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A3 APPROVING OFFICER **Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the *Land Title Act* provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize a regional district board to appoint a person as an approving officer for the rural area of the regional district;

AND WHEREAS requests for such authority have not been granted:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province to ensure that regional district boards and the Islands Trust are granted the authority to appoint a person as an approving officer for the rural area of the regional district when and if requested.

A9 CIVIC ELECTION TERM LENGTH IN BC **Port Moody**

WHEREAS many provinces, including Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick, have four-year civic election terms, a term length which reflects the accepted period between elections in the provincial and federal contexts;

AND WHEREAS four-year election terms would likely be more productive for councils and staff and would save taxpayers money:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities ask the provincial government to increase the interval between civic elections from three years to four years.

B105 LEAD-ACID BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAM

Stewart

WHEREAS used lead-acid batteries are an environmental hazard and pose a risk to human health, yet are accumulating in stockpiles at municipal landfill sites province wide;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has established a Lead-Acid Battery Collection Program that is funded from revenue collected from a \$5 consumer levy but has stopped providing transportation incentive payments to assist with the collection and transportation of used batteries to a processing facility, thus forcing brokers to collect at their own cost:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to immediately reinstate the payment of transportation incentives to assist with the collection and transportation of used batteries.

B122 MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

AKBLG Executive

WHEREAS recent changes in meat inspection regulations, to manage BSE and other health concerns, have created hardship for small meat processors and the ranchers that rely on them to sell their produce;

AND WHEREAS there is a general lack of qualified meat inspectors to help ensure that small meat processors are able to meet the current requirements, and continue to offer the important service they do:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the federal and provincial governments amend the meat inspection regulations to allow local licensed veterinarians to serve as meat inspectors.

**B138 ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Coquitlam

WHEREAS there have been a number of truck accidents resulting in serious injury and damage due to faulty brake systems;

AND WHEREAS there is no provincial program for annual safety inspections of commercial vehicles:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government establish a program requiring an annual safety inspection for all commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 4,500 kg.

2006 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTION WINNERS LIST

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A6 COMMUNITY METHAMPHETAMINE RESPONSE FUNDING PROGRAM Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS many community groups have already taken advantage of the opportunity to address Crystal Meth in their communities by accessing funding through the very successful Community Methamphetamine Response Funding Program, initiated by the Premier of British Columbia and provided through the Union of BC Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS there are still many community groups that have not had the opportunity to access funding in this program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the deadline for the Community Methamphetamine Response Funding Program be extended for a further period of time and augmented with additional funding from the Province in order to afford other groups the opportunity to address Crystal Meth in their communities by accessing funding through this Program.

B59 FLOODPLAIN BYLAW FEE Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS a regional district is not able to recover costs associated with the processing of an application for a site-specific exemption to a floodplain bylaw adopted under Section 910 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* does not include a provision for a regional district to charge a fee for processing an application for a site specific exemption to a floodplain bylaw:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the *Local Government Act* so that regional districts can charge a fee for processing an application for a site specific exemption to a floodplain bylaw.

**B64 FUNDING FOR AUTOMOBILE
OCCUPANT EXTRICATIONS**

Surrey

WHEREAS municipal fire departments and some Search and Rescue units are called upon to respond to motor vehicle accidents for the purpose of using specialized equipment to extricate occupants of damaged vehicles;

AND WHEREAS municipal fire departments and some Search and Rescue units are not being reimbursed by insurance companies for the costs of providing this critical service, and the costs of providing this service should be borne by the automobile insurance carriers of the vehicles involved in such accidents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the *Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Act* to include fire department and Search and Rescue unit charges for automobile occupant extrication services in the mandatory basic motor vehicle insurance coverage and that this funding be used to make reimbursements to fire departments and Search and Rescue units that are involved in providing this service.

**B91 LIMITING CHARACTERISTICS IN
ESTABLISHING PARCEL TAXES**

Cariboo RD

WHEREAS local governments strive to ensure the method of taxation applied to property owners matches the service provided, whether it is based on assessed value of land and/or improvements or parcel taxes;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the *Community Charter* with respect to parcel taxes are limiting and do not provide the application of a fair and equitable tax in all cases:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the provincial government to amend Section 202 of the *Community Charter* to allow the use of assessment class as a limiting characteristic in the establishment of parcel taxes.

B98 PROVINCIAL WATER TESTING IN RIVERS

Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment has downloaded the water quality monitoring of rivers and streams within municipal boundaries to local governments, including the cost of regular testing;

AND WHEREAS laboratory examinations for water quality tests in rivers and streams can cost local governments thousands of dollars annually and the results of these laboratory tests are not required by local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be petitioned to absorb the cost of water quality monitoring in rivers and streams.

B106 TIRE RECYCLING

Peace River RD

WHEREAS the Province collects a tire levy of \$3.00 per tire, which generates revenue in excess of \$5 million more than what is spent on the Financial Incentives for Recycling Scrap Tires (FIRST) program to collect and recycle tires throughout British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the tire recycling program would be better served by an industry stewardship program where all the money collected is retained for the tire program, including much needed research into other recycling options, especially for the larger industrial tires which are now not included in the FIRST program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to immediately convert the Financial Incentives for Recycling Scrap Tires program into an industry stewardship program similar to what is done with bottles, paint, used oil, etc.