public access to the provincial Conflict of Interest Commissioner for conflict of interest complaints under the Community Charter."

In its response to the resolution, the Province indicated that there were "no plans to increase the jurisdiction of the provincial Conflict of Interest Commissioner (Commissioner) to include local governments", and suggested that a significant increase in resources allocated to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's office would be required in order to serve all local governments, mayors, councillors, and electoral area directors around the province.

The provincial government also pointed out that:

"the conflict of interest rules for provincial members contained in the Members' Conflict of Interest Act are different in a number of ways from those of local governments: they include perceived conflicts, allow for members to represent constituency interests, and contain further provisions respecting the activities of members of Cabinet. These specific rules do not apply to local governments, and having a single commissioner responsible for both levels of government raises the danger that the operation of conflict of interest rules between the two levels of government would become blurred in the public's mind."

Conference decision: _____

COMMUNITY SAFETY

B2 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM

District of Sechelt

WHEREAS many communities no longer have an assigned provincial judge and therefore have inadequate means to promptly resolve criminal issues;

AND WHEREAS the shortage of judges results in members of the public being poorly served and delays in due process;

AND WHEREAS many communities use community justice mechanisms to deal with first time offenders, reducing court time and helping to seek resolutions to matters in a more expeditious manner:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be strongly urged to adequately fund the services the community justice programs provide to communities and the now very overloaded court systems.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to provide sustainable funding for restorative justice programs (2009-B1, 2008-B4, 2007-B3, 2006-B10, 2003-B2, 2001-B10, 2000-B7).

Conference decision: _____

B3 PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF FIREWORKS

Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS British Columbia experienced an active fire season this summer due to extremely dry weather conditions and the misuse and abuse of fireworks causes significant property damage and personal injury, and generates unnecessary costs for taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* enables local governments to regulate fireworks, however lack of staffing and funding drastically affects the ability of local governments to provide enforcement:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a province-wide approach is needed for the safe manufacturing, transportation, retail, wholesale and use of fireworks;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to regulate the use of fireworks in British Columbia by a permit system, including public education, enforcement, international and municipal cross border transportation, and cost recovery where loss can be directly attributed to the use and abuse of fireworks.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions calling for the Province to control and regulate fireworks (2005-B74; 1989-B6). Members have also endorsed resolutions requesting local government authority to regulate or prohibit the possession of fireworks, and the ability to authorize police or other designated officials to seize fireworks if possession of fireworks contravenes a bylaw (1992-B1; 1988-B29).

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR19. Since the resolution did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, it was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

**B4 TRANSFORMING THE FIRE/RESCUE SERVICE REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bulkley-Nechako RD

WHEREAS the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will be considering a report titled “Public Safety in British Columbia: Transforming the Fire/Rescue Service Report” which will affect the provision of fire rescue services in the rural areas of the Province;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the impact upon local governments of the recommendations being put forward by the Fire Services Liaison Group to the provincial government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government hold consultation meetings for local governments to provide direct input to the Province regarding the proposed Fire Rescue Service Report recommendations.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2009-B72, which suggested to the Province that the new draft model for the fire/rescue system posed significant financial and liability implications for rural volunteer fire fighters, with potential negative effects on the recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters in rural and remote areas of the province.

UBCM identified a number of measures proposed in the new model that would have financial implications, and requested that the costs of each measure be identified, and that new revenue sources to support the measure be outlined and discussed with local government before any changes were made. It is very important that local government fully understand the costs of changing the model for the delivery of fire services.

The Province has expressed awareness of the challenges faced by many volunteer fire departments from a retention and recruitment perspective, and is willing to consider the new model’s impact on small rural fire departments.

Conference decision: _____

B5 FIRE RESCUE SERVICE

Bulkley-Nechako RD

WHEREAS the provincial government is desirous to enforce the new model of the fire rescue service:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government fund the changes and the ongoing costs with the money they collect from the Insurance Premium Tax.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to fund fire and rescue services through the insurance premium tax (2009-B27; 2008-B13; 2006-B24; 2005-B13; 2004-B11; 2002-B14; 2001-B39).

The provincial government in responding noted that fire insurance premium tax imposed under the Fire Services Act was repealed in Budget 98, and clarified that the tax revenue generated from the 4.4 per cent tax paid by insurance companies on property insurance premiums is intended to be a general revenue source. The Province's position is that directing insurance premium tax into general revenues is the appropriate use of the revenue, and any proposed transfer of tax revenue to local governments must be evaluated in the context of a balanced provincial budget and provincial program funding needs.

Conference decision: _____

B6 FUNDING OF ROAD-SIDE RESCUE SERVICES

Fort St. James

WHEREAS volunteer organizations in many small communities provide road rescue and vehicle extrication services to motorists both inside and outside of municipal jurisdictions but are required to provide their own specialized training, equipment, and liability insurance;

AND WHEREAS the majority of road accidents requiring rescue or vehicle extrication services occur outside municipal boundaries but only fees for service are recovered through the Provincial Emergency Program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide core funding for training, equipment, and insurance for volunteer road rescue and vehicle extrication organizations.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting reimbursement for costs associated with responding to motor vehicle accidents (2006-B64; 2005-B4; 2004-B6; 2001-B6; 2001-B8; 2000-B15).

Currently, the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) reimburses fire departments that respond to police or ambulance calls in the unorganized areas of the province at a rate set by policy. PEP also provides WCB and liability coverage for these calls and reimburses for repair or replacement of lost or damaged equipment. The current policy and reimbursement rates for out of boundary road rescue calls were developed through the deliberations of a road rescue task group.

Conference decision: _____

B7 MANDATORY HELMETS FOR SMALL-WHEEL VEHICLES

Port Moody

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of individuals using skateboards, scooters, inline skates and

other small-wheel vehicles are at risk of serious injuries and potential liability exists for municipalities from injuries sustained within pathways, sidewalks and roadways;

AND WHEREAS the Province has jurisdictional power to legislate helmet use on sidewalks and roadways as demonstrated by the mandatory helmet use requirement for cyclists in the existing *Motor Vehicle Act*:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to require mandatory helmet use when operating a skateboard, scooter, in-line skates, roller skates or any other small-wheeled vehicle.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions requesting that the Province amend the Motor Vehicle Act to require helmet use when operating or riding a skateboard or rollerblades (2006-B2; 2003-A13).

The Province in response has pointed out the Motor Vehicle Act contains specific provisions that authorize local government to regulate small-wheeled vehicles on their roadways and in municipal areas and parks. The Province highlighted its support for municipalities in developing effective bylaws and suggested that operating conditions of skateboarders and rollerbladers was best addressed the local level.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR14 and, since it did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

B8 LONG-TERM BC COASTAL COMMUNITY FLOOD PROTECTION Delta

WHEREAS the provincial government recognizes that sea level rise and subsidence are occurring in communities along the BC coast;

AND WHEREAS coastal communities have limited funds for enhancing the level of flood protection:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government, in collaboration with the federal government, develop a long term funding strategy to maintain and improve the level of flood protection for communities.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for federal and provincial government funding for flood hazard protection (2009-B3; 2008-B69; 2002-B16; 2001-B26; 2000-B24; 2000-LR24). The Committee also notes that the potential impacts of climate change on coastal

areas may necessitate increased flood protection for coastal communities; however, members have not previously considered the need for a long term funding strategy to address this problem.

Conference decision: _____

B9 FIRST RESPONDER SUPPLIES

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS the BC Ambulance Service has historically provided replacement oxygen and various medical supplies to first responders following first responder incident calls, but recently this practice has been discontinued in many locations throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS for many volunteer fire departments, the discontinuation of the provision of these resources creates a funding pressure that could result in a loss of first responder services to many of the small and rural communities that need this service the most;

AND WHEREAS first responder services are provided in support of the BC Ambulance Service and the providers of these services should not be expected to incur the cost of the required resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to reinstate the provision of replacement oxygen and various medical supplies to first responder groups on a province-wide basis.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed a number of general resolutions over the years requesting provincial funding for the first responder program (2004-B26; 1999-B7; 1995-B75; 1994-B16).

Conference decision: _____

**B10 FINANCIAL, EQUIPMENT & PERSONNEL SUPPORT FOR
RCMP RURAL DETACHMENTS**

Cowichan Valley RD

WHEREAS Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachments serving rural communities in British Columbia have limited resources due to small population densities in their service area;

AND WHEREAS many small rural recreational areas experience huge increases in population densities during peak seasonal periods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia provide greater financial, equipment and personnel resources to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to assist with increased seasonal demands in rural recreational areas.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that a resolution addressing the specific policing problems faced by resort-based/recreational areas during peak tourist seasons has been considered previously and endorsed (2004-A3). UBCM has had discussions with the Province on the problems faced by communities/recreational areas that experience fluctuating population as a result of tourism.

The Province had previously indicated that the RCMP was creating a Reserve Program to address seasonal fluctuations in demands for policing, to provide policing for special events and to provide short-term enhanced policing where and when required.

See also resolution C8.

Conference decision: _____

B11 ADDITIONAL POLICING

Invermere

WHEREAS the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia has resulted in the sales tax charged on alcoholic beverages sold in licensed establishments changing from 15% to 12%;

AND WHEREAS a significant amount of police and bylaw enforcement resources are necessary to deal with the impacts from and the patrons of bars, nightclubs and other licensed establishments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM negotiate with the provincial government to allow local governments the ability to request an additional 3% sales tax be levied on all alcoholic beverages sold in licensed establishments within their jurisdiction, and that this money be directed to the local government to help fund existing and additional policing and bylaw enforcement in relation to bars, nightclubs and other licensed establishments.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously considered similar resolutions requesting that a portion of the taxes collected by the Province from liquor be used to defray local government costs for policing (2004-B49; 1988-B17; 1987-B8).

Conference decision: _____

B12 VICTIM SERVICES

Richmond

WHEREAS the cost to municipalities of providing police based victim services continues to escalate due to the increased demand for the service;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General initially funded 50% of the cost of the program;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has maintained its funding expenditure at a fixed amount for many years;

AND WHEREAS providing assistance to victims of crime is a social service, which is primarily the financial responsibility of the Province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM continue to strongly endorse the victim services program and that the Province be requested to fund the program on a 50/50 cost shared basis as it was originally established.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed previous resolutions requesting that the Province look at the funding for victim services programs (2008-B4; 2006-B9; 2003-Victims Services Program).

Conference decision: _____

B13 SUPPORT FOR YOUTH OUTREACH/STREET WORKERS District of Sechelt

WHEREAS many small and midsize communities are critically lacking in support services for youth at risk of becoming homeless or engaged in "at risk" activities;

AND WHEREAS these youth require guidance and education to protect them and help them to become productive adults in society:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government increase funding and expand youth outreach and street worker programs.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has ongoing policy calling on the Province to increase funding and expand programs to support youth at risk. UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to provide sustainable funding for restorative justice programs (2008-B4, 2007-B3, 2006-B10, 2003-B2, 2001-B10, 2000-B7).

Conference decision: _____

B14 ALCOHOL REDUCTION STRATEGY Victoria

WHEREAS abuse of alcohol contributes to a wide range of social ills in the province of British Columbia, costing the province approximately \$2.2 billion or \$536 per person, the highest per capita cost in Canada;

AND WHEREAS alcohol abuse is a contributing cause of 25% of all fatal motor vehicle accidents and 30 per cent of all criminal activity in BC, and contributes to the development of cancers, liver disease, heart disease, mental illness, fetal alcohol syndrome and homelessness:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM join the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform in lobbying for the development of a provincial alcohol reduction strategy that may include some or all of the recommendations made by the Centre for Addictions Research and Dr. Perry Kendall to reduce the public safety and health concerns associated with problematic alcohol use in our society.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse with Proposed Amendment*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM ~~join the BC Coalition for Action on Alcohol Reform in lobbying~~ lobby for the development of a provincial alcohol reduction strategy that may include some or all of the recommendations made by the Centre for Addictions Research and Dr. Perry Kendall to reduce the public safety and health concerns associated with problematic alcohol use in our society.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has generally supported the need for broad range of measures to address the abuse of alcohol and the need for more treatment facilities.

Specific resolutions have been endorsed related to the following measures:

- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions advocating that the provincial government take a leadership role in educating the public about the effects of alcohol on pregnant women (2006-B1; 2003-B130; 2000-B26; 1999-B16; 1996-B4; 1995-B98; 1994-B97; 1992-B86). UBCM has continued to encourage the provincial government to require liquor establishments to post signs, request that warning labels be placed on alcohol containers, and to allocate more funding to alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs in schools and community agencies.*
- Members endorsed resolution 2004-B111 requesting that the Province direct 5% of the existing revenue received from the sale of liquor sold through rural agency stores, licensed retail stores and government liquor stores to the local government in which the outlet is located, with the funds to be utilized to fund homeless and homeless-at-risk shelters and detox facilities.*
- Members endorsed resolution 1999-A14 requesting the Province to dedicate alcohol related revenues towards the full costs associated with alcohol abuse, such as policing, regulating, education, treatment, prevention, recovery, support resources and social health services.*

An amendment is proposed to clarify that the purpose of the resolution is to lobby for the development of a provincial alcohol and reduction strategy.

See also resolution C9.

Conference decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

B15 GREENER TRANSPORTATION

Kaslo

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that mankind is facing the most serious threat in history to its continuing existence from the profound effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere resulting in climate change and the increasing acidification of the oceans resulting in a

drastic reduction of marine life;

AND WHEREAS a significant source of greenhouse gases are from internal combustion engines in the nation's automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work collectively with the Province of British Columbia and the government of Canada to greatly expand or create an electrified passenger and freight rail network linking most of the urban centres of the country making it the predominant mode of transportation for both intra-urban and inter-urban travel.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for expansion of passenger and freight rail service and networks (2008-B107, 2004-B65, 2004-B58, 2003-B62, 2002-A5, 2001-B97, 1997-A12).

Conference decision: _____

B16 INCREASED SHOULDER WIDTH OF HIGHWAYS

Vernon

WHEREAS local governments are taking positive steps towards attaining the greenhouse gas reduction targets introduced by the Province in November 2007, through the incorporation and emphasis of alternative transportation and infrastructure in planning and development;

AND WHEREAS residents and visitors to and between communities require safe cycling infrastructure to provide alternative modes of transportation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that safe and adequate cycling be incorporated into highway design and construction consisting of a shoulder width of a minimum two metres that includes a rumble strip alongside the driving lane;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all existing highway improvements and future highway projects include these requirements throughout the province.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2006-B3, calling for the construction of bicycle lanes along highways. The Committee would also point out that members endorsed resolution 2004-B2, which requested the addition of a rumble strip along highways.

In its response to the resolutions, the Province acknowledged the need for cycling infrastructure and the importance of rumble strips in improving highway safety and indicated willingness to provide cycling improvements and add rumble strips whenever feasible.

Conference decision: _____

B17 BC CYCLING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Vancouver

WHEREAS cycling is a critical element of the province's transportation system, serving growing numbers of citizens for commuting, recreation and sport year-round;

AND WHEREAS cycling not only supports BC's greenhouse gas emission goals and public health objectives, it provides community-friendly transportation at low cost to local governments;

AND WHEREAS cycling is an important part of BC's ecotourism industry with routes like the Kettle Valley Railway and others attracting thousands of visitors annually;

AND WHEREAS the development and expansion of safe cycling across the province requires a coordinated approach that includes the relevant provincial ministries working with local governments through UBCM:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to undertake a BC Cycling Development Program in cooperation with local governments to:

- ensure safety is paramount through the development of cyclist and driver education programs;
- develop a best practices guide for local governments designed to grow cycling traffic and cycling mode share by ensuring consistent standards province-wide in the implementation of cycling infrastructure, including bike lanes and signage, and the creation of cycling routes and loops to encourage destination cycling;
- allocate appropriate funding through the Ministry of Transportation to double cycling mode share by 2020 through strategies including increased capital cost sharing with local governments, safe cycling connections between local governments and safe cycling infrastructure on provincial routes through local governments; and
- consult with stakeholders on necessary amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act* to promote safe cycling and to develop appropriate province-wide standards for enforcement of the law as it applies to cyclists and to motorists.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions that would improve cycling safety and infrastructure, including:

- *provincial assistance with the development of bicycle and walkway projects within a municipal system (1991-B54);*
- *the establishment of highway shoulders when highway upgrading projects are undertaken near communities to promote walking and cycling (2006-B140, 2007-B14, 2007-B99);*
- *funding for commuter highways for non-greenhouse gas emitting transportation (2006-B110);*
- *funding for sweeping of road shoulders and cycle lanes in order to remove gravel and debris and thus create safer cycling (2008-B108); and*
- *funding for improvements to major roads that intersect the provincial highway system, including improvements related to capacity increases as well as pedestrian and cycling facilities associated with those roadways (2009-B83).*

Conference decision: _____

B18 TRAILS ALONG RAILWAY RIGHTS OF WAY

Vernon

WHEREAS railway dedication or rights of way in urban areas provide excellent opportunities to develop multi-use pathways or trails, known as Rails-with-Trails corridors, for alternate, active and “green” transportation;

AND WHEREAS feasibility studies have shown that these multi-use pathways can be developed safely so as not to cause significant conflicts with the routine operation of the rail system;

AND WHEREAS the development of off-road multi-use pathways for non-motorized vehicles is in the interest of all levels of governments to reduce motor vehicle use, improve the health of Canadian citizens and reduce emissions from transportation which contribute to climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments be asked to support joint-use agreements with railway companies for rails-with-trails corridors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be asked to undertake legislative amendments to the *Canadian Transportation Act* to recognize the need for parallel corridors to be provided within rail rights of way and authorize provincial and local governments to apply to the Canadian Transportation Agency, in absence of agreement with a railway company, for authority to place trails within rail rights of way where this can be done safely.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that members have consistently supported the expansion of community trails (2002-B85, 2002-B67, 2005-B82) and members have supported the use of abandoned rail lines for public use (1992-B72). The Committee also notes that in 2009 the exact same resolution was endorsed, B17.

In response to B17, the Province responded in part by stating: “The Province supports inter-government collaboration on developing a sustainable recreation and transportation trail network in B.C. as described in the draft Trails Strategy for BC. Provincial support for Rails with Trails would be considered where all parties are in agreement and the trail can safely be accommodated along the rail corridor. Prior to supporting a request to the Federal government for amendments to the Canada Transportation Act, the Province would require a more detailed examination of the effectiveness of any proposed amendments.”

As well Canadian Pacific (CP) responded by stating: “[in] the case of resolution B17, [CP] cannot offer support for what, unfortunately, is a flawed approach. The resolution is based on a view that multi-use pathways, within rail corridors, can be developed safely and would not cause significant conflicts with railway operations. This is not an accurate basis for the recommendations in your resolution. There are a number of reasons why we have defined rail rights of way but the most important of those is the safety of both the public and rail employees.”

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS, there is growing concern among some rural residents that basic maintenance of rural roads is not being deployed in remote areas of regional districts;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Transportation does not necessarily fund basic road maintenance service to all public road rights-of-way and many people depend on these roads throughout the year for access to their homes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia develop an improved program of basic rural road maintenance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that remote communities and regional districts be notified about which rural roads are maintained and those that are not.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed previous resolutions requesting the provincial government to make funding of rural roads and related infrastructure a priority (2008-B17, 2001-B13).

The Committee would point out that the UBCM has established a Rural Resource Roads Committee and has been working with the province on a policy paper looking at rural resource roads. A policy paper developed by the Province will be presented at a clinic on rural resource roads at the 2010 UBCM Convention.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS service levels, fare increases exceeding the consumer price index, and unsatisfactory 'on-time' performance negatively impact ferry users, their families and their communities to the extent that the social and economic cost of the service could ultimately result in a migration away from ferry dependent communities;

AND WHEREAS coastal ferries are an extension of the highway system and an essential part of the provincial transportation network, crucial to the economic and social health of the coastal region and the tourism industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferry Services be funded and administered as a critical component of the provincial transportation system in order to provide affordable, accessible and dependable service.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously considered and endorsed resolutions requesting that the ferry system be recognized and funded as an extension of the highway network (2004-B59; 2001-B64).

Conference decision: _____

B21 LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BC TRANSIT

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the BC Transit Financial Forecast report noted that BC Transit's goal is to increase ridership by 5% per year leading to a doubling of ridership by 2020;

AND WHEREAS the projected increase in local taxation (on a provincial level) would rise from the existing level of \$63.2 million in 2009/10 to a projected level of \$139.1 million in 2013/14 with no clear indication of how the local community contributions will be funded:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Province and BC Transit to ensure that senior government financial support is available to mitigate the increased local government contribution requirements to transit funding.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM has long standing policy supporting the need for additional financial support from senior governments for transit service.

Conference decision: _____

FINANCE

B22 PARK LAND

Canal Flats

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* requires that an owner of land being subdivided must either provide park land or pay to the local government an amount in lieu of park land dedication, which amount must be set aside in reserves and used solely for park land acquisition and for no other purpose;

AND WHEREAS existing parks might already benefit the subdivision, in which case the local government might prefer to expend its park land fund reserves to improve existing parks and other community or recreational amenities, with such capital improvements being a higher priority than the acquisition of additional land for parks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* to permit local governments to expend reserve funds collected in lieu of park land for either park land acquisition or capital improvements to existing park lands.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting the option to use funds collected in lieu of park land dedication for either improvement or development of existing parkland (2009-B23, 2008-B23, 2006-B116, 1999-B15, 1994-B78, 1993-B19).

Members have not, however, considered a resolution requesting permission to use such funds for capital improvements to other community and recreational amenities that are not park land.

In its response to resolution 2009-B23, the Province noted that it has consulted with stakeholders including local government, and that during this consultation the development industry expressed strong opposition to such a legislative change, arguing that the costs of maintaining existing parks are not related to the costs of servicing new development.

Conference decision: _____

B23 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES & SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS

Delta

WHEREAS under Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* it states that Parks Development Cost Charges (DCCs) can be used to pay the capital costs of providing fencing, landscaping, drainage and irrigation, trails, rest-rooms, changing rooms and playground and playing field equipment on park land;

AND WHEREAS this section does not include the ability for municipalities to use parks DCCs to pay the capital costs of synthetic turf fields, but BC municipalities are using synthetic turf for recreational soccer pitches and baseball fields because it is more durable, less affected by wet and cold weather, and unlike natural turf, can be used year-round:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* to include synthetic turf fields.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership referred resolution 2007-LR11 to the UBCM Executive and the Executive subsequently endorsed the resolution, which called on the provincial government to expand Section 935.3(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* to include synthetic artificial turf and sports field lighting.*

In response to the resolution, the Province indicated that the issue of expanding Development Cost Charges (DCCs) to fund more services had been reviewed by the Development Finance Review Committee (DFRC) of the (then) Ministry of Community Services. At the time, the DFRC position was that DCCs were appropriate only where new development required key infrastructure (sewer, water, drainage, roads and parks) for the development to proceed. Similarly, the DFRC agreed that park improvements to be partially paid for by DCCs were intended to be basic improvements to make parkland usable for both new development and existing residents. No legislative changes were planned to expand the use of DCCs or the park improvement provisions.

Conference decision: _____

B24 PROVINCIAL MOTOR TAX FUEL

Barriere

WHEREAS local governments are not able to generate enough revenue to fund the growing needs of their communities;

AND WHEREAS many citizens and local tax payers cannot afford the higher property taxes and fees that are needed to fund infrastructure repairs and increased services;

AND WHEREAS the government of Canada has chosen to share a portion of their gas tax revenue with local government;

AND WHEREAS the Province collects a 14.5 cents per litre gasoline tax in the areas outside of the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Service Region and the Victoria Regional Transit Service Area:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to share a portion of the provincial gas tax with local government in a grant program similar to the Federal Gas Tax program without impacting current funding programs.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Endorse

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to share a portion of the provincial gas tax with local governments (2007-B21, 2005-B20, 2003-B60).

Conference decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

B25 SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT IN DEALING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

Grand Forks

WHEREAS many rural British Columbia communities must endure the growing wildlife population, which is not only a nuisance, but a threat to public safety, without the expertise, regulating authority or resources to deal with these populations;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment and its conservation officers have the authority and expertise to deal with these populations, but lack the adequate level of resources to deal with the issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to put more resources into wildlife management areas in which urban wildlife is a significant problem.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling for an increase in the numbers of conservation officers and resources to support wildlife management (2003-B32; 1996-B27; 1992-B35).

See also resolutions C14, C15 and C16.

Conference decision: _____

B26 RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION ON PRIVATE FOREST LANDS

Parksville

WHEREAS the study of ecosystem services as they relate to water is still developing and scientists are working to understand human impacts on water and the functions of fresh-water ecosystems in storing, filtering and purifying water;

AND WHEREAS the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* does not impose ecosystem-based riparian regulations and permits selective harvesting to the water's edge on all water courses including fish-bearing streams and community drinking water sheds:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the provincial government amend the *Private Forest Management Land Act* with the goal to maintain and restore the productivity and resiliency of riparian ecosystems by maintaining along a stream or river all the biological and physical characteristics of an undisturbed forest, including both buffering and connectivity.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership referred this resolution to the UBCM Executive in 2009, and the UBCM Executive referred the resolution to the UBCM Environment Committee for further research and study. At the April 2010 Executive meeting, the Executive endorsed the resolution.

In addition, members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking improvements in watershed management in general (2008-B35; 2008-B27; 2007-B122; 2005-LR4; 2004-OF; 2004-B85; 2004-B84; 1998-B65), and with specific reference to the following: logging on private lands (2007-B42; 2006-B102; 2005-B27; 1989-A18); use of pesticides/herbicides (2003-B80; 1990-A17); and mineral exploration and coalbed methane extraction (2008-B42; 2007-B26; 2006-B149; 2003-B129; 1996-B13).

Conference decision: _____

B27 BC RECYCLING REGULATION

Whistler

WHEREAS the BC Recycling Regulation specifies the minimum amount for beverage container depositor refund, this amount is lower than the minimum set out the in the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Regulation, and recover rates will increase with higher refunds;

AND WHEREAS recovery rates in BC have remained at 70-75% for many years and millions of containers still go to landfills, and travelling out of province to collect higher deposits or refunds should be discouraged:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment for an increase in the bottle deposit refund in British Columbia to significantly increase recovery rates and to align with that of Alberta, including the addition of milk containers.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment for an increase in the bottle deposit refund in British Columbia to significantly increase recovery rates and to align with that of Alberta, including the addition of milk containers to the Recycling Regulation.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the same resolution, B122, was submitted to UBCM in 2009 but due to time constraints was not considered at Convention and was referred automatically to the Executive. The Executive endorsed an amended version of the resolution, calling on the Province to add milk containers to the Recycling Regulation.

In response to the resolution, the Province pointed out that while the Beverage Container Product Category in the Recycling Regulation currently does not include containers for milk, milk substitutes, rice milk, soya milk, flavoured milk, infant formulas, meal replacements or dietary supplements, milk containers are collected in many municipal curbside recycling programs.

The Province also referenced the BC Dairy Council's voluntary recycling program for milk containers, with Encorp Pacific having been hired to assist with program operations. The program provides collection services at 144 bottle depots across BC and is designed to supplement, not replace, existing collection efforts for milk containers including municipal curbside programs. More information on the voluntary program is available on Encorp's website:

www.encorp.ca/cfm/index.cfm?It=940&Id=9&Se=39

The Resolutions Committee proposes an amendment to bring the resolution in line with current UBCM policy.

Conference decision: _____

B28 BAN PESTICIDES & OTHER CHEMICALS

Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM ask the federal and provincial governments to ban all pesticides and other chemicals deemed to be unsafe by federal government scientists, or that pose any risk to human or environment health.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM ~~ask the federal and provincial governments to ban all pesticides and other chemicals deemed to be unsafe by federal government scientists, or that pose any risk to human or environment health~~ Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2008-B81, calling on the Province to enact legislation to ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide. However, members also endorsed a resolution calling for an amendment to the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdictions to allow local governments to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the use of cosmetic pesticides on all private property (2008-B82).

The Committee also notes that in December 2009, the Province released a public consultation paper on the use of cosmetic pesticides. The paper examines the current BC approach to cosmetic pesticide use and integrated pest management; approaches implemented in other provinces; objectives behind the regulation of cosmetic pesticides; and potential regulatory and definitional strategies for dealing with cosmetic pesticide use. It is anticipated that the Province will release a summary feedback report on the consultation paper in the coming months.

In addition, the Committee notes that the resolution calls for a blanket ban on all “chemicals deemed to be unsafe by federal government scientists, or that pose any risk to human or environmental health.” The Committee notes that the membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for such a blanket ban on all chemicals that maybe deemed unsafe or that pose a risk to environmental or human health.

The Resolutions Committee proposes an amendment to bring the resolution in line with current UBCM policy.

See also resolution C17.

Conference decision: _____

B29 INVASIVE SPECIES

Squamish

WHEREAS invasive plant species grow rapidly and outcompete native species, threaten public and animal safety, and have a significant environmental and financial impact on communities throughout British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the spread of invasive plant species is the second greatest threat to global biodiversity, after habitat destruction by land clearing:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia minimize the further introduction and spread of invasive species by:

- educating the public, government agencies, and other land managers about non-native vegetation and their impacts;
- dedicating resources to government agencies for control of invasive species; and
- instituting a grants program to assist local organizations in invasive species control;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province act as a conduit to information and sources of expertise on invasive species including identification, prevention and control.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2005-B25, which called on the Province to commit the necessary resources to fund education programs on invasive species as well as to take action on new invasive plant species.

In response to the resolution, the Province referenced its role and responsibility for noxious weed management in parks and protected areas and in administering the Integrated Pest Management Act, which sets requirements for pest management plans. The Province also indicated that the Invasive Plant Council provides public education and facilitation of government and non-government members in addressing invasive weed issues. In addition, the Province highlighted its Provincial Inventory and Treatment database.

Conference decision: _____

B30 DERELICT & ABANDONED VESSELS, BARGES & DOCKS AVICC Executive

WHEREAS UBCM has previously endorsed a resolution on the topic of derelict vessels in 2005 and the issue of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges, and docks continues to be of significant concern and cost for local governments and harbour authorities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS there are many derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks that pose safety hazards, risks of environmental contamination and visual pollution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial and federal governments to develop a coordinated approach to the timely and adequate removal of all types of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks in all situations and consider the following strategies:

- funding mechanisms such as a fee on vessel registrations or a surcharge on marine fuel to fund the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels, barges and docks;
- designated disposal areas where owners can take their unwanted boats and structures to provide an alternative to abandonment on public property; and
- education and vessel product stewardship programs, for example fibreglass boat recycling centres.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has previously considered and endorsed a similar resolution designed to facilitate the removal of abandoned or derelict vessels. Specifically, resolution 2005-B112 was endorsed, which called for the federal government to remove any derelict vessel left unoccupied for a period of six months or longer from the harbour of any community requesting such action.

In its response to the resolution, Fisheries and Oceans Canada pointed out that legislation does not allow the removal of a derelict vessel unless it is a hazard to navigation under the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA). Fisheries and Oceans Canada indicated that they had forwarded the resolution to Transport Canada, Pacific Region for information, since Transport Canada is responsible for the NWPA. No response was received from Transport Canada.

Conference decision: _____

B31 CARBON OFFSETS

Summerland

WHEREAS the 176 municipalities which signed the BC Climate Action Charter have committed to measure and report corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and become carbon neutral (in operations) by 2012 which, at present, contemplates that each municipality will need to purchase carbon offsets through the Pacific Carbon Trust to achieve this objective;

AND WHEREAS without further policy and regulatory clarification the monies paid by municipalities to purchase carbon offsets may be utilized to fund non-municipal certified greenhouse gas reduction projects as directed to the Pacific Carbon Trust, the Province or other agency:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the provincial government ensure that:

- local governments are fully engaged in the development of policies and regulations with respect to the further development and implementation of the carbon neutral mandate; and
- there is a framework in place to provide that local government monies used to purchase carbon offsets will be made available to local governments for any certified greenhouse gas reduction projects in their communities or region.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that a similar resolution was referred to the UBCM Executive for consideration, and was subsequently endorsed. Specifically, resolution 2009-B110 called on the Province to allow local governments to administer and invest in local environmental programs with their own "Carbon Off-set" funds.

The Committee notes that UBCM has been working with the Climate Action Secretariat and the Ministry of Community and Rural Development in exploring options that would permit local governments to develop offset projects and/or direct offset payments towards credible offset projects within their communities. The Committee also notes that the Carbon Neutral Working Group under the Green Communities Committee (GCC), which is comprised of local government representatives, has had discussions on local government carbon offset programs. Local governments are also participating in a SMARTTOOL corporate emissions measurement pilot project as part of local government engagement in the development of a carbon neutral framework.

Conference decision: _____

B32 EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF CARBON OFFSETS

North Vancouver District

WHEREAS 177 local governments have voluntarily signed-on to the BC Climate Action Charter and in so doing have agreed to be carbon-neutral in their operations by 2012;

AND WHEREAS local governments are making significant advancements to become carbon neutral, but are finding it difficult to attain carbon neutrality without the purchase of carbon offsets from the Pacific Carbon Trust or other verified offset providers; and the purchase of such offsets consumes resources that could otherwise be used locally to further reduce carbon emissions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the provincial government, local governments and the Pacific Carbon Trust to expand the scope and criteria of land-based projects that can qualify for immediate carbon credits and establish a model reserve fund that will allow local governments to deposit monies that would otherwise be spent on carbon offsets and use these funds to undertake effective projects in their communities to sequester carbon and reduce GHG emissions.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that a similar resolution was referred to the UBCM Executive for consideration, and was subsequently endorsed. Specifically, resolution 2009-B110 called on the Province to allow local governments to administer and invest in local environmental programs with their own "Carbon Off-set" funds.

The Committee notes that UBCM has been working with the Climate Action Secretariat and the Ministry of Community and Rural Development in exploring options that would permit local governments to develop offset projects and/or direct offset payments towards credible offset projects within their communities.

Conference decision: _____

B33 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS COST RECOVERIES FOR COMMUNITIES

Central Kootenay RD

WHEREAS under Province of BC legislation, extended producer responsibility (EPR) places the responsibility for end of life product management on the producer and consumers of a product whereby fees are charged to fund the collection, processing and recycling of such products;

AND WHEREAS local government, through participation in the BC Product Stewardship Council (BCPSC), advocates with a common voice for enhanced stewardship programs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia (Ministry of Environment) to monitor EPR programs in regional districts to encourage improved service levels and ensure that stewardship plans are being adequately delivered, and further, to evaluate EPR programs and develop a cost recovery formula that considers distributing revenue collected from the programs back to BC communities that bear the cost of collecting and transporting the material.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions related

to recycling, eco fees and product levies and waste management. The membership endorsed resolution 2006–B28, which called for 100% of the Enviro Levy to be directed back to local governments, as per the Province’s original commitment, to assist in recycling and transportation costs. UBCM members have called on the provincial government to remit a portion of levies collected on batteries and tires to partially recover the cost of receiving, handling and storing batteries and tires in local government landfill sites (1998-B60), and to fund local recycling programs from recycling levies (2005-B22). The membership also endorsed a similar resolution on improved service levels (2009-B115), which called on the Province to undertake a complete review of all existing BC stewardship programs to ensure that all communities in British Columbia are receiving the full benefit of the existing stewardship programs before the Ministry of Environment moves on to develop programs for new stewardship products.

Conference decision: _____

B34 FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Delta

WHEREAS waste diversion is a fundamental goal of waste management policy in Canada;

AND WHEREAS extended producer responsibility:

- (a) shifts responsibility for managing the post-consumer stage of a product to the producer and away from municipalities;
- (b) provides incentives to producers to incorporate environmental considerations in the design of their products; and
- (c) shifts the public sector tax-supported responsibility for waste to the individual manufacturer:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to look at the Ontario extended producer responsibility program and work with BC municipalities and regional districts to implement an expanded extended producer responsibility program to encompass a wider range of waste streams, including industrial and commercial packaging and residential blue box materials, and to shift the costs of waste diversion from municipal taxpayers and businesses onto the producers of the products.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for the expansion of industry stewardship and extended producer responsibility programs (2009-B36, 2009-B37, 2009-B115, 2009-B116, 2008-B29, 2008-B84, 2007-B25, 2006-B29, 2006-B30, 2006-B106, 2005-B24, 2004-B14, 2004-B15, 2004-B82, 2003-A11, 2003-B87, 2000-B83, 1999-B52, 1998-B59, 1997-B11). The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed the 2007 Environment Action plan, which calls for stewardship programs to be fully funded by industry, such that industry is responsible for all costs such as marketing, collection, transportation, and marketing of materials.

The Committee notes that the referenced Ontario model pertains to the Ontario Ministry of Environment’s proposal to make EPR the foundation of the province’s future waste diversion framework. The full cost of waste diversion would be shifted from municipal taxpayers and businesses onto the producers of designated products and packaging.

Conference decision: _____

B35 DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIES & ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION ACT FOR BC

Victoria

WHEREAS our province prides itself as a global tourist destination, and the continued growth of the eco-tourism economy wholly depends on the future survival of our wildlife and stewardship of our wildlands;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia is one of only two provinces in Canada without an endangered species law, the lack of which law leaves over 1,600 species-at-risk without adequate legal protection;

AND WHEREAS a robust law to protect species and ecosystems at risk will provide more certainty to developers, industry and local government decision-makers in guiding development in a way that sustains human well-being and species survival:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend that the Province of British Columbia develop a Species and Ecosystems Protection Act for BC.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2008-B87, which requested that the Province enact a Species and Ecosystem Protection Act.

The Province in response referenced its (then) new Conservation Framework. In addition, the Province indicated that it was examining options for a Species at Risk Regulation under the Wildlife Amendment Act, 2004, which would provide additional protection for species at risk in BC.

The Province is currently developing a discussion paper on how the protection of species at risk could be enhanced on local government and private lands in BC. The paper includes recommendations on how the provincial government can work in partnership with local governments to achieve shared goals.

Conference decision: _____

LAND USE

B36 PARKLAND DEDICATION

Metchosin

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* grants all municipalities the ability to acquire 5% dedication for park land during the subdivision process (or monies in lieu of park land);

AND WHEREAS Section 941 in subsection 5(b) does not apply to a subdivision by which the smallest lot being created is larger than 2 hectares;

AND WHEREAS rural communities often have land zoned for a minimum lot size greater than 2 hectares and as a result are not able to avail themselves of this provision:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial legislation be amended to increase the size of the smallest lot in Section 941 5(b) to be larger than 4 hectares.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members endorsed a previous resolution, 1994-B79, which requested that the Province amend s. 992 subsection 5 (a) and (b) to “eliminate the unfair benefit and advantage given owners of land of subdivision where fewer than 3 additional lots are created or where the smallest lot being created is larger than 2 hectares.”

The Province in its response to the resolution indicated that the policy was intended to provide “a modest benefit to owners who are involved in small subdivisions” and framed the provision in the context of urban development, noting that it was “consistent with infill development, which helps to reduce pressure on urban expansion and sprawl”.

Conference decision: _____

B37 TREATY SETTLEMENT COSTS

Colwood

WHEREAS open and principled community based agreements with Aboriginal people (treaties) may encompass multiple local governments, but the availability of the land component may be vastly different from one local government to the next;

AND WHEREAS there is a real long-term cost associated with the removal of lands from local government jurisdictions, which may place a burden solely on the land-owning local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to include a formula to fairly compensate any local government for the loss of land as a result of settlement agreement with Aboriginal people so that all the parties who benefit from the agreement share the costs and benefits of the agreement equally.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members endorsed the 1994 policy paper, “Local Government and Aboriginal Treaty Negotiations: Defining the Municipal Interest”, which identified budgetary stability as a primary local government interest. The paper called for a process to compensate municipalities for loss of tax revenues when non-reserve settlement lands were removed from municipal assessment rolls.

Budgetary stability was re-stated as a local government interest in the 1997 policy paper endorsed by UBCM members, “UBCM’s Response to Provincial Government Mandates: BC’s Approach to Treaty Settlements”. The paper noted that local government capital financing and service provision commitments are based on expectations of a predictable population/assessment base. It recommended that the provincial government adopt a fair and transparent policy for compensating local communities and third parties.

In addition, UBCM members endorsed a similar resolution, 2006-B88, which called for treaty adjustment funding and/or compensation for local government should any existing crown lands for which municipalities receive grants-in-lieu become part of any negotiated agreement with First Nations.

In its response to the resolution, the Province recognized local government concern about this issue, but pointed out that local governments have the ability to generate revenue by providing First Nations with services such as water, sewer and fire services. The federal government in its response to the resolution also encouraged local governments and First Nations to work together to create post-treaty land servicing arrangements.

Conference decision: _____

B38 ALR REVIEW

Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS since the creation of the Agricultural Land Reserves (ALR), the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has carried out a number of fine tuning reviews in some parts of the province but not others;

AND WHEREAS regional districts are in the process of developing growth management strategies through their Official Community Plans and other regulatory tools to direct and manage growth to designated settlement areas where appropriate services can be provided in order to create livable and environmentally sustainable communities;

AND WHEREAS it is important to attain a level of certainty with respect to the suitability of retention of ALR lands for community planning purposes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ALC carry out a current comprehensive ALR fine tuning review in those portions of the province which have not had the benefit of a recent review.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution B43 in 2008 which called on the provincial government to “review (with consultation from local government) [...] the Agricultural Land Reserve boundaries to ensure they accurately capture agricultural land.”

Prior to this, members endorsed resolution 1991-B28, which called for a complete review of the Agricultural Land Reserve boundaries in order to more clearly delineate the farm land to be preserved within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

UBCM also notes that the recent provincial Ranching Task Force Report recommended the following: “Support efforts to review the agricultural suitability of lands in the ALR in selected areas of the province, such as the East Kootenay area, to ensure that the ALR boundary accurately reflects lands with agricultural suitability.”

In its response to the 2008 resolution, the Province indicated interest in working “with local governments in reviewing the ALR boundary to ensure it reflects lands that are both capable and suitable for agriculture.” The Province expressed particular interest in “northern and eastern communities” and pointed out that at that time the ALC was “engaged in a joint ALR review of the Elk Valley with the Regional District of East Kootenay.”

Conference decision: _____

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B39 MEAT REGULATIONS

North Saanich

WHEREAS the Province's Meat Inspection Regulations are having an adverse effect on the local economy of rural communities due to the hardship they impose on small scale producers and processors;

AND WHEREAS the regulations are also negatively impacting local food security and sustainability due to the distances local producers are required to transport livestock, the stress it places on the animals, and the additional greenhouse gas emissions that result:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province to tailor the Meat Inspection Regulations to allow local, and / or mobile small-scale abattoir facilities to operate under less stringent facility regulations without lowering health and safety standards, without the requirements for a meat inspector on site when slaughtering, and that any meat processed in such a manner will be allowed to be sold locally to the public.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2009-B133, calling for self-contained mobile slaughtering operations to be permitted under the provincial Meat Inspection Regulations. Members have also supported amendments to the BC Meat Regulation that are designed to support local, small-scale abattoir operators and/or producers and facilitate continued farm gate sales (2008-A2).

In its response to 2008-A2 the provincial government expressed intent to enable "abattoirs of all sizes to become licensed and inspected", through flexible outcome-based regulations, the Class C transitional licenses that allowed meat producers to continue offering limited, direct sales (such as farm gate sales) to consumers, and the Meat Transition Assistance Program – Phase 2 of which was "particularly directed towards developing licensed slaughter capacity in underserved areas of the province".

Conference decision: _____

B40 UTILIZATION OF BC PINE BEETLE INFESTED FOREST

Tumbler Ridge

WHEREAS BC Stats (2008) indicate the destruction of 14.5 million hectares of BC's provincial forest by the pine beetle which will lead to the release of 990 million tonnes of CO₂, five times that of annual emissions from all transportation in Canada;

AND WHEREAS using BC's pine beetle infested wood to generate biomass energy will improve the local environment by clearing dead trees that would otherwise cause problems with soil erosion, habitat and the threat to communities from wild fires;

AND WHEREAS the use of biomass contributes to reducing emissions that contribute to climate change, in accordance with the Kyoto Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the plantation of seedlings on harvested BC's beetle infected forests will result in a healthy reforestation in the most expedient manner and lead to more jobs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Ministry of Forests and Range and the provincial government to immediately implement effective policies which will allow for BC's pine beetle infested wood to be utilized for bio-energy opportunities that will create new jobs; reduce BC's carbon footprint; mitigate wild fire threat; and lead to the plantation of new healthy forests.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that resolution 2009-B131 called for the provincial government to implement the Western Silviculture Contractor Association pilot project, which proposed to sort wood for saw logs, pulp logs and biomass, then auction the timber to existing and new users, with the intent of creating timber jobs and bioenergy opportunities. Due to time constraints the resolution was not considered at Convention and was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. The Executive subsequently endorsed the resolution.

In its response, the Province suggested that the proposed pilot program duplicates a number of new and existing provincial government programs, such as Forests for Tomorrow, which issues Forest Licenses to Cut to harvest timber that can be used for bio-energy. The Province also indicated that the Wildfire Management Branch of the Ministry of Forest & Range is "working with the Ferric FP Innovations Wildland Fire Operations Research Group to explore innovative ways of removing fuel hazards and utilizing the fibre for bioenergy generation or pellet production".

Conference decision: _____

B41 INCREASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL RECREATION SITES

Burns Lake

WHEREAS funding for local recreation sites and picnic areas has been significantly decreased in the past five years;

AND WHEREAS vibrant, well-maintained recreation sites are invaluable to communities pursuing tourism as a form of economic development:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province to ensure that it provides additional funding for the maintenance and upgrading of recreation sites to enhance and promote economic development through tourism.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide additional funding for maintenance and upgrading of recreation sites.

However, in 2002, members endorsed B84 indicating UBCM's support for "the long-standing mandate of the province to manage the recreational component of our public forests, including trails, recreation campsites,

visual qualities, accessibility, safety and liability; and request that the provincial government continue to ensure that these items are included in their mandate.” This resolution was put forward in response to the decision by the ministries of Forests and Water, Land and Air that recreation trails and camp sites were not part of the core services that would be provided by either of the ministries in the future. The effect of that decision was that the trails and campsites would be closed unless some other organization agreed to manage them.

A similar resolution B28 was endorsed in 2003, requesting that the maintenance of forest recreation sites and trails stay with the Province and not transferred to other; and in that same year, B94 was endorsed which requested the Province to reinstate a fee collection service to ensure that the sites would be maintained and kept open to the public.

Conference decision: _____

HEALTH

B42 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

District of Sechelt

WHEREAS there are many communities that have inadequate support for citizens with mental illness and those who have dual diagnosis with addiction issues in need of mental health services, and have a higher risk of homelessness and other health related issues;

AND WHEREAS many members of our communities are unable to function and participate safely and fully in society and require a safe haven such as a drop-in centre:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to expand services and funding for people with mental illness and addictions, especially in small and midsize communities, where seed monies to fund “not for profit”, day programs, street support workers, recreation programs and nutrition programs are critically lacking.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions requesting expanded services and funding for persons with mental illness and addictions.

Resolutions endorsed by UBCM members have advocated for action on the part of provincial and federal governments to:

- fund, provide and facilitate supportive housing and appropriate support services (2007-B153; 2005-B49; 2003-B132; 2000-A3);*
- provide affordable housing, including for those persons with mental illnesses (2008-A3; 2004-B2; 2004-B30; 2003-LR21; 2002-A21; 2002-B64; 2000-B31; 1999-A22; 1995-B63; 1994-B85; 1993-A2; 1991-A13; 1991-B56; 1990-A20);*
- support a comprehensive range of health services to address drug addiction including prevention, treatment and harm reduction interventions (2006-B50; 2005-B43);*
- increase provincial contributions to alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs (1992-B87);*
- increase federal and provincial funding for the development of a continuum of drug detox and rehabilitation programs throughout the province (2000-B61);*

- enact a full provincial drug strategy (2002-B74) to address the many problems associated with addiction; and
- provide more funding to open detox centres in more areas of the province where they are needed and where accessing existing ones would be difficult for individuals needing the service (2007-B5).

In 2007, the provincial government highlighted its continuing investment in mental health and addictions services and supports, citing as an example the allocation of \$80 million towards additional units of supportive housing to reduce homelessness in Vancouver, Victoria and Burnaby. The Province also pointed out that the 2006/07 expenditures related to mental health and addictions services were more than \$1.1 billion, a 30% increase since 2001.

Conference decision: _____

B43 RURAL HEALTH CARE

Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS health care services, specifically small rural medical clinics are important to its patients, some of which are seniors unable to drive or travel long distances;

AND WHEREAS it is important to support the health care in small rural areas of British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Minister to take the necessary action to ensure that doctors and other medical services are adequately provided to all residents in every community of British Columbia.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions to ensure that doctors and other medical services are available in every community in BC, particularly in rural and remote areas. Members supported the removal of obstacles for foreign trained doctors and health professionals who are willing to work in BC (2009-B148; 2000-A4); and the preservation of accessible, timely and necessary health care services in BC (2002-B92).

In June 2010, the Minister of Health Services announced that every British Columbian would have access to a family doctor by 2015.

Conference decision: _____

B44 ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES

Williams Lake

WHEREAS drug and alcohol addictions are known to contribute to a majority of criminal offences and anti-social behavior, particularly in northern and rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the provision of drug and alcohol addiction treatment services and facilities in northern and rural communities is frequently inadequate to address the demand for such services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to increase the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services and facilities.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions related to improving drug and alcohol treatment services and facilities, including requests for:

- *increased provincial contributions to alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs (1992-B87);*
- *federal and provincial funding for the development of a continuum of drug detox and rehabilitation programs throughout the province (2000-B61);*
- *enactment of a full provincial drug strategy (2002-B74) to address the many problems associated with addiction;*
- *regulation and licensing of supportive recovery residences in the interest of providing better access to treatment for individuals seeking assistance for substance misuse (2006-B7); and*
- *increased funding for supportive housing (2007-B153).*

Conference decision: _____

B45 BC AMBULANCE SERVICES RESPONSE TIME

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS the administration and delivery of health care service is the responsibility of the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Ambulance Service, operating under the authority of the Emergency and Health Services Commission to provide public ambulance service across the province, has a target to respond within 9 minutes to 90% of the most serious calls (Delta/Echo) from its metro/urban stations and in 2009 responded within 9 minutes to only 52% of those calls placing the citizens of this province at risk:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call upon the Province of British Columbia to direct sufficient resources to meet the response time criteria to ensure that citizens of this province have access to timely high quality care during medical emergencies.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2007-B50, which requested that the Province restore funding to the BC Ambulance Service so that citizens could expect a timely response from qualified personnel throughout the province.

In response to this resolution, the BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) advised that there had been no cuts in service, and that its budget had been increased by 57 percent over the preceding six years, to \$283.5 million in 2007/08 vs. \$181 million in 2001/02.

The BCAS also noted that they were looking at ways of improving service delivery including upgrading remote ambulance stations to rural designations, which require standby paramedics rather than paramedics on call by pager. BCAS indicated that the introduction of the standby shift for one ambulance per rural station had

improved the average response time by approximately 15 per cent in rural communities throughout British Columbia.

Conference decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

B46 RESTORE & MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR BC LIBRARIES

Nelson

WHEREAS the provincial government of British Columbia has stated that one of its Five Great Goals is to make BC the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government recognized that libraries are central to that objective by developing and implementing the “Libraries Without Walls” strategic plan, which allowed libraries to significantly improve and provide services such as the BC OneCard system, Books for Babies, a virtual reference service, and a provincial suite of online databases;

AND WHEREAS last year’s funding cutbacks resulted in the loss of some of these programs and reduction in services for others, and additional cutbacks will mean a further reduction of programs and services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government maintain existing funding levels in 2010 for BC public libraries and reading centres, and further, that funding for BC libraries and reading centres be restored to the levels that were achieved as part of the strategic plan prior to 2009.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to restore funding of public libraries to previous levels (2008-B57, 2007-B56, 2006-B56, 2006-B55, 2002-B13, 2000-B28, 1999-B13, 1996-B82, 1989-B29).

Conference decision: _____

B47 GREENHOUSES

Kaslo

WHEREAS British Columbia’s food security has become increasingly vulnerable through a growing dependence upon the global market, which in recent times has experienced significantly fluctuating food prices and availability due to a large number of factors which are beyond our local control, including but not limited to:

- rising oil costs for food production and transportation
- climate change causing more severe weather phenomena such as droughts and floods
- increasing global market concentration of food production and stocks
- loss of farmland to urbanization, and less farmland being available for the average farmer;

AND WHEREAS locally grown, community based agriculture can provide for food sustainability

and food security, create local jobs, reduce the carbon footprint and enhance economic well being by retaining more money in our local communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to create a program to promote and develop local food production on farmland and in greenhouses sufficient to meet the needs of communities throughout the province of BC.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed resolutions requesting that the Province support farmers (2000-B101); increase funding for agricultural initiatives (2008-B47, 2009-B50, 2009-B89); and provide resources to enable all local governments to create and implement solutions for supporting local food resilience and supply through food systems planning (2009-B132).

Conference decision: _____

B48 ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING

**Powell River RD
Powell River City
North Saanich**

WHEREAS arts and culture are universal goods which represent a very important part of the social fabric of all communities;

AND WHEREAS the Province's Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services has recommended that the Province restore funding for arts and culture organizations to the 2008/2009 levels:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to restore funds to community arts and culture organizations to the 2008/2009 levels.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2009-B24, which called on the provincial and federal governments to "reinstate full funding to the creative sector and related programs and further consider additional investment as part of the economic stimulus programs".

In its response to the resolution, the Province indicated a willingness to "work with the UBCM to look for creative ways to support the sustainability of the arts and cultural sector" and that the Province would "welcome the assistance of the UBCM in convincing the federal government to increase spending in British Columbia".

Members also endorsed resolution 2000-B108, which called on the provincial government to:

- *increase "investment in arts and cultural activity and infrastructure to, at minimum, the level [...] of the other provinces";*

- *work with local governments to ensure that provincial funding would “support and complement local government arts and cultural initiatives”;* and
- *establish a provincial-local government task force to develop a strategic approach to improving federal investment in BC’s arts and cultural sector.*

The Province in response expressed willingness to improve provincial investment in arts and culture, and to work with local government to “ensure that local government priorities are considered in the development of provincial policy.” With regard to federal arts funding, the Province indicated that it “would welcome the assistance of the UBCM in convincing the federal government to increase spending in British Columbia.”

See also resolution C31.

Conference decision: _____

B49 SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING

Williams Lake

WHEREAS a stable, effective public education system is instrumental in creating and supporting a successful and sustainable community, and many school districts have announced significant financial challenges for 2010 and beyond;

AND WHEREAS the closure of schools is detrimental to the development of students and effectively removes the heart of the community with significant social and economic loss, and minimizes the opportunity for any growth in the community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM strongly request the government of BC to continue its commitment to build strong communities throughout the province by adequately funding education and schools to achieve integrated sustainability of communities throughout the province.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide adequate funding for education and schools in BC (2009-B58, 2008-B22, 2006-B165, 2006-B167, 2005-B157, 2004-B94, 2003-B135, 2002-LR2).

In its response to the 2009 resolution, the provincial government stated that education is a priority and pointed out that it has increased education funding by \$1.3 billion since 2000/2001 (\$873 million in operating grants and \$407 million in one-time grants). The Province also projected an average per-pupil funding increase to \$8,323 in 2009/10 – a \$205 increase over the 2008/09 funding of \$8,118 – and observed that the per-pupil funding amount has increased by an estimated \$2,107 since 2000/01.

The Resolutions Committee notes that members have considered the issue of funding rural schools as well as school closures. Specifically in 2004, resolution B94 was endorsed requesting that “the provincial government work with affected stakeholders, such as the BC School Trustees Association, to review the current school funding formula so that it better reflects the special circumstances of different communities.”

As well a related resolution (2002-LR2) requested that the Ministry of Education ensure that the Small Community Supplement (i.e. the Unique Geographic Factors Supplement introduced in the new funding formula for the 2002/03 school year) be used to keep rural schools open. In its response to this resolution, the

Province indicated that this supplement (which “recognizes that some school districts, and schools within rural and remote areas, do not benefit from the economies of scale that can be achieved where schools are clustered more closely together”) could be used at the school district’s discretion.

At last year’s Convention, members referred resolution A8 to the Executive on the issue of disposal of surplus school lands to allow the UBCM and the BC School Trustees to work together to better understand the existing policy and requirements with respect to disposal of school lands when there are closures, which is an issue closely tied to funding and declining enrollments as well as consultations between boards of education and local governments. A joint working group has been established with UBCM’s First and Second VPs, Councillor Barbara Steele of Surrey (LMGLA) and Director Heath Slee, RD East Kootenay (AKBLG) to examine the inter connected nature of these issues.

See also resolutions C25, C26 and C27.

Conference decision: _____

B50 CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES Hudson’s Hope

WHEREAS the provincial government made a commitment in 2008 that all rural communities would be provided with advanced communications including cellular phone service within three years, which would provide lower cost communication and support economic growth;

AND WHEREAS many rural communities and vast areas of British Columbia are still without cellular coverage, and the absence of this service poses a hazard to all who travel through the province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government and cellular providers to foster economic growth and citizen safety by ensuring that cell phone coverage is available to all rural BC communities and their connecting corridors.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for the provincial government and telecommunications providers to ensure that cellular phone coverage is available throughout the province (2009-B57, 2008-B54, 2005-B5, 2004-B9, 2003-B35).

In its response to the 2009 resolution, the Province cited an announcement by the Premier at the 2008 UBCM Convention, committing to obtaining expanded Internet and cellular coverage for citizens in rural and remote areas. The provincial government indicated that the procurement process was underway. To date, no updates have been received by UBCM.

Conference decision: _____

B51 POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN White Rock

WHEREAS poverty and its effects is something that each local government is faced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the importance of a poverty reduction plan be communicated to the leaders of all political parties in British Columbia highlighting the need to provide adequate

and accessible income support for the non-employed, improve the earnings and working conditions of those in the low-wage workforce and improve food security for low-income individuals and families.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2009-SR2 on Child Poverty but has not previously considered a resolution requesting that a general poverty reduction plan be created in BC.

Resolution 2009-SR2 requested that the Province bring forward a child poverty plan, similar to the Province of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Plan, that would include the implementation of a comprehensive, cross-ministry strategy to address child poverty; and resolution 2004-B135 which requested that the federal government undertake, in a comprehensive and non-stigmatic manner, to end child poverty in Canada.

The Committee also notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions that address issues related to poverty, including: cuts to community social services (2005-B159, 2004-B35, 2004-B36, 2003-B40, 2003-LR17); affordable housing (2008 Affordable Housing & Homelessness policy paper, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64, 2000-B31, 1999-A22, 1995-B63, 1994-B85, 1993-A2, 1991-A13, 1991-B56, 1990-A20); increasing the minimum wage to \$10/hour (2007-B198); and access to affordable childcare (2007-B54, 2006-B169, 2005-B156, 2004-B137, 2001-B98, 1992-B73).

See also resolutions C32, C33, C34, C35 and C36.

Conference decision: _____

**B52 CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION
REGARDING ACCESSIBLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
STANDARDS**

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS British Columbia Building Code Standards only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi-family housing and cannot be applied to single family dwellings or townhouse development;

AND WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of all housing types that are accessible:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Local Government Act* and / or *Community Charter* be changed and provide policy for local governments to apply tax incentives, development cost proportional forgiveness, density bonusing or other tools to encourage construction of accessible housing in all housing forms.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2008-B158, which requested

that local government be provided with additional tools to encourage accessible housing.

The Committee would point out that local governments can provide incentives for private sector developers through density bonusing, which allows variation in zoning requirements in exchange for certain amenities or housing that benefit the community. Alternatively, local governments can pass a bylaw requiring developers to include accessible housing standards.

As an example, in 2003 the District of Saanich amended their Zoning Bylaw to require that most newly-constructed apartment buildings and seniors' congregate care facilities be built to include Basic Adaptable Housing standards. These standards follow "universal design" principles. For more information please visit the Saanich website:

www.saanich.ca/business/development/plan/adaptable.html

Conference decision: _____

B53 ACCESSIBLE BUILDING CODE STANDARDS

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS most communities are trying to build housing and neighborhoods that will allow their citizens to age in place without having to move so they can remain connected to their community;

AND WHEREAS building codes only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi family housing and do not apply to single family dwellings or townhouse development:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial and federal building codes be amended to allow communities to apply accessible building standards to all residential classes.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution specifically requesting that the provincial and federal building codes be amended to encourage accessible building standards. However, members endorsed resolution 2008-B158, requesting that local government be provided with additional tools to encourage accessible housing.

The Province in response to 2009-B158 pointed out that under the Community Charter's concurrent authority provisions, local governments need provincial approval to adopt new or amended building bylaws that include technical standards that vary from the Building Code. Several local governments have expressed interest in applying adaptable housing standards in their communities.

The Province indicated that it has worked with representatives of the construction industry and local governments to develop a set of adaptable housing standards that can be applied consistently across the province, by local governments that choose to apply them. The standards are currently being finalized and will be published later this year.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS Canada Post will not deliver unaddressed admail to addresses which have a 'block' on this type of mail;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post policy includes exemptions from 'blocking' for unaddressed mailings from the House of Commons, provincial chief electoral officers, municipal electoral officers and Elections Canada;

AND WHEREAS local governments may, from time to time, undertake bulk mail-outs, such as public opinion surveys, intended to reach all constituents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Canada Post be requested to amend its unaddressed admail policy to include an exemption for bulk mail-outs by local governments.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2002-B63, which requested that Canada Post alter the parameters of its unaddressed admail program to include local government mailings among those items delivered to all residents.

In its response to the resolution, Canada Post indicated that it would not consider amending the Consumers' Choice (unaddressed admail) program to include an exemption for bulk mail-outs by local governments.

See also resolution C37.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS many citizens, young and old, do not have a great deal of knowledge about the actual role of local government within their community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be requested to approach the provincial government requesting "Local Government Studies" be added to the grades 8 to 12 school curriculum.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution to add Local Government Studies to the grade 8-12 school curriculum. However, the Committee notes that this proposal is consistent with recent efforts encourage greater civic awareness and engagement through the Local Government Awareness Week program. The Committee also notes that the UBCM Presidents Committee has worked with other agencies, led by the BC Law Reform Education Society, to seek changes to incorporate "civics" into the school curriculum.

Further, the Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed previous resolutions requesting the provincial government change school curriculums to incorporate food security and food production (2009-B144); the important role of veterans in the school's history curriculum (1995-B95); and to ensure all students in British Columbia receive formal, balanced and meaningful education in the importance and sustainability of forestry, agriculture, mining and oil and gas to our province (B140-2004).

Conference decision: _____

B56 FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Invermere

WHEREAS the development of children from the ages of 0-6 is important to the overall development of communities and society;

AND WHEREAS long term funding and investments in early childhood development leads to stronger communities and more socially responsible citizens:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM supports the Province's long term funding commitment to early childhood development programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be advised that the UBCM does not support any proposed cuts to early childhood development programs to offset short term financial short falls in exchange for long term societal impacts;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to ensure early childhood development remains a provincial priority for funding.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that resolutions addressing the topic of early childhood development and care have been endorsed by the UBCM membership in the past.

Most recently resolution 2004-B137 requested that "the federal and provincial governments...ensure that all children, irrespective of family financial status, have equal opportunities for early learning and care, which means that families have access to equal, affordable options in child care" and that the provincial government provide sufficient funding to ensure quality, affordable, accessible early learning and child care facilities and programs.

Resolution 2001-B98 called for the "federal, provincial and territorial governments to sign an agreement for Early Child Development (ECD) services ensuring every family has access to pre-and post natal care; early learning and child care services and parenting supports as these services would meet the needs of all families regardless of income or employment status."

In addition, resolution 1992-B78 called for the federal government "to work co-operatively with provincial and local governments in developing a system of quality, affordable and accessible child care in Canada by implementing a national child care programme which would provide for federal cost-sharing of capital, operating administrative costs associated with child care."

Conference decision: _____

B57 LEGAL AID FOR BC

Victoria

WHEREAS local governments, being committed to equal access to justice for all citizens, consider that the provincial government has an obligation to fund legal services to ensure equal access to justice for every British Columbian;

AND WHEREAS reduced provincial government funding has, in the face of significantly increased demand, resulted in deep cuts to legal aid services and staff, thus harming the most vulnerable in our society, predominantly lower-income women and children:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Province to restore and increase funding for legal aid in British Columbia.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM membership considered a similar resolution concerning the need to increase the funding for legal aid (2001-B96) and it was not endorsed. A further resolution was considered in 2002 in response to the provincial government's decision to cut the funding of legal aid in the province by 40% and was endorsed (2002-B73) and a resolution regarding the need to provide legal assistance to women and children was considered and endorsed in 2004 (2004-B136).

Conference decision: _____

SECTION B - PART II and PART III

Resolutions for Individual Consideration

This section contains resolutions that:

- address topics not previously considered;
- were previously considered but not endorsed;
- involve topics of local or regional significance;
- involve topics of national significance and recommended, as appropriate, for consideration by FCM.

The resolutions have been classified as:

- Part II: those issues considered within the jurisdiction of local government.
- Part III: those resolutions on matters of interest to local communities that are considered not within the jurisdiction of local government.

The process for introducing these resolutions for discussion will be:

- a motion to enter all resolutions in Section B - Parts II and III for discussion will be made by a spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee as follows:

**"I MOVE THAT ALL PART II AND PART III - B
RESOLUTIONS BE CONSIDERED FOR DEBATE."**

- any amendments for resolutions that delegates DO NOT wish to consider can be made by any voting delegate.
- once it is determined which resolutions will be considered individually discussion will begin in the order the resolutions are printed.
- sponsors do not have to individually introduce their resolutions for consideration but are invited to speak to them at the appropriate time.

SECTION BII-a

LEGISLATIVE

B58 REQUIREMENT FOR GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS FOR NON-HABITABLE STRUCTURES

Fraser Valley RD

WHEREAS section 56 [Requirement for Geotechnical Report] of the *Community Charter* generally provides that the building inspector may require the owner of land to provide a report certified by a qualified professional that the land may be used safely for the use intended;

AND WHEREAS this requirement as it pertains to applications for building permits for non-habitable accessory or smaller structures in hazard areas is onerous and costly for homeowners who have previously attained a geotechnical report for the primary structure:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government for an amendment to section 56 of the *Community Charter* to release or relax the liability of building inspectors regarding the requirement for geotechnical reports for non-habitable accessory or smaller structures in hazard areas and to seek clarification with respect to the definition of the word “may” as it applies to the duties of the building inspector with respect to the requirement to issue building permits and request geotechnical reports;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM request financial assistance from the Province to undertake secondary geotechnical studies in order to reduce the need for individual site specific studies.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse with Proposed
Amendment*

~~THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government for an amendment to section 56 of the *Community Charter* to release or relax the liability of building inspectors regarding the requirement for geotechnical reports for non-habitable accessory or smaller structures in hazard areas and to seek clarification with respect to the definition of the word “may” as it applies to the duties of the building inspector with respect to the requirement to issue building permits and request geotechnical reports;~~

~~AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM request financial assistance from the Province to undertake secondary geotechnical studies in order to reduce the need for individual site specific studies.~~

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that UBCM members have not previously considered a resolution on the two issues identified. The resolution is attempting to deal with two issues: one is the liability for property damage or injury from hazardous land, and the second issue is the high cost of undertaking geotechnical reports on individual properties.

*The Committee would point out that in the case of the first issue currently geotechnical reports are required by building inspectors under s. 56 of the *Community Charter*. Legal advice on this provision indicates that:*

- discretion may only be exercised by the building inspectors, and must be exercised solely in relation to meeting the goals of s. 56 regarding the safety of construction from hazardous conditions.
- any decision not to require a report ... where construction would be on documented hazardous land ... is very likely to expose the local government to liability for any property damage or injury that occurs as a result of the issuance of a permit without a technical report.

Under the present system liability for damages in a hazardous area is the responsibility of the property owner; however, the request in first part of resolution would appear to transfer the liability from the property owner to the local government. An amendment is proposed to omit the request to transfer liability to local governments.

The Committee would point out that in the case of the second issue some local governments have attempted to deal with the problem by undertaking secondary geotechnical studies to assess hazards over a defined area, such as an entire alluvial fan, and provide mitigation prescriptions. They eliminate the need for site-specific studies if the recommendations of the secondary study are followed. Secondary studies are an effective and efficient way to reduce costs to individual property owners, however, they are expensive for a local government to undertake.

Conference decision: _____

COMMUNITY SAFETY

B59 FIRE SMART CANADA COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Kaslo

WHEREAS many communities small and large in British Columbia are threatened by potential wildfire occurrences adjacent to and within their communities;

AND WHEREAS community wildfire protection plans and operational fuel management projects on public and private lands can significantly reduce the threat and impact of a wildfire event:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities initiate a Fire Smart Canada Community Program similar to the FireWise program in the United States and the Partners in Protection Fire Smart Canada proposal.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse with Proposed
Amendment*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities **request that the Province** initiate a Fire Smart Canada Community Program similar to the FireWise program in the United States and the Partners in Protection Fire Smart Canada proposal.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the establishment of a Fire Smart Canada Community Program, but members have more broadly supported programs aimed at reducing fire risk within interface areas.

The FireWise program in the United States is similar to the Fire Smart program that the Ministry of Forests and Range has in place which provides information to local communities and individuals as to what actions they can take to reduce the threat of wildfires.

An amendment is proposed to clarify that the Province would be requested to initiate such a program.

Conference decision: _____

B60 NEW MANUFACTURED HOMES – PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS

Barriere

WHEREAS new stick built and pre-fabricated homes are subject to scheduled building inspections during construction by licensed building inspectors, and are subject to protection under the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act* and Regulations, but new “manufactured homes and mobile homes” are specifically excluded from that protection;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Standards Association is a testing agency but not a licensed building inspection agency, but by virtue of their affixed seal of approval of Procedures for Certification of Factory-Built Houses and Mobile Homes (Can/CSA-A277-90 and CAN/CSA-Z240 MH Series-92) manufactured homes and mobile homes are exempted from Section 9 of the B.C. Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the CSA approval applies only to each home at its factory location, not its ultimate residential location;

AND WHEREAS purchasers are offered minimal warranties by the insurance agencies of manufacturers and sellers, which are less than the minimum warranty standards afforded under the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act*, thus leaving no recourse for government mediation, or advocacy for consumers of these types of residential housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province provide equal protection to consumers of new manufactured single family dwellings through amendments to the B.C. *Homeowner Protection Act* and its Regulations in all of its parts and sections.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ***Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting amendments to the Homeowner Protection Act to provide protection to consumers of new manufactured homes.

Conference decision: _____

**B61 RESTORATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING
FUNDING**

Hudson’s Hope

WHEREAS the provincial government cut core funding for emergency management, emergency social service and first responder training for the 2009/2010 fiscal year and transferred some of it to year-by-year special access gaming grants, administered by the BC Association of Emergency Managers and the Emergency Social Services Association, that have been denied for the 2010/2011 fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS this financial assistance was relied upon by many small and rural communities and their volunteer organizations to provide critical services throughout vast areas of the province;

AND WHEREAS adequate training is imperative for an effective local emergency program which provides for the safety and well being of the citizens of BC, along with being legislated by Section 6 of the *Emergency Program Act*:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to restore core funding for emergency management, emergency social services, and first responder training to at least the 2008/2009 levels and to continue working with the BC Association of Emergency Managers, the Emergency Social Services Association and other stakeholders to improve emergency program training for every community in BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Province of British Columbia mandate a compulsory occupational health and safety policy for emergency program volunteers that adequate funding for the necessary training of volunteers be provided.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse with Proposed
Amendment*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to restore core funding for emergency management, emergency social services, and first responder training to at least the 2008/2009 level and to continue working with the BC Association of Emergency Managers, the Emergency Social Services Association and other stakeholders to improve emergency program training for every community in BC.

~~*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Province of British Columbia mandate a compulsory occupational health and safety policy for emergency program volunteers that adequate funding for the necessary training of volunteers be provided.*~~

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the reinstatement of core funding for emergency management training.

The Committee proposes an amendment to omit the second enactment clause of the resolution, as it imposes a mandatory compulsory health and occupational safety program for all emergency program volunteers. A mandatory program of this nature would impose additional costs on both the Province and local governments.

See also resolutions C4 and C5.

Conference decision: _____

**B62 COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY Kent
TRAINING**

WHEREAS municipalities are required to have an Emergency Coordinator to recruit, train and educate our volunteers and to have an emergency plan to address emergency disasters;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has abrogated their financial responsibilities by no longer funding for training emergency volunteers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia restore the Community Gaming Grant funding for emergency training for BC municipalities.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the reinstatement of gaming grant funding for emergency management training.

Conference decision: _____

B63 RCMP COSTS

Dawson Creek

WHEREAS local governments contract RCMP to provide policing on a cost share formula with the Province;

AND WHEREAS the RCMP has a professional code and self monitoring mandate:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that all costs associated with RCMP self monitoring, defending themselves, or individual members in civil law or other malpractice allegations, be borne in total by the RCMP with provincial and federal funding and that no part of those costs, including monitoring equipment or temporary replacement staff, be borne by the local government.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that all costs associated with defending an RCMP member in the courts be paid for by the federal or provincial government.

The Province has identified this as an issue and it is currently one of the items to be discussed as part of the current RCMP contract negotiations underway between the federal government and the provinces.

Conference decision: _____

B64 RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF PRECURSOR PRODUCTS

Metro Vancouver

WHEREAS Canada's role as a producer and exporter of manufactured drugs, such as crystal meth and ecstasy, has been increasing over the last few years;

AND WHEREAS organized criminal groups are operating laboratories to manufacture amphetamine-type stimulants and are major suppliers to the USA, Australian and European markets;

AND WHEREAS legislation to control the importation of substances used to produce amphetamine-type stimulants has been shown to be effective in deterring drug production in other countries;

AND WHEREAS Canada has obligations under the 1988 United Nations Convention to take steps to prevent the diversion of precursor substances and to monitor their manufacture and distribution with a view to reducing significantly the manufacture of synthetic drugs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to call upon the Province of BC to work with its federal counterparts to enact more stringent regulations under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and Precursor Control Regulations to:

- restrict the importation of key precursor products and ensure that only legitimate manufacturers are able to obtain precursor chemicals; and
- enforce the regulations and monitor the end use from bulk sales of precursor chemicals.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse & Refer to FCM*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed a similar resolution requesting that the chemicals used to make illegal drugs be more stringently regulated (1990-B11). The precursor products include chemicals such as sodium hydroxide, iodine, red and white phosphorus.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR15 and, since it did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

B65 PRIME-BC FUNDING

Metro Vancouver

WHEREAS the Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) is the provincially-approved and universally-accepted records management system for municipal police agencies and RCMP in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the PRIME system was solely funded by the Province during implementation commencing in 2003 and, more recently, partially subsidized by the member agencies;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government, through the Police Services Division, has mandated that the project become self-funding such that municipalities across BC will be required to fully fund PRIME-BC rather than partially subsidizing the overall costs through the province;

AND WHEREAS this proposed provincial downloading would have significant financial implications for municipalities, including as yet unknown future costs for levies, training and upgrades;

AND WHEREAS the existing governance structure of PRIME-BC provides no accountability to the member municipalities who are now being required to fund the project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to call upon the provincial government of British Columbia to pay for capital and operations costs of PRIME-BC and to review the governance structure to ensure there is effective municipal representation and accountability to the municipalities regarding the performance of PRIME.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that elected officials be appointed to the PRIME-BC Board of Directors. However, members endorsed a related resolution, 2008-B3, which called on the Province to provide additional support resources to police forces in BC for the operation of the PRIME system.

The Province in responding to local government requests that it pay for the operation of PRIME-BC has cited its past financial contributions to PRIME: \$40-million for infrastructure; the majority of the implementation costs; and one year's operating costs.

To date, UBCM has written two letters to the Solicitor General outlining local government concerns about the levy increase and the lack of accountability in the process. UBCM requested postponement of the levy increase for a year; access to PRIME financial information in order to assess the necessity of the cost increase; and local government representation on the PRIME-BC board. UBCM Executive members also met with the Solicitor General to discuss the levy increase for PRIME-BC and to outline local government concerns. The Province has indicated that it is looking to appoint three local government representatives to the PRIME-BC Board of Directors and UBCM is working with the Province to implement this initiative.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR16 and, since it did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

See also resolutions C1, C2 and C3.

Conference decision: _____

B66 SECURITY OF CANADA POST SUPER MAIL BOXES

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS Canada Post has established the use of Super Mail Boxes for the delivery of residential mail in communities;

AND WHEREAS residents are reporting increased illegal access to the Super Mail Boxes resulting in the theft of mail which can also contribute to an increased risk of identity theft:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia call for Canada Post to investigate options for increased security of Super Mail Boxes and implement a solution to reduce illegal access and theft of mail from the Super Mail Boxes.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse & Refer to FCM**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting increased security for Super Mail Boxes.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS the establishment of reservoir “flood buffers”, storage space to contain flood flows, at BC Hydro facilities is a very cost-effective method of providing community flood protection that reduces the need for expensive dike upgrades and river dredging commonly funded by the Province and local governments;

AND WHEREAS there are many beneficiaries to flood buffers but local governments are often the sole payers of compensation to BC Hydro:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia direct BC Hydro to establish flood buffers for community flood protection purposes at their reservoir facilities where economically viable;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to compensate BC Hydro for lost power generation revenue through remissions to their water rental fees, if necessary.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to direct BC Hydro to establish flood buffers for community flood protection purposes at their reservoir facilities where economically viable, and to compensate BC Hydro for lost power generation revenue through remissions to their water rental fees, if necessary.

The Committee would note that currently under the Water Act, BC Hydro is not required to include flood buffers in its reservoirs to provide downstream flood protection and it has the water rights for power generation. If a local government identifies that a flood buffer would be a cost effective strategy to reduce the risk of flooding it must compensate BC Hydro for lost revenue from power generation.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS the majority of funds available under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program have been used for mitigation work related to the pine beetle infestation in the BC interior;

AND WHEREAS there are insufficient funds remaining to allow coastal communities to assess, prioritize and abate wildland interface hazards in a similar fashion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request continued funding of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program by the Province of BC for British Columbia’s coastal communities.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to continue to provide funding of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program ~~for British Columbia's coastal communities.~~

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to continue to provide funding for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program.

The Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program has been very successful in assisting local governments in dealing with local wildfire issues and the Committee recognizes that, as referenced by the sponsor, mitigation work related to the pine beetle infestation was a priority early on in the program. However, the demand for assistance under the program has been greater than the funding available and there are still a number of local governments that would benefit from a continuation of the program.

An amendment is proposed to ensure that all communities would be able to apply for assistance under the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Program, should the Province continue to provide funding for the program.

Conference decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

B69 TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES **Central Kootenay RD**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch has implemented a travel authorization permitting process, as outlined in the Compliance Circular dated June 15, 2009, requiring fire apparatus - operated by or on behalf of a municipality or other authority responsible for public fire control operations - that exceeds legal axle weights as listed in the BC *Commercial Transport Act* and Commercial Transport Regulation to obtain a conditional permit that may limit, prohibit and make direction respecting use on provincial roadway routes:

AND WHEREAS emergency response personnel, in the interest of public safety, just respond to incidents by the most accessible, expedient and direct route possible thereby deeming the travel authorization permitting process impractical and detrimental to emergency response operations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to reconsider its position and exempt public and not for profit emergency response vehicles from the requirement for travel authorization permits on provincial roadways.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting an exemption for emergency response vehicles from the requirement for travel authorization permits on provincial roadways.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR12. Since the resolution did not

meet the criteria for emergency debate, it was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

**B70 ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES**

Parksville

WHEREAS as a result of the 1993 federal government decision to make accessibility standards voluntary, the transportation policy in Canada remains archaic and plagued with numerous barriers for people with disabilities, lagging far behind many industrialized countries including the United States and Britain;

AND WHEREAS federal regulation and policy are required to ensure the needs of travelers with disabilities are given precedence as new transportation policies, programs and services are developed:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM, FCM, provincial and federal governments be requested to ensure that Canadian public transportation providers be required by law, similar to the United States *Americans with Disabilities Act*, to provide physical access for disabled passengers travelling in Canada.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ***Endorse & Refer to FCM***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial and federal governments introduce legislation requiring that public transportation be accessible for physically disabled passengers.

However, the membership did endorse resolution 1988-A21, which supports the need for specialized public transportation for the handicapped.

Conference decision: _____

FINANCE

B71 COMMUNITY WORKS FUND

Central Kootenay RD

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities, representing local governments in British Columbia, has entered into an agreement with Canada and British Columbia to transfer a portion of federal gas tax funds to local governments by establishing the Community Works Fund for the purpose of providing funding to local governments to improve the quality of the environment and contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner water or cleaner air;

AND WHEREAS the funding agreement continues at the pleasure of the government of Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the federal government to enact a permanent continuation to the Community Works Fund program with funds provided being indexed to account for the effects of inflation.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the federal government to enact a permanent continuation of the Community Works Fund program, with funds indexed to account for inflation. However, UBCM members have consistently endorsed resolutions requesting permanent, stable, infrastructure programs, and increased funding for infrastructure purposes (most recently 2008-B117; 2007-B1; 2006-B110).

Conference decision: _____

**B72 EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS
REQUIREMENTS – BROADBAND**

East Kootenay RD

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* provides an exemption from the assistance to business prohibition for the operation of a service to provide capital financing for services provided by a telephone, natural gas or electric power utility;

AND WHEREAS the availability of high speed broadband service has become as critical to economic development, education, and communication as those services listed above:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend Section 797.1(3) of the *Local Government Act* by adding broadband as a service for which capital financing can be provided.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting amendments to section 797.1(3) of the Local Government Act to enable a regional district to provide capital financing for high speed broadband service, without acting in contravention of section 182 of the Act (prohibition against providing assistance to business). However, members have endorsed resolutions calling on the federal government, provincial government, and industry to ensure that every community in BC has access to broadband service, in order to develop economic growth opportunities (2006-B54, 2003-B35).

The Committee notes that discussions are presently underway between the sponsor and the ministry on this matter in an attempt to find a possible solution to this request.

Conference decision: _____

B73 PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

Salmo

WHEREAS the Province has developed a property tax deferment program which is being expanded to include families with children under the age of 18;

AND WHEREAS municipalities do not receive payment for the deferred taxes until well after their property tax penalty date and have foregone the penalty, while the Province collects an administration fee and interest from the property tax penalty date and does not in turn compensate affected municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC transfer to municipalities the interest earned from the property tax due date to the date of the actual payment.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution on the Province's forthcoming property tax deferment program specifically for families with children under the age of 18. Because the full details of the program have not yet been released, it is not known whether the program will operate in the same way as existing property tax deferment programs.

Members endorsed 2009 resolution B85, which called on the Province to transfer to municipalities the interest on deferred taxes earned from the property tax due date to the date of actual payment. The Province indicated in its response to resolution B85 that any proposed transfer of additional funds to local governments must be evaluated in the context of the government's need to fund essential services.

Conference decision: _____

**B74 EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS
TO INCLUDE MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FACILITIES**

Central Saanich

WHEREAS numerous local governments throughout British Columbia are experiencing significant issues and challenges in relation to local government facilities, in terms of aging infrastructure and inadequate space and functionality;

AND WHEREAS many, if not all, major infrastructure grant programs do not contain significant funding components for the extensive upgrading, renovation, reconstruction and new construction of essential local government facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Province and the federal government for the addition of significant funding components in the infrastructure grant programs to assist local governments with major facilities projects such as municipal halls, fire halls, public safety buildings and public works yards.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse & Refer to FCM**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution specifically calling for the provincial and federal governments to add funding components to infrastructure grant programs to assist local governments with facilities projects such as municipal halls, fire halls, public safety buildings and public works yards.

However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling for increased infrastructure funding (most recently 2008-B117; 2008-B1; 2006-B110) and calling for a broadening of eligible projects under the Gas Tax Agreement including capital costs of any infrastructure contributing to economic, social, cultural or environmental sustainability (2006-B2, 2007-B2). That approach is in keeping with the key principles and elements to guide UBCM in its negotiations on the Gas Tax Agreement, endorsed at the 2004 Convention.

Conference decision: _____

B75 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE

Prince Rupert

WHEREAS BC local governments are facing insurmountable infrastructure deficits, in terms of maintaining their current and aging infrastructure, such as water and waste water systems; transportation systems; transit, solid-waste management, as well as community, recreational, cultural and social infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS local governments' current ability to generate revenue through property taxes, user fees and grants is woefully inadequate to meet the demands being placed on them, which require a reliable and dedicated source of revenue that grows with the economy and can significantly reduce the need for ongoing and unsustainable increases to property taxes, user fees and, water and sewer rates:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the federal government to share revenue with BC local governments equivalent to 1% of the HST on an annual basis to help them fund important services and infrastructure to their citizens, as the local government deems is in the best interest of the community.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse & Refer to FCM*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal government to share annually with local governments revenue equivalent to 1% of the HST.

At the 2009 UBCM Convention, the membership endorsed LR2 which requested that the provincial government abandon its plan to implement a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). However, the membership has consistently supported policy that would provide local governments with additional tax room beyond the reliance upon property taxes (i.e. hotel tax, gas tax). In 2007-B116, members support a request to the federal government to return to local governments one cent out of every six cents collected through the Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Conference decision: _____

B76 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHARE OF PROVINCIAL CARBON TAX REVENUES

Metro Vancouver

WHEREAS the Province implemented a carbon tax, beginning 2008 through 2012, on greenhouse gas emissions stemming from the purchase and use of fossil fuels in British Columbia, to induce market responses resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act*, local governments are required to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets, policies, and actions in official community plans and regional growth strategies to support provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets;

AND WHEREAS local governments require additional fiscal resources to implement new actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to support provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province to provide local governments with their per capita share of provincial carbon tax revenues to support capital and operating costs associated with new greenhouse gas emissions reduction actions implemented by local governments and regional transportation authorities to support provincially legislated greenhouse gas reduction targets.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide local governments with their per share capita of provincial carbon tax revenues to support greenhouse gas emission reduction actions implemented by local governments.

However, the membership endorsed resolution 2008-SR2, which called on the Province to examine the application of the BC Carbon Tax with the intent of mitigating impacts and creating incentives for local governments and residents to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Conference decision: _____

B77 ALLOCATING A LARGER PROPORTION OF FEDERAL GAS TAX REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS **Victoria**

WHEREAS local governments continue to have access to a single consistent source of revenue, that being a property tax, and it is impossible for local governments to achieve long-term sustainability while covering the costs of replacing aging infrastructure from that single tax base;

AND WHEREAS the revenues provided to local governments through the gas tax agreement between the federal and provincial governments and the Union of BC Municipalities have proven inadequate to address the still-growing infrastructure deficit in local jurisdictions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government to revise the agreement and allocate to local governments a greater portion of gas tax revenues in a manner that allows for sustainable financial planning.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to work with the federal government to revise the agreement and allocate to local governments a greater portion of gas tax revenues in a manner that allows for sustainable financial planning. However, the resolution is consistent with a number of previous resolutions endorsed by the membership calling for increased funding for infrastructure purposes (most recently 2008-B117; 2007-B1; 2006-B110).

Conference decision: _____

ASSESSMENT

B78 LOCATION OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL HEARINGS

Quesnel

WHEREAS many mid-sized and small municipalities have lost the services of their local BC Assessment Authority office, as operations have been centralized and consolidated to larger regional centres;

AND WHEREAS such loss of local assessment services has resulted in an inequitable, unfair inconvenience and cost as small-town taxpayers are required to travel, in the dead of winter, to have their assessment appeals heard in regional centres, usually at great distances from the communities in which the appeals were launched:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the BC Assessment Authority hear assessment appeals, if necessary through electronic means, in mid-sized and small municipalities in order that taxpayers are not faced with the inconvenience and financial burden of winter travel to regional centres.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that assessment appeal hearings be held in the local community, rather than regional centres.

Conference decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

B79 SOUTHERN STRAIT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE

Islands Trust

WHEREAS the Southern Strait of Georgia in British Columbia is an ecologically, economically, and culturally rich area that contains the critical habitat of the endangered southern resident orca and is being harmed by a variety of human activities;

AND WHEREAS the government of British Columbia and Parks Canada agreed in 1995 under

the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy to undertake a study to assess the feasibility of protecting and managing this area as a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) under the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*, and have been engaged in the feasibility study since 2004:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM supports the establishment of a large, ecologically zoned NMCAR in the southern Strait of Georgia from the proposed southern end of Haro Strait, up to and including Gabriola Passage, and urge immediate action from the provincial and federal governments to proceed on this initiative while respecting First Nations interests in the area.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for establishment of a large ecologically zoned National Marine Conservation Area Reserve in the southern Strait of Georgia. However, members endorsed resolution 2004-B113, which sought to have a specific coastal area designated as a protected area as part of a joint federal/provincial approach to marine conservation under the Canada-British Columbia Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of the Oceans Strategy for the Pacific Region.

The Committee notes that the Strait of Georgia is now officially part of the "Salish Sea," which includes the Puget Sound, the Juan de Fuca Strait and the Strait of Georgia.

Conference decision: _____

B80 FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT FOR CO-GENERATION POWER PLANTS BURNING TOXIC FUELS Kamloops

WHEREAS the proposal to build a co-generation power plant to burn creosote treated railway ties within the geographical centre of the populated area of the City of Kamloops and subject to the pattern of prevailing winds to the east of Kamloops has raised health concerns amongst the residents of Kamloops and adjacent rural communities;

AND WHEREAS the technology proposed for this incinerating facility is new and does not have a history of monitoring for any long term implications on the health of residents and animals within the surrounding airshed:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the federal government to require a federal environmental assessment be completed prior to the commencement of operation of all co-generation power plants fuelled by agents containing potentially toxic compounds who receive grants from agencies that are solely funded by the federal government.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on UBCM to lobby for the completion of federal environmental assessments prior to the commencement

of co-generation plants.

However, members have endorsed several resolutions supporting the use of co-generation plants, including the development of a long range provincial strategy to encourage the establishment of viable waste co-generation facilities in BC (1996-B10, 1993-B47). Members also endorsed resolution 2001-SR3, which called on the federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with local communities to expand airshed monitoring programs, inventory emissions sources, develop airshed models and management plans, and implement local bylaws to manage specific air quality issues.

Conference decision: _____

B81 MAPPING OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S AQUIFERS

Hudson's Hope

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia began mapping aquifers in 1994, but has not mapped any since March 2007 and vast areas of the province remain unmapped;

AND WHEREAS the UN World Water Report 3 (2009), on page 226, identified that water resource management should be based on a quantitative understanding of the state of the resource;

AND WHEREAS aquifers are presently under increased pressure due to the demands of multiple users, especially the oil and gas industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to continue to map and classify aquifers throughout the province to provide baseline information and to ensure that future decisions regarding groundwater management are made with quantitative data.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to continue to map and classify aquifers throughout BC.

However, members endorsed resolution 2008-B78, which requested in part that the provincial government "develop regulations and programs that would identify, gauge, document and monitor a groundwater resource data base in populated areas of the province".

In response, the Province indicated that it was finalizing Phase 2 of the Ground Water Protection Regulation, which would include improvements to the provincial government's WELLS ground water database. The Province explained that the original WELLS database relied on voluntary submission of private well records by drillers, whereas Phase 2 would make submission mandatory. The Province suggested that this could improve "the quality and consistency of information relating to reliance on ground water and aquifer location and yield", and that the information would, in turn, improve the Province's aquifer mapping capabilities.

The Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to legislate and regulate groundwater protection (2004-B76; 2003-B22; 2001-B28; 2000-B22; 1998-B72; 1991-B15; 1989-B25).

Conference decision: _____

B82 PROPOSED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS EFFLUENT REGULATIONS

Metro Vancouver

WHEREAS the UBCM supports the efforts to harmonize the municipal wastewater effluent regulations across Canada, as outlined in the Canada-Wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent (CCME Strategy) and as detailed in Environment Canada’s Proposed Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations (Regulations);

AND WHEREAS the CCME Strategy cannot be completed without adequate senior government funding contribution:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM convey to the federal and provincial governments that local governments cannot commit to the wastewater treatment plan upgrades, as required in the CCME Strategy and the Regulations, without a funding formula that includes funding contributions from the provincial and federal governments.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal and provincial governments for a funding program, including a funding formula and funding contributions from the other orders of government, to support the implementation of the wastewater systems effluent regulations.

However, at the April 2010 Executive meeting, the UBCM Executive endorsed a recommendation for UBCM to “call for a funding formula for the implementation of the wastewater systems effluent regulations that includes financial contributions from the senior orders of government.”

See also resolution C18.

Conference decision: _____

B83 ICBC AGGREGATE DATA

Delta

WHEREAS local governments have been mandated by the Province to set community greenhouse gas reduction targets that will require the implementation of sector-specific climate action initiatives;

AND WHEREAS a significant portion of community emissions are produced by the transportation sector of which there is very little aggregate data available to develop a baseline upon which to measure the success of climate action initiatives:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province direct ICBC to collect and release aggregate data (e.g. the estimate of vehicle kilometers traveled by vehicle class) that local governments can use to implement and measure the success of transportation-related climate action initiatives.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for ICBC to collect and release aggregate data that would support local government climate change initiatives.

Conference decision: _____

B84 COMMUNITY ENERGY & EMISSIONS INVENTORY

Delta

WHEREAS the Province has conducted community specific Community Energy and Emissions Inventories (CEEIs) for the baseline year of 2007;

AND WHEREAS local governments and regional districts are and will be, working towards implementing community energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction plans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province commit to funding a CEEI update for local governments every two years.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to provide dedicated funding for Community Energy and Emissions Inventory updates. However, the membership endorsed resolution 2009-B11, which requested provincial support for local government climate change initiatives. The resolution specifically requested that the Province establish a service for the purpose of advising local governments on matters related to carbon tax, quotas, and opportunities for carbon tax credit rebates and other allied matters.

Conference decision: _____

B85 STOP PERMITS ON SCHEDULE 2 LAKES & RIVERS

Fraser Valley RD

WHEREAS the provincial government is in the process of rewriting the *Water Act* to ensure more protection for our shrinking clean finite water sources, and various provincial authorizations under the *Environmental Management Act* and the *Water Act* are being used to authorize, and are proposed to be used, to authorize the conversion of fish bearing lakes, streams and rivers and any other fish habitat into toxic tailings ponds for mines;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 2 lakes are contrary to many of the more protective standards that are being discussed under the new "Water Smart" standards for the *Water Act*:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government to discontinue the permitting of any Schedule 2 lake designations in the province of BC.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered any resolutions calling on the provincial government to discontinue the permitting of Schedule 2 lake designations in BC.

However, the Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed several resolutions on the topic of drinking water protection and management over the years. In particular, resolutions 2006-B147, 2003-B31 and 1999-LR2 requested a prohibition on the bulk export of water resources. Resolutions 1998-B65 and 1991-SR1 requested proper planning and management of BC's water resources – in full consultation with local governments. In addition, resolutions 2005-B27, 2001-B93, 1999-A17 and 1998-B65 have called for greater protection, regulation and oversight of both watersheds and activities within watersheds to protect drinking water. Most recently, resolution 2007-B27 called for UBCM to work with all levels of government to develop water policies that protect and conserve natural sources of water, and ensure that the delivery, management and regulation of water and services is a public responsibility, affordable and accountable to BC citizens.

For information purposes, Schedule 2 lakes are natural bodies of water that despite having recognized fish and fish habitat values, have been authorized under the Fisheries Act to be reclassified as Tailings Impoundment Areas.

Conference decision: _____

B86 MAXIMIZING REDUCTIONS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Metro Vancouver

WHEREAS local governments have made steady progress to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act* to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets, policies, and actions in official community plans;

AND WHEREAS further legislative and fiscal actions by the provincial government are necessary to enable local government actions to maximize reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the buildings, transportation, and solid waste sectors:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the Province:

- in the buildings sector, accelerate the modernization of the BC Building Code and increase incentives and regulations for residential and commercial building retrofits;
- in the transportation sector, enable local governments and similar local authorities to implement comprehensive transportation demand management measures, coordinate current provincial greenhouse gas emissions standards for light-duty vehicles with new federal standards, and increase funding for sustainable transportation infrastructure and the Scrap-It Program;
- in the solid waste sector, accelerate legislative measures to reduce waste and emissions in product lifecycles, extended producer responsibility, and packaging; and
- establish standard tools, assumptions, data and forecasting methods so that local and regional targets, policies and actions are coordinated.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered any resolutions that call

on the Province to implement a specific range of fiscal and legislative actions in the building, transportation and solid waste sectors to maximize greenhouse gas reductions.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions within the building, transportation and solid waste sectors that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including the development of integrated transportation management plans (2003-B59); the provision of incentives for construction that utilizes alternative energy (2009-B196); and the provision of financial assistance and legislative tools that will help communities integrate recovery of resources, in municipal and regional waste systems (2008-B79).

Conference decision: _____

B87 HAZARDOUS SPILL RESPONSE

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS the provincial Environmental Management Branch has been responsible for a wide array of environmental management regulatory programs, including environmental emergency response and spill reporting, but is now limiting their spill response to local governments based on resources available and sensitivity of the spill;

AND WHEREAS local governments do not have the in-house expertise or financial resources necessary to respond to and evaluate the hazards associated with spills that occur on public or private property within the local government boundaries:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province allocate adequate funding for the provincial Environmental Management Branch that will ensure that all spills that occur in the province can be evaluated for hazards and environmental impact by the Environmental Management Branch and be responded to by the trained professionals at the Environmental Management Branch including any remediation necessary, rather than relying on local governments to take the lead.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province allocate funding to the provincial Environmental Management Branch (EMB) to ensure that:

- *the EMB can evaluate all spills occurring in BC for hazards and environmental impact; and*
- *trained professionals from the EMB can respond to spills and provide any remediation necessary, rather than relying on local governments to take the lead.*

However, members endorsed resolution 1992-B28, which requested in part that the provincial government establish and equip a hazardous material team to deal with hazardous chemical spills around the province. Resolution 2008-B32 was also endorsed, which called on the provincial and federal governments to:

- *enact legislation to require wildlife rescue and ecosystem recovery be part of standard oil spill response activities either on land or in water;*
 - *explore appropriate measures to streamline governmental responsibilities in spill events;*
- enact legislation to require payment of those costs attributable to wildlife rescue and ecosystem recovery caused by spill events to be borne by the Responsible Party; and*
- *explore the feasibility of a Liability Trust Fund to provide funding for spill event remediation.*

Conference decision: _____

B88 SECURITY OF WATER SUPPLY

Port Alberni

WHEREAS many BC communities get their drinking water from sources on land privately owned by corporations and individuals other than the local government;

AND WHEREAS communities need to manage the land base to provide a safe and constant supply of water:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to implement a program of assistance for communities with water supplies owned privately to acquire the land comprising the water shed.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to assist communities with water supplies on private land to acquire the land comprising the watershed.

However, members endorsed a resolution off the floor in 2004, requesting that the Province enact legislation empowering local government water purveyors to protect the community watersheds used for potable water. In response, the Province referenced the Drinking Water Protection Act (DWPA), which grants powers to regional health authorities to protect drinking water, including source water protection in community watersheds. The Province suggested that local governments should work with regional health authorities to identify and address risks to source water in community watersheds.

Conference decision: _____

B89 EDUCATION FOR USE OF FULL CUT-OFF LIGHT FIXTURES

District of Sechelt

WHEREAS the use of “full cut-off” exterior lighting allows light rays to be directed below the horizon of the light fixture which is a more energy efficient, sustainable option that also reduces light pollution in communities and glare for motorists;

AND WHEREAS public bodies and the commercial sector should be encouraged to utilize full cut-off exterior lighting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and the Province of British Columbia support an education program on the benefits of installing full cut-off exterior lighting fixtures.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for an education program on the benefits of full cut-off exterior light fixtures.

The Committee notes that full cut-off light fixtures on street lights diffuse light downwards where it is needed as opposed to sideways and up to the sky as currently occurs with traditional street lights. As a result, full cut-off light fixtures reduce light pollution while increasing the energy efficiency of street lights.

Conference decision: _____

**B90 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY –
CONSTRUCTION WASTE**

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS an abundance of construction waste is entering the municipal solid waste stream;

AND WHEREAS there is increasing pressure on local governments to provide resources for the prevention and clean up of illegal dump sites:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM encourage the Province to expand extended producer responsibility programs to include construction materials and to work with the manufacturers and retailers of construction materials, to develop systems for tracking materials commonly found at illegal dump sites.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to expand extended producer responsibility programs to include construction materials, and to work with manufacturers and retailers of construction materials to develop systems for tracking materials commonly found at illegal dump sites.

Members have, however, consistently endorsed resolutions calling for the establishment and expansion of industry stewardship and extended producer responsibility programs (2009-B36, 2009-B37, 2009-B115, 2009-B116, 2008-B29, 2008-B84, 2007-B25, 2006-B29, 2006-B30, 2006-B106, 2005-B24, 2004-B14, 2004-B15, 2004-B82, 2003-A11, 2003-B87, 2000-B83, 1999-B52, 1998-B59, 1997-B11).

Conference decision: _____

LAND USE

B91 INTERFACE FORESTS

Kimberley

WHEREAS rural communities, particularly in the 13 resort communities struggle to balance reduction of wildfire hazard, ecosystem health, tourism and social-recreational values in the forests surrounding their municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the expectation of long-term timber revenue from wildland-urban interface is in

conflict with other compelling values and the 2 kilometre buffer zone is insufficient for many local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests and Range update its policies to:

- (a) establish community interface forests as unique buffer zones, with local governments empowered to define the 'zone';
- (b) place stumpage revenue from the sale of crown timber off crown land in the 'zone' in trust for the community to manage the community interface forest;
- (c) amend existing policies to ensure that the primary management goal within the wildland-urban interface should be the reduction of wildfire hazard and promotion of ecosystem health and resilience; and
- (d) work with local governments to fund and implement a comprehensive management program based on current sound science research that protects the economic, environmental and social assets of community interface forests.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the wildland-urban interface two kilometre buffer zone by establishing Community Interface Forests, to be managed by local governments and funded by stumpage revenue from the sale of timber off Crown land in the buffer zone.

However, members endorsed resolution 2007-B75, which in part requested the provincial government to support fire interface protection by amending the re-stocking requirements for Crown land bordering or within local government response areas, and providing adequate funding for long-term management of these areas. The Province suggested that local governments could access funding for fuel management through the program administered by UBCM on behalf of the Province.

Members also endorsed resolution 2005-B125, which called for the provincial government follow through on specific recommendations from the Filmon Report. In its response to 2005-B125, the Province referred to its funding, through UBCM, of Community Wildfire Protection Plans, operational fuel management projects, and fuel management pilot projects. The Province anticipated discussions around tenure forms and stumpage rates to occur with the fuel management pilot projects, and recognized that a number of tenure types might be suitable for interface fuel management activities.

Conference decision: _____

B92 HIGHWAY CORRIDORS

Lake Country

WHEREAS many municipalities have significant development and densification along highway corridors, and Section 52 of the *Transportation Act* establishes that municipal zoning bylaws do not apply to land and improvements within 800 metres of a highway controlled area, unless approved in writing by the Minister or his designate;

AND WHEREAS the definition of a "controlled area", being a radius of 800 metres from an intersection of a controlled access highway with any other highway, land and improvements, has become onerous for local government and possibly provincial staff as well:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to undertake amendments to the definition of “controlled area” within the meaning of Section 52 of the *Transportation Act* that would reduce the effective distance from 800 metres to 500 metres.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution specifically requesting that amendments be made to the definition of “controlled area” within Section 52 of the Transportation Act to reduce the effective distance from 800 to 500 metres.

The sponsor has indicated that the 800 m. requirement seems quite arbitrary and by reducing the provision to 500 m. the workload for both ministry staff and local government staff would be reduced with likely no relevant effect on the highway.

Conference decision: _____

**B93 ROAD ACCESS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR Central Kootenay RD
SELLING OF SHARE, CO-OP & BARE LAND STRATA
CONVERSIONS**

WHEREAS pursuant to Part 2, Division 2, Section 8 of the *Real Estate Development Marketing Act* the Province of BC prescribes that road access standards be included in subdivision processes;

AND WHEREAS through the selling of shares, land co-ops and bare land strata, land owners/ developers can circumvent requirements set out in such subdivision processes by beginning their developments under the aforementioned ownership regimes and then applying for subdivision or building strata status:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to develop a policy or mechanism to ensure that rural access road and maintenance standards required through subdivision processes also apply to selling of share, co-op or bare land strata conversions.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to develop a policy or mechanism to ensure that rural access road and maintenance standards required through subdivision processes also apply to selling of share, co-op or bare land strata conversions.

Presently, there is no mechanism to ensure that road standards are met if a development changes its status to strata status.

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS forest stewardship plans approved under the *Forest & Range Practices Act* (FRPA) contain forest development units as large as 760 square kilometres that are much too large for fair assessment by the public and stakeholders to determine possible impacts;

AND WHEREAS consultation processes for forest stewardship plans rely on vague newspaper ads and short comment periods that make it difficult for the public to become aware of forest stewardship plans and the locations of proposed forest development units and hard pressed to respond within designated comment periods:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide direction to forest licensees through regulation under the FRPA or other means to achieve smaller, more targeted forest development units in forest stewardship plans;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government improve public consultation processes associated with forest stewardship plans, including extending the period for public consultation for a reasonable period of time after the logging plans are approved.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to provide direction to forest licensees through regulation under the FRPA or other means to achieve smaller, more targeted forest development units in forest stewardship plans, and to improve public consultation processes associated with forest stewardship plans, including extending the period of time for public consultation after the logging plans are approved. However, UBCM has broadly supported improved public consultation processes, specifically where there may be land use conflicts.

Conference decision: _____

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS regional districts do not have the power to establish business improvement areas;

AND WHEREAS a business improvement area would be a valuable economic development tool to generate revenue for marketing, tourism, and other ventures that benefit the commercial sector:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to grant regional districts the power to establish business improvement areas.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to amend the Local Government Act to grant regional districts the power to establish business improvement areas.

The Committee notes that this is an issue that has been raised as a result of the RD Task Force work and is being considered as part of the possible legislative amendments for consideration with the Province.

Conference decision: _____

B96 COMMUNITY FARM MARKETS

North Saanich

WHEREAS local community farm markets build communities, have re-vitalized the local economies of urban and rural communities, and can provide food security with a lower carbon footprint;

AND WHEREAS local farm markets require funding to cover start-up costs for infrastructure, promotion and insurance:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province to provide funding to contribute to the start-up costs for communities to establish new local farm markets.

NOT ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province provide funding to communities for start-up costs of local farm markets.

However, the membership has previously endorsed a resolution requesting that the provincial government provide resources to enable all local governments to create and implement solutions for supporting local food resilience (2009-B132).

Conference decision: _____

B97 REGIONAL FISHING ECONOMY

Prince Rupert

WHEREAS for thousands of years salmon fishing has been of vital importance to the First Nations people both on the Pacific coast and inland along the rivers and to this day the Pacific coast marine commercial fishing industry and the inland sports fishery are both essential to our region as economic generators;

AND WHEREAS at the 57th Annual BC Chamber of Commerce AGM in May of 2009 the delegates passed a “policy for maintaining a vibrant sport fishing industry in British Columbia” and Prince Rupert City Council feels the policy is reflective of only the sport fishing industry, and undermines the commercial fishing industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to support both the commercial fishing industry and the sports fishing industry equitably as they are

both critical economic generators for residents within the province.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to provide equitable support for both the commercial and sports fisheries.

However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions in support of the fishing industry generally, with specific references to wild salmon and hake (2009-B126; 2005-B128; 2001-A8; 1997-LR5; 1992-B84; 1984-A28). For many communities, the sports fishery is linked to tourism opportunities but there does need to be a balance since the commercial fishing industry needs to be considered equally within the economic context.

Conference decision: _____

B98 TIMBER SUPPLY CONSTRAINTS

Vanderhoof

WHEREAS since 2004 the constraints on the interior forest districts have increased to where they now negatively impact the timber supply, resulting in a shortage of fibre supply threatening the loss of jobs, which would be devastating to the local economies;

AND WHEREAS before the full effect of the mountain pine beetle was understood, constraints on the forest, in particular visual quality objectives and wildlife tree patches, were applied having a negative impact on local mills' longevity and operations in their traditional areas:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the Minister of Forests insures that there is a comprehensive cost benefit analysis completed along with a cumulative impact assessment on the current impacts of established constraints, in particular the constraints of visual quality objectives and wildlife tree patches.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to complete a cost benefit analysis and cumulative impact assessment on current timber supply constraints, such as visual quality objectives and wildlife tree patches, before establishing new or additional constraints.

However, members have endorsed a number of resolutions over the years in support of the forest industry and local manufacturers to enhance economic development opportunities (2006-B42), requests to ensure that adequate timber volumes remain in areas for processing (2008-B37) as well as requests for more local management of the forest resource (2003-B93).

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS communities in BC are envisioning green energy as one aspect of economic diversity and prosperity;

AND WHEREAS present regulations and legislation in BC are not supportive of alternative energy industry growth:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM assume a priority position to lobby the provincial government to establish levels of feed-in tariffs and tax incentives that will position the alternative energy industry in BC to a level comparable with the USA and Ontario as well as European models.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to establish levels of feed-in tariffs and tax incentives at the industry level to support the growth of the alternative energy industry in BC.

However, members endorsed Energy Forum recommendations in 2001, which committed in part to:

“4. Encourage the pursuit of alternative energy sources such as wood waste, tidal, solar, district energy and geothermal as well as any other economically and environmentally feasible alternatives.”

Since then, members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling for development of alternative energy sources (2009-B45; 2009-B107; 2009-B131; 2009-B137; 2009-B166; 2008-B41; 2008-B79; 2007-B129; 2007-B131; 2006-B26; 2006-B124; 2006-LR14). Members also endorsed resolution 2004-B10, which requested that the provincial and federal governments “implement a full sales tax refund policy for machinery and equipment for municipal energy conservation and/or alternative energy generation projects”.

As well the Province has recently enacted the Clean Energy Act which one element references the establishment of a “Feed-In Tariff program to foster the development of emerging technologies in renewable power production.”

Conference decision: _____

WHEREAS the British Columbia interior tree fruit industry is under extreme hardship;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia interior tree fruit industry represents 800 growers operating orchards that generate \$130 million in wholesale revenue, contribute \$900 million in economic activity and directly employs 1,500 person years at the grower, packer and processor level:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia endorse and implement a “Buy Local” program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods in support of the British Columbia interior tree fruit industry.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia endorse and implement a “Buy Local” program to promote the sale of local, sustainably produced foods in support of the British Columbia ~~interior~~ tree fruit industry.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has not specifically sought funding for the tree fruit industry but it has endorsed resolutions requesting that the Province increase its funding of agricultural initiatives that will help to increase the productivity and efficiency of our diverse agricultural sectors (2008-B47) and to adequately fund the Ministry to ensure it can fulfill its mandate (2009-B50).

In response to the 2008 resolution the Province indicated that with the endorsement of the Ministry plan \$1M per year had been dedicated to promote local agricultural products and develop a BC brand.

The Committee has proposed an amendment to omit the word “interior” in the enactment clause so that the request would apply province-wide.

Conference decision: _____

B101 CREATING GREEN JOBS IN GREEN COMMUNITIES

Duncan

WHEREAS the current global economic instability combined with the loss of many forestry based industries and their jobs emphasizes the need to build more resilient communities through partnership and innovation;

AND WHEREAS BC local governments and the Province have already recognized the urgent need for positive action on climate change by signing the Climate Action Charter, using the Climate Action Toolkit and existing programs such as the Green Buildings BC for Local Governments program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM propose partnerships of local governments, community colleges, the Province and local investors to establish funding agreements which could provide the basis for stimulating and building enduring economies in British Columbian communities, through attracting and supporting green industries and providing the training for the newly-skilled workers they would require.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM ~~propose~~ **support and encourage the development of** partnerships of local governments, community colleges, the Province and local investors to establish funding agreements which could provide the basis for stimulating and building enduring economies in British Columbian communities, through attracting and supporting green industries and providing the training for the newly-skilled workers they would require.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee supports the principle and intent of the resolution that has been put forward as it

encourages local governments to partner with other organizations to encourage the development of the green economy at a time when so many resource dependent communities are incurring significant job losses.

The Committee is proposing an amendment to reflect that UBCM supports and encourages the development of partnerships but due to the unique circumstances within each community and region, UBCM is not in a position to propose partnerships, as these should be established based on the different resources and parties that are located within the communities.

Conference decision: _____

B102 CLEAN ENERGY ACT EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERSIGHT

Hudson's Hope

WHEREAS the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) has properly regulated and provided independent oversight of utilities in this province for many years;

AND WHEREAS the *Clean Energy Act* seriously restricts the BCUC's mandate to protect the interests of British Columbian consumers through scrutiny of utility resource planning and activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the provincial government to amend the *Clean Energy Act* to reinstate the BCUC's ability to protect consumer interests through public and transparent scrutiny of the utility sector.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking to amend the Clean Energy Act to reinstate the BCUC's ability to protect consumer interests through public and transparent scrutiny of the utility sector. Previously members have supported the role played by the BCUC (i.e. with respect to oversight of powerline development; setting gas rates, etc.)

The Committee notes that the BCUC's mission is "to ensure that ratepayers receive safe, reliable, and nondiscriminatory energy services at fair rates from the utilities it regulates, and that shareholders of those utilities are afforded a reasonable opportunity to earn a fair return on their invested capital. [...] It approves the construction of new facilities planned by utilities and their issuance of securities." As well one of the key roles played by BCUC is that of independent watch dog, where major projects, programs, contracts and expenditures proposed by the utility sector are reviewed and considered in a broad public consultation forum.

The Province's news release on the Clean Energy Act stated the following with respect to the BCUC:

"Ensuring the following projects will not be subject to unnecessary lengthy and costly processes before the BC Utilities Commission, but will still be subject to environmental assessments and ensuring the Crown's obligations to First Nations are met:

- Northwest Transmission Line
- Mica units 5 and 6
- Revelstoke unit 6
- Site C Clean Energy Project
- Bioenergy Phase 2 Call for Power
- The Clean Power Call

- *The Standing Offer program*
- *The Feed-In Tariff Program*
- *BC Hydro's Smart Metering and Grid Program.*"

Conference decision: _____

B103 ELIMINATION OF PROVINCIAL FUEL TAX ON INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS

**Kamloops
Richmond**

WHEREAS local airports and communities recognize and appreciate that the Province eliminated fuel taxes on international cargo operations, and that the carbon tax is not applicable to international flights;

AND WHEREAS other provincial jurisdictions have eliminated fuel tax on international flights, placing them in a more competitive position to significantly enhance new opportunities and gain new business:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government of British Columbia eliminate the fuel tax on all international passenger flights, which would cost the government approximately \$20 million annually in forfeited revenue but the growth in international travel would quickly offset this amount and generate a net increase in government's overall revenues, as well as supporting economic development in airport communities and improving BC's international connectivity, building a base for future growth.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered the issue of eliminating the fuel tax on international passenger flights.

The report from the sponsor on this matter indicates that BC is the only west coast province or state that levies a fuel tax on international flights. The report goes on to state that removing the fuel tax would level the playing field for BC airports with those in neighbouring jurisdictions in Alaska, Alberta, Washington and California.

Conference decision: _____

B104 COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM EXPANSION

Logan Lake

WHEREAS community forests are area based forest tenures managed by and for BC communities and while the number of Community Forest Agreements (CFAs) has increased rapidly in the last decade to represent 1.5% of the provincial AAC, the size and area of many existing CFAs are not viable and many additional communities have expressed an interest to participate in the program;

AND WHEREAS the Community Forest Agreements have and will continue to supply benefits such as employment, wood products, timber supply to local milling facilities, aesthetic, recreational and watershed values to 54 communities in the province even during the economic downturn;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the findings of the Province's Working Roundtable on Forestry's March 2009 Report, recommendation #23, the Minister of Forests and Range has committed to expanding

the Community Forest Program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be petitioned to implement the Forestry Roundtable recommendation #23 to expand the Community Forest Agreement Program in a manner that maintains the objectives of this unique tenure.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has not specifically considered Recommendation #23 of the Forestry Roundtable but the UBCM's Community Economic Development Committee did respond to the Roundtable report and indicate support for this recommendation based on previously endorsed UBCM policy. In 2005 members endorsed resolution B33 which requested that the Province:

- *Revise the current Community Forest regulations and policies to facilitate achievement of the stated goals of the Community Forest Agreement Program; and*
- *Allocate sufficient timber volume to address issues of economies of scale and viability for existing and new agreements.*

As well the membership has endorsed other resolutions which have more generally supported the expansion of the community forest program to provide communities with greater opportunities to control the forest resource within their area (1992-B34; 1998-B19).

Conference decision: _____

B105 COMMUNITY FOREST LAND BASE

Port Alberni

WHEREAS BC's community forests are struggling to secure a viable land base to involve communities in the local forestry and provide local jobs and economic and environmental benefits to forest communities;

AND WHEREAS BC Timber Sales administers an abundance of land, without the level of community input and benefit as community forests:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to grant the BC Timber Sales land base and tenure to community forests.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not specifically requested that BC Timber Sales land base and tenure be granted to community forests. However, members have endorsed a number of resolutions supporting the expansion of community forests and seeking to ensure that the size of the licence is large enough to make the licence economically viable for the community. For example members endorsed resolution B33 in 2005 which requested that the Province:

- *Revise the current Community Forest regulations and policies to facilitate achievement of the stated goals of the Community Forest Agreement Program; and*
- *Allocate sufficient timber volume to address issues of economies of scale and viability for existing and new agreements.*

This resolution is seeking to have the Province access the land base held by BC Timber Sales and allocate that to community forests. The Committee notes that BCTS manages some 20% of the provincial Crown allowable annual cut.

As well the membership has endorsed other resolutions which have more generally supported the expansion of the community forest program to provide communities with greater opportunities to control the forest resource within their area (1992-B34; 1998-B19).

Conference decision: _____

B106 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT MARKETING PROGRAMS

**Richmond
Kamloops**

WHEREAS local communities across British Columbia recognize their airports are a significant economic generator but there is no systematic marketing effort for our airports;

AND WHEREAS recent changes in international agreements will facilitate travel from Asia and the recovering world economy will stimulate new route planning by airlines, and the World Route Development Forum held in Vancouver in September 2010 - in North America for the first time - will give the province additional profile among airlines and travel planners:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia work with BC airports to create an air service marketing program that would generate awareness of what our province has to offer leverage financial resources and initiate a greater sharing of information among partners to help improve BC's marketing, and increase international and transborder flights to BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a program, involving the Province, BC airports and regional economic development agencies as well as destination marketing organizations and tourism agencies, would include promoting British Columbia as Canada's gateway between North America and Asia for air travelers and air cargo, as well as identifying specific target markets in the US and Europe and appropriate promotional materials.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have not considered a specific resolution requesting an air service marketing program but members did endorse SR3 in 2003 which requested that the "federal and provincial governments to work together with communities to address the impediments to air travel and pursue policy changes that will improve and enhance airport operations and air travel opportunities in all regions of the province." This resolution was seeking federal and provincial government support to undertake measures to encourage air travel and tourism opportunities in response to the significant reduction in air travel as a result of 9/11 and SARS.

See also resolution C23.

Conference decision: _____

B107 LONG TERM ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF SHORT-LINE RAILWAYS

Vernon

WHEREAS Canadian Pacific Railway has issued a Notice of Sale or Discontinuance of Railway Line in accordance with the *Canadian Transportation Act* for the recently closed rail line between Armstrong and Sicamous;

AND WHEREAS rail provides a cost effective and reliable transportation option required for the development of economically sustainable, environmentally responsible and financially viable communities throughout British Columbia and Canada and is fundamental to the growth strategies and economic development plans of many local and regional jurisdictions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments commit to a funding program that will support the economic viability of short-line railways, thereby maintaining valuable railway transportation infrastructure and corridors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government commit to protecting rail rights-of-way during discontinuance to ensure that all communities, the Province of British Columbia and the government of Canada maintain transportation options to respond to economic development and community needs into the future.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ***Endorse & Refer to FCM***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed a number of resolutions related to the preservation and use of rail corridors for transporting persons and goods; or for alternative uses such as trails and recreational corridors (2009-B17; 2008-B16; 2008-B107; 1992-B72).

As well UBCM members endorsed A12 in 1997 which requested the federal government to prohibit the further abandonment of regional rail lines in Canada and institute programs to foster rail usage for commercial transport purposes. And more recently in 2009, B155 was endorsed which requested the Province, in consultation with the federal government to establish a protocol on rail line abandonment that affects Canada and the USA.

Conference decision: _____

B108 TRADE AGREEMENT EUROPEAN UNION

Logan Lake

WHEREAS the Canadian government has entered into negotiations with the European Union for a comprehensive economic trade agreement;

AND WHEREAS European corporations are insisting on full access to procurement by sub national governments – including local governments, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies, which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request:

- a briefing from the Province of BC on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to provide sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on municipal functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking; and
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to sub national government procurement.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment & Refer to FCM**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request:

- a briefing from the Province of BC on the scope and content of trade negotiations with the European Union;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to provide sector-by-sector analysis of the potential impacts on local government functions and powers of the procurement regime that the European Union is seeking;
- the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to urge the government of Canada not to provide the European Union with access to sub national government procurement; **and**
- **that the provincial government negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA.**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has considered a number of resolutions on trade agreements (Agreement on Internal Trade, WTO, NAFTA, TILMA) and issues related to consultation with local governments as well as their potential implications for local governments (1996-ER4; 1999-B94; 2000-A14; 2001-A11; 2001-LR5; 2002-A3; 2005-SR5; 2007-A3).

Most recently, members endorsed resolution B56 in 2008 that UBCM and FCM petition the provincial and federal governments to conduct an open and accountable public debate of any proposed trade and prosperity agreements being negotiated.

The Committee has proposed an amendment to include the intent of the enactment from resolution C24.

See also resolution C24.

Conference decision: _____

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

B109 MARIJUANA GROW-OPS

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS illegal marijuana grow operations are an ongoing problem in British Columbia and increasingly in rural areas posing substantial public safety and social risks to neighbouring properties, communities, and society at large;

AND WHEREAS regional districts have been requested to assist the RCMP in any way possible to combat the effects of grow operations and other illegal drug manufacturing properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the provincial government, the RCMP and regional districts to develop the necessary strategies and tools that will enable regional districts to assist in the elimination of illegal marijuana grow-ops and other drug manufacturing operations in rural areas and to ensure that environmental and safety concerns left in the aftermath of such operations are addressed.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the members have not previously considered a resolution requesting that the province work with regional districts to assist in the elimination of illegal marijuana grow-ops and other drug manufacturing operations in rural areas and to ensure that environmental and safety concerns left in the aftermath of such operations are addressed. However, the UBCM has previously endorsed a resolution requesting that a provincial strategy be developed to address the problems created by marijuana grow-ops and other illegal drug activities.

Conference decision:

HEALTH

B110 BC FERRIES SUBSIDY

Metchosin

WHEREAS children suffering from serious illnesses such as cancer who reside on Vancouver Island and in coastal communities may require treatment at the BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the ferry subsidy to access non-emergency medical specialist services not available in their own community helps alleviate the financial burden incurred while travelling for reasons associated with the children's health conditions;

AND WHEREAS the ferry subsidy is restricted to the patient (and an escort under certain conditions), and does not cover the cost of parents travelling back and forth from their home to Vancouver during the extended period of their child's treatment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BC Ferries and the provincial government, through the Ministry of Health Services, recognize the financial challenges for some families and provide help by subsidizing the ferry fares of immediate family members incurred when travelling back and forth on BC Ferries during the extended period of a child's treatment.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM members have endorsed resolutions concerning the provision of assistance for health care related travel costs (2006-B156, 2005-B146), and have endorsed several resolutions pertaining to ferry fares, ferry routes, and service. However, none of these resolutions has requested that the provincial government subsidize ferry fares for family members whose children are receiving treatment at a

children's hospital outside of their community.

The Committee would note that a ferry subsidy for the patient and an escort is available through the Ministry of Health Services, though the subsidy does not apply to back and forth travel for parents whose child is undergoing extended treatment. The Province's Travel Assistance Program provide further subsidies if the specialist or specialty medical service provider determines that another appointment is required as part of the same course of treatment.

Conference decision: _____

B111 CAPITAL COST OF HEALTH CARE

West Kelowna

WHEREAS Regional Hospital Districts were originally created, among other things, "to establish, acquire, construct, reconstruct, enlarge, operate and maintain hospitals and hospital facilities";

AND WHEREAS in some Regional Hospital Districts, non-Aboriginal residents residing on First Nations land do not contribute to the capital costs of hospitals and health facilities yet are users of these facilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Health Services to establish an equitable provincial system to collect funding for regional hospital capital projects from non-Aboriginal residents residing on First Nations lands.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province establish a system for collecting funding for Regional Hospital District capital projects from non-Aboriginal residents residing on First Nations land.

However, in 2008, UBCM and the Ministry of Health Services jointly commissioned a Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review, which recognized that the issue of cost sharing of capital projects in Regional Hospital Districts with large First Nation communities was complex, beyond the scope of the report, and would require some focus in the future. The Ministry has indicated that they will focus on implementing the recommendations from the 2008 report before addressing other issues identified in the report, such as cost-sharing with First Nation communities.

Conference decision: _____

B112 IMPROVED TRAINING FOR RURAL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Burns Lake

WHEREAS the medical needs of the residents of small, rural, Canadian communities are identical to residents of more urban centres;

AND WHEREAS the training provided by Canadian medical programs does not prepare our general practitioners for the many and varied challenges they must meet in a small, rural setting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the necessary government ministries and medical education programs to identify and develop appropriate changes in the Canadian medical

education system required to ensure that general practitioners can meet the needs of rural Canadians, such as proficiency in surgery, anesthesia and obstetrics.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that changes be made to the Canadian medical education system to ensure that general practitioners can meet the needs of rural Canadians.

Members have, however, endorsed resolutions supporting:

- *review of the existing medical training model and the International Medical Graduate Program to better enable Canadian doctors trained in other Commonwealth countries or the US to return to Canada to practice (2009-B148);*
- *increased funding for universities and other medical training facilities to train a greater number of graduates, in order to address a shortage of medical personnel available to attend to the health care needs of BC residents (2008-B49);*
- *primary care initiatives (2008-B162);*
- *allocation of required resources and permission for local physicians to perform minor operating procedures in remote rural hospitals (2006-B154);*
- *consultation with local governments on proposed changes to the health system, ensuring that the full impacts on residents and local governments are carefully considered before changes are introduced (2003-B101);*
- *provision of accessible, timely and necessary health care throughout British Columbia (2002-B92);*
- *reduction of barriers to recruitment of foreign-trained health care professionals to practice in Canada, including the issue of accreditation (2000-A4); and*
- *the recommendations of the Dobbin report, including fair and equitable compensation to physicians in rural communities for on-call service (2000-B97).*

Conference decision: _____

B113 PALLIATIVE CARE FEES

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS the medical health care coverage covers the cost of fees for palliative care within acute care facilities but not within residential care facilities;

AND WHEREAS many palliative care patients are serviced through residential care facilities due, in part, to the limited availability of palliative care beds within acute care facilities and are then burdened by the inequity of being billed for costs associated with palliative care that other families experiencing the same traumatic circumstances are not required to bear:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to ensure that the costs of palliative care are the same in residential care facilities as they are in acute facilities.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to ensure that costs of palliative care are the same in residential care facilities as they are in acute facilities.

However, members endorsed resolution 1996-B96, which requested that the provincial government provide adequate funding to ensure that hospice/palliative care would be available in all communities.

Conference decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

B114 DEVELOPMENT OF A LIVABLE-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY **NCLGA Executive**

WHEREAS the Measuring Up The North Initiative (Phase 1) has been successful in helping BC communities assess and improve how livable, age-friendly, disability-friendly, universally designed and inclusive they are for all residents and visitors;

AND WHEREAS many time-limited initiatives such as MUTN Phase 1 and others in the province have started the momentum but there is still a great deal more to do;

AND WHEREAS MUTN has developed tools and processes and learned lessons that could contribute to a province-wide initiative:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province of BC to create a framework called the Livable-Inclusive Communities Strategy that communities can use as a guideline to plan for livable, age and disability friendly communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial Livable-Inclusive Communities Strategy include provincial funding and support as well as provincial awards that recognize and encourage business, community, local governments and individuals in their efforts.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to enact a Livable-Inclusive Communities Strategy.

UBCM, the Province, 2010 Legacies Now, Smart Growth BC and Measuring Up The North recently collaborated to produce a resource for local governments that provides guidelines for making Official Community Plans more age-friendly and disability-friendly.

Conference decision: _____

B115 RE-INSTATEMENT OF GAMING GRANTS

Fraser-Fort George RD

WHEREAS in the Fall of 2009 the Ministry of Housing and Social Development announced changes in the Government Gaming Grant Program as a result of unprecedented global economic challenges;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned changes included a reduction or elimination of gaming grant funding to a number of non-profit organizations, including the elimination of funding to arts and cultural organizations, major capital projects grants and playground grants;

AND WHEREAS the reduction and elimination of this funding has impacted the ability of non-profit organizations to deliver services that contribute to the economic viability, sustainability and cultural fabric of our communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM strongly request the BC government to continue its commitment to build strong communities by funding non-profit organizations through the Government Gaming Grant Program.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to make gaming grants available once again to non-profit organizations.

However, members did endorse resolution 2009-B24, which responded to the February 2009 BC provincial budget announcement of cuts of nearly 50% to the annual arts and culture budget by calling on the provincial and federal governments to reinstate full funding to the creative sector and related programs, and further to consider additional investment as part of the economic stimulus programs.

See also resolutions C28, C29 and C30.

Conference decision: _____

B116 6-STOREY WOOD FRAME RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code was recently amended to permit the construction of six storey wood frame residential buildings from the previous maximum of four storeys;

AND WHEREAS the addition of two storeys of wood frame construction will require new design elements and construction techniques that address issues such as water ingress, seismic events and firefighting capabilities and the British Columbia Building Code does not require any type of additional certification for professionals, trades or contractors involved in the design and construction of six storey wood frame buildings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to establish additional qualifications for professionals, trades and building contractors involved in the construction of six storey wood frame residential buildings.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to establish additional qualifications for professionals, trades and building contractors involved in the construction of six storey wood frame residential buildings.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR10 and, since it did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

B117 MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING CONTRACTORS **Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code sets out a number of technical provisions for the construction of buildings;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code does not require mandatory training for building contractors responsible for achieving a number of the technical provisions contained within the British Columbia Building Code:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the provincial government to introduce mandatory training requirements for building contractors involved in the construction of buildings.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to establish mandatory training requirements for building contractors.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR11 and, since it did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

Conference decision: _____

B118 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS **Houston**

WHEREAS the current policy of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development requires that all recipients of social assistance must be available for, and actively seeking, employment in order to be eligible to continue receiving benefits;

AND WHEREAS several successful projects providing essential skills for work training have been run in communities with significant success in providing many people with basic skills necessary to be successful in the search for a job:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be petitioned to change their policy to permit any person to be identified by the local administration of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development

as lacking marketable employment skills and be approved as exceptions to the “actively seeking work” requirement, and be encouraged to participate in an essential skills for work program, all without loss of social assistance benefits.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution that would allow persons participating in an essential skills work program to receive social assistance benefits.

Conference decision: _____

B119 FOOD SECURITY FOR BC

Peace River RD

WHEREAS there is an international shortage of food and the world population is growing at a rapid pace;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia was 73% self sufficient in producing the province’s food requirements in 1985 and just 48% self sufficient producing its food requirements in 2001;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia land base has less than 5% available land suitable for the production of food:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities prevail upon the provincial government to work with stakeholder associations to develop and implement strategies and policies to ensure British Columbia is self sufficient in food production by the year 2020.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that would implement strategies for food self-sufficiency by the year 2020.

However, the membership has endorsed several resolutions that would contribute to food self-sufficiency, including:

- 2009-B50, 2009-B89, 2008-B47: increase funding for agricultural initiatives
- 2009-B132: resources to enable all local governments to create and implement solutions for supporting local food resilience and supply through food systems planning
- 2009-B144: change to the elementary school curriculum to include local food production, food security and school gardens
- 2008-A2: amend meat regulations, support 100 Mile Diet, encourage farmers and ranchers to produce and process food in British Columbia for British Columbians
- 2000-B101: support for farmers and the agricultural sector

The Committee notes that the provincial government released its BC Agricultural Plan in February 2008 and

within that Plan a number of strategies have been put forward to address some of the challenges facing the agriculture sector to make it more economically viable such as: assisting the agriculture industry with human resources and succession planning and new entrants; encourage local food production; implement sector-based strategic plans and review of farm property assessment for example.

Conference decision: _____

B120 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS – INSURANCE COVERAGE & LIABILITY

Surrey

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province on behalf of BC local governments to:

- a) Amend the provincial motor vehicle regulations to request the motor vehicles carry a minimum of \$5million in third party liability insurance coverage; and
- b) Amend the *Negligence Act* to eliminate joint and several liability for municipalities in the context of motor vehicle accidents.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution relate the first point requesting that the motor vehicle regulations be amended to require motor vehicles to carry a minimum of \$5 million in liability insurance.

The Committee would point out however that in the case of the second point the UBCM has been pursuing legislative reforms with respect to civil liability since its first Liability Action Plan in 1986.

Numerous resolutions have been endorsed and submissions made over the years, the most direct being 2003-SR1 and the “Response to Discussion Paper on Civil Liability” at the 2002 Convention, which resulted in a joint submission by UBCM and the Municipal Insurance Association to the Attorney General on the issue of civil liability. The precise position endorsed was to abolish the system of joint and several liability and replace it with proportionate liability, under which defendants are responsible only to the degree to which they contributed to the loss. The UBCM in 2006 (A1) requested that the province reduce the limitation period from 30 years to 10 years. Both of these initiatives were endorsed by the members again in 2007 as part of the policy paper on “Enforcement of the BC Building Code and Related Issues.”

Conference decision: _____

SECTION BII-b

COMMUNITY SAFETY

B121 MANDATORY SNOW TIRES

McBride

WHEREAS winter weather creates hazardous road conditions and the use of snow tires on passenger vehicles and light trucks has been proven to provide improved traction in these conditions;

AND WHEREAS the use of snow tires has been proven to reduce morbidity and mortality in associated motor vehicle incidents, and yet all passenger and light truck vehicles are not required to use snow tires:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province to require all passenger and light truck vehicles to be equipped with tires specifically manufactured for winter driving conditions, and that these tires be installed on such vehicles between October 15th and April 15th.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that resolution 2009-B158, which called on the provincial government “to require all passenger vehicles in the province to be equipped with tires specifically designed for winter driving”, between October 1 and April 30 annually, was not considered at Convention due to time constraints and was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. The Executive did not endorse the resolution.

In addition, two previous resolutions (2009-B159; 2003-B116) have requested that the Province develop a mountain highway designation and require winter tires or chains for all vehicles driving on mountain highways in BC between November and April. The 2009 resolution was not considered at Convention due to time constraints, and was referred automatically to the Executive. The Executive determined that no action was required on the issue, since the Ministry of Transportation already has the ability to require that chains or snow tires be used on particular highways when warranted by weather conditions. Members did not endorse the 2003 resolution.

Conference decision: _____

B122 MANDATORY WINTER TIRES

Whistler

WHEREAS all season and summer tires are ineffective on British Columbia roads during winter weather conditions and increased mobility has led to staggering casualty statistics and enormous health care and vehicular insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that only winter tires are designed to excel in the colder temperatures, slush, snow and ice that many parts of our province experience for five months or more:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to develop a mountain highway designation and adopt a law whereby the installation

of winter tires or carrying chains becomes mandatory for all vehicles on mountain highways in the province of British Columbia between the months of November and April of each year.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that resolution B159 was submitted in 2009, requesting that the Province develop a mountain highway designation and require all passenger vehicles using the road to be equipped with snow tires or chains for driving in winter road conditions. Due to time constraints, this resolution was not considered at Convention and was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive, who determined that the Province currently had the ability to address the problem and no action was required. In 2003 the UBCM membership considered the same resolution, B116. The resolution was not endorsed.

Members have also considered a similar resolution, 2009-B158, which called for all passenger vehicles in the province to be equipped with winter tires between October 1st and April 30th. The resolution was not endorsed.

The Committee would point out that the Ministry of Transportation has the ability to require that chains or snow tires be used on particular highways when warranted by the weather conditions.

Conference decision: _____

B123 BYLAW ENFORCEMENT NOTICE APPEALS

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the requirement for a disputant to appeal an adjudicator's decision under the Bylaw Enforcement Notice System to the Supreme Court poses difficulties for individuals residing in communities remote to Supreme Court venues;

AND WHEREAS allowing appeals to be heard by the Provincial Court would provide better access to the judicial system for individuals in remote communities to appeal decisions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities meet with the Province to review the appeal process for the Bylaw Enforcement Notice System with a view towards meeting the needs of more remote communities that don't have easy access to the Supreme Court and to ensure there is independent and impartial oversight of the dispute resolution process that is easily accessible to the parties involved.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province review the appeal process under the Bylaw Enforcement Notice System to ensure there is impartial oversight and easy accessibility to the courts for the parties involved.

The Committee acknowledges that the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System was established to provide local government with an alternative process other than Provincial Court as a means of resolving disputes to minor

local government bylaw breaches, such as parking tickets. The goal of the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System is to create a simple, fair and cost-effective system for dealing with minor bylaw infractions.

Participation in the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System is at the discretion of each local government. If a local government chooses to participate, the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System requires that the local government pass a bylaw to undertake the system and establish policy on how the process is to be implemented. There are a number of checks and balances in the system to ensure fairness. A screening officer must be established at the local level to review citizens' concerns regarding bylaw enforcement notices. For example, local government policy may authorize the screening officer to cancel a ticket based on the particular circumstances of the citizen who received the ticket.

If the local screening officer determines that the ticket should stand, but the citizen still wishes to appeal the ticket, under the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System the adjudication process moves from the local level to an adjudicator appointed by the Ministry of the Attorney General. The appointment of adjudicators by the Province is to avoid the perception of local bias. The citizen can present his or her case in writing, over the phone, or in person, and an adjudicator then reviews the case and makes a decision.

Under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act the decision of the adjudicator is final, and the Act does not allow appeals. The only situation in which a citizen or local government may request a review of the adjudicator's decision is if the citizen or local government feels that the adjudicator exceeded his or her authority, or made an error at law. The review would be carried out in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The specific rules for this type of review of an adjudicator's decision are set out in the Judicial Review Procedure Act.

The Local Government Toolkit on the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System, produced as a collaborative effort by UBCM, the Province and the Local Government Management Association, provides the following information about appealing the decision of an adjudicator:

"The decision of the adjudicator is final and the Act does not allow for appeals. If a failed disputant or the local government feel[s] that the adjudicator exceeded his or her authority, or made an error at law, the person or local government may seek relief in the Supreme Court of British Columbia under the Judicial Review Procedure Act.

A challenge to the validity of the local government bylaw or a claim that enforcement of the bylaw infringed on the Charter rights of the disputant must be initiated as a separate matter in the Supreme Court of BC."

Conference decision: _____

B124 PRIME-BC

Dawson Creek

WHEREAS PRIME costs were introduced as a "no cost to municipalities" program which has since evolved to include a fee to local governments of \$1,000.00 per RCMP member, absent of any meaningful consultation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province to expand the PRIME-BC Board of Directors by adding a minimum of two local government representatives, one each to be appointed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Government Finance Officers Association of BC in an effort to balance the representation on the Board with the stakeholders responsible for paying the costs of the system.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Action Required**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting two local government representatives be appointed to the PRIME BC Board of Directors: one from UBCM and the other from the GFOA. However, the Resolutions Committee is aware that the Province has established a committee to look at finance issues related to PRIME, and this committee includes local government staff representatives.

Members endorsed a related resolution, 2008-B3, which called on the Province to provide additional support resources to police forces in BC for the operation of the PRIME system. In its response to the resolution, the Province cited its past financial contributions to PRIME: \$40-million for infrastructure; the majority of the implementation costs; and one year's operating costs.

To date, UBCM has written two letters to the Solicitor General outlining local government concerns about the levy increase and the lack of accountability in the process. UBCM requested postponement of the levy increase for a year; access to PRIME financial information in order to assess the necessity of the cost increase; and local government representation on the PRIME-BC board. UBCM Executive members also met with the Solicitor General to discuss the levy increase for PRIME-BC and to outline local government concerns. The Province has indicated that it is looking to appoint three local government representatives to the PRIME-BC Board of Directors and UBCM is working with the Province to implement this initiative.

Conference decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

B125 SEGWAY – ALTERNATIVE MOBILITY DEVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Tumbler Ridge

WHEREAS approximately one-half of all car trips are less than five kilometres long and involve only a single occupant;

AND WHEREAS the electric Segway Human Transporter is an environmentally-friendly, short distance type of vehicle;

AND WHEREAS in 2007 at the UBCM Convention, local governments and the province demonstrated their shared commitment to take action on climate change by signing onto the *BC Climate Action Charter*;

AND WHEREAS studies have shown that the Segway may be a good device for people with disabilities because it allows them to participate in social and functional activities in a manner that traditional mobility aids do not facilitate as well:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow for the use of the Segway Human Transporter wherever traditional mobility aids are permitted.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting an amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act to allow the use of Segways wherever traditional mobility aids are permitted.

However, two other resolutions on Segways have been considered by the membership. Resolution 2003-B64 was endorsed and requested that provisions for Segways be included in the Motor Vehicle Act to permit and regulate their safe use. Members considered but did not endorse resolution 2009-B179, which requested an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act to allow for the use of the Segway Personal Transporter on sidewalks adjacent to roadways.

Segways are considered motorized vehicles; however, they cannot be used on roadways as they do not meet provincial equipment safety standards, and cannot be operated on sidewalks adjacent to roadways. Segways can only be operated on private property that does not have public vehicle access or on a trail or pathway if allowed by a municipal bylaw.

This resolution requests that Segways be allowed wherever traditional mobility aids are permitted. According to ICBC, motorized wheelchairs can be used on sidewalks or roads, following the same rules as pedestrians.

Conference decision: _____

B126 U-PASS PRICING THROUGHOUT BC

Langley City

WHEREAS the U-Pass price of approximately \$25 per month at UBC and SFU has been a success at providing affordable access to these post secondary schools and indirectly offsetting the high cost of living and tuition for students;

AND WHEREAS these are well-established benchmarks for price and service but there are vastly different levels of services throughout the province, and even within regions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM encourage the provincial government to provide funding incentives to transit authorities for implementing U-Pass programs across the province with fees based on the current UBC and SFU ratio of “service provided: U-Pass price”.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Action Required**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government provide funding incentives to transit authorities to introduce U-Pass programs across the province.

The U-Pass program was recently extended to all publicly funded, post-secondary institutions in BC. U-Pass rates for Langara College and Capilano University will be reduced to \$30/month, starting September 1, 2010. U-Pass rates for UBC and SFU will stay as they are now until September 1, 2011, when they will increase to \$30/month. Other publicly funded, post-secondary schools in Metro Vancouver wishing to take part in the U-Pass program can apply through Translink.

Conference decision: _____

TAXATION

B127 INTERIM TAX RELIEF FOR RESORT OWNERS

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS property assessments have risen astronomically in recent years for owners of small resorts;

AND WHEREAS the recent economic downturn has further reduced an already seasonal business operation for owners of small resorts, creating an imbalance between property taxes due and income received:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Surveyor of Taxes to provide interim tax relief for small resort owners, wherein resorts would be taxed proportionally to the time they are in operation (6 months per year max) or 50% of the current tax.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Not Endorse*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that interim tax relief be provided to small resort owners. The sponsor of the resolution is suggesting that the method for determining the value of property for taxation purposes be changed to the amount of time that the business in operation or to place a 50% cap on the tax rate. A tax change of this nature could fundamentally change the basis for collecting property taxes around the province and would undermine local government efforts to ensure a stable revenue source. In addition, it could open up discussion from industry groups as to how their property taxes should be assessed.

Conference decision: _____

FINANCE

B128 TOWNS FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM CHANGES

Burns Lake

WHEREAS local governments are subject to additional reporting requirements and shorter deadlines for the provincial Towns for Tomorrow program as a result of an abrupt change to include the federal government as a funding partner;

AND WHEREAS this abrupt inclusion of federal dollars results in additional reporting requirements, no additional funding, and a shorter deadline of March 2011:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Province of BC and the federal government to reinstate the original reporting and deadline requirements for the Towns for Tomorrow program.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *No Recommendation*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking for reinstatement of the former reporting and deadlines for the Towns for Tomorrow program.

The Committee notes that the March 2011 completion deadline is a result of the inclusion in the program of federal Infrastructure Stimulus Funds. The Committee also notes that announcements of Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects were delayed in British Columbia, thereby significantly reducing the time available for completion of those projects within the current construction deadline. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities is conducting a study of the impact of the government's deadline of March 31, 2011 for infrastructure stimulus projects. UBCM participated in these Parliamentary Hearings, and recommended that rather than a global extension to the deadline, extensions be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Conference decision: _____

B129 GRANT FUNDING FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

Valemount

WHEREAS the current grant programs provided by the federal and provincial governments require that local governments provide 1/3 of the funding for particular grant programs;

AND WHEREAS the rural communities under 2,000 population, which are dependent on residential taxation, are struggling to meet the 1/3 portion of the funding:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the federal and provincial governments to remove the requirement that rural communities with a population of under 2,000 must provide 1/3 of the funding to qualify for particular grant programs and to have the federal and provincial governments provide 50% each for the approved projects with no funding required by these rural communities.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the federal and provincial governments not to require communities with a population under 2,000 to provide 1/3 funding to qualify for certain grant programs; nor have members considered a resolution requesting that the federal and provincial governments each provide 50% funding for approved projects undertaken by such small communities.

However, members endorsed resolution 2004-A7, which requested in part that the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) be structured to reduce the one-third share requirement for local governments with low fiscal capability, and resolution 2009-B29 which requested a flexible funding formula for infrastructure programs that has the capacity to increase the funding level where it can be demonstrated that local financing of one-third of the costs will place an undue burden on local tax payers.

In its response to the 2009 resolution, the Province pointed out that there is no opportunity to change the cost sharing formulas for the Building Canada Fund or Infrastructure Stimulus Fund as these are set in federal-provincial agreements. The Province also pointed out that with limited funding available and the need always outweighing funding, changing the cost-sharing formula may equate to fewer communities that receive funding support.

The Resolutions Committee is unsure how the population-based eligibility criteria proposed by the sponsor (communities under 2,000 population) was developed, and observes that this cut-off may exclude some small communities that also struggle to meet the current 1/3 funding requirement.

Conference decision: _____

**B130 EXPANDED TIMEFRAMES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
CONSTRUCTION SPENDING**

Grand Forks

WHEREAS both the provincial and federal governments have granted extraordinary grants to some local governments in order to stimulate employment and build much needed infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS these grants come with short timelines for the immediate implementation that bring capital and planning challenges to the local governments that result in waste of taxpayer dollars:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial and federal governments to implement flexibility into the deadlines and deal with each applicant on a case by case basis in order to maximize the effectiveness of the grants and create quality infrastructure for all Canadians.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Endorse and Refer to FCM*

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the provincial and federal governments for flexible implementation timelines and case-by-case consideration for projects funded by infrastructure construction spending. Members have, however, consistently endorsed resolutions calling for greater lead times and increased flexibility for infrastructure funding programs (2009-B29, 2009-A1, 2006-B86, 2006-B85, 2005-B102, 2005-B101, 1997-LR1).

The Resolutions Committee recognizes that announcements of Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects were delayed in British Columbia, with most local projects not announced until September, 2009, thereby significantly reducing the time available for completion of those projects within the current construction deadline.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities is conducting a study of the impact of the government's deadline of March 31, 2011 for infrastructure stimulus projects. UBCM participated in these Parliamentary Hearings, presenting recommendations to the Standing Committee. UBCM's key message to the Standing Committee was as follows:

"[...] we are not recommending an overhaul of stimulus programs that by and large are working well. Instead we believe that there may be some opportunities to provide some flexibility around the March 31, 2011 deadline on a case-by-case basis, while maintaining Canada's objectives for the program."

The Resolutions Committee notes that the request of the sponsor is similar to the recommendations presented by UBCM to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.

The Resolutions Committee requests that UBCM members consider this resolution concurrently with resolution B131, because each resolution addresses the same issue but asks for a different outcome.

Conference decision: _____

B131 INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS concern has been expressed that local governments across the country will be unable to meet the deadline of March 31, 2011 for completing projects approved under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund;

AND WHEREAS the implications for local governments unable to complete projects on schedule is unclear:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to extend the completion deadline for Infrastructure Stimulus funded projects from March 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the federal government to extend the completion deadline for Infrastructure Stimulus funded projects. However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions asking other orders of government to consider the challenges and limitations on local government capacity in the design and development of infrastructure and other grant funding programs (2009-A1, 2008-B20, 2007-A6, 2005-B103).

The Resolutions Committee recognizes that announcements of Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects were delayed in British Columbia, with most local projects not announced until September, 2009, thereby significantly reducing the time available for completion of those projects within the current construction deadline.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities is conducting a study of the impact of the government's deadline of March 31, 2011 for infrastructure stimulus projects. UBCM participated in these Parliamentary Hearings, presenting recommendations to the Standing Committee. UBCM's key message to the Standing Committee was as follows:

"[...] we are not recommending an overhaul of stimulus programs that by and large are working well. Instead we believe that there may be some opportunities to provide some flexibility around the March 31, 2011 deadline on a case-by-case basis, while maintaining Canada's objectives for the program."

The Resolutions Committee observes that the request of the sponsor is different from the recommendations presented by UBCM to the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, in that it asks for a blanket extension.

The Resolutions Committee requests that UBCM members consider this resolution concurrently with resolution B130, because each resolution addresses the same issue but asks for a different outcome.

Conference decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

B132 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS IN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANS

Bulkley-Nechako RD

WHEREAS the Province has indicated that the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets required to satisfy Section 877 (3) of the *Local Government Act* should be expressed as a specific reduction from an identifiable baseline in order for a local government to ensure its future eligibility for provincial grant funding;

AND WHEREAS the inventory of data necessary for the establishment of a community wide emissions baseline, or for future measure of community wide emissions does not exist, and many local governments do not have the resources to obtain this data;

AND WHEREAS it is inappropriate to establish specific GHG reduction targets that are not based on relevant and accurate information, and have no meaning with regard to measurement and achievability:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province not tie greenhouse gas reduction targets that are required in Official Community Plans to provincial grant funding until such time as more precise community wide emissions baseline data is in place.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province allow local governments to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets in their Official Community Plans that are not specific without the threat of being ineligible for provincial grant funding.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the Province has provided community wide emissions baseline data through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory Initiative (CEEI). The CEEI represents energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from community activities in on-road transportation, buildings and solid waste. Estimates of land-use change from deforestation activities and enteric fermentation from livestock under the agricultural sector are also available at the regional district level.

Conference decision: _____

B133 SINGLE TRANSFERABLE LICENSE PLATE

Quesnel

WHEREAS many resource-based, rural and remote British Columbian drivers must rely on large vehicles for business, work and basic winter transportation;

AND WHEREAS drivers cannot afford the double insurance charged by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) for a second fuel-efficient vehicle that could be used when the larger vehicle is not needed;

AND WHEREAS the double insurance nullifies any cost savings in fuel efficiency of a second fuel-efficient vehicle:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM encourage the provincial government, as part of its Climate Action Plan, and to stimulate the economy, to direct ICBC to allow drivers, who can drive only one vehicle at a time, to purchase a single license plate that could be transferred between fuel-inefficient and fuel-efficient vehicles, as needed.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that a similar resolution, B108, was submitted in 2009, but due to time constraints was not considered at Convention and was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. Upon consideration, the Executive did not endorse the resolution.

Conference decision: _____

B134 PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF RABBITS IN PET STORES **Richmond**

WHEREAS the City of Richmond seeks to reduce the significant number of abandoned domestic rabbits at large in city parks and to encourage responsible pet ownership;

AND WHEREAS the City of Richmond has adopted a bylaw to ban the sale of rabbits in pet stores:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia give consideration to enacting legislation banning the sale of rabbits in pet stores.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Not Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province enact legislation to prohibit the sale of rabbits in pet stores. However, the Committee notes that the enactment clause raises questions as to whether local governments want the Province to move into greater regulation of traditional areas of local government jurisdiction.

Conference decision: _____

B135 LEGISLATED MANDATORY RECYCLING AT LANDFILLS & TRANSFER STATIONS **Fraser Valley RD**

WHEREAS there are no current regulated province wide standards stipulating that both private and local government landfills and transfer stations are required to facilitate composting and recycling options on site;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult to manage different waste management programs within a region or

province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the provincial government of BC to legislate that all landfill and transfer station sites be required to facilitate uniform composting and recycling options to the highest possible standard.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to legislate that all landfill and transfer site station sites be required to facilitate uniform composting and recycling options. However, the Committee would note that requiring all local government landfills and transfer stations to facilitate uniform composting and recycling options may require local governments to incur significant costs.

Conference decision: _____

B136 PROVINCIAL STANDARDS FOR RECYCLING AT LANDFILLS & TRANSFER STATIONS Fraser Valley RD

WHEREAS there are currently no province wide standards for what is currently being recycled at landfills and transfer station sites;

AND WHEREAS it is difficult for consumers to understand different programs within the same region:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government of BC to form a legislative committee with members that represent all interests in BC to determine the highest achievable provincial recycling standard regarding a uniform recycling initiative without creating an even bigger environmental footprint by shipping it long distances, unless it is in a return shipment if it is practical;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the same legislative committee determine fees that can be put on widely used products to be used directly in the cost of recycling them, and that we work towards local solutions that are equitable for recycling and not affected by the current economy of any period.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to either create a legislative committee to develop a provincial recycling standard or develop fees for products that would be used directly in the cost of recycling them.

The Committee notes that the membership endorsed the 2007 Environment Action plan, which calls for stewardship programs to be fully funded by the industry, in which the industry is responsible for all costs

such as marketing, collection, transportation, and marketing of materials. Within this extended producer responsibility framework, industry is responsible for developing any eco fees associated with the management of end of product life processing.

Conference decision: _____

B137 GREYWATER DISCHARGE SITES

Sicamous

WHEREAS Section 13 of the British Columbia *Environment Management Act* restricts the discharge of greywater in Shuswap Lake;

AND WHEREAS the Province has not actively enforced the restrictions on greywater discharge into Shuswap Lake:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide greywater discharge sites on and/or along all applicable recreational fresh water lakes and waterbodies.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide greywater discharge sites, nor have members considered a resolution requesting that provincial enforcement be suspended on a specific body of water. However, the Committee suggests that it may be more appropriate to call for provincial enforcement resources or for the enforcement of the Environmental Management Act as opposed to the creation of discharge sites.

Conference decision: _____

B138 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT

Metchosin

WHEREAS there has occurred an environmental disaster of unprecedented proportions in the Gulf of Mexico due to the unforeseeable difficulties that can be encountered in offshore drilling for petroleum products;

AND WHEREAS the damages to the 2000 km of Alaskan shoreline plus 1300 sq km of ocean habitats from the Exxon Valdez accident are still being felt more than 20 years after that accident;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia marine waters and coastline could well face an equally enormous environmental catastrophe:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC maintain the moratorium on off-shore oil and gas exploration and development for all future time;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the federal government to maintain the moratorium on west coast offshore exploration and programs for all future time.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that in 2004, B114 was endorsed which requested that the UBCM fully support the lifting of the federal moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration in the Queen Charlotte Basin. The Province indicated in its response that "Resolution B114 is consistent with the Provincial position that Canada should lift the federal moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration."

UBCM entered into an Agreement on Offshore Oil and Gas with the Province in 2005, and renewed in 2007, whereby a local government working of coastal community representatives was established to discuss and receive presentations related to the various aspects of offshore oil and gas exploration and development.

This resolution is requesting to have the moratorium maintained, not lifted, which is contrary to the existing policy of UBCM and the Province, but recognizing the sensitivity of the issue, the Committee is providing no recommendation on this resolution and wishes to leave it to the delegates to consider.

See also resolutions C19 and C20.

Conference decision: _____

B139 BULK CRUDE OIL TANKER TRAFFIC

Queen Charlotte

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project will result in increased crude oil tanker traffic and risk of accidental oil spills in northern coastal waters in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS a crude oil spill will have devastating and long lasting effects on the Pacific North Coast area that is recognized for its unique and diverse ocean ecosystems, which provide critical marine habitat and marine resources that sustain the social, cultural, environmental and economic health of coastal communities, including First Nations communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM be opposed to any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic on the North Coast of British Columbia;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the federal government to establish a moratorium on bulk crude oil traffic through northern BC coastal waters.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that membership has considered two resolutions previously related to tanker traffic. In 2008 members endorsed B143 which requested the federal government to ban the passage of LNG tankers in the waters of the Malaspina, Georgia, Juan de Fuca and Haro Straits, and Boundary Pass. A second endorsed resolution B23 in 2003 requested with respect to oil tankers that the federal Minister of Environment ensure the necessary steps are taken to protect our shorelines and fisheries, and encourage the federal government to consider the European stand and promote safe and clean shipping in Canadian waters.

The Committee notes that Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard have jurisdiction over tanker traffic in BC coastal waters. The Coast Guard manages actual traffic while Transport Canada sets policies, regulations and standards to protect safety, security and efficiency of Canada's marine transportation systems.

Standards around large vessel/tanker traffic are managed by Transport Canada's review process. Tanker traffic inside the Douglas Channel and along Hecate Strait to carry oil to and from Kitimat is reviewed under the Transport Canada process. The Enbridge pipeline falls under the federal government. The National Energy Board (NEB) regulates all interprovincial and international pipelines. Enbridge crosses provincial boundaries, therefore it becomes a federal matter regulated by the NEB.

Presently, there is no moratorium on tanker traffic but there is a voluntary Tanker Exclusion Zone (TEZ) managed by the Coast Guard that applies to tankers travelling from Alaska to the continental US, that keeps them west of the TEZ. The TEZ does not apply to tankers travelling to and from northern BC ports. There is no legislation or Order in Council that formalizes TEZ – it is based on a 1988 agreement between the Canadian Coast Guard, US Coast Guard and reps of the US tanker industry group.

See also resolutions C19 and C21.

Conference decision: _____

B140 TAR SANDS OIL

Queen Charlotte

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project proposes to deliver tar sands oil for loading onto crude oil tankers and delivery overseas via northern coastal waters;

AND WHEREAS mining of tar sands oil contributes unacceptably to climate change and to degradation of the environment and is contrary to the principles of the BC Climate Action Charter that has been signed by 177 BC local governments and the Islands Trust as a commitment to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2012:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities oppose tar sands oil being shipped in pipelines across northern BC for loading onto crude oil tankers.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution opposing tar sands oil being shipped in pipelines across northern BC.

However, the membership did endorse resolution 2008-B143, which called on UBCM to urge the federal government to ban the passage of LNG tankers in the waters of the Malaspina, Georgia, Juan de Fuca and Haro Straits, and Boundary Pass.

Conference decision: _____

LAND USE

B141 REDUNDANT COVENANTS ON PROPERTY

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS redundant covenants on title can contradict a local government's zoning bylaw and negatively impact development potential for private owned property;

AND WHEREAS approvals for release of the charge(s) by the signatories to the charge(s) can be difficult to obtain and local governments are not authorized by the *Land Title Act*, the *Community Charter* or the *Local Government Act* to release the charge(s) from title:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to amend the *Land Title Act* to allow local governments to apply to the BC Land Title & Survey Authority for the release of the charge(s) from title.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has considered previous resolutions seeking to release local governments from historic land use contracts inconsistent with current community planning and land use goals. The sponsor has provided the example of an easement on title for a water service on the corner of a property, when in fact there is now a city water service in place that makes this easement redundant and no longer relevant.

The Committee notes that UBCM members did not endorse resolution B91 in 2001, which requested the Province to “amend the Local Government Act to provide municipalities with the authority to unilaterally amend or terminate a Land Use Contract which would permit redevelopment which is not in the public interest having regard to current zoning regulations for similar types of development, and to rezone affected properties in consultation with the property owners and in accordance with the rezoning process set out in the Local Government Act.”

However, members endorsed resolution B90 in 2000, which requested the Province to amend the Local Government Act to allow municipalities to terminate over a particular parcel of land, the Land Use Contracts where 75% or more of a building or structure built pursuant to a Land Use Contract had been damaged, destroyed or demolished.

The Province indicates that it has considered the problem of how to amend land use contracts on several different occasions. The concern is always around balancing community interests with the private property rights associated with a legally binding contract.

See also resolution B142.

Conference decision: _____

B142 LAND USE CONTRACT DISCHARGE/AMENDMENT

Richmond

WHEREAS many local governments in British Columbia have residential land use contracts dating back to the 1970s that may be tied to old or obsolete zoning bylaws;

AND WHEREAS it may be difficult to get each and every property owner to agree to discharge or amend a residential land use contract involving multiple properties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enable local governments to discharge or amend a residential land use contract where the owners of at least 51% of the properties within the residential land use contract agree to the discharge or amendment.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has considered previous resolutions seeking to release local governments from historic land use contracts inconsistent with current community planning and land use goals.

The Committee notes that UBCM members did not endorse resolution B91 in 2001, which requested the Province to “amend the Local Government Act to provide municipalities with the authority to unilaterally amend or terminate a Land Use Contract which would permit redevelopment which is not in the public interest having regard to current zoning regulations for similar types of development, and to rezone affected properties in consultation with the property owners and in accordance with the rezoning process set out in the Local Government Act.”

However, members endorsed resolution B90 in 2000, which requested the Province to amend the Local Government Act to allow municipalities to terminate over a particular parcel of land, the Land Use Contracts where 75% or more of a building or structure built pursuant to a Land Use Contract had been damaged, destroyed or demolished.

The Province indicates that it has considered the problem of how to amend land use contracts on several different occasions. The concern is always around balancing community interests with the private property rights associated with a legally binding contract.

The sponsor is putting forward a proposal for how local governments could proceed to amend land use contracts where there are a majority of the owners of the properties in that area that agree to discharge or amend the land use contract.

See also resolution B141.

Conference decision: _____

HEALTH

B143 YOUTH TREATMENT PROGRAM OPTIONS – SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Dawson Creek

WHEREAS families in BC face difficult decisions with few options when dealing with youth struggling with abuse and addiction;

AND WHEREAS previous attempts to create legislation in the province to protect these youth were abandoned:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urges the Province of British Columbia to implement a further avenue of support for youth struggling with addiction and substance abuse when all other options for intervention and voluntary treatment have failed, similar to programs available in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba where detox and treatment options are available to families whose youth struggling with abuse have refused treatment.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province implement a further avenue of support for youth struggling with addiction and substance abuse when other intervention and voluntary treatment options have failed.

However, the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions requesting increased provincial contributions to alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs (1992-B87); federal and provincial funding for the development of a continuum of drug detox and rehabilitation programs throughout the province (2000-B61); and the enactment of a full provincial drug strategy (2005-B43; 2002-B74). Members have also called for a provincial Mental Health Plan and an Addictions Treatment Plan to address regional needs, outline best practice in treatment interventions, and address the need for expanded treatment capacity, particularly in the area of youth treatment (2006-B51).

In response to resolution 2006-B51, the Province indicated that prevention and treatment resources for children and youth had been given a high priority, with health authorities in 2005/06 having been provided an additional \$6 million to develop more youth-specific addictions treatment services, and \$2 million to develop targeted services for crystal meth users and their families. The Province also pointed out that it implemented the first Child and Youth Mental Health Plan in Canada.

Conference decision: _____

B144 TOBACCO USE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Gibsons

WHEREAS local governments provide open public spaces for parks, recreation and community events, and the public has the right to enjoy freedom from the effects of tobacco use while on public lands;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC collects taxes from the sale of tobacco products:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to allocate a portion of its tobacco tax revenue as funding for local governments to use for education and signage to reduce tobacco use on public lands owned by local governments.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to allocate a portion of its tobacco tax revenue as funding for local governments to use for education and signage to reduce tobacco use on public lands owned by local governments.

Conference decision: _____

B145 BASE LEVEL HARM REDUCTION

Victoria

WHEREAS addiction has been recognized as a medical issue rather than a moral failing;

AND WHEREAS research has shown that harm reduction measures like needle exchange and safe consumption sites save lives and money by reducing the spread of HIV/ AIDS and other infectious diseases;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of community-based harm reduction services is all too often treated as a political rather than a public health issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Province to legislate that base levels of harm reduction services, including needle exchange and access to safe substance use equipment and detox and treatment beds, be made available in every local government in British Columbia in order to ensure that political pressure does not limit access to necessary health services for those affected by problematic substance use and addiction problems, including adequate funding to support these services.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ***No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM has, in the past, endorsed resolutions requesting increased provincial contributions to alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs (1992-B87), federal and provincial funding for the development of a continuum of drug detox and rehabilitation programs throughout the province (2000-B61) and the enactment of a full provincial drug strategy (2002-B74) to address the many problems associated with addiction. However, the previous resolutions have not requested that the province legislate base levels of harm reduction services, including needle exchange and access to safe substance use equipment and detox and treatment beds, be made available in every local government.

The Committee would point out that the provincial government may have the authority under the Public Health Act to set base levels of harm reduction services across the province, however, the mandating of such measures has generally not been supported by local government.

Conference decision: _____

B146 MEDICAL CANNABIS

Victoria

WHEREAS the federal medical cannabis program administered through Health Canada’s Marihuana Medical Access Division does not satisfy the constitutional rights of critically and chronically ill patients to access marihuana for medicinal use;

AND WHEREAS the use of cannabis by legitimate cannabis patients is a health issue, and as such should be under the legislative purview of provincial governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to work with the federal government toward the goal of decentralizing the administration and oversight of legitimate medical cannabis use and production from federal authority to provincial health ministries as part of their public and personal health mandate.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the administration and oversight of medical marihuana be transferred from the federal to the provincial government.

Conference decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

B147 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & PROPERTY

Prince Rupert

WHEREAS declining enrollments continue to impact school districts throughout our region and schools are being boarded up in efforts to have remaining operating schools meet capacity requirements as directed by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS our school districts are experiencing increased financial pressures and money spent maintaining deteriorating school properties are monies taken out of education programming for students:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Minister of Education to allow school districts the option to sell derelict school properties with the proviso that any monies gained be spent in the local school district on education programming for students.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Refer to UBCM Executive**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership referred a related resolution on the disposal of school land (2009-A8), to the UBCM Executive for further study. Upon consideration, the UBCM Executive expressed support for the establishment of a joint UBCM-BCSTA working group to address the issue of disposal of school properties. Work is currently underway on this issue.

The joint working group has met once and reviewed the various legislative, regulatory and policy requirements related to the disposal for surplus school lands. It is apparent that there are a number of requirements placed on boards of education regarding process, consultations as well how funds can be used, what portion of funds are available to the board and what portion of those funds are held by the Province in trust for the board of education. The working group will be reviewing process issues, identifying barriers and engaging with provincial officials to bring forward possible solutions to the challenges faced by boards of education and local governments when dealing with the disposal of school properties.

As these matters are part of the working group's mandate the Committee would recommend that the resolution be referred to the Executive so the working group can consider this resolution as part of their ongoing deliberations.

See also resolution B148.

Conference decision: _____

B148 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY EXCHANGE

District of Sechelt

WHEREAS a number of school districts in BC are reconfiguring school catchment areas and closing schools;

AND WHEREAS local governments across BC face the challenge of providing infrastructure for services and community amenities with fewer resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC authorize school districts and local government to exchange land and buildings.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Refer to UBCM Executive**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

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As these matters are part of the working group's mandate the Committee would recommend that the resolution be referred to the Executive so the working group can consider this resolution as part of their ongoing deliberations.

See also resolution B147.

Conference decision: _____

B149 ACCESSIBILITY DESIGNATION

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS many members of our society are affected by accessibility limitations;

AND WHEREAS communities who strive to make accessibility a priority are often unrecognized and unknown to those who might utilize them:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to implement a Provincial Accessibility Capital designation similar to the Forest Capital of British Columbia designation administered by the Association of BC Forest Professionals, and to award that designation to a community or region within British Columbia on a two-year basis.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government create a Provincial Accessibility Capital designation, similar to the Forest Capital of British Columbia designation by the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

For the Forest Capital program, the Association of BC Forest Professionals selects one community to be the Forest Capital of BC, in an effort to celebrate the economic, cultural, natural and historic contributions forests make to community life and the health of the province. The winning community carries the title for a full year.

UBCM is not aware of existing provincial accessibility awards in BC, however some local governments, such as Coquitlam, have offered their own accessibility awards to highlight local business and community initiatives aimed at improving accessibility.

Conference decision: _____

B150 PROHIBITION OF FIGHTING EVENTS UNLESS REGULATED BY AN ATHLETIC COMMISSION **North Cowichan**

WHEREAS Section 143 (2) of the *Community Charter* authorizes local governments to adopt a bylaw to regulate “professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions”;

AND WHEREAS regulating professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions by an athletic commission ensures fighters’ safety:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia prohibit professional boxing, wrestling and similar activities, contests and exhibitions unless regulated by an athletic commission under Section 143 (2) of the *Community Charter*.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the Province prohibit certain types of professional sports unless the local government has established an athletic commission. However, members endorsed resolution 2008-B138 requesting that the provincial government establish a provincial athletic commission to regulate certain sporting events.

The recommendation outlined in the resolution would appear to reduce the tools that local government currently has for managing sporting events and would increase local government costs (i.e. the costs of operating a local athletic commission).

The Committee observes that municipalities currently have the authority to regulate or prohibit this type of activity in the community under Section 59(1)(f) of the Community Charter and also under the Vancouver Charter. Some local governments have been opposed to holding ultimate fighting events in their communities and other local governments have promoted and encouraged these types of activities.

The Committee would suggest that a local government under Section 143(2) of the Community Charter has the ability to establish an athletic commission to make rules regulating how a sports event is operated.

The Community Charter currently gives local government the ability to prohibit a sporting event or allow the event to take place under the rules governing that type of sport (i.e. extreme fighting) or to establish its own athletic commission and sets its own regulations regarding how a particular sporting event is to take place.

The Province has maintained a clear and consistent position over the past 20 years that it does not regulate sports of any kind and that the regulation of legal sports is better managed at the local level. Provisions have been made in the Community Charter and the Vancouver Charter providing local government with the authority to determine what types of sporting events the community wants and to establish a municipal Athletic Commission to oversee and regulate these activities if it is needed.

Conference decision: _____

**B151 AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY CARE & ASSISTED LIVING
ACT (CHILD CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS)**

Sparwood

WHEREAS the Province is mandated to regulate and enforce health, safety and staffing standards for child care facilities to protect our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS new regulations enacted in 2007 have placed a burden on those community facilities that are attempting to meet the needs of a wide variety of clients, some of whom are employed by resource based companies requiring their employees to work long and varied shift schedules:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the Province of British Columbia to review the Child Care Licensing Regulations in consultation with child care operators, and where necessary, make amendments to the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* that would better serve the needs of shift work clients, and parents with multi-age children.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government amend the Community Care and Assisted Living Act to better serve the needs of shift workers and parents with multi-age children. However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the federal and provincial governments to provide adequate funding for early childhood development and childcare (2007-B54; 2007-LR8; 2006-B169; 2005-B156; 2004-B137; 2001-B98; 1992-B73).

The sponsor has indicated that some parts of the Child Care Licensing Regulations, such as the limit on the number of hours of care a child may receive each day, do not serve the needs of shift workers who may require more hours of childcare per day than the allowable limit. As a result, parents trying to accommodate shift work schedules may be forced to place their children in unregulated childcare facilities.

Conference decision: _____

SECTION BIII-a

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

B152 LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH CHANGES TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY CHOICE

Vernon

WHEREAS both the winery licenses and distiller licenses are controlled by the Liquor Distribution Branch which has set separate yet very specific guidelines for each industry;

AND WHEREAS the distillers of BC are only permitted to sell their products off-site to Liquor Distribution Branch stores and any other retail stores designated by the Liquor Distribution Branch, provided they have an agent's licence;

AND WHEREAS holders of the distillers license under the current Liquor Distribution Branch regulations are not permitted to:

- sell directly to the food and beverage industry;
- charge a fee for samples provided during tastings;
- host events at the manufacturing facility;
- operate a lounge; or
- set aside an outdoor area on their property to host patrons for outdoor picnic events, as allowed by the winery licenses:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the legislation and regulatory structure with respect to alcoholic beverage manufacture, distribution and sale in British Columbia to ensure fairness and balance among components of the industry – including the artisan distillers.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **Endorse**

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government review the legislation and regulatory structure for alcoholic beverage manufacture, distribution and sale in British Columbia to ensure fairness and balance among components of the industry – including the artisan distillers.

Conference decision: _____

SECTION BIII-b

SELECTED ISSUES

B153 EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOUNDARIES

Prince Rupert

WHEREAS the federal government has imposed Employment Insurance boundaries in British

Columbia and these boundaries make no distinction between regions that have enjoyed economic prosperity and other regions which have been decimated by widespread economic decline;

AND WHEREAS the criteria required to receive unemployment insurance benefits should reflect the actual state of the regional economy where people live:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development to reconfigure the current Employment Insurance regional boundaries to reflect the geographic and economic realities in British Columbia.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal government to reconfigure the current Employment Insurance regional boundaries to reflect perceived geographic and economic differences.

The Resolutions Committee notes that a similar resolution, brought forward in 2009 (B176), due to time constraints was not considered by the UBCM membership at Convention and was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. The Executive referred the 2009 resolution back to the Area Association because the wording focused on the NCLGA area.

Conference decision: _____

B154 FINANCING THE DELIVERY OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Trail

WHEREAS the transfer of Employment Insurance funds from the federal government to the provincial government under the Labour Market Development Agreement and the related business transformation process currently underway will result in a significant restructuring of the procurement and delivery of employment and training services for clients;

AND WHEREAS the delivery of employment and training services in communities is most effectively delivered by community-based agencies that have an understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the local labour market;

AND WHEREAS the proposed contract payment model proposed by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development in the “Business Transformation Project Stakeholder Information Package” released on May 11, 2010 will make it difficult or impossible for many community based agencies to secure the financing required to manage the contract start-up costs without severely affecting other services delivered by those agencies:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to alter the proposed contract payment and financing structure to allow for advances to be paid to the successful proponents that will be selected to manage the community-based Employment Service Centres across the province.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

*UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: **No Recommendation***

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution on the changes that have been made to financing the delivery of employment services.

While the sponsor indicates that the proposed community-based model looks promising, the biggest barrier to the capacity of the community-based service providers to successfully bid on the contracts is the proposed lack of cash advances to finance the start up costs. The sponsor is seeking to alter the contract payment and financing structure to allow for advances to be paid to successful proponents.

Conference decision: _____

SECTION C

Part I of Section C contains those resolutions that are referred to policy papers and/or special sessions at Convention:

Please Note: No resolutions are referred to policy papers or special sessions at Convention in 2010.

Part II of Section C contains those resolutions that are referred to other resolutions within the resolutions book:

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Part III of Section C contains those resolutions that are referred to the Area Associations due to being of regional nature:

Please Note: No resolutions are referred to Area Associations in 2010.

SECTION CII

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO OTHER RESOLUTIONS IN THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

C1 PRIME RECORDS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT Midway

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has proposed to increase the 2010 annual user fees for Prime Records Information Management Environment British Columbia (PRIME BC) from \$500 per member to \$1,000 per member;

AND WHEREAS there has been no consultation with the municipalities in British Columbia who will be required to pay for this proposed 100% increased user fee:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province to maintain the costs of PRIME BC, paid for by local governments, at the 2009 rate.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B65.

C2 PRIME BC North Cowichan

WHEREAS the Police Records Management Environment (PRIME) is the provincially-approved system for all police agencies in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS PRIME was established, and user fees increased in 2010 by 100%, with no consultation with local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to hold user fees for PRIME BC at 2009 levels and consult with local governments before implementing further fee increases that affect local government budgets.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B65.

C3 PRIME-BC USER FEE INCREASE Richmond

WHEREAS in 2010 the Province of British Columbia proposes to increase the annual user fees for PRIME-BC from \$500 to \$1000 per member which represents an increase of 100%;

AND WHEREAS there is no elected local government official on the Board of Directors of PRIME-BC, even though local governments fund a significant portion of the operating costs for PRIME-BC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities requests the Province maintain

the costs of PRIME paid for by municipalities at the 2009 rate and that elected local government officials be appointed to the Board of Directors of PRIME-BC in proportion to the costs paid by the local government sector.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B65.

C4 FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICE TRAINING

Elkford

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has eliminated the funding provided to the Provincial Emergency Program for emergency social services training through the Justice Institute of BC for 2010/2011;

AND WHEREAS trained emergency social service responders are a critical component of the emergency response program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia reinstate the funding to train emergency social service volunteers for 2010/2011.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B61.

C5 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the BC Association of Emergency Managers was unable to secure grant funding for emergency management training for the 2010/2011 fiscal year despite the withdrawal of sponsored training from the Provincial Emergency Program budget in March 2009;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that all local governments have access to emergency management training in order to respond to emergency situations and safeguard the lives and property of the people of British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Solicitor General to reinstate core funding for emergency management training.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B61.

C6 RELEASE OF LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA SITES INFORMATION

Sooke

WHEREAS Health Canada licences medical marijuana sites in communities and has no provision to notify local authorities to provide information on these sites;

AND WHEREAS a local government recently experienced an incident at a licensed medical marijuana site that protective services would not have attended if they had known it was a registered site;

AND WHEREAS, due to the safety risks imposed on both occupants and local authorities and the difficulty in monitoring fire and safety standards on these sites due to lack of information, local authorities should receive regular information as to registered medical marijuana sites:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government to:

- a. require those persons applying for a medical marijuana site be required to comply with local building code and inspection requirements prior to Health Canada issuing the licence; and
- b. release the information as to registered medical marijuana sites to local authorities.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A4.

C7 MARIJUANA LICENSES

Merritt

WHEREAS the federal government issues licenses for the conduct of legal marijuana grow operations for medical use and such grow operations are frequently conducted in an environment that constitutes a danger to health and safety within the community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia lobby the federal government for changes to the legislation permitting legal marijuana grow operations which would require mandatory building inspections by government building officials on an annual basis of any such licensed properties (or risk forfeiture of the license).

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A4.

C8 POLICING LEVELS FOR COMMUNITIES TO REFLECT SEASONAL POPULATION FLUCTUATIONS

Central Kootenay RD

WHEREAS many regions within the Province experience a substantial influx of seasonal residents and tourists;

AND WHEREAS the normal policing levels for these regions are established based on the year-round populations, as identified by Statistics Canada, which result in substantially lower police presence than the established, acceptable levels through several months of the year:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be asked to re-examine its capacity to provide acceptable levels of policing during some portions of the year and that additional funding, potentially through the traffic fines revenue, be allocated to enable increased policing levels through voluntary overtime and/or temporary assignment of additional members to areas with high seasonal population fluctuation.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B10.

C9 IMPACT OF ALCOHOL PRICING

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS the Centre for Addictions Research of BC has reported on the impact of alcohol pricing on consumption and the inverse relationship between alcohol prices and alcohol-related harms;

AND WHEREAS alcohol consumption in BC, based on official sales records between 1998 and 2008, increased 16% from 7.5 litres to 8.7 litres per capita, compared to 9.3% of increased consumption across Canada; and because the research shows that decreases in the consumption at the population level almost invariably translates into decreases in health and social harms:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government enact the new policies recommended by the Centre for Addictions Research of BC and Dr. Perry Kendall to reduce the public safety and health concerns associated with problematic alcohol use in British Columbia.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B14.

C10 RCMP CONTRACT COST DOWNLOADING

North Cowichan

WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia can now be subject to unexpected costs as a result of major criminal investigations involving RCMP resources drawn from outside their local jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS these unexpected costs have the potential to create severe financial hardship for local governments;

AND WHEREAS the UBCM, on behalf of local governments across British Columbia, is currently negotiating with other orders of government to develop a new RCMP contract;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM give its RCMP contract negotiating committee a clear and unequivocal mandate to ensure that the new contract will explicitly assign to other orders of government all costs incurred for resources drawn from outside a local government's jurisdiction in the normal course of any major criminal investigation.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the federal and/or provincial government pay the costs of all major RCMP criminal investigations. The issue has arisen as a result of specialization in the deployment of RCMP policing resources. The creation, for example, of Integrated Homicide Units on a regional basis has meant that murder investigations are undertaken

by these specialized policing units and local governments in many cases are charged an additional charge for the use of these policing resources.

The Resolutions Committee is proposing that this resolution be referred to a Special Resolution on the RCMP contract that would be developed for the consideration of the UBCM Executive at its September meeting. The federal and provincial governments are meeting in late Summer 2010 to address some of the key financial issues related to the contract and it is expected that the results of this meeting will provide local government with a better understanding of what direction needs to be taken.

C11 GENERAL ELECTION DATES

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* requires that elections for the mayor and all councillors of each municipality and elections for the electoral area directors of each regional district must be held every three years and must be held on the third Saturday of November in the year of the election;

AND WHEREAS in many parts of British Columbia, the weather and road conditions in November are such that travelling for campaigning purposes, or to polling stations may be dangerous to residents, elections staff, and politicians alike, and may therefore discourage residents from attending polling stations;

AND WHEREAS many Canadian residents travel south during the winter months to escape the inclement weather and are often absent during the month of November and as a result, do not have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote for local government elected officials:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to amend section 36 of the *Local Government Act* to require general elections days to be held in October rather than November, in anticipation of a higher voter turnout.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A3.

C12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION DATE CHANGE

Williams Lake

WHEREAS section 36(2) of the *Local Government Act* requires that local government elections take place on the third Saturday of November in election years;

AND WHEREAS the climate in interior and northern communities during the third week of November can be a deterrent to electors casting their ballots at polling stations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM recommend to the Province that local government elections take place on the third Saturday of October on election years.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A3.

C13 TERM OF OFFICE FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hudson's Hope

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province retain the current three-year term of office for local elected officials.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A2.

C14 HABITUATED DEER POPULATION

Kimberley

WHEREAS as habituated deer populations are increasing in rural communities and becoming a threat to human health and safety;

AND WHEREAS a 'culling' is ethically unacceptable to many citizens and potentially dangerous:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work closely with secondary institutions and local governments to discover and implement a practical, humane contraceptive or other method to reduce deer populations in municipalities.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B25.

C15 CANADA GOOSE POPULATION

Saanich

WHEREAS non-migratory Canada geese have been rapidly increasing in numbers for the past twenty years;

AND WHEREAS the geese are having an increasingly severe impact on food production from the damage they cause to crops;

AND WHEREAS legal methods of resolving the problems associated with Canada geese are largely ineffective in the long term:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the federal government and Canadian Wildlife Service to implement changes to the regulations under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and make effective mechanisms available to local governments in dealing with the problems associated with overpopulation of Canada geese.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B25.

C16 CANADA GOOSE CONTROL

Osoyoos

WHEREAS the increased Canada goose population is having negative economic impacts on communities where tourism is a major industry;

AND WHEREAS the egg addling program has had a limited effect on the goose population and is but one tool in the control of the goose population;

AND WHEREAS the Canada goose is causing health concerns for those using local lakes, beaches, parks and playing fields, with high coliform counts having been detected in some areas having detrimental effects on the economy, tourism and health in the community(s) affected;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Hunting Regulations are insufficient to control the increased numbers of geese:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province encourage the Canadian Wildlife Service to be more permissive in the issuance of kill permits, and failing an agreement to do so by Canadian Wildlife Service, that the Province take the initiative to provide kill permits to affected municipalities for goose population reduction or reconsider the bag limits under the British Columbia Hunting Regulations.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B25.

C17 BAN ON & RESTRICTED ACCESS SALE OF PESTICIDES

Maple Ridge

WHEREAS pesticides are widely available with few restrictions or conditions applied to their sale for either cosmetic or non-cosmetic uses at a time when most communities have cosmetic pesticide bans in place;

AND WHEREAS communities don't have the power or resources to ban, restrict or control the sale of these dangerous chemicals:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government ban the over the counter retail sale of these dangerous chemicals and severely restrict access to them through training programs and licensing.

ENDORSED BY THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B28.

C18 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the federal government plans to implement the Municipal Wastewater Effluent Strategy by developing Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations under the federal *Fisheries Act*;

AND WHEREAS the proposed regulation for municipal wastewater systems will require more stringent wastewater treatment, monitoring and reporting measures for systems that discharge to

surface water and subject local governments to increased operational and capital costs as a result:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Province and the FCM to secure senior government financial support to assist local governments to abide by the new regulations.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B82.

C19 COASTAL DRILLING & OIL TANKERS

Esquimalt

WHEREAS BC municipalities have taken note of the current disaster resulting from offshore drilling in the US Gulf of Mexico, the inability of the oil industry to end that spill quickly or to contain its impacts, and the decades it takes for marine ecosystems to recover from spills and that Enbridge Inc. has filed an application for approval of its Northern Gateway project which would bring the first ever bulk crude oil tankers to BC's coast at a rate of more than 250 per year and that even the proponents admit that spills are inevitable in movement of crude oil;

AND WHEREAS BC municipalities are critically aware of the economic importance of marine ecosystems to the economy of our coast in terms of fishing, recreation, and tourism to the intrinsic value of intact and pristine coastal ecosystems, and of the concerns expressed by coastal First Nations about coastal drilling and tanker traffic as threats to both their livelihood and culture, as well as to existing aboriginal title and rights to their traditional territory:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities support a permanent ban on coastal drilling and bulk crude oil tanker traffic in BC waters in order to protect the unique and diverse marine ecosystems of our coast and the livelihood of communities who depend on those resources.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

This resolution deals with both drilling (oil and gas exploration) and tanker traffic. The Committee would suggest that these can be addressed most clearly as two separate issues.

For drilling (oil and gas exploration), refer to resolution B138.

For tanker traffic, refer to resolution B139.

C20 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

View Royal

WHEREAS in the event of an offshore oil spill the negative effects on British Columbia's shellfish aquaculture, fisheries and tourism sectors would not be worth the short term economic gains made from offshore and gas exploration and production:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM, through the Province of British Columbia, ensure that the federal government maintain and strengthen a moratorium on oil exploration and production off the coast of British Columbia.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: *Refer to Similar Resolution*

Refer to resolution B138.

C21 COASTAL TANKER TRAFFIC

View Royal

WHEREAS coastal oil tanker traffic off of British Columbia's fragile and treacherous coast creates the risk of a major oil spill that can endanger wildlife and the livelihoods of coastal communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM, through the Province of British Columbia, ensure that the federal government maintain and strengthen a moratorium on coastal tanker traffic off the coast of British Columbia.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B139.

C22 AMENDMENT TO THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

Campbell River

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the federal government (Natural Resources Canada, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Prime Minister's Office) in support of the proposed amendments to the Canadian *Environmental Assessment Act* to recognize equivalency of provincial environmental assessment process on a case-by-case basis as put forward by the BC provincial government and supported by the Mining Association of BC.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution A1.

C23 AIR SERVICE MARKETING PROGRAM

Cranbrook

WHEREAS there is no provincial systematic marketing effort for airport in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS recent changes in international agreements will facilitate travel from Asia and the recovering world economy will stimulate new route planning by airlines and the World Route Development Forum held in Vancouver September 2010 will give the province additional profile among airlines and travel planners:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Province of BC to collaborate with airports across BC to create an air service marketing program to promote British Columbia as Canada's gateway between North America and Asia for air travelers and air cargo; to identify specific target markets in the US and Europe; and to leverage financial resources and initiate greater sharing of information among partners.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B106.

C24 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC & TRADE AGREEMENT

Burnaby

WHEREAS the government of Canada and the European Union have been negotiating a trade agreement known as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (the “CETA”);

AND WHEREAS the European Union and European corporations are insisting on full access to procurement by sub-national governments – including local governments, school boards, universities, hospitals and other provincial agencies – which could significantly reduce or eliminate the right to specify local priorities when public money is invested in goods, services or capital projects;

AND WHEREAS Canadian local governments have expressed growing concerns with trade agreements and their potential impacts on local government programs and services and local autonomy;

AND WHEREAS the BC government and other provincial governments have been actively involved in negotiating CETA with the European Union:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the provincial government negotiate a clear, permanent exemption for local governments from CETA.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B108.

C25 SCHOOL FUNDING POLICY PAPER

Rossland

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes that rural and small communities have unique needs and that these communities are experiencing declining enrolment in schools due to the temporary decline in population and other economic drivers, and that these communities are working with the local school boards to retain primary and secondary education for future growth;

AND WHEREAS the current funding formula for schools used to support school funding is structured based on a healthy economic environment of small and rural communities and at the present this funding formula is resulting in declining allocation of funds to the schools in small and rural communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities form a joint task force consisting of representatives from AKBLG, UBCM and BCSTA with the objective of formulating a school funding policy paper for submission to the Province of BC for consideration and adoption.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B49.

C26 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

Warfield

WHEREAS the lack of adequate funding by the Province of British Columbia is having a negative effect on small and rural communities in British Columbia by shutting down local schools;

AND WHEREAS schools are an economic and integral part of every small community in British Columbia, affecting not only the property and assessed values in each jurisdiction, but also the livelihood and existence of some communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any information regarding changes in funding to local school districts shall be conveyed to the school districts no later than January 1 of each year to be in effect for the next budget year.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B49.

C27 SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS schools in rural areas are experiencing declining student enrolments;

AND WHEREAS schools, particularly in rural areas, are community assets serving essential educational, cultural and social needs while contributing to the fibre and sustainability of their respective communities;

AND WHEREAS school district boundaries require broad and encompassing restructuring:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education and the government as a whole review its funding requirements to provide sufficient funding to keep rural schools viable for both education for the children and the sustainability of the community.

ENDORSED BY THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B49.

C28 LOTTERY / GAMING FUNDS FOR NON-PROFITS

Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has removed gaming funding from many local non-profit organizations;

AND WHEREAS the BC Gaming Commission continues to draw millions of dollars from local communities through "Scratch & Win", "6-49", "Keno", "Pull-tabs" and "Black Jack" (21), as well as through internet gaming:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to return gaming revenues to communities through grants to local sports, cultural, health and social organizations.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B116.

C29 FUNDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THROUGH GAMING GRANTS Comox Valley RD

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has historically funded environmental groups in the province through the proceeds obtained through gaming and a recent Cabinet decision has been made to eliminate funding of environmental groups through gaming grants;

AND WHEREAS environmental groups have contributed significantly to the protection and conservation of the environment and have contributed to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of British Columbia through projects implemented with the funding received from Provincial gaming grants;

AND WHEREAS the environmental protection and conservation projects completed by environmental groups with funds from gaming grants contribute to making British Columbia a healthy, vibrant, environmentally secure and desirable province to live and work in and that without the initiatives undertaken by the environmental groups these qualities appreciated by British Columbia residents will be diminished due to the lack of availability of gaming grants to environmental groups;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the provincial government to have the Province reinstate the provision of gaming grants to environmental groups to continue protecting and conserving the natural environment in British Columbia.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B116.

C30 REINSTATEMENT OF GAMING GRANT FUNDING TO NON-PROFIT GROUPS Delta

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has historically funded non-profit groups through the proceeds obtained through gaming and a recent Cabinet decision has been made to eliminate this funding for adult groups;

AND WHEREAS non-profit groups across British Columbia contribute significantly to environmental, sporting, arts, cultural and community initiatives, and these contributions will be greatly diminished due to the removal of gaming grant funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to reinstate gaming grant funding to adult non-profit groups.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B116.

C31 PROVINCIAL FUNDING CUTS TO ARTS & CULTURE

Wells

WHEREAS the provincial government has reduced funding for arts and cultural organizations throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS these arts and cultural organizations are an integral part of the economic and social fabric of local communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM encourage the provincial government to restore funding to arts and cultural organizations, from all provincial sources, to 2008 levels.

ENDORSED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B48.

The Committee notes that this resolution was originally submitted as 2009-LR20. Since the resolution did not meet the criteria for emergency debate, it was referred automatically to the 2010 resolutions cycle.

C32 BC POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

Grand Forks

WHEREAS the poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada;

AND WHEREAS many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the government of BC to follow the lead of several other provinces by adopting a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan, with legislated targets and timelines to:

- reduce BC's poverty rate by 30 per cent within four years, and by 75 per cent within 10 years;
- ensure the poverty rate for children, lone-mother households, single senior women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities and mental illness, and recent immigrants and refugees likewise declines by 30 per cent in four years, and by 75 per cent in 10 years, in recognition that poverty is concentrated in these populations;
- within two years, ensure that every British Columbian has an outcome that reaches at least 75 per cent of the poverty line; and
- within two years, ensure no one has to sleep outside, and end all homelessness within eight years(ensuring all homeless people have good quality, appropriate housing);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province undertake specific policy measures and concrete actions, including:

- providing adequate and accessible income support for the non-employed, and removing policy barriers so that recipients can build and maintain assets;

- improving the earnings and working conditions of those in the low-wage workforce;
- improving food security for low-income individuals and families;
- addressing homelessness and adopting a comprehensive affordable housing and supportive housing plan;
- providing universal publicly funded child care;
- enhancing support for training and education for low-income people; and
- enhancing community mental health and home support services, and expanding integrated approaches to prevention and health promotion services.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B51.

C33 BC POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

Nelson

WHEREAS many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the government of BC to adopt a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan.

ENDORSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B51.

C34 BC POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

Parksville

WHEREAS:

- The poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada, and child poverty rates in BC have been the highest of any province for six years in a row;
- British Columbians are ashamed of the levels of poverty and homelessness across our province;
- Many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity;
- The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition (the “Coalition”) includes community and non-profit groups, faith groups, health organizations, First Nations and Aboriginal organizations, businesses, labour organizations, and social policy groups;
- The Coalition has come together around a campaign aimed at seeing the introduction of a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan from the government of BC that would include legislated targets and timelines;
- The Coalition has come together around a campaign aimed at seeing the introduction of a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan for BC by launching a new open letter;
- An increasing number of organizations and individuals are signing on to the Coalition’s new open letter; and
- At least six Canadian provinces either have poverty reduction plans or are in the process of developing them:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition's open letter be endorsed by UBCM;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of BC be urged to adopt a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan consistent with the recommendations of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B51.

C35 BC POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

Vancouver

WHEREAS the poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada;

AND WHEREAS many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the government of British Columbia to follow the lead of several other provinces by adopting a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan, with:

1. Legislated targets and timelines to:

- (a) reduce BC's poverty rate by 30 per cent within four years, and by 75 per cent within 10 years;
- (b) ensure the poverty rate for children, lone-mother households, single senior women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities and mental illness, and recent immigrants and refugees likewise declines by 30 per cent in four years, and by 75 per cent in 10 years, in recognition that poverty is concentrated in these populations;
- (c) within two years, ensure that every British Columbian has an income that reaches at least 75 per cent of the poverty line; and
- (d) within two years, ensure no one has to sleep outside, and end all homelessness within eight years (ensuring all homeless people have good quality, appropriate housing);

2. Specific policy measures and concrete actions, including:

- (a) providing adequate and accessible income support for the non-employed, and removing policy barriers so that recipients can build and maintain assets;
- (b) improving the earnings and working conditions of those in the low-wage workforce;
- (c) improving food security for low-income individuals and families,
- (d) addressing homelessness and adopting a comprehensive affordable housing and supportive housing plan;
- (e) providing universal publicly-funded child care;
- (f) enhancing support for training and education for low-income people; and
- (g) enhancing community mental health and home support services, and expanding integrated approaches to prevention and health promotion services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities sign the BC

Poverty Reduction Coalition open letter “A Call for BC Poverty Reduction Plan” (bcpovertyreduction.ca) and the Dignity for All Campaign (www.dignityforall.ca).

NOT PRESENTED TO THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B51.

C36 BC POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

Victoria

WHEREAS the poverty rate in British Columbia continues to be among the highest in Canada;

AND WHEREAS many impacts of poverty are experienced at the local level, and local residents pay for poverty in increased health care costs, higher crime, higher demand for community, social and charitable services, lack of school readiness, reduced school success, and lower economic productivity:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the government of BC to follow the lead of several other provinces by adopting a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan, with legislated targets and timelines to:

- reduce BC’s poverty rate by 30 per cent within four years, and by 75 per cent within 10 years;
- ensure the poverty rate for children, lone-mother households, single senior women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities and mental illness, and recent immigrants and refugees likewise declines by 30 per cent in four years, and by 75 per cent in 10 years, in recognition that poverty is concentrated in these populations;
- within two years, ensure that every British Columbian has an outcome that reaches at least 75 per cent of the poverty line; and
- within two years, ensure no one has to sleep outside, and end all homelessness within eight years (ensuring all homeless people have good quality, appropriate housing);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province undertake specific policy measures and concrete actions, including:

- providing adequate and accessible income support for the non-employed, and removing policy barriers so that recipients can build and maintain assets;
- improving the earnings and working conditions of those in the low-wage workforce;
- improving food security for low-income individuals and families;
- addressing homelessness and adopting a comprehensive affordable housing and supportive housing plan;
- providing universal publicly-funded child care;
- enhancing support for training and education for low-income people; and
- enhancing community mental health and home support services, and expanding integrated approaches to prevention and health promotion services.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B51.

WHEREAS Canada Post no longer delivers unaddressed mail for local government, including municipal service notices (e.g. schedule of snow removal, changes in garbage pickup, announcement of town hall meetings);

AND WHEREAS Canada Post customers who have elected to not receive mail under the Consumers' Choice Program do not receive important unaddressed mail from local government publications that inform citizens of changes to municipal services, etc.;

AND WHEREAS there are five exemptions under the program: community newspapers and House of Commons; Elections Canada; Provincial Chief Electoral Officers; and municipal electoral mailings:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM requests that the federal and provincial governments demand a change to the Canada Post Consumers' Choice Program to permit the delivery of all local government mailings through the unaddressed admail service to all customers.

NOT PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

UBCM RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Refer to resolution B54.