



LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2018 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

Abbreviation Key:

SR = Special Resolution – resolution that will alter the Constitution and/or Bylaws of LMLGA

ER = Executive Resolution – resolution proposed by the LMLGA Executive

RR = Referred Resolution – resolution referred back from UBCM from the previous year

R = Resolution – resolution received from the membership by the deadline

LR = Late Resolution – resolution received from the membership after the deadline

PART 1 – LMLGA SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A Special Resolution is one that will alter the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association.

SR1 Special Resolution to Amend the LMLGA Constitution and Bylaws to Comply With New BC *Societies Act*

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the Provincial Government has enacted a new *BC Societies Act* that governs the Constitution and Bylaws of many organizations in BC, including LMLGA;

And whereas the LMLGA Executive is proposing a number of amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws to ensure compliance with the new *Societies Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA's Constitution and Bylaws be amended effective upon transition, no later than November 28, 2018, as following with the full wording of the proposed amendments provided for reference as **Appendix A** to this special resolution:

Constitution

Sections: 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), 2(e), 2(f), 2(g) will be amended.

Bylaws

Sections: 1.1(c), 1.1(d), 1.1(e), 1.1(f), 1.2, 3.2, 4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 7.1, 7.2, 10, 11, 13.2, 16, 18, 19, 20(a), 21.1, 21.2, 22.3, 22.4, 22.5, 22.6, 24.1, 26.4, 28.2, 29, 36, 40.3, 41, 42, 42(d), 42(g), 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 61.1, 62, 63 will be amended.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 2 – LMLGA EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive has proposed nine resolutions for consideration by the membership.

ER1 LMLGA Budget 2018

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the operating fund of the LMLGA budget has resulted in a deficit for many years:

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA membership approve the dues increase in the Budget 2018, see **Appendix B**, to properly fund the organization's operating budget and cover increasing expenses.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER2 LMLGA Member Dues Calculation

LMLGA Executive

Whereas LMLGA's member dues are currently calculated as last year's dues plus the Consumer Price Index (CPI). $(\text{BASE FEES} \times \text{CPI MULTIPLIER}) + \text{BASE FEES} = \text{NEW ANNUAL DUES}$. CPI is currently 2.2 percent;

And whereas the operating fund of the LMLGA budget has resulted in a deficit for many years:

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA Executive proposes adoption of a new membership dues calculation that will fully fund the current operating level as well as allow LMLGA to do more for its membership;

And be it further resolved that the new dues calculation adopted be similar to both the AVICC and UBCM models that use a population sliding scale and apply a percentage to each population level. The model is detailed in **Appendix C** and as follows:

Population	Percentage Per Capita
First 5,000	0.1150
Next 10,000	0.1050
Next 15,000	0.0090
Next 30,000	0.0140
Next 40,000	0.0090
Next 150,000	0.0280
Over 250,000	0.0006
Minimum charge	\$500

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER3 Elimination of the One Third Tax Exemption for Elected Officials

LMLGA Executive

Whereas, proposed measures announced during the 2017 Federal Budget will, beginning in 2019, remove the tax exemption for the 1/3 non-accountable expense allowance paid to members of provincial and

territorial legislative assemblies and to certain municipal office holders, including mayors and councillors;

And whereas no consultation with elected officials was conducted prior to the announcement;

And whereas the impact of this change is that the full amount of remuneration will now be subject to income taxes at both the Provincial and Federal level of government and may be considered a disincentive to the holding of public office;

And whereas current remuneration levels for elected officials reflect existing income tax provisions, changes to those provisions may result in increases to remuneration to maintain income levels. Increases in remuneration result in higher expenses for local governments, which may be passed along in the form of higher property taxes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Federal Government to reverse this direction and keep the current 1/3 non-accountable expense allowance.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER4 Employer Health Tax Impact on Local Governments

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the proposed new Employer Health Tax to fund medical services for British Columbians will require organizations with a payroll greater than \$1.5 million—including many local governments—to pay the highest tax rate at 1.95 per cent of their total payroll;

And whereas for many local governments, the amount of remittance required under an Employer Health Tax rate of 1.95 per cent of total payroll will be double the amount of the premiums that the local government as an employer paid previously for MSP;

And whereas the provincial government has provided selected tax breaks to the private sector, effectively offsetting the additional costs of the new Employer Health Tax:

Therefore be it resolved that, in the absence of tax breaks that have been provided to the private sector, the provincial government design the transition to the Employer Health Tax to be cost-neutral for local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER5 Energy Efficiency Retrofits

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act* sets aggressive legislated targets for reducing greenhouse gases; under the Act, BC's GHG emissions are to be reduced by at least 80 percent below 2007 levels by 2050;

And whereas reducing energy use in existing homes is an integral part of meeting the GHG reduction target but there are financial barriers for homeowners to participate in energy efficiency retrofit programs;

And whereas, municipal local improvement charges in British Columbia do not include the provision of cost recovery for energy efficiency retrofits on private property:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia enact legislation to allow the cost recovery of municipally financed green energy technologies and energy efficiency retrofits on private properties through local improvement charges.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER6 Funding for Mental Health and Addictions Services on Riverview Lands

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the lack of adequate treatment and housing resources for British Columbians living with mental illness and addictions places severe financial and social burdens on local communities, contributes to homelessness, and prevents many British Columbians from accessing the support they need to heal, secure safe and stable housing, and participate fully in community life;

And whereas the Riverview lands in Coquitlam are well positioned to once again serve as a centre for mental health and addictions services in the Metro Vancouver region, given adequate funding from senior governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be urged to commit significant additional funds for mental health and addictions services on the Riverview lands.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER7 Real Estate Speculation Tax

LMLGA Executive

Whereas in Budget 2018 the provincial government introduced a real estate speculation tax to target foreign and domestic speculators who are deemed to have removed their units from BC's long-term housing stock – meaning they are not owner-occupied or a qualifying long-term rental property;

And whereas the speculation tax will initially apply to the Metro Vancouver Regional District, excluding Bowen Island and Electoral A except for UBC and the Endowment lands; the Capital Regional District, excluding the Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca; Kelowna-West Kelowna; Nanaimo-Lantzville, excluding Protection Island; and Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission;

And whereas the speculation tax was introduced without consultation with affected local governments, despite the fact that it will unfairly penalize small and rural communities whose tourism-based economies rely on secondary residences, some of which have been owned by the same families for generations:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA urge the province of British Columbia to:

- Delay the introduction of the speculation tax **in municipalities that request it**;
- Engage affected local governments and UBCM in the development of measures to address the foreign and domestic speculation problem; and

- Provide enabling legislation to allow local governments to address such problems without resorting to a one-size-fits-all approach that the speculation tax embodies.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

ER8 Upgrade Flood Infrastructure to Consider Fish and Access to Fish Habitat

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the Fraser River is home to more salmon runs than any other river in the world, and many of these runs are affected by outdated municipal flood control infrastructure that blocks or harms salmon streams; and

And whereas the Ministry of FLNRORD administers the Water Sustainability Act, and administers funding programs to replace aging and inadequate flood protection infrastructure:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to improve their oversight of flood infrastructure maintenance and improvements, to include consideration of ecological connectivity and aquatic ecosystem health;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government initiate infrastructure funding priorities and partnerships that support the installation of fish-friendly infrastructure in those locations where aging or inadequate infrastructure requires upgrading or replacement.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ER9 Water Conservation in New Buildings

LMLGA Executive

Whereas BC has signed the Climate Agreement and water conservation is one of the most important aspects of the agreement;

And whereas there are roughly 2.5 million men in BC who could save 10,950 liters of water per person, per year, if new buildings were required to have waterless urinals:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government update the Building Code to make the installation of waterless urinals mandatory in all new dwellings built.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 3 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

UBCM has referred late resolutions from the 2017 UBCM Convention to the 2018 resolutions cycle for consideration by LMLGA members.

RR1 Rail Proximity Issues

LMLGA Executive

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the FCM Railway Advisory Committee (RAC) are committed to building a common approach to the prevention, mitigation, and resolution of safety and livability issues that can arise when people live and work in close proximity to railway operations and have developed the FCM-RAC Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations (FCMRAC Guidelines);

And whereas adopting the FCM-RAC Guidelines at the municipal or regional level will provide the framework to effectively anticipate and manage railway proximity issues in a way that strengthens safety and facilitates municipal and railway growth—both of which are essential for the future economic prosperity of the province;

And whereas the FCM-RAC Guidelines have not been comprehensively applied across the province leading to inconsistent land use planning:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge all local governments to adopt the FCM-RAC Guidelines for New Development in Proximity to Railway Operations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RR2 Cannabis Advertising

Township of Langley

Whereas the Government of Canada has proposed legalization of marijuana effective on or about July 1, 2018;

And whereas the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments have developed enactments governing advertising and promotion of tobacco products in Canada, based on public policy consensus and Canada's participation in the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

And whereas although local governments have limited powers and jurisdiction in regard to advertising and promotion of recreational cannabis products, this substantially impacts other matters of concern to local governments in Canada:

Therefore be it resolved that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and UBCM call upon the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments to coordinate public policy and regulations such that the enactments governing advertising and promotion of tobacco products be employed to apply similarly to advertising and promotion of recreational cannabis products.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 4 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

Members of the Lower Mainland LGA submitted the following resolutions by the deadline for consideration by the membership.

Consent Agenda

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive recommends endorsement of all the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda block.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R1 Telco Company Legislation

Squamish

Whereas connectivity and internet options in rural or remote areas of the Province and within smaller municipalities are a challenge and can add to resident isolation;

And whereas there are grant opportunities through the Province or Crown Corporations to assist in bringing these services to these areas;

And whereas a local government's abilities to administer these grants can be hindered by the *Community Charter* provisions around local government assistance to business:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province amend the *Community Charter* to extend the exemption of assistance to business from larger utilities and Telco providers to smaller Telco providers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R2 Expanding the Definition of Utility to Include Telecommunications

SLRD

Whereas the federal government, through the Connecting Canadians program, has the goal of providing high speed internet to an additional 280,000 underserved Canadians by 2021;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has the goal of 100% of its residents having access to high-speed internet services by the end of 2021;

And whereas when approached by local internet providers for assistance with capital costs associated with expanding their internet services to underserved communities, local governments are constrained by the statutory prohibition on providing assistance to industrial, commercial or business undertakings (section 273 of the *Local Government Act*);

And whereas local governments wish to have the flexibility to consider providing capital funding to initiatives that support the development of high speed internet and cell coverage across their regions:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia consider an amendment/update of section 275 of the *Local Government Act* so as to specifically list telecommunications (i.e. internet, broadband, cellular) as a utility for which a regional district may operate the service of providing capital financing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R3 Restricting the Use of Single-Use Plastic Items

Port Moody

Therefore be it resolved that Metro Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia move towards banning the use and manufacture of single-use disposable plastic items, including, but not limited to bags, containers, styrofoam, straws, etc.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R4 Supporting Innovation in Home Heating Systems

Maple Ridge

Whereas electric baseboard heating is widely used as a more environmentally friendly option to heat homes;

And whereas the cost of heating homes with electric baseboards is higher than other commonly used energy sources such as natural gas:

Therefore be it resolved that senior governments be encouraged to support the development of alternative home heating products that are more affordable to consumers, yet sensitive to environmental sustainability targets.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R5 Provincial Funding for Energy Retrofits of Buildings

Vancouver

Whereas the BC NDP's *Energy and Jobs Plan for BC* includes the following priorities:

- a. Retrofitting public buildings: "a serious long-term commitment to energy efficiency in all our public buildings (that) will save money, will reduce overall demand for energy, and create good-paying jobs and apprenticeships in every community in British Columbia";
- b. Retrofitting homes and businesses: "helping families and businesses replace wasteful equipment, seal leaks and install proper insulation...(to) reduce individual Hydro bills, free up our existing generation capacity, and reduce climate changing emissions"; and
- c. Investing in clean energy: "British Columbia has tremendous opportunity to produce renewable energy and export renewable energy technology. By providing investment and leadership, the

Province of British Columbia can support our technology sector and foster the good-paying research, engineering and trades jobs of the future.”;

And whereas the sooner the Province of British Columbia moves on investing in energy conservation and renewable energy production the better, as both are crucial to meeting not only provincial but also local governments’ climate goals;

And whereas Greenhouse Gas (GhG) emissions from inefficient buildings are high, for example 56 percent of all GhG emissions in the City of Vancouver, but the lack of funding for building retrofits is a major barrier for building owners;

And whereas Manitoba Hydro provides a good example of how to fund energy retrofits through its on-bill financing program whereby loans for energy retrofits are provided to building owners with loan payments matching prior energy bills;

And whereas energy retrofit programs such as Manitoba Hydro’s energy retrofit program have created many new skilled jobs in rural, First Nations and urban communities, and resulted in lower energy bills which contribute to more affordable housing;

And whereas the provincial government investment and leadership in renewable energy technologies would help create jobs in BC communities and also help ensure that low-carbon and zero-carbon building components and technologies are available so that builders and local governments can meet the building code requirements in the BC Step Energy Code and Vancouver Building By-law:

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Vancouver, LMLGA and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to move quickly to retrofit public buildings, including schools, for energy efficiency;

And be it further resolved that the province implement a program such as the Manitoba Hydro’s energy retrofit incentives, rebates, loans program, and other funding mechanisms, to help homeowners and businesses finance energy retrofits on their buildings, including non-profit, co-op and purpose-built rental housing;

And be it further resolved that the province invest in renewable energy technology development and production that would create jobs throughout BC and help local governments and builders meet building code requirements that are moving towards zero-carbon buildings.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R6 Enhanced Municipal Bylaw Fine Collection Procedures

Burnaby

Whereas the current mechanisms for collecting municipal fines, though improved, still do not provide adequate provision for the collection of unpaid fines;

And whereas existing effective collection mechanisms for unpaid property taxes, and current permitted 'special fees' are in place;

And whereas the available fine collection mechanisms available are time consuming, costly and onerous for local governments to undertake:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Provincial Government to amend the legislation to allow the addition of unpaid municipal fines related to a specific property to the permitted 'special fees [...that...] may be collected as property taxes', including through eventual tax sale property auction;

And be it further resolved that UBCM call on the Provincial Government to streamline the current court online filing system for municipal fines, and investigate other efficiencies and mechanisms for collection, including any necessary corresponding legislative changes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7 Development of Ongoing Provincial Funding Programs for First Nations Reconciliation and Relationship Building Efforts **SLRD**

Whereas current provincial programs offer some financial assistance to advance reconciliation and relationship building efforts, they generally support "one off" events as opposed to more systemic and sustained engagement efforts;

And whereas funding under such provincial programs is far less than the actual cost of convening multi-party collaborative processes, resulting in the contribution of funding by local governments;

And whereas funding under such provincial programs is not stable, on-going funding and results in large amounts of staff time to apply for these programs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia develop stable, ongoing funding programs with systemic, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

HEALTH

R8 Public Reporting of Opioid Prescription Rates **Delta**

Whereas the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons has developed standards and guidelines for opioid prescriptions, recognizing the public health crisis associated to prescription opioid misuse, including the significant potential for addiction and overdoses;

And whereas in response to the opioid crisis in the United States, Veterans Affairs hospitals began publicly reporting on opioid prescriptions, which has led to a nearly 50% collective decrease in opioid prescriptions in those hospitals across the country between 2012 and 2017:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to publicly release anonymized opioid prescription rates, by community, for all health regions in British Columbia, in a manner similar to that of Veterans Affairs hospitals in the United States, recognizing the impact of public reporting on reducing opioid prescription rates.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9 Compulsory Labelling of Genetically Modified and Genetically Engineered Foods Maple Ridge

Whereas the production of genetically modified and genetically engineered foods can lead to cross-pollination with wild plants and non-genetically modified crops causing genetic pollution and potential human health concerns;

And whereas several countries around the world have implemented compulsory labelling of genetically modified and genetically engineered foods, and a majority of Canadians are supportive of compulsory genetically modified and genetically engineered food labelling:

Therefore be it resolved that Health Canada be urged to implement compulsory labelling of genetically modified and genetically engineered foods sold in Canada.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10 Increasing the Number of Family Practitioners in BC

Maple Ridge

Whereas there is a lack of access to family practitioners in communities throughout British Columbia, exacerbated by barriers to licensing for International Medical Graduate (IMG) physicians and limited opportunities for medical school graduates to complete their required residencies;

And whereas the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia regulates the practice of medicine under the authority of Provincial Government legislation:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be urged to work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC to increase the number of family practitioners in British Columbia by expediting the licensing process for qualified IMG physicians and creating more residency opportunities for medical school graduates.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11 Community Health Centres

New Westminster

Whereas municipal governments are deeply concerned about the health status of their communities;

And whereas there is an urgent need in municipalities across British Columbia to find ways to improve access to quality primary health care;

And whereas Community Health Centres (CHCs), both provincially and nationally, have demonstrated the capacity to deliver cost effective, culturally appropriate health services to diverse populations in the communities they serve, based on a commitment to addressing the broader social determinants of health through a multi-disciplinary, team-based approach;

And whereas community governance of primary health care provides an effective mechanism to enable local citizens to tailor services to the diverse needs of their communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM affirms its support for the provincial government's initiative to establish 20 CHCs across the province;

And be it further resolved that UBCM directs its staff to consult with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the regional health authorities to develop proposals for implementing this commitment in municipalities wishing to host new CHCs;

And be it further resolved that UBCM requests that the MoH support municipal government initiatives to develop fully-fledged CHCs, which include a community governance board, the provision of interdisciplinary services, and community outreach programs that address the social determinants of health.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R12 Legalization of Cannabis – Protecting Agricultural Land for Food Production

Delta

Whereas legalized cannabis has the potential to displace traditional food crop cultivation;

And whereas only 1.1% of the land area in BC is prime agricultural land, and this land is needed for food security and to reduce British Columbia's reliance on imported produce;

And whereas the commercial cultivation of cannabis can be undertaken in industrial warehouses located in established industrial areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to prohibit or place restrictions on the use of ALR land for cannabis cultivation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13 Backcountry Tourism

Pemberton

Whereas the rapidly increasing popularity of adventure tourism is having adverse impacts to the natural environment, such as increased human/wildlife conflicts, the closures of popular destinations due to unmanageable volume, garbage, and an increased risk of wildfire in remote areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be requested to match the investment made in their Tourism Marketing with a commensurate investment in infrastructure, maintenance, enforcement, and staffing to assist in mitigating the resulting challenges of increased visitor volumes at local Provincial parks and other backcountry areas.

Therefore be it further resolved that a trail booking and reservation system fee structure be developed to mitigate day-to-day impacts to the natural environment.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14 Removal of Restrictive Covenants

Squamish

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to include a similar provision in provincial legislation, to Section 48(4) of the *Land Titles Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter L-4, that allows for a local government to directly petition the court to remove a restrictive covenant or other instrument that conflicts with a provision of a bylaw enacted under Part 14 – Planning and Land Use Management of the *Local Government Act* [RSBC 2015] Chapter 1.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R15 Increased Visits to Provincial Recreation Areas

SLRD

Whereas, as a result of the success of recent provincial tourism marketing strategies, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of visits to local provincial parks and recreation sites (“Provincial Recreation Assets”), including Joffre Lakes Provincial Park and Strawberry Point Recreation Site in Electoral Area C of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) and Porteau Cove Provincial Park in Electoral Area D of the SLRD;

And whereas the increased number of visits is straining the current infrastructure of the Provincial Recreation Assets, both in terms of the capacity of:

- visits/traffic that can be accommodated on a daily/other basis; and
- current levels of staffing, maintenance and enforcement to manage the increased visits; and

And whereas the increased number of visits is also impacting wildlife and contributing to a heightened wildfire risk:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia should:

(a) commensurate with the increased number of visits being driven by provincial tourism marketing strategies, provide additional funding to increase staffing, maintenance and enforcement operations in respect of existing Provincial Recreation Assets; and

(b) investigate the development and addition of new recreation assets to the existing inventory of Provincial Recreation Assets (such that the increased number of visits may be spread over a larger inventory of Provincial Recreation Assets).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R16 Autonomy and Authority of Local Jurisdictions with respect to Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Activities Langley Township

Whereas the Trans Mountain (TM) pipeline was conceived and developed in the 1950's to move energy products, including oil and gas, from its source to other markets for refining and potential export;

And whereas the pipeline created a concomitant corridor to facilitate further works, servicing, and other infrastructure-related opportunities further to the movement of natural oil and gas products from Alberta to the British Columbia coastline;

And whereas the associated pipeline works cross over numerous territories, regions, local government and First Nation jurisdictional areas across the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas there have been on-going concerns expressed by many local entities both within the Metro area, and beyond, regarding concerns arising from the potential for deleterious results from pipeline-related activities affecting the natural environment, watercourses, local infrastructure, agriculture, and other areas of local government influence and jurisdiction under the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*;

And whereas most recently, Kinder Morgan has sought, and received approval, from the Federal Government of Canada to "twin" the existing pipeline (Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) largely to construct new infrastructure to enhance the capacity of the existing dated infrastructure;

And whereas by Decision dated December 7th, 2017, the NEB concluded that local TM works in the City of Burnaby related to the City's Zoning and Tree Bylaw could proceed without these local government approvals based on a prior BC Court of Appeal ruling in support of the NEB's jurisdiction to resolve conflicts relative to a Federal regulatory scheme;

And whereas this recent ruling has significantly undermined opportunities for all accountable local governments, regions, territories and First Nations representative bodies to protect our local communities from a plethora of environmental and social maladies potentially associated with the aforementioned expansion:

Therefore be it resolved that FCM, the Provincial and the Federal Government create a framework to articulate and establish enforceable protocols and legally binding agreements to ensure that the Trans Mountain Pipeline must be in substantial compliance with all provincial and municipal permitting and authorizations prior to commencing with pipeline expansion associated works in any local area.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R17 Updating the BC Motor Vehicle Act to Improve Safety for All Road Users

New Westminster

Whereas the BC *Motor Vehicle Act* was originally passed in 1957, and reflecting the transportation environment of its time, it was written with an emphasis on the rights and responsibilities of motorist, and does not adequately address the rights and responsibilities of other road users;

And whereas the provincial government has established a “Vision Zero” plan to eliminate road-related injuries and deaths by 2020, through the trend towards reduced injuries and deaths for vulnerable road users are not keeping pace with improved safety for motorists;

And whereas the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC have created meaningful recommendations toward reform of the Act based on current scientific and legal research, recognized best safety practices from other jurisdictions, and the experiences of BC road users;

And whereas the Provincial Health Officer’s Annual Report “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Reducing the impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes on the health and well-being in BC” seeks to address challenges to road safety while building upon our current successes;

And whereas these recommendations address modern conditions on the provinces’ roads, and seek to reduce conflicts between motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and persons with disabilities, and better protect seniors, children and other vulnerable road users:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to support modernization of the Motor Vehicle Act, addressing the recommendations in the Road Safety Law Reform Group of BC Position Paper entitled “Modernizing the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*” to enhance safety for all road users.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

Resolutions for Debate

Resolutions to be considered individually.

ASSESSMENT

R18 New Municipal Tax Classes

West Vancouver

Whereas many municipalities in BC are facing a very significant and well-documented housing affordability issue with property prices significantly higher than local residents' ability to pay and in many cases the highest average housing prices in the country;

And whereas currently, municipalities have only nine tax classes that can be used to set property taxes to achieve municipal goals:

Class 1 – Residential;

Class 2 – Utilities;

Class 3 – Supportive Housing;

Class 4 – Major Industry;

Class 5 – Light Industry;

Class 6 – Business Other;

Class 7 – Managed Forest Land;

Class 8 – Recreational Property; Non-Profit Organization; and

Class 9 – Farm;

and while there have been minor amendments, the basic structure of this property tax class system has not be substantially amended since the 1980's;

And whereas with the creation of new tax classes each municipality could set different tax rates for each class based on their individual needs and circumstances. As an example, different residential classes could be created to address vacant houses, non-residents ownership, etc:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government amend the Community Charter to allow municipalities to create additional tax classes so they can each accomplish their own community goals.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ELECTIONS

R19 Disqualification from Holding Elected Office

Pitt Meadows

Whereas Council has no authority to seek the removal of a council member who has been criminally convicted;

And whereas the Honourable Minister Selina Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, has recommended that the City of Pitt Meadows advocate through LMLGA and UBCM for appropriate changes to the governing legislation for local government;

AND WHEREAS The Honourable Minister Selina Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, has advised that her Ministry is prepared to work with UBCM on the issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to make whatever legislative changes are needed to:

1. Require that an elected local government official be put on paid leave immediately upon conviction **during the term** of a serious criminal offence (to be defined by legislation) until the expiration of the time to file an appeal or determination of an appeal; and
2. Require that an elected local government official be disqualified from holding office upon conviction of a serious criminal offence (to be defined by legislation) upon the expiration of the time to file an appeal or determination of an appeal.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

FINANCE

R20 A Call To Divestment – Aligning City Investments With The Future

Port Moody

Be it resolved that the Municipal Finance Authority of BC be called upon to:

1. divest all investments from the fossil fuel-related companies and endeavours, or
2. move forward with plans for a Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) fund free from investments in fossil-fuel related companies and endeavours.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 Collection of Unpaid Bylaw Fines

Whistler

Whereas municipalities lose a significant amount of non-tax revenue annually because of unpaid bylaw fines;

And whereas non-tax revenue sources such as a bylaw fines help offset costs to municipal services and reduce the property tax burden on residents;

And whereas the current methods available to Municipalities for the collection of bylaw fines are slow, expensive and labour intensive;

And whereas the collection of bylaw fines with the cooperation of the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC will ensure prompt payment of any unpaid bylaw fines:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC collect outstanding **traffic related** bylaw fines on behalf of municipalities at the time of auto insurance and/or driver's licence renewal.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

HEALTH

R22 Review of BC's Fee for Service Model

Maple Ridge

Whereas there is a lack of access to family practitioners in communities throughout British Columbia;

And whereas the existing Fee for Service (FFS) model of compensation for family physicians does not encourage enough new medical graduates to choose family practice, and is less attractive compared to different models of compensation used in other provinces:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be urged to undertake a review of the FFS model with a view to making the compensation of family physicians in BC more attractive to encourage new medical graduates to choose family practice and stay in BC.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23 Dental Care and Floridation of Public Water Sources

SLRD

Whereas dental health is a critical component to health and a key indicator of healthy childhood development, and poor dental health contributes to speech impediments, lower nutritional absorption and growth development, pain, learning inequality, and other health and quality of life issues;

And whereas dental care is not a universally accessible service in British Columbia and low income and financially-restricted families and individuals do not have the same access as others to dental care;

And whereas fluoride contributes to the healthy development of enamel and the use of fluoride toothpaste by toddlers and preschool-aged children can be challenging:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC Ministry of Health add basic dental care to Medical Services Plan coverage;

And be it further resolved that BC mandate a provincial requirement of all public water source treatment to include fluoridation where naturally occurring levels do not meet the minimum suggested level of 0.07mg/L.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R24 Verification of Submissions During Public Hearing Process

Squamish

Whereas the *Local Government Act* legislates the Public Hearing process and broadly provides for submissions to be made by anyone in the public having an interest in the matter or the property;

And whereas Councils must consider all submissions made with respect to the public interest in the zoning, rezoning, OCP or OCP amendment without an ability to verify the validity of submissions made electronically:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province bring forth an amendment to the *Local Government Act* which would assist local governments with the ability to verify the legitimacy of a submission where there is strong reason to believe that the submissions are false and dishonest and made to undermine the integrity and purpose of the Public Hearing process and UBCM work with the province to understand best practices.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R25 Agricultural Land Reserve – Protective Taxation Reform

Burnaby

Whereas a significant portion of Agricultural Land Reserve lands are being used for permitted non-farming uses;

And whereas this land is some of the most agriculturally productive in Canada; and

And whereas existing taxation and assessment procedures for the Agricultural Land Reserve provide benefits for non-farm uses that occur on these lands:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM further encourage the Provincial Government to direct BC Assessment, and any other appropriate bodies, to promptly investigate and propose possible taxation reform measures to prioritize and promote the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for primary 'farm uses', as laid out in the Homes for BC companion document to the 2018 Provincial Budget.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26 Implementation of the Cannabis Act

Pemberton

Whereas there has been a lack of communication to local governments regarding how the proposed Cannabis Act, once implemented, will directly impact local government's resources such as bylaw enforcement, policing costs, fire services, public health, licensing, municipal planning;

And whereas in order to offset costs, local governments need to be included in the distribution of tax revenues that will be generated as a result of legalization of cannabis through the proposed Cannabis Act:

Therefore be it resolved that the Provincial government be requested to consider a **at least** 50/50 tax share with local government;

And be it further resolved that Federal and Provincial governments engage in direct consultation with local governments to form a tax distribution framework.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R27 Communities on the Move

Kent

Whereas BC has an aging population and many communities are developing age-friendly community plans and research shows that few factors contribute as much to successful aging as having a physically active lifestyle;

And whereas rural communities through BC often lack essential infrastructure to accommodate both residents' active recreation and transportation needs as well as possibilities for cycling and walking agritourism potential:

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA calls on the provincial government to facilitate increasing funding and prioritization the enhancement of both local residential and agritourism walking and bicycling infrastructure in BC communities;

And be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in support of ~~the Communities on the Move declaration~~ adding the **initiatives that** increased safety ~~resulting from the~~ **such as** shoulder enhancement projects **and as well as** the importance of enhanced transit services benefiting all ages.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R28 Reducing Excessive Driving Speeds in Designated BC Road Safety Corridors, For All Drivers, All The Time

Lions Bay

Whereas the correlation between excessive speed and road accidents is well accepted, and the high human and economic cost to British Columbia is well understood;

And whereas average-speed-over-distance or point-to-point technology has proven extremely effective in jurisdictions worldwide at controlling road speed for all drivers all the time in designated road safety corridors:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to pilot average-speed-over-distance technology at one or more suitable locations in BC, including but not limited to the Sea-to-Sky Highway 99 at Lions Bay, the Malahat Highway 1 or the Coquihalla Highway 5.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R29 Consumer Protection for Public Institutions When Purchasing Software

Burnaby

Whereas public institutions are placed in a position of financial and contractual vulnerability when purchasing and maintaining needed software applications;

And whereas the speed of major upgrades, final software obsolescence, and industry mergers and acquisitions are occurring at a rate beyond the financially responsible capacity of public institutions to respond:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to work with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, and/or other appropriate bodies such as the Office of Consumer Affairs, to develop standard public institution consumer protection regulations when purchasing software applications and maintenance packages.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R30 Ending Discrimination in Tenancies

Maple Ridge

Whereas BC's *Residential Tenancy Act* states that a landlord cannot discriminate in tenancies based on a person's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender, sexual orientation, age or legal source of income (Section 10 of the *Human Rights Code*);

And whereas there is evidence to suggest that this kind of discrimination towards prospective tenants is occurring in the BC rental housing market:

Therefore be it resolved that BC Housing be urged to proactively pursue instances of discrimination in the BC rental housing market toward ending discrimination in BC tenancies.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 5 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

LR1 Unaddressed Admail

Whistler

Whereas unaddressed admail contributes to waste when it is not wanted and may go unrecycled;

And whereas unaddressed mail from local governments is not included in the exemptions allowing other governments to use unaddressed admail;

And whereas this barrier may hinder local governments from encouraging residents to use “no junk mail” stickers to reduce their amount of recycling and waste:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask Canada Post to include local governments in its list of exemptions for delivering unaddressed admail, thereby allowing local governments to use unaddressed admail to reach their citizens;

And be it further resolved that UBCM to ask Canada Post to develop a system to allow recipients to OPT IN for admail rather than needing to opt out.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LR2 Spirit of Municipal Campaign Finance Rules

LMLGA Executive

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has acknowledged that the current campaign finance legislation allows for corporate and union donations collected prior to Oct 31st 2017 to be used in the 2018 General Local Election;

AND WHEREAS there have been concerns raised in various municipalities that “war chests” have been stocked with corporate and union donations received prior to Oct 31 2017 for use in the 2018 General Local Election;

AND WHEREAS the spirit of the new campaign finance legislation is clear: that corporate and union donations ought not have a role in municipal elections moving forward;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Province of British Columbia make changes to BC’s municipal campaign finance legislation, so that corporate and union donations collected prior to Oct 31 2017 be excluded from use in the 2018 General Municipal Election.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED