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(1) TITLE: FUNDING FOR POLICE-BASED VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES

SPONSOR: RDNO

WHEREAS costs for providing police-based victim assistance service continues to escalate; AND

WHEREAS the responsibility for providing victim services rests with the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC continues to download additional responsibilities such as security checks, information technology and reporting requirements without corresponding funding:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities advise the Province of BC, through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, that local governments reject the additional responsibilities of security checks, information technology and reporting requirements without the Ministry's commensurate funding to local governments to cover the cost of those additional responsibilities.

Proposed Amendment

Delete "and reporting requirements"

Vote on Motion as amended:

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Carried as amended

(2) TITLE: BC CONSERVATION SERVICE FUNDING

SPONSOR: PRINCETON

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing Conservation Service, and the British Columbia Conservation Service has not been able to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, human and wildlife conflicts prevention and respond to wildlife human conflict;

AND WHEREAS underfunding is having a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

AND WHEREAS the reduction in service has reduced the number of Conservation Officers in the field, while expecting them to adequately monitor and enforce activities throughout large Management Units;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Officers should be protecting our fish, wildlife and environment by helping to ensure healthy game populations; clean land, air and water; and should be the first responder to human-wildlife conflicts where public safety may be at risk;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Services has lacked the ability to:

1. Periodic reviews of their risk assessment models for response and making appropriate amendments;
2. Deliver awareness training to RCMP and Municipal Police Forces;
3. Provide effective zone coverage practices, where officers should be responding to complaints and concerns;
4. Review the call centre's response criteria, and make appropriate changes;
5. Provide public education and partnerships with local communities; and
6. Protect wildlife from illegal poaching and other illegal activities that weaken wildlife populations, health and security.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to provide adequate funding and staffing in order for the BC Conservation Service to provide public education and partnerships with local communities, deliver awareness training to RCMP and Municipal Police Forces and review their risk assessment models and call centre response criteria.

Carried

(3) TITLE: QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSEL FUNDING

SPONSOR: SICAMOUS

WHEREAS British Columbia's Lakes generate international tourism business totaling millions of dollars each and every year;

AND WHEREAS the Zebra and Quagga mussel infestation poses a serious threat to the economic welfare of British Columbia's tourism industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government provide increased educational funding and increased monitoring efforts to combat the invasive mussel infestation threatening the pristine lakes of British Columbia's tourism areas.

Carried

(4) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING

SPONSOR: OLIVER

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada have taken a leadership role by investing in local government infrastructure projects, however exclude funding programs that supports irrigation water capital infrastructure that serves the agricultural sector;

AND WHEREAS local governments across Canada responsibly manage and deliver irrigation water service to the agricultural sector through infrastructure that supports the economic health of the community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada to replace restrictive funding initiatives with funding criteria that supports local government capital infrastructure project funding for irrigation water services that serves agriculture.

Carried

(5) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT

SPONSOR: Ashcroft

WHEREAS local elections are conducted under the Local Government Act, the Local Government Campaign Financing Act, the School Act and other bylaws and legislation;

AND WHEREAS effective in 2014 Elections BC administers campaign financing and advertising rules under the Local Government Campaign Financing Act;

AND WHEREAS all candidates putting their name forward for local government elections must abide by the Local Government Campaign Financing Act regardless of the size of the jurisdiction in which they are running and the amount of funds used in their campaign, which can be expensive, time consuming and intimidating, which could result in some potential candidates deciding not to put their name forward for local office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Campaign Financing Act be amended to recognize that requirements to run a campaign in a community of 2,000 voters is considerably different than those required for a large center;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that changes to the Local Government Campaign Financing Act be in place prior to the 2018 General Local Election.

Carried

(6) TITLE: REQUIRE TAXPAYER-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS TO SOURCE FOOD PURCHASES FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS

SPONSOR: RDNO

WHEREAS it is a stated goal of the Provincial Government to support Buy Local initiatives; **AND**

WHEREAS taxpayer-supported institutions with on-site food services, such as universities and hospitals, are not required to Buy Local:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government institute a policy whereby taxpayer-supported institutions with on-site food services be required to source a targeted portion of their food purchases from local producers.

Carried

(7) TITLE: EMERGENCY RECOVERY COSTS

SPONSOR: SLRD

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.

Carried

(8) TITLE: FEDERAL GST CHARGES ON PROVINCIAL CARBON TAX

SPONSOR: VERNON

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia instituted a ``carbon tax`` in 2008;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Canada imposes GST on the ``carbon tax``, essentially a tax on tax;

AND WHEREAS, the carbon tax and subsequently the GST on the carbon tax applies widely on carbon fuels and affects the cost of living for British Columbians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA and UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to eliminate the GST being charged on the provincial carbon tax.

Carried

(9) TITLE: STAFFING LEVELS-INTEGRATED RCMP DETACHMENTS

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS RCMP 'E' Division uses, in some areas, an integrated detachment model (two or more municipal or provincial RCMP units housed in one building) to provide policing to combined municipal and provincial areas;

AND WHEREAS municipalities authorize and fund increases to the number of municipal officers at the integrated detachments, but the number of provincially funded officers does not automatically change, possibly resulting in a potential imbalance and financial subsidy to provincial/rural areas by the municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to initiate a review of the number of provincial officers serving at an integrated detachment when the municipal component of the detachment is increased to ensure that the municipal and provincial areas are being funded fairly.

Carried

(10) TITLE: DOCTOR ISSUES

SPONSOR: Logan Lake

WHEREAS the provincial Practice Ready Assessment program is attracting new physicians to rural communities;

AND WHEREAS rural communities, including Logan Lake, have benefitted from the program;

AND WHEREAS the Doctor is encouraged to establish a private practice by securing patients, but is reluctant to do so because:

- patients have secured physician services elsewhere (given the lack of a doctor for several years in their home community) and are hesitant to sign-on with the new local doctor as they fear losing the service once the return to service program concludes;
- due to lack of staff, is hesitant to hire additional staff and begin a private practice due to a lack of patients;
- existing staff are unable to respond to the influx of calls from new patients due to workload
- they have limited understanding/knowledge of how to run a business in the province (i.e. the current health care billing system or the sharing of patient files);

AND WHEREAS the new doctor looks forward to moving on after 3 years to establish practice elsewhere where there are more patients;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health increase funding for the rural doctor program and establish a new support model for health provision for rural communities. Other possible solutions include:

- re-establishing a local advisory council or ensuring site managers attend facilities in a timely and on a more regular basis, particularly during the transitional period of the arrival of a new doctor, during staff changeover, or to provide leadership and support to existing staff, so that IH is better informed about what is happening in their rural communities;
- incentivizing rural community graduates seeking health care training whereby a student obtains a specified number of years free post-secondary education in exchange for returning to their home community for a specified number of years;
- providing additional and adequate support to rural doctors in the form of additional office staff and/or seed money to bridge establishing a private practice.

Carried

(11) TITLE: PROVINCIAL PRIVATE MOORAGE PROGRAM

SPONSOR: COLDSTREAM

WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has amended the private moorage program permitting residential docks to be authorized under a “General Permission” rather than an application-driven Crown land tenure;

AND WHEREAS residential docks authorized under a “General Permission” will not require a referral to the local government for compliance with local government requirements:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations amend the Provincial General Permission for the Use of Crown Land for Private Moorage to explicitly require that a General Permission for private moorage requires compliance with any local government regulation pertaining to the construction, placement and use of private moorage;

AND THAT Front Counter BC reinstate its practice of referring Private Moorage applications to municipalities;

Carried

(12) TITLE: DOCK AND BUOY REGULATIONS

SPONSOR: CSRD

WHEREAS local governments in the Province of BC have limited enforcement options, staff resources and cost effective legal tools to deal with the significant number of unlawfully placed docks and buoys on lakes and rivers;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC is responsible for the management of Crown lands, including lakes and rivers, for the benefit of the public, and is responsible for the enforcement of provincial regulations pertaining to the placement of structures such as docks on lakes;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Department of Transport Canada and the federal Navigable Waters Protection Act and Canada Shipping Act, is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of mooring buoys on lakes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC be requested to work with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to better address this multijurisdictional dock and buoy issue, by consulting with local governments to align areas of overlapping regulation (e.g. zoning and provincial dock permissions), and to increase provincial enforcement resources to deal with illegal docks on lakes;

AND FURTHER that the Province of BC and UBCM lobby the Government of Canada with

regard to increasing Transport Canada's resources to more effectively regulate and remove buoys on lakes and rivers in BC that have been illegally placed, are unsafe, or are undocumented or of unknown ownership.

Carried

(13) TITLE: MANDATORY CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING OF ASBESTOS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL CONTRACTORS

SPONSOR: RDOS

WHEREAS

- Health and safety risks have been identified for local government employees engaged in building inspection and landfill operations due to hazards from demolition and renovation materials;
- Asbestos exposure is the leading cause of work related deaths in BC;
- WorkSafe BC found 43 per cent of all hazardous material surveys done by contractors renovating or demolishing homes were inadequate;
- WorkSafe BC lacks the tools for enforcement and monitoring of existing hazardous material regulations;
- There is currently no provincial certification or licensing in BC of asbestos abatement professionals to ensure standards and allow for the suspension of non-compliant contractors; and
- Mandatory provincial certification and licensing of demolition and environmental remediation contractors would allow local governments in BC to require these licenses from contractors as a condition for issuing demolition and renovation permits:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government require mandatory licensing, certification, and enforceable compliance in safely handling asbestos and other hazardous material for all demolition, renovation, and environmental remediation contractors.

Carried

(14) TITLE: BAN ON THE SALE OF INVASIVE SPECIES

SPONSOR: SLRD

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.

Carried

(15) TITLE: DISPOSAL OF DRYWALL/GYPSUM BOARD

SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet Regional District

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.

Carried

(16) TITLE: PROVINCE-WIDE RAT REDUCTION STRATEGY

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS in recent years, the Province of BC has seen an increase in the population and distribution of rats for which no provincial strategy exists;

AND WHEREAS rat infestations lead to damage to buildings, electrical wiring and stored food supplies and rats carry diseases that could be transmitted to humans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment to develop and fund a strategy to reduce and/or control the rat population in BC.

Carried

(17) TITLE: ADVERTISING

SPONSOR: PENTICTON

WHEREAS Section 94 of the *Community Charter* prescribes public notice provisions through a newspaper distributed at least weekly;

AND WHEREAS other forms of media have a far greater reach than newspaper publications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development be requested to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the statutory advertising provisions with a view to amending such provisions in response to the technological advances of recent years.

Carried

(18) TITLE: BUSINESS REGISTRY

SPONSOR: PENTICTON

WHEREAS local governments wish to improve economic drivers and help local and BC companies grow in our region;

AND WHEREAS a listing of all registered businesses as collected by BC Registries and Online Services would facilitate as a mechanism to understand the existing businesses and potential economic opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Technology, Innovation & Citizens' Services, the Ministry responsible for BC Registries and Online Services and request that a business registry census be provided to municipal and regional governments annually.

Carried

(19) TITLE: RECALL PROCESS

SPONSOR: PENTICTON

WHEREAS constituents may believe local government elected officials are in breach of integrity and/or eroding public confidence;

WHEREAS the recently extended term of office for local government elected officials in British Columbia negatively affects the ability of the local electorate to vote for change in their local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia amend legislation to include a recall process for local government elected officials.

Carried

(20) TITLE: BC AMBULANCE SERVICES

SPONSOR: CACHE CREEK

WHEREAS the BC Ambulance Service provides emergency response in rural areas to those who experience serious trauma accidents or life threatening medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS most rural ambulance stations are staffed with paramedics trained to the Emergency Medical Responder or Primary Care Paramedic levels; and

WHEREAS most of the better trained Advanced Care Paramedics and Critical Care Paramedics are stationed in larger urban centers whose residents benefit from tertiary care facilities within relative proximity compared to rural residents' health facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Provincial Government require the BC Ambulance Service to staff rural ambulance stations with much needed Advanced Care or Critical Care Paramedics whose skills and training are necessary for life support where tertiary care is often hours away rather than minutes away as it is in urban centers.

Carried

(21) TITLE: REVIEW OF 4 YEAR TERMS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

SPONSOR: CLEARWATER

WHEREAS on February 25, 2014 after the Election Reform Whitepaper was distributed the BC Government announced that legislation would be changed to move local elections from a three year to a four-year cycle beginning with the 2014 elections; and

WHEREAS in the fall of 2014 the local government elections including regional districts, municipalities and school districts were held to elect officials to a four-year term – 2014-2018; and

WHEREAS the current four-year term appears to impact rural community representatives, causing issue for retention in many rural communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Government Association request that UBCM review the effectiveness of the four year term verses the three year term for Local Governments.

Defeated

LATE (1) TITLE: REGULATION OF RIDE-SHARING SERVICES IN SMALL, RURAL, AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

SPONSOR: ENDERBY

WHEREAS the Province of BC has expressed its intent to create a regulatory framework that permits ride-sharing services and transportation network companies to operate in BC;

AND WHEREAS the assessment of the possible impacts of allowing new entrants into the passenger transportation field has focused primarily on large urban communities with robust, established, passenger transportation options, which is often not the reality for small, rural, and remote communities where ride-sharing and transportation networking offers uniquely viable solutions in the absence of other options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM asks the Province of BC to implement a viable, flexible, ride-sharing service regulation in BC with attention given to regulatory solutions that will help solve those passenger transportation challenges that are unique to small, rural, and remote communities.

Carried

LATE (2) TITLE: FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS – REQUEST FOR IMPROVED CONSULTATION

SPONSOR: CSRD

WHEREAS numerous Forest Stewardship Plans are expiring or are undergoing significant amendments;

AND WHEREAS significant concerns have been raised about the amendments with regard to impacts on domestic water sources and the overall health of watersheds and slope stability;

AND WHEREAS local residents believe that they have not been adequately consulted given that previous Forest Stewardship Plans are now many years old;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government ensure that forest tenure holders have comprehensive consultation in potentially affected communities with residents, local government and other stakeholders.

Carried

LATE (3) TITLE: ALC REGULATION: SMALL ON-FARM BREWERIES AND MEADERIES

SPONSOR: CSRD

WHEREAS changes made to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Regulation in April 2015 require that on-farm breweries and meaderies crops produce a quantity of 50% of crops on the agricultural lands upon which the on-farm brewery or meadery is located;

AND WHEREAS the existing ALC regulation detrimentally affects the viability and sustainability of agricultural operations for smaller on-farm breweries and meaderies, pose a detriment to an ever-growing agri-tourism industry, take away the ability for those in the brewery and meadery business to successfully run their operations, and further discourages farming in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the existing ALC regulation 2(2.3) regulation differs from that of wineries where the production of crops may be located on lands where the winery is located OR upon other lands in the area and may be located upon lands that are 2 ha in size or larger;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Agriculture make an immediate change to update Agricultural Land Commission Regulation 2(2.3) to read:

A brewery, distillery or meadery, and ancillary uses, are designated as farm uses for the purposes of the Act if:

(a) at least 50% of any of the farm products used to make the beer, spirits or mead produced each year is grown on the farm on which that brewery, distillery or meadery is located, OR

(b) the farm on which the brewery, distillery or meadery is located is more than 2 ha in area and at least 50% of any of the farm products used to make the beer, spirits or mead produced each year is grown:

(i) on the farm, OR

(ii) both on the farm and on another farm or processor using British Columbia ingredients located in British Columbia that provides any farm product to the brewery, distillery or meadery under a contract having a term of at least 3 years, AND,

(c) any permanent structures used to produce beer, spirits or mead must not exceed the lesser of 10% of total parcel size or 1000 square metres, including all ancillary structures or areas such as parking, water reclamation, tasting and public areas and storage.

Carried