

2009 UBCM Gold Star Resolutions

B84 Deferral of Development Cost Charges for Non-profit Housing Burnaby

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**B84 DEFERRAL OF DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES FOR Burnaby
NON-PROFIT HOUSING**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* does not provide local governments with the authority to defer payment of development cost charges for non-profit housing;

AND WHEREAS this amendment would provide an additional tool to assist with the financial planning of non-profit housing projects:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities recommend to the provincial government to amend section 933.1 of the *Local Government Act* to permit the deferral of development cost charges for non-profit housing projects.

B112 CARBON CREDITS 100 Mile House

WHEREAS municipalities have to adopt a green house gas emissions strategy as part of their Official Community Plan requirement by May 2010;

AND WHEREAS there are communities that have woodlots and community forest licenses pending;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to enable woodlot and community forest licence holders under crown tenure licence to retain the carbon sequestering and carbon credits accrued.

**B171 CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM POWER Squamish-Lillooet RD
OUTAGES New Westminister**

WHEREAS BC Hydro, directly or by utilities through which it provides service, is the sole supplier of power to British Columbia consumers and is exempt from virtually all liability under sections 9.7 and 9.8 of the Electric Tariff;

AND WHEREAS BC Hydro investigates itself and is generally the sole arbiter of damages incurred by consumers during incidents of power disruption and restoration:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Utilities Commission, or an independent review panel be empowered to investigate, arbitrate and award financial compensation to consumers suffering loss, injury, damage or expense as a result of incidents of power disruption and restoration.

B178 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALEONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH FACILITY **Peace River RD**

WHEREAS the province of British Columbia has a growing quantity of marine and terrestrial vertebrate paleontological remains;

AND WHEREAS there is no proper facility to house, display or provide research opportunities for this material in British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province of British Columbia for a facility to preserve, protect, study and display our valuable paleontological resource.

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B61 Remedial Action Requirements and Corporate Land Owners **Trail**

B71 Benefit Plan for Volunteer Fire Fighters **Grand Forks**

B105 Incentive Programs for Solar Power Generation Systems **Golden**

B175 Spirit of BC Day **McBride**

B61 REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIREMENTS AND CORPORATE LAND OWNERS **Trail**

WHEREAS section 72 of the *Community Charter* grants municipal authority to impose remedial action requirements and section 17 of the *Community Charter* provides that if a property owner fails to take a required action, a municipality may take the required action and recover the costs incurred from the property owner, but there is no mechanism for proceedings against the officers and directors of any corporate owner of land failing to comply with a remedial action requirement;

AND WHEREAS corporations with limited assets may ignore remedial action orders with impunity, thereby exposing municipalities to significant liability in cases where a municipality acquires abandoned, dilapidate and / or environmentally suspect corporate properties by default at tax sale:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province to amend the *Community Charter* to permit local governments issuing remedial action requirements to direct said orders against the officers and directors of any

corporate owner of land if the corporation fails to comply with a remedial action requirement.

B71 BENEFIT PLAN FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Fire Services Liaison Group has identified in their “Proposed Fire / Rescue System Model” an “impending crisis” related to the recruitment and retention of volunteer fire fighters;

AND WHEREAS smaller local governments in an effort to attract and retain quality volunteers for fire departments, would benefit from a reasonably priced medical / dental benefit plan for volunteer fire fighters:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be requested to work with existing carriers to design a medical / dental benefit plan, at a reasonable cost, specifically for volunteer fire fighters.

B105 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR SOLAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS

Golden

WHEREAS solar energy systems present real and proven environmental and economic efficiencies for both commercial and domestic applications;

AND WHEREAS enabling programs promoting solar energy systems should be considered a necessary component to the Province’s initiatives to address climate change and meet the principles of the Climate Action Charter:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeal to the provincial and federal governments to immediately institute meaningful, effective programs that encourage homeowners and businesses to install solar energy systems in their homes and facilities to supplement their electrical consumption, thereby reducing their reliance upon and enabling them to contribute to the provincial power grid.

B175 SPIRIT OF BC DAY

McBride

WHEREAS more than 90 Spirit of BC Community Committees representing over 200 communities across the province, supported by 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of BC have been actively promoting community innovation, pride and excellence, and involving British Columbians in the opportunities arising from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;

AND WHEREAS a lasting legacy of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games for all British Columbians would be a recognized provincial holiday during the month of February:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to enact a Spirit of BC Day on the third Monday of February each year.