

May 30, 2018

Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps:

Re: 2018 Resolutions

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Council. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the AVICC Spring 2018 AGM.

The resolution(s) will be presented to the UBCM membership for their consideration at the 2018 UBCM Convention in September.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Information & Resolutions Coordinator, if you have any questions about this process.

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Sincerely,



Director Wendy Booth
President

MAYOR'S OFFICE
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VICTORIA, B.C.

Enclosure

Modernizing the *Motor Vehicle Act*

Victoria

Whereas the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia and organizations including the City of Vancouver, British Columbia Cycling Coalition and Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia have called on the Government of British Columbia to review and modernize the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*,

And whereas modernization of this legislation is necessary to achieve the Government of British Columbia's "Vision Zero" plan to make BC's roads the safest in North America and eliminate road-related injuries and deaths by 2020, and where the Road Safety Law Reform Group has provided evidence-based recommendations for increasing safety for vulnerable road users, including children, seniors, people with disabilities, pedestrians and cyclists:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia review and modernize the BC *Motor Vehicle Act*, to increase safety for all road users and achieve the "Vision Zero" objective of making BC's roads the safest in North America and eliminating road-related injuries and death by 2020.

Convention Decision:

Protecting Local Waterways & Wild Fish Species

Victoria

Whereas British Columbia's coastal communities rely on healthy waterways and healthy marine ecosystems including fisheries for economic, social and ecological wellbeing and where the proliferation of open-net fish farms with non-native fish species threatens local waterways and wild fish species, undermining the economic, social and ecological wellbeing of local communities;

And whereas many open-net fish farms have been established in indigenous territories in the absence of adequate consultation with indigenous governments, undermining the shared objective of reconciliation and respectful relations between indigenous and non-indigenous governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia consult First Nations governments, local governments, conservation organizations and industry on a transition plan to closed-containment aquaculture, including a just transition for affected workers.

Convention Decision:

Uniform Business Regulations for Disposable Plastic Packaging

Victoria

Whereas uniform regulations of businesses provide predictability, certainty and efficiency for consumers and business operators;

And whereas unrestricted use of disposable plastic packaging is inconsistent with values of British Columbia residents and imposes costs on local governments in British Columbia, prompting communities to examine options for business regulations limiting disposable plastic packaging in order to contain costs and manage solid waste streams responsibly:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia work with local governments and retailers to introduce uniform, province-wide business regulations in relation to disposable plastic packaging, to substantially reduce the volume of disposable plastic packaging in local solid waste streams.

Convention Decision:

Climate Accountability for Fossil Fuel Companies

Victoria

Whereas communities in British Columbia face a range of impacts from climate change, including sea-level rise, increased coastal erosion, prolonged summer drought, and increased winter precipitation and communities are required to consider these impacts in infrastructure planning, construction and maintenance, as well as to mitigate the financial impacts of these costs on residents and businesses given the limits of local government revenue raising to property taxes and utilities;

And whereas while the precise amount of increased costs due to the increase in work on infrastructure due to climate change is not yet quantified, local governments in British Columbia are almost certainly already paying significantly increased costs and those amounts will only increase, noting that fossil fuel companies have played a major role in the creation of climate change, making hundreds of billions of dollars in selling products which cause climate change with the twenty largest fossil fuel companies having contributed—through their operations and products—to approximately 29.3 per cent of greenhouse gases in the global atmosphere today:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM on behalf of their member local governments write a climate accountability letter to the twenty fossil fuel companies outlining the types of costs that communities are incurring and expected to incur due to climate change, and requesting that the companies pay their fair share of those impacts.

Convention Decision:

Review of Board of Variance Process

Victoria

Whereas the *Local Government Act* requires local governments to appoint boards of variance that are empowered to consider minor variances where a person alleges that complying with a bylaw respecting the siting, size or dimensions of a building would cause them hardship;

And whereas deliberations of local boards of variance provide minimal opportunities for public comment on the requested variances, and provide no role for comment from the elected council of a municipality or the board of a regional district in unincorporated areas:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government review the current provisions in the *Local Government Act* relating to boards of variance and consider amendments to ensure that the interests of public accountability, transparency, and local democracy are upheld.

Convention Decision:

Gender-based Violence Strategy for Youth

Victoria

Whereas children and youth who have been impacted by violence experience devastating and long-ranging mental health, physical health, social and educational impacts and the #metoo campaign has recently highlighted gender-based violence as one of the most pervasive forms of violence, taking various forms (e.g. cyber, physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and economic);

And whereas according to Statistics Canada, young women aged 15 to 17 report the highest rate of gender-based violence amongst all age groups (2,710 per 100,000, in 2008), and Indigenous, LGBTQ2, and disabled girls experience even higher rates of violence, noting that in 2017 the Government of Canada launched "It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence," identifying three priority areas: prevention, engaging men and boys, and support for survivors;

And whereas to support the strategy, the federal government has committed \$100.9 million over five years, and an additional \$20.7 million per year going forward;

And whereas while the BC government recently announced \$5 million to assist organizations working to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, there is currently no cohesive provincial strategy in place;

And whereas in order to combat gender-based violence among youth in BC and support healthy relationships, healthy families and healthy communities, a provincial strategy is needed;

And whereas drawing on the expertise of all relevant ministries, and building on the resources and strategies identified in the federal strategy, a comprehensive provincial strategy can be a catalyst for positive cultural change:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and AVICC call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Child and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety, and the Ministry of Mental Health to work together to develop a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy for Youth.

Convention Decision:

**Protecting Coastal Communities & Waterways from
Oil Spills**

**Victoria, Powell River
City**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is pursuing regulations to restrict the transport of diluted bitumen until such time as adequate safeguards are in place to protect coastal communities and waterways from the harm caused by oil spills;

And whereas the impacts of oil spills on local communities are severe, including: costs relating to emergency response, clean-up and recovery; damage and loss of enjoyment of shoreline areas; damage to biological diversity of plant and animal species; reduced property values; public health impacts; and economic losses in tourism, fishing and other sectors:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC endorse the efforts of the Province of British Columbia to introduce regulations that will safeguard coastal communities and waterways from harm caused by oil spills.

Convention Decision: