

SR4 Health Impact Assessments

LMLGA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the a Health Impact Assessment must be considered for all reviewable projects under the BC Environmental Assessment Act, and that a complete HIA be performed and provincially funded as part of the project review process;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment and the Environmental Assessment Office work with the Health Officers Council and UBCM to develop the necessary guidance documents to support the implementation of HIA in the assessment of reviewable projects.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SR5 Routine Highway Maintenance Over Pipelines

LMLGA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM and FCM request the Federal Ministry of Natural Resources to revise the Regulations under the National Energy Board Act such that the Regulations appropriately balance public safety and the continuing need for municipalities to undertake routine highway maintenance without having to first provide notice to or obtain a permit from the owner or operator of the pipeline.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was referred to the Association by UBCM.

RR1 Regional Governance Models

City of Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **UBCM strike a task force to** ~~and the provincial government~~ conduct a study of regional governance models, not only to identify best practices and efficiencies but also to increase democratic accountability, so as to determine the feasibility of implementing these goals in BC.

ON MOTION, as amended, was NOT ENDORSED

R5 Management of Nuisance Urban Wildlife

Corporation of Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to assess the population levels of urban wildlife where concerns have been identified by local governments and implement appropriate wildlife management measures to mitigate human health and property damage issues.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R6 Communications Regarding Drainage Maintenance

District of Kent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government (through the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations) confirm that the maintenance of ditches is recognized as a priority by reducing the time required for *Water Act* adjudication and by improving relationships with local governments, thus ensuring that provincial staff are available for proactive and timely communications during the approval process to reduce operating costs related to ditch and drainage maintenance in order to best improve agricultural production.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7 Sustainable Dredging Program for the Secondary Channels of the Lower Fraser River

Corporation of Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial government be requested to develop, fund and implement a long-term, sustainable dredging program for the secondary channels of the Lower Fraser River.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R8 Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment

City of Port Moody

WHEREAS municipalities and regional districts are the governments nearest to people and the natural environment, and therefore share a deep concern for the welfare of the natural environment and understand that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities;

AND WHEREAS fostering the environmental well being of the community is a municipal purpose under section 7(d) of the *Community Charter* and a regional district purpose under section 2(d) of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS:

1. Every resident has the right to live in a healthy environment, including the right to:
 - a. breathe clean air,
 - b. drink clean water,
 - c. consume safe food,
 - d. access nature,

- e. know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment, and
- f. participate in decision making that will affect the environment;

2. Local Governments have the authority, within their jurisdiction, to respect, protect, fulfill and promote these rights;

3. Local Governments will consider the precautionary principle when making decisions: where threats of serious or irreversible damage to human health or the environment exist, Local Governments will consider cost effective measures to prevent the degradation of the environment and protect the health of its citizens, and the absence of full scientific certainty will not be viewed as sufficient reason for Local Governments to postpone such measures;

4. Local Governments will apply full cost accounting when evaluating reasonably foreseeable costs of proposed actions and alternatives, the Local Government will consider costs to human health and the environment;

5. By 2016, Local Governments will specify objectives, targets, timelines and actions, within their jurisdiction, to address the residents' right to a healthy environment under section 1, including priority actions to:

- a. ensure infrastructure and development projects of Local Government and private sector respect the objective of protecting the environment, including air quality;
- b. address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing adaptation measures;
- c. prioritize walking, cycling and public transit as preferred modes of transportation;
- d. prioritize infrastructure and protected water sources for the provision of safe and accessible drinking water;
- e. reduce solid waste and promote recycling, re-use and composting;
- f. establish and maintain accessible green spaces in all residential neighbourhoods, and protect and conserve nature in public open spaces;

6. Local Governments will review the objectives, targets, timelines and actions of their healthy environment policy every five (5) years, and measure progress toward fulfilling this Declaration; and

7. Local Governments will consult with residents as part of this process; and,

That this declaration be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, the Union of BC Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration by local councils and by delegates at the 2015 annual general meetings of these associations.

~~AND THAT~~ **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA endorse that:**

1. Every resident has the right to live in a healthy environment, including the right to:

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- d. access nature,**
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ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R9 Geographic Scope of Environmental Impact Assessments

Corporation of Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Government be requested to ensure that the scope of environmental impact assessments for major infrastructure projects includes the wider community and environmental impacts associated with increased road, rail and marine traffic so that a range of mitigation options can be assessed, including the development of inland port facilities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10 Environmental Bill of Rights

City of Richmond

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia enact a Provincial environmental bill of rights that:

- a) Recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, clean food and vibrant ecosystems;
- b) Provides for public participation in decision-making respecting the environment and access to environmental information;
- c) Provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed; and
- d) Has whistle-blower protection.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11 Discouraging Port Metro Vancouver from Expanding on Agricultural Lands

City of Richmond

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities call on the federal government and the Minister of Transport Canada, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to:

1. Request the Minister of Transport Canada to rescind the March 24, 2009 *Supplementary Letter of Patent* (attached) issued by the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, which authorized the transfer of the 229.34 acre Agricultural Lands real property, described in this *Supplementary Letter of Patent*, from A.C. Gilmore & Sons (Farms) Ltd. to PMV, and order the PMV Board to dispose of this real ALR property and other real ALR properties, currently designated in their Plan as 'Special Study Areas', for agricultural purposes, at fair market value;
2. Request the Minister of Transport Canada, by way of regulatory changes (e.g., to *the Canada Marine Act, the Port Authorities Management Regulations and Letters of Patent*), to prohibit the PMV and its subsidiaries, from purchasing any ALR land in the City of Richmond and within the Metro Vancouver region, for port purposes; and,
3. Request the Minister of Transport Canada to require PMV to establish, with the local governments located within the area in which it operates, a meaningful consultation process and a formal dispute resolution process to address local government/PMV issues arising from its operations and activities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R12 Independent BC Review of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project

City of Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver affirms its support for the 2014 UBCM Resolution (LR2) calling on the Province of British Columbia to withdraw from the 2010 Equivalency Agreement with

the NEB and undertake its own Environmental Assessment process of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, with meaningful participation by First Nations, municipalities and all interested British Columbians;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vancouver City Council request the Lower Mainland Local Government Association endorse the 2014 UBCM Resolution LR2 and call for a prompt response by the Province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R13 Resourcing Local Governments for Oil and Hazardous
and Noxious Substances Emergency Planning Response**

City of Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call on the provincial and federal governments to expand the scope of oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) risk assessment and response planning to include all impacts and consequences on local communities and governments, and introduce additional funding for the resources and locally-specific capacity building required to ensure that municipalities are in the best possible position to plan for and protect communities and the environment in the event of fires, explosions, spills and related incidents as a result of increasing transportation of oil and HNS.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14 Proposed Closure of Burrard Thermal Plant

City of Port Moody

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ~~City of Port Moody~~ **LMLGA and UBCM** petition the Government of BC and BC Hydro to keep the Burrard Thermal Generating Station open until at the very least a review by the British Columbia Utilities Commission is conducted on the closing of Burrard Thermal and the construction of Site C Dam, **with the end goal being that this facility be powered by a renewable energy source.** ~~and that City staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Lower Mainland Local Government Association, British Columbia Utilities Commission and other local governments in British Columbia to seek support for this request.~~

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R15 Carbon Tax

City of New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province commit to increases in the carbon tax of \$5/tonne per year starting when the freeze ends and reviewed five years later, and use the incremental revenue of the carbon tax to support emission reduction projects, particularly at the local and regional level.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R16 Additional Use of Funds Collected in Lieu of
Parkland Contributions**

District of Mission

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government through legislation allow local governments to utilize funds collected in lieu of parkland on subdivision approvals for parkland improvements not just for the purchase of parkland.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R17 Broaden the Allowable Uses of Parkland
Development Cost Charges**

