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**LMLGA**

LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## 2014 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

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### **LMLGA EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

**SR1      Changes to BC Ambulance Service Resource Allocations**

**LMLGA Executive**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of BC develop an effective, well-integrated, patient-centred emergency response service for our citizens provided by fire and rescue services and BC Ambulance Service working together.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**SR2      Need for Consultation: Bill 24 Agricultural Land Reserve**

**LMLGA Executive**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the provincial government undertake consultation with stakeholders, the public, local governments, the Union of BC Municipalities, and affected parties, on the proposed two-zone approach to the ALR; and that Bill 24 not be brought into force until such consultation is complete and that the results of the consultation be made public.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolution was referred to the Association by UBCM.

**RR1      Medical Marihuana Land Use Assessment & Taxation**

**Chilliwack**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM 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.

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

## **PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

**A1 Funding for Retrofitting Older Multi-family Wood-frame Dwellings with Fire Suppressing Sprinkler Systems** **New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, Union of British Columbian Municipalities, and Federation of Canadian Municipalities work with senior levels of government in an effort to have infrastructure funding made available to building owners, including care facilities, so that these buildings can be retrofitted with sprinkling systems;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be accomplished with minimal impact to the residents.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A2 Comprehensive Pipeline & Energy Transport Plan** **Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) call on the Federal Government and National Energy Board, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to oppose Kinder Morgan’s Trans Mountain pipeline system expansion application;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities call on the Provincial and Federal Governments, through their appropriate and respective roles, to develop, in consultation with local governments, First Nations, and members of the public, a comprehensive pipeline and energy transport plan, including adequately funded provisions for emergency response, for the movement of related goods.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A3 Coal Exports** **Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association strongly oppose any expansion of coal shipment facilities at the Fraser Surrey Docks and Neptune Terminals until:

- a) a more comprehensive and transparent assessment of coal dust impact on human health is completed by independent experts; and
- b) Port Metro Vancouver holds formal public hearings on the proposed expansion of coal exports from the Surrey Fraser Docks and Neptune Terminals facilities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A4            Dot-111 & Dot-111A Rail Tanker Cars**

**New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the federal government to introduce legislation to accelerate the phase-out of these identified sub-standard liquid commodity cars;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government immediately restrict these cars from carrying commodities identified as dangerous goods.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A5            Regulation of Party Buses & Limousines**

**Vancouver**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government, through Transportation Minister Todd Stone, act on the recommendations of the industry and implement appropriate regulations for the limousine and party bus sector.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A6            First Responder Financial Assistance**

**Squamish**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the Province of British Columbia to develop a funding mechanism that will compensate local governments providing pre hospital medical assistance through the first responder program for the additional costs of delayed response by British Columbia Ambulance Services.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A7            Medical Emergency Service Alarm (MESA) Calls Cost Recovery**

**Langley City**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC work with UBCM to develop a fair and equitable cost recovery model to compensate local governments for responding to medical first responder calls.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A8            Farm Assessment**

**Chilliwack**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the ~~Regulation enacted under the Assessment Act~~ **Assessment Act or associated regulation, as appropriate**, so that land cannot be reclassified as farm if the lands are zoned for commercial, industrial or business purpose unless the farm use pre-dates the zoning, is the principal use, and the lands are continuously used for farm purposes.

~~AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an Order in Council to amend the regulation is not possible with or accepted by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, then the above matter be referred to UBCM for proposed legislative changes to the *Assessment Act*.~~

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**A9 Property Reclassification of Medical Marijuana Production Facilities Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to amend the *Assessment Act* and its respective regulations to preclude the commercial production of medical marihuana from qualifying for farm classification.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A10 Groundwater Use Determination Under the BC Contaminated Sites Regulation Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to initiate discussions with interested municipalities to exempt areas where groundwater is not used, and will not be used in the future, as a drinking water source in the context of the Contaminated Sites Regulation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A11 Derelict Vessels & Marine Environment Squamish**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities strongly encourage the federal government to actively enforce the federal environmental regulations with respect to discharge of sewage in the coastal marine environment.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A12 Benchmarking Tools for Building Energy Use Vancouver**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association:

- A. request provincial amendments to the *Vancouver Charter, Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* in order to empower local governments to require annual reporting of building energy use data to be submitted by building owners or designate, that enables normalized comparison benchmarking between similar buildings (area, use, type of equipment, etc.); and
- B. request additional amendments to grant local governments the authority to enable the public release of non-confidential and non-competitive building energy benchmarking information via a municipal website or that of a delegated organization, two years following the submission of

reporting data by building owners to local governments and following an accuracy review by owners.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A13 BC Hydro & Independent Power Producers**

**New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to create legislation that will address the huge utility rates paid to independent power producers to allow the Province the ability to purchase electricity from the open North American market, in the same manner as previously, if those rates are competitive;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government take action through legislation that would permit BC Hydro to produce power from existing public facilities as opposed to forcing it to buy expensive power from independent power producers at rates higher than BC Hydro's;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all independent power producers contracts that have yet to be built be frozen;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BC Utilities Commission investigate and produce a position on the impacts of independent power producers on businesses, residents and non-profits of British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A14 Equitable Penalty & Sentencing Powers for Regional Districts**

**SLRD**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC enact an amendment to the *Local Government Act* to provide regional districts with the power to set minimum fines and the power to set maximum fines up to \$10,000.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**A15 Child Poverty**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to adopt a comprehensive poverty reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines, and a goal of ~~reducing~~ **to eradicate child poverty in** British Columbia's child poverty rate to 7 per cent or lower by 2020.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities adopt a national dementia strategy, and urge all citizens of our communities to become more aware and engaged concerning the far-reaching effects of this devastating disease.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**Consent Agenda**

**B1 Licenses Issued Under Medical Marijuana Access Regulations**

**Abbotsford**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the changes to Health Canada’s Medical Marijuana Access Regulations, as of April 1, 2014, that the UBCM petition Health Canada to provide addresses of all grow operations licenced under Medical Marijuana Access Regulations in all local government jurisdictions to permit these properties to be inspected to ensure safety of all residents and to bring the properties into compliance with relevant Provincial and local government regulations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM petition Health Canada to undertake ongoing and regular monitoring and enforcement of all relevant legislation and guidelines of grow operations licenced under Medical Marijuana Access Regulations to ensure compliance with regulations, including any other conditions of specific licences as may be applicable.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B2 Restorative Justice Program Funding**

**Chilliwack**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government consider greater funding to cost share in the Restorative Justice programs across the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B3 Derelict Vessels**

**Squamish**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities strongly encourage the federal and provincial governments to immediately implement a derelict vessel removal program modeled after the Washington State program, and to designate the Canadian Coast Guard as the receiver of wrecked vessels in the case of every abandoned or derelict vessel in the waters of coastal British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B4 Trades & Technology Skills Training**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to provide a funding commitment to enhance and improve training facilities and expand opportunities for youth training in trades and technology.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B5 Concurrent Disorders & Chronic Offenders**

**Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to develop a long-term, multi-faceted strategy to help people suffering from concurrent disorders to avoid becoming chronic offenders, including integrated health and psychiatric care, criminal justice reform, and access to affordable housing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B6 Suspension of Canada Post Home Delivery Service**

**Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) call on the federal government and Canada Post, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to suspend the Canada Post delivery changes until a sustained, substantive consultation process with local governments and the public is completed and identified issues are addressed.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**B7 Development of a New Long Term Federal Plan to Fix Canada's Housing Crunch**

**Richmond, Burnaby**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association endorse the FCM housing campaign and urge the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

## **Refer to Similar Resolution**

### **C1 Maintenance of Door-to-Door Postal Delivery in Canada**

**New Westminster**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association request that the federal government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada.

NOT ADMITTED for DEBATE

## **LATE RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were received after the deadline and were admitted for debate by the membership:

### **LR1 Bill 24: Alteration of the ALR by the Provincial Government**

**Burnaby**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the LMLGA send a letter to the UBCM; Minister of Agriculture Norm Letnick; Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Coralee Oakes; Premier Christy Clark; and, the Leader of the Official Opposition, with copies to all BC local governments stating our opposition to the proposed alteration to the Agricultural Land Reserve.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

### **LR2 Need for Consultation: Bill 24 Agricultural Land Reserve**

**Richmond**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LMLGA send a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Coralee Oakes, and Premier Christy Clark, with copies to all BC local governments, requesting that the provincial government undertake consultation with the public, local governments, the Union of BC Municipalities, and affected parties, on the proposed two-zone approach and other changes to the ALR and that Bill 24 not be brought into force until such consultation is complete and taken into account.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **LR3 Smoking and E-cigarettes**

**Harrison Hot Springs**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the provincial government regulate the use and sale of electronic cigarettes and other vaporizing systems intended to replicate the smoking experience under the British Columbia *Tobacco Control Act* and Regulations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED