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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Support for 2017 UBCM Resolution, City of Abbotsford – The Case for Prevention of the Opioid Crisis

Further to my email of August 16th, the City of Abbotsford has submitted a resolution for consideration at the 2017 UBCM Convention regarding the Abbotsford Police Department's report "*The Opioid Crisis: A Case for Prevention*" that provides recommendations for creating a structure to address this crisis.

We would like to take this opportunity to request your support for this resolution.

The Case for Prevention of the Opioid Crisis

WHEREAS communities in British Columbia are in the midst of a very severe health crisis that is taking lives of mothers, fathers, sons and daughters all over the province. So far this year, as of April 30, 2017, 488 people have died in British Columbia from drug overdoses, with projected death toll for 2017 estimated to be 1,400 individuals. There is every reason to believe that this death rate will continue unabated unless our communities change the dynamics propelling this crisis;

AND WHEREAS the Abbotsford Police Department has produced a report "The Opioid Crisis, A Case for Prevention: For a crisis caused by an unstoppable flow of drugs that are killing people daily, the real answer lies with finding a way to successfully stop people from even starting" that provides recommendations for creating a structure to address the crisis:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British of Columbia, and more particularly the Minister of Health, develop a comprehensive cross-governmental prevention and intervention program and corresponding implementation plan that has a long term vision, a well-governed and well-funded sustainable structure, as well as measurable outcomes to appropriately address the crisis across the Province of British Columbia.

Enclosed please find a copy of the APD report to this letter for your reference. Thank you for considering our resolution and your support is appreciated.

Yours truly,

Henry Braun
Mayor

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