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**Dear Mayor and Council,**

In advance of the 2022 UBCM Convention next week in Whistler, staff have prepared for you a briefing package to accompany the official **2022 UBCM Resolutions Book**.

The attached briefing package includes:

1. UBCM's Pocket Program
2. Profiles of Key Cabinet Ministers
3. Staff Comments on Resolutions up for Debate
4. Council-Requested Minister Meetings - schedule and briefing notes

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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# 2022 UBCM CONVENTION PACKAGE VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL

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## MONDAY Sept 12

**All Plenary sessions are in the Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC unless otherwise indicated**

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration**  
Grand Foyer, WCC

**STUDY SESSIONS & TOURS**  
8:00 AM – 4:15 PM **Agricultural Study Tour**  
Meet on Whistler Way behind WCC (loading zone)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Investigating Public Safety Reform**  
Garibaldi Room, WCC  
**Housing Futures, Housing Solutions**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC  
**Learnings from the Lytton Fire: Preventing Future Wildfire Disasters**  
Harmony Room, WCC

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM **Inclusive Local Governance = Diverse Voices at the Table**  
Garibaldi Room, WCC  
**Decriminalization and Harm Reduction: Key Considerations for Local Governments**  
Harmony Room, WCC  
**Reconciliation in Action**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet**  
Valley Foyer, WCC

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## TUESDAY Sept 13

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast for Clinic Attendees**  
Valley Foyer, WCC

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration**  
Grand Foyer, WCC

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **CLINICS**  
**Strengthening Responsible Conduct**  
Garibaldi Room A, WCC  
**BC Public Libraries: To Infinity and Beyond**  
Garibaldi Room B, WCC  
**Development of B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC  
**BC's Economic Plan: A Plan for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow**  
Fitzsimmons Room, WCC  
**Local Grown Solutions to Homelessness and Addiction**  
Harmony Room, WCC

8:45 AM - 11:45 AM **FORUMS**  
**Electoral Area Directors' Forum**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC  
**Small Talk Forum**  
Sea to Sky Ballroom A, WCC  
**Mid-Sized Communities Forum**  
Emerald Ballroom AB, Westin Hotel  
**Large Urban Communities Forum**  
Harmony Room, WCC

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM **FORUM LUNCHESES**  
**Electoral Area Directors' Lunch**  
Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel  
**Small Talk Lunch**  
Sea to Sky Ballroom B/C, WCC  
**Mid-Sized Communities Lunch**  
Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel  
**Large Urban Communities Lunch**  
Garibaldi Room, WCC

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## TUESDAY Sept 13 cont.

1:30 PM - 3:15 PM **PLENARY SESSION**  
**Re-envisioning Health Care in BC**  
Sea to Sky Ballroom A, WCC

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM **PROVINCIAL POLICY SESSIONS:**  
**CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC  
**Developing an Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia**  
Harmony Room, WCC  
**Connectivity Readiness for Communities**  
Garibaldi Room, WCC  
**Reimagining Tourism in BC**  
Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Member Orientation**  
Emerald Ballroom A/B, Westin Hotel

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Municipal Insurance Association of BC AGM**  
Emerald Ballroom A/B, Westin Hotel

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **Municipal Finance Authority of BC Semi-Annual Meeting**  
Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception**  
Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **UBCM Welcome Reception**  
Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky B/C, WCC

## WEDNESDAY Sept 14

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration**  
Grand Foyer, WCC

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Delegates' Continental Breakfast**  
Grand & Valley Foyers, WCC

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM **CLINICS:**  
**Local Government's Role in BC's Mental Health Crisis**  
Garibaldi A, WCC  
**Youth Climate Corps**  
Garibaldi B, WCC  
**Renewable Energy and Local Economic Development**  
Rainbow Theatre, WCC  
**Exploring Immigration Solutions for Community Economic Challenges**  
Fitzsimmons Room, WCC  
**Advancing the TRC Calls to Action**  
Harmony Room, WCC

8:30 AM **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**  
O Canada  
Welcome from the Lil'wat and Squamish Nations  
Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC  
Welcome from the Host Community  
Address by the UBCM President

9:00 AM **ANNUAL MEETING**  
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures  
Adoption of Minutes of 2021 Convention  
Annual Report  
Question-and-Answer Period  
Adoption of Financial Statements  
Appointment of Auditors

9:20 AM First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

9:25 AM – 10:25 AM **Keynote Address: Althia Raj**

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM Address by the Leader of the Green Party: Sonia Furstenau

10:40 AM – 11:55 AM	<b>Principal Policy Session:</b> Resolutions
11:55 AM – 12:00 PM	Nominations from the floor for Table Officer Positions
<b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>AREA ASSOCIATION LUNCHES</b> <b>AKBLG Lunch</b> Garibaldi Room, WCC <b>AVICC Lunch</b> Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel <b>LMLGA Lunch</b> Emerald Ballroom A, Westin Hotel <b>NCLGA Lunch</b> Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel <b>SILGA Lunch</b> Emerald Ballroom B, Westin Hotel
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Address by the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The Honourable Nathan Cullen
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Candidate speeches (as necessary)
2:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Election of Table Officers (opens as necessary)
<b>3:00 PM – 4:15 PM</b>	<b>CABINET TOWN HALLS:</b> <b>Housing</b> Sea to Sky A, WCC <b>Emergency Preparedness</b> Rainbow Theatre, WCC <b>Stronger Public Services</b> Garibaldi Room, WCC
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Presentation of 2022 Energy &amp; Climate Action Awards</b> Rainbow Theatre, WCC
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	<b>BC Government Reception</b> Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	<b>Paper Excellence of Canada Reception</b> Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	<b>Canadian Union of Public Employees British Columbia Reception</b> Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky B/C, WCC

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration Grand Foyer, WCC
7:00 AM – 8:30 PM	<b>Delegates’ Continental Breakfast</b> Grand & Valley Foyers, WCC
<b>7:30 AM – 8:15 AM</b>	<b>CLINICS:</b> <b>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b> Harmony Room, WCC <b>Archaeological Resources Management and Available Tools</b> Garibaldi B, WCC <b>Airports – Critical Socio-Economic Drivers for Communities</b> Garibaldi A, WCC <b>The Predicting and Alerting for Coastal Flooding Project</b> Rainbow Theatre, WCC <b>Food Systems. Climate Action. Local Government</b> Fitzsimmons Room, WCC
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Election of Table Officers
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive positions
8:35 AM – 8:55 AM	Address by the Leader of the Opposition: Kevin Falcon
8:55 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Resolutions Session Continues</b>
11:30 AM – 11:35 AM	Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions
11:35 AM – 12:00 PM	Candidate Speeches
12:00 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Delegates’ Lunch</b> Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel Presentation of Long Service Awards
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Election of Remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)
<b>2:30 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	<b>WORKSHOPS:</b> <b>Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency – Update on the UBCM / Province MOU</b> Harmony Room, WCC

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Modernizing B.C.’s Emergency Management Legislation</b> Fitzsimmons Room, WCC <b>Community Child Care Creation in BC</b> Garibaldi A, WCC <b>Role of Local Governments in Supporting Seniors</b> Garibaldi B, WCC <b>Lessons from an Atmospheric River: Insights for Local Governments</b> Rainbow Theatre, WCC
6:30 PM	<b>UBCM Reception</b> Grand Foyer, WCC
7:30 PM	<b>UBCM Annual Banquet</b> Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC Presentation of Life Memberships

FRIDAY

Sept 16

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	<b>Delegates’ Buffet Breakfast</b> Grand Foyer, WCC
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Election of Remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline Resolutions Session Continues
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Federal Address
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Resolutions Session Continues
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Installation of President Elect Port of Vancouver Alaska Cruise Prize Draw*
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Address by the Premier: The Honourable John Horgan
12 noon	Adjourn

*\*Only UBCM voting delegates are eligible and must be present to win. Voting delegates will be automatically entered.*

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<b>Hours</b>	
Tuesday	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (during Welcome Reception)
Wednesday	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Thursday	7:00 AM - 12:30 PM
<b>Exhibitors</b>	
Ambulance Paramedics & Emergency Dispatchers of BC	
BC Assessment	
BC Council of Forest Industries	
BCLC	
Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)	
Coastal GasLink	
Canadian Union of Public Employees British Columbia	
FortisBC	
ICBC	
Municipal Finance Authority of BC	
Municipal Insurance Association of BC	
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# KEY CABINET MINISTER PROFILES




 <p><b>Honourable John Horgan</b></p>	<p><b>Premier and President of the Executive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017, 2013, 2009 and 2005</li> <li>• MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Premier and President of the Executive Council</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee (Chair)</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID (Chair)</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry (Chair)</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery (Chair)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Became leader of the BC NDP in 2014</li> <li>• Will not be seeking re-election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BC NDP Leadership race currently underway; vote planned for Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<p><b>Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemplates \$617m in proposed investments over four years.</li> <li>• Guided by the 10 year Housing Vancouver Strategy.</li> <li>• COV continues to strengthen strategic partnerships with senior levels of government to support delivery of existing and future housing needs, including capital and operating funding and low-cost financing for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reconciliation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV is committed to incorporating equity and reconciliation with Indigenous communities into planning, decision-making, and implementation.</li> <li>• The City will continue to form relationships of mutual respect and understanding with xʷmə θkʷəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and urban Indigenous communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the \$3.5 billion of strategic investments contemplated, over 55% is for asset maintenance and renewal. This is equivalent to ~\$480 million of annual capital maintenance, upgrade &amp; renewal funding, supported by an inflation-adjusted increase in City funding of ~8% per annum from the current Capital Plan.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p><b>Affordable Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request the Province to increase funding in support of low-income and social housing, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invest up to \$400m (40% of \$1b) over 10 years in partnership with all levels of government, local First Nations, Urban Indigenous partners and community stakeholders to end reliance on Single Room Occupancy Hotels as low-income housing by redeveloping, renovating or replacing these buildings with shelter-rate social housing in and outside the DTES.</li> <li>○ Help develop 2,000 new social housing units on City-owned sites by contributing \$350m over four years for the capital funding envelope (Vancouver to provide land in-kind)</li> <li>○ Commit early to fund priority social housing projects serving at-risk and systemically marginalized populations (e.g. Women’s Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).</li> <li>○ Establish through BC Housing a Property Transfer Tax Offset Grant Program for long-term leases for affordable housing projects, including co-operative housing, that would help preserve and grow affordable housing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Reconciliation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for the Province to increase capacity funding for engagement with local government to advance Reconciliation, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide \$255,000 annually to cost-match the capacity funding the City is providing to Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (\$85,000 per Nation per year).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver on existing commitment to fund 40% of the development of the business case for UBCx, and extend that commitment to the project construction costs.</li> <li>• Commit \$112m over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.</li> </ul>
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## Executive Council and Parliamentary Secretaries of BC


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure \$100m over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.</li><li>• Commit \$75m for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.</li><li>• Commit \$55m to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.</li><li>• Provide \$10m to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.</li><li>• Secure \$12.6m in funding for construction to begin once the business-case is complete for the new Indigenous Centre that will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.</li></ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Congratulations on your tenure as Premier.</li><li>• Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – announced increases to Climate Action Tax Credit payment and B.C. Family Benefit, cap on rent increases at 2% for 2023</li></ul>

 <p><b>Honourable Anne Kang</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Citizens' Services and Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Appointment Orders Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three-term Burnaby City Councillor before becoming an MLA, and has been a leader in many organizations that build community and support those who are vulnerable.</li> <li>• Awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 for her contribution to Canada.</li> </ul>
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<b>COV 2023-2026 Capital Plan</b>	Work with the Province and TransLink to fund and further plan and construct an extension to the University of British Columbia.
<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	Request the Province fund 40% of UBCx (from business case to project completion).
<b>Discussion Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecting UBC via subway is a critical piece of regional infrastructure that will ensure over one million people are within a 60-minute transit trip to UBC.</li> <li>• Vancouver is codifying climate change mitigation/adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs.</li> <li>• There is a need for qualified trades, technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support expanded education in this capacity through practical work and education opportunities.</li> <li>• Increase investment is needed in technical schools to enable increased number of trades students in existing trades programs relevant to climate change/adaptation (such as HVAC trades, plumbers, carpenters, etc) as these are often over subscribed.</li> </ul>

**Mandate Letter**

- Expand the B.C. Access Grant program by increasing eligibility to reduce barriers and make sure more people are able to access the skills they need for the jobs of the future.
- Create an additional 2,000 new tech-relevant spaces in public post-secondary institutions.
- Conduct a funding review of post-secondary education operating grants to make sure public post-secondary institutions have the resources they need to support economic recovery and student success
- Continue to build 8,000 new student housing units as part of Homes for BC, our government's 10-year housing plan.
- Complete and implement the CleanBC Workforce Readiness Plan to train people for jobs in the low-carbon economy and help us meet our CleanBC commitments
- Support the work of the Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation to invest in innovation clusters, with a focus on emerging industries where B.C. companies have developed the early lead – such as life sciences, emergency management technology, engineered wood, clean tech, artificial intelligence, and quantum and virtual reality technologies.

 <p><b>Honourable Murray Rankin</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing AND Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee (Vice Chair)</li> <li>○ Legislative Review Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Appointed the Minister of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing on August 2, 2022; continued roles as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</li> <li>• Murray is a lawyer with expertise in environmental, Indigenous, and public law</li> <li>• He was elected as the Member of Parliament for Victoria and served from 2012 until 2019.</li> </ul>
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<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Housing is the City of Vancouver's biggest challenge. 44% of renter households pay more than 30% of their income on rent and home ownership is not within reach for most residents who do not already own property.</li> <li>● 40% of Vancouver's jobs are held by workers who commute in from the suburbs, partly because it is difficult for them to find affordable housing options close to where they work. This significantly increases traffic congestion, worsens air quality, strains the road network and reduces productivity for local businesses.</li> <li>● Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples is one of the most important issues of our time. In light of recent municipal, provincial and imminent federal UNDRIP legislation, it's crucial for all levels of government to collaborate and align on policies and adequately fund First Nations capacity and engagement.</li> </ul>

Mandate Letter – Housing

- Lead work to continue delivering our government's 10-year housing plan, Homes for B.C., and the affordable housing it's bringing to tens of thousands of British Columbians, including working in partnership to create 114,000 affordable homes
- Lead government's efforts to address homelessness by implementing a homelessness strategy.
- Deliver more affordable housing through Housing Hub partnerships by providing additional low-interest loans; expanding partnerships with non-profit and co-op housing providers to acquire and preserve existing rental housing; and tasking the Hub with identifying new pathways to home ownership through rent-to-own or other equity-building programs.
- To make life more affordable for renters – particularly during the hardship caused by COVID-19 – deliver a freeze on rent increases until the end of 2021, and then make permanent the actions our government took to limit rent increases to the rate of inflation.
- Build on our government's work to require new buildings and retrofits to be more energy efficient and cleaner by supporting local governments to set their own carbon pollution performance standards for new buildings.
- Bring in "right-to-charge" legislation that will enable installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in more strata and apartment buildings.

Mandate Letter – Indigenous Relations

- Coordinate government's reconciliation efforts and ensure new legislation and policies are consistent with the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* through the dedicated Secretariat.
- Expand our government's support for Aboriginal Friendship Centres that serve the needs of local Indigenous communities while playing a vital role in connecting urban Indigenous peoples from across the province to their home communities.
- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, lead work to bring the federal government to the table to match our funding to build much-needed housing for Indigenous peoples both on and off reserve.


 <p><b>Honourable Katrina Chen</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of State for Child Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First time Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trustee on the Burnaby Board of Education, and worked in both provincial and federal constituency offices for over 10 years</li> <li>• Was a community organizer with ACORN, emceed for major cultural festivals, and volunteered as an executive member for several local non-profit organizations</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<p>Over the next 10 years, the City will be working in partnership with senior governments to help implement the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement – 2021 to 2026.</p> <p>With the child care portfolio shifting to the Ministry of Education, it is anticipated that the City will be able to work more directly towards securing, funding and delivering full-day childcare for children 5 years and under. There will also be increased efforts to explore joint capital planning between key public partners (VSB) and other civic bodies.</p>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Provide \$12.6m in funding to complete the new Indigenous Centre that will include a child care center, and which will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.</p>
<p><b>Discussion Points</b></p>	<p>The City will continue to play a leadership role in aligning and supporting the implementation of a senior government-led universal childcare system over the next decades. Specifically,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing on non-profit and public childcare delivery, with priority for full-day care for children under 3 years (infants and toddlers)</li> <li>• Leveraging existing and new tools (including a capital grant program aimed at securing not-for-profit childcare in non-City owned buildings) to maximize opportunities to create new childcare spaces;</li> <li>• Facilitating the conversion of part-day preschool spaces to full-day childcare for children 3 to 5 years of age, to help address oversupply of preschool spaces and undersupply of full-day care;</li> <li>• Supporting civic partners to continue to create new school-age care programs on school grounds;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supporting the development of culturally safe and Indigenous-led childcare spaces, including school-age care programs off school sites, childcare integrated with housing projects, etc.; and</li><li>• Integrating First Nations and Urban Indigenous perspectives meaningfully in childcare policy and planning.</li></ul>
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- Work with the Minister of Education and Child Care to continue to integrate child care into the broader learning environment.
- Continue to implement Childcare BC, our government's ten-year plan to provide universal, affordable, accessible, quality and inclusive child care to every family that wants or needs it, with the goal of no family paying more than \$10 a day for licensed childcare when fully implemented.
- Continue to improve the affordability of child care, including by working closely with the federal government to expand the number of \$10 a day child care spaces across BC.
- Continue to expand the number and availability of child care spaces, including by developing a capital plan and modular strategy for child care, and by working with the Minister of Finance to ensure that whenever government builds a new school, hospital or other project, child care is considered.
- With support from the Minister of Education and Child Care and the Minister of Finance, lead work toward providing universal access to before and after school care, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the full workday.

 <p><b>Honourable Mitzi Dean</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Children and Family Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: She served as Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Was appointed as the Executive Director of Pacific Centre Family Services Association in 2007</li> <li>• Worked across the United Kingdom from front line roles to being a national development manager for children's services with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children</li> </ul>
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<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	Provide \$12.6M in funding to complete the new Indigenous Centre that will include a child care center, and which will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.
<b>Discussion Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV will continue to support the implementation of a senior government-led universal childcare system over the next decades.</li> <li>• With the child care portfolio shifting to Ministry of Education, it is anticipated that the City will be able to work more directly towards securing, funding and delivering full-day childcare for children 5 years and under.</li> <li>• COV is working to implement many recommendations stemming from both the Red Women Rising and MMIWG2S+ report that overlap with MCFD's mandate to improve services and care for Indigenous families, youth and children.</li> </ul>

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- Improve services for families of children with support needs, ensuring that the new Children and Youth with Support Needs framework is designed to serve a broad range of families.

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- Work with the Minister of State for Child Care and Minister of Education and Child Care to integrate child care into the broader learning environment.
- Support the Minister of State for Child Care and Minister of Education and Child Care to work toward providing universal access to before and after school care, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the full work day.

 <p><b>Honourable Lisa Beare</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Citizens' Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Deputy House Leader, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legislative Review Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elected as a member of the local school board in 2014, passionate about education access and literacy</li> </ul>
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<b>COV 2023-2026 Capital Plan</b>	N/A
<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	N/A
<b>Discussion Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV supports the implementation of the BC Anti-Racism Data Act (passed in June, 2022) to help identify and address systemic racism in government programs and service</li> <li>• COV's recent staff report providing an update on MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice and Red Women Rising Report recommends improving race-based data in all government agencies collection by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Creating ethical standards using an Indigenous, gender-based analysis for engagement, data collection storage, including, consent and transparency when engaging with Indigenous peoples.</li> <li>○ Following ethical principles of ownership of data that Indigenous communities have put forward as best practice.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- Continue to expand the use of cross-government data to increase evidence-based decision making and better inform public policy, and assume responsibility for BC Stats.
- Continue to improve how procurement processes deliver benefits for people and businesses in communities across the province.
- Support the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for Anti-Racism Initiatives in the collection, housing and analysis of race-based data which will be essential to modernizing sectors like policing, health care and education.


 <p><b>Honourable George Heyman</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for TransLink</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017 and 2013</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-Fairview</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board (Vice Chair)</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Served as the Executive Director of Sierra Club of BC and also served three terms as president of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union</li> <li>• Has been a faculty member of Simon Fraser University's Dialogue and Negotiation program, teaching courses in multi-party negotiations and collaborative decision-making</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemplates a 35% budget increase (from the 2019-2022 Capital Plan) to advance the Climate Emergency Action Plan, the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and for additional climate mitigation and adaptation benefits.</li> <li>• Contemplates \$720m in climate change-related investments: resilience, adaptation, mitigation, repair</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for green rainwater infrastructure and the urban forest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide \$10m to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Urban forests and natural areas are the most effective natural carbon sequestration assets in the city and offer significant unrealized potential for combating climate change.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Commit \$10m for active transportation projects in Vancouver, beyond what is currently offered in the BC Active Transportation Fund.</li> <li>○ Commit \$55m to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Support for transit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fund 40% of UBCx (not just business case but also project construction costs).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local governments have a key role in Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) but developing an effective a program needs to be done at a Provincial scale as there is substantial upfront and ongoing program efforts and costs.</li><li>• In line with international recommendations, the City has set a goal of reducing carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions before 2050. The City will need significant senior government leadership, resourcing, and use of new policy levers to help the City achieve objectives as laid out by its plans and strategies.</li><li>• Vancouver attracts people from all over the region and see over one million trips per day so UBCx will support more than just Vancouver.</li></ul>
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- Begin the phase-out of single use plastics province-wide.
- Keep BC on track to meet our 2030 greenhouse gas emissions target set sectoral and interim targets, and legislate a new target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050
- Complete and coordinate implementation of a provincial Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy.
- Accelerate the move toward a net-zero emissions bus fleet powered by electrification, hydrogen fuel cell technologies, and other zero-emissions technologies, including supporting TransLink's "aggressive" level plan.
- Work with TransLink to help families get around more affordably by making transit free for children up to and including age 12.
- Work with TransLink Mayors' Council through its 10-year planning process to continue work to extend the Millennium Line to Arbutus, with an eventual terminus at UBC, and ensure prompt design and construction of the Surrey-Langley Skytrain.
- Reduce congestion and make transit an option for more people by working with TransLink to improve and expand the network for people living in the Fraser Valley and Sea-to-Sky regions, including by expanding West Coast Express service.
- Working with First Nations, local governments, industry, environmental organizations, and others, undertake an assessment of the monitoring, compliance and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

 <p><b>Honourable Jennifer Whiteside</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Education and Child Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for New Westminster</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First time Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chief spokesperson and lead negotiator for the Hospital Employees' Union</li> <li>• Worked for community organizations and labour unions at the provincial and national levels, community organizer with ACORN, emceed for major cultural festivals, and volunteered as an executive member for several local non-profit organizations</li> </ul>
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<b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b>	Contemplates investing \$136m over four years for new and existing childcare assets/amenities
<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	Provide \$12.6m in funding to complete the new Indigenous Centre that will include a child care center, and which will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV will continue to support the implementation of a senior government-led universal childcare system over the next decades.</li> <li>• With the child care portfolio shifting to the Ministry of Education, it is anticipated that the City will be able to work more directly towards securing spaces for and supporting full-day childcare for children 5 years and under. There will also be increased efforts to explore joint capital planning between key public partners (VSB) and other civic bodies.</li> <li>• Vancouver's school enrollment is oversubscribed in most areas, and ranges across the city from 70%-200% capacity. COV would like the Province to commit to funding Olympic Village school and expanding Henry Hudson elementary (next to Senakw)</li> </ul>

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- Continue to invest in new and modernized schools, including focusing on meeting seismic requirements and climate change and energy efficiency standards as set out in our CleanBC plan.
- To help make sure students are properly fed for learning, work with school districts to create more local school meal programs based on district data and priorities, and work with the Minister of Agriculture and Food to integrate Feed BC into this plan so that districts can include locally grown food.
- Work with the Minister of Children and Family Development and the Minister of State for Child Care to integrate child care into the broader learning environment.
- Support the Minister of State for Child Care and the Minister of Children and Family Development to work toward providing universal access to before and after school care, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the full work day.

 <p><b>Honourable Bruce Ralston</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017, 2013, 2009 and 2005</li> <li>• MLA for Surrey-Whalley</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Official Opposition critic for Natural Gas Development, Trade, Immigration, and Multiculturalism, finance, agriculture, international trade, the Asia Pacific Strategy, and intergovernmental relations</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Operated his own law firm in Surrey for many years, and continues to maintain his membership in the Law Society of British Columbia</li> <li>• Served on Surrey City Council from 1988 to 1993</li> </ul>
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<b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b>	The City intends to further electrify its civic fleet of vehicles (from 12% to 25% of total), including police, fire and rescue vehicles.
<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	Provide additional funding help the City align with TransLink and Metro Vancouver's Driving Down Emissions project, which is determining the preferred policy pathway to reduce emissions from light duty vehicles (LDVs) by 65% by 2030.
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In line with international recommendations, the City has set a goal of reducing carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions before 2050. The City will need significant senior government leadership, resourcing, and use of new policy levers to help the City achieve its objectives and those laid out in CleanBC.</li> <li>• The City seeks to further collaborate with senior levels of government to increase vehicle charging capacity to expand home and workplace electric vehicle charging.</li> </ul>

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- Accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles with income-tested rebates, new incentives for purchasing used electric vehicles and an expansion of the CleanBC Specialty-Use Vehicle Incentive program.
- Increase vehicle charging capacity by providing additional incentives to expand home and workplace electric vehicle charging.

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- Enhance energy efficiency programs and incentives for residential and commercial buildings, including Property Assessed Clean Energy financing to help homeowners make energy-saving retrofits and repay the cost of them over time.
- Establish the BC Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy to drive made-in-BC innovations such as carbon capture and storage and renewable fuels.
- Work with the federal government and BC Hydro to fast track the expansion of electrification by working with industries of all sizes across sectors to make it easier for them to go green.

 <p><b>Honourable Selina Robinson</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017 and 2013</li> <li>• MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Citizens' Services</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board (Chair)</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Served as the Official Opposition critic for mental health and addictions, seniors, local government and sports</li> <li>• Former city councillor with a focus to protect the health of children and families by introducing a local ban on cosmetic pesticides, and worked to improve access for people with disabilities as chair of the Coquitlam Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV 2023-2036 Capital Plan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemplates \$3.5b of capital investment focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Renewing critical aging water and sewer infrastructure</li> <li>○ Renewing and upgrading aging community, public safety and civic facilities</li> <li>○ Preserving and creating affordable housing &amp; childcare</li> <li>○ Advancing climate mitigation and adaptation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 55% of capital plan is dedicated to asset maintenance and renewal</li> <li>• \$720m (35% increase from 2019-2022) will be used to advance Climate Emergency Action Plan, adaptation strategy and additional mitigation/adaptation benefits.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>COV submitted three major recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commit to increase funding over a number of years in support of complete, transit-oriented neighbourhoods that include housing, transit and supporting infrastructure.</li> <li>2. Advance municipal climate action by supporting and increasing financial support for green rainwater infrastructure and the urban forest.</li> <li>3. Increase infrastructure funding for Indigenous-serving cultural infrastructure and capacity funding for engagement with local government to advance Reconciliation.</li> </ol>

<b>Discussion Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial action on Municipal Finance Reform would recognize the evolving and expanded mandate of major urban cities across Canada, and the current inadequate reliance on property taxes.</li><li>• BC Budget saw a surplus of over \$6b this year</li><li>• COV has growing infrastructure deficit from aging infrastructure and amenities. Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34b, COV needs to invest \$800m annually to maintain assets in a good state of repair.</li><li>• The Federal and Provincial Governments have made significant investments in Vancouver in the areas of affordable housing and childcare, as well as the Millennium Line Broadway Extension that is underway to deliver the economic potential of the second largest employment centre in British Columbia and to enable efficient movement of people and access to jobs.</li></ul>
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- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to continue work to provide relief for commercial tenants with triple-net leases who are paying high property taxes.
- As our province moves ahead with a strong stimulus and recovery plan, and people and businesses are back on their feet, ensure the implementation of budget policies to keep B.C. fiscally sound over the long run.
- Introduce an income-tested renter's rebate to support rental households that need it most and are not already receiving other rental support.
- Enhance the Treasury Board capital review process to ensure that public projects deliver on the priorities of government, including ensuring that projects are assessed based on their ability to, where possible, provide opportunities to create new child care spaces, use mass timber, include Community Benefit Agreements and assist in meeting our CleanBC targets
- Help more people make the switch to active transportation by removing the PST on e-bikes to make them more affordable
- Support the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to require realtors to provide energy efficiency information on listed homes to incent energy-saving upgrades and let purchasers know what energy bills they will face.
- Support the work of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to bring down the cost of housing for people by streamlining and modernizing housing construction and approvals.

 <p><b>Honourable Adrian Dix</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Health and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017, 2013, 2009, 2005</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-Kingsway</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Leader of the Official Opposition</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board (Chair)</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Executive Director for the B.C.-Yukon Branch of Canadian Parents for French, a non-profit organization promoting language education</li> <li>• Chief of Staff to former B.C. Premier Glen Clark from 1996-1999</li> </ul>
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<b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City can anticipate continued increased demand for services related to mental health / addictions, poverty and other social issues and inequalities.</li> </ul>
<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	N/A
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making progress on health, and mental health and social issues can only be achieved by continued close collaboration with senior levels of government, for example, on expanding a safer supply of prescription drugs and decriminalization of illicit substances.</li> <li>• UBC medical students say they are concerned about having to run a business on top of caring for patients, and say the financial viability of the current fee-for-service model doesn't make sense.</li> <li>• By health service delivery area, in 2022, the highest rates of death from opioid overdose have been recorded in Vancouver, Thompson Cariboo, Northern Interior, Northwest and Fraser East.</li> <li>• Compared to Metro Vancouver overall, City of Vancouver residents are less likely to have a family doctor and a little less likely to have seen a dentist or received a flu shot.</li> </ul>

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- Support the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to improve B.C.'s response to the opioid crisis across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe prescription medications, treatment and recovery, including transferring the oversight

of recovery homes and other private treatment providers to the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

- Support the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to provide an increased level of support – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.'s most vulnerable by developing Complex Care housing.
- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including those living in encampments.

 <p><b>Honourable Bowinn Ma</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of State for Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2017</li> <li>• MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Education 2017-2020</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Economic Recovery</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Previously served as the Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink and worked on several cabinet and parliamentary committees, including Treasury Board, Housing Working Group, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.</li> <li>• She's a licensed Professional Engineer, certified PMP and holds an MBA from the UBC Sauder School of Business.</li> <li>• Before being elected MLA, she managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV 2023-2026 Capital Plan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the \$3.5 billion of strategic investments contemplated in the Capital Plan, over 55% is dedicated for asset maintenance and renewal. This is equivalent to ~\$480 million of annual capital maintenance, upgrade &amp; renewal funding, supported by an inflation-adjusted increase in City funding of ~8% per annum from the current Capital Plan.</li> <li>• COV has an infrastructure deficit of ~\$500m annually. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34 billion, we need to invest ~\$800 million annually to maintain our assets in a state of good repair. Compared to the ~\$300 million of asset renewal funding per annum in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, we need an intentional, multi-decade funding strategy to address the growing infrastructure deficit. The infrastructure challenge is not unique to Vancouver. Major cities across Canada have developed long-term asset management strategies with dedicated funding for infrastructure renewal.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request the Province to deliver on existing commitment to fund 40% of the development of the business case for UBCx, and extend that commitment to the project construction costs.</li> <li>• Commit \$112m over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.</li> <li>• Secure \$100m over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.</li> <li>• Commit \$75m for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.</li> <li>• Commit \$55m to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.</li> <li>• Secure \$12.6m in funding for construction to begin once the business-case is complete for the new Indigenous Centre that will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Ma has been a champion of the Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit (BIRT) Link, which would connect the North Shore to Vancouver/Burnaby through a new high speed transit route (ie. Tunnel or SkyTrain bridge). Three of the proposed suggestions would originate/terminate Downtown Vancouver.</li> <li>• UBCx infrastructure funding would support the entire region, not just COV.</li> </ul>

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- Support our economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by working with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to advance critical pieces of transportation infrastructure that will benefit communities across B.C.
- Work with the TransLink Mayors' Council through its 10-year planning process to continue work to extend the Millennium Line to Arbutus, with an eventual terminus at UBC, and ensure prompt design and construction of the Surrey-Langley Skytrain.
- Widen Highway 1 through the Fraser Valley to ease congestion, with a goal of completing the widening of the highway as far as Whatcom Road by 2026.
- Move ahead with a replacement for the Massey crossing, to support communities on both sides.
- Ensure the successful completion of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.
- Work with cabinet colleagues, communities and regions to support the planning and development of key transit projects, like high-speed transit links for the North Shore and the expansion of rail up the Fraser Valley, which will bring cleaner transit, support economic growth and deliver more construction jobs for B.C. worker

 <p><b>Honourable Ravi Kahlon</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Delta North</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism, and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Appointment Orders Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Two time Field Hockey Olympian for Team Canada and has been inducted into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame</li> <li>• Has been active in the North Delta community for many years as a volunteer on the boards of the Delta Parks and Recreation Committee and Men's High-Performance Field Hockey BC</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<p>Vancouver has a leading role within the region in economic development, innovation, livability, equity, resilience and climate emergency response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner strategically with senior levels of government, charitable &amp; non-profit organizations, and private sector.</li> <li>• Optimize service delivery through business transformation, co-location and functional integration.</li> <li>• Maximize value for investments through creative design and planning, and strategic procurement and resourcing.</li> <li>• Be opportunistic and nimble</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Vancouver's submission to the BC Budget Consultation supports BC's economic recovery and the creation of many jobs in areas of construction, development, housing, recreation, green jobs, public safety and security, etc</p>
<p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a strong need to train qualified tradespeople in green jobs as there are more positions to be filled than workers (e.g. solar panel installation, low carbon retrofits, EV charging stations).</li> <li>• Senior levels of government could increase youth interest in trades training and jobs by specifically identifying the links to climate action in education campaigns.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vancouver is well poised to support jobs and innovation in this field, however, will need senior government support and leadership.</li><li>• Vancouver Economic Commission's working to develop a <i>Just Transition Coalition</i> which could use senior govt support. It'll be a forum for business, government, and organized labour to develop workforce solutions for climate action, as well as undertake specific projects to attract and empower workers advancing climate action</li><li>• Minister Kahlon just returned from a trade mission to Seattle to attend the Cascadia Innovation Corridor Conference. Earlier this year, Washington State committed \$150m in planning funding for the high-speed rail between B.C., Washington and Oregon.</li><li>• Support for Beyond GDP:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ VEC has a significant body of work in the area that supports the shift from GDP-only metrics. There are three key questions that GDP overlooks as we enter the Fourth Industrial Revolution (to digital): is growth fair, is it green, and is it improving our lives?</li></ul></li></ul>
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- Work across ministries to lead the development and coordinate implementation of an industrial and manufacturing strategy that generates cleaner, more innovative, value-added economic activity across BC, while supporting our commitments to reconciliation and CleanBC.
- Launch a strategic investment fund to support our government's objective of building a more innovative low carbon economy by investing in high-potential BC business to help them scale up and grow here.
- With support from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, boost BC as a global exporter of climate solutions by investing in BC-based carbon capture and storage and other low carbon technologies.
- With support from the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, work with BC's Innovation Commissioner to lead investment in innovation clusters, with a focus on emerging industries where BC companies have developed the early lead – such as life sciences, emergency management technology, engineered wood, clean tech, artificial intelligence, and quantum and virtual reality technologies.


 <p><b>Honourable Josie Osborne</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Municipal Affairs</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mayor of Tofino from 2013-2020 and served as Chair and Vice-Chair for the Alberni Clay</li> <li>• Chaired the Tofino Housing Corporation, Chair of the Board for the Island Coastal Economic Trust</li> <li>• Appointed by the BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change to the BC Clean Growth and Climate Action Advisory Council in 2017</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City has set a bold target to cut carbon pollution in half by 2030, and to be carbon neutral before 2050.</li> <li>• The City owns and operates the False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility (“NEU”), which has been operating since 2010 and utilizes waste heat recovered from sewage and renewable natural gas to achieve the 70% renewable energy performance target.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Voice support for requests to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide \$10m to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.</li> <li>• Commit \$10m for active transportation projects in Vancouver, beyond what is currently offered in the BC Active Transportation Fund.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vancouver City Council has a resolution for debate at UBCM: <i>Protecting BC Coasts from Acidic Wastewater Dumping</i>. Ocean acidification is of major concern to coastal communities, and stricter protections must be put in place to protect our water from scrubber wash, which is often dumped by commercial and recreational fisheries.</li> <li>• The City would be interested in participating in the development of the Province’s Coastal Marine Strategy. Stanley Park is an example of a marine-terrestrial park that is uniquely co-managed with First Nations and the federal government.</li> </ul>

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- Provide provincial leadership on water policy and strategies including the coordination of government's source to tap strategy to protect drinking water.
- Lead the development of the Coastal Marine Strategy – in partnership with First Nations and federal and local governments – to better protect coastal habitat while growing coastal economies with support from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
- To ensure alignment between transportation and land-use planning, support the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, on the implementation of the Integrated Transportation and Development Strategy.

## Executive Council and Parliamentary Secretaries of BC

 <p>Honourable Sheila Malcolmson</p>	<p>Minister of Mental Health and Addictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2019</li> <li>• MLA for Nanaimo</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elected four times to the Islands Trust Council, serving six of those years as Chair of the Islands Trust Council, where she championed fair ferry service, marine safety and oil spill prevention.</li> <li>• Elected as Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Ladysmith 2015</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV 2023-2026 Capital Plan</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the next decade, the City and NPO sector can anticipate continued increased demands for service and more complex and intersecting social issues (e.g., aging population, poverty, mental health / addictions, inequalities, affordability), as well as impacts from natural disasters, health, climate and other emergencies. Many social serving NPOs need more space, others have uncertain tenure in their current spaces, and most will continue to face affordability challenges.</li> <li>• Additional social facilities to be funded: two renewed, 11 new and 1 expanded (~245,000 sf added total)</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help develop 2,000 new social housing units on City-owned sites by contributing \$350m (approx. \$175k/door @ 2,000 units) over four years for the capital funding envelope (Vancouver to provide land in-kind)</li> <li>• Commit early to fund priority social housing projects serving at-risk and systemically marginalized populations (e.g. Women's Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV anticipates continued increased demand for services related to mental health / addictions, poverty and other social issues and inequalities.</li> <li>• Vancouver declared the Overdose Crisis a public health emergency in April 2016 and more than 21,000 people have died in BC since then (1,900 of those in Vancouver).</li> <li>• People are Struggling – Over 2,000 people experience homelessness in Vancouver and mental health, addiction and</li> </ul>


	<p>the opioid crisis have been made worse through the COVID-19 pandemic. One in seven Metro Vancouver residents report feeling lonely and one in four report feeling isolated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples include the encampment on Hastings Street and in CRAB Park.</li> <li>• Making progress on health, and mental health and social issues can only be achieved by continued close collaboration with senior levels of government, for example, on expanding a safer supply of prescription drugs and decriminalization of illicit substances.</li> </ul>
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- Given the impact of COVID-19 on people's mental health, continue building a comprehensive system of mental health and addictions care, including by implementing A Pathway to Hope, B.C.'s roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people, and by expanding access to counselling, using new e-health and other technologies to bring care to more people in all regions of B.C.
- Accelerate B.C.'s response to the opioid crisis across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe prescription medications, treatment and recovery.
- Explore new ways to help prescribers separate more people from the toxic drug supply through safe prescription alternatives.
- Expand the availability of treatment beds for people by building new treatment, recovery, detox and after-care facilities across the province with some beds specifically for British Columbians under age 24.
- With support from the Minister of Health, transfer oversight of recovery homes and other private treatment providers to Mental Health and Addictions to ensure quality care, accountability and value for money.
- Support communities in addressing street disorder and public safety concerns by expanding mental health intervention teams like the six new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams recently announced for communities experiencing increased challenges with vulnerable residents.
- Support the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and interested municipalities to expand the successful 'situation table' model that connects front-line workers from different health, safety, and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people.
- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including those living in encampments.
- Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to fast track the move toward decriminalization by working with police chiefs to push Ottawa to decriminalize simple possession of small

amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. In the absence of prompt federal action, develop a made-in-B.C. solution that will help save lives.

- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Health, lead work to provide an increased level of support – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.’s most vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing Complex Care housing

 <p><b>Honourable Nathan Cullen</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Municipal Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Stikine</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Was Chair of the Environment and Land Use Committee and a member of the Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>• Served as Member of Parliament for the riding of Skeena-Bulkley Valley for 15 years, from 2004 to 2019</li> <li>• During his time in Ottawa, he also served as Official Opposition House Leader and held critic roles for Finance, Natural Resources, Environment, Ethics, and Democratic Reform</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<p><b>Municipal Finance Reform:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial action on Municipal Finance Reform would recognize the evolving and expanded mandate of major urban cities across Canada, and the current inadequate reliance on property taxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemplates \$617m in proposed investments over four years.</li> <li>• Guided by the 10 year Housing Vancouver Strategy.</li> <li>• The City continues to strengthen strategic partnerships with senior levels of government to support delivery of existing and future housing needs, including capital and operating funding and low-cost financing for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the \$3.5 billion of strategic investments contemplated in the Capital Plan, over 55% is dedicated for asset maintenance and renewal. This is equivalent to ~\$480 million of annual capital maintenance, upgrade &amp; renewal funding, supported by an inflation-adjusted increase in City funding of ~8% per annum from the current Capital Plan.</li> <li>• COV has an infrastructure deficit of ~\$500m annually.</li> </ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Based on an estimated replacement value of \$34 billion, we need to invest ~\$800 million annually to maintain our assets in a state of good repair. Compared to the ~\$300 million of asset renewal funding per annum in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, we need an intentional, multi-decade funding strategy to address the growing infrastructure deficit. The infrastructure challenge is not unique to Vancouver. Major cities across Canada have developed long-term asset management strategies with dedicated funding for infrastructure renewal.</li> </ul> <p>Reconciliation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City is committed to incorporating equity and reconciliation with Indigenous communities into planning, decision-making, and implementation.</li> <li>• The City will continue to form relationships of mutual respect and understanding with xʷmə θkʷəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil -Waututh) Nations and urban Indigenous communities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Municipal Finance Reform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While the January 2022 Memorandum of Understanding with UBCM committing to review the local government finance system is a good first step, it is imperative that local government have opportunities for meaningful consultation and engagement on potential solutions.</li> </ul> <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request the Province to increase funding in support of low-income and social housing, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invest up to \$400m (40% of \$1b) over 10 years in partnership with all levels of government, local First Nations, Urban Indigenous partners and community stakeholders to end reliance on Single Room Occupancy Hotels as low-income housing by redeveloping, renovating or replacing these buildings with shelter-rate social housing in and outside the DTES.</li> <li>○ Help develop 2,000 new social housing units on City-owned sites by contributing \$350m over four years for the capital funding envelope (Vancouver to provide land in-kind)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commit early to fund priority social housing projects serving at-risk and systemically marginalized populations (e.g. Women's Legacy Project, 3475 E Hastings St and 525 Powell St).</li> <li>○ Establish through BC Housing a Property Transfer Tax Offset Grant Program for long-term leases for affordable housing projects, including co-operative housing, that would help preserve and grow affordable housing.</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Commit \$112m over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.</li> <li>● Secure \$100m over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.</li> <li>● Commit \$75m for seismic upgrades and rehabilitation for Cambie and Granville St. Bridges.</li> <li>● Commit \$55m to build active transportation corridors and complete streets.</li> <li>● Provide \$10m to fund green rainwater infrastructure and new street trees in Vancouver.</li> <li>● Secure \$12.6m in funding for construction to begin once the business-case is complete for the new Indigenous Centre that will replace the Urban Native Youth Centre's current building.</li> </ul> <p>Reconciliation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request for the Province to increase capacity funding for engagement with local government to advance Reconciliation, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide \$255,000 annually to cost-match the capacity funding the City is providing to Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (\$85,000 per Nation per year).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Discussion Topics</b>	COV is the largest urban centre in the province and governed by both the Vancouver Charter and the Local Government Act, and should be appropriately resourced.

	<p>Municipal Finance Reform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is widely acknowledged that the current municipal funding model and the overreliance on property taxes are neither sustainable nor resilient. One of the challenges that we request be addressed through this process is a review of the alignment of mandates with appropriate revenue sources at the local (municipal and regional district) and provincial government levels. Additionally, a more sustainable funding framework needs to address the cumulative impact of senior government's expanding responsibilities that have been either explicitly or implicitly passed on to local government without additional financial supports, as this is a key driver of the structural deficit faced by local governments.</li></ul> <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cities across Canada are facing increasing infrastructure pressure as a result of net migration. Coupled with social issues such as homelessness, and mental health and addictions issues, it's clear that cities cannot do it all alone with our limited funding sources and tax base.</li></ul> <p>Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing is the City of Vancouver's biggest challenge. 44% of renter households pay more than 30% of their income on rent and home ownership is not within reach for most residents who do not already own property.</li><li>• 40% of Vancouver's jobs are held by workers who commute in from the suburbs, partly because it is difficult for them to find affordable housing options close to where they work. This significantly increases traffic congestion, worsens air quality, strains the road network and reduces productivity for local businesses.</li></ul> <p>Reconciliation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples is one of the most important issues of our time. In light of recent municipal, provincial and imminent federal UNDRIP legislation, it's crucial for all levels of government to collaborate and align on policies and adequately fund First Nations capacity and engagement.</li></ul>
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- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, work to bring down the cost of housing for people by streamlining and modernizing development permitting and approvals.
- Work with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to support economic recovery in communities across BC by continuing to build important infrastructure projects, including through StrongerBC and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- Work with the Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship and Minister responsible for Fisheries, to support the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, on the Integrated Transportation and Development Strategy to ensure greater alignment between transportation and land-use planning.
- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Finance to continue work to provide relief for commercial tenants with triple-net leases who are paying high property taxes.
- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including those living in encampments.
- Support the work of the Minister of Finance to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy financing.


 <p><b>Honourable Mike Farnworth</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017, 2013, 2009, 2005, 1996, and 1991</li> <li>• MLA for Port Coquitlam</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Official Opposition critic for Justice (Public Safety and Solicitor General), and as the Official Opposition Caucus House Leader</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legislative Review Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elected to Port Coquitlam city council for three terms in 1983, 1985 and 1990.</li> <li>• Worked in Bulgaria, the Balkans and then Iraq on democratic governance programs to help build multiparty democracies in former one-party states.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemplates investing \$105m in public safety facilities</li> <li>• COV maintains ~630 public safety vehicles, including police cars and fire trucks.</li> <li>• Strategy for the next 10 Years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve the overall physical condition of the Public Safety portfolio.</li> <li>○ Improve the resilience of the Public Safety portfolio, with higher priorities given to emergency preparedness, business continuity and high occupancy buildings.</li> <li>○ Complete planning/scoping and design for a consolidated post-disaster police headquarters facility.</li> <li>○ Update the longer-term renewal/expansion strategy for fire halls.</li> <li>○ Improve services to citizens who use/visit Public Safety facilities (e.g. at the Animal Shelter).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been increasing concern from the public about street disorder, safety issues, and randomized crime. The City cannot address these complex social issues without additional support and policy levers from senior levels of government.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VPD is insufficiently resourced to address drug addiction, overdoses, and mental health issues. At its core these are health issue and not criminal justice issues that require a more comprehensive response from mental health professionals, community support groups, and senior levels of government.</li></ul>
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- Work with police to address serious crime in BC communities, including cracking down on those who distribute toxic drugs on the streets.
- Make our streets safer from gangs and guns by introducing legislation to improve information sharing for law enforcement agencies, regulate imitation firearms, strengthen regulation of shooting ranges and close regulatory gaps.
- Increase support for initiatives that are proven to prevent and reduce crime and increase the use of restorative justice programs.
- With support from your cabinet colleagues, continue to work to implement the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Take concrete steps to evaluate the recommendations of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act and, with the assistance of the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, bring forward recommendations to address systemic racism, create dedicated hate crime units within local police forces, and review training and procedures related to 'wellness checks'.
- Work with the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to fast track the move toward decriminalization by working with police chiefs to push Ottawa to decriminalize simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. In the absence of prompt federal action, develop a made-in-BC solution that will help save lives.
- Work with the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and interested municipalities to expand the successful 'situation table' model that connects front-line workers from different health, safety, and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people.
- Support the work of the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity to develop an action plan to end gender-based violence, including minimum standards for sexual assault response, more training for police, crown council and justices, and core funding for sexual assault centres.
- Work with communities to identify gaps in existing emergency response procedures and resources, with the goal of updating and future-proofing our province-wide ability to respond to crises, including pandemics.
- Work to complete the modernization of the *Emergency Programs Act*.

 <p><b>Honourable Melanie Mark</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2016, 2017, 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and Priorities</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The first First Nations woman MLA in B.C.'s history</li> <li>• Created the first provincial tuition waiver program for youth from the foster-care system and removed all fees for adults accessing Adult Basic Education.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Capital Plan 2023-2026</b></p>	<p>As part of the broader plan to implement the principles of UNDRIP at the City, the City's arts, culture, and heritage department is leading City-wide work to decolonize the City's activities and services (ie. Culture Shift).</p>
<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<p>Properly maintained infrastructure is essential for maintaining both public safety and livability, with infrastructure such as roads, bridges and pipes supporting health, safety and the economy; while amenities like community centres, libraries and theatres contribute to inclusive and complete communities and Vancouver's vibrant arts and culture scene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit \$10m for active transportation projects in Vancouver, beyond what is currently offered in the BC Active Transportation Fund.</li> <li>• Secure \$100m over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion Topics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIFA announced that Vancouver was chosen as an official host city for the FIFA World Cup 2026.</li> <li>• Vancouver's joint host Nations Olympic Bid 2030 must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) by next February 2023, and there are still significant discussions to be had regarding indemnification and costs.</li> </ul>

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- Support the tourism, arts, culture and sport sectors through the COVID-19 response and recovery, setting them up for success in the years ahead.
- Work with the Tourism Task Force to bring together leaders from business, labour, First Nations and not-for-profits to support the tourism industry as it moves toward recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by delivering the critical supports for the industry that are part of our government's economic recovery plan, StrongerBC.
- Continue to collaborate with sport organizations on building a resilient recovery from COVID-19.
- Support the creation of dedicated arts and culture spaces by using capital funding through our new Recovery Investment Fund to expand our government's Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones.
- Continue the redevelopment of the Royal BC Museum.
- Work with the Minister of State for Trade to continue the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum.
- Start work to create a first-of-its-kind museum to document the history, art and contributions of South Asian people in BC
- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and the Minister of State for Child Care, provide provincial funding to support the redevelopment of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, delivering a new state-of-the-art community centre along with hundreds of new child care spaces.

 <p><b>Honourable Rob Fleming</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2005</li> <li>• MLA for Victoria-Hillside</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Education 2017-2020</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning &amp; Priorities</li> <li>○ Environment &amp; Land Use</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Economic Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Previous two-term Victoria Councillor, worked as a research and policy analyst for the Ministry of Advanced Education, helped create CRD's Affordable Housing Trust</li> <li>• Involved in many community organizations, dedicated soccer fan and helps coach his son's team</li> </ul>
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<p><b>COV Submission to BC Budget 2023 Consultation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deliver on existing commitment to fund 40% of the development of the business case for UBCx, and extend that commitment to the project construction costs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commit \$112m over four years for growth-enabling infrastructure, including sewer and drainage upgrades along Broadway and other major areas.</li> <li>○ Secure \$100m over four years to rehabilitate aging amenities in a financially sustainable and resilient manner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Infrastructure to support economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in communities across B.C. by continuing to build important infrastructure projects, including through StrongerBC and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- Ensure that infrastructure investments deliver benefits for local communities and workers through the use of Community Benefit Agreements where appropriate.
- Develop a strategy to streamline consultation, tendering, and construction of infrastructure projects to ensure benefits flow to British Columbians without unnecessary delays.
- Work with BC Transit to help families get around more affordably by making transit free for children up to and including age 12.
- Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to integrate TransLink and BC Transit services.
- Deliver better transit and transportation for the South Island, guided by the South Island Transportation Strategy.
- Improve transit options for people in rural communities by expanding service for the successful BC Bus North program.
- Make BC Ferries more responsive and accountable by encouraging improved service at peak time, an improved reservation system and better coordination with public transit.
- Work with communities to expand their networks of active transportation to meet our CleanBC goal of doubling trips taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030.

## **Executive Council and Parliamentary Secretaries of BC**

- Continue the work to modernize the passenger directed transportation industry, supporting the Passenger Transportation Board in providing appropriate oversight and regulation, while ensuring accessible vehicles are available as needed.
- Continue efforts to ensure economic sustainability and equity for the taxi industry in the face of the impact of COVID-19.
- Continue the work to modernize B.C.'s trucking industry, so that it can support economic activity into the future and ensure owners and drivers have a good standard of living.
- With support from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, lead work on the Integrated Transportation and Development Strategy to ensure greater alignment between transportation and land-use planning.



# UBCM RESOLUTIONS WITH STAFF COMMENTS



# 2022 UBCM Resolutions

## Staff Supporting Comments

In preparation for the 2022 UBCM Convention, COV staff have reviewed and provided comments for each resolution that will be considered individually by the membership:

- Extraordinary Resolutions (2)
- Special Resolutions (3)
- No Recommendation Resolutions (67)

COV staff have not commented on resolutions included in other sections (Endorse, Not Endorse, Referred resolutions) as UBCM’s membership will vote on them in blocks and removing individual resolutions from any block first requires a City Council motion be passed and sent to UBCM. UBCM does not make the Resolutions Book available until mid-August so it is not possible to remove individual resolutions.

All resolutions and information on the voting process are available in UBCM’s [2022 Resolutions Book here](#).

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### Section 1: Extraordinary Resolutions

Extraordinary Resolutions (ER) seek to amend the UBCM Bylaws or the provincial *UBCM Act*. A three-fifths majority is required to endorse an Extraordinary Resolution.

#### Section ER

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**ER1          Extraordinary Resolution to Pursue Amendments to the *Union of*UBCM Executive British Columbia Municipalities Act**

Whereas the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is incorporated pursuant to the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act*<sup>1</sup>, S.B.C. 2006, c. 18 (the “*UBCM Act*”) for the purpose of “representing in one organization the various municipalities of the Province”, despite serving a diverse membership of municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous communities from across BC;

And whereas the UBCM Executive approved a review of the organization’s governance documents in its 2021 workplan, endeavouring to:

- address out-of-date and unclear references to organizational practices and legislative cross-references within the Act;
- identify errors, inconsistencies, and incompatibilities within the *UBCM Act*, Bylaws, Executive Policies and Conference Rules and Procedures; and
- ensure that the above referenced governance documents are current, inclusive, clear, and compatible within the organization’s tiered structure of governance;

And whereas the UBCM Bylaws require that any request to the Province for an amendment to the Act may only be made pursuant to Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the membership:

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/lc/psl/06018\\_01](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/lc/psl/06018_01)

Therefore be it resolved by Extraordinary Resolution that the UBCM Executive be authorized to petition the Provincial Legislature to support a Bill that would update the *UBCM Act*, while not departing from its intent and basic objects, in order to modernize:

- a) language that narrowly defines the UBCM membership, including but not limited to “municipal” and “municipal” government, to better reflect the breadth of the UBCM membership and foster inclusivity;
- b) out-of-date provisions and provisions that no longer reflect organizational practice; and
- c) section 7 of the *UBCM Act*, streamlining provisions by simplifying the incorporation by reference of outside statutes, and amending references to outdated legislation.

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

*UBCM Executive comments:*

*Background*

*As part of its 2021 workplan, the UBCM Executive undertook a special project to review the documents that govern the organization’s operations. This review was consequent to provincial Ministerial Order M168, issued May 22, 2020, that was required for UBCM to hold a virtual Convention in 2020, as current UBCM governance documents did not provide for anything but an in-person event and processes. As the Ministerial Order only provided a temporary fix for 2020, the UBCM Executive brought forward an Extraordinary Resolution (2020-ER1) to amend the UBCM Bylaws in 2020 that replicated the provisions within the Ministerial Order to ensure that if needed, the UBCM Executive would now have the authority in an emergency situation to provide for a virtual Convention. That resolution was endorsed by the membership and provided the authority for the UBCM Executive to once again hold its annual convention virtually in 2021.*

*At the time, legal counsel identified several areas within UBCM’s governance documents that were out-of-date and out-of-sync with one another.*

*The Executive’s review focuses on, and is limited to, the four tiers of UBCM’s governance documents, including:*

- *UBCM Act*
- *UBCM Bylaws*
- *UBCM Executive Policies*
- *UBCM Conference Rules and Procedures*

*The project objective is to “conduct a review of the referenced governance documents to identify errors, omissions, inconsistencies and incompatibilities within and between the various governance documents...the goal would be to modernize these documents to ensure they are current, clear and compatible within the tiered structure of governance.”*

*UBCM Act*

*Over the past year, the UBCM Presidents’ Committee has undertaken a review of the UBCM Act, highlighting provisions that would benefit from modernization and amendment. These include narrow terminology describing the membership, with multiple references to “municipal”, “municipalities”, and “municipal governments”. It is the UBCM Executive’s perspective that these references warrant amendment, with particular recognition of the diversity of the UBCM membership and the importance and impact of inclusive language. This endeavour would address the long-standing concerns of our regional district members being recognized; is consistent with UBCM policy in regard to pursuing reconciliation with BC First Nations (2021-EB77, 2018-B23, 2018-B150, 2015-B107, 2015-B106); and would be undertaken in consultation with UBCM members representing Indigenous communities.*

*The Executive would note that modernizing municipal references would be limited to the content of the Act, and not extend to an organizational name-change, as most recent UBCM policy does not support this action. Members endorsed 2011-B147 requesting a name change, but when 2012-ER1 came forward requesting organizational name change, it was defeated by the membership.*

**2012-ER1**

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Extraordinary Resolution that the Union requests that the provincial government amend the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Act as follows:*

- (a) replace all uses, except for those uses in section 3(j), of the terms “municipal”, “municipal government” and “municipality” with “local government”;*
- (b) replace all uses of the term “UBCM” with “UBCLG”;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Extraordinary Resolution that upon the above amendments to the Act coming into force that the Union’s Bylaws be amended as follows:*

- (a) the title of the Bylaws be changed from the “Union of British Columbia Municipalities Bylaws” to the “Union of British Columbia Local Governments Bylaws”;*
- (b) in section 4(d) delete the term “UBCM”;*
- (c) in sections 4(k) and 5(d) replace all uses of the phrase “municipality, regional district or other membership” with “local government”;*
- (d) in section 12(b), replace the phrase “municipalities and regional districts” with “local governments”;*
- (e) replace the reference to “Union of British Columbia Municipalities” referred to in the adopting clause following section 23(e) with the word “Union”.*

*While broadening and modernizing the language elements outlined above, UBCM can look to propose additional amendments to modernize and streamline the Act. These include adjusting provisions that are out-of-date, or do not reflect current organizational practice. Examples identified to date include s.3(h), a provision outlining the process for “certifying” Area Associations, a practice not undertaken in recent memory and out of scope for UBCM, as Area Association’s operate independent of UBCM oversight.*

*Section 4’s requirement of having a “simple resolution of the membership” to become a member of outside organizations is in tension with other provisions of the Act, such as the Act’s objective to cooperate with other bodies having similar aims (s.3[d]). UBCM has also developed a streamlined process for joining outside organizations while retaining member oversight. UBCM Executive Policy 4.1. establishes procedures for vetting of agreements by the membership. Thus, this provision could be amended to simplify this process while retaining member participation in the process.*

*Additionally, a preliminary review of section 7 of the UBCM Act revealed several unclear and outdated legislative cross-references. This includes indicators of now-repealed sections of the UBCM Act, such as sections 7(2)(c-e) and 7(4)(g-i). These sections are no longer part of the UBCM Act, and notation indicating their repeal may be confusing to readers.*

*Section 7 also incorporates by reference (meaning language from other statutes is borrowed and inserted into the UBCM Act) several provisions from statutes that are no longer in-force. Although these sections continue to operate in the UBCM Act, finding the text that is referenced requires locating outdated and repealed statutes. For example, sections 7(2)(a)-(b) and 7(8) reference the former Companies Act, R.S.B.C. 1960 c 67, section 7(6) references the former Societies Act, R.S.B.C. 1960, c 362, and section 7(9) references the former Company*

*Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 62. A housekeeping clean-up of this section would aid in creating a clear, current and easily-interpretable Act.*

*With these focuses top of mind, and the knowledge that all requests by UBCM to the Government of the Province of British Columbia for amendment of the Act must be made pursuant to an Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the membership (UBCM Bylaws, section 19), the Executive is bringing forward this resolution. Should it be approved by the membership, the Executive will undertake discussions with the provincial government to modernize the Union of BC Municipalities Act, as swiftly as the legislative amendment process allows.*

*Conference decision:*

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** These appear to be innocuous housekeeping amendments that merely reflect the changing nature of the organization.

**Staff contact:** Grant Murray, Lawyer - 604-873-7119

**ER2                      Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws                      UBCM Executive**

Whereas the UBCM Executive approved a review of the organization’s governance documents in its 2021 workplan, endeavouring to:

- identify errors, inconsistencies, and incompatibilities within the UBCM Act, Bylaws, Executive Policies and Conference Rules and Procedures; and
- ensure that the above referenced governance documents are current, inclusive, clear, and compatible within the organization’s tiered structure of governance;

And whereas recent challenges related to the pandemic have highlighted a need for flexible governance provisions that adapt to external circumstances and evolving technology use;

And whereas the Union Bylaws require that amendments to the Union Bylaws may only be made pursuant to Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the Union:

Therefore be it resolved that the current UBCM Bylaws (2020) be amended by replacing those sections in the column marked "current" in Appendix A with those sections appearing in the column marked "proposed", in order to ensure that they are current, inclusive, clear and compatible with UBCM’s tiered structure of governance.

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

*UBCM Executive comments:*

*Background*

*As part of its 2021 workplan, the UBCM Executive undertook a special project to review the documents that govern the organization’s operations. This review was consequent to provincial Ministerial Order M168, issued May 22, 2020, that was required for UBCM to hold a virtual Convention in 2020, as current UBCM governance documents did not provide for anything but an in-person event and processes. As the Ministerial Order only provided a temporary fix for 2020, the UBCM Executive brought forward an Extraordinary Resolution (2020-ER1) to amend the UBCM Bylaws in 2020 that replicated the provisions within the Ministerial Order to ensure that if needed, the UBCM Executive would now have the authority in an emergency situation to provide for a virtual Convention. That resolution was endorsed*

*by the membership and provided the authority for the UBCM Executive to once again hold its annual convention virtually in 2021.*

*At the time, legal counsel identified several areas within UBCM’s governance documents that were out-of-date and out-of-sync with one another.*

*The Executive’s review focuses on, and is limited to, the four tiers of UBCM’s governance documents, including:*

- *UBCM Act*
- *UBCM Bylaws*
- *UBCM Executive Policies*
- *UBCM Conference Rules and Procedures*

*The project objective is to “conduct a review of the referenced governance documents to identify errors, omissions, inconsistencies and incompatibilities within and between the various governance documents...the goal would be to modernize these documents to ensure they are current, clear and compatible within the tiered structure of governance.”*

#### *UBCM Bylaws*

*Parallel to the UBCM Presidents’ Committee’s review of the UBCM Act, the Committee has undertaken a review of the UBCM Bylaws, identifying and proposing amendments in the following areas:*

- **Modernization** – *updating outdated references and processes to reflect current organizational practices; removing gendered language; and insuring inclusivity of all UBCM members.*
- **Flexibility** – *amending policies that limit the membership’s ability to adapt to external circumstances (e.g. in-person vs. virtual convention) and evolving technology (e.g. electronic voting, electronic distribution of resolutions).*
- **Consistency** – *ensuring that the various governance documents are aligned.*
- **Clarity** – *amending grammar, punctuation and word usage to aid in bylaw interpretation.*

*The proposed amendments have been reviewed by legal counsel to ensure that they are sound and without impact to UBCM’s current governance or operations.*

*Consequent to the above focuses, and the knowledge all amendments to the UBCM Bylaws must be made pursuant to an Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the membership (UBCM Bylaws, section 19), the UBCM Executive is proposing that the amendments outlined in 2022-ER2 Appendix A be approved by the membership.*

*Conference decision:*

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** These appear to be innocuous housekeeping amendments that merely reflect the changing nature of the organization.

**Staff contact:** Grant Murray, Lawyer - 604-873-7119

## Section 2: Special Resolutions

Special Resolutions (SR) address priority issues, identified by the UBCM Executive, of concern to a broad range of UBCM members around the province.

## Section SR

## Health and Social Development

## SR1 Health Care Crisis

## UBCM Executive

Whereas all British Columbians, notably families, seniors, children and people with chronic and acute health care needs are facing an immediate health care crisis due to the closure of hospitals and emergency rooms in their communities;

And whereas there is a critical need for additional family physicians, emergency room doctors, specialists, paramedics, and nurses across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government take urgent steps to ensure hospitals, emergency rooms, and ambulance services are open and available 24 hours a day;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government increase funding and training opportunities for health care professionals so that all residents of British Columbia can access an appropriate and necessary level of care.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking improvements and funding for health care services in BC. However, the membership has not specifically considered a request that emergency services such as hospitals, emergency rooms and ambulance be open and available 24 hours a day to BC residents.*

*UBCM Executive comments:*

## Background

*The UBCM Executive is bringing forward this resolution in response to the concerns raised by many communities, large and small, in British Columbia who are facing an urgent health care crisis when hospitals and emergency services are not available. In addition, the membership has consistently advised that there is limited access to health care professionals including family physicians and specialists across the province.*

*In 2022, the membership will consider two resolutions on family physicians. Resolution EB16 asks 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. The second resolution (EB17) asks the provincial government to work with Doctors of BC and Divisions of Family Practice for a solution that will rebuild the family practice system so that citizens of BC can be confident that they can have a doctor to call their own.*

*Several resolutions will also be considered this year addressing ambulance and first responder services: EB1, EB2, EB4, EB5, EB6, EB7, EB19, NR2 and NR3. Specifically, resolution 2022-EB6 requests that the Province undertake a review of the BC Ambulance Service, specifically in the rural areas, to find a solution and systematic way of managing recruitment and retention of paramedics and delivery of service in rural communities.*

### *UBCM Policy Position*

*As previously indicated, the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking improvements and funding for health care services in BC. However, the membership has not*

*specifically considered a request that emergency services such as hospitals, emergency rooms and ambulance be open and available 24 hours a day to BC residents.*

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting the resourcing and strengthening of primary care as part of the health care system (2017-B42, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162).*

*Resolution 2016-B44 in particular proposed that the provincial government “allocate long-term fixed funding to Divisions of Family Practice to support ... ongoing recruitment and retention of family physicians,” as well as collaborate with the regional health authorities towards the goal of “attaching every citizen to patient-centered and community base primary care homes.”*

*Members have also endorsed resolutions (2018-B51, 2014-B132, 2012-B91, 2009-B148) calling for greater opportunities for Canadian internationally-trained medical graduates to undertake postgraduate training and establish practices in BC.*

*Specific to ambulance service, the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking to improve and increase ambulance service in BC, including in small rural communities. These resolutions have requested:*

- *more resources and a commitment to find a long-term solution for staff shortages for small rural community ambulance services (2020-EB74);*
- *better coordination for pre-hospital health care (2019-SR3);*
- *more solutions to ensure medical specialists and services are available in rural BC (2019-B63);*
- *more advanced care and critical care paramedics in rural ambulance stations (2017-B133); and*
- *better and more equitable standby pay for paramedics (2017-B134, 2006-B48).*

#### *Current Status*

*Recent news reports<sup>2</sup> have highlighted the closure of emergency rooms and lack of ambulance services across the province. Hospitals in BC's Interior have experienced the most emergency room closures in 2022, and hospitals that announced reduced services were closed for more than 16 hours on average. In the District of Clearwater, Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital has had its emergency department closed for a total of 375 hours this year, which is more than 15 days in total.*

*In an effort to deliver faster and improved access to health care in all parts of the province, the provincial government launched a primary care strategy in 2018. As part of the strategy, there is a focus on team-based care to fund and recruit more doctors, nurse practitioners and other health professionals.*

*Given the immediate and urgent need for health care services in BC at this time, the UBCM Executive proposes resolution 2022-SR1.*

*Conference decision:*

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** Include overdose prevention sites in list of health services to be offered 24 hours.

**Comments:** 24 hour access to essential lifesaving services should include 24/7 access to overdose prevention and response services.

**Staff contact:** Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director Social Policy, ACCS – 604-318-7218

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-closure-data-analysis-1.6522490>

**SR2 Opioid and Overdose Crisis**

**UBCM Executive**

Whereas in April 2016, the Provincial Health Officer declared a public health emergency due to drug-related overdoses and deaths in BC;

And whereas BC communities are facing unintended financial and social consequences related to overdose prevention and supervised injection and inhalation sites including: additional security needs; cleanup of needles, drug paraphernalia, garbage, and human waste; and impacts on businesses and surrounding neighbourhoods:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government and health authorities to include funding and staff for security **and harm reduction/anti-stigma training for security staff, additional peer outreach and supervision**, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods in BC communities;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government share the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada with local governments in recognition that there are financial consequences due to the opioid and overdose crisis that are currently being covered by local budgets, and local police, fire and bylaw departments.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has considered and endorsed several resolutions related to the opioid and overdose crisis, and the need for more mental health and addictions facilities and services.*

*See resolution EB10*

*UBCM Executive comments:*

*Background*

*The UBCM Executive is bringing forward SR2 in recognition that the opioid and overdose crisis continues to be public health emergency in BC; and that local governments are experiencing unintended financial and social consequences related to overdose prevention and supervised injection and inhalation sites.*

*The Executive also notes that resolution 2022-EB10 will be considered by the membership, which asks the provincial and the federal governments to provide a funding stream to cover the additional security and cleanup costs related to overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites, and any other social services related to people experiencing addiction and/or mental health issues.*

*UBCM Policy Position*

*As previously noted, the UBCM membership has considered and endorsed several resolutions related to the opioid and overdose crisis; however the membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government share the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada with local governments in recognition that there are financial consequences due to the opioid and overdose crisis that are currently being covered by local government budgets, and local police, fire and bylaw departments.*

*On the clean-up of used needles from safe injection sites, the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2020-NR18 asking the Province to develop an effective retrieval and safe disposal program for used needles and that local governments be involved in the development of this program. Resolution 2019-B88 also sought provincial funding for local governments to cover the cost of cleaning up needles and drug paraphernalia, including equipment distributed through harm reduction strategies.*

*In response to resolution 2020-NR18, the provincial government acknowledged the public concerns regarding the improper disposal of used needles in BC communities, and advised that they were working to support the sustainability of harm reduction programs including effective harm reduction supply distribution and the collection and disposal of used supplies and drug-related litter. The Province also advised of the Community Wellness and Harm*

*Reduction Grant funding program for initiatives that build on community wellness, safety and harm-reduction efforts related to the overdose crisis and saving lives. Twenty-four municipalities and their community partners received up to \$50,000 through this program.*

*The Province also noted that the Strengthening Communities Services funding program provides \$100 million to local governments to support unsheltered homeless populations and strengthen communities' health and safety through an application-based program. This program includes harm reduction services and cleaning and waste management services as activities eligible for funding.*

*The Resolutions Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 2020-SR8, 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).*

*UBCM also identified mental health and the opioid crisis as a priority issue during the 2018 and 2021 Advocacy Days. In 2021, UBCM advised that the pandemic had dramatically amplified the scope and impact of the opioid and mental health crisis with increased overdoses and a growth in homeless encampments; and that local governments have incurred additional protective and health service costs in assisting the most vulnerable in their communities at a time when Covid-19 already weighs heavily on local budgets.*

*UBCM called for a comprehensive strategy for the provision of protective and health services to address the mental health and opioid crisis including sustained funding for the opioid crisis; additional community-based funding to support innovative projects and services sensitive to local situations; and additional Assertive Community Treatment teams throughout the province to connect critical services to those with complex mental illness and substance use disorders.*

#### *Current Status*

*The Coroners Service issued a report summarizing the unintentional illicit drug toxicity deaths in BC between January of 2012 and May 31 of 2022. It noted that in May 2022, there were 195 suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths, which represents a 13 percent increase over the number of deaths in May 2021 (172) and is a 20 percent increase from the number of deaths occurring in April 2022 (162).*

*In 2018, the BC government launched a class-action lawsuit on behalf of the federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada to recover health-care costs that resulted from wrongful conduct of opioid manufacturers, distributors and their consultants. In June 2022, Opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma Canada agreed to a settlement of \$150 million.*

*The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR63, asking that the provincial government to share any recovery of damages from the class action lawsuit with local governments, to further support local governments and continue offering services and support programs that aim to reduce harm and stigma, address the root causes of the opioid crisis, and support people struggling with mental health and addiction.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** Edited above

**Comments:** Best practises for responding to street activity outside overdose prevention sites include employing peers using models such as the peer stewardship program, which provide meaningful employment and culturally safe, peer-based responses.

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## Community Safety

### SR3 Provincial Responsibility for Flood Protection

UBCM Executive

Whereas climate change has led to an increased frequency and severity of extreme weather emergencies and disasters, including flooding events;

And whereas recent events have provided further evidence that BC local governments do not have the financial or human resources to conduct all necessary work (e.g. maintenance and repair of key infrastructure) in order to effectively address flood risks:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia significantly increase its level of funding and assume greater responsibility for flood preparedness and mitigation.

And be it further resolved that this increased role in flood protection include the Province being re-established as diking authority in all local governments.

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee notes that 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). Among the key issues addressed within these flood-related resolutions is the need for long-term sustainable funding for dredging, debris traps and management of other flood hazards.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed two 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).*

*The Resolutions Committee recognizes the 2021 provincial flooding events 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.*

*The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed two 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).*

*The Resolutions Committee recognizes the 2021 provincial flooding events 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.*

*See resolution EB39*

*See also resolutions RR3, RR4, RR5, RR6*

*UBCM Executive comments:*

#### *Background*

The Executive is bringing forward this Special Resolution in an effort to consolidate four resolutions that have been submitted this year. These four resolutions include two key themes related to:

- *the Province expanding its role in flood protection; and,*
- *the Province being re-established as diking authority.*

These resolutions were submitted to UBCM less than a year after the November 2021 atmospheric river event, which saw British Columbia overwhelmed by torrential rain and wind. Historic flooding resulted in highway washouts, landslides, and power outages. Key

transportation disruptions were felt on the Trans-Canada Highway (Fraser Valley), Coquihalla Highway and at the Port of Vancouver. In analyzing the damage, the Insurance Bureau of Canada has estimated insured damage at \$450 million, although that figure could be higher given the amount of damage that occurred in high-risk areas where flood insurance was not available.

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.

#### *UBCM Policy Position*

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).

Resolution 2021-EB6 sought for the Province to take a more proactive approach towards flood mitigation, citing the need to avoid continuous downloading of responsibilities on local governments that do not have the capacity to adequately address flood events. In response, the Province would not commit to assuming greater responsibility, and instead noted its grant funding commitments made towards flood mitigation.

UBCM members have also endorsed two 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).

The need for ongoing long-term funding and support has also been prioritized through the UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance, which recommended working with the provincial government “on the development of a local government funding and support framework to address new and ongoing emergency management costs.” This recommendation was re-iterated during 2022 ‘Advocacy Days’ meetings with provincial MLAs.

#### *Current Status*

The EMBC-UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee continues to discuss recommendations raised by the UBCM Executive, as well as other local government issues related to the repeal and replacement of the Emergency Program Act. Upcoming meetings will include discussion regarding funding and support needs for local governments, although there is no guarantee that adequate resourcing will be provided. The Province intends to introduce new emergency management legislation in spring 2023.

Premier John Horgan, through the media, has acknowledged concerns regarding the Province’s 2003 decision to download diking responsibility to local governments. Although the Province’s Budget 2022 includes financial and operational commitments towards emergency management, including \$1.5 billion over three years to help communities rebuild critical infrastructure after the 2021 disasters, issues related to diking authority have not been resolved.

In January 2022, the Province signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UBCM to review the recommendations made by the Select Committee on Local Government Finance. A joint finance working group has developed a workplan that includes examining emergency management support for local governments.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** As edited above

**Comments:**

- COV is unique within BC due to the Vancouver Charter which excludes us from the Dike Maintenance Act and the oversight of the B.C. Inspector of Dikes. The City and the Ministry of FLNRORD have an MOU to facilitate collaboration on shared objectives and commitments between the City and Province.
- Previous UBCM resolutions 2015-B52 and 2014-B75 had specifically identified needs and “unsustainable burdens” for small communities. These are not issues applicable to COV.
- Vancouver is a fully-developed, urbanized municipality which is unique to most of the province. Oversight by a Provincial Diking Authority would have to acknowledge province-wide expectations are difficult to apply to Vancouver. At present, COV is investigating innovative flood management approaches through the Sea2City Design Challenge which would be difficult for the Province to currently undertake.
- Rather than a Diking Authority, the Province should consider a role of coordinator, funder, and incubator (of ideas, knowledge, and relationships) for the province.

**Staff contact:** Jimmy Zammar, Director of Urban Watersheds, Sewers and Drainage, Engineering - 604-753-7315

- resolutions on topics not previously considered;
- resolutions where there is no action required;
- resolutions with proposed policy positions that do not align with current UBCM policy position

## Health and Social Development

## NR2 First Responder Call Out

## Radium Hot Springs

Whereas many rural areas in the Province are isolated with limited communications and large distances from established communities, there is a need in extenuating circumstances for Emergency Medical Aid First Responders (EMAFR) to attend emergency scenes at a considerable distance from the station. These 'Out of Jurisdiction' responses require both skilled personnel and a rescue vehicle and can be of several hours duration. In many instances, the EMAFR are located closer to the scene of an incident than BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) and can provide a response sooner than the BCAS;

And whereas during these 'Out of Jurisdiction' responses, fire departments are reimbursed for activities under Emergency Management BC Policy 2.07, Road and Medical Rescue; while Emergency Medical Aid First Responders are not reimbursed for their activities at the same scene:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask Emergency Management BC to include Emergency Medical Aid First Responders as eligible for reimbursement under Section 2.07.3 for extenuating circumstances.

*Endorsed by the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments*

**UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking Emergency Management BC to amend Road and Medical Rescue Policy 2.07 to include Emergency Medical Aid First Responders as eligible for reimbursement under Section 2.07.3 for extenuating circumstances.

However, the 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).

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** None

### NR3 Fire Department Medical First Responder Program

## Fraser-Fort George RD

Whereas volunteer fire departments throughout the province opt to provide Emergency Medical Assistance to enhance public safety in their communities which is valuable where there are long travel and wait times for BC Ambulance, or in circumstances when the BC Ambulance Service is experiencing high call volumes;

And whereas the Province has undertaken a review of the Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Schedule 1 “Services – License Category” that recommends increasing the minimum “scope of skill” services;

And whereas increased training requirements on volunteer fire departments will have a potential negative impact on the provision of emergency medical pre-hospital care services provided by the volunteer fire departments which could force volunteer fire departments to make the difficult decision to terminate their provision of the medical First Responder Program service due to the increase in scope of skills creating an overly onerous training requirement:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province to maintain the current minimum “scope of skills” services level to ensure that volunteer fire departments who opt in to providing the valuable service of Emergency Medical Assistance may continue to do so.

Submitted Directly to UBCM

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to maintain the current minimum “scope of skills” services level to ensure that volunteer fire departments who opt in to providing the valuable service of Emergency Medical Assistance may continue to do so.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions (2016-B4, 2015-B3) citing similar concerns with a different set of minimum training standards: those implemented by the provincial government for structure firefighters, applied to fire departments through the “British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards – Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook, 2014”. The 2016 and 2015 UBCM resolutions called on the provincial government to coordinate support, evaluation, and training opportunities for fire departments in rural communities, particularly volunteer fire departments, in order to meet the minimum standards set out in the Playbook. The resolutions further asked the Province to provide funding to cover the additional costs that small fire departments would incur from undertaking the required training to meet the minimum standards.

The Committee also notes that the membership has supported a variety of resolutions seeking improved ambulatory pre-hospital care, including:

- *adequate staffing levels (recruitment and retention) in rural communities (2021-EB62);*
- *better coordination for pre-hospital health care (2019-SR3);*
- *solutions to ensure medical specialists and services are available in rural BC (2019-B63);*
- *greater numbers of advanced care and critical care paramedics in rural ambulance stations (2017-B133); and*
- *better and more equitable standby pay for paramedics (2006-B48, 2017-B134).*

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** VFRS provides a higher level of pre-hospital care in either first responder or EMR level (scope of care).

**Staff contact:** Karen Fry, Fire Chief - 604-665-6051

NR4	<b>Emergency Response Capacity of Front-Line Housing Workers Addressing Overdose</b>	<b>Mission</b>
<p>Whereas the growing opioid crisis is taking a toll on the police, fire and ambulance services of BC communities, with adverse effects on morale, recruitment, retention and budgets, that are making it difficult to sustain these services;</p> <p>And whereas the use of uniformed first responders in addressing overdose is often highly traumatizing and ineffective for patients;</p> <p>And whereas therapeutic staff working on the frontline in housing facilities, drop-in centres, and overdose prevention sites are prepared and willing to deliver emergency medical response, but are required to call 9-1-1 for every suspected overdose:</p>		

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the provincial government to work with community partners and regulatory bodies to revise scopes of practice and professional indemnification, such that front line housing staff can be trained in emergency medical response and authorized to use professional discretion as to when to call 9-1-1.

Submitted Directly to UBCM

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to work with community partners and regulatory bodies to revise scopes of practice and professional indemnification, such that front line housing staff can be trained in emergency medical response and authorized to use professional discretion as to when to call 9-1-1.

However, the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2021-EB57, 2020-SR8, 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).

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** Acknowledge the toll on peer responders and the peer workforce.

**Comments:** In our work on safe supply, one finding is that people living in housing would like staff to be better trained and educated on issues related to overdose response, substance use and safe supply.

**Staff contact:** Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director, Social Policy, ACCS - 604-318-7218

## NR5 Registration of Internationally Educated Nurses

## Kitimat

Whereas registered nurses are in demand throughout British Columbia especially in the northern and rural regions of the province;

And whereas the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides for internationally educated nurses to obtain registration with the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM) and the regional health authorities are using student nurses programs:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to provide greater support to streamline the registration process for internationally educated nurses to the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, set up a financial support process, and bring together all stakeholders (National Nursing Assessment Association, BC College of Nurses and Midwives, BC Nurses Union, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training) to determine how to integrate internationally education nurses and employed student nurses to the workforce to address the nursing staffing crisis across the province.

*Endorsed by the North Central Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide greater support to streamline the

registration process for internationally educated nurses to the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives, set up a financial support process, and bring together all stakeholders to determine how to integrate internationally education nurses and employed student nurses to the workforce to address the nursing staffing crisis across the province.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions that address and support hiring more internationally trained doctors to address a doctor shortage. Endorsed resolutions 2018-B51, 2014-B132, 2012-B91 and 2009-B148 called on the provincial government to provide greater opportunities for Canadian internationally-trained medical graduates (IMGs) to undertake postgraduate training and establish practices in BC.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** Include the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association as a stakeholder.

**Comments:** None

**Staff contact:** Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director, Social Policy, ACCS - 604-318-7218

<b>NR6</b>	<b>Provincial Follow Through on Population-Based Funding</b>	<b>Mission</b>
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Whereas there is a widespread shortage of physicians across BC;

And whereas many cities within British Columbia are experiencing significant population growth resulting in corresponding pressure on healthcare services;

And whereas a networked approach to healthcare is both more efficient and effective for our communities, especially in the form of Patient Care Networks;

And whereas, despite many years of work and investment by local communities and Divisions of Family Practice, the Province’s commitment to Population-Based Funding has slowed or stalled, without an alternative funding model to replace it:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the provincial government to maintain its commitment to the Population-Based Funding model and to enhance its investment in Patient Care Networks or provide alternative approaches with opportunities for input by local governments in British Columbia.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to maintain its commitment to the Population-Based Funding model and to enhance its investment in Patient Care Networks or provide alternative approaches with opportunities for input by local governments in BC.

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

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting the resourcing and strengthening of primary care as part of the health care system (2021-EB63, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162).

The Committee further notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking improved and more equitable access to health care services in rural and remote areas of the province and funding for medical travel if services are not available near a patient’s home (2019-B62, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2016-B124, 2014-B130, 2013-B43, 2013-B44, 2013-B45, 2013-B46, 2013-B47, 2012-B38, 2012-B39, 2012-B91, 2012-B93, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2011-B61, 2010-B43, 2010-B44, 2010-B112, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B48, 2006-B50, 2006-B154, 2006-B156, 2005-B146).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Health care funding is an area of provincial jurisdiction. Additional provincial funding for health care, particularly in areas impacting municipal costs such as mental health, the overdose crisis, and B.C. ambulance response, would be beneficial. The specific funding allocation method to best achieve health outcomes would best fall within provincial jurisdiction and policy expertise.

**Staff contact:** Colin Knight, Director City-wide Financial Planning & Analysis, FRS – 604-873-7569

**NR7                      Support for Bereavement Services to be Included in the                      Port Moody**  
**BC Mental Health Plan**

Whereas BC is currently experiencing a mental health crisis;

And whereas there is a lack of publicly funded and accessible bereavement services for adults, young adults, and youth in our community despite the enormous toll the loss of loved ones has on mental health:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to include funding for non-profit, publicly accessible bereavement services in the BC Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Plan.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to fund non-profit, publicly accessible bereavement services in the BC Mental Health and Addictions Strategy Plan.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (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).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** This is critical given that many people dying from the OD crisis are younger people who are struggling with significant loss of their peers which is taking a toll on their mental health.

**Staff contact:** Mary Clare Zak, Managing Director Social Policy, ACCS – 604-318-7218

**NR8            Regional Food Supply Feasibility Study**

**Spallumcheen**

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

And whereas climate change is causing and will continue to cause significant disruption to the traditional harvesting practices of Indigenous communities;

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 **and planning initiatives**, to ensure that ~~as much food as possible~~ **appropriate quantities of food** can be **harvested**, grown, processed, and purchased within regional areas to sustain the local populations.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM 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.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** As above.

Amendments added in red incorporate Indigenous food sovereignty impacts and opportunities, and expand the scope of the funding request to include local food system planning exercises as these may be more appropriate for urban municipalities/regions including the City of Vancouver.

**Comments:** The resolution aligns with the *Vancouver Plan* direction to support an equitable and resilient food system, and with *Vancouver Food Strategy* principles that local food systems strengthen local economies, create employment, and increase resilience. Concerns about dependence on imported food are supported by [research findings](#) that the food currently produced in south-west BC could only satisfy about 40% of regional food needs if it were all consumed locally.

It should be acknowledged that strengthening local food systems, while important for other reasons, is unlikely to reduce food insecurity (which refers to inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, and is more appropriately addressed through policy interventions that reduce poverty).

**Staff contact:** Caitlin Dorward, Social Planner, Social Policy, ACCS - 604-873-7764

**Housing**

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**NR9                      Speculation and Vacancy Tax Review                      Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas housing availability and affordability impacts the health, social and economic well-being of communities;

And whereas the provincial speculation and vacancy tax generates revenues to support affordable housing initiatives in the areas where the tax is collected, but is currently only applicable in large urban centres:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to consult with local governments on an evaluation of the *Speculation and Vacancy Tax Act* including a review of the specified areas and the impact on areas adjacent to the designated taxable regions.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to evaluate the Speculation and Vacancy Tax Act including a review of the specified areas and the impact on areas adjacent to the designated taxable regions.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions which asks the Province to empower local governments to collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2020-EB33, 2020-NR69, 2019-B19, 2019-B181, 2018-A3, 2017-B91).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** This resolution would not impact COV, as we already have a Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT) and Empty Homes Tax. However, staff are supportive of other jurisdictions implementing the SVT to address tax impacts on areas adjacent to designated taxable regions.

The SVT was implemented by the Province in its efforts to curb housing speculation and fund affordable housing initiatives. The SVT could be considered more broadly within B.C. to avoid speculation and vacant houses shifting from taxable regions to non-taxable regions.

SVT revenues collected should be proportionately allocated back to respective municipalities to address their growing mandate of affordable housing with limited funding tools.

**Staff contact:** Julia Aspinall, Director Financial Services, FRS - 604-871-6281

**NR10 Explore Vacancy Control****Victoria**

Whereas vacancy control does not apply to new construction and developers will still have incentive to build new units;

And whereas in BC there are mechanisms through which a landlord may apply to the Residential Tenancy Branch for an additional rent increase if they have incurred eligible capital expenditures or expenses to the residential property in which the rental unit is located;

And whereas rents continue to rise faster than inflation and the provincially allowable rent increases and the loss of stable rental housing stock and displaced renters adversely affects local economy, community, and ability to maintain health and essential services:

Therefore be it resolved that for the health of our local economies, UBCM advocate that the provincial government explore a vacancy control policy **for Single-Room-Occupancy Hotels and similar low-income housing stock** that would limit rent increases between tenancies.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to explore a vacancy control policy that would limit rent increases between tenancies.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions looking to protect tenants' rights and limit rent increases (2020-EB85, 2017-B53, 2017-B126, 2016-B137).

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking review and standardization of the Residential Tenancy Act to provide clarity and certainty to both landlords and tenants (2017-B120, 2016-B121, 2014-B51). Resolution 2014-B51 in particular urged the Province to "address gaps within the legislation which adversely impact both landlords and tenants." Overall, UBCM's existing policy thus favors an approach that seeks to protect both tenant and landlord interests, which is further reflected in UBCM's housing strategy that allows a slightly higher allowable rate of rent increase to landlords under rent controls to provide the basis for continued maintenance and/or more substantial rehabilitation.

The present resolution, Explore Vacancy Control, which seeks to limit rent increases may adversely impact landlords and therefore contradict the intention of existing policy.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** As above.

- Staff recommend the vacancy control policy be focused solely on SROs or similar low-income housing stock in other municipalities that are designated under respective municipal bylaws.

**Comments:** The 2018 Provincial Rental Housing Task Force recommended in its final report to maintain rent tied to the renter, not the unit, based on concerns that introducing vacancy control tied to the unit would cause landlords to remove their properties from the rental stock and limit new rental construction. While the City is supportive of vacancy control on SRO stock (managed at the City or Provincial level through the RTB), vacancy control for the wider rental stock is not generally recommended.

Note that if the Province were to explore vacancy control on the SRO stock, this may have direct implications on the City’s vacancy control regulations (currently on hold pending appeal) as it may eliminate the need for separate municipal vacancy control regulations on SROs.

**Staff contacts:**

- Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Planning, Housing Policy, PDS – 604-673-8435
- Celine Mauboules, Managing Director, Housing and Homelessness Services, ACCS – 604-873-7670
- Sarah Hicks, Chief License Inspector, DBL – 604-873-7546

**NR11 Enforcement Tools for Short-Term Rentals**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas according to the June 2021 Report of the Joint UBCM-Province Advisory Group on Short-Term Rentals, the short-term rental industry has seen significant growth since the arrival of online accommodation platforms such that effective regulation of short-term rental activity is necessary to ensure community economic benefits of the industry are balanced with reducing impacts of concern such as long-term rental housing availability, affordability and neighbourhood livability;

And whereas many popular vacation areas lie outside of municipal boundaries in electoral areas;

And whereas enforcement tools to regulate short-term rentals (STRs) are more limited for regional districts than they are for municipalities;

And whereas the recommendations in the June 2021 report do not adequately consider the urgency of the matter nor the practical barriers to the implementation of business licensing in electoral areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to develop and implement short-term rental enforcement solutions for all local governments, such as broadening authority to enforce compliance through simplified ticketing procedures, **such as removing requirement for serving for offences related to operating and/or marketing an illegal short-term rental**, collection of evidence and the establishment of proof based on online investigation of accommodation listings, and expanding options to compel payment of unpaid fines through alternative mechanisms such as applying uncollected ticket fines to property taxes.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that asked the provincial government to develop and implement short-term rental enforcement solutions for all local governments, such as broadening authority to enforce compliance through simplified ticketing procedures, collection of evidence and the establishment of proof based on online investigation of accommodation listings, and expanding options to compel payment of unpaid fines through alternative mechanisms such as applying uncollected ticket fines to property taxes.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed 2018-A4 which requested that the requesting the Province enter into a province-wide agreement with Airbnb and other short-term rental platforms to require hosts to provide proof of a valid municipal business license.

UBCM’s housing strategy included a recommendation that the Province should investigate, in consultation with local governments, options for regulating short term rentals with the goals of:

- *enforceability;*
- *retaining local government choice; and*
- *providing local governments with more clarity, and regulatory power where needed.*

UBCM’s housing strategy also put forward the model of ‘platform accountability’ as one option for the Province to consider, because it places the onus on short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb for enforcement, alleviating the burden on local governments. The 2021 Report of the Joint UBCM-Province Advisory Group on Short-Term Rentals makes a range of recommendations consistent with past UBCM policy that are intended to give local governments greater flexibility and supports towards effective regulation of short-term rentals. The specific recommendations in the present resolution vary from those made in the 2021 Report, but are not inconsistent with those recommendations or broader UBCM policy.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** as above

**Comments:** COV currently uses Bylaw Violation Notices (BVNs) to enforce against illegal STRs. BVNs do not carry legal weight and are not enforceable in courts, nor are they sent to Collections if the person ticketed does not pay. A new ticketing instrument, which removes the need for serving, would be a useful enforcement instrument to bolster the City's current enforcement efforts, while having the potential to generate revenue for the City.

**Staff contact:**

- Sarah Hicks, Chief Licence Inspector, DBL – 604-873-7546
- Koji Miyaji, Assistant Director, Community Standards, DBL – 604-829-9711

## **NR12 Minimum Standards of Maintenance and Resources for Residential Tenancy Branch and Local Governments to Support Renter Wellbeing Port Moody**

Whereas there are large gaps in resourcing and legislative authority across institutions and levels of government across BC which leave renters vulnerable to poor and potentially hazardous living conditions depending on where they live, as well as an overwhelming lack of capacity and support for the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) to investigate, support and enforce complaints;

And whereas climate change is worsening conditions and vulnerabilities for low-income renters:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to strengthen protection of renters’ health by undertaking the following:

- update the minimum standards of rental maintenance to include maximum and minimum safe temperatures and definitions of serious mold concerns, such that health concerns that are likely to increase for renters in the face of a changing climate;
- ensure mechanism for enforcement are in place in jurisdictions that do not have standard of maintenance bylaws;
- provide resources for local governments to enforce RTB rulings, which may include funding for staff or the creation of provincial positions, including necessitation that concerns are addressed even if the tenant who files them moves, while ensuring meaningful consultation with rural and remote communities to develop supports that will work in their contexts;

- provide all local governments the authority to undertake health and hazard related repairs, which would be recovered from offending landlords; ~~and~~
- provide the Provincial Government with additional resources at the RTB or another Provincial body to ensure proper and effective enforcement; and
- provide the RTB with additional resources to ensure timely support for adjudication, as well as tracking of health related concerns.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution making these five requests around protecting renters’ health.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that call on the Province to amend the Residential Tenancy Act to better protect the rights of renters, including issues of renovictions and demovictions (2017-B126, 2016-B121).

The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2019-B184 which requested the creation of 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.

Members have also endorsed resolutions supporting increased renter assistance (2017-B53, 2015-B45).

Members also supported resolution 2007-B197 which sought provincial inspections of rental properties to ensure that low income housing meets basic habitat requirements through regular inspection as a condition to supplying rental payments to landlords. However resolution 2020-NEB4 calling for strengthened standards of property maintenance was not endorsed. At the time, the Resolutions Committee noted that NEB4 proposed legislative amendments that would constrain local choice with regards to standards of maintenance.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** As above

**Comments:** It’s not possible to have cooling in all buildings in Vancouver due to infrastructure issues with not enough power in the power grid. There are no established safe limits for mould content at provincial or local level so there is nothing to base a definition of “serious mold concerns” on. If regulated at the Provincial level, it’s unlikely the RTB will have sufficient staff to enforce this and may have to rely on local bylaw officers. RTB will have challenges when it comes to enforcing minimum living standards and the overlap between the City and the province could create confusion regarding baseline requirements; for example, who is taking the lead, duplication of efforts, increased timelines (e.g. resources), and unclear avenues for the public to report issues. Onerous regulations may also dissuade the provision of new Purpose Built Rentals as well as secondary rentals.

**Staff contacts:**

- Saul Schwebs, Chief Building Official, DBL – 604-873-7040
- Koji Miyaji, Assistant Director, Community Standards, DBL – 604-829-9711

**NR13 Rental Assistance Program Eligibility Criteria****Delta**

Whereas BC Housing’s Rental Assistance Program provides critical financial support for low-income families to help with monthly rent payments;

And whereas rental assistance is currently only available to families or people with dependent children, while single people do not qualify for assistance;

And whereas there is a growing and urgent need for supportive housing for all ages and abilities, including those with developmental disabilities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government review the eligibility criteria for rental assistance, and implement changes that would qualify single people with diverse abilities for financial support.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to review the eligibility criteria for rental assistance, and implement changes that would qualify single people with diverse abilities for financial support.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions supporting increased renter assistance (2017-B53, 2015-B45). The membership has also endorsed resolution 2014-B44 calling for rental assistance for housing cooperatives.

The Resolutions Committee notes that the term ‘diverse abilities’ in the enactment clause is sometimes used as in place of the term ‘disability’, reflecting that people’s abilities are varied, and that different abilities all have value. Finally, the Resolutions Committee notes that Community Living British Columbia currently offers funding for residential supports for people with diverse abilities.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** Rent supplements for individuals are available through a couple of different programs: Homeless Outreach Program and the Homelessness Prevention Program. An increase in subsidies would benefit individuals seeking affordable rental in the private market.

**Comments:** The Rental Assistance Program is designed for working families and would benefit more families in need if the current income threshold (gross household income of \$40,000 or less) is reviewed and increased.

**Staff contact:** Bruk Melles, Director Homelessness Services, ACCS – 604-673-8287

**NR14 Non-Profit Housing Acquisition Strategy****Victoria**

Whereas to expand the supply of community and affordable housing, experts tasked with delivering the final report of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability recommend that:

The federal and provincial governments independently or jointly create an acquisition fund to enable non-profit housing organizations to acquire currently affordable housing properties at risk of being repriced or redeveloped into more expensive units. Conditions should be attached to this funding that will prevent forced displacement of existing tenants when a

building is acquired. The BC government should exempt non-profit organizations from the property transfer tax for building acquisitions that will be used to provide affordable housing:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate that the provincial government support the recommendation of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, to develop a provincial acquisition strategy and grant program that would allow non-profit housing providers to purchase and repair aging rental stock for the purposes of maintaining existing affordable housing.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to support the recommendation of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, to develop a provincial acquisition strategy and grant program that would allow non-profit housing providers to purchase and repair aging rental stock for the purposes of maintaining existing affordable housing.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ways to encourage investment in older and new rental housing stock (2018-B56, 2017-B53, 2016-OF1, 2015-B14, 2015-B47, 2015-B48, 2015-B49, 2014-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B143, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-A7, 2007-B40, 2007-B108, 2007-B197, 2006-B118, 2005-B47, 2004-B30).

UBCM Executive also endorsed resolution 2021-NR54, as amended, that would see the Province of British Columbia work with interested local communities, the not-for-profit sector and other partners on a program of land banking purpose built rental apartment buildings.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None

**Staff contact:** Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Housing Policy and Regulation, PDS - 604-673-8435

**NR15 Community Housing Development Supports**

## Port Hardy

Whereas many rural local governments in British Columbia are experiencing elevated demand for supply across the housing spectrum and have an interest in commissioning residential construction to meet the housing deficit but lack the technical resources to procure it;

And whereas Infrastructure BC supports the public sector by providing leadership in the procurement of complex capital projects:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM to lobby the provincial government to broaden the mandate of Infrastructure BC to facilitate the delivery of strategic housing projects on behalf of petitioning local governments.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Mandatory inclusionary zoning without density bonusing or other offsets is not an effective tool in generating affordable housing supply.

**Staff contact:** Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Housing Policy and Regulation, PDS - 604-673-8435

**NR17      Bare Land Strata Development Minimum Standards      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 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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR18      Increasing Provincial Incentives for Installing Solar Panels and Solar Hot Water Systems      Vancouver**

Whereas the Province’s CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and BC Hydro’s Five-Year Electrification Plan, both released in the fall of 2021, promote rebates to purchase electric heat pumps that incentivize British Columbians to switch from using fossil fuels to hydro-electricity to heat their homes and hot water, thus mitigating climate change by reducing GHGs;

And whereas there are no equivalent incentives for home and building owners to increase their own supply of renewable energy or to reduce the demand for hydro-electricity, both of which will become increasing important for climate resiliency as BC Hydro has estimated it has sufficient supply of electricity only until 2030;

And whereas rebates for home and building owners to install solar hot water systems and solar (photovoltaic) panels would increase the supply of clean energy as well as reduce energy costs for families and businesses both of which increase climate resiliency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC pursue as quickly as possible adding financial incentives, including increased feed-in-tariffs, for home and building owners to install solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC modify the BC Building Code, and include in a future BC Existing Buildings Alterations Code, specifications, including design and placement standards, and load-bearing requirements, for solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2018-B58 seeking provincial and federal government support for the development of alternative home heating products that are more affordable to consumers, yet sensitive to environmental sustainability targets.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2009-B166 that requested the Province to provide incentives to encourage new construction to be pre-plumbed and pre-wired for future solar panels or other alternative energy installations.

In its response to 2009-B166 the Province indicated that it had been working to introduce regulations under the BC Building Code that would “allow local governments to adopt solar-ready requirements for single family homes.” At the time, the Province expected to be able to finalize the regulatory changes and adopt the new regulations in 2010. A Solar Hot Water Ready Regulation was subsequently created in 2013.

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling for provincial assistance and programs to support and incent energy retrofits of buildings to, in-part, help lower GHG emissions (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25).

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None. Submitted by Vancouver City Council.

**NR19 Homeowner Insurance Availability and Provisions**

## Central Kootenay RD

Whereas homeowner insurance coverage across British Columbia is unavailable or is prohibitively expensive for many homeowners in rural and remote areas or in areas serviced by cable ferries;

And whereas homeowner insurance policy provisions across British Columbia are inconsistent, are subject to reductions in coverage when homes are sold or transition from construction insurance to regular homeowner insurance upon occupancy, and many policies cannot be renewed during wildfire season, which is becoming longer and more impactful each year:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province to introduce and adopt legislation that requires all insurance providers in British Columbia to provide insurance to all homeowners in the province with provisions that are consistent, fair, and equitable.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to introduce and adopt legislation that requires all underwriters providing homeowner insurance coverage in British Columbia to provide insurance to all homeowners with provisions that are consistent, fair, and equitable to all homeowners in the province.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking better access to insurance including:

- *asking the Province to take evidence-based actions to address rapidly increasing insurance costs for multi-residential housing (2020-SR9);*
- *asking the Province to review insurance practices in British Columbia to identify ways to insure property owners and small businesses during and after a disaster (2019-B103); and*
- *asking ICBC to begin offering home insurance (2014-B36, 2013-B141).*

Conversely, the Committee advises that the UBCM Executive did not endorse referred resolution 2015-B116 which requested that MIABC investigate the feasibility of providing insurance for rural BC homes.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

## NR20     Home Owner Grant Increase

## Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas the home owner grant’s primary objective is to reduce the tax burden on the school portion of the tax notice;

And whereas with the material increase in property values those properties that increase above the average will bear a higher burden of taxes;

And whereas due to the increase in property assessment the school tax charge becomes higher than the Home Owner Grant:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Finance increase the additional home owner grant to reflect the actual school tax charged on the property where the school tax is higher than the home owner grant.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to increase the additional home owner grant to reflect the actual school tax charged on the property where the school tax is higher than the home owner grant.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported other resolutions seeking amendments to the HOG including:

- 2008-B98 which asked to amend the Home Owner Grant Act to allow all senior property owners to claim the full additional Home Owner Grant;
- 2008-B99 which asked to amend the HOG program to include criteria for the next two years (up from one year) following a fire or natural disaster; and
- 2007-B111 and 2004-A9 which asked to adjust or remove the upper limit assessed value ceiling for HOG.

The Resolutions Committee also notes that the homeowner grant has been subject of some critique as regressive because it benefits homeowners while excluding renters. As such, both the Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, and the MSP Task Force recently recommended its elimination.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Owners occupying a property as their principal residence are entitled to claim a basic grant and an additional grant if aged 65 or older, and in certain other cases including veterans and individuals with disabilities. The grant level varies by region and for the GVRD, the basic grant of \$570 and additional grant of \$845 have not changed since 2006, despite increasing assessment values and inflation over the years.

It's recommended that a broader, holistic review of the Home Owner Grant (HOG) program for fairness, effectiveness, etc should be undertaken by the Province. Approximately 90% of the properties in the Province are entitled to claim the basic grant but this is reduced to under 70% for Vancouver properties. The Province may consider changes to the HOG; however, this may result in the Province needing to shift taxes to balance the budgetary impacts of HOG changes. Therefore, the impacts to Vancouver is unknown but historically, Vancouver properties bear the largest contribution to school taxes in the province despite a lower HOG eligibility percentage.

**Staff contact:** Julia Aspinall, Director Financial Services, FRS - 604-871-6281

## NR21 Tiny Homes

Oliver

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 percent 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:

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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

**UBCM 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).

See resolution RR2

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Tiny houses remain a low density and limited solution and are often not suitable for many persons desiring of housing. Tiny houses still require full infrastructure connections and can therefore be inefficient and do not resolve the underlying cause of unaffordability such as land costs.

(example: <https://theconversation.com/tiny-houses-look-marvellous-but-have-a-dark-side-three-things-they-dont-tell-you-on-marketing-blurb-109592>)

**Staff contact:** Saul Schwebs, Chief Building Official, DBL - 604-873-7040

**NR22          Standardize Health and Safety Rules and Regulations          Sunshine Coast RD**  
**to Facilitate Year-Round Housing in RVs**

Whereas the province of BC is facing a housing crisis;

And whereas the Province has jurisdiction and is responsible for housing in BC;

And whereas the British Columbia Building Code, the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act* create an unclear regulatory environment for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to recognize that Recreational Vehicles (RVs) are used for year-round living, including the development of guidelines for best practices for ensuring health and safety for the use of RVs for year-round living, and for their inclusion within the BC Housing Action Plan.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to recognize that Recreational Vehicles (RVs) are used for year-round living, including the development of guidelines for best practices for ensuring health and safety for the use of RVs for year-round living, and for their inclusion within the BC Housing Action Plan.

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

Membership has also endorsed broader policy supporting regulation of manufactured homes, protection of consumers and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act issues (e.g.

2010-B60, 2009-B164, 2006-A2) that are broadly consistent with the intent of the proposed resolution.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Staff note that RVs are not considered appropriate housing options in built up urban areas such as the City of Vancouver, but also acknowledge the importance of RVs as affordable housing types in more rural areas. Recommended endorsement is primarily in recognition of this and support for other UBCM member municipalities seeking assistance from the Province to assist in meeting their housing needs.

**Staff contact:** Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Housing Policy and Regulation, PDS - 604-673-8435

**Community Safety**

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**NR23      Emergency Management Program Reform      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 duties assigned to local governments under section 6 of the *Emergency Program Act*, for local governments that opt-in, to ensure that adequate resources are always available and can be dynamically allocated throughout the province based on capacity and need.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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 duties assigned to local governments under section 6 of the Emergency Program Act" as an opt-in service for local governments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has 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.

Section 6 of the Emergency Program Act addresses local authority emergency organization, including responsibility for the preparation of local emergency plans and establishment of emergency management organizations.

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.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** This resolution applies to local governments and regional districts in rural British Columbia wishing to opt-in to provincial management of emergency management programs. This does not have a direct impact on the City of Vancouver.

**Staff contact:** Daniel Stevens, Director Vancouver Emergency Management Agency - 604-512-5781

#### **NR24      Emergency Equipment Provincial Procurement**

**Port Hardy**

Whereas local governments support local fire services with equipment and apparatus to support fire, road rescue and first responder services, and there are limited opportunities for grants to support these large capital expenditures;

And whereas the provincial government as representatives for local government could leverage savings in purchasing emergency equipment in bulk to supply at a reduced cost to communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to provide opportunities for local governments to purchase emergency equipment through the Provincial Procurement Services Branch in order to reduce the cost of this equipment for local governments.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to purchasing emergency equipment in bulk to supply at a reduced cost to local governments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking more provincial funding, training and resources to support fire departments, including 2019-B27, 2018-B20, 2018-B22, 2016-B4, 2015-B3, 2012-B10, 2011-B6, 2009-B63.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Equipment can be costly for those communities that are buying in smaller quantities and begin able to leverage better economy of scale would be beneficial. Would not be beneficial for Vancouver.

**Staff contact:** Karen Fry, Fire Chief – 604-665-6051

**NR25      Emergency Evacuation Transportation**

**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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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 (CEPF), 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 \$110 million in 2021/22 in new funding to the CEPF.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR26      BC Wildfire**

**Kootenay Boundary RD**

Whereas communities have written to the federal and provincial governments requesting that they empower — local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front-line knowledge — to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change;

And whereas the Ontario government has assembled an ‘All Hazards Agency’ that employs people to manage emergency events such as wildfires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

*Endorsed by the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the Province to "provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not."

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2021-SR2 that sought improved forest management in BC.

The membership has also 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).

Emergency Management BC leads the management of emergencies and disasters in BC and is guided by four pillars: Mitigation, Preparation, Response and Recovery. The BC Wildfire Service is mandated to mitigate the impacts of wildfire on life and assets, with a priority focus on interface areas.

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, transition to a more pro-active approach and also focus on the four pillars in relation to wildfire management.

See resolution RR10

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR27      Provincial Wildfire Deployment Invoice Payment      Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas volunteer fire departments throughout the province opt to provide wildland firefighting personnel and resources to assist in response to support the communities across the province during emergency wildland/interface events;

And whereas the Province provides for payment for the deployed wildland firefighting personnel and resources;

And whereas the deployment of the wildland firefighting personnel and resources greatly assists in the public safety and protection of property across the province, and the delayed payment of invoices can place an undue strain on the firefighters who staff the fire apparatus and on volunteer fire department budgets who supply Structural Protection Units that go on the deployments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province to ensure the timely payment of deployment invoices in order to ensure that firefighters and volunteer fire departments can continue to deploy to assist in emergency wildland/interface deployment events without having to endure financial strain.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to ensure the timely payment of deployment invoices in order to ensure that firefighters and volunteer fire departments can continue to deploy to assist in emergency wildland/interface deployment events without having to endure financial strain.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR28      Support Flood Recovery that Creates Safe Communities      Port Moody**  
**and Healthy, Resilient Ecosystems**

Whereas the tragic flood events of November 2021 highlighted that conventional approaches to managing floods have not ensured public safety, lead to province-wide disruptions of infrastructure and food supply, weakened our flood storage capacity in the floodplain and further degraded the ecological health;

And whereas many flood control structures (e.g. dikes and associated floodgates and pumps) are unnecessarily blocking access to important habitats for wild salmon (e.g., over 1,500 km in the lower Fraser River floodplain) and many of these structures are undersized for climate related increases in flooding as experienced during the November 2021 floods:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the federal and provincial governments to ensure flood control projects provide multiple benefits to communities by aligning flood control funding and criteria with other core objectives such as reconciliation, wild salmon recovery, biodiversity, green infrastructure, climate adaptation and mitigation, emergency preparedness and “building back better”;

And be it further resolved that Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship co-create Best Management Practices to provide technical guidance for local governments on achieving short-and long-term flood recovery needs that are multi-beneficial and improve climate adaptation needs.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the federal and provincial governments to ensure flood control projects provide multiple benefits to communities by aligning flood control funding and criteria with objectives such as reconciliation, wild salmon recovery, biodiversity, green infrastructure, climate adaptation and mitigation, emergency preparedness and “building back better”.

Nor has the membership considered the additional request for the Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship co-create Best Management Practices to provide technical guidance for local governments on achieving short-and long-term flood recovery needs that are multi-beneficial and improve climate adaptation needs.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ongoing funding related to emergency management (2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44) and disaster recovery (2019-B104, 2019-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed numerous 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).

See resolution EB34

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver Plan, specifically Ecological Systems.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS - 604-829-4308

## NR29 Raising the Disaster Financial Assistance Cap

Fraser Valley RD,

### LMLGA Executive

*Whereas the Province of British Columbia has not increased the limit on Disaster Financial Assistance Funding (DFA) for homeowner applications since 1996;*

*And whereas since 1996 the cost and value of property in the Lower Mainland has significantly increased, creating a gap that prevents property owners from reasonably overcoming catastrophic loss:*

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and Emergency Management BC to increase the DFA limit on homeowner applications and consider implementing a framework that ties DFA compensation to BC Assessment values.*

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to increase the Disaster Assistance Funding (DFA) limit on homeowner applications (i.e. the maximum claim amount) and consider implementing a framework that ties DFA compensation to BC Assessment values.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several related resolutions:*

- *2019-B97 which asked the Province to work with local governments to establish policy and best practices for disaster recovery assistance and to direct all disaster recovery assistance funding to local governments;*
- *2019-B103 which asked the Province to review insurance practices to identify ways to better serve property owners and small businesses affected by disaster;*
- *2019-B104 which asked the Province to change the Disaster Financial Assistance program criteria relating to income requirements, eligibility, and insurance availability to better address the needs of rural British Columbia small business owners;*
- *2017-B86 which asked the Province to increase its share of emergency recovery costs, so that the Province is responsible for 90 percent and local governments are responsible for 10 percent of emergency recovery costs;*
- *2015-B78 which asked the Province to expand the disaster relief fund, making it available to all property owners when such disaster is a result of natural and/or non-human causes; and*
- *2013-B90 which asked the Province to expand the Disaster Financial Assistance fund to cover vacation properties.*

*Although the Province has recently announced several regulatory changes to the DFA program, it is understood that these changes do not address the sponsor's request, which is for the Province to increase the \$300,000 maximum claim amount; and, to develop a new framework that incorporates BC Assessment values into the formula for determining DFA compensation.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Staff support that DFA limits should reflect actual, up-to-date costs, but it is unclear if BC Assessment values should be used as the only proxy.
- BC Assessment values include both land and improvement, and Disaster Assistance Funding is meant to help finance rebuilding/replacing homes, which are covered under improvement values. It is staff's understanding that BC Assessment typically determines overall property values based on market transaction data, deducting what they deem to be bare land value, and the residual value is improvement.
- It's not clear that this calculation would accurately reflect the replacement value of a home, which is why staff recommend research be conducted to examine what other proxies could be used to determine the most accurate insurable value, which reflects the replacement value of the home, excluding land.
- Additionally, DFA limits should be established alongside clear minimum insurance requirements to balance the risk mitigation/financing responsibilities between property owners and local/provincial governments.
- Staff would not recommend endorsing the resolution as written, without the inclusion of minimum insurance requirements and a clear rationale for using BC Assessment values as the only proxy.

**Staff contact:** Grace Cheng, Director of Long-term Financial Strategy, FRS - 604-871-6654

**NR30 Cannabis Controls and Communications with Local Government Sechelt**

Whereas medical cannabis production is prevalent across BC, but local governments and police agencies have limited tools and capacity available to monitor and enforce federal regulations;

And whereas many local governments do not have the capacity to enforce local bylaws that are needed to ensure community safety:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the federal government to:

1. Reduce the maximum number of cannabis plants that any individual may produce for medical purposes;
2. Provide local government the necessary resources and legislative authority to effectively monitor and regulate the production of medical cannabis; and
3. Share a portion of all cannabis taxation revenue with local governments and police agencies to build enforcement capacity to address illegal medical and non-medical cannabis activity;

And be it further resolved that UBCM be considered for the role as administrator of cannabis taxation revenue sharing with local governments.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

**UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation**

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the federal government to 1) reduce the maximum number of

cannabis plants that any individual may produce for medical purposes; 2) provide local government the necessary resources to effectively monitor and regulate the production of medical cannabis; 3) share a portion of cannabis taxation revenue with police agencies to build enforcement capacity; and 4) that UBCM be considered for the role of administrator of cannabis taxation revenue sharing with local governments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2020-EB16, which called for an expanded legislative framework for local authorities to oversee building and fire safety requirements for cannabis production facilities, and for local governments to be notified of locations to ensure enforcement of local bylaws to mitigate safety risks.

Members have endorsed other resolutions, which in part sought more local government involvement over medical cannabis production (either personal or commercial), to ensure respect for local bylaws and zoning, and to ensure community safety. These include:

- *2021-EB13 which called for the establishment of a framework for sharing information and coordinating services in relation to medical cannabis production sites to foster the economic, social and environmental well-being of communities;*
- *2018-B7 which called for local governments to be notified of locations with medical cannabis personal production licenses to ensure the safety of first responders who may attend these locations;*
- *2018-B93 which called for mandatory ventilation systems in all commercial and personal production sites, the ability for Health Canada inspectors to enter these sites to ensure compliance, and the federal government to provide adequate resources to support Health Canada in conducting regular inspections; and*
- *2012-B111 which called for medical cannabis producers (personal and commercial) to be required to obtain a municipal license or permit to ensure compliance with local bylaws and all electrical, fire, health, building and safety regulations.*

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking an equitable share of cannabis taxation revenue for local governments to address costs and responsibilities resulting from the legalization of non-medical cannabis (2020-SR2, 2019-A2, 2018-SR1, 2017-SR1, 2016-A3).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Legislative authority to regulate medical cannabis production would increase local government responsibility and should not be endorsed without City Council approval and commensurate budget from senior government.

Key components of this motion are covered in auto-endorsed motions EB32 Cannabis Taxation Revenue Sharing with Local Governments & EB 33 Health Canada Increased Regulation Resources.

The desired outcome of reducing maximum number of plants any individual may produce for medical purposes is not stated.

Tax revenue sharing: The federal government generally supports infrastructure projects; continued advocacy to the BC government, as auto-endorsed Resolution EB32 calls for, is more appropriate.

**Staff contact:**

- Sarah Hicks, Chief Licence Inspector, DBL – 604-873-7546
- Koji Miyaji, Assistant Director, Community Standards, DBL – 604-829-9711

**NR31 Unnecessary Repeat First Responder Call-Outs**

**McBride**

Whereas in the majority of rural and remote geographical sections of British Columbia, first responder resources are limited and comprised mostly of volunteers;

And whereas there are often numerous 9-1-1 calls over a period of time relating to one incident, requiring repeat response to the same incident, which leaves small communities at risk of having no responders available to attend other emergency calls, creates unnecessary costs to the Province, and exacerbates emergency personnel burnout:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Provincial Government to expand the Yellow Ribbon/All Clear initiative, province wide, and implement public education and awareness of the initiative that is already in use in some areas of the province;

And be it further resolved that the Province supply Yellow Ribbon/All Clear tape to all emergency response agencies in the province.

*Endorsed by the North Central Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to expand the Yellow Ribbon/All Clear initiative province-wide, implement public education and awareness of the initiative, and supply the Yellow Ribbon/All Clear tape to all emergency response agencies in the province.

Some emergency service providers have been using yellow “all clear” ribbon to mark vehicles that have been cleared, to indicate that there is no need for the public to call first responders. The intention is to reduce the number of emergency calls related to the same incident.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR32 RCMP Population Thresholds for Cost Sharing**

**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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking amendments to the current RCMP funding formula to make policing more affordable:

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

On the other hand, the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse, the following resolutions:

- *2021-NR6 which asked the Province to implement a police funding formula that fairly and equitably distributes RCMP expenses to all governments throughout the province; and,*
- *2021-NR7 which asked the Province to 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;*
- *2020-NR8 which asked the Province to 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; and*
- *2016-B81, which asked the Province to develop an equitable police funding program for all municipalities and regional districts.*

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 (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. As part of its final report, the Special Committee has recommended that the Province "create a fair and equitable shared funding model for municipalities," that includes "exploring options to phase in or incrementally increase the municipal share of policing costs." This recommendation will be examined further as part of the Roundtable's work.

See resolution NR33

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR33 Cost of Policing for Small Communities**

**Pemberton**

Whereas the current funding model for RCMP services results in an immense financial burden for small municipalities when their population grows above 5,000;

And whereas a large proportion of RCMP time and budget goes to policing provincial highways that either run through or beside small communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government develop a more transitional funding model for RCMP services for small communities that would see incremental adjustments as a community grows beyond 5,000 and then beyond 10,000 and finally over 15,000 residents;

And be it further resolved that UBCM be involved in the development of the policy.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to develop a more transitional funding model for RCMP services for small communities that would see incremental adjustments as a community grows beyond 5,000, 10,000 and 15,000 residents. Nor has the membership considered the request that UBCM be involved in the development of the policy.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions 2020-EB5 and 2016-B75, both of which requested a review of the police funding model for local governments nearing the 5,000 population threshold in order to establish an incremental increase or graduated annual increase in policing costs.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed with an amendment, referred resolution 2020-NR7 which asked the provincial government to review the current model of funding RCMP police services, with the intent to make police services more affordable for contract partners, including local governments.

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. As part of its final report, the Special Committee has recommended that the Province "create a fair and equitable shared funding model for municipalities," that includes "exploring options to phase in or incrementally increase the municipal share of policing costs." This recommendation will be examined further as part of the Roundtable's work.

See resolution NR32

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR34 Policing Costs Related to Provincial Facilities**

**Coquitlam**

Whereas local governments are facing unprecedented costs for the provision of policing services in their communities;

And whereas the provincial government, through the provision of certain, albeit needed, facilities has not taken into account the incremental operational impacts that such facilities may have on the host communities;

And whereas policing resources, which are paid for by local property taxes, are being extensively utilized to respond to service calls related to these provincial facilities even though the services being provided at the facilities are usually for citizens throughout the broader region or, in some cases, across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to recognize and ensure that adequate funding, or provincially funded police resources, be provided to the host local government in order to offset the additional operational impacts that certain provincial facilities have on policing services in that community.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to recognize and ensure that adequate funding, or provincially funded police resources, be provided to the host local government in order to offset the additional operational impacts that certain provincial facilities have on policing services in that community.

In discussion with the sponsor, it is understood that examples of "provincial facilities" referenced in the resolution include but are not limited to mental health and addictions centres, correctional facilities, shelters, and transitional and supportive housing. The sponsor has indicated that while local governments may support the provincial services provided by the facilities, the associated policing costs to the local government can be significant.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

<b>NR35</b>	<b>Urging the BC Government to End its Immigration Detention Contract with the Canada Border Services Agency</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>
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Whereas the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has used Provincial prisons to detain tens of thousands of migrants while they await the resolution of their immigration or refugee matters, 94 percent of whom are held for administrative reasons posing no risk to the public and include children, survivors trauma or persecution, and persons with disabilities including mental health conditions;

And whereas in a March 2022 submission to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner stated that in the current immigration detention system people with disabilities and racialized people experience harsher treatment and are detained for longer periods of time, and there is strong evidence that current practices contravene BC's Human Rights Code and international human rights conventions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to terminate its immigration detention agreement with the Canada Border Services Agency, stop incarcerating immigration detainees in BC jails, and call on the federal government to do away with immigration detention altogether.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to terminate its immigration detention

agreement with the Canada Border Services Agency, stop incarcerating immigration detainees in BC jails, and call on the federal government to do away with immigration detention altogether.

In July 2022, the Province announced that it was terminating its arrangement with the Canada Border Services Agency on the management of individuals detained under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. This decision satisfies one of the three requests made in this resolution.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None. Submitted by Vancouver City Council.

**NR36            Public Interest Guidelines for Charging Prolific Offenders            Terrace**

Whereas prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;

And whereas the BC Prosecution Service’s vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law;

And whereas the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offenses that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest:

Therefore be it resolved that that UBCM ask the provincial government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.

*Endorsed by the North Central Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) act in accordance with its vision, mission, and value statements by considering public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders; and, furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.

However, the Committee notes that the 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).*

The membership has 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.

The Province has recently initiated a review into prolific offenders. This review will examine crime trends related specifically towards chronic property crime and violence offences. A final report and recommendations is expected by the end of the year.

See resolutions EB44, NR37

See also resolution RR34

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Staff have not had sufficient time to explore the impacts of this resolution.

**Staff contact:** N/A

**NR37      Criminal Justice Reform for Repeat, Convicted Offenders      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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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*
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See resolutions EB44, NR36

See also resolution RR34

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Staff have not had sufficient time to explore the impacts of this resolution.

**Staff contact:** N/A

Environment

NR38      New Legislation to Protect and Restore Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Health      Islands Trust

Whereas a healthy environment is essential for the wellbeing of residents, local communities and local economies;

And whereas the cumulative impacts of inadequate provincial environmental regulations impose costs and risks on local communities, including risks associated with climate change, drinking water supply, wildfire hazard, flooding, and security of municipal infrastructure, and may undermine local government planning:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to, in partnership with Indigenous leadership, develop and communicate in a timely way the process and timelines through which they will develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, scientists, and members of the public.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2008-B87 which asked the Province to enact a strong Species and Ecosystem Protection Act to safeguard British Columbia’s exceptional biological richness - in particular, against the threats posed by habitat loss and climate change - recognizing the critical importance of conserving biodiversity to maintaining ecosystem integrity and human well-being.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action to address climate change, calling on the provincial and federal governments to commit to meeting reduction targets for greenhouse gas emission, as well as requesting funding for local government to continue undertaking climate action plans and projects (2021-SR1, 2021-EB39, 2019-B139, 2016-B58, 2014-B26, 2012-B25, 2011-B98, 2010-B40, 2010-B71, 2010-B76, 2010-B84, 2010-B86, 2009-B113, 2009-B134, 2008-B72, 2008-B74, 2008-B76, 2008-B79, 2008-B91, 2008-B148, 2007-B33, 2007-B35, 2007-B177, 2007-LR4, 2006-B27, 2006-B109, 2006-B145, 2005-B28, 2004-B79).

In addition, the Committee notes that this resolution uniquely seeks to address biological diversity and ecosystem health through partnership with First Nations leadership and through the lens of UNDRIP.

See resolution NR39

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver Plan, Ecological Strategy.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**NR39      Advocacy for Legislation to Protect Biological  
Diversity and Ecosystem Health**

**Port Moody**

Whereas a healthy environment is essential for the wellbeing of residents, local communities and local economies, and the cumulative impacts of inadequate provincial environmental regulations impose costs and risks on local communities, including risks associated with climate change, drinking water supply, wildfire hazard, flooding, and security of municipal infrastructure, and may undermine local government planning;

And whereas in order to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, and advance the objective of reconciliation, the provincial government has committed to fully implement the recommendations of the 2020 Old Growth Strategic Review (OGSR), including recommendation 2: “Declare conservation of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia’s forests as an overarching priority and enact legislation that legally establishes this priority for all sectors”:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to work with Indigenous leadership to, in a timely way, develop and the process and timelines through which they will develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous and western scientific experts, and the concerned public.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to develop legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous and western scientific experts, and the concerned public.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking the enactment of strategies or legislation to protect the environment, including:

- *2015-A5 which asked the Province to enact a provincial environmental bill of rights that: a) recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, clean food and vibrant ecosystems; b) provides for public participation in decision-making respecting the environment and access to environmental information; c) provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed; and d) has whistle-blower protection;*
- *2011-B91 which asked the Province to develop a science based nature and climate conservation strategy; and*
- *2010-B35 and 2008-B87 which asked the Province to enact a Species and Ecosystem Protection Act.*

The Committee also notes that membership endorsed 2017-B66 requesting that UBCM support the formation of an advisory committee focused on the management and preservation of old growth forests, and that this advisory group consist of First Nations groups, local government representatives from forest communities, industry, and environmental representation.

In addition, the Committee notes that this resolution uniquely seeks to implement the recommendations of the 2020 Old Growth Strategic Review.

See resolution NR38

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver Plan, Ecological Strategy.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS - 604-829-4308

**NR40 Biodiversity Crisis Requires Urgent Species at Risk  
Protection and Legislation**

**North Vancouver District**

Whereas British Columbia has the greatest biological diversity of any province or territory in Canada, the most species at risk, and is the only major jurisdiction in Canada without stand-alone Species At Risk legislation;

And whereas only 4 of the 1,336 species at risk recognized by the province are legally protected under the *Wildlife Act*, yet unsustainable land use and extractive development are causing BC's wildlife populations to decrease in abundance, with many species facing extinction;

And whereas the current patchwork of provincial laws and regulations has not effectively prevented species decline or extinction and is not consistent with British Columbia's commitment to enshrine the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into law:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment to urgently enact Species At Risk Protection and Legislation in partnership with First Nations and in a manner that promotes and respects First Nations inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights and interests along with adequate funding, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for strong provincial and federal legislation to support conservation of species at risk and promote biodiversity, including:

- *2018-B108 which asked the Province to set aside dedicated funding for purposes of system expansion, ecological monitoring and research, and management planning to meet the quantitative and qualitative measures set out in the 2020 Biodiversity Goals and Targets for Canada;*
- *2018-B116 and 2017-B114 which addressed protecting caribou as a species at risk;*
- *2011-B93 which asked the federal government to consult with local government and the agricultural community on current and subsequent Species at Risk Act recovery planning;*
- *2008-B87 and 2010-B35 which asked the Province to enact a Species and Ecosystem Protection Act; and*
- *2004-B80 which asked the Province to grant property tax exemptions to landowners who conserve ecologically significant areas containing species at risk.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver Plan, Ecological Strategy.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**NR41 Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment**

## Islands Trust

Whereas the increasing impacts of climate change are requiring local governments to develop robust climate adaptation plans and policies;

And whereas these adaptation plans and policies must be grounded in a detailed analysis of the unique climate risks and vulnerabilities of each local area:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to fund and support the development and integration of climate risk and vulnerability assessments into Official Community Plan review processes.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

**UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to fund and support the development and integration of climate risk and vulnerability assessments into Official Community Plan review processes.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions proposing policy and actions to mitigate the effects of climate change, as well as requesting funding for local government to continue undertaking climate action plans and projects.

These resolutions most recently include (2021-EB39, 2019-B135, 2019-B138, 2019-B139, 2019-B141, 2016-B58, 2015-A5, 2015-B38, 2015-B75, 2014-B26, 2014-B27, 2014-B95, 2014-B96, 2013-B75, 2012-B25, 2012-B35, 2012-B63, 2012-B79, 2012-B121, 2011-B22, 2011-B79, 2011-B91, 2011-B98, 2010-B15, 2010-B18, 2010-B31, 2010-B32, 2010-B40, 2010-B47, 2010-B83, 2010-B101, 2010-B140).

The Committee also notes that the UBCM Special Committee on Climate Action also recommended working with the Province to create a framework under which all local governments adopt adaptation plans by 2030, in order to increase community resilience. These local plans would address risks identified in the Province's regional risk assessment.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver's Climate Change Adaption Strategy

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**NR42 Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty****Richmond**

Whereas many local governments have adopted Community Energy and Emissions Plans with policies sufficient to locally achieve the deep GHG reductions needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial temperatures, and have amply demonstrated commitment to climate action through advancing low-carbon or zero-carbon initiatives and implementing advanced flood protection, drainage, and diking projects, as applicable;

And whereas it is increasingly evident that oil and gas producers are seeking to indefinitely extend the production and consumption of fossil fuels rather than allow a transition to low or zero GHG energy sources, in significant part through the expanded use of subsidies, thereby diverting needed resources from energy efficiency, renewable energy and low-GHG electrification;

And whereas an exclusive focus by senior governments on setting limits on GHG emissions rather than on the fossil fuels producing these emissions now threatens to undermine climate action at the local level:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to expeditiously follow through on its CleanBC commitment to enact a GHG emissions cap for natural gas utilities, and to support the objectives of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative, to:

1. end new exploration and production, including an end to the use of subsidies to artificially increase the supply of, and demand for, fossil fuels;
2. set limits directly on fossil fuel production so as to set out a measured and predictable phase out of existing stockpiles and production of fossil fuels; and
3. accelerate a just and equitable transition to support workers and communities dependent on fossil fuels.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on Province to expeditiously follow through on its CleanBC commitment to enact a GHG emissions cap for natural gas utilities, and to support the objectives of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative, to: 1) end new exploration and production, including an end to the use of subsidies to artificially increase the supply of, and demand for, fossil fuels; 2) set limits directly on fossil fuel production so as to set out a measured and predictable phase out of existing stockpiles and production of fossil fuels; and 3) accelerate a just and equitable transition to support workers and communities dependent on fossil fuels.

However the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a range of resolutions calling for greenhouse gas reductions (2020-NR38, 2014-B26) as well as range of low carbon initiatives to support local climate action in buildings, transportation and solid waste (2018-B131, 2018-B130, 2020-EB28, 2019-B144, 2017-B132, 2018-B131, 2018-B130, 2019-B142, 2018-B32, 2018-B31, 2017-B62, 2014-B94, 2017-B63).

The Committee also notes that in contrast to the similar resolutions of 8.13 and 8.25, this resolutions specifically calls for a GHG emissions cap for natural gas utilities that is absent in the other two similar resolutions.

See resolutions RR11, RR12

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Vancouver City Council has endorsed this same resolution.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

### NR43 Accelerating Zero Emissions Buildings

Powell River

Whereas the need to take urgent action to address climate change in BC has never been clearer in the face of fires, floods and extreme weather, and buildings are a major source of GHG emissions in BC;

And whereas the technologies, products and construction methods exist today to construct zero emissions homes and buildings at little additional cost, and the building industry is ready to tackle this challenge:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to accelerate its timelines for requiring zero emissions new construction of buildings and mandating the sale of greater than 100 percent efficient space heating equipment to 2025 for coastal regions of British Columbia;

And be it further resolved that a GHG emissions intensity limit for buildings, representing a 50 percent decrease from current levels, be introduced for new construction by 2025 for other regions of the Province of BC.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to accelerate its timelines for requiring zero emissions new construction of buildings and mandating the sale of greater than 100 percent efficient space heating equipment to 2025 for coastal regions of BC. Nor has the membership considered the request for a 50 percent decrease in GHG emissions from current levels, be introduced for new construction by 2025 for other regions of the Province of BC.

The Committee also advises that the membership has rejected resolutions that sought to regulate GHG emissions for new buildings, including 2020-NEB8 and 2019-B152. Resolution 2020-NEB8 calls on the government to revise the Province’s goal in the Clean BC Plan to make every new building constructed in BC net-zero energy ready by 2032 to make every new building constructed in BC zero emissions and net-zero energy ready by 2032

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions addressing GHG emissions and buildings including:

- *Legislation to support measures identified in Help Cities Lead campaign to drive GHG reductions in BC’s building sector (2021-EB35);*
- *Building energy benchmarking and reporting (2020-EB58, 2019-B142, 2018-B31, 2018-B32, 2017-B62, 2014-B94);*
- *Home energy labelling (2020-NR52, 2014-B93);*
- *Property assessed clean energy (PACE) enabling legislation (2019-B140); and*
- *Regulating GHG emissions for existing buildings (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25).*

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Aligns with Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Aligns with steps taken in recent technical and administrative changes to COV's Building By-law and the establishment of a new Annual GHG Emissions and Energy Limits By-law.

**Staff contact:**

- Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308
- Saul Schwebs, Chief Building Official, DBL – 604-873-7040

**NR44            Amendment to Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation            Elkford**

Whereas in recent years there have been significant increases of wildfire activities in both number and size across the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation requires that a person must ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling vegetative debris is used in order to minimize the amount of vegetative debris to be open burned;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to further limit the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to prohibit open burning across the province as an alternative to chipping, mulching or transporting material to a green-waste recycling facility.

*Endorsed by the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to prohibit open burning across the province as an alternative to chipping, mulching or transporting material to a green-waste recycling facility.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions that address burns, air quality and particulate emission standards, including:

- *supporting and incentivizing alternatives to burning of agricultural vegetative debris (Executive endorsed resolution 2021-NR41);*
- *venting indexes and efficiency of burns (Executive endorsed resolution 2020-NR42) and (2018-B70);*
- *addressing and mitigating risks associated with wildfire smoke (2019-B94);*
- *limiting or banning burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community air sheds (2016-B24);*
- *establishing standards for regulating wood burning appliances and outdoor boilers (2008-B72, 2007-B35, 2006-B109, 2005-B28, 2005-B114); and*
- *establishing emission level standards for agricultural boilers (2007-LR4).*

Most recently, 2021-NR41 was endorsed by the Executive, which called on the Province to develop and fund a program for the agriculture sector to support and incentivize the implementation of alternatives to the burning of agricultural vegetative debris and/or expand existing agricultural innovation funds to support such alternatives.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Vancouver has strict bylaws in place restricting open-air burning.

**Staff contact:** Karen Fry, Fire Chief - 604-665-6051

**NR45      Clothesline Act      Powell River**

Whereas the *British Columbia Clean Energy Act* set provincial objectives to reduce BC Hydro’s expected increase in demand by 66 percent through demand-side measures by 2020;

And whereas clothes dryers are one of the highest energy consuming household appliances:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request the Province of British Columbia enact a Clothesline Act to ensure that no law, by-law, covenant or agreement prevents, prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation or use of a clothesline outdoors at a single-family dwelling; or on the ground floor of a multi-unit residential building; or clothes drying racks on any outdoor balconies.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to enact a Clothesline Act to ensure that no law, by-law, covenant or agreement prevents, prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation or use of a clothesline outdoors at a single-family dwelling; or on the ground floor of a multi-unit residential building; or clothes drying racks on any outdoor balconies.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan as Vancouver’s local grid is undersized to support increased electrification and demand-management actions like this are required.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**NR46      Pesticide Use Within Community Drinking Water Supply Areas      Cumberland**

Whereas the *Integrated Pest Management Act* regulates the use of pesticides and herbicides on private land that is managed by forestry;

And whereas the provision of safe drinking water is a priority for local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia enhance the tools set out in the *Integrated Pest Management Act* regulation on the use of pesticides within a community drinking water supply area to require Pest Management Plans, referrals and reporting to local governments, and monitoring of residual chemicals at water intakes and points of diversion.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that requests that the Province enhance the tools set out in the Integrated Pest Management Act regulation on the use of pesticides within a community drinking water supply area to require Pest Management Plans, referrals and reporting to local governments, and monitoring of residual chemicals at water intakes and points of diversion.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed two resolutions calling for the limiting of pesticide spraying in and around community watersheds (1990-A17, 1988-A26). The Committee acknowledges that these are dated resolutions.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Aligns with the regional Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Management Plan Strategy 2.3 to “Manage and protect watersheds as natural assets” and strengthens the regulatory tool set to protect drinking water supply areas

**Staff contact:** Mark Schwark, Director, Water & Utilities Mgmt, ENG - 604-871-6721

<b>NR47</b>	<b>Protecting BC Coasts from Acidic Washwater Dumping</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>
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Whereas in order to mitigate sulphur air pollution from burning heavy oil, the maritime shipping industry employs exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers) which result in a solution of concentrated acidic sulphates, metals, and other toxins, which cruise and cargo vessel traffic in Canadian jurisdiction annually discharge tens of millions tonnes of this acidic washwater directly into BC's coastal waters;

And whereas ocean acidification is of major concern to coastal communities, particularly those coastal communities encouraging shellfish harvesting, aquaculture, tourism, and commercial and recreational fisheries. Worldwide, authorities have variously banned or are moving to limit the dumping of scrubber wash in coastal waters;

And whereas on the Pacific Coast of North America, California and Washington have implemented stricter protections, and on March 1st, 2022 the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will introduce phase one (of three) of new exhaust gas cleaning systems washwater discharge requirements in its jurisdiction after conclusive findings showed negative effects on aqualife and concentrations of metals that exceeded safe thresholds:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government commit to advocate to the federal government on the issue of exhaust gas cleaning systems' acidic wastewater discharge, as part of a comprehensive BC Coastal Marine Strategy; pushing for stronger environmental protections, in line with thriving cruise and cargo waters of our US neighbours, to include preventative measures to stop scrubber dumping from ships and require cleaner fuels be used.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to advocate to the federal government on the

issue of exhaust gas cleaning systems’ acidic wastewater discharge, as part of a comprehensive BC Coastal Marine Strategy; pushing for stronger environmental protections, in line with thriving cruise and cargo waters of our US neighbours, to include preventative measures to stop scrubber dumping from ships and require cleaner fuels be used.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR45 which called on the Province to develop and enact a Coastal Protection Strategy and law to leverage and coordinate the work of provincial ministries, First Nations, local communities, and stakeholder groups to preserve coastal and ocean health, halt coastal habitat loss, accelerate the completion of a network of marine protected areas to benefit fisheries, biodiversity and the economy, set marine environmental quality objectives from upland activities, and help communities adopt ecosystem-based approaches to manage risks from flooding due to extreme weather events, sea level rise, climate change, and ocean acidification.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None. Submitted by Vancouver City Council.

**NR48      World Class Shipbreaking Regulations for BC and Canada      Comox Valley RD**

Whereas shipbreaking and recycling is a necessary, yet hazardous activity that bears high environmental and labour risks;

And whereas established and emerging international standards such as the Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships; the Basel Convention (including the BAN Amendment); and the EU Ship Recycling Regulation point at gaps in British Columbian and Canadian government shipbreaking policies and regulations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM:

1. Request the BC Government Cabinet to:
  - Establish, maintain, and enforce a registry of approved shipbreaking facilities in British Columbia;
  - Work with the federal government to ensure Canada ratifies the Hong Kong International Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships; the Basel Convention BAN amendment; and considers adopting something comparable to the EU Ship Recycling Regulation or better (such as planning to transition away from beaching practices); and
  - Provide public investment dollars to qualified shipbreaking facilities to help them meet new standards and regulations.
2. Forward this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for consideration by its Environment and Sustainability Committee, with a view to expand this resolution to all of Canada with associated advocacy to other provinces and the federal government.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to 1) establish a registry of approved shipbreaking facilities in BC; 2) work with federal government to ratify an international convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships; 3) provide funding to qualified shipbreaking facilities to help them meet new standards and regulations; and 4) send this request to FCM.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a solution to the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels (2017-B26, 2016-B22, 2014-B23, 2014-B62, 2013-B30, 2012-B23, 2012-B78, 2010-B30, 2005-B112).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**Finance**

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**NR49      Funding for Water Improvement Districts      qathet RD**

Whereas competition for limited Community Works Funds allocated to regional districts is very strong;

And whereas water improvement districts have minimal options for grant funding to upgrade aging water systems and costs to upgrade aging water systems would be borne by regional districts if water improvement districts dissolve:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province for a one-time, new fund to bring all rural water systems operated by improvement districts into compliance with health regulations.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide a one-time fund to bring all rural water systems operated by improvement districts into compliance with health regulations.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed some resolutions seeking grant funding for improvement districts, including:

- *2020-EB39 which asked the Province to establish a process for Improvement Districts to have access to Provincial and Federal Infrastructure Grant funds, and still maintain their autonomy;*
- *2019-B130 which asked the provincial government to change the Improvement District Governance Policy to allow citizens residing in improvement districts equal access to provincial and federal infrastructure grant monies; and*
- *2017-B74 which asked the provincial government to provide access to grant funding for water improvement districts similar to the access provided to regional districts.*

The Committee notes that the Province has an Improvement District Policy Statement (2006) that restricts access to Ministry grants with an objective of dissolving and transferring Improvement Districts to local governments. The majority of past and current capital funding programs have supported dissolution of Improvement Districts through capital funding to bring the water system into compliance with local and provincial standards. The Committee also notes that this resolution does not necessarily address the root cause, which is the initial creation of these systems in the first place.

UBCM staff would also note that for any given year, there is a finite amount of infrastructure funding available to local governments. Any time eligible applicants/recipients is expanded, that potentially results in less infrastructure funding being received by local governments.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**Land Use**

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**NR50      Increase the Permitted Size of Additional Dwellings      Thompson-Nicola RD  
on ALR Parcels**

Whereas Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) regulations that allow an additional dwelling restrict the maximum size of this dwelling to 90m2 on ALR parcels less than 40 hectares in area;

And whereas a double-wide or standard modern single wide manufactured home is larger than 90m2, thus significantly restricting options for additional dwellings:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia increase the allowable maximum size for additional dwellings on ALR land.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions in support of farm family residences on ALR land, including:

- *2020-EB64 which asked the ALC to ensure an amendment to the Agriculture Land Reserve Use Regulation, BC Reg. 30/2019 to allow a second dwelling on ALR land, to remain permanently in effect;*
- *2019-B168 which asked the Province to reinstate the previous provisions of the legislation which facilitated the construction of additional dwellings for farm help, manufactured homes for immediate family members, accommodation above an existing farm building, or a second single family dwelling;*
- *2017-B139 which asked, in part, that the ALC allow the siting of other moveable dwellings on ALR land; and*
- *2014-B115 which asked the ALC to allow permanent secondary residences to be built on ALR land.*

While the membership has endorsed resolutions related to additional dwellings and their size, the sponsor has not stipulated an acceptable allowable maximum size. The Committee notes that as it stands the enactment is asking the Province “to increase the allowable maximum size for additional dwellings on ALR land” but not stating that size is deemed to be acceptable.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR51      Discriminatory Covenants      West Vancouver**

Whereas the issue of outdated covenants that contain discriminatory language is one that affects municipalities across the Province;

And whereas it is cost-prohibitive for local governments to individually and proactively identify and report covenants containing discriminatory language to the Land Title and Survey Authority (LTSA):

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province:*

1. ~~direct~~ **provide resource funding to** the Registrar of the LTSA to proactively search for and identify discriminatory language contained in registered covenants; and
2. provide the Registrar of the LTSA with the ability to delete and/or redact any occurrences of discriminatory language identified.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Registrar of the LTSA to proactively search for and identify discriminatory language contained in registered covenants and to be given the ability to delete and/or redact any occurrences of discriminatory language identified.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported other resolutions seeking to address redundant and restrictive covenants, including:*

- *2018-B133 which asked for the removal of restrictive covenants where the Grantor is non-operational and therefore not around to enforce them; and*
- *2010-B141 which asked the Province to amend the Land Title Act to allow local governments to apply to the BC Land Title & Survey Authority for the release of the charge(s) from title, in other words to remove redundant covenants on properties.*

*While the Committee supports the intent of the resolution to remove discriminatory language from these covenants, is it UBCM's role to request the Province to direct the work of the Land Title and Survey Authority? The Committee notes that the Land Title and Survey Authority website references the development of an Indigenous Reconciliation Strategy with the intent of establishing a meaningful framework for how LTSA can conduct its business in the spirit of UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action.*

*Conference decision:*

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse with Amendments

**Suggested amendments:** as above.

**Comments:**

- COV staff supported counterparts at the District of West Van for them to submit this resolution.
- COV Legal Services conducted research and no helpful precedents were found from canvassing other Provinces and Territories in Canada, key States in Australia and New Zealand with land titles systems similar to BC.
- Specific statutory framework in BC requires the Province to amend the Land Titles Act to authorize the Registrar to (1) pro-actively search land titles records (like looking for a needle in a haystack) that contain discriminatory covenants, and (2) delete, rather than the current authority to merely strikethrough, these discriminatory covenants or words from a land title record.
- In addition, the Province (or others) would need to fund the Land Title Survey and Authority to allow it to acquire the necessary human and technological resources to carry this out.

**Staff contact:** David Li, Lawyer – 604-871-6924

**NR52 Crown Land Application Wait Times****Pemberton**

Whereas municipal use of crown land is often essential to the provision of important municipal services;

And whereas the lengthy application process for nominal rent tenures and sponsored crown grants impacts municipalities' ability to provide these services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province increase funding to reduce application wait times and improve the application process for sponsored crown grants and nominal rent tenures.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to increase funding to reduce application wait times and improve the application process for sponsored crown grants and nominal rent tenures.

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported 2003-A2 which asked that where local governments require title to provincial Crown lands for public use, those lands be transferred to the requesting local government by way of Free Crown Grant.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation: None**

## **Taxation**

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**NR53 Reverse PST on Fossil Fuel Heating****Clinton**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia announced in the Provincial Budget on February 22, 2022, that Provincial Sales Tax (PST) 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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the Province to reverse the decision to add the PST back onto all fossil fuel and hot water appliances to encourage BC residents to revert to electric heat pumps and hot water tanks.

However, the Committee notes that in 2013 members endorsed B16 which asked the Province to reinstate the PST in an equitable manner to:

- (i) *provide exemption or reimbursement of PST charges on energy purchased for the purpose of generating energy for resale;*
- (ii) *introduce former exemptions on Production Machinery and Equipment for equipment purchased by district energy systems; and*
- (iii) *maintain, as per the former PST regulations, the PST exemption on the sale of heat to residential district energy consumers.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** The statements above are inaccurate. New heat pumps work well in cold climates - [How heat pumps measure up against cold climates in B.C. \(bchydro.com\)](https://www.bchydro.com/energy/energy-services/energy-efficiency/heat-pumps). Fossil fuels are already heavily subsidized by taxpayers and this new legislation is progressive, required for the province and cities like Vancouver to achieve our climate targets and should not be reversed.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**NR54      Shift to Non-Fuel-Based User-Pay Taxation Mechanisms      Sunshine Coast RD**  
**to Fund Road Infrastructure in Rural Areas of BC**

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is challenged by a lack of funding to adequately maintain rural roads and highway infrastructure in BC;

And whereas there is an imperative to move towards electrification and alternative fuels that don't pay into the established road and gas tax funding mechanism:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the provincial government to shift taxation for road infrastructure to a more equitable, user-pay model through alternative funding mechanisms such as tolling, vehicle taxes, or other means that are not reliant on fuel sales.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to shift taxation for road infrastructure to a more equitable, user-pay model through alternative funding mechanisms such as tolling, vehicle taxes, or other means that are not reliant on fuel sales.

However, in 2020, the Executive endorsed referred resolution NR25 which asked the Province to enact legislation to enable local governments to impose and collect vehicle congestion charges.

The Committee also advises that in 2002, B81 was not endorsed which requested that the Province “implement a universal toll/user fee for all recently completed mega projects such as the Island Highway, the refurbished Lions Gate Bridge, or the Iron Workers’ Memorial Bridge (Second Narrows Bridge). On any other important major transportation networks across the province including the proposed Vancouver-Whistler Super Highway and the resulting reduction in taxation subsidy be transferred to the health, education and welfare programs across the province.”

While that same year a Special Executive Resolution (2002-SR2) was endorsed related to the Province’s proposed establishment of Regional Transportation Advisory Committees which in part stated, as follows:

“(3) That in response to the Ministry of Transportation’s discussion paper on opportunities for expanding transportation infrastructure, the UBCM assert that:

- *it is opposed to provincial highway tolls where there are no alternative non-toll routes;*
- *it supports the principles for tolling as outlined in the discussion paper, and emphasizes support for the principles that small and/or safety-oriented improvements not incur a toll, that the public has the same access to tolled as it presently does to non-tolled highways save for necessary closures due to safety and maintenance, and that cost-recovery is used as the basis for tolling,*
- *it strongly supports that public consultation occurs in all cases where tolls are considered; and*
  - *when a highway project's fixed-term concession period expires, the government should ensure that toll collection ceases; and*
  - *the provincial government not sell transportation infrastructure”*

The Committee notes that the membership also supported 2021-EB20 which asked the Province to, in part, support and simplify the creation of local fuel taxes for local governments as an additional revenue stream. Other related endorsed resolutions asking the Province to share a portion of the Provincial fuel tax to support various types of transportation infrastructure are as follows:

- *active transportation infrastructure (2013-B99);*
- *road rehabilitation (2012-B19);*
- *transportation initiatives and road infrastructure and rehabilitation (2007-B21);*
- *road maintenance and transit services (2005-B20, 2003-B65); and*
- *transportation infrastructure (2003-B60).*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Eventually a different model will be required to fund roads in BC but currently the percentage of EVs in BC is small.
- Shifting to something like a vehicle tax could be supported similar to what is being explored in the Lower Mainland; however, it should be adjusted in the interim to be low for EV’s.
- Incentives, including not paying a road tax, are still required to encourage faster uptake of EVs to meet provincial climate targets.

**Staff contact:** Doug Smith, Director, Sustainability, PDS – 604-829-4308

**Transportation**

**NR55      Transportation Network Services in Rural and Remote Communities      Enderby**

Whereas the Province of BC has created a regulatory framework permitting transportation network services to operate in BC, which provides a passenger transportation option to address the significant public need for vehicles-for-hire and, in turn, reduce impaired driving, improve the ability of seniors and persons with barriers to access needed resources, and stimulate economic development;

And whereas the Province’s regulatory framework is so onerous that it effectively prohibits the establishment of transportation network services in small, rural, and remote

communities where it has the greatest potential to address areas under served by traditional public transportation options, and has contributed to the proliferation of unregistered transportation network services operating across the province, which poses a safety risk to consumers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests that the Province of BC amends its regulatory framework to establish a transportation network service solution that will enable viable, competitive, and safe services throughout the province, including in small rural and remote communities.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM 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, including:

- *2019-LR1 which 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 which called 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, under the present regulatory framework, the Passenger Transportation Board has approved applications to operate transportation network services in all regions of the province. Once an application is approved, the operator then has the discretion to decide where in the region they will offer transportation network services.

The sponsor has suggested that the requirement for a Class 4 drivers license makes it costly for transportation network services in smaller markets to start up and on-board new drivers. There is concern that operators may not be able to recoup the costs of Class 4 certification, with lower volumes of passengers in remote and rural areas.

See resolution RR24

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** This resolution could impact the Transportation Network Services (TNS) Inter-municipal Business Licence (IMBL) which is an existing regulatory agreement between over

25 Lower Mainland municipalities. It appears the target is smaller and rural communities but as written it could open up regulation for the whole province. The Province is set to conduct a review of TNS regulations in the coming year.

**Staff contact:** Sarah Hicks, Chief Licence Inspector, DBL – 604-873-7546

## NR56 Interregional Transit

## Nanaimo RD

Whereas there is a high demand for transit expansion hours within regional and municipal boundaries and local governments must use their region's transit expansion hours to address transportation needs within their regional boundaries;

And whereas there is a demand for interregional transit that has a geographic scope extending beyond regional boundaries that would be best managed as a provincial transportation matter to support the viability of interregional connections:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit for interregional transit in BC to be considered a provincial transportation matter, using a different service model whereby interregional hours are managed as cost-sharing contracts by BC Transit, allowing private sector enterprise or local governments the opportunity to bid on interregional segments of transit.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to change inter-regional public transportation in BC, by implementing a public transit service model with inter-regional hours managed as cost-sharing contracts by BC Transit. Under the proposed service model, private sector enterprise or local governments would then be able to bid on inter-regional transportation contracts.

The Committee understands that at present in BC, this inter-regional type of transportation is regulated in two different ways. When referred to as an inter-city bus (ICB), it is regulated by the Passenger Transportation Board. ICB services are private, commercial bus services, not public transit buses operated by a transit authority. Alternatively, selected regional transit systems provide public transit by bus between communities from different regions—for example, BC Bus North, and the South Okanagan-Similkameen Transit System.

In general, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to preserve, and where possible expand, sustainable inter-city transportation—not limited to bus service (2020-EB17, 2018-SR2, 2018-B14, 2018-B16, 2018-B63, 2017-B8, 2017-LR3, 2015-B9, 2013-B15, 2012-B115, 2012-C37).

However, the Committee is concerned that the proposed new cost-sharing model for inter-regional public transit could have unforeseen impacts on existing inter-regional transportation services.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** The Province is already considering some forms of inter-regional transit in Metro Vancouver and this also links with the high-speed rail connection discussion with Washington and Oregon. Many of the inter-regional transit options will rely on Provincial Highways and

infrastructure so it seems prudent that they would lead many of these projects. However, it will be important that the regional Transit entities and Municipalities are directly tied into any plans as there are areas that overlap and could help with some of the capacity issues if overlays such as inter-regional rail are considered.

**Staff contact:** Steve Brown, Manager Transit Integration and Projects, ENG – 604-873-7393

**NR57      Prioritizing Provincial Funding for Large Transit Expansions**

**Nanaimo RD**

Whereas transit systems across BC would benefit from expanded service hours to better serve residents and enable them to travel efficiently;

And whereas to remain in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation, larger expansions of transit systems are necessary as they move regions and municipalities towards common goals and improve transit for a greater portion of the population:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit to prioritize large transit expansions when determining allocation of transit funding, in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation.

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province and BC Transit to prioritize large transit expansions when determining allocation of transit funding, in line with regional and provincial strategic goals for sustainable transportation.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking provision of and funding for public transit throughout BC (2020-EB17, 2018-SR2, 2018-B63, 2017-B8, 2017-LR3, 2015-B9, 2013-B15, 2012-B115, 2012-C37).

The Committee would express concern about unforeseen consequences of prioritizing large transit expansions when determining allocation of transit funding. Would such prioritization end up diverting funding away from smaller transit expansions, in smaller communities or service areas? This is not addressed in the resolution or the background information provided by the sponsor, and for this reason, the Committee offers no recommendation.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Staff do not have a recommendation as there is likely a need for the Province to support funding for transit projects across smaller communities that may be smaller in nature.
- However, within Metro Vancouver it is the larger projects that require both Federal and Provincial funding for them to be delivered. Both the Province and the Federal Government should prioritise the larger projects that are difficult for the region to move forward. This makes room in regional budgets to deliver the smaller projects that can more easily be delivered incrementally.
- The Province should also make sure its funding is available to match any federal

funding so that municipalities don't lose out on Federal funding to other Provinces because our larger projects are not ready to build.

**Staff contact:** Steve Brown, Manager Transit Integration and Projects, ENG – 604-873-7393

**NR58      Expanding the Fare-Free Transit Program      Central Saanich**

Whereas the BC Government's fare-free transit program for youth aged 12 and under (grade 6) saves families money while offering youth low-carbon transportation that helps the province and municipalities reach carbon neutrality targets;

And whereas expanding eligibility to those aged 13 and under (grade 7) would reduce the current disparity between the "have fare-free" and those who "have not" within middle schools:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM endorse a request that the Province of BC expands the fare-free transit program for youth aged 13 and under (grade 7).

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for expansion of fare-free public transit from youth aged twelve and under to include youth aged 13 and under.

The Committee also advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2020-NEB4 which called, in part, for fare-free transit for youth aged 19 and under. Further, two resolutions seeking fare-free transit for everyone in BC have been considered but not endorsed (2021-NR17, 2020-NR26).

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Research shows if you get people used to transit as a primary mode at a younger age they tend to keep using it throughout their lives.
- In Vancouver, elementary schools go to grade 7 so students in the last grade of elementary school are not eligible for free transit. Changing the program's age cut-off to 13 eliminates this disparity in middle school and matches the change with the transition to high school.
- Consideration of expanding this to 19 or creation of some form of Upass program for high schools similar to university may also be a good consideration.

**Staff contact:** Kati Tamashiro, Manager Transportation Planning, ENG – 604-873-7793

**NR59      Review of the Regulatory Environment Pertaining to E-Mobility Devices      Coquitlam**

Whereas the Province is committed to expand and improve options for low or zero emission transportation modes and make active transportation safer and more convenient for everyone;

And whereas the Province aims to double the percentage of active transportation trips taken by 2030;

And whereas in addition to electric kick scooters there is a growing number of other electrified devices such as electric skateboards, electric unicycles or one-wheels:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to review the *Motor Vehicle Act* regulations to enable local governments to pilot the operation of a broader suite of e-mobility devices to increase the choice of active modes and improve safety for vulnerable road users.

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to review the Motor Vehicle Act regulations to enable local governments to pilot the operation of a broader suite of e-mobility devices to increase the choice of active modes and improve safety for vulnerable road users.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that support the increased use of active transportation, including electric bicycles:

- *development of active transportation infrastructure (2020-EB24, 2020-NR24, 2019-B16, 2018-B15, 2013-B99);*
- *tax exemption or financial incentive for purchase of electric bicycles (2020-EB29, 2019-B44, 2016-B130); and*
- *improvements to cycling infrastructure (2016-B9, 2016-B57, 2012-B63, 2010-B17, 2009-B83, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B99, 2006-B110, 2006-B140).*

The Committee understands that in spring 2021, the provincial government introduced a pilot project for local government regulation of electric kick scooters as a means of active transportation. Communities participating in the pilot project may, by bylaw, allow use of electric kick scooters on roads. The Province indicates that it is still accepting applications for the pilot project, and that it anticipates launching future pilot projects focussed on supporting active transportation. The request in this resolution would seem to be in line with present provincial government policy on electric mobility devices.

While UBCM members have long supported the expansion of active transportation, the Resolutions Committee would caution that this resolution would result in local governments taking on the job of regulating a broader range of electric mobility devices within their communities, but with no accompanying funding for this new regulatory responsibility.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Aligns with Council support for greater e-mobility choices.
- COV staff requested that the Province consider more than just e-scooters when we first started discussions on the current trial

**Staff contact:** Winston Chou, Manager Traffic & Data Management, ENG - 604-873-7913

**NR60      Micromobility Users Insurance****Coquitlam**

Whereas those who choose to cycle, scoot or roll on public streets are subject to similar rights and duties as the driver of a motor vehicle;

And whereas those drivers who are currently licensed and insured may also use other self-propelled or electrified means to travel which reduces the risk and costs to ICBC while their insured vehicles are parked at home:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to instruct ICBC to examine the provincial insurance regime to expand insurance policy options to remove any barriers to micromobility users (self-propelled or electrified devices).

*Submitted Directly to UBCM*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to instruct ICBC to examine the provincial insurance regime to expand insurance policy options to remove any barriers to users of active transportation devices, whether self-propelled or electric.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions that support the increased use of active transportation, including electric bicycles:

- *development of active transportation infrastructure (2020-EB24, 2020-NR24, 2019-B16, 2018-B15, 2013-B99);*
- *tax exemption or financial incentive for purchase of electric bicycles (2020-EB29, 2019-B44, 2016-B130); and*
- *improvements to cycling infrastructure (2016-B9, 2016-B57, 2012-B63, 2010-B17, 2009-B83, 2008-B108, 2007-B14, 2007-B99, 2006-B110, 2006-B140).*

However, the Committee would observe that the sponsor provided no background information for this resolution. The sponsor asserts in the second “whereas” clause that vehicle drivers, when choosing to use self-propelled or electric options for active transportation, “[reduce] the risk and costs to ICBC while their insured [motor] vehicles are parked at home”. This assertion is unsupported, and potentially problematic. The Committee would suggest that users of active transportation options may still be involved in motor vehicle accidents.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** While the intent to remove barriers to micromobility use is good, it is unclear what this recommendation would mean in practice. Rather, staff suggest first changes to the MVA to put more onus on drivers for collisions, and that a recommendation be generalized to look at how to give people using active transportation modes better coverage in case of injury.

**Staff contact:** Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, ENG – 604-873-7693

**NR61      On-Road Use of Off-Road Vehicles for Snow Clearing      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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM 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 the membership has 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). 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.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Staff have not had sufficient time to explore the impacts of this resolution.

**Staff contact:** N/A

**NR62      Amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act* to Better Support Fire Department Incident Responses      Coquitlam**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia prioritizes safety measures for the effective delivery of emergency services, and the *Motor Vehicle Act* of British Columbia mandates that motorists must operate in a safe manner near emergency fire department vehicles and life safety equipment, inattentive motorists near emergency scenes can be distracted to the extent that their actions threaten the safety of the public and fire department personnel;

And whereas an unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on a highway or private driveway at a fire or an alarm of fire is used to actively suppress fires and a puncture would cut off a critical lifeline to firefighters and anyone inside a building;

And whereas if a fire hose is filled with water and becomes severed, it can pose a serious risk of injury or death to a member of the public or fire department personnel:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to better support fire department incidents by increasing the violation amount to reflect the serious life safety hazard of driving over a fire hose, with fines similar to other offences where motorists obstruct or interfere with life safety equipment.

Submitted Directly to UBCM

**UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling in the Province to amend the Motor Vehicle Act to increase the fine for driving over a fire hose.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking improved safety measures for first responders attending a road side accident, in particular to reduce the speed at which traffic passes a road side incident (2019-B117, 2007-B102).

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None

**Staff contact:** Winston Chou, Manager Traffic & Data Management, ENG - 604-209-0793

## Legislative

NR63	Local Elected Official Benefits	Summerland
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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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has 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 the membership has 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).*

The Committee would note that UBCM, through its Group Benefits Plan, does offer the following benefits to elected officials:

- *extended health care;*
- *dental;*
- *employee and family assistance plan;*
- *optional life insurance; and*
- *optional accidental death and dismemberment.*

The following is the eligibility and enrollment process:

- *following local government elections, elected officials have 4 months to enroll;*
- *there must be a minimum of 3 elected official applicants from the local government to enroll; and*
- *enrollment must be for the full term of office.*

The Committee would note that benefits programs are offered by an insurance provider, so it is up to that insurance provider what benefits to offer and cover, and this has been negotiated with UBCM. Therefore it is not a decision of UBCM or the provincial government, it is reliant on an insurance provider who is willing to offer those benefits. In the case of UBCM’s benefit plan, our insurance provided Pacific Blue Cross, has made the benefits program available to elected officials based on the enrollment criteria noted above. This is not the case with other insurance providers offering group benefits to local governments.

The Committee would also note that there is deadline to join a plan set by the insurance provider for both staff and elected officials. The four month deadline to indicate confirmation of enrollment is standard for all new participants.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**Assessment**

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**NR64      Assessing Vacant Lands to Support Housing for BC’s      Vancouver**  
**Most Vulnerable**

Whereas sadly thousands of British Columbians are homeless, sleeping in shelters, tents, and encampments, while many jurisdictions in Canada and down the West Coast have successfully triaged their homelessness crises with temporary, tiny shelter-type villages, as a transition to more permanent housing;

And whereas BC Assessment classifies property according to its use, and local governments apply a mill rate to the respective classification to determine taxes, while owners of vacant land are incentivized to reduce their property taxes by changing temporary use and assessment, for example by adding a community garden to be re-classified as a Class 8 Recreational;

And whereas properties assessed as Class 3 Supportive Housing integrate long-term housing units with on-site supports for persons who were previously homeless or persons who are at risk of homelessness are subject to special valuation rules by the provincial government that reduce the assessed value of the property to a nominal amount, and have received funding from the government or a regional health board:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC government to work with local governments to develop and fund an incentive for more readily and rapidly repurposing vacant land as temporary Class 3 Supportive Housing, to support the creation of emergency

or ad-hoc housing or shelter with on site supports as a short-term use, and including tiny homes, navigation centres, portables, and/or modular housing.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to work with local governments to develop and fund an incentive for more readily and rapidly repurposing vacant land as temporary Class 3 Supportive Housing, to support the creation of emergency or ad-hoc housing or shelter with on site supports as a short-term use, and including tiny homes, navigation centres, portables, and/or modular housing.

However the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action on the part of the provincial and federal governments to fund, provide and facilitate affordable and adequate housing in communities, to in part, address homelessness (2021-LR5, 2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2015-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B94, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64).

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** None. Submitted by Vancouver City Council.

## NR65 Expanding the Mandate of BC Assessment Authority

## Port Moody

*Whereas all communities in BC are experiencing an ongoing housing crisis, placing an extraordinary pressure on local governments to provide affordable housing without having equitable access to the tools to properly assess project proformas in order to negotiate maximum affordable housing components in developments;*

*And whereas local governments recognize that reconciliation efforts must include housing discussions and to provide effective and equitable affordable housing, there must be collaboration with Indigenous Peoples:*

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to expand the mandate of BC Assessment Authority to implement a province-wide shared service model to support municipalities in assessing the merits of rezoning and development applications to provide accurate pricing and development cost estimates and to provide analysis of opportunities for affordable housing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.*

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to expand the mandate of BC Assessment Authority to implement a province-wide shared service model to support municipalities in assessing the merits of rezoning and development applications to provide accurate pricing and development cost estimates and to provide analysis of opportunities for affordable housing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.*

*The Resolutions Committee would caution that this resolution would result in an overhaul of the BC Assessment Authority mandate which is currently to establish and maintain a uniform*

*system of real property assessments throughout British Columbia. The resolution proposes that the Assessment Authority mandate be revised to provide advice to local governments in assessing the merits of rezoning and development applications and to provide analysis on opportunities for affordable housing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. While additional advice to local governments may be helpful, the resolution is not clear why BC Assessment Authority would be the agency to deliver this advice.*

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** Not Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** The Assessment is a relatively blunt tool to assess the value of land in the Province under its current use and zoning. Assessing supportable affordable housing requirements through new development is a complex exercise requiring residual land value analysis. It is probably unrealistic to add this role to the mandate of the BC Assessment Authority.

Given the primary mandate of BC Assessment is to provide independent, market-based valuation services for taxation purposes, and it is conceivable that private development would be motivated to ensure the assessed value is kept to the minimum, staff believe there is inherent conflict in expanding BC Assessment’s mandate to provide this advisory service re. extracting landlift to deliver affordable housing. In City of Vancouver, this has been done primarily through our own Real Estate department in consultation with PDS, ACCS and FRS.

**Staff contact:**

- Dan Garrison, Assistant Director of Planning, Housing Policy, PDS – 604-673-8435
- Grace Cheng, Director Long-Term Financial Strategy & Planning, FRS – 604-871-6654

## NR66      Managed Forest Land Valuation

Cowichan Valley RD

*Whereas the 2022 Assessment Roll marks the third year that the land value component of the formula for valuation of Managed Forest Land has been frozen;*

*And whereas the valuation formula for Managed Forest Land remains under review by BC Assessment, the Province and Industry:*

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask BC Assessment and the Province to conclude the Class 7 Valuation Formula review and implement an understandable, fair and transparent formula for Managed Forest Land valuation.*

*Endorsed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities*

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

**UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:**

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking BC Assessment and the Province to conclude the Class 7 Valuation Formula review and implement an understandable, fair and transparent formula for Managed Forest Land valuation.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2013-B112 which called on the provincial government to review the method of land valuation of private managed forest land intended for development and to impose a duty on owners of private managed forest land to consult with the local government in which the land is located.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

**NR67      Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations      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.

*Endorsed by the Southern Interior Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has 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.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** The motion is not entirely clear on what the intended outcome is. Assuming the intent is to ensure land or improvements held for purposes ancillary to the business of transportation from railway operations are i) not excluded from taxation and/or ii) not taxed at a lower rate than Class 5 rate, resulting in redistributing tax burden onto other taxpayers, City of Vancouver supports this motion.

As the Assessment Act applies to all BC municipalities and the proposed amendment does not seem to be permissive in nature, suggest the Province/BC Assessment consult with municipalities before making any changes.

**Staff contact:** Grace Cheng, Director Long-Term Financial Strategy & Planning, FRS – 604-871-6654

## Regional Districts

**NR68      Emergency Operations Centre Reserve Funds      Fraser Valley RD,  
LMLGA Executive**

Whereas regional districts are recognized as local authorities under the *Emergency Program Act* that must develop and implement emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters;

And whereas regional districts are limited by the current funding model under the *Local Government Act*, requiring fiscal equivalence:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and Emergency Management BC to provide regional districts with a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre Reserve Fund to facilitate the timely provision of emergency response when prior expense authorization is not practical and works are essential to save lives and protect property.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province and Emergency Management BC to provide regional districts with a dedicated Emergency Operations Centre Reserve Fund to facilitate the timely provision of emergency response when prior expense authorization is not practical and works are essential to save lives and protect property.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ongoing funding related to emergency management (2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44) and disaster recovery (2019-B104, 2019-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114).

UBCM members also endorsed resolution 2018-B95, which requested that Emergency Management BC make Provincial Incident Commanders available to communities under 5,000 in population for the purpose of making decisions during emergency events.

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.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** Endorse

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:** Staff have not had sufficient time to explore the impacts of this resolution.

**Staff contact:** N/A

**Selected Issues**

NR69	<b>Beyond GDP: A Wellbeing Framework in British Columbia District</b>	<b>North Vancouver</b>
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Whereas Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was never intended to be used as an indicator of a society's health or wellbeing, does not reflect Indigenous values, does not account for the health of natural systems which underpin all life, and does not account for harmful externalities including pollution and climate change impacts;

And whereas the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations recommended that the province adopt a Wellbeing Framework in British Columbia in the 2020 report 'Centering First Nations Concepts of Wellbeing toward a GDP-alternative Index in BC;

And whereas 82 percent of Canadian respondents felt that measures beyond economic growth such as health and safety, access to education, access to clean water, time for extracurricular and leisure activities, life satisfaction, social connections, and equality of access to public services are important to their day-to-day life:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, and all relevant Ministries to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples, including the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, to transform the current Gross Domestic Product economic framework in BC into a Wellbeing Framework which centres Indigenous values, includes the health and wellbeing of all people and all species, and includes the health of natural systems which underpin all life.

*Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to work in partnership with Indigenous peoples, including the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, to transform the current Gross Domestic Product economic framework in BC into a Wellbeing Framework which centres Indigenous values, includes the health and wellbeing of all people and all species, and includes the health of natural systems which underpin all life.

Conference decision:

**Staff recommendation:** No Recommendation

**Suggested amendments:** None

**Comments:**

- Staff have not had sufficient time to explore the impacts of this resolution.
- Vancouver Economic Commission has a significant body of work in the area that supports the shift from GDP-only metrics. There are three key questions that GDP overlooks as we enter the Fourth Industrial Revolution (to digital): is growth fair, is it green, and is it improving our lives? GDP is not a good measure of performance in these instances.

**Staff contact:** N/A

**NR70 Provincial Apology for Sixties Scoop**

## Vancouver

Whereas the Sixties Scoop refers to the forcible removal of thousands of Aboriginal children from their families and communities, a Provincial strategy of assimilation that saw Aboriginal children placed in care and adopted to non-native families beginning in 1951 and continuing until the mid-1980s;

And whereas in his 1985 report on Aboriginal child apprehension and the Sixties Scoop, Manitoba Provincial Justice Edwin Kimelman referenced the UN Genocide Convention of 1948 concluding that “cultural genocide has taken place in a systematic, routine manner.”;

And whereas the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have all since apologized to the survivors of the Sixties Scoop:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the province of British Columbia make a formal apology to the communities, families and survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

Submitted Directly to UBCM

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

**NR72      Veterinarian Shortage**

**Bulkley-Nechako RD,  
Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas there is a critical shortage of veterinarians, particularly for large animals, in BC;

And whereas the Province of BC sponsors 20 IPA (Inter-Provincial Agreement) students (out of the 140+ who apply) per year for the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, and has committed to one year funding for an additional 20 students for 2022-23:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Advanced Education and the Government of BC commit to funding a total of 40 veterinary students under the Inter-Provincial Agreement in each year for four years at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

*Endorsed by the North Central Local Government Association*

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

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to commit to funding a total of 40 veterinary students under the Inter-Provincial Agreement in each year for four years at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Committee wishes to advise that on April 4, 2022, the Province announced that it is investing nearly \$10.7 million to double the number of provincially subsidized students at veterinary college from 20-40 for the 2022-23 academic year.

Conference decision:

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**Staff recommendation:** None

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# COUNCIL-REQUESTED MINISTER MEETINGS





	Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure	Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing	Minister of Education and Child Care
REQUESTED BY	Councillor Fry	Councillors Carr, De Genova, Dominato, Fry, Kirby-Yung	Councillor Dominato
MEETING DATE/TIME	Meeting Confirmed: Monday, September 12, 2022 (2:40 - 2:55 pm) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room B	Meeting Confirmed: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 (10:00 - 10:15 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room A	Meeting Confirmed: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 (11:20 - 11:35 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Callaghan Room
TOPIC 1	Subway to UBC	Homelessness - social housing construct, and urgent replacement of SROs	School builds, retrofits and seismic upgrades in Vancouver
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)	Businesses are struggling with cut and cover, how can we support train all the way to UBC?	It's increasing; solution is housing much of which has to be supportive. Vancouver is landing place for people in need of housing across region and province. Significant and rapid loss of SRO stock in Vancouver. This year alone close to a dozen buildings have been cleared out, converted for different market demographic, are for sale and/or have been rendered uninhabitable. Of course this stock is the last housing option before street homelessness for many and their loss will bring many impacts downstream.	The City of Vancouver continues to have enrolment pressures in high density neighbourhoods and is anticipating continued population growth over the next 30 years. While the VSB is prioritizing schools in these areas, families are waiting for years for new schools to be built (e.g. Olympic Village). It's critical to set a new course and framework for school development in Vancouver.
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting	Supporting businesses along the line impacted by construction, supporting extension all the way to UBC	Open up a discussion for broader approach to social housing to provide more robust on-site supports and services. Urgent need for new purpose built housing w/ supports to replace rapid loss of SRO stock.	We would like to discuss options for advancing new schools and retrofits in Vancouver, including different built forms that may save money and time.
TOPIC 2	Recent amendments to Transportation Act	Financing retrofits for rental housing / completing BC building code for retrofits and expanded provincial authority over local government land use/zoning	
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)	Amendment to Transportation Act	In various media reports, the Minister has indicated possible legal changes to enable the Province more authority over local land use/zoning decisions	
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting	How new authority for Translink to buy and develop adjacent to stations can be leveraged to build complete communities.	We would like a better understanding of the proposed regulatory changes and what it might mean for housing proposals coming before Local Governments	
TOPIC 3	Amending Motor Vehicle Act to support local default speed limit	Affordable home ownership, financing for complex care and partnership with BC Housing	
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)	Standing desire for Vancouver and many BC local governments to have 30k/h residential streets, now with expanded micromobility the need is more pressing as we are seeing an increase in injuries and ridership	Increasingly, residents want to better understand the housing delivery model, tenancing, onsite/offsite wraparound services, maintenance of public realm, and responsibility/accountability for these issues. As elected officials, we are committed to delivering housing and ensuring supportive housing is successful across the city.	
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting	Amending the MVA to allow local governments to set speed limit in jurisdiction.	We would like to improve the CoV/BC Housing working partnership, including opportunities to build greater buy in with neighbourhoods and improve communications and transparency.	

## Schedule

	Minister of Environment and Climate Change	Minister of Mental Health and Addictions	Minister of Finance	Child Care, Minister of State	Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation
REQUESTED BY	Councillor Carr	Councillors De Genova, Dominato, Kirby-Yung	Councillor Fry	Councillor De Genova	Councillor Fry
MEETING DATE/TIME	Meeting Confirmed: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (10:20 - 10:35 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room B	Meeting Confirmed: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (11:00 - 11:15 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room C	Meeting Confirmed: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (11:40 - 11:55 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Callaghan Room	Meeting Confirmed: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (1:20 - 1:35 pm) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room A	Meeting Confirmed: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 (4:20 - 4:35 pm) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room E
TOPIC 1	Climate Change Strategy	Addressing gaps in mental health and addiction services	Split Assessments	24-hour childcare	Climate construction and retrofit jobs for BC
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)	Meeting 2030 targets for Vancouver and Metro Vancouver requires increased transit/transition to net zero bus fleet, millennium line to UBC, training of workers in retrofits and PACE financing for commercial and MF buildings.	Not provided	Split Assessments remains a key priority for Vancouver and Metro	Not provided	Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and are codifying climate change mitigating and adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs. There is a need for qualified trades, technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support jobs and innovation in this field
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting	Commitment to move PACE financing forward for non-SF buildings and investment in Translink to expand transit	Open dialogue about new and more substantive treatment facilities that move beyond harm reduction to treatment and recovery	Split Assessments as a tool to address complexities around highest and best use land assessments that are harming local small businesses	Open dialogue about increasing safe and affordable options	Expanding jobs and job opportunities in climate change adaptation/mitigation and mass timber construction
TOPIC 2	PACE Financing	Increased services – Expansion of CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots and 911 levy for Mental Health and BC Crisis Centres			
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)	PACE financing has been promised, slow to deliver. Problem?	The Province is currently funding three CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots in Victoria, New Westminster and the North Shore. This program could be of great benefit to Vancouver and a complementary service to Cars 86/87. The Police Act review recommendations include an additional 911 service for mental health and BC Crisis Centres are proposing a mobile phone levy that could raise approx. \$58M/annually to support mental health calls made through 911.			
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting	Commitment to move PACE financing forward for non-SF buildings and investment in Translink to expand transit	We would like to discuss and formally request the Province consider including Vancouver in future expansion of the CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots. We would like to know if this is being considered by the government and if yes, what the next steps are.			
TOPIC 3		Housing and funding for complex care			
BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)		Not provided			
one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting		Not provided			

	<b>Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training</b>	<b>Minister of Agriculture and Food</b>
<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>Councillor Fry</b>	<b>Councillor Carr</b>
<b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>	<b>Meeting Confirmed:</b> Thursday, September 15, 2022 (10:40 - 10:55 am) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room E	<b>Meeting Confirmed:</b> Thursday, September 15, 2022 (3:00 - 3:15 pm) Westin Whistler, 2nd Floor, Alpine Room E
<b>TOPIC 1</b>	Climate construction and retrofit training in advanced education in BC	Local school meal programs
<b>BACKGROUND (include timeframe, parties involved, previous steps/action)</b>	Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and are codifying climate change mitigating and adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs. There is a need for qualified trades, technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support expanded education in this capacity through practical work and education opportunities	VSBC is pursuing food hubs, commercial kitchens in several schools along with school/community gardens
<b>one sentence summary of what you would like from meeting</b>	Expanding access to education for trades and technicians in climate change adaptation/mitigation	Provincial support for commercial kitchens, that can also act as commissary kitchens for the local community

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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Subway to UBC</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Supporting businesses along the line impacted by construction, supporting extension all the way to UBC
<b>Background</b>	Businesses are struggling with cut and cover, how can we support train all the way to UBC?

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<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Millennium Line UBC Extension serves the Province's 2 biggest employment districts and offers many benefits including resolving the bus capacity issues to UBC anticipated on opening day of the Broadway Subway, provide affordable housing opportunities along the future stations, connecting the largest university with one of the largest employment and biomedical precincts in the Province and supporting Indigenous economic development through the Jericho Lands.</li><li>• This will have one of the highest, if not the most, ridership of any transit project in Canada when it opens</li><li>• Costs of construction methods are borne by the delivery agent, but also by local businesses (lost sales) and residents (stress, lower quality of life). Costs of projects should consider how construction method affects the budget of the project as well as the budgets of businesses and residents including determining the likelihood of businesses and residents remaining after construction to enjoy the benefits offered by the rapid transit line. For example, a strata condo owner or commercial property owner might deal with construction impacts for a few years (and potentially loss of revenue for commercial landlords) but will see much improved mobility options and possibly speculative land value increases post construction. Businesses on the other hand, do not typically share this benefit as once construction is finished, there is nothing stopping or limiting rent increases and they do not get the benefits of increased land value from real estate speculation unless they own the building they are operating from. This will require intergovernmental collaboration to ensure all federal, provincial and municipal actions are taken in a coordinated way.</li><li>• Business Support programs and funds should be built into the project budget including consideration of practices currently not permitted or not typically done (e.g. marketing for businesses). This could also consider ways to support businesses with reduced income during construction.</li><li>• Consider how Bill 16 will assist the City in delivering rental and affordable housing close to the future UBCx stations. Transit investment alone will not deliver the number of transit oriented affordable housing units desired within the City of Vancouver. Bill 16 has the potential to aid the City in delivering new rental and affordable housing near transit but further analysis should be done to determine what additional programs might be required.</li></ul>
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- Work with the TransLink Mayors' Council through its 10-year planning process to continue work to extend the **Millennium Line to Arbutus, with an eventual terminus at UBC**, and ensure prompt design and construction of the Surrey-Langley Skytrain.
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### Mandate Letter – Climate Change and TransLink

- Keep BC on **track to meet our 2030 greenhouse gas emissions target** set sectoral and interim targets, and legislate a new target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050
- Accelerate the move toward a **net-zero emissions** bus fleet powered by electrification, hydrogen fuel cell technologies, and other zero-emissions technologies, including supporting TransLink's "aggressive" level plan.
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- Lead work to continue delivering our government's **10-year housing plan**, Homes for B.C., and the affordable housing it's bringing to tens of thousands of British Columbians, including working in partnership to create 114,000 affordable homes
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### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- Work with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to support economic recovery in communities across BC by **continuing to build important infrastructure projects**, including through StrongBC and the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
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- Support the work of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to bring down the cost of housing for people by **streamlining and modernizing housing construction and approvals**

### Mandate Letter – Advanced Education and Skills Training

- Continue to **build 8,000 new student housing units** as part of Homes for BC, our government's 10-year housing plan.

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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Recent amendments to Transportation Act</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	How new authority for Translink to buy and develop adjacent to stations can be leveraged to build complete communities
<b>Background</b>	Amendment to Transportation Act
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the Broadway Plan, we have learned that delivering affordable housing near transit in Vancouver poses particular challenges. Vancouver's high land and construction costs mean that significant additional density is required to deliver market rental and inclusionary non-market housing. Even with higher</li> </ul>

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	<p>density enabled through transit-oriented planning, senior government funding is still needed to support viable developments to ensure existing renters can return to a replacement unit at similar rents and deliver deeper affordability for low– and moderate- incomes earned by families and key workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An additional challenge is funding new utilities, active transportation and community infrastructure (i.e. community centres, libraries) needed to support growth associated with densification. With a significant share of development revenue being allocated to delivering affordability in new housing and preventing displacement, this means a smaller pool of funding is available to support critical infrastructure investments. This is coupled with an existing growing infrastructure gap to maintain Vancouver’s existing portfolio of assets, which will require a multi-decade funding strategy to support \$800 million annually, including through reliable partnership funding from senior levels of government.</li><li>• Transit investment alone will not deliver the number of transit oriented affordable housing units desired within the City of Vancouver. Bill 16 has the potential to aid the City in delivering new rental and affordable housing near transit but further analysis should be done to determine what additional programs might be required.</li><li>• Provincial government is in a unique position to invest in land near future projects to create both value for taxpayers and provide for housing needs.</li><li>• The City has processes for review and approval of projects in street right of way versus zoned land. Transit infrastructure on zoned land is treated differently and goes through a modified review process, that is advisory only (Design Advisory Process or DAP). Private development on zoned land where integrated with transit will be expected to follow City's policies and zoning bylaw.</li><li>• The City is undertaking work in advance of a broader land use plan to define station integration opportunities with development, within the station blocks.</li></ul>
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<b>Background</b>	Standing desire for Vancouver and many BC local governments to have 30k/h residential streets, now with expanded micromobility the need is more pressing as we are seeing an increase in injuries and ridership
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff plan to move forward with implementation of gateway signage in neighbourhoods, following advice from the Province</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff have been advised, though, that current ticketing requirements (ie. Proof of awareness of speed limits through demonstrating a sign was in place at the time of infraction) may cause tickets to be dismissed, limiting the value of the program under existing legislation</li><li>• Further clarity and specific language allowing blanket speed limits would be helpful in legislation so that there aren't potential loopholes and could reduce difficulty of implementation.</li></ul>
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 <p><b>Honourable Murray Rankin</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee (Vice Chair)</li> <li>○ Legislative Review Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Appointed the Minister of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing on August 2, 2022; continued roles as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation</li> <li>• Murray is a lawyer with expertise in environmental, Indigenous, and public law</li> <li>• He was elected as the Member of Parliament for Victoria and served from 2012 until 2019.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Brenda Bailey</b></p>	<p><b>Parliamentary Secretary for Technology and Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-False Creek</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Co-founded Canada's first women-owned and operated video game studio in 2011, in response to the lack of high-quality games being developed for women and girls</li> <li>• Recently served as the Executive Director of DigiBC, the Interactive and Digital Media Industry Association of British Columbia</li> </ul>

<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Homelessness - social housing construct, and urgent replacement of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) buildings</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Adriane Carr, Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Open up a discussion for broader approach to social housing to provide more robust on-site supports and services. Urgent need for new purpose built housing w/ supports to replace rapid loss of SRO stock.
<b>Background</b>	Vancouver is landing place for people in need of housing across the region and province. There's been a significant and rapid loss of SRO stock in Vancouver. This year alone close to a dozen buildings have been cleared out, converted for different market demographic, are for sale

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	and/or have been rendered uninhabitable. Of course this stock is the last housing option before street homelessness for many and their loss will bring many impacts downstream.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SRO Revitalization Strategy</a> approved by Council in 2017</li> <li>• 7,000 SROs in Vancouver (~3,000 rooms are government or non-profit owned).</li> <li>• Most SROs are nearing the end of their useful life cycles and reflect an outdated housing form that compromise tenants' safety and dignity, with small rooms and shared bathrooms and kitchens.</li> <li>• Priority is to replace stock with self-contained social housing (@ shelter rate)</li> <li>• Intergovernmental working group (CoV, CMHC, BC Housing and Ministry) struck in 2022 to develop a multi-year investment strategy to replace the stock. Commitment and resources needed to continue to move this work forward.</li> <li>• In the interim, need funding to maintain provincially owned buildings and additional resources for operators to support tenants with complex mental health and addictions needs.</li> </ul>

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- Lead government's efforts to address homelessness by implementing a **homelessness strategy**
- Lead work to continue delivering our government's **10-year housing plan**, Homes for B.C., and the affordable housing it's bringing to tens of thousands of British Columbians, including working in partnership to create 114,000 affordable homes.
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- To make life more affordable for renters – particularly during the hardship caused by COVID-19 – deliver a **freeze on rent increases** until the end of 2021, and then make permanent the actions our government took to limit rent increases to the rate of inflation.
- Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to fast track the move toward **decriminalization** by working with police chiefs to push Ottawa to decriminalize simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. In the absence of prompt federal action, develop a made-in B.C. solution that will help save lives.
- Support the work of the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to provide an increased level of support – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.'s most

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vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing **Complex Care housing**.

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### Mandate Letter – Mental Health and Addictions

- Given the impact of COVID-19 on people's mental health, continue building a comprehensive system of mental health and addictions care, including by implementing **A Pathway to Hope**, B.C.'s roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people, and by expanding access to counselling, using new e-health and other technologies to bring care to more people in all regions of B.C.
- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing **homelessness**, including those living in **encampments**.
- Support communities in addressing street disorder and public safety concerns by expanding mental health intervention teams like the six new **Assertive Community Treatment** teams recently announced

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including those living in encampments.
- Improve local communities' ability to respond to the COVID-19 crisis by launching the new **Strengthening Community Fund** to enable local governments to apply for funding to help them tackle street disorder, cleanliness and public safety, and improve their ability to respond to challenges posed to businesses and neighbourhoods by homelessness.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Financing retrofits for rental housing / completing BC building code for retrofits and expanded provincial authority over local government land use/zoning</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Adriane Carr and Councillor Lisa Dominato
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	We would like a better understanding of the proposed regulatory changes and what it might mean for housing proposals coming before Local Governments
<b>Background</b>	In various media reports, the Minister has indicated possible legal changes to enable the Province more authority over local land use/zoning decisions
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current heat pump incentives are not seeing measurable uptake by rental buildings as incentive amounts are too low and program requirements are too complex</li> <li>• Expanded and simplified incentives for heat pumps in rental housing complemented by operational supports for owner/operators would facilitate substantial owner investment in cooling and decarbonization of rental buildings</li> <li>• Modest and targeted incentives for envelope improvements (such as added insulation, efficient windows) would catalyze significant addition energy efficiency and cost savings measures for owners needing/planning to undertake envelope work already (for non-energy reasons) as the incremental cost to do improved energy efficiency in conjunction with the planned work is small</li> <li>• Clarify the scope of required retrofit and renovations in the Building Code. Code development for alterations is complex work that could be phased to allow for quick wins while more complex issues are addressed; at a minimum, initial alterations code should include minimums for envelope renovation work to meet new build efficient requirements</li> <li>• Legislation on Housing Approvals:</li> <li>• The City of Vancouver is supportive of improved Provincial-Regional-Municipal planning to enable affordable housing delivery, particularly increases requirements for all municipalities to take steps to address housing needs (e.g. Regional Fair Share policies, etc.). However, any new/amended legislation should retain local decision-making to enable local governments to ensure complete communities are developed (housing as well as infrastructure and amenities), and to ensure an appropriate degree of community engagement.</li> </ul>

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- for communities experiencing increased challenges with vulnerable residents

### Mandate - Technology and Innovation

- Nothing related to this topic

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing, work to bring down the cost of housing for people by **streamlining and modernizing development permitting and approvals.**
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Affordable home ownership, financing for complex care and partnership with BC Housing</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Melissa De Genova, Councillor Lisa Dominato
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	We would like to improve the CoV/BC Housing working partnership, including opportunities to build greater buy in with neighbourhoods and improve communications and transparency.
<b>Background</b>	Increasingly, residents want to better understand the housing delivery model, tenancing, onsite/offsite wraparound services, maintenance of public realm, and responsibility/accountability for these issues. As elected officials, we are committed to delivering housing and ensuring supportive housing is successful across the city.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City and Province could benefit from greater coordination on the delivery of social and supportive housing. This includes the delivery of supportive housing in communities, but also extends to other areas of work. For example, the City needs assistance with Tenant Relocation when existing residents being supported through redevelopment are determined to be vulnerable (e.g. very low income, multiple barriers, etc).</li> <li>• There is also a strong opportunity to jointly identify priority non-profit projects so that projects the City expedites through its approvals processes are the projects BC Housing intends to fund, and vice versa.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are high level coordination meetings currently in place between BC Housing and COV leadership up to and including the CEO of BC Housing and the City Manager. This coordination could be enhanced at the program/project level.</li> </ul>
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### Mandate Letter – Mental Health and Addictions

- Support communities in addressing street disorder and public safety concerns by expanding mental health intervention teams like the **six new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)** teams recently announced for communities experiencing increased challenges with vulnerable residents
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- Expand the **availability of treatment beds** for people by building new treatment, recovery, detox and after-care facilities across the province with some beds specifically for British Columbians under age 24.
- With support from the Minister of Health, **transfer oversight of recovery homes and other private treatment** providers to Mental Health and Addictions to ensure quality care, accountability and value for money.
- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Health, **lead work to provide an increased level of support** – including more

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access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.'s most vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing Complex Care housing.

#### Mandate Letter – Advanced Education and Skills Training

- Continue to **build 8,000 new student housing units** as part of Homes for BC, our government's 10-year housing plan

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**Honourable Jennifer Whiteside**

### **Minister of Education and Child Care**

- Elected: 2020
- MLA for New Westminster
- Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister
- Current Cabinet Committees:
  - Treasury Board
  - Planning and Priorities Committee
  - Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives
  - Cabinet Working Group on COVID
- Chief spokesperson and lead negotiator for the Hospital Employees' Union
- Led B.C.'s first campaign for a living wage to ensure that work lifts people out of poverty and allows them to support their families and fully participate in their communities
- Worked for community organizations and labour unions at the provincial and national level, and in those roles has championed a wide range of social justice issues from accessible post-secondary education and affordable public childcare, to Medicare and health equity




**Brenda Bailey**

### **Parliamentary Secretary for Technology and Innovation**

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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>School builds, retrofits and seismic upgrades in Vancouver</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Lisa Dominato
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	We would like to discuss options for advancing new schools and retrofits in Vancouver, including different built forms that may save money and time.
<b>Background</b>	The City of Vancouver continues to have enrolment pressures in high density neighbourhoods and is anticipating continued population growth over the next 30 years. While the VSB is prioritizing schools in these areas, families are waiting for years for new schools to be built (e.g. Olympic Village). It's critical to set a new course and framework for school development in Vancouver.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COV would like to see Olympic Village elementary funded completely (2018 election promise).</li> <li>• Henry Hudson is being renovated with same capacity but designed to add extra classrooms when future funding is available. This is the catchment school for Senakw which anticipates 3,000 units available within three years. COV would like to see this school approved for additional space now in anticipation of this historic project.</li> <li>• COV and VSB work closely on advanced planning including VSB 5-year Capital Plan, VSB Long-Range Facilities Plan, Vancouver Plan and Broadway Plan.</li> <li>• BCSTA recently passed two VSB motions - increased funding for outdoor learning spaces and increased ventilation standards (especially important due to COVID-19). COV strongly supports.</li> </ul>

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### Mandate Letter – Education and Child Care

- Continue to **invest in new and modernized schools, including focusing on meeting seismic requirements** and climate change and energy efficiency standards as set out in our CleanBC plan.
- Continue to **take the pressure off parents to fundraise while giving students safe, accessible playgrounds** by expanding our government's Playground Fund to more schools.
- Deliver targeted investments to **help make sure students have the classroom supplies they need to succeed**, so parents and teachers don't have to pay the full cost out-of-pocket

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 <p><b>Honourable George Heyman</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for TransLink</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017 and 2013</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-Fairview</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for TransLink</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board (Vice Chair)</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Forestry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Served as the Executive Director of Sierra Club of BC and also served three terms as president of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union</li> <li>• Has been a faculty member of Simon Fraser University's Dialogue and Negotiation program, teaching courses in multi-party negotiations and collaborative decision-making</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Climate Change Strategy</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Adriane Carr
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Commitment to move PACE financing forward for non-SF buildings and investment in TransLink to expand transit
<b>Background</b>	Meeting 2030 targets for Vancouver and Metro Vancouver requires increased transit/transition to net zero bus fleet, millennium line to UBC, training of workers in retrofits and PACE financing for commercial and MF buildings.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p>PACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Done properly and coupled with comprehensive owner retrofit supports Commercial PACE (C-PACE) could unlock substantial private investment in large scale energy efficiency, climate resilience, and seismic retrofits</li> <li>• Local governments have a key role in C-PACE but developing an effective a program needs to be done at a Provincial scale as there is substantial upfront and ongoing program efforts and costs</li> <li>• CPACE was not an initial priority for owners in our consultation on Carbon Limit regulations, but as retrofit regulations take effect the need for this may grow rapidly;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without a regulatory push to drive retrofit activity it is unlikely C-PACE alone would result in substantial additional retrofit activity</li> <li>• In commercial building, CPACE would help overcome the “split incentive” barrier to energy efficiency investments where currently owners must make capital investments but see no operating cost savings because utilities bills are paid by tenants – CPACE would address this barrier as property taxes (and therefore PACE financing repayment) are passed onto tenants</li> <li>• The design of the CPACE program can protect tenants against unreasonable costs</li> </ul> <p>TransLink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TransLink have developed a bold and innovative transportation Strategy in Transport 2050. The 10 Year Priorities include: doubling regional bus service levels; delivering up to 170km of new rapid transit, including a Millenium Line extension from Arbutus to UBC and a rapid transit connection to the North Shore.</li> <li>• Also includes building 450 kms of new traffic-separated cycling paths.</li> <li>• Additional priorities for the City of Vancouver include funding for reducing barriers to transit through reduction or elimination of fares for those most in need (AllOnBoard campaign).</li> <li>• The pandemic has impacted revenues. Additional funding is needed to advance this planned work program to advance the significant shift in travel behaviour away from private vehicles that is urgently needed.</li> <li>• The Millennium Line UBC Extension offers many benefits including resolving the bus capacity issues to UBC anticipated on opening day of the Broadway Subway, provide affordable housing opportunities along the future stations, connecting the largest university with one of the largest employment and biomedical precincts in the Province and supporting Indigenous economic development through the Jericho Lands.</li> </ul>
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## Mandate Letter – Climate Change and TransLink

- Keep BC on **track to meet our 2030 greenhouse gas emissions target** set sectoral and interim targets, and legislate a new target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

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- Support the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to require realtors to **provide energy efficiency information on listed homes to incent energy-saving upgrades** and let purchasers know what energy bills they will face.

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- Work with communities to expand their networks of active transportation to meet our CleanBC goal of **doubling trips** taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030.

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<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Adriane Carr
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<b>Background</b>	PACE financing has been promised, slow to deliver. Problem?
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Addressing gaps in mental health and addiction services</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Open dialogue about new and more substantive treatment facilities that move beyond harm reduction to treatment and recovery
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p>On treatment and recovery centres - Request that BC build capacity across the existing treatment and recovery sectors to support coordination and links to health authorities to support individuals with existing health services. Currently, there is no formal connection between health authorities and recovery/treatment spaces (ie: people are ‘discharged’ or their 60-day stay is up and there is no connection to services for them to continue care.)</p> <p>Some treatment/recovery centres have established their own “wrap around” after-care prevention services but not all. VCH has existing services, but a more formal connection is needed.</p> <p>Recovery Community Centres – great concept for people in recovery, but VCH continues to have challenges finding space. COV has reviewed all space options but there is nothing suitable. Staff are supporting another search through BC Housing but Province may need to purchase a building. (<a href="#">Motion - Enabling a Recovery Community Centre in the City of Vancouver (Member’s Motion B.8) - April 13, 2022</a>)</p>

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	<p>Critically important that more culturally safe spaces for treatment and recovery are created and supported, including with after care needs, for Indigenous ppl.</p> <p>Harm reduction awareness needs to be woven across treatment and recovery (this is noted by VCH Public Health). For example, when people leave a treatment or recovery centre, they are most at risk of overdosing should they relapse, which is unfortunately common, so best to avoid the silo-ing harm reduction.</p>
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### Mandate Letter - Housing

- Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to fast track the move toward **decriminalization** by working with police chiefs to push Ottawa to decriminalize simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. In the absence of prompt federal action, develop a made-in B.C. solution that will help save lives.

### Mandate Letter – Mental Health and Addictions




- Given the impact of COVID-19 on people’s mental health, continue building a comprehensive system of mental health and addictions care, including by implementing **A Pathway to Hope**, B.C.’s roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people, and by expanding access to counselling, using new e-health and other technologies to bring care to more people in all regions of B.C.
- Accelerate B.C.’s **response to the opioid crisis** across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe prescription medications, treatment and recovery.
- Expand the **availability of treatment beds** for people by building new treatment, recovery, detox and after-care facilities across the province with some beds specifically for British Columbians under age 24.
- With support from the Minister of Health, **transfer oversight of recovery homes and other private treatment** providers to Mental Health and Addictions to ensure quality care, accountability and value for money.
- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Health, **lead work to provide an increased level of support** – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.’s most vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing Complex Care housing.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- Improve local communities' ability to respond to the COVID-19 crisis by launching the new **Strengthening Community Fund** to enable local governments to apply for funding to help them tackle street disorder, cleanliness and public safety, and improve their ability to respond to challenges posed to businesses and neighbourhoods by homelessness.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Sheila Malcolmson</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Mental Health and Addictions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2019</li> <li>• MLA for Nanaimo</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elected four times to the Islands Trust Council, serving six of those years as Chair of the Islands Trust Council, where she championed fair ferry service, marine safety and oil spill prevention.</li> <li>• Elected as Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Ladysmith 2015 and was a leading advocate for solutions to vessel abandonment, oil spill prevention, and women's equality</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Brenda Bailey</b></p>	<p><b>Parliamentary Secretary for Technology and Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-False Creek</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Co-founded Canada's first women-owned and operated video game studio in 2011, in response to the lack of high-quality games being developed for women and girls</li> <li>• Recently served as the Executive Director of DigiBC, the Interactive and Digital Media Industry Association of British Columbia</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Kevin Falcon</b></p>	<p><b>Leader of the Official Opposition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2022, 2009, 2005 and 2001</li> <li>• MLA for Vancouver-Quilchena</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: held a number of senior Cabinet roles including Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Health and Minister of Deregulation over 12 years</li> <li>• Executive Vice President for Anthem Capital and served on the boards of several non-profits including Canuck Place, Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and the Street-to-home Foundation, an organization working to house the homeless on the Downtown Eastside</li> </ul>

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Increased services – Expansion of CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots and 911 levy for Mental Health and BC Crisis Centres</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Lisa Dominato
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	We would like to discuss and formally request the Province consider including Vancouver in future expansion of the CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots. We would like to know if this is being considered by the government and if yes, what the next steps are.
<b>Background</b>	The Province is currently funding three CMHA Peer Assisted Crisis Team pilots in Victoria, New Westminster and the North Shore. This program could be of great benefit to Vancouver and a complementary service to Cars 86/87. The Police Act review recommendations include an additional 911 service for mental health and BC Crisis Centres are proposing a mobile phone levy that could raise approx. \$58M/annually to support mental health calls made through 911.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have been in discussions with Provincial Govt (Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions) about further expansion of CMHA.</li> <li>• The Ministry is not looking to add to this program until existing CMHA programs are underway and more is understood through evaluations.</li> <li>• ACCS staff established a cross-governmental table that focuses on interventions for areas where people are dealing with multiple issues (mental health/addictions/violence) and where police call out rates are highest.</li> <li>• From the discussions with provincial ministries, other municipalities have similar areas to Vancouver's DTES and the province is interested in looking at these issues with a different model of service.</li> <li>• This is in the beginning stages but CoV is at the table and helping ensure that mental health, substance use and intersectionality and equity issues are considered in responses. A different model of service may be developed in which the City would be interested in piloting.</li> </ul>

### Mandate Letter – Mental Health and Addictions

- Support communities in addressing street disorder and public safety concerns by expanding mental health intervention teams like the **six new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)** teams recently announced for communities experiencing increased challenges with vulnerable residents
- Given the impact of COVID-19 on people's mental health, continue building a comprehensive system of mental health and addictions care, including by implementing **A Pathway to Hope**, B.C.'s roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people, and by expanding access to counselling, using new e-health and other technologies to bring care to more people in all regions of B.C.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

- Expand the **availability of treatment beds** for people by building new treatment, recovery, detox and after-care facilities across the province with some beds specifically for British Columbians under age 24.
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- With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Health, **lead work to provide an increased level of support** – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for B.C.’s most vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing Complex Care housing.


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### Mandate Letter - Housing

- Support the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to invest in **community-based mental health and social services** so there are more trained front-line workers to help people in crisis, and free up police on more serious crimes.
- Work with the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and interested municipalities to expand the successful “**situation table**” model that connects front-line workers from different health, safety and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Sheila Malcolmson</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Mental Health and Addictions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2019</li> <li>• MLA for Nanaimo</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First Term MLA/Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elected four times to the Islands Trust Council, serving six of those years as Chair of the Islands Trust Council, where she championed fair ferry service, marine safety and oil spill prevention.</li> <li>• Elected as Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Ladysmith 2015 and was a leading advocate for solutions to vessel</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Housing and funding for complex care</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Melissa De Genova
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant need for enhanced mental health and addictions support for people experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>• Currently fund 100-102 permanent spaces in Vancouver (both congregate and scattered site) and 17 transitional /respite beds</li> <li>• Initial investment in CCH in Vancouver is good, but need more funding and supports in both existing and new housing coming on stream including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More clinical supports onsite – e.g. nursing, counselling</li> <li>○ More psychosocial supports – cultural, peers, other programming</li> <li>○ Respite beds, rapid access = eviction/street discharge prevention Staff training – provincially lead</li> <li>○ Indigenous led projects</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Mandate Letter – Mental Health and Addictions

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### Mandate Letter - Housing

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- Work with the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and interested municipalities to expand the successful “**situation table**” model that connects front-line workers from different health, safety and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people.
- Lead work to continue delivering our government's **10-year housing plan**, Homes for B.C., and the affordable housing it’s bringing to tens of thousands of British Columbians, including working in partnership to create 114,000 affordable homes

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Selina Robinson</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017 and 2013</li> <li>• MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Citizens' Services</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board (Chair)</li> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Served as the Official Opposition critic for mental health and addictions, seniors, local government and sports</li> <li>• Former city councillor with a focus to protect the health of children and families by introducing a local ban on cosmetic pesticides, and worked to improve access for people with disabilities as chair of the Coquitlam Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Split Assessments</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Split Assessments as a tool to address complexities around highest and best use land assessments that are harming local small businesses
<b>Background</b>	Split Assessments remains a key priority for Vancouver and Metro
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p>Split Assessment through a Commercial Sub Class continues to be the preferred approach of Metro Vancouver and many other stakeholders. It is transparent, addresses the issue of property tax impacts of unbuilt development potential, and has received unprecedented widespread support from key stakeholders including Board of Trade (they referenced it in their COVID recovery plan), BIAs, CFIB, etc.</p> <p>City staff continue to advocate for a workable solution and are committed to working with the Province to address the taxation impacts arising from development potential to provide relief to organizations, including commercial tenants in the arts &amp; culture and non-profit sectors. Whatever approach the Province chooses, it needs to be workable and allow municipalities to target tax relief on unbuilt development potential.</p>

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### Mandate Letter – Finance

- Work with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to continue work to provide relief for commercial tenants with **triple-net leases** who are paying high property taxes.
- As our province moves ahead with a strong stimulus and recovery plan, and people and businesses are back on their feet, ensure the **implementation of budget policies** to keep B.C. fiscally sound over the long run.

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Finance to continue work to provide relief for commercial tenants with triple-net leases who are paying high property taxes.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Katrina Chen</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of State for Child Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: First time Cabinet Minister</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Social Initiatives</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Social Initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trustee on the Burnaby Board of Education, and worked in both provincial and federal constituency offices for over 10 years</li> <li>• Was a community organizer with ACORN, emceed for major cultural festivals, and volunteered as an executive member for several local non-profit organizations</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>24-hour childcare</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Melissa De Genova
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Open dialogue about increasing safe and affordable options
<b>Background</b>	<p>Childcare BC (2018) - provincial commitment to childcare as a core service</p> <p>Canada-BC Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care (2021) - Bilateral agreement to develop and expand a primarily public and non-profit universal childcare system serving ages 0-6</p> <p>Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy (2022) - City of Vancouver childcare policy framework, supporting expansion of a senior government-led universal system</p>
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 2022 City of Vancouver staff report "Childcare That Works: Extended Hour &amp; 24 Hour Childcare in Vancouver" summarized preliminary research and findings relating to flexible and non-standard hour care, and identified next steps including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Share the report with the Province of BC Child Care Reference Group, emphasizing the benefits of a regional approach to coordinating responses to the issues related to non-standard hour childcare service provision (i.e. employment, housing, transportation).</li> <li>– Advocate to the Province to set-up a working group to determine potential actions to address system-wide challenges and ongoing information gaps relating to expanding provision of non-standard hour childcare.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Flexible and non-standard hour childcare services are challenging to provide, particularly in the context of a childcare staffing</li> </ul>

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	<p>shortage. Little information has been collected to date about the specific needs, capacities and constraints of employers, parents and families, and ECE workers in Vancouver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City's role in supporting non-standard hour care is limited, as the primary barriers include complex operation logistics (including staffing), high operational costs, different risks to manage for operators, as well as additional administrative burdens.</li> <li>• While there is a shortage of licensed childcare facilities across BC, facility requirements have not proven to be a barrier to establishing overnight or extended hour care.</li> <li>• The Province's role in supporting flexible and non-standard hour childcare should principally focus on financial and operational supports for childcare operators and employers keen to support their employees (i.e. essential workers - fire, police, health care, etc).</li> <li>• The precise role that employers and workforce or industry organizations might play both in universal childcare overall and non-standard hour childcare specifically, is still a question, but potentially core to enabling the delivery of more responsive services.</li> </ul>
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### Mandate Letter – Child Care

- Work with the Minister of Education and Child Care to continue to **integrate child care into the broader learning environment**.
- Continue to **implement Childcare BC**, our government's ten-year plan to provide universal, affordable, accessible, quality and inclusive child care to every family that wants or needs it, with the goal of no family paying more than \$10 a day for licensed childcare when fully implemented.
- Continue to **improve the affordability of child care**, including by working closely with the federal government to expand the number of \$10 a day child care spaces across BC.
- Continue to **expand the number and availability of child care spaces**, including by developing a capital plan and modular strategy for child care, and by working with the Minister of Finance to ensure that whenever government builds a new school, hospital or other project, child care is considered.
- With support from the Minister of Education and Child Care and the Minister of Finance, lead **work toward providing universal access to before and after school care**, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the full workday.

### Mandate Letter – Education and Child Care

### Council-Requested Minister Meetings

- Work with the Minister of Children and Family Development and the Minister of State for Child Care to **integrate child care into the broader learning environment**.
- Support the Minister of State for Child Care and the Minister of Children and Family Development to work toward **providing universal access to before and after school care**, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the work day.

### Mandate Letter – Children and Family Development

- Work with the Minister of State for Child Care and Minister of Education and Child Care to **integrate child care into the broader learning environment**.
- Support the Minister of State for Child Care and Minister of Education and Child Care to **work toward providing universal access to before and after school care**, prioritizing care on school grounds so parents know their children are safe at one place for the full work day.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Ravi Kahlon</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Delta North</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism, and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and Priorities Committee</li> <li>○ Appointment Orders Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on COVID</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Two time Olympian in the sport for Team Canada and has been inducted into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame</li> <li>• Has been active in the North Delta community for many years as a volunteer on the boards of the Delta Parks and Recreation Committee and Men's High-Performance Field Hockey BC</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Climate construction and retrofit jobs for BC</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Expanding jobs and job opportunities in climate change adaptation/mitigation and mass timber construction
<b>Background</b>	Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and are codifying climate change mitigating and adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs. There is a need for qualified trades, technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support jobs and innovation in this field.
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are more jobs in climate change adaptation/mitigation than there are technical and trades workers to fill them</li> <li>• Increase investment in technical schools to enable increased number of trades students in existing trades programs relevant to climate change/adaptation (such as carpenters, HVAC trades, plumbers, etc) as these are often over subscribed.</li> <li>• Develop and expand upskilling programming for existing skilled trades-people (eg upskill plumber to ensure ability to spec and install residential heat pumps) via trades schools and industry associations.</li> <li>• Develop formal “Red Seal” training for <i>residential</i> heat pump installers similar to what is available in Ontario.</li> </ul>

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a regulatory framework requiring suitably trained trades to undertake retrofit work to increase awareness and credibility/value for this training.</li> <li>• Support more workers in getting green jobs and joining relevant trades and professions to advance climate action, the BC Government could support the <a href="https://vancouvereconomic.com/work-to-develop-a-just-transition-coalition/">Vancouver Economic Commission's work to develop a Just Transition Coalition [vancouvereconomic.com]</a>. The Coalition will be a forum for business, government, and organized labour to develop workforce solutions for climate action, as well as undertake specific projects to attract and empower workers advancing climate action.</li> <li>• Increase youth interest in trades training by specifically identifying the links to climate action.</li> <li>• Removal of regulatory barriers to mass timber construction and improved quality of BC mass timber products will foster increased interest in this construction approach and therefore the associated job opportunities.</li> <li>• Use the upcoming Low Carbon Building Materials Strategy and Circular Economy Strategy (in CleanBC Roadmap to 2030) to create local jobs in low carbon materials, deconstruction, and material re-use, by advancing standards and regulation and investing in solutions.</li> </ul>
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## Mandate Letter – Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

- Work across ministries to lead the **development and coordinate implementation of an industrial and manufacturing strategy** that generates cleaner, more innovative, value-added economic activity across BC, while supporting our commitments to reconciliation and CleanBC.
- With support from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, boost BC as a global exporter of climate solutions by investing in **BC-based carbon capture and storage and other low carbon technologies**.
- Lead the Office of **Mass Timber Implementation** and, with support from the Minister of Forests, advance the mass timber action plan.
- With support from the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, work with BC's Innovation Commissioner to **lead investment in innovation clusters, with a focus on emerging industries where BC companies** have developed the early lead – such as life sciences, emergency management technology, engineered wood, clean tech, artificial intelligence, and quantum and virtual reality technologies.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

### Mandate Letter – Advanced Education and Skills Training

- Expand the B.C. Access Grant program by increasing eligibility to **reduce barriers and make sure more people are able to access the skills** they need for the jobs of the future.
- Create an additional **2,000 new tech-relevant spaces in public post-secondary institutions**.
- Conduct a **funding review of post-secondary education operating grants** to make sure public post-secondary institutions have the resources they need to support economic recovery and student success.
- Complete and implement the **CleanBC Workforce Readiness Plan** to train people for jobs in the low-carbon economy and help us meet our CleanBC commitments.

### Mandate Letter - Housing

- Build on our government's work to require **new buildings and retrofits to be more energy efficient** and cleaner by supporting local governments to set their own carbon pollution performance standards for new buildings.
- Bring in "**right-to-charge**" legislation that will enable installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in more strata and apartment buildings.

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

- Support the work of the Minister of Finance to establish ad **Property Assessed Clean Energy** financing.

### Mandate Letter – Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

- Enhance energy **efficiency programs and incentives for residential and commercial buildings**, including Property Assessed Clean Energy financing to help homeowners make energy-saving retrofits and repay the cost of them over time.


### Mandate Letter – Finance

- Support the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to require realtors to **provide energy efficiency information on listed homes to incent energy-saving upgrades** and let purchasers know what energy bills they will face.

### Mandate Letter – Transportation and Infrastructure

- Work with communities to expand their networks of active transportation to meet our CleanBC goal of **doubling trips** taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Anne Kang</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020 and 2017</li> <li>• MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Minister of Citizens' Services and Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Treasury Board</li> <li>○ Appointment Orders Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> <li>○ Government Caucus Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three-term Burnaby City Councillor before becoming an MLA, and has been a leader in many organizations that build community and support those who are vulnerable</li> <li>• Commitment to community was recognized when she was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 for her contribution to Canada.</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Climate construction and retrofit training in advanced education in BC</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Expanding access to education for trades and technicians in climate change adaptation/mitigation
<b>Background</b>	Vancouver has declared a Climate Emergency and are codifying climate change mitigating and adaptation measures in new construction and retrofits – including newer HVAC technology like heat pumps, mass timber construction, passive house construction and infrastructure for EVs. There is a need for qualified trades, technicians to work in this capacity. Vancouver is well poised to support expanded education in this capacity through practical work and education opportunities
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase investment in technical schools to enable increased number of trades students in existing trades programs relevant to climate change/adaptation (such as HVAC trades, plumbers, carpenters, etc) as these are often over subscribed</li> <li>• Develop and expand upskilling programming for existing skilled trades-people (eg upskill plumber to ensure ability to spec and install heat pump) via trades schools and industry associations</li> <li>• Develop formal “Red Seal” training for <i>residential</i> heat pump installers similar to what is available in Ontario</li> <li>• Create a regulatory framework requiring suitably trained trades to undertake retrofit work to increase awareness and credibility/value for this training</li> </ul>

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### Mandate Letter – Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

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- Lead the Office of **Mass Timber Implementation** and, with support from the Minister of Forests, advance the mass timber action plan.
- With support from the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, work with BC's Innovation Commissioner to **lead investment in innovation clusters, with a focus on emerging industries where BC companies** have developed the early lead – such as life sciences, emergency management technology, engineered wood, clean tech, artificial intelligence, and quantum and virtual reality technologies.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

### Mandate Letter - Housing

- Build on our government's work to require **new buildings and retrofits to be more energy efficient** and cleaner by supporting local governments to set their own carbon pollution performance standards for new buildings.
- Bring in "**right-to-charge**" legislation that will enable installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in more strata and apartment buildings.

### Mandate Letter – Municipal Affairs

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- Support the Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to require realtors to **provide energy efficiency information on listed homes to incent energy-saving upgrades** and let purchasers know what energy bills they will face.

### Mandate Letter – Transportation and Infrastructure

- Work with communities to expand their networks of active transportation to meet our CleanBC goal of **doubling trips** taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030.

## Council-Requested Minister Meetings

 <p><b>Honourable Lana Popham</b></p>	<p><b>Minister of Agriculture and Food</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected: 2020, 2017, 2013 and 2009</li> <li>• MLA for Saanich South</li> <li>• Previous Portfolios: Official Opposition critic for agriculture and food, small business and tourism, arts and culture</li> <li>• Current Cabinet Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cabinet Working Group on Community Recovery</li> <li>○ Environment and Land Use Committee</li> <li>○ Cabinet Committee on Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Co-founded and operated Barking Dog Vineyard, the first certified organic vineyard on Vancouver Island</li> <li>• Served on Saanich's Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Committee and on the Peninsula Agricultural Commission.</li> <li>• President of the Vancouver Island Grape Growers Association, chair of the Certification Committee for the Islands Organic Producers Association, and a member of the Investment Agriculture Board.</li> </ul>
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<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Local school meal programs</b>
<b>Requested By</b>	Councillor Pete Fry
<b>Outcome/Request</b>	Provincial support for commercial kitchens, that can also act as commissary kitchens for the local community
<b>Background</b>	VSB is pursuing food hubs, commercial kitchens in several schools along with school/community gardens
<b>Key Messages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada remains one of the few industrialized countries without a national school food program and currently has a patchwork of programming that only reaches a small percentage of students.</li> <li>• In Vancouver, ~12% of the overall population experiences food insecurity while rates are higher for vulnerable groups including children living with a lone parent (~26%).</li> <li>• Since 2014, COV has granted ~\$450k/year to school food programs. This funding currently supports three programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ VSB's Food4Schools Program (daily packed lunches delivered to 18 elementary schools/~200+ students). VSB is renovating its commissary kitchen facilities in two secondary schools to facilitate a transition to deliver 'hot lunches'.</li> <li>○ Strathcona Community Centre Association's Breakfast Program (100-200 daily breakfasts and student food leadership at the community centre), and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society's LunchLab Program (~150 meals at two schools using innovative mentorship and food leadership model).</li> <li>• The March 2020 Council motion "<a href="#">Taking Steps Toward a National Cost-Shared Universal Healthy School Food Program</a>" outlined City Council's history of advocacy on this topic and provided Council's endorsement of the <i>National Coalition for Healthy School Food's</i> advocacy for a universal, cost-shared school food program. The <i>Coalition's</i> <a href="#">Guiding Principles</a> outline key criteria of such a program including universality, health promoting, locally-adapted, embedded Indigenous Food Sovereignty, and more. The Vancouver Food Policy Council has been a <i>Coalition</i> member since 2016.</li> <li>• VSB adopted a holistic <a href="#">10-year vision and food framework</a> in June 2022 that provides direction on future food programs. Further work is needed to identify capital and operating costs. The framework also provides direction on food growing, production, distribution, nutrition, waste, security, donations, education and advocacy.</li> </ul>
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### Mandate Letter – Agriculture and Food

- Expand the Grow BC, Feed BC and Buy BC programs to **encourage greater food security and local business growth**.
- Drawing on the **recommendations of the Food Security Task Force**, take steps to make BC a leader in food security and the emerging agri-tech sector, helping BC companies that are bringing innovation to agriculture grow, hire more workers and position our province as an agri-tech leader, while protecting farmland in the ALR.
- Support the work of the Minister of Education and Child Care to **help make sure students are properly fed for learning**, working with school districts to create more local school meal programs based on district data and priorities, by integrating Feed BC into this plan so that districts can include locally grown food.
- Support the work of the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to increase food security for people in need by **expanding our supports to food banks and developing program partnerships** with food producers, grocery stores and not- for-profits to develop discounted food market, food recovery and food redistribution programs.

### Mandate Letter – Education and Child Care

- To help make sure students are properly fed for learning, work with school districts to **create more local school meal programs** based on district data and priorities, and work

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with the Minister of Agriculture and Food to integrate Feed BC into this plan so that districts can include locally grown food.

### Mandate Letter – Social Development and Poverty Reduction

- With support from the Minister of Agriculture and Food, lead work to **increase food security for people in need by expanding government support to food banks and developing program partnerships** with food producers, grocery stores and not-for-profits to develop discounted food market, food recovery and food redistribution programs.

### Mandate Letter – Community Development and Non-Profits

- Support the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's food security mandate by **engaging with organizations across BC to support the development of vital partnerships** and programs necessary to improve household food security.

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