



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# 2019 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

### Abbreviation Key:

**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

**OF** = Resolution off The Floor of the Convention

## PART 1 – LMLGA EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive has proposed one resolution for consideration by the membership.

### **ER1 Call to Action On Global Climate Emergency**

**LMLGA Executive**

Whereas the earth's global climate has now tipped into an arguably irreversible and critical path, bringing unprecedented weather extremes and causing catastrophic loss of life and costly damage to property, crops and livestock,

And whereas these extremes are challenging the habitability of vast regions of the earth due to rising oceans, repetitive flooding, drought and wildfire devastation,

And whereas an unprecedented and rapid rise in the extinction of our planets species of plants, animals and indigenous cultures is causing an irreversible biodiversity crisis which is further accelerating the catastrophic impact to our planet,

And whereas the collapse of ecosystems threatens all life on earth,

And whereas the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change concluded that current levels of the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide in our atmosphere are higher than at any point over the past 800,000 years, and their ability to trap heat is changing our climate in multiple ways.

Therefore be it resolved that LMLGA supports a call to action and asks all levels of Government **(including local government)** to **adopt climate emergency motions and** to take dramatic steps toward the protection of biodiversity and to accelerate the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, which are a primary cause of this climate emergency.

## ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

### **PART 2 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

UBCM has referred one late resolution from the 2018 UBCM Convention to the 2019 resolutions cycle for consideration by Lower Mainland LGA members.

#### **RR1 BCEHS Dispatching Protocols**

**Port Moody**

Whereas local governments have recently been made aware that BCEHS has implemented a new process, the clinical response model for assigning paramedics, ambulances, and other resources to 911 calls, and as part of this new process, BCEHS has decided that in some cases depending on the condition of the patient, it will no longer require the support of other first responder agencies such as fire rescue services;

And whereas fire rescue staff are well equipped to provide support to first responders, this ten minute window is a critical period of time and the condition of the patient can be deteriorating or the illness or injury can be more serious than first thought:

Therefore be it resolved that the **Ministry of Health be asked to work with first responders and municipalities to ensure the clinical response model incorporates protocols for dispatch of all first responders to provide pre-hospital care to calls from which attendance of any first responder has a positive impact on patient care.** ~~BCEHS be asked to revise the Clinical Response Model to ensure that other first responder agencies, such as fire rescue services, that provide pre-hospital care, are utilized for all Orange and Yellow calls because:~~

- ~~• these call types often involve a patient whose condition is deteriorating;~~
- ~~• these call types can be under reported or improperly coded;~~
- ~~• patient comfort is important and should not be excluded from consideration when a dispatcher is deciding whether to forward a call to another agency; and~~
- ~~• all patients deserve the best possible care.~~

**And be it further resolved that the Ministry incorporate the recommendations as identified by the Municipal Auditor General in the report titled Access to Emergency Health Services dated February 2019.**

## ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

### **PART 3 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

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

#### **Resolutions for Debate**

Resolutions to be considered individually.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **R1 Management of Provincially Regulated Utilities in Municipal Highways**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas, under the *Community Charter*, the soil and freehold of every highway is vested in the municipality and a municipal Council may regulate and prohibit in relation to all uses of or involving a highway but subject to the *Utilities Commission Act* and to all orders given under that Act;

And whereas, the British Columbia Utilities Commission has full and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any matter within its authority under the *Utilities Commission Act* and permits provincially regulated pipelines to be located within municipal highways despite objections from municipalities that the pipelines can hinder the ability of municipalities to manage highways and other utilities that use highway corridors;

And whereas, the urban landscape in the Lower Mainland has changed significantly since the development of the provincial utility regulators, absent of modernization which enables local governments to oversee the orderly use of municipal roads, resulting in unforeseen jurisdictional disagreements and a lack of clarity over regulatory functions:

Therefore be it resolved, that the Province, with the assistance of UBCM, undertake a holistic review of the regulatory framework surrounding provincial utility undertakings and update legislation accordingly to enable a collaborative approach to planning and managing civic infrastructure corridors.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

### **R2 Council Meeting Chairing Opportunities for Councillors**

**Pitt Meadows**

Whereas the *Community Charter*, section 116 item 2.c, stipulates that it is the mayor's responsibility to preside at council meetings when in attendance;

And whereas the *Community Charter*, section 130, requires that councillors be prepared to fulfill the mayor's role in his/her absence, including presiding over council meetings, thus making it prudent that municipalities create learning opportunities for councillors to develop their leadership skills and gain confidence in meeting protocols and procedures:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be encouraged to consider an amendment of section 116 of the *Community Charter* to allow for councillors to periodically preside at council meetings when the mayor is in attendance for the purposes of learning, professional development, and as a practice of good government.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

### **R3 Wildfire Smoke**

**Harrison Hot Springs**

Whereas wildfire smoke is increasingly present in and around the ~~Village of Harrison Hot Springs~~ **Province of BC** during the summer months;

And whereas wildfire smoke negatively impacts human health and the public's comfort and ability to enjoy the natural beauty of ~~Harrison Hot Springs'~~ **the Province of BC's** parks and beaches, which has a negative impact to the economy of our ~~Province Resort Municipality~~:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province take a more proactive role in assessing risks associated with exposure to wildfire smoke and create decision making tools to assist communities in determining what measures should be taken to mitigate those risks.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

### **R4 Money Laundering Counter-Measures in Casinos**

**Delta**

Whereas there is credible evidence that links casinos in British Columbia to organized crime and money-laundering on a very large scale;

And whereas the current regulatory and monitoring system has failed to stop money fraud in BC casinos:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC Government be requested to take immediate steps to address money laundering in casinos, and to undertake an evaluation of cashless gaming systems, whereby account-based card technologies are used to verify player identity and track gambling transactions on all gaming devices.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

## **ELECTIONS**

### **R5 Fresh Voices #LostVotes Campaign**

**New Westminster**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections; and

And whereas more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights — including seven jurisdictions in the US and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in municipalities in British Columbia.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R6 Support for Fresh Voices Campaign**

**Port Moody**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has the governing authority to implement electoral legislative changes including allowing for Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections;

And whereas more than 45 countries have granted Permanent Residents some form of voting rights— including seven jurisdictions in the US and 25 European Union countries; and 11 municipalities in Canada are working toward extending local election voting rights to Permanent Residents;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia make the necessary changes to allow Permanent Residents to vote in municipal elections in Port Moody and other municipalities.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R7 Removing Cap on Candidate Contribution to Their Own Campaign**

**Langley City**

Whereas under the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA), candidate contribution limits have been established which now put a cap on how much a candidate may contribute to his or her own campaign;

And whereas candidates who wish to fund their own campaigns without seeking external campaign contributions are now extremely limited in how much they can spend on their campaigns:

Therefore be it resolved that the province amend the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* to **raise the cap on how much a candidate may contribute to his or her own campaign from \$1,200 to \$5,000 per year.** ~~eliminate the cap on how much a candidate may contribute to his or her own campaign so that candidates may, if they so desire, contribute their own funds up to the allowable campaign expense limit.~~

## ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **R8 #AllOnBoard Campaign**

**New Westminster**

Whereas the City of New Westminster has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents, and lack of transportation is one of the most

common reasons for missing medical appointments and a significant barrier to social inclusion and labour market inclusion for low income adults and youth;

And whereas the #AllOnBoard campaign, concerned agencies in New Westminster and through-out Metro Vancouver, and directly impacted youth and adult community members have brought to the attention of the City of New Westminster the direct harm that is brought to them through the bad credit ratings they develop through fare evasion ticketing, as they cannot afford to pay the \$173 fines received individually, or the resulting accrued 'TransLink debt' from many unpaid fines;

And whereas the City of New Westminster and other municipalities contribute to charities and non-profits which then out of necessity subsidize transit tickets for those who cannot afford to access crucial social services provided by the City of New Westminster and other municipalities, and sometimes pay off 'TransLink debt' and fare evasion fines to TransLink and external collection agencies:

Therefore be it resolved that the City of New Westminster endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign; the City write a letter to the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the TransLink Board of Directors, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink **and BC Transit** to work with the provincial government regarding funding and developing a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (ages 0-18), and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile;

And be it further resolved that the City write separate letters to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and to the TransLink Board of Directors asking them to 1) require TransLink **and BC Transit** adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service of transit, and 2) to request TransLink **and BC Transit** immediately and without delay amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing all and any minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18, and allow low-income adults to access community service and/or culturally appropriate restorative justice community service as an alternative to the financial penalty of a fare evasion ticket;

And be it further resolved that the resolution regarding support for the #AllOnBoard Campaign be forwarded for consideration at the 2018 LMLGA convention and subsequent UBCM convention.

**ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED**

**R9 #AllOnBoard Campaign**

**Vancouver**

Whereas the lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for missing medical appointments and a significant barrier to social inclusion, access to social services and labour market inclusion for low income adults and youth;

And whereas the #AllOnBoard Campaign has demonstrated the direct harm that is brought to low income adults and youth due to fare evasion ticketing, resulting in bad credit ratings because of unpaid fines:

Therefore be it resolved that TransLink be requested to adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service;

And be it further resolved that the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink, immediately and without delay, amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth (aged 0-18);

And be it further resolved that TransLink adopt a poverty reduction mandate based on non-stigmatizing affordability measures, including unlinking fare evasion fines from the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and infrastructure expansion; and the introduction of community service and restorative justice options for adults as an alternative to fare evasion tickets.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R10 Support for the #AllonBoard Campaign**

**Port Moody**

Whereas the City of Port Moody has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health of its residents, and lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for missing medical appointments and is a significant barrier to social inclusion;

And whereas Port Moody and other municipalities donate to charities which then, out of necessity, pay for transit passes and sometimes fines for low-income individuals, including minors;

Therefore be it resolved that the #AllonBoard Campaign be endorsed and the TransLink Mayors' Council, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction be asked to work with the provincial government and local governments to develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (ages 0-18), free transit for people living below the poverty line (as identified by market basket measure, in line with the BC poverty measures), and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **TAXATION**

### **R11 Tax Credit for Local Government Election Candidate Campaign Contributions**

**Langley City**

Whereas tax credits are available for campaign contributions made to candidates in provincial and federal elections but are not available for campaign contributions made to candidates in local government elections;

And whereas there is not the same incentive for individuals to contribute to local government election campaigns as there is for provincial and federal election campaigns:

Therefore be it resolved that the *Income Tax Act* [RSBC 1996] Chapter 215 be amended to provide for the issuance of tax credits for campaign contributions made to candidates in local government elections.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **R12 *Water Sustainability Act* Section 11 Change Approvals Review Times**

**Delta**

Whereas the Province administers and processes *Water Sustainability Act* Section 11 Change Approvals ('Change Approvals') to authorize users to make complex changes in and about a stream;

And whereas the Province no longer commits to completing Change Approval reviews within 140 days of receipt of the application, causing excessive delays that result in increased project costs, missed funding opportunities and uncertainty in project timelines:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province must re-commit to processing Change Approvals within 140 days of receipt;

And be it further resolved that the Province provide adequate funding and staffing to fulfill the target review period of 140 days.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

#### **R13 Greenhouse Gas Limits for New Buildings**

**Port Moody**

Whereas climate change is recognized to be an urgent concern requiring rapid decarbonization of energy across all sectors, including buildings, in order to achieve 45% GHG emissions reductions by 2030 and net-zero GHG emissions by mid-century, as noted by the IPCC Special Report on 1.5C;

And whereas the British Columbia Energy Step Code establishes targets for increasing energy efficiency of new construction, but these may not result in the necessary levels of GHG emissions reductions to support local government GHG reduction targets nor BC's legislated GHG emissions reduction targets;

And whereas new buildings can last for many decades and are difficult, expensive, and disruptive to retrofit for renewable energy after construction;

And whereas near-zero GHG emissions mechanical systems are well proven and can be cost effectively incorporated in new buildings, while also improving efficiency;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province include GHG limits for new construction as an enforceable element in Division B of the British Columbia Building Code, including a pathway to achieve zero GHG emissions for new construction in a timeline commensurate with the science of climate change and BC's reduction targets;



And further be it resolved that the Province’s goal in the CleanBC Plan to “make every new building constructed in BC “net-zero energy ready” by 2032” be revised to “make every new building constructed in BC “zero emissions” and “net-zero energy ready” by 2032”.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R14 Ramping Up Lower Mainland BC Climate Action in Response to the Climate Emergency Squamish**

Whereas the detrimental effects of climate change are more and more evident in BC, Canada and the rest of the world;

And whereas the world is currently on track for a more than 3°C warming based on policies currently in place, and those policies will need to be strengthened significantly to limit warming to 1.5°C, based on recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

**And whereas both the provincial and federal governments have been advancing climate emergency response through Clean BC and the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change respectively:**

Therefore be it resolved that the **local, regional,** provincial and federal governments be urged to both recognize the climate change emergency and accelerate their efforts to fight climate change at levels that match the urgency of the issue;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government establish a remaining carbon budget for all public and private sector emissions commensurate with limiting warming to 1.5°C and report annually on the expenditure of the Province’s remaining carbon budget;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government form a “Climate and Equity” working group to provide guidance and support a transition off of fossil fuels in ways that prioritize those most vulnerable to climate impacts and most in need of support in transitioning to renewable energy.

## ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

### **LAND USE**

#### **R15 Restricting Cannabis Cultivation on Agricultural Land Reserve**

**Delta**

Whereas improving food security is a high priority for most British Columbians;

And whereas the legalization of cannabis in 2018 has prompted many greenhouse operators to replace food crops with cannabis:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to establish a cap on the number of licences issued for cannabis facilities in agricultural communities in order to protect food security in British Columbia.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R16 Outstanding Statutory Rights of Way**

**Delta**

Whereas there are many situations throughout BC where municipal utilities are located within private property and no associated statutory right of way or easement was registered against title to the property in the Land Title Office at the time of installation many years ago;

And whereas municipalities are often responsible for or are willing to assume responsibility for these utilities within private property because they are of benefit to the public and essential to the operation and maintenance of municipal services:

Therefore be it resolved that that the provincial government work with local governments to develop legislation that would permit the registration of statutory rights of way to resolve historic issues with unregistered statutory rights of way or easements for municipal utility works located within private properties in an expeditious and cost-effective manner.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R17 Cost Subsidies for the Termination of Land Use Contracts**

**Port Moody**

Whereas the requirements set out by Province of British Columbia in its Bill 17 (2014) regarding Land Use Contract Terminations create significant workload burden for municipalities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be requested to provide funding to municipalities to cover additional Planning Department workload associated with executing the requirements of Bill 17 (2014).

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R18 Funding for BC Parks Management**

**Pemberton**

Whereas the negative impacts to lower mainland Provincial parks and Crown Land recreation areas continue to occur due to increasing tourism and limited funding;

Therefore be it resolved that that the Province be requested to allocate additional funding to managing BC Parks, specifically Joffre Lakes Provincial Park, and Crown Land recreation areas in the Sea to Sky Corridor and Lower Mainland.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### SELECTED ISSUES

#### **R19 Creation of Office of the Renters Advocate**

**New Westminster**

Whereas the retention of residential tenancy is having a critical impact on the security and stability of residents, seniors and families throughout the province of British Columbia;

And whereas the retention of workers in all sectors of our local economy is visibly linked to shelter affordability;

And whereas previous provincial government policies or lack thereof are clearly a contributing factor to the current situation of rental sustainability and home ownership affordability;

And whereas many local governments struggling to address this crisis have limited resources or powers to be able to adequately develop sustainable solutions to this problem:

Therefore be it resolved that the LMLGA and UBCM seek support of the Provincial Government to create an Office of The Renters Advocate, to monitor and analyzes renters' services and issues in BC, and make recommendations to government and service providers to address systemic issues caused by rental shortages, renovictions, demovictions and housing affordability.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

#### **R20 Request for First Nations Participation on Commissions**

**Pemberton**

Whereas the Village of Pemberton, in partnership with the regional district, other local governments, and First Nations in the Sea to Sky area are working collaboratively to develop a regional transit commission to establish a regional transit system to connect Mt. Currie to Metro Vancouver;

And whereas the current provincial transit commission model does not allow for representation from First Nations which does not allow for an equal representation or an equitable decision making platform process: Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia amend the legislation respecting the representation on commissions to include First Nations.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

#### **R21 Support of Indigenous Court System**

**New Westminster**

Whereas the rate of Indigenous men and women in the Canadian Federal and Provincial criminal incarceration systems is disproportionately high; and

And whereas 3% of the population identify as Indigenous and the Indigenous population in our prison system is 27% men and an alarming 38% women; and

And whereas cultural and spiritual reconnection is facilitated through the guidance of Indigenous Elders and families and the Indigenous Court:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM, FCM and LMLGA lobby the Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments to fund and expand the Indigenous Court System.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

#### **R22 Funding for Climate Change Adaptation - Flood Protection**

**Delta**

Whereas flood protection works are deficient in many areas throughout the Province of British Columbia and, in many areas, are adjacent to Wildlife Management Areas or environmentally protected areas;

And whereas climate change is increasing the risk of flooding in many coastal communities due to long term sea level rise;

And whereas there are limited funds to address long term dike improvement works:

Therefore be it resolved that senior levels of government work with local governments to fund and assist in implementing a streamlined approvals process for long term flood protection adaptation programs.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

#### **R23 BC Search and Rescue Funding Model**

**Squamish**

Whereas British Columbia's Search and Rescue volunteer organizations provide an indispensable service and demand for Search and Rescue is increasing, in part, as a result of rising recreation tourism driven by Destination BC's marketing campaign Super, Natural British Columbia;

And whereas British Columbia Search and Rescue Association (BCSRA) has requested a predictable and sustainable funding model from the Province since 2013, but there is no such funding in the 2019 provincial budget:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to work with BC Search and Rescue Association to identify and implement a sustainable funding model.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### TRANSPORTATION

#### **R24 BC Rail Properties**

**Squamish**

Whereas BCR Properties Ltd. owns surplus lands not required for railway and port operations and has a mandate to dispose of those lands at the highest price attainable;

And whereas for many local governments, these lands can represent critical opportunities relating to diverse social, recreational, economic, environmental and infrastructure needs and purposes:

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure review and amend the mandate of BCR Properties Ltd. such that it be directed to dispose of its surplus lands with consideration to local government land needs for critical infrastructure, environmental needs, community recreation and economic development, as well as for social needs such as affordable housing lands at significantly less than fair market value prices.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### TAXATION

#### **R25 Extension of Vacancy Taxation Authority to Local Government**

**Port Moody**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia responded to a housing affordability crisis in 2016 with legislation empowering the City of Vancouver to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties, resulting in \$38 million in revenues for that community in 2018 and creating a strong disincentive to leaving properties vacant;

And whereas communities across British Columbia face housing affordability pressures, while a portion of the housing supply in all communities remains vacant;

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to extend the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties to local governments across British Columbia, providing communities with the discretion to decide whether to introduce an additional tax to discourage vacant and derelict buildings, and encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### FINANCE

#### **R26 Development Cost Charges Legislation**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas the *Local Government Act* currently restricts the collection of Development Cost Charges to areas of sewage, water, drainage, roads and park land;

And whereas new development creates capital cost burdens on municipalities in other areas, such as, but not limited to, emergency services, artificial sports fields, and recreation and cultural facilities:

Therefore be it resolved that that LMLGA direct UBCM to lobby the provincial government to conduct a holistic review of the Development Cost Charges legislation and update the Best Practices Guide to address the outdated provision regarding eligible costs for Development Cost Charges.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R27 Reform of Development Finance Tools**

**North Vancouver City**

Whereas existing tools for funding community amenities and infrastructure enhancements, including Development Cost Charges, are inflexible and were not designed for urban municipalities in addressing contemporary issues including provision of affordable housing and transit enhancements;

And whereas the shortcomings of existing mechanisms for extracting amenities and contributions from new development has resulted in a patchwork of ad hoc systems and approaches which differ by local government and require lengthy site-by-site negotiations and rezonings to implement:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be requested to comprehensively review existing funding mechanisms for financing growth and amenities including Development Cost Charges and consider introducing new tools with which municipalities can ensure new development is aligned with community objectives and contribute to a livable region, with such considerations to include introducing a consistent approach to land value capture and amenity charges which does not rely on negotiations through rezoning.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **R28 Broaden the Allowable Uses of Parkland Development Cost Charges**

**Langley City**

Whereas the BC government has determined that Parkland Development Cost Charges (“DCCs”) cannot be used to fund sport-related park infrastructure such as synthetic turf fields, tennis or basketball courts, water spray parks, swimming pools and arenas;

And whereas municipalities can use Parkland DCCs to provide fencing, landscaping, drainage and irrigation, trails, rest-rooms, changing rooms and playground and playing field equipment and there is tangible evidence that new development directly impacts the demand for sport-related park infrastructure through increased attendance at municipal recreation facilities and increased demand for playing time on municipal sports fields:

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

### **R29 Request for Non-Treaty First Nations Eligibility for Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding Through UBCM**

**Pemberton**

Whereas the Village of Pemberton, in partnership with the regional district, and First Nation in the Pemberton Area are working collaboratively on emergency preparedness and response initiatives;

And whereas in order to identify and prepare response and put in place mitigation measures, significant costs are associated with the work;

And whereas UBCM offers grant funding through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for such initiatives that are available to local governments, but not to Non-Treaty First Nations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM [or the Province of BC or both] amend the eligible applicants to include Non-Treaty First Nations.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **ASSESSMENT**

#### **R30 Varied Tax Rate for Residential Class**

**Langley City**

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 multi-family housing and single family housing appreciates at vastly different rates, leading to large fluctuations and tax rates swings year-to-year between these housing types:

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 allow for better tax planning, and a more consistent application of property tax changes, for all residents no matter their housing type.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **R31 Tax Exemption for Electric Bicycles**

**Squamish**

Whereas the sale of bicycles and tricycles, parts for bicycles and tricycles, bicycle and tricycle attachments and bicycle and tricycle accessories are Provincial Sales Tax exempt due to the health and environmental benefits provided by the use of bicycles and tricycles;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia through its recent Clean BC plan and 2019 budget has incentivized the transition to electric vehicles through financial incentives:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be urged to exempt electric bicycles (pedal assist) from Provincial Sales Tax charges.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

## **LAND USE**

### **R32 Preservation of Archaeological Artifacts**

**Delta**

Whereas local governments routinely undertake excavation works for road, sewer and water services for their communities;

And whereas excavations, particularly in coastal areas, may uncover archaeological sites which are protected under the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*;

And whereas the costs incurred by local government are often impossible to predict and may significantly impact the final costs of the project:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC Government be requested to fund additional expenditures borne by local governments to record and document archaeological findings in accordance with the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act*.

**ON MOTION, was ENDORSED**

## **HEALTH**

### **R33 Food Security**

**Port Coquitlam**

Whereas it is important that BC Communities have a local food system to enable access to affordable and healthy food options and improve community sustainability and BC Communities should encourage awareness about and the expansion of a regional food system;

And whereas the provincial government is committed to promoting healthful living and making BC a healthy place to be:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC Ministry of Health be requested to initiate programs and partnerships to increase community awareness of the benefits of nutritious and affordable food and support regional initiatives to enhance community food security.



## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### SELECTED ISSUES

#### **R34 National Healthy School Meal Program**

**Vancouver**

Whereas healthy school meal programs are widely considered to have a positive effect on school performance, as well as cognitive and social-emotional skill development;  
And whereas many schools are experiencing funding shortfalls for their healthy school meal programs:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be requested to increase investment in school meal programs in BC, working toward a universal meal program in all schools, in alignment with their commitment to health promotion and poverty reduction;

And be it further resolved that the federal government and FCM be requested to work with the Province towards creating and funding a Universal Healthy School Food Program.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### PART 4 – RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION

#### **OF1 Local Government Autonomy**

**Maple Ridge**

Whereas the *Community Charter* acknowledges that municipalities and their Councils are “democratically elected, autonomous, responsible and accountable”; require the authority to determine the public interest of their communities; and the *Local Government Act* grants local governments the powers and flexibility required to fulfill their purpose and respond to the needs of their communities;

And whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has taken unilateral action in Maple Ridge that undermines the jurisdiction of the Council of the City of Maple Ridge to determine and represent the public interest of this community, setting a dangerous precedent that jeopardizes the autonomy of all local governments in British Columbia in representing the interests of their communities through fair and accountable public process;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Maple Ridge urges the Province of British Columbia to commit to work in collaboration with local governments within the bounds of their respective jurisdictions on all current and future projects of mutual concern to local governments and the Provincial Government.

## NOT ADMITTED FOR DEBATE

#### **OF2 Criminal Justice Reform**

**Abbotsford**

Whereas British Columbia currently has the highest threshold/charge approval standard in Canada in proceeding with charges and criminal prosecution of gangsters while communities across British Columbia's lower mainland have concurrently seen a year over year rise in gang-related homicide and violence;

And whereas ongoing court delays favour the rights of the accused over the rights of victims and/or the community;

And whereas the Government of Canada committed \$328-million over 5 years beginning in 2018, and \$100-million annually thereafter to tackle the increase in gun related violence and gang activity in Canada as well as \$43 million annually in the National Crime Prevention Strategy to develop cost-effective ways to prevent crime among at-risk populations and vulnerable communities.

Therefore be it resolved that that the Mayor's Caucus/UBCM request that, in support of addressing the ongoing gang violence across the lower mainland of BC, the Province of BC and BC's Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety immediately begin working with the Government of Canada to take steps to explore initiatives to address issues within the British Columbia justice system including BC's restrictive charge approval standards, the ongoing high volume of court delays as well as measures to address community safety in support of the rights of all Canadians to live in safe communities.

## ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

### **OF3 Widening of Trans Canada Hwy #1**

**Abbotsford**

WHEREAS the critical congestion problems on the TransCanada Highway between the Fraser Valley and the Port Mann bridge continue to interrupt a safe, reliable and efficient multi-modal transportation network that supports employment and economic development movement of goods and services, as well as job creation for the Province of BC;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has already identified the continuation of the next phase of the TransCanada Highway 6-laning improvements from 216th street to the Whatcom Road interchange as a priority to expand markets for key local economic sectors, support thousands of residents in accessing employment, support the continued success of the Abbotsford International Airport, provide access to Universities, hospitals, aid in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, improve affordability of families, and support increased public safety through the reduction of traffic congestion:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to prioritize funding toward the expansion of the TransCanada Highway through the Fraser Valley;

And be it further resolved that this funding be made a high priority of the government of British Columbia;

And be it further resolved that any lanes added be dedicated to HOV, transit and/or goods movement.

## ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

### **OF4 Lower Mainland LGA Convention Conservation**

**Whistler**

Therefore be it resolved that the Lower Mainland LGA cease the practice of giving out convention novelty items.

**ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED**