



**April 21-23, 2023**

***Celebrating 90 Years***

## **2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORKBOOK**

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**90<sup>th</sup> Annual  
AKBLG Annual General Meeting Business Agenda**

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- VII. Approval of 2024-2028 Membership fees
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- IX. Nominations Report & Call for nominations from the floor
- X. Resolutions
- XI. Election
- XII. Resolutions resume and conclude
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## 2023 Message from the President

Dear AKBLG Members and Sponsors,

As we enter a new term, I am pleased to present this report for our AGM and Convention in Cranbrook this year. The past year has been a time of change and transition for our organization, with new members bringing fresh energy, while we bid farewell to some valued colleagues who were not re-elected.

I wish to express my gratitude to our past board members, President Clara Reinhardt and Director Danna O'Donnell, for their dedication to the board and to public service. Their contributions to our organization will not be forgotten.

At our last AGM in Nelson, we welcomed Directors Susan Clovechok, Kyle Hamilton, and Keith Baldwin to our board as well as Aidan McLaren-Caux who was appointed in June 2022. As a new board heading into a busy election season, we have focused our efforts on advocating for the membership's resolution to the ministries at UBCM in 2022, navigating the changes brought on by the election, and preparing for this year's Convention.

I am pleased to report that our efforts have yielded positive results, as evidenced by the province's one-time increase to Library funding, a priority resolution of the membership. I am proud of the work of our board, staff, and executives who continue to provide administrative support to the Columbia Valley Treaty Local Government Committee. We have also identified updating our website and digital presence as a key goal for the upcoming year.

The disruptions caused by the pandemic forced us to postpone our Convention in Radium in 2020 and 2021, but we are thrilled to make this right by returning to this beautiful community in 2024. In the meantime, I have been representing our membership at UBCM board and will be attending the LMLGA convention in the weeks following our AGM and conventions.

Representing you on this board has been an enriching experience for me, and I encourage anyone interested in local government to consider engaging with our association's leadership team or running for the UBCM executive in September.

I am excited to welcome you all to Cranbrook and to shift our focus to the membership's resolution priority for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Page, AKBLG President  
Councillor, City of Nelson







# **Minutes**

## **The Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments**

**89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**HELD April 22nd-23rd, 2022**

**Nelson, BC**



## AKBLG AGM Business Meeting MINUTES

Saturday, April 23, 2022  
Prestige Inn, Nelson, BC

### Executive in attendance:

President Clara Reinhardt, Mayor Village of Radium Hot Springs  
Director Colleen Jones, City of Trail - Councillor  
Director Rob Lang, Village of Kaslo - Councillor  
Director Kathy Moore, City of Rossland - Mayor  
Director Kevin McIsaac, City of Fernie - Councillor  
Director Keith Page, City of Nelson - Councillor  
Director Ron Popoff, City of Cranbrook - Councillor

Staff Linda Tynan, AKBLG Executive Director  
Andrea Tubb, AKBLG Convention Coordinator  
Jon Wilsgard, CAO Town of Golden, Election Officer

There were 86 voting delegates registered (see attached for attendees).

1. President Clara Reinhardt called the meeting to order at 8:35am PT/9:35am MT
2. Motion to Accept the Agenda  
**MOTION: THAT the Agenda be adopted.**  
**CARRIED**
3. President's Report – Clara Reinhardt, President  
**MOTION: THAT the President's report be received.**  
**CARRIED**
4. Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting  
**MOTION: THAT the minutes of the 2021 AGM be approved as presented.**  
**CARRIED**
5. Financial Report – Clara Reinhardt, President
  - a. 2022 Financial Report  
**MOTION: THAT the 2021 Financial Report and Statements be adopted as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**



6. 2020 Budget – Clara Reinhardt, President

**MOTION: THAT the 2022 Operating Budget be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

7. Membership Fees

**MOTION: THAT membership fees be increased by 2% in 2023.**

**CARRIED**

8. 2021 Life Membership Presentations by Clara Reinhardt, President AKBLG  
(Life memberships were announced at 2021 Virtual AGM – presented in 2022)

- a. Karen Hamling
- b. Roly Russell
- c. Rob Gay

9. Nominations & Elections

- a. Nomination Report – Clara Reinhardt, AKBLG President

**One Vice President position** open for election

(created upon resignation of VP Cyra Yunkws)

**Five (5) Director at Large positions** open for election

-4 two-year terms

-1 one-year term (created upon resignation of Director Wenman)

**MOTION: THAT the Nomination report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**The Nominations Committee put forward the following names for positions (as received from the First Call for Nominations prior to the AGM):**

- |    |                            |                   |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | Keith Page, City of Nelson | Vice President    |
| 2. | Susan Clovechok, RDEK      | Director at Large |
| 3. | Danna O'Donnell            | Director at Large |

- b. Election– Jon Wilsgard, Election Officer

i) The Elections Officer called for a second time for nominations for Vice President. No further nominations received. A call for the third and final time was made. Nominations closed for Vice President.

ii) The Elections Officer called for a second time for nominations for Director at large. The following nominations came from the floor:

Keith Baldwin, Town of Golden  
Kyle Hamilton, City of Fernie

The following were acclaimed:

1. Keith Page, Vice President
2. Susan Clovehok, Director at Large
3. Danna O'Donnell, Director at Large
4. Keith Baldwin, Director at Large
5. Kyle Hamilton, Director at Large

**Each was acclaimed to a 2 year term position.**

10. Resolutions Debate

The Resolutions Committee comprised of Kathy Moore, Colleen Jones, Keith Page, Kevin Mclsaac, Rob Lang and Ron Popoff presented 18 resolutions for debate. Results are posted online at [www.akblg.ca](http://www.akblg.ca).

11. Adjournment at **10:45am PT/11:45am MT on Sunday, April 24, 2022**

## IN ATTENDANCE: 2022 AKBLG AGM

**VOTING DELEGATES:**

LESLIE	ADAMS	Town of Golden	Councillor
GREG	ANDERSON	District of Invermere	Councillor
EVERETT	BAKER	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
KEITH	BALDWIN	Town of Creston	Councillor
EZRA	BULLER	Village of Slocan	Councillor
PAUL	BUTLER	City of Trail	Councillor
NICOLE	CHARLWOOD	City of Nelson	Councillor
JASON	CHRISTENSEN	District of Sparwood	Councillor
JEN	COMER	Town of Creston	Councillor
HANS	CUNNINGHAM	RDEK	Director
STAN	DOEHLE	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
JOHN	DOOLEY	City of Nelson	Mayor
KIRK	DUFF	City o	Mayor
JIM	ELFORD	Town of Creston	Councillor
STEVE	FAIRBAIRN	District of Elkford	Councillor
RAMONA	FAUST	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director
COLIN	FERGUSON	Village of Silverton	Mayor
ROB	GAY	RDEK	Chair
LEONARD	GOSTICK	District of Elkford	Councillor
WESLY	GRAHAM	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
MIKE	GRAY	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Councillor
ALI	GRIEVE	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Director
ROBERT (FRED)	GROUETTE	Village of Midway	Councillor
KYLE	HAMILTON	City of Fernie	Councillor
SUE	HEATON-SHERSTOBITOFF	City of Castlegar	Councillor
SUZAN	HEWAT	Village of Kaslo	MAYOR
PHILIP	IDDON	City of Fernie	Councillor
GARRY	JACKMAN	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director
COLLEEN	JONES	City of Trail	Councillor
UTE	JURAS	District of Invermere	Councillor
KELLIE	KNOLL	Village of Kaslo	Councillor
CATHY	KOROLEK	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
ROB	LANG	Village of Kaslo	Elected Official
EDDIE	LEIGAN	Town of Golden	Councillor
DIRK	LEWIS	City of Rossland	Councillor
DIANA	LOCKWOOD	Village of Salmo	Mayor
RIK	LOGTENBERG	City of Nelson	Councillor
JESSICA	LUNN	Village of Slocan	MAYOR
LEAH	MAIN	Village of Silverton	Councillor
JOHN	MANUEL	Town of Golden	Councillor
DON	MCCORMICK	City of Kimberley	Mayor
DUNCAN	MCDONALD	District of Elkford	Councillor
GRACE	MCGREGOR	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Vice-Chair
KEVIN	MCISAAC	City of Fernie	Councillor
DEAN	MCKERRACHER	District of Elkford	Mayor

