



LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2016 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

LMLGA EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

SR1 LMLGA Member Dues

LMLGA Executive

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA membership dues be increased by 10 per cent in order to cover increasing administrative costs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR2 Two Year Terms for President, First, Second and Third Vice Presidents

LMLGA Executive

Therefore be it resolved that the position of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President be set at two year terms commencing May 2017, upon election at the annual general meeting;

And be it further resolved that the LMLGA Constitution and Bylaws be amended to support this direction as follows:

Part 5 - Directors and Officers

- 25.
- (2) Unless and until changed by ordinary resolution, at the ~~first and at each successive~~ annual general meeting the Voting Members shall elect, from among the Voting Members in good standing:
 - (i) a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, and a Third Vice-President, who shall also be directors **and will serve for a two-year term**; and,
 - (ii) Three additional directors, **who will serve for a one-year term**, from amongst the Voting Members in good standing.
- 26.
- (1) The directors shall retire from office **at the end of their elected term** ~~at each general meeting~~ when their successors shall be elected.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

SR3 2017 Provincial Ballot Question on Municipal Campaign Finance Reform

LMLGA Executive

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA call on the Provincial Government to hold a referendum at the time of the 2017 Provincial General Election on the question of whether or not municipalities should be able to regulate campaign finance rules for local elections including the power to ban donations from corporations and unions, limit contributions from individuals and impose election spending limits.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

SR4 Amendments to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for Protection Against Renovictions

LMLGA Executive

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Provincial Government to amend the *Residential Tenancy Act* to provide protection from renovictions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR5 Regulate Tobacco Products and Substitutes under the Recycling Regulation

LMLGA Executive

Therefore be it resolved that tobacco products and their substitutes be included as a new schedule under the BC Recycling Regulation and that deposits are mandated as part of the schedule.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

The following resolutions were received by the March 25th, 2016 deadline. Comments and recommendations are also included below.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to consider the Consent Agenda as a block. A motion, duly moved and seconded, that R8 be removed from the block for individual consideration was endorsed. A motion to endorse the consent agenda as amended passed.

R1 Payday Loans Regulation

City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to revise the Payday Loans Regulation under the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act* to limit loans to a 60% annual interest rate, in line with the usury laws of Canada's Criminal Code.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R2 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Maximum Penalty

City of North Vancouver

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Attorney General for the Province of British Columbia to increase the maximum allowable penalty provided in Section 6(3) of the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* from \$500 to \$1,000.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R3 DNA Downloading

District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that the Province pay 100% of the RCMP costs for DNA analysis;

And be it further resolved that the Province establish a DNA laboratory in British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4 Train Idling

District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM petition the federal government to modernize the *Railway Safety Act* and other relevant legislation to address excessive locomotive idling and also align with the government's commitment to reduce climate pollution.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R5 Tax Exemption for Emergency Preparedness Kits

City of New Westminster

Therefore be it resolved that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Union of BC Municipalities ask other orders of government to eliminate all provincial and federal taxes for the purchase of bona fide emergency preparedness kits.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R6 Boundary Adjustments in the Agricultural Land Reserve

City of Chilliwack

Therefore be it resolved that s. 10(1)(c) of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation be amended such that the minimum parcel sizes created through boundary adjustment be reduced from no parcel in the reserve of less than one (1) hectare to no parcel in the reserve of less than one-half (½) hectare or smaller.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7 Removal or Demolition of Vacant and Derelict Buildings City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be asked to work with the appropriate levels of government, and regulatory authorities, to implement the appropriate legislative or *Bank Act* changes needed to address this issue.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9 Passenger Rail Service Between North Vancouver and Prince George District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government consider reinstating passenger rail service between North Vancouver and Prince George.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10 Carbon Reduction Targets District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM request that the Province of BC and the federal government create a funding mechanism to grant funding to local governments to update carbon emission reduction plans and implementation;

And be it further resolved that the funding mechanism be in place to coincide with the governments' implementation of carbon emission reduction plans.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R11 Diagnosis of Work-related Post-traumatic Stress Disorder City of New Westminister
Among First Responders**

Therefore be it resolved that a medical diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder by a bona fide medical practitioner representing the patient, be presumed by WorkSafe BC as to have happened out of and during the course of employment, with the burden of proof to the contrary borne by WorkSafe BC.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R12 Gender Neutral Language City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to require the use of gender neutral language in local governments across British Columbia, bringing local governments in line with the provincial and federal standard of document and policy writing that recognizes the value of gender equality as recognized in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13 Access to Services for Youth Transitioning Out of Care

City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to develop transition services for youth in care that extend services to the age of 24.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14 Renewed Call for a National Housing Strategy

City of Burnaby

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government to expedite the development of a national housing strategy.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R15 Standardize Provincial Approach to Tenant Assistance

City of Burnaby

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to amend the *Residential Tenancy Act* to include an improved and standardized approach to tenant assistance, particularly in relation to tenancy dissolution and/or relocation as a result of building demolition.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Resolutions for Debate

R8 was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually immediately after the Consensus Package. Resolutions 16 – 24 were considered individually. Although an extra 30 minutes was added to the agenda for resolutions, the plenary was not able to discuss Resolutions 25 – 28 and LR1. Resolutions referred to the Executive (R25-LR1) were discussed at the June Executive meeting.

R8 Electronic (Internet) Voting

District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province of BC to initiate the policy analysis and legislative changes required to implement online voting as an option for local governments in the 2018 local government election.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R16 Executive Leadership Committee on Flood Mitigation

District of Kent

Therefore be it resolved that an Executive Leadership Committee be struck **consisting of representatives of the LMLGA Flood and River Management Committee** ~~to consist of the three (3) Regional District Chairpersons from the Fraser Valley Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and Metro~~

~~Vancouver~~ to work with the **Joint Program of the** Fraser Basin Council to prioritize flood mitigation solutions for the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley and to seek funding from the Province and federal government for flood control and prevention.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R17 Reflective Products for Non-Professional Road Users City of New Westminster

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the federal Minister of Transportation and the provincial Minister of Transportation require a standard for reflective clothing, products and accessories for non-professional road users.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18 Provincial Dangerous Dogs Registry City of Pitt Meadows

Therefore be it resolved that based on the definition of a dangerous dog in the *Community Charter*, a dangerous dog registry is established and mandated ~~by~~ **across** the province and all local governments **animal control agencies, municipal police and RCMP** are required to register dogs they have deemed as dangerous;

And be it further resolved that all local governments are authorized to use this registry to seek compliance with this designation in their local government.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R19 Criminal Record Checks for Local Government Elected Officials City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that Section 87 of the *Local Government Act* be amended to include criminal record checks as part of the nomination documents submitted by candidates, thereby creating a high standard of transparency that will improve public trust in locally elected officials.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R20 Streamlining Truck Permits City of Langley

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia review its regulation covering transport vehicle permits and make changes such that obtaining local jurisdiction vehicle permits is enforced, that the hauling companies must communicate and receive local jurisdiction approval to drive on local roads and that they further make changes to streamline permit issuance and fee collection to enable haulers one point of contact to obtain permits to travel through multiple jurisdictions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 Build Canada Grant Funding Program

Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Therefore be it resolved that the federal government's ~~Build Canada Grant Funding Program, Major Infrastructure Component, be amended to fund a~~ **provide funding for major infrastructure projects at a** minimum of 50% of the project cost;

And be it further resolved that the provincial **government provide funding for major infrastructure** ~~contribution for significant projects be~~ **at** a minimum of 40% of the project cost.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R22 Varied Tax Rate for the Residential Class

City of Langley

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia amend the *BC Assessment Act* and the *Community Charter* to allow the residential class to be split into two distinct residential classes so that a different rate may be applied to each type of residential property to more equitably share the tax burden between the single family residential properties and the multifamily residential strata properties.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23 Single Use Disposable Plastic and Paper Shopping Bags

City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to apply a \$0.05 minimum charge for single use plastic or paper bags.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R24 Processing of Section 107 Road Dedications

City of Burnaby

Therefore be it resolved that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to direct a change of practice on this point, via an updated, written *Operating Agreement* between the Province and the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, or via other means as appropriate.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R25 Medical Cannabis Production Facilities

City of Maple Ridge

Therefore be it resolved that local government, in partnership with Health Canada, be empowered to be the primary approving entity for the building, initial inspection of said building and inspection of the ongoing maintenance of said building and have control over a process to introduce these facilities to the public;

And be it further resolved that local government be empowered to collect fees and taxes to cover the hard and soft costs of the medical cannabis facilities, including dispensaries, when legalized within their jurisdiction.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R26 *Water Sustainability Act*

District of Kent

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations consider local water conditions of each community and adjust the rates pursuant to the availability of water supply and reduce the cost burden on agricultural communities or industry.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R27 *Business Language and Land Owners' Contact Information*

Belcarra

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to formulate amendments to the BC *Land Title Act* (RSBC 1996) that require owners of real property in British Columbia to provide readily accessible, current and transparent contact information in the business language of the province, and also require either the owner or authorized agent of the owner to possess serviceable communications ability in the business language of the province.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R28 *Conflict of Interest*

District of Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of BC to establish an independent Conflict of Interest Commissioner for Local Government that will:

- act as an advisor to local government elected officials to assist understanding what their obligations are and how the steps they have taken or propose to take will fulfill those obligations;
- meet with each elected official to review the disclosure of the elected officials' interests and general obligations imposed by the Act;
- provide written opinions on application by any local government elected official.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was received in advance of the Resolutions Committee meeting.

LR1 Bus Pass Reinstatement For Individuals With Disabilities City of New Westminster

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA request that BC Bus Pass Benefit and Special Transportation Subsidy for people with disabilities be reinstated by the Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED