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LEGISLATIVE

(1) TITLE: LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL BENEFITS

SPONSOR: District of Summerland

Whereas one barrier to attracting a diversity of candidates to local government participation is the low compensation received by local government elected officials;

And whereas benefits typically available to public servants at all levels of government are not readily available to local government elected officials, further widening the gap between elected officials and other public servants or private sector employees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to establish an accessible benefits program for local government elected officials to support attracting diverse local government candidates.

*SILGA Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership endorsed two resolutions seeking benefits packages for local government elected officials (1991-B3, 1989-B2). The Committee acknowledges that these are dated resolutions.

The Committee also notes that members supported resolutions seeking local government elected officials access to/participation in other beneficial programs including:

- parental leave (2021-NR1); and
- municipal pension plan (2019-B25).

COMMUNITY SAFETY

(2) TITLE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM FOR REPEAT, CONVICTED OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed in the Province of BC;

And whereas many BC residents are frustrated with the low sanction sentences imposed by the Provincial Court criminal justice system;

And whereas criminals may not choose the path to recovery as provided for by various provincial, federal, or First Nations government-created mental health programs, Indigenous court systems, reform programs, safe injection sites, methadone, or Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) clinics;

And whereas many thefts and drug-related crimes are perpetrated by criminals who are “well known to police” and have multiple or long criminal records:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC and the BC’s Attorney General to immediately begin working with the Government of Canada to address issues with Canada’s and British

Columbia's justice system including the proposed imposition of weightier consequences and greater accountability for repeat offenders, thereby supporting the rights of all Canadians to live in safe communities.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the provincial and/or federal government to:

- enact legislative and regulatory changes to the criminal justice system to apply stricter penalties and ensure adequate incarceration of prolific criminals, as well as the consistent use of electronic monitoring when individuals are released on conditions (2021-NR3);
- ensure prolific offenders are "sentenced effectively," and supported by credible programs to address underlying challenges such as substance abuse or mental illness (2015-B54);
- amend or create laws or policies that will prohibit offenders labeled high risk, following their release from prison, from residing in the community or the vicinity of the community where they committed their crime(s) (2007-A2);
- escalate sentences for chronic offenders as part of a national integrated crime reduction strategy that also seeks to re-emphasize the protection of society and the responsibility of individuals for their criminal behaviour (2007-B89); and
- change the law with respect to "repeat offenders," including conditions around release into the community, treatment programs and rehabilitation benchmarks (2006-B137).

UBCM's members also endorsed resolution 2014-B34, requesting that the Province develop a long-term, multi-faceted strategy to help people suffering from concurrent disorders to avoid becoming chronic offenders, by providing integrated health and psychiatric care, criminal justice reform, and access to affordable housing. Several subsequently endorsed resolutions (2020-SR8, 2015-A2) have similarly sought to address the increasing demand on police not through stronger penalties, but by seeking long-term provincial strategies that would provide integrated health and psychiatric care, affordable housing, and additional resources for mental health and addictions services.

UBCM's January 2021 submission to the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*, consistent with endorsed resolutions 2020-SR8 and 2015-A2, recommends that the Province examine preventative and proactive investments in health, addictions and housing, as opposed to reliance on punitive responses, in order to help assist affected individuals and reduce the burden on police.

(3) TITLE: RCMP POPULATION THRESHOLDS FOR COST SHARING

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas during the 1992 negotiations between the federal Solicitor General and the provincial negotiating team it was agreed that the Province of BC would be responsible for 90 percent of the share of the RCMP costs in communities with more than 15,000 residents and for 70 percent of the costs in communities with less than 15,000 residents;

And whereas there have been significant increases in RCMP costs as a result of the collective bargaining process that municipalities must pay since the thresholds were set in 1992;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial and federal governments to consider increasing the population thresholds to recognize the increased burden on emerging municipalities and inability for the current population thresholds to support the increasing costs of policing.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution specifically seeking for provincial and federal governments to consider increasing the RCMP population thresholds (5,000 and 15,000) to recognize the increased burden on emerging municipalities. However, UBCM members have endorsed several resolutions seeking amendments to the current RCMP funding formula to make policing more affordable:

- 2006-B62, which requested that the federal and provincial governments increase the federal RCMP subsidy to 30% for all municipalities;
- 2016-B75, which requested that the current RCMP funding model be reviewed with consideration towards an incremental cost increase based on population growth;
- 2020-EB5, which requested that the Province review the current RCMP funding model with consideration towards a gradual annual cost increase from the Police Tax to responsibility for 70% of the cost-base over a five-year period for municipalities that have reached the 5,000 person threshold; and,
- 2020-NR7, which requested that the provincial government review the current model of funding RCMP police services, with the intent to make policing more affordable for contract partners.

Additionally, the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse the following resolutions:

- 2016-B81, which requested that the Province develop an equitable police funding program for all municipalities and regional districts;
- 2020-NR8, which requested that the Province develop a funding model whereby provincial RCMP resources are increased and allocated to various regions of BC based on tourism, industrial activity growth, and/or rural population increase in the specified region;
- 2021-NR6, which requested that the Province implement a police funding formula that fairly and equitably distributes RCMP expenses to all governments throughout the province; and,
- 2021-NR7, which requested that the Province review the current model of funding RCMP police services with consideration given to equitable funding of police services through a provincial police tax based on the assessed value of improvements for the areas served by the detachments; and, that any provincial contribution towards policing be shared equally with all police taxpayers;

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to increase the authorized strength of the provincial police force to a sufficient level (2020-EB6, 2020-NR10, 2019-A3, 2017-B6, 2016-B82, 2014-B6, 2013-B7, 2012-B1).

As part of the ongoing *Police Act* review, the Province has created the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable as a forum for local governments to share their experience and knowledge and bring forward matters of interest or concerns respecting policing modernization, the Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act's* recommendations and other public safety priorities. Cost pressures related to policing will be examined further as part of the Roundtable's work.

Under the BC *Police Act*, a municipality must assume responsibility for policing services when its population, according to the Canada Census, reaches or surpasses 5,000 people. Municipalities under 5,000 in population and unincorporated areas are required to pay the Police Tax, which acts as a means for the Province to recover up to 50% of the estimated cost of providing law enforcement services to these areas.

(4) TITLE: RURAL POLICING

Sponsor: City of Salmon Arm

Whereas public safety is of equal concern to both municipal and regional district residents;

And whereas rural populations are growing steadily;

And whereas provincial policing complements have not been increased at the same rate as municipally funded positions;

And whereas lack of police resources affects rural safety and is putting a strain on municipal budgets:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the province increase the provincially funded positions immediately;

And be it further resolved that future resource allocations accurately reflect the rural demands for policing services.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to increase the authorized strength/staffing for the provincial police force to a sufficient level (2020-EB6, 2020-NR10, 2019-A3, 2017-B6, 2016-B82, 2014-B6, 2013-B7, 2012-B1).

In response to endorsed resolution 2020-EB6, the Province noted that it is "aware of the pressures facing front-line Provincial Police Service resources." The Province continues to work with the RCMP to address resourcing pressures within its areas of responsibility.

(5) TITLE: FUEL MITIGATION OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas climate change is real and causing significant changes in the way local, provincial, and federal governments do business and provide services;

And whereas the Province of BC has provided funding for Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Fire Smart programs for local governments;

And whereas the continual drying and heating of our forests in British Columbia causes wildfires to ignite much more readily and to travel at higher speeds across the forested areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Wildfire Service to take action to reduce fuel loading around the perimeter of communities in British Columbia which will work in conjunction with initiatives undertaken in communities to protect themselves from wildfires.

SILGA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership previously endorsed resolution 2012-B113, which called on the Province to provide full funding for fuel abatement on Crown lands located in regional district electoral areas and adjacent to municipal boundaries.

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking provincial support and funding for carrying out wildfire mitigation activities (2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR21, 2019-B13, 2019-B76, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2018-B22, 2018-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114, 2008-B59, 2007-B75).

The Province recently committed funding to support shifting the BC Wildfire Service from a reactive to a proactive approach, which will include operating with a year-round workforce. An additional \$98 million over three years has been earmarked to address wildfire prevention and maintain forest service roads used to respond to forest fires.

(6) TITLE: BC FOREST MANAGEMENT AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION REFORM

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas the residents of BC are calling for our provincial government to provide better forest management and wildfire prevention by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not;

And whereas Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood, and slides year-round;

And whereas the trickle effect of lumber prices and availability along with jobs, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance will continue to increase and have an alarming effect on BC's future if we do not change the current forest practice procedures:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC immediately create an “All Hazards Agency” that employs people full time, year-round to manage fire, flood and slides as part of a comprehensive forest restoration and management program;

And be it further resolved that the Province of BC be requested to empower local people, working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers, and boots-on-the-ground workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see day to day issues and have the frontline knowledge to provide feedback on inconsistencies in forest management and offer recommendations to the “All Hazards Agency” with the aim of improving forest management practices and preventing wildfires in BC.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

SILGA Committee agrees with the creation of an All Hazards Agency to manage fire, flood and slides year-round. However, the comments correlating fires, floods and slides with current forest management practices, are not supported by the committee.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to:

- create an “All Hazards Agency” that employs people full-time, year-round to manage fire, flood and slides as part of a comprehensive forest restoration and management program; and,
- empower local stakeholders to provide feedback on inconsistencies in forest management and offer recommendations to the “All Hazards Agency” with the aim of improving forest management practices and preventing wildfires in BC.

UBCM members previously endorsed resolution 2017-LR2, which sought for the Province to ensure that the Government Actions Regulation under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* initiates “a Fire Mitigation Strategy that prioritizes public safety over other forest management initiatives including harvesting and reforestation of the affected areas.”

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking provincial support and funding for carrying out wildfire mitigation activities (2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR21, 2019-B13, 2019-B76, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2018-B22, 2018-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114, 2008-B59, 2007-B75).

The Province’s Budget 2022 includes significant financial and operational commitments to improve emergency management, including through shifting the BC Wildfire Service to operate with a year-round workforce.

(7) TITLE: FLOOD MITIGATION SERVICE

SPONSOR: Town of Keremeos/Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas climate change has accelerated the frequency and intensity at which high water events occur in the Province British Columbia;

And whereas orphan dikes in British Columbia no longer adequately protect BC communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a flood mitigation service in consultation with local governments, including Indigenous partners.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment***

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a flood mitigation service, **with particular focus on the ongoing provincial maintenance of orphan dikes**, in consultation with local governments **and** Indigenous partners.

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution seek for the Province to implement a flood mitigation service with particular focus on the ongoing provincial maintenance of orphan dikes, in consultation with local governments and Indigenous partners.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions which called on the Province to be re-established as diking authority in all local governments (2015-B52) and in local governments under 20,000 in population and rural areas (2014-B75).

Additionally, the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2021-EB6, 2020-SR1, 2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B123, 2018-B94, 2018-B37, 2016-B56, 2015-B97, 2015-B7, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-A2, 2012-B3, 2012-B4, 2011-B11, 2011-B12, 2011-B79, 2010-B8, 2009-B3, 2008-B69, 2007-A1).

The Resolutions Committee recognizes the 2021 provincial flooding that, among other things, resulted in highway washouts, landslides and power outages. These events have emphasized the need to re-examine the Province's 2003 decision to download diking responsibility to local governments, and the role that the Province and local governments should play with respect to flood management.

(8) TITLE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REFORM

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas local governments and other local authorities in rural British Columbia are under-resourced to effectively respond to ever-increasing climate related disasters;

And whereas the elected officials and staff of local governments and other local authorities are often themselves personally and tragically impacted by these disasters;

And whereas the emergency management program provides provincially administered funding for on-the-ground efforts that largely rely on the victims of the disaster to be responsible for disaster response and recovery:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC offer on-the-ground provision of the emergency management program for local governments that opt-in to this service to ensure that adequate resources are always available and can be dynamically allocated throughout the province based on capacity and need.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse***

SILGA Resolutions Committee agrees there should be a mechanism in place for EMBC to take over the duties of an EOC if a community requests it, however, there appears to be a contradiction in the TBIR clause versus the stated intent of the resolution.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution seeking for the Province to offer "on-the-ground provision of the Emergency Management Program" as an opt-in service for local governments. In discussion with the sponsor, it is understood that the intent of the resolution is for the Province to assume responsibilities under Section 6 of the Emergency Program Act (local authority responsibilities) unless a local government chooses (i.e. opts in) to undertake these duties.

UBCM's members have consistently endorsed resolutions requesting provincial and/or federal assistance with the provision of emergency services, including but not limited to 2020-SR1, 2019-B11, 2018-B95, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B50, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-B44.

In 2019, Emergency Management BC began work to amend and modernize BC's emergency management legislation. The UBCM Executive, in response to proposed provincial policy shifts, has conveyed recommendations to EMBC requesting that support and funding be provided to address new and ongoing local government responsibilities. These recommendations were also included as part of the August 2021 report by the UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance, Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency.

(9) TITLE: EMERGENCY EVACUATION TRANSPORTATION

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments not in close proximity to larger centres do not have publicly provided or privately provided bus service available;

And whereas in the event of an emergency evacuation, the provision of one or more busses would be an integral part of the evacuation of individuals particularly those vulnerable, mobility challenged and without their own or supportive transportation;

And whereas most small local governments have school bus services provided by the school districts to transport children to and from school but the buses are not stationed in the local governments in the summer which is the critical time particularly for wildfire risk and potential evacuation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to require school districts to keep some buses in the local government they serve during summer months to provide for the evacuation of vulnerable individuals if required.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to require school districts to keep some buses in the local government they serve during summer months to provide for the evacuation of vulnerable individuals if required.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, a program intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations and communities in responding to emergencies, includes a funding stream to support the development of evacuation route plans. The Province recently allocated \$120 million in 2021/22 in new funding to the CEPF.

(10) TITLE: HIGHWAY RESCUE FUNDING

Sponsor: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments provide highway rescue services in large geographic areas outside of their jurisdictions;

And whereas the Province of BC has increased funding to communities in the past several years to help offset the costs of the service provided;

And whereas costs continue to rise for components of the service including fuel, vehicle repairs, vehicle replacement and training:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to review the funding allowances to cover more costs associated with the provision of highway rescue services by small local governments.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide funding for road rescue and vehicle extrication, including 2020-EB9, 2019-B9, 2018-B5, 2015-B17, 2014-B15, 2013-B8, 2011-B4, 2010-B6, 2009-B28, 2009-B69, 2009-B88, 2007-B10.

In response to endorsed resolutions 2019-B9 and 2020-EB9, the Province indicated that it is committed to developing a sustainable funding model. The Province, as part of its response to endorsed resolution 2020-EB9, also noted ongoing work by the Fire Chiefs Association of BC to develop a funding and governance model for Road Rescue. This work has included a funding opportunity, launched in November 2020, that provided successful applicants with up to \$50,000 for equipment purchases and training expenses.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting provincial and/or federal assistance with the provision of emergency services, including 2020-SR1, 2019-B11, 2018-B95, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B50, 2014-B76, 2013-A1, 2013-B44.

TRANSPORTATION

(11) TITLE: SAFETY AND SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES ON PROVINCIAL ROADS

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure does not install speed mitigation measures on provincial roads, giving the rationale that provincial roads belong to all the citizens of British Columbia as they serve to promote the economy and inter-provincial movement of people and goods;

And whereas the criteria provided by the Ministry of Transportation applies to all roads under the Province's jurisdiction, whether they are numbered highways, rural roads or local subdivision roads:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to determine the primary use(s) of the provincial roads, and base safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province specifically to develop a matrix to determine the primary use(s) of provincial roads, and base safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria.

However, the Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to improve road safety, including:

- improve service level standards and increase funding for the upkeep of secondary roads in the provincial road network (2020-EB18)
- implement lower, blanket speed limits (2019-B7, 2009-B19, 2006-B14, 2003-LR9, 1999-B44); and
- traffic calming measures in areas designated for growth in electoral areas (2019-B115).

In its response to resolution 2019-B115 in particular, the provincial government did not address the request for traffic calming measures on provincial roads in unincorporated areas. Instead, the Province referenced the Canadian Traffic Calming Guide, and its own Active Transportation Design Guide. It is

unclear how the Province envisioned that local governments should implement the recommendations from these guide publications on roads over which the local governments have no jurisdiction.

(12) TITLE: REPRIORITIZING SNOW CLEARING

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas there is increased concern about the state of public roads in rural communities during and after major weather events;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's road classification system defines levels and response times for maintenance standards for each specific service area in order to prioritize service:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to work with local governments to review the existing road classification system to consider reprioritizing the order in which roads are cleared or maintained;

And be it further resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure increase funding for maintenance of secondary roads to ensure safe and accessible transportation options for rural communities.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution urging the provincial government to work with local governments specifically to review road classifications and reprioritize the order in which roads are cleared or maintained.

However, the Committee would note that members have endorsed several resolutions seeking greater funding and higher snow removal standards for provincial roads, including:

- 2021-EB15 which asked the Province to work with local governments to identify any flaws or deficiencies in snow-clearing on arterial routes, and to relay an expectation to their contractors that reasonable municipal requests be heeded through the duration of the contract. As well as involve local governments in setting standards for snow clearance when contracts are renewed;
- 2018-B85 which asked the Province to review snow and ice control in rural areas, as well as minimum equipment standards, and staffing requirements; and
- 2007-B98 which requested that the Province work with UBCM to ensure that the standards, practices, and funding for winter maintenance of provincial highways within a local jurisdiction are harmonized with the standards and practices used by the local government to clear its roads of snow, ice, and gravel.

(13) TITLE: ON ROAD USE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES FOR SNOW CLEARING

SPONSOR: City of Merritt

Whereas the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* prohibits private owners from driving off-road vehicles on municipal streets;

And whereas Division 24 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* Regulations allows RCMP discretion to issue operation permits for non-standard vehicles, including off-road vehicles;

And whereas heavy snowfall can render streets and sidewalks impassable, requiring substantial effort to clear them, which residents sometimes wish to perform expeditiously using off-road vehicles:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government and RCMP work with local governments to develop transparent and consistent frameworks allowing the on-road use of off-road vehicles within a prescribed, permit-specific area, for the purpose of clearing snow.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

SILGA Resolutions Committee comment that municipal bylaws can be written and/or amended to support the spirit of this resolution.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the provincial government to allow citizens to use their personal off-road vehicles to clear snow from municipal roads.

However, the Committee notes that members have endorsed resolutions supporting the regulation and licensing of off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (2013-B97, 2011-B10, 2009-A6, 2007-B20, 2002-B9, 2000-B115). Resolution 2007-B20 in particular sought local government authority to regulate or ban the use of off-road vehicles within municipal and regional district boundaries, in the context of concerns about property damage and public safety.

The Committee understands that snow removal needs vary from year to year, and it can be challenging to budget adequately to cover the costs of snow removal from municipal roads. However, the Committee wonders whether it is advisable to respond to what appears to be a municipal budget shortfall by asking the provincial government and the RCMP to set up a special permitting system so that a corps of private citizens and their off-road vehicles may be enlisted to conduct snow removal operations on municipal roads.

(14) TITLE: MANDATORY WINTER TIRES FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas winters in many parts of British Columbia are subject to icy road conditions and snowfall accumulation;

And whereas most rental vehicles are only equipped with all season tires rather than winter tires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to make it mandatory that winter rated tires be installed on rental vehicles during the winter months in those areas of BC that experience snow and ice conditions.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2011-B81, which had the same enactment clause as this resolution.

In response to resolution 2011-B81, the provincial government stated that it had communicated with car rental agencies to encourage education and adoption of winter tires for rental vehicles. The Province pointed out that many car rental agencies give customers the option to equip a vehicle with winter tires, for an additional fee. At the time, the provincial government indicated that it did not intend to impose a requirement for rental vehicles to be equipped with winter tires during winter months in areas that experience snow and ice conditions.

(15) TITLE: RIDE SHARING

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas ride sharing is a convenient, safe, and responsive service which benefits local residents and the tourism industry as well as fosters economic growth;

And whereas there exists a public need for the service and within smaller communities, ride sharing offers a more reliable option where traditional services are often inconsistent;

And whereas it has been shown that taxi companies can financially tolerate the introduction of ride sharing companies, and ride sharing has been proven as a benefit to impaired driving reduction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC Passenger Transportation Board to implement a viable ride sharing service regulation which will address passenger transportation issues outside of Metro Vancouver including small, rural, and remote communities.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Action Required***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the provincial government to establish or expand transportation network services (also referred to as ride hailing or ride sharing), including:

- 2019-LR1 called for *Passenger Transportation Act* amendments to establish an area-based, tiered, regulatory solution for transportation network services in small rural and remote communities as well as other communities outside of the Lower Mainland;
- 2017-B57 asked for viable, flexible, ride-sharing service regulation to address passenger transportation challenges that are unique to small, rural, and remote communities; and
- 2012-B115, which called for a transportation strategy that would critically assess and determine solutions towards passenger directed vehicle operations including both public transit and taxis in rural communities.

In its response to resolution 2019-LR1, the Province referenced a *Passenger Transportation Act* requirement for the Legislative Assembly to appoint a special committee on or before January 1, 2022 (s. 42.1 of the Act). This committee would, in part, review whether the Act promotes commercial passenger transportation services, including ride-hail, in small, rural or remote communities. The Resolutions Committee understands that the provincial government has since amended the *Passenger Transportation Act*, extending the deadline for establishment of this special committee to July 1, 2023. Once the special committee is appointed, it will have one year to submit its report to the Legislative Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee further understands that, for regulatory purposes, the Passenger Transportation Board has divided the province into five “regions” where transportation network services may operate. In their application to the Passenger Transportation Board, a potential operator must specify the region or regions in which they wish to operate a transportation network service. According to the information available on the Passenger Transportation Board website, the Board has approved one or more applications to operate transportation network services in each of the five regions. Once an application is approved, the operator then has the discretion to decide where in the region they will offer transportation network services.

The regulatory framework exists, and the Passenger Transportation Board has approved applications to operate transportation network services in all regions of the province. It is unclear to the Committee how the regulatory framework falls short of the request made in this resolution.

FINANCE

(16) TITLE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province of BC ensure that BC libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to provincial government funding in subsequent years.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to maintain and increase its funding for public libraries (2020-EB41, 2019-B28, 2019-B29, 2018-B24, 2017-B60, 2016-B95, 2014-B17, 2012-B71, 2011-B27, 2010-B46, 2008-B57, 2007-B56, 2006-B55, 2006-B56).

ASSESSMENT

(17) TITLE: Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations

SPONSOR: Village of Ashcroft

Whereas land used for the purposes of extracting, storage of products manufacturing or transporting of goods are categorized as Class 5 Light Industry in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 with the exception of lands used or held for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the business of transportation by railway;

And whereas ancillary rail operations such as transloading facilities are a heavy burden on local government infrastructure through trucking activity and movement of product and require a higher level of government support including fire services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the assessment classifications in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 and that business for the purposes ancillary to railway operations including transloading facilities be reclassified as Class 5 Light Industry in order to create fair taxation from railway operations and further that, Section 5(e) be repealed from the Act.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution 2021-NR23 that called for the repeal of Section 5(e) from the *Assessment Act* - Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation BC Reg. 438/81 in order to create fair taxation from railway operations. However, this current resolution makes an additional request that business for the purposes ancillary to railway operations including transloading facilities be reclassified as Class 5 Light Industry.

ENVIRONMENT

(18) TITLE: EXTERIOR LIGHTING POLLUTION

SPONSOR: District of Coldstream

Whereas excessive lighting causes light pollution and glare;

And whereas light pollution may have a negative impact on quality of life, contribute to adverse health effects and pose potentially harmful consequences to the natural environment by disrupting ecosystems:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Building and Safety Standards Branch amend the BC Building Code to allow, facilitate and empower local governments to exercise control of lighting fixtures, including intensity and directionality, as part of their permitting and inspection process for all new construction and major renovations.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the BC Building Code to allow, facilitate and empower local governments to exercise control of lighting fixtures, including intensity and directionality, as part of their permitting and inspection process for all new construction and major renovations.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed a similar resolution - 2012-B74 - which asked the Province to amend the BC Building Code to allow, facilitate and empower local governments to require exterior full cut-off light fixtures as part of their permitting and inspection process for all new construction and major renovations.

The membership also endorsed resolution 2010-B89 which requested that UBCM and the Province support an education program on the benefits of installing full cut-off exterior lighting fixtures.

The Committee notes that full cut-off light fixtures on street lights diffuse light downwards where it is needed as opposed to sideways and up to the sky as currently occurs with traditional street lights. As a result, full cut-off light fixtures reduce light pollution while increasing the energy efficiency of street lights.

LAND USE

(19) TITLE: RETROACTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND THE RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION REGULATION

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the introduction of the Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) in 2006 was intended to improve the protection of riparian areas in British Columbia;

And whereas the transition to the Riparian Area Protection Regulation (RAPR) in 2019 whereby the Ministry reviews all assessments was not intended to create a burden on local governments;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend the Riparian Area Protection Regulation to allow the minister to issue a notification to a local government regarding an assessment report that has been prepared in relation to a “retroactive development”.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the Riparian Area Protection Regulation to allow the minister to issue a notification to a local government regarding an assessment report that has been prepared in relation to a “retroactive development”.

(20) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE LEGISLATED INPUT INTO CUTTING PERMITS

SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet Regional District

Whereas local communities currently have no legal avenue for providing input into forest land cutting permits before they are approved and issued by the Province;

And whereas communities are often impacted by harvesting and log hauling, with environmental impacts, visual impacts, road safety issues and little economic benefit:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to give local governments a legislated avenue for providing input before cutting permits for forest licensees and woodlot tenure holders are approved and issued by the Province.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to require consultation with local governments as part of land use decisions, including decisions involving the permitting process for resource extraction and industrial projects (2016-B33, 2015-B59, 2012-B141, 2009-B137, 2005-LR6, 1996-B57, 1995-B91).

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(21) TITLE: FAMILY PHYSICIAN FUNDING

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas British Columbians are continuing to struggle to access primary care and establish relationships with a family doctor despite a Provincial commitment to a new primary care network model in 2018;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia offers limited alternatives with limited funding to the fee for service model for physician compensation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to consider, implement and adequately fund alternative physician compensation models to replace the fee for service model to better support continuity of care and encourage doctors to practice family medicine.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2018-B143 which asked the Province to undertake a review of the fee for service 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.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting improved physician recruitment and retention, and the need for more health care professionals, including but not limited to 2017-B42, 2015-B68, 2014-B132, 2013-B47, 2012-B91, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2010-B43, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B154, 2005-B41, 2003-B104.

(22) TITLE: PHYSICIAN (SPECIALIST) RECRUITMENT IN RURAL AREAS

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities, in partnership with Divisions of Family Practice, have initiated programs to develop Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Urgent and Primary Care Centres (UPCCs) throughout the province to respond to a shortage of general practitioners and to provide conditions to attract general practitioners to rural areas;

And whereas rural communities are extremely challenged to recruit and retain medical specialists in many fields:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to establish a long-term program to identify the root cause of the chronic shortage of physicians, including specialists, and that they initiate a program to remove obstacles and fill vacancies in this essential service.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that asks the Province to establish a long-term program to identify the root cause of the chronic shortage of physicians, including specialists, and that they initiate a program to remove obstacles and fill vacancies in this essential service.

However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions supporting improved physician recruitment and retention, and the need for more health care professionals, including but not limited to 2017-B42, 2015-B68, 2014-B132, 2013-B47, 2012-B91, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2010-B43, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B154, 2005-B41, 2003-B104.

(23) TITLE: BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING

SPONSOR: Township of Spallumcheen

Whereas the high number of call volumes for volunteer fire departments to respond to medical calls far exceeds regular fire related needs;

And whereas the resources of volunteer fire departments and concerns for volunteer retention and burnout is a concern due to excessive medical calls:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to support additional funding and review any feasibility studies to ensure that provincial resources for BC Ambulance and 911 services are adequate to service local populations.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions seeking to improve and increase ambulance service in BC, including in small, rural communities, most recently: 2021-EB61, 2021-EB62, 2020-EB74.

The membership has supported resolutions seeking better and more equitable standby pay for paramedics (2006-B48, 2017-B134); better coordination for pre-hospital health care (2019-SR3); more solutions to ensure medical specialists and services are available in rural BC (2019- B63); address staff shortages and improve recruitment and retention for ambulance paramedics (2021-EB62, 2020-EB74); and for more advanced care and critical care paramedics in rural ambulance stations (2017-B133).

(24) TITLE: FIRST RESPONDERS PROGRAM FUNDING

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments provide First Responder Program services to assist the BC Emergency Health Services Ambulance services;

And whereas the provision of assistance to the BC Ambulance Services is very valuable;

And whereas some costs associated with providing the service on behalf of BC Emergency Health Services are paid for by BC Emergency Health Services while hourly pay for First Responders and all vehicle costs are paid by the taxpayers of the local governments that assist the BC Ambulance Services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Emergency Health Services to increase the funding to local governments who provide First Responder Program to assist the BC Ambulance Service.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26, 2001-B4).

(25) TITLE: BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES (BCEHS) - PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas BCEHS ground ambulances are designed and equipped to provide emergency care and patient transport throughout British Columbia;

And whereas BCEHS personnel work closely with local governments in emergencies and disasters;

And whereas the lack of consultation with local government in the development of BCEHS policy that impacts life and safety may be harmful to our mutual constituents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to require BCEHS to report regularly to local government prior to the initiation of a policy where that policy may have an impact on local government resources or the safety of our mutual constituents.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to require BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) to report regularly to local government prior to the initiation of a policy where that policy may have an impact on local government resources or the safety of our mutual constituents.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2019-SR3 that called on the Ministry of Health, BCEHS and BC local governments to work together to implement a coordinated approach to pre-hospital care, to create signed agreements outlining the roles and responsibilities of fire departments based on local need, and to confirm that first responders are being notified of events where they can best contribute to patient care.

(26) TITLE: PROVINCIAL CAR PROGRAM

SPONSOR: City of Penticton and Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas Car 40 Programs, which aim to support the diversion of those suffering with mental health issues from the criminal justice system, and reduce patrol response and unnecessary hospital admissions have been successful in a variety of formats across the Province since 1978;

And whereas a Provincially integrated and funded Car 40 program would provide consistency to communities seeking new ways to support the health and safety of their residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province support an integrated Car 40 Program with appropriate and sustainable funding.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2021-EB60 that asked the Province to provide an integrated health care regional model for a Mobile Crisis Response Car Program.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2020-SR8 which called for the development of integrated teams of health, police, and other officials on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to manage individuals with mental health issues.

The membership has also endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2021-EB54, 2021-EB55, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 2021-EB58, 2021-EB59, 2020-SR8, 2020-EB79, 2020-NR62, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

(27) TITLE: REGIONAL FOOD SUPPLY FEASIBILITY STUDY

SPONSOR: Township of Spallumcheen

Whereas the effects of climate change, primarily flooding and wildfire events, have highlighted how fragile our food supply chain can be;

And whereas the need for a regional food supply system is greater than ever:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government, primarily the Ministry of Agriculture and the Premier of British Columbia, to support and fund local food supply feasibility studies, to ensure that as much food as possible can be grown, processed, and purchased within regional areas to sustain the local populations.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Comments: Institute for Sustainable Food Systems has done a study for RDOS, RDNO and CORD including suggestions for policy changes. <https://www.kpu.ca/isfs/okanagan-bioregion>

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the Province to ensure food security for British Columbians, including resolutions 2019-B66, 2011-B100, 2011-B101, 2014-A3.

However, the membership has not considered a request to fund local food supply feasibility studies to sustain local and regional populations. It may be challenging to determine what is considered 'local', and what constitutes as the 'region' that would ensure food security.

UBCM is currently participating on a Ministry of Health-led working group to determine an integrated province-wide approach to food security, which would include examining sustainable land and food systems and food supply security.

HOUSING

(28) TITLE: HOME AFFORDABILITY & TRANSFER TAX LEVELS

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

Whereas in BC home buyers pay a provincial Property Transfer Tax (PTT) at a rate of 1% on the first \$200,000 of the purchase price and 2% on the remainder up to and including \$2 million;

And whereas according to the BC Real Estate Association the average single-family home increased 22% in value in the past 2 years since June 2020 to \$915,000;

And whereas the Property Transfer Tax is not related to the cost of services provided, the 2% tax on amounts over \$200,000 creates an additional cost to homeowners making affordability more out-of-reach for more homebuyers:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the BC government reduce the tax burden on home purchasers by applying the 1% tax rate to the first \$700,000 of the purchase price and 2% on the remainder up to and including \$2 million.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM Executive did not endorse referred resolution 2016-B135 which called on the Province to reduce the Property Transfer Tax on new and existing homes in an effort to reduce the negative impacts on housing affordability. At the time, the Resolutions Committee noted that “the UBCM membership endorsed expansion of local government revenue tools as a foundational concept of the Strong Fiscal Futures blueprint for strengthening the BC local government finance system. Sharing a portion of the property transfer tax with local government was specifically identified as a way to expand revenue tools for local government. With this in mind, the Committee would ask whether reduction of property transfer tax might take away a potential solution.”

Expanding on these comments on 2016-B135, the Committee would note that membership has consistently supported resolutions asking the Province to share a portion of the Property Transfer Tax with local governments to address affordable housing and homelessness (2021-EB20, 2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).

Finally, UBCM’s 2018 Housing Strategy identifies modifications to the property transfer tax as a potential option to make it more progressive and/or disincentivize rapid resale (‘flipping’).

(29) TITLE: TINY HOMES

SPONSOR: Town of Oliver

Whereas owning a home in British Columbia is becoming increasingly unaffordable. During the 2020/2021 fiscal year, BC Housing subsidized nearly 19,000 shelter spaces, housing units and rent supplements. It was reported by the Bank of Canada that in Quarter 3 of 2021, Canadian’s needed to spend over 37% of their household income to service a mortgage;

And whereas tiny homes offer an affordable, quick to build and green alternative to standard housing;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to review the BC Building Code to address barriers such as, but not limited to, egress, headroom and window and door size, and to recognize, allow and provide building requirements for tiny homes;

And be it further resolved that the Province should incorporate these changes into Part 9 of the BC Building Code that would define tiny houses as allowable permanent dwellings, and thus permit them to be constructed where local government official community plans and zoning bylaws deem them appropriate.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with suggested amendment***

Suggested amendment:

Whereas during the 2020/2021 fiscal year BC Housing subsidized nearly 19,000 shelter spaces and housing units and provided rent supplements and, further, it was reported by the Bank of Canada that in Quarter 3 of 2021 Canadians needed to spend over 37% of their household income to service a mortgage;

And whereas owning a home in British Columbia is becoming increasingly unaffordable and tiny homes offer an affordable, quick to build and green alternative to standard housing;

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM Executive considered, but did not endorse, referred resolution 2020-NR71 which asked the Province to work with the BC Building Code Interpretation Committee to review the 14 Code change requests made at the federal building code level in support of mobile tiny houses in March 2017 by the Canadian Home Builders' Association. As well, 2020-NR71 had a second enactment clause that is identical to the second enactment clause in this "Tiny Homes" resolution, addressing Part 9 of the BC Building Code.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has broadly supported resolutions in support of affordable housing (2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56).

(30) TITLE: BARE LAND STRATA DEVELOPMENT MINIMUM STANDARDS

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

Whereas bare land strata plan requirements for the strata's internal works and services are outside of local government purview;

And whereas it is recognized that municipalities should prescribe all developments standards as the municipality is concerned with how infrastructure is originally built and with the standards of living in its community;

And whereas current bare land strata developments do not have to meet minimum municipal standards, and as such may devolve into undesirable neighbourhoods that are inconsistent with other neighbourhoods, adversely affecting the land value beyond the area of the bare land strata subdivision:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM asks the BC Government to amend the Bare Land Strata Regulation to require that bare land strata developments meet the same minimum standards set by local governments, as required in their subdivision servicing bylaws, to ensure consistency across all developments throughout the community, in areas such as street lighting, sidewalks, curb heights, paved roads etc.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the Bare Land Strata Regulation to require that bare land strata developments meet the same minimum standards set by local governments, as required in their subdivision servicing bylaws, to ensure consistency across all developments throughout the community, in areas such as street lighting, sidewalks, curb heights, paved roads etc.

SELECTED ISSUES

(31) TITLE: PAID PROTESTORS

SPONSOR: District of Sicamous

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides that every person in Canada has the right to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly as part of a democratic nation;

And whereas lawful protests provide citizens the opportunity to express views and grievances for government to respond to;

And whereas individuals that are recruited and paid by organizations to protest on their behalf create a false perception of public opinion on matters of community interest:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to investigate and lobby for the prohibition of organizations paying individuals to protest of their behalf.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to investigate and lobby for the prohibition of organizations paying individuals to protest of their behalf.

LATE (1) REVERSE PST ON FOSSIL FUEL HEATING

SPONSOR: Village of Clinton

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia announced in the Provincial Budget on February 22, 2022, that Provincial Sales Tax would be added to all fossil fuel heat and hot water appliances to encourage British Columbians to revert to electric heat pumps and hot water heaters;

AND WHEREAS even though heat pump technology may be improving, currently heat pumps are not sufficient to heat homes and businesses in the British Columbia Interior and Northern Regions which would necessitate auxiliary heat sources to augment heat pumps during the coldest days of winter in those regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Provincial Government of British Columbia to reverse this decision until such time as heat pump technology has improved sufficiently to adequately heat buildings in the Interior and Northern Regions of the Province.

SILGA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **No Recommendation**