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**LMLGA**

LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## 2013 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

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**RR1 Personal Information of Elected Officials**

**New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend s. 73(7) of the *Local Government Act* to exempt, when special circumstances are presented, the public release of an elected official's home address.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**RR2 Smoking Laws**

**New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government addresses the matter of smoking laws to ensure that any regulations be imposed, and enforced by the provincial government, and done so with the intent to provide clarity.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

**RR3 Use of Electronic Mail**

**Surrey**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government enact legislation that allows local governments to electronically mail statutorily prescribed notices and other communications and documents.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**RR4 Tethering of Dogs**

**Surrey**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Government of British Columbia amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 372 (the "Act") to specifically reference "tethering of dogs" and to permit enforcement actions under the Act in situations where tethering causes a dog(s) to be "in distress" within the meaning of the Act.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R1 PST Legislation Impacts to Alexandra District Energy Utility**

**Richmond**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Finance reinstate the PST in an equitable manner that will (i) provide exemption or reimbursement of PST charges on energy purchased for the purpose of generating energy for resale, (ii) introduce former exemptions on Production Machinery and Equipment for equipment purchased by district energy systems, and (iii) maintain, as per the former PST regulations, the PST exemption on the sale of heat to residential district energy consumers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R2 Riparian Areas Regulation**

**SLRD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the watercourses designated under RAR to ensure that they have significance to fish and habitat health;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government appropriately enforce the RAR and provide adequate funds for said enforcement.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R3 Aboriginal Affairs Committee**

**SLRD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM enhance the Aboriginal Affairs Committee with the mandate and adequate resources to monitor and analyze emerging issues and legislation, both federal and provincial, to ensure that BC local governments are properly represented on these important matters.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R4a Forest Stewardship Plan Renewals**

**SLRD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when applying for a Forest Stewardship Plan extension the licensee should be legally required to notify the public of the renewal application and the public should have the right to have any concerns noted and addressed.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R4b Resource Industry Activity**

**SLRD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that forest companies be required to establish and maintain a publicly available project website to ensure public awareness of ongoing activities and construction schedules making all monitoring reports prepared during operations available to the public on the project website.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R5 IAFF Negotiations**

**Squamish**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* to provide direction to arbitrators to more fairly represent and consider the individual interest and abilities of local government.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R6 DERELICT VESSELS**

**Bowen Island**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM again petition the provincial and federal governments to increase their efforts to work together to create a permanent solution to the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels that includes sustainable funding sources.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R7 Mental Health Patient Intake Procedures & Facilities**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to invest in resources to create an efficient process of mental health patient intake, including the provision of secure holding facilities and security personnel trained to guard patients in order to reduce the use of police resources in this capacity.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R8 Provincially Funded Support Programs**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to consult with municipalities to ensure that new or relocating support facilities which are receiving provincial funding are in compliance with local zoning and other municipal bylaws.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R9 Coordinated Environmental Review Process**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to initiate discussions with the federal government and local government regarding the reinstatement of an independent agency to coordinate environmental review processes for in-stream and shoreline works.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R10 Early Intervention Centres for Mental Health & Addiction**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to work with the federal government and local governments to establish early intervention centres where a person suffering mental health issues or substance and drug abuse can be housed or assigned, when a doctor feels that a person may do harm to himself/herself or others.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R11 Green Jobs Plan for BC**

**Vancouver**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities joins the call for the Province to create and support a bold Green Jobs Plan for British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R12 Support for Raise the Rates Coalition**

**Vancouver**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities support the Raise the Rates Coalition in urging the provincial government to:

- remove arbitrary barriers that prevent people in need from receiving provincial income assistance such as the 2-year independence test and 3-week work search;
- end claw-backs that prevent people from supplementing their welfare with paid work and single parents receiving support from the absent parent up to the Market Basket Measure; and
- increase provincial income assistance rates to the Market Basket Measure, the minimum monthly cost required for food, shelter and transportation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R13 Request to Amend the SAFER Program**

**Vancouver**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia adjust the maximum monthly rent levels under the SAFER program to reflect the actual prevailing cost of housing for seniors across ~~Metro Vancouver~~ the Province and eliminate the requirement of annual re-application.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R14 PST Rebate Request Harrison Hot Springs**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government introduce legislation to provide municipalities the same level of PST rebate that is available under the HST program.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO THE LMLGA EXECUTIVE

**R15 Drinking Water Approval Process**

**Harrison Hot Springs**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any borrowing made necessary by an order issued by a ministry official or health authority be exempt from a public approval process.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R16 Social Housing**

**Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the federal government, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to assess, examine, and renew the subsidy, rent supplements, or other supports for operating agreements set to expire;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the federal government, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to collaborate with provincial, territorial and municipal governments, and non-profit housing providers and other housing stakeholders to ensure the viability and sustainability of all social housing stock through a national action plan on housing for Canada.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R17 Reduced Liability for Local Governments in Conducting Building Inspections**

**Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider changes to appropriate legislation to further protect local governments from liability exposure in conducting building inspections when field reviews are carried out by professional engineers or architects registered in British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R18 Hydraulic Fracturing Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM requests a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until all orders of government give full consideration to the potential human and environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing, and undertake a comprehensive public consultation process.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

**R19 Medical Marihuana Land Use Assessment & Taxation**

**Chilliwack**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the *Assessment Act* so that land and uses cannot be classified as a farm for assessment and tax purposes, if the land is used for the production and distribution of marihuana for medical purposes.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that farmland in BC not be used for the growth of medical marihuana.**

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R20 Independence of the Office of the Seniors Advocate**

**Maple Ridge**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA respectfully request that the provincial government amend the *Seniors Advocate Act* to identify the Office of the Seniors Advocate as an independent office of the Legislature, reporting to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, rather than to the Minister of Health.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R21 Reinstating Riverview**

**Maple Ridge**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government immediately begin to undertake all necessary action, including funding, to reinstate Riverview as a modern centre of excellence for mental health care and support.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R22 Support for BC Association of Agricultural Fairs & Exhibitions**

**Maple Ridge**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LMLGA request that the provincial government negotiate a viable funding envelope with the BC Association of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions to be included in the Ministry of Agriculture budget, in order to preserve the existence of agriculture fairs and exhibitions across the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R23 Hoarding & its Impacts on Municipalities**

**New Westminister**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the health authorities work with local government to address the increasing prevalence of hoarding by allocating appropriate resources and staff and by providing care and support to hoarders to enable them to manage and reduce risks associated with their psychological condition.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R24 Rename UBCM**

**Mission**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the “Union of British Columbia Municipalities” (UBCM) be renamed the “British Columbia Local Government Association” (BCLGA).

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

**R25 Federal Medicinal Grow Licenses**

**Mission**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) petition the federal government to ensure each and every medicinal marijuana licence issued is required to notify their local governments before operating and further that federal resources are used to perform physical inspections of the premises.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R26 BC's Insurance Act to Ensure Working Smoke Alarms**

**Pitt Meadows**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to reduce fire fatalities and losses in our province, the LMLGA call for changes to BC's *Insurance Act* to make the purchase or renewal of home or contents insurance contingent on a declaration by the policy applicant that there is a working smoke alarm in the home.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

**R27 Assessment Act – Farm Class Business Amendment**

**Kent**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Assessment Authority be granted legislation to work with municipalities to reclassify farm land and buildings when required to up to 50% as business or commercial use if the farm operation has breached or exceeded the municipal zoning regulations on “home occupation” for secondary business use.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO LMLGA EXECUTIVE

*Resolution off the floor/Assembly agreed to include for debate:*

**R28 Regional Integrated Approach to Flood Management**

**Chilliwack**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support a regional integrated approach to flood management in the Province and lobby for dedicated multi-year senior government flood protection funding for associated studies and capital works that result from the program.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED