



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### 2017 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

#### **LMLGA EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

##### **SR1 LMLGA Member Dues**

**LMLGA Executive**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA membership dues be increased by five (5) per cent in order to cover increasing administrative costs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

##### **SR2 UBCM to Call For a Provincial Zero Waste Strategy**

**LMLGA Executive**

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has delegated solid waste management planning to regional districts (many of whom are pursuing zero waste) and set a target of municipal solid waste disposal of 350 kg per capita by 2020/21;

AND WHEREAS local governments can work on diversion and management of materials but the provincial government has more powers to influence what kinds of materials come in, the volume of those materials and reductions of those volumes as well as the power to regulate Extended Producer Responsibility programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC develop a provincial Zero Waste Strategy.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

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

The following resolutions were received by the March 24th, 2017 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 R1 be removed from the block for individual consideration was endorsed. A motion to endorse the consent agenda as amended passed.

**R2 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits Funding**

**Squamish**

WHEREAS sexual assault evidence collection (SAEC) kits are currently funded through the Ministry of Health, with SAEC kits considered evidence that is from a committed crime;

AND WHEREAS survivors of sexual assault need medical forensic examinations readily available on demand and should not be expected to travel further than 50km to facilitate equitable access to justice and associated resources:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government move funding from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Justice and fund comprehensive, 24/7 access to services and staffing needed (sexual assault nurse examiners) and to provide SAEC kits in communities lacking in forensic services.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R3 Environmental Assessment Cumulative Analysis**

**Squamish**

WHEREAS a project subject to provincial environmental assessment (EA) process can be separated into different EA processes or excluded from the process altogether such as hydro, gas supply, navigation, etc.;

AND WHEREAS, because of this, there is no cumulative analysis that creates a clear picture of the entire impact of a proposal, including the five pillars of environmental assessment; Economic, Social, Environmental, Health and Heritage, thereby distorting and potentially minimizes the magnitude of the impact or understanding by the community and local government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province consider projects in their entirety when evaluating them through the environmental assessment office.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R4 Disposal of Drywall/Gypsum Board**

**Squamish-Lillooet RD**

WHEREAS illegal dumping is a significant issue affecting all areas of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the illegal dumping of construction/demolition waste in forested/wilderness areas warrants a more effective and comprehensive approach by the Province than what currently exists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province develop/implement an Extended Producer Responsibility program regarding the disposal of drywall/gypsum board and given the impacts of illegal dumping on the environment as well as on human health of pre-1990 drywall/gypsum board, do so on a fast-tracking basis; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province provide assistance to local governments with respect to the disposal of pre-1990 drywall/gypsum board (and other building materials which contain asbestos) through measures such as:

- Providing subsidies towards the costs of transporting hazardous waste to authorized landfills, resulting in lower tipping fees and possibly removing, or reducing, what some residents may perceive as an incentive to engage in illegal dumping activities; and
- Increased enforcement activity by ministries and agencies having jurisdiction over illegal dumping;
- Implementing legal surveillance techniques; and
- Education and public awareness campaigns.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R5 Funding for Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative**

**Squamish-Lillooet RD**

WHEREAS the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative (CYMHSUC), funded and supported by Doctors of BC and the Government of British Columbia, has been working to increase timely access to integrated support and services for children, youth and families, which work contributes to improving and potentially saving the lives of children and youth struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the CYMHSUC has grown, since 2013, to 11 provincial working groups, comprising the 64 CYMHSUC local action teams, addressing complex issues such as emergency room protocols, rural telehealth, information sharing guidelines and increased literacy for mental health and substance use in schools through training teachers and counsellors on mental health curriculum and mental health first aid;

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia has not committed funding for the CYMHSUC beyond 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia continue funding and support for the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative beyond 2017.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R6 Regulation and Licensing of Supportive Recovery Homes**

**Chilliwack**

WHEREAS addictions are a health care issue and the operation of supportive recovery homes can play an important role in supporting improvements to individual and community health outcomes through recovery from drug and alcohol addictions;

AND WHEREAS under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act, many of the operating standards required of licensed treatment facilities—such as screening, programming, nutrition, staff competencies, and staff-to-client ratios—do not apply to supportive recovery homes, thereby reducing their effectiveness and putting at risk the safety of the vulnerable individuals they serve; facility staff; and the local community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the provincial government to undertake licensing and more stringent regulation of supportive recovery homes to ensure effective care, support, and safety for persons seeking assistance with recovery from drug and alcohol addictions; and to provide improved oversight and accountability to the communities in which they are situated.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R7 Social Support Services for Seniors**

**Delta**

WHEREAS the demographic of those over 65 continues to increase across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS increasing numbers of seniors experience financial, social, health and housing vulnerabilities;

AND WHEREAS services for seniors are provided by a variety of local ministries, agencies and governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to plan system-wide initiatives to support seniors' healthy, stable and successful aging to limit social isolation, varieties of abuse and limited access to needed housing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R8 Bus Passes for Persons with Disabilities**

**Port Moody**

WHEREAS the provincial government changed the benefit for persons with disabilities in February 2016 by replacing the \$45 per year bus pass with a \$52 per month bus pass;

AND WHEREAS 70% of the announced increased benefit entitlement of \$77 per month would be required to cover the increased cost of the bus pass, leaving the disability bus pass users with only \$25 per month in additional funding, which has not been increased for nine years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call on the provincial government to:

- reinstate the \$45 per year bus pass for persons with disabilities;
- eliminate the \$52 per month bus pass fees; and
- raise the Persons with Disability Benefit to \$1,200 per month.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**Resolutions for Debate**

**R1 was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually immediately after the Consensus Package. Resolutions 9 – 22 were considered individually.**

**R1 Sprinklers for 4-Storey Balconies**

**City of Langley**

WHEREAS in 2016 the Province of British Columbia has suffered numerous large loss fires in 4- storey wood frame multi-residential buildings that could have been mitigated by the installation of sprinklers on balconies;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Building Code is based on the National Building Code with modifications specific to BC and that the National Building Code (2015) requires the installation of sprinklers on balconies of 4-storey buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister Responsible for Housing immediately issue a Ministerial Order requiring the installation of sprinklers on the balconies of all new wood frame 4-storey multi-residential buildings.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R9 Funding for Drug Recognition Training Experts**

**Delta**

WHEREAS the federal government plans to legalize cannabis in 2017;

AND WHEREAS there are no established levels of impairment by cannabis for the purposes of Motor Vehicle Act enforcement, and no tested or approved roadside cannabis impairment testing equipment;

AND WHEREAS police officers are dependent on trained Drug Recognition Experts to properly assess a potentially drug-impaired driver:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government be requested to fund training for municipal police agencies to increase the number of certified Drug Recognition Experts in order to properly police drug-impaired driving in British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R10 Modification of Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes**

**Delta**

WHEREAS the Inspector of Dikes is required under the Dike Maintenance Act to provide approval of all works on a designated dike, including the seismic performance of the dike;

AND WHEREAS the provincial Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes (June 2014) require extensive and expensive geotechnical investigations and ground improvement works;

AND WHEREAS the cost of geotechnical ground improvements to meet the Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes is very expensive in areas with river and marine sediments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to revise the Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes to reflect predicted local ground settlement conditions with the primary goal of community flood protection.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R11 Criminal Record Checks for Local Government Elected Officials**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS individuals holding office in a local government are elected into a position of trust and power where they have access to sensitive data and are expected to "conduct themselves in an open, transparent and accountable manner" according to the Candidate's Guide To Local Government Elections in B.C.;

AND WHEREAS there is no requirement for elected officials to submit criminal record checks despite being privy to highly sensitive information and allowed to participate in activities, such as volunteering, that other employers would require criminal record checks for;

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

**R12 Emergency Recovery Costs**

**Squamish-Lillooet RD**

WHEREAS the cost of recovering from emergencies is a hardship experienced by many small communities and rural areas;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Emergency Program Act's Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation, the current cost-sharing percentage split for emergency recovery costs, being 80% for the Province and 20% for local governments, contributes to the financial component of the hardship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province increase its share of emergency recovery costs, so that the Province is responsible for 90% and local governments are responsible for 10% of emergency recovery costs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R13 Varied Taxation Rate for the Residential Class**

**City of Langley**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia through the BC Assessment Act – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation B.C. Reg. 438/81 specifies that there is one assessment class for all types of residential properties and the Community Charter outlines that a municipal bylaw to establish the property value taxes each year under section 197 (3) specifies there is a single rate for each property class;

AND WHEREAS the assessed value of the multifamily strata units change at a different rate than single family residential properties.

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~~ **three** 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~~ **townhouse/rowhouse properties and the condo/apartment** properties.

ON MOTION, as amended, was NOT ENDORSED

**R14 Non-Compostable Produce Sticker Labels**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS composting is available and encouraged in most communities and many backyards in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the use of plastic non-compostable identification stickers contaminates the finished compost in commercial and private compost facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial and Federal governments (where applicable) change both domestic and import regulations related to food labeling to ~~require compostable stickers or~~ vegetable based ink/food safe stamps on all fruits and vegetables sold in Canada.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R15 Environmental Assessment Funding System**

**Squamish**

WHEREAS the provincial and federal environmental assessment processes are not the direct jurisdiction of local governments and therefore not subject to associated service cost recovery fees and cost of public engagement;

AND WHEREAS these environmental assessment processes can be very time consuming, expensive and onerous for local government staff, community and council:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government set up a funding system to allow for local governments to be compensated for the staff time spent including research, review, technical and working group participation, and to augment and support community engagement during the entire process;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government's Environmental Assessment Office fee schedule be revised to include a fee for local governments throughout the certification process.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R16 Ban on the Sale of Invasive Species**

**Squamish-Lillooet RD**

WHEREAS the introduction and spread of invasive plant species within British Columbia bring adverse impacts to the environment and economy;

AND WHEREAS significant financial and human resources are being allocated to control treatments, labour and research while at the same time the commercial sale of known invasive species continues to occur through retail outlets in British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province ban the sale of known invasive species (plants and seeds) at retail outlets.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R17 Protocols to Respond to Student Drug Overdose on Secondary School Grounds Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall declared the first public provincial health emergency in Canada on April 14th 2016 in response to the unprecedented rise in illicit drug overdoses across the province;

AND WHEREAS there are no protocols for naloxone, a lifesaving medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, available in schools to support teachers and staff in in the event of student overdoses while on school property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Minister of Children and Family Development jointly create provincial standards for **elementary**, middle and secondary schools province wide to address drug use and potential incidents of overdose in B.C. schools including protocols for training and administration of Naloxone (Narcan).

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R18 Affordable Child Care Delta**

WHEREAS the current lack of qualified and affordable daycare for working families in BC is hindering economic growth and creating financial stress for many families;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia has the second-highest child-care fees in Canada;

AND WHEREAS wait-lists for daycare in some areas exceed 3,000 children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to develop an affordable child care system ~~through income tax credits or subsidies~~, that provides a regulated space for every child whose family needs it.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R19 Municipal Lobbyist Registry Vancouver**

WHEREAS other provinces have enacted legislation that allows for municipal lobbyist registries ranging from Quebec, which requires municipal lobbyists to register in the provincial registry, to Ontario, which allows for municipalities to set up their own registries with enforcement powers;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia does not currently allow municipalities to use the provincial lobbyist registry nor does it extend the legal authorities municipalities would need to enforce lobbyist rules with a local registry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) request the Province of BC provide municipalities with the ability to register lobbyists, create rules for lobbyist's conduct in their interactions with elected officials and public servants, and the ability to enforce those rules.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R20 Right to Dry Port Moody**

WHEREAS there are significant energy savings and benefits to drying clothes outdoors;

AND WHEREAS "right to dry" legislation has been enacted in Ontario and Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC enact legislation to prohibit strata councils from restricting the

use of outdoor clotheslines and drying racks.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

**R21 The Rights of Service Dog Teams**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS, as a result of the BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Act which was enacted in January 2016, people who are blind, visually impaired, deaf and require a guide dog to safely navigate, are being harassed, repeatedly asked for identification, subjected to government red tape, and denied access to public space without meaningful recourse or sanctions to deter discriminatory acts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend the BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Act to:

1. Reduce the barriers that limit enforcement of the law and impose stiffer penalties against those who refuse access to guide dog teams;
2. Change the BC Guide Dog and Service Dog Act to include guide dogs that are already certified by the International Guide Dog Federation; and
3. Impose restrictions as to who can ask to see identification and under what circumstances.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R22 Ending Discriminatory Insurance Coverage**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS insurance companies continue to discriminate against individuals who currently receive or have a history of psychiatric treatment by excluding insurance claims related to psychiatric disorders;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Psychiatric Association advocates for the right to obtain insurance without prejudice as justified by Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which prohibits discrimination based on a “mental or physical disability”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that medical insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, automobile insurance, and insurance for protection or replacement of possessions be made available to individuals currently experiencing, or with prior history of, a psychiatric disorder on “the same terms and conditions that prevail with any other illness” as recommended by The Canadian Psychiatric Association.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**PART 3 - LATE RESOLUTIONS**

**LR1 Provincial Action on Building Energy Benchmarking**

**Richmond**

WHEREAS AS described in the Canada Green Building Council’s “Energy Benchmarking, Reporting & Disclosure in Canada: A Guide to a Common Framework” mandatory energy benchmarking and reporting is a low cost, market-based means to enable buildings to reduce energy costs and GHG emissions;

AND WHEREAS the province of BC is a signatory to both the Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change and Clean Growth and the Pacific Coast Climate Leadership Plan, both of which commit the province to implement benchmarking requirements for larger buildings;

AND WHEREAS a provincially administered benchmarking requirement similar to that adopted by the province of Ontario would be most impactful and administratively simple;

AND WHEREAS climate change threatens BC communities, and action in the built environment is necessary to mitigate climate change and realize economic opportunity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the province be requested to develop a requirement that buildings above a size threshold benchmark their energy performance and report this information to the province annually, and that the resulting data be available to local governments to inform their climate policy and programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED