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<b>A1</b>	<b>CARE OF "DUALY DIAGNOSED" MENTALLY ILL</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>
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WHEREAS it is well-documented that the deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill and the emergence of a large number of "dually diagnosed" (mentally ill and drug addicted) people have resulted in thousands of mentally ill people living extremely marginalized and tragic lives in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, as well as in other communities in BC;

AND WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that approximately one third of police-attended incidents in the City of Vancouver involve a person whose mental health was a contributing factor to police attendance, that equates to approximately \$9 million per year in police resources consumed because of the lack of capacity in the mental health system:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the provincial government of BC take all necessary steps to expedite the provision of resources to ensure the mentally ill – particularly those who are dually diagnosed – are provided adequate care in the health system to allow for proper treatment and dignified living circumstances, and to reduce the draw on municipally funded police resources.

<b>B60</b>	<b>FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY</b>	<b>Trail</b>
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WHEREAS the Fire Underwriters Survey conducts field reviews and prepares Fire Protection Assessment Reports for local governments for the purpose of fire insurance grading that is then utilized by insurance underwriters when determining the level of risk assumed in any given community;

AND WHEREAS a Fire Protection Assessment Report prepared may not accurately reflect the conditions in the subject community with respect to fire protection delivery, water supplies for public fire protection, fire prevention and fire safety control, and/or emergency communications:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities advocate for an appeal process to be implemented as part of the Fire Underwriters Assessment reporting procedure, with the appeal process to be adjudicated by an independent authority.

**B97 CORPORATE VOTING CATEGORY FOR NON-RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERS Cariboo RD**

WHEREAS business people who operate businesses within municipalities and choose to live outside the municipal boundaries have lost their ability to vote and to have some influence in local decision making;

AND WHEREAS business people have a real and permanent interest in the welfare of the municipality as well as the region and contribute to the local economy through their taxation and licenses payable to the municipality, the economic benefit of their existence, their effect on making the community a more desirable place for existing and new residents, and the expertise and energy they offer to community events:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities encourage the Province of British Columbia to reinstate a Corporate Voting Category so that non-resident business owners can vote and participate in the business of the community as full-fledged taxpayers.

**B118 MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS Manufactured Home Parks are a unique form of affordable housing that offer a lifestyle for residents who enjoy a community atmosphere, yet the infrastructure in many of the older Manufactured Home Parks is failing and in need of significant upgrades to meet present day environmental standards;

AND WHEREAS there are various restrictions placed on Manufactured Home Park owners with respect to raising funds to pay for upgrades to infrastructure:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide incentives to new and existing manufactured home park owners so that this form of affordable housing will attract new investment dollars and permit the upgrading of existing manufactured home park infrastructure.

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### **B74 REPORTING OF GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS Grand Forks**

WHEREAS all industrial undertakings are required to obtain emissions permits from the Ministry of Environment;

AND WHEREAS these permits outline the maximum output of contaminants into the environment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, request the Province of British Columbia to require the reporting of Green House Gas Emissions for all point source emitters.

### **B80 SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF BEETLE KILLED TIMBER Lake Country**

WHEREAS large scale disposal of beetle killed timber by open burning may result in air quality deterioration;

AND WHEREAS the extent of the beetle kill and air quality impacts reach beyond the boundaries of individual municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to fund the purchase of air curtain burners or other technologies on a regional basis that will enable the sustainable management of beetle kill timber.

### **B96 SNOWMOBILE PARKING ACCESS Mackenzie**

WHEREAS the need to diversify northern communities to ensure economic sustainability and growth has never been as evident as it is at this present time in our history;

AND WHEREAS the snowmobile industry offers a viable economic enhancement by attracting snowmobiling enthusiasts to our areas and promotes our importance as preferred snowmobile destinations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Transportation to identify and prioritize the cleaning of snowmobile parking and staging areas along the highway corridors.

**B135 MUNICIPAL SOIL REMOVAL FEES INCREASE**

**Maple Ridge**

WHEREAS Municipal Soil Removal Bylaws approved by the Province of British Columbia have set fees that have remained largely unchanged over the past two decades;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with addressing the impacts of aggregate related truck traffic has increased over that period of time:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government consider approving an increase to soil removal fees to reflect the true cost of the impacts of aggregate removal on municipalities.