Corporation of Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC government be requested to approve an amendment to Section 935(3)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act* to include sport-related park infrastructure as an applicable Parkland DCC capital cost.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18 Infrastructure Cost Sharing Formula

City of Langley

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Finance Canada and Transport Canada (Build Canada Fund) and the Provincial Ministries of Finance and Transportation be requested to assess the per capita impact of nationally and regionally valued transportation infrastructure and to revise the current one-third/one-third/one-third formula to reflect the inequities for smaller communities with identified essential projects within their boundaries.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R19 Collection of Unpaid Bylaw Fines Against Property Taxes

District of Mission

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government allow municipalities through legislation to collect unpaid local government bylaw fines through property taxes where the fines are property related.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20 Annualized Earnings Exemption

City of Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government provide a choice based on an individual's need or capacity to manage either monthly or annual deductions to ensure that there is no disruption of income supports or housing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 Assisted Living Support for Challenged Adults

City of Langley

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Housing be requested to review the parameters of financial assistance to challenged adults and to consider funding affordable, market integrated, independent or paired accommodation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22 A BC Plan to End Homelessness

City of Langley

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia develop a comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable province-wide homelessness plan that sets out a series of actions, timelines and financial requirements aimed at ending homelessness in the province, while supporting community-led initiatives on homelessness, in a compassionate, dignified and fiscally responsible manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM, through FCM, ask the federal government to agree to a federally funded national housing strategy.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R23 Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Criteria Change and Impact to Local Services Delivery

City of Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the criteria for next phase of Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding consider a broad range of factors including community capacity and the specific needs of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with particular focus on special populations like youth, women fleeing violence, seniors and First Nations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R24 Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Fraser Valley Regional District

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government to update the Homelessness Partnering Strategy “Designated Communities” eligibility list to reflect significant homelessness challenges faced by many communities not previously identified as having serious homelessness challenges.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal government funding of the HPS be increased to take into account new communities added to the program.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R25 Shelter Allowances and Rent Subsidies

Fraser Valley Regional District

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to increase income assistance shelter allowances and expand and lengthen rent subsidies as part of homelessness outreach and support funding from BC Housing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26 Purpose Built Rental Housing

City of Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government review current tax structures and programs to provide incentives for investment that increase purpose-built rental stock.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R27 Housing First Funding

City of New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments provide Housing First funding as an enhancement to important community programs and not at the expense of those programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R28 Expiry of Federal Cooperative Housing Agreements

City of Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian request that the Federal Government maintain **a the rent supplement program funding** for more than 20,000 low-income households in co-operative housing communities across Canada.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R29 Mental Health and Addiction Services and Resources

Corporation of Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial government, ~~once again,~~ be called upon to develop a long-term, multi-faceted strategy to help people suffering from mental health and addiction issues ~~to avoid becoming chronic offenders,~~ including integrated health and psychiatric care, criminal justice reform, and access to affordable housing, as a matter of priority within the BC health care system.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province take the required actions, including funding, to ensure true, and timely, accessibility to detox, treatment and related supports to ensure an individual a seamless path to recovery.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was received after the deadline and was admitted for debate by the membership:

LR1 **Provincial Responsibility for
*Fire Services Act & Regulations***

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

WHEREAS the provincial government has enacted various building and fire code regulations for public buildings, including the *Fire Services Act* and regulations under that Act;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government is considering requiring regional districts to enforce the *Fire Services Act* and its regulations in the unincorporated areas of the province, including the obligation to provide for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings;

AND WHEREAS regional districts do not have the capacity to take on an inspection and enforcement role in the rural areas without significant additional financial and human resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide the resources necessary to inspect and enforce provincial safety regulations, including the *Fire Services Act* and its regulations, through either the Office of the Fire Commissioner or the BC Safety Authority rather than pursuing options to download the responsibility for inspections and enforcement of provincial regulations on local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED