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### **A5 MOTOR FUEL TAX ACT** **Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* provides for a tax to be applied to gasoline and motive fuel purchased within the Victoria Regional Transit Service Area for the raising of revenue for the purposes of the *British Columbia Transit Act*;

AND WHEREAS Transit Service Areas in all parts of the province are in need of additional revenue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to amend the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* to expand the ability for a tax on gasoline and motive fuel to be instituted by local governments in all Transit Service Areas in order to raise additional revenue for the purposes of the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

### **B61 DELIVERY OF TAX NOTICES VIA EMAIL** **North Vancouver District**

WHEREAS current technology makes it both effective and efficient to deliver tax notices by email for those residents that wish to subscribe to this service;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter*, in Section 237, provides that tax notices must be mailed to owners of property:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the *Community Charter* to allow for the electronic delivery of tax notices where requested by property owners.

**B68 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 69  
OF THE SCHOOL ACT**

**Port Moody**

WHEREAS there is a lack of parity between the powers of authority granted to school boards and municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS this lack of parity may make it difficult for municipal councils to have meaningful and transparent dialogues with school boards on important issues:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to bring about better harmonization between school boards and local governments by amending Section 69 of the *School Act* so that it is in accordance with Section 89-97 of the *Community Charter*.

**B94 CIVIC ELECTION – VOTING MACHINES**

**Pitt Meadows**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, Division 12 regulates Civic Election Voting and specifically the Counting of the Vote processes;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, Division 12, has not taken into consideration the changes in processes necessary when electronic voting machines are being used in an election, such as there being no need to mark a cross on an electronic ballot or to fold an electronic ballot or seal an electronic voting machine before reopening it to count the ballots:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province to make changes to the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, to accommodate electronic voting machines, which are now being used by many local governments.

**B106 MOTORIZED SCOOTERS**

**Ladysmith**

WHEREAS motorized scooters are becoming a more commonly used mode of transportation to enable elderly and/or physically disabled persons to continue to be active members of society;

AND WHEREAS motorized scooters can present a danger to the general public if they are operated in an unsafe manner or by people who may have limiting disabilities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to establish province-wide guidelines for the safe operation of motorized scooters.

## 2007 UBCM HONOURABLE MENTION WINNERS LIST

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### **B90 SUPPORT FOR MONITORING HIGH RISK OFFENDERS Oliver**

WHEREAS high risk offenders are routinely placed in British Columbia communities;

AND WHEREAS communities are asked openly to help police in keeping watch over high risk offenders without the adequate skills or funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide adequate funding and staffing levels to agencies that are entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring high risk offenders within a community so that public safety is maintained.

### **B101 HIGHWAY SPEED REDUCTION IN DOWNTOWN CORE AREAS Rossland**

WHEREAS many communities in British Columbia have main highways going through their downtown core which are major traffic routes for commercial truck traffic;

AND WHEREAS the mix of use in community downtown core areas such as pedestrians, cyclists, residential traffic, and truck traffic creates a significant safety issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation reduce the highway speed limit from 50 km per hour to 30 km per hour in downtown areas, if this is requested by a local government.

**B122 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**

**Dawson Creek**

WHEREAS the provincial government has indicated that best practices and excellence are important to ensure resource development without environmental degradation;

AND WHEREAS watersheds are essential to ensuring adequate, clean, clear water resources for the province:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the provincial government to establish, nurture and fund local watershed management groups responsible for both bringing stakeholders together and establishing multiple use protocols and responsibilities that will ensure that high quality water will continue to be available to the people of British Columbia.

**B150 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE  
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS**

**Fraser-Fort George RD**

WHEREAS the constituents of an electoral area may be unrepresented on the regional board for several months in the event that a director dies, is disqualified, or resigns from office without having appointed an alternate director;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* provides no penalties for electoral area directors who fail to appoint an alternate director:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to enact legislation permitting regional district boards to appoint an alternate director if the electoral area director has not done so within 60 days of such position becoming vacant.