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RESOLUTION #1 PRIORITY 6

FIRE INSURANCE FOR RURAL BC HOMEOWNERS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities passed a resolution at its 2014 meeting requesting the Province of British Columbia to immediately request ICBC to offer house insurance to BC residents to ensure a competitive option and recommended referral of the same to the insurance industry to address.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that if the Insurance Corporation of BC and the Insurance Bureau of Canada do not provide constructive solutions and significant relief with respect to the insurance issues facing rural BC homeowners by the end of August 2015, that UBCM formally requests the Municipal Insurance Authority of BC to investigate the actuarial viability and feasibility of providing home insurance to BC residents with a report back to the UBCM meeting in 2016.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2 PRIORITY 2

CROWN LAND AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS local governments receive Crown Land Recreational Tenure Application Referrals from the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) and often refer them to Advisory Planning Commissions for advice. Often local governments and Advisory Planning Commissions are not aware of how specific application may affect adjacent residents.

AND WHEREAS recreational tenures continue to increase in overlap and intensity adjacent to communities and the newspaper advertisements placed by MFLNRO for Recreational Tenures are difficult for the general public to identify project locations;

AND WHEREAS the public has a genuine interest both financially and environmentally in the areas adjacent to their communities and residents often request local governments to mediate conflict on issues outside of their jurisdiction pertaining to these applications.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask MFLNRO to require applicants for Crown Land Recreational Tenure to hold public meetings in the affected neighborhoods to ensure residents receive pertinent information and have the opportunity to provide local knowledge to the applicant.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3 PRIORITY 10

DISASTER RELIEF

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS sections 20(1) and (2) of the *Emergency Program Act* specifically state that:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by regulation, establish criteria by which the eligibility of a person to receive disaster financial assistance is to be determined;

The Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister may provide disaster financial assistance in accordance with the regulations to persons who suffer loss as a result of a disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the Lieutenant Governor in council to expand the disaster relief fund making it available to all property owners when such disaster is a result of natural and/or non-human causes.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4

DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES AT CONVEYANCE

CITY OF FERNIE

WHEREAS Section 933 (1) of the *Local Government Act* allows for the collection of development cost charges (DCC's) only at the time of subdivision or at time of building permit;

AND WHEREAS payment of DCC's at building permit is cumbersome to the administrator:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM seek approval from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, to modify payment terms for collection of DCC's allowing for collection at conveyance.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #5 PRIORITY 7

CITY OF FERNIE

WILDLIFE ALLOCATION POLICY

WHEREAS the rest of Canada and North America has a maximum allowance of 10% for non-resident hunter pertaining to annual allowable harvest of wildlife;

AND WHEREAS the current Allocation Policy was negotiated in good faith in 2007 with all stakeholders at the table, but was never implemented.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support implementation by the Province of the Harvest Allocation Policy and Procedure as was negotiated in 2007.

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CARRIED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #6

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS IN FIRE INSURANCE COSTS

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS local and rural residents would like to lower their home insurance premiums, it is requested that a deduction be applied on fire insurance rates if an approved water sprinkler system is installed on a residential house roof to prevent house fires from wildfire sources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition insurance companies, through provincial and federal governments that a deduction be applied to residential housing fire insurance premiums when an approved water sprinkler system is installed on the residential and/or rural house roof to prevent house fires from wildfire sources.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #7 PRIORITY 1

MENTAL HEALTH

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS mental health is a growing concern in the Province of BC and was a topic at the BC Mayor's Caucus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM be requested to work with the Ministry of Health to consider establishing a provincial task force to investigate funding levels, treatment and management of persons in emotional distress or who have active and pervasive mental health disorders.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #8 PRIORITY 8

ACCESSIBLE BIRTH CONTROL

DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

WHEREAS a study from the University of Ottawa completed in 2014, concludes that 40% of pregnancies in Canada are either unplanned, which is mis-timed or unwanted, compared to significantly lower rates in European countries. For Example, France has 10.3% and Finland with a low of 4.7% as cited by Ralph Ulrich, Population Reference Bureau, partially attributed to publicly funded birth control;

AND WHEREAS unwanted pregnancies primarily effect low income and marginalized women, citing The Option for Sexual Health publication of “Universal Access to Publicly Funded Birth Control in British Columbia”, it is known that every dollar spent on publicly funded birth control, results in an eleven dollar savings to the social system in the long term:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Government of British Columbia to investigate a model of publicly funded birth control similar to those offered in European countries.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #9 PRIORITY 5

**PROVINCE TO RE-ESTABLISH AS DIKING AUTHORITY IN COMMUNITIES LESS THAN 5000 POPULATION
TOWN OF GOLDEN**

WHEREAS the Province has designated municipalities as diking authorities, and established a wide range of authoritative powers over them including requirements to fully administer and resource ongoing dike maintenance, flood protection planning, monitoring, inspection, reporting, and other associated work as well as to substantively fund disaster prevention and relief initiatives;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding s. 2(b) of the *Community Charter*, the administrative and financial resources required to undertake these responsibilities are an increasingly unsustainable burden to small communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be re-established as the diking authority in municipalities less than 5000 in population.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #10 PRIORITY 9

AVERSIVE CONDITIONING OF URBAN UNGULATES

DISTRICT OF ELKFORD

WHEREAS British Columbia communities have been experiencing high populations of urban ungulates and are attempting to address the urban ungulate/human interactions;

AND WHEREAS currently the *Wildlife Act* prohibits the use of dogs to harass wildlife as a means to reduce urban ungulate population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM be requested to lobby the Province of British Columbia , the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources operations to develop a permitting provision in the *Wildlife Act* Permit Regulation that will allow communities with an urban ungulate/human interaction problem, and who are proactively addressing the situation with bylaws and communications, to apply for a permit for aversive conditioning of ungulates by trained dogs to further address the health and safety of both their residents and the urban ungulates.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #11

OPPOSITION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE AND ECONOMIC TRADE AGREEMENT

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS the City of Grand Forks and many other local governments throughout British Columbia and Canada requested open and fair consultation on the Comprehensive and economic Trade Agreement prior to the final agreement between Canada and the Economic Union;

AND WHEREAS according to the UBCM document, “RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS AN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT” states that “Local Government and the citizens of the communities that make local government should have their rights to govern themselves clearly defined and, to the greatest extent possible, they should have the freedom to determine their individual community’s priorities”.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that local governments be exempt from the requirements that the provincial and federal governments are obligated to abide by under CETA;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Grand Forks demands that an appropriate consultation mechanism be enforced by the provincial and federal government before any such trade agreements are considered.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #12 PRIORITY 4

INCLUDE MARIJUANA DERIVATIVES AND REVIEW ACCESS

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS the Council for the City of Grand Forks on behalf of its citizens, believe that everyone has a right to access the best medical treatment available and further that marijuana derivatives such as cannabinoid oils have been shown to have great benefit to patients that cannot use the approved smokeable product.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Federal Government to include marijuana derivatives as part of the legal medical marijuana program, and further review the legislation and options for greater local access.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #13 PRIORITY 3

VICTIMS SERVICES FUNDING

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

WHEREAS the matter of costs to local governments for providing police-based victim services continues to escalate due to the increased demand for the service;

AND WHEREAS the authority for providing victim services for victim's issues, development of legislation, policies and programs, and for providing training and delivering and funding programs that support victims and their families is the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice Victim Services and Crime Prevention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of B.C., through the Ministry of Justice Victim Services and Crime Prevention, to increase the Ministry's funding contribution for the provision of victim services with the Province of British Columbia.

CARRIED