AIDAN	MCLAREN-CAUX	Village of Nakusp	Councillor
DARRIN	METCALF	Village of Midway	Councillor
AL	MILLER	District of Invermere	Mayor
TERRY	MILLER	City of Rossland	Councillor
KATHY	MOORE	City of Rossland	Mayor
ANDY	MOREL	City of Rossland	Councillor
STEVE	MORISSETTE	Village of Fruitvale	Mayor
JANICE	MORRISON	City of Nelson	Councillor
CHRIS	MOSLIN	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
JANICE	NIGHTINGALE	City of Rossland	Councillor
TROY	NIXON	City of Fernie	Councillor
DANNA	O'DONNELL	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Director
KEITH	PAGE	City of Nelson	Councillor
ARLENE	PARKINSON	Village of Warfield	Councillor
LISA	PASIN	City of Trail	Mayor
JOEL	PELLETIER	Village of Slocan	Councillor
MADELEINE	PERRIERE	Village of Slocan	COUNCILLOR
MADELEINE	PERRIERE	Village of Slocan	Councillor
RON	POPOFF	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
WALTER	POPOFF	RDEK	Director
LEE	PRATT	City of Cranbrook	Mayor
WAYNE	PRICE	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
ANGE	QUALIZZA	City of Fernie	Mayor
CLARA	REINHARDT	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Mayor
SANDRA	ROBERTS	City of Kimberley	Councillor
CRAIG	ROBINSON	District of Elkford	Councillor
DAN	RYE	City of Castlegar	Councillor
FARRELL	SEGALL	Village of Salmo	Councillor
MIKE	SOSNOWSKI	RDEK	Director
STEWART	SPOONER	City of Rossland	Councillor
GERRY	TAFT	District of Invermere	Councillor
BRIAN	TAYLOR	City of Grand Forks	Mayor
CHRISTINE	THOMPSON	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
RON	TOYOTA	Town of Creston	Mayor
JOHN "BURLY"	VAN BYNEN	Village of Slocan	Councillor
TANYA	WALL	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area B
JANE	WALTER	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
AMIEE	WATSON	RDEK	Director
GERRY	WILKIE	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
DAVID	WILKS	District of Sparwood	Mayor
JESSE	WOODWARD	City of Nelson	Councillor
LINDA	WORLEY	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Chair

**NON VOTING DELEGATES**

SUMMIT	AMBEARLT-WANNAMAKER	City Of Fernie	Youth Councillor
MICHAEL	BORONOWSKI	City of Fernie	CAO
KEVIN	CORMACK	City of Nelson	City Manager

IAN	DUNLOP	Village of Kaslo	CAO
MARK	FERCHO	City of Cranbrook	CAO
STUART	HORN	Regional District of Central Kootenay	CAO
MICHELE	SCHALEKAMP	District of Sparwood	CAO
JON	WILSGARD	Town of Golden	CAO
ANDREW	YOUNG	District of Invermere	CAO



**Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments**  
Financial Information  
*(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)*  
December 31, 2022

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## **Compilation Engagement Report**

To Management of Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the balance sheet of Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments as at December 31, 2022, the statement of receipts and disbursements for the year then ended and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it, and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

April 1, 2023

Kimberley, BC

*Shawna Davies*

Chartered Professional Accountant



# Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

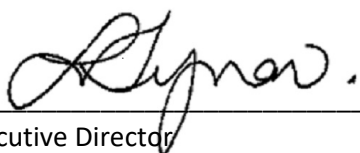
## Balance Sheet

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

As At December 31, 2022

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current Assets		
Chequing (Note 3)	\$ 192,375	\$ 200,943
Money Market	7,389	7,249
Accounts Receivable	20,550	17,328
Due from Government Agency	7,797	1,404
	<u>\$ 228,111</u>	<u>\$ 226,923</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 100,850	\$ 47,360
Deferred Revenues	16,338	114,189
	<u>117,188</u>	<u>161,549</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets (Note 2)	<u>110,923</u>	<u>65,374</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 228,111</u>	<u>\$ 226,923</u>

On behalf of the Board:



Executive Director

# Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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	2022	2021
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$ 60,107	\$ 58,929
Convention Revenues	128,279	-
Interest Income	249	115
	<u>188,635</u>	<u>59,044</u>
Expenses		
Administrative Contract	46,000	46,000
Area Association Collaborations	3,931	-
Bank Charges	16	12
Convention and AGM Expenses	79,024	14,339
ED Professional Development	3,408	-
Executive Meetings	7,254	10,852
IT Services	960	960
Office Supplies	654	33
Professional Fees - Accounting	1,800	1,600
Professional Fees - Legal	40	55
	<u>143,087</u>	<u>73,851</u>
<b>Surplus (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$ 45,548</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (14,807)</u></b>

# Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

## Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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	2022	2021
<b>Columbia Basin Trust</b>		
Receipts	\$ 43,123	\$ 46,515
Disbursements	<u>43,123</u>	<u>46,515</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Ministry of Energy and Mines</b>		
Receipts	\$ 121,851	\$ 82,518
Disbursements	<u>121,851</u>	<u>82,518</u>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>CRTLGC Excess of Receipts over Disbursements</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

# Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

## Notes to the Financial Information

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

December 31, 2022

### 1 Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the balance sheet of Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments as at December 31, 2022 and the statement of receipts over disbursements for the year then ended, is on the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts receivable
- Investments recorded at cost
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

### 2 Net Assets

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,375	\$ 65,375	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,181	\$ 80,181
Change in Balances	-	45,548	45,548	-	(14,807)	(14,807)
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,923</u>	<u>\$ 110,923</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,374</u>	<u>\$ 65,374</u>

### 3 Cash

The cash balance is comprised of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
AKBLG	\$ 103,116	\$ 113,323
CRTLGC	89,259	87,620
	<u>\$ 192,375</u>	<u>\$ 200,943</u>

### 4 Administration

The Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments administers the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee contract. The amounts reported in the financial information relate to amounts that have flowed through the bank account of the AKBLG and are included in this information for reporting purposes.

# Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Actual to Budget

*(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)*

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	December 31, 2022			December 31, 2021		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Receipts</b>						
Membership Dues	\$ 60,108	\$ 60,108	\$ -	\$ 58,929	\$ 58,929	\$ -
Sponsorship	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	8,000	(8,000)
Convention Proceeds	128,279	15,000	113,279	-	25,000	(25,000)
Interest Income	249	100	149	115	100	15
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>188,636</b>	<b>83,208</b>	<b>105,428</b>	<b>59,044</b>	<b>92,029</b>	<b>(32,985)</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Advocacy	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	400	(400)
Administrative Contract	46,000	46,000	-	46,000	46,000	-
Area Association Collaborations	3,931	2,500	1,431	-	-	-
Bank Charges	16	25	(9)	12	25	(13)
Convention & AGM Expenses	79,025	-	79,025	14,339	-	14,339
ED Professional Development	3,408	2,800	608	-	500	(500)
Executive Meetings	7,254	15,000	(7,746)	10,852	15,800	(4,948)
Gifts Given	-	200	(200)	-	250	(250)
IT Services	960	2,000	(1,040)	960	2,000	(1,040)
Office Supplies	654	500	154	33	500	(467)
Parliamentarian	-	250	(250)	-	500	(500)
Professional Development	-	-	-	-	1,500	(1,500)
Professional Fees-Accounting	1,800	1,500	300	1,600	1,500	100
Professional Fees-Legal	40	75	(35)	55	45	10
Telephone & Utilities	-	200	(200)	-	200	(200)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>143,088</b>	<b>72,550</b>	<b>70,538</b>	<b>73,851</b>	<b>69,220</b>	<b>4,631</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 45,548</b>	<b>\$ 10,658</b>	<b>\$ 34,890</b>	<b>\$ (14,807)</b>	<b>\$ 22,809</b>	<b>\$ (37,616)</b>

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**Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments  
2023 OPERATING BUDGET (AKBLG)**

	2023 BUDGET	2022 ACTUALS (Preliminary)	2022 BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership Dues	61,310	60,108	60,107
Interest Income	100	249	100
AKBLG Convention	128,000	128,279	120,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>189,410</b>	<b>188,636</b>	<b>180,207</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advocacy / Member Workshop	2,610		1,500
Area Association Collaborations	4,500	3,931	2,500
Bank Service Charges	25	16	25
Executive Meetings	15,000	7,254	15,000
Gifts Given / Miscellaneous	200		200
Office Supplies	500	654	500
Parliamentarian	0	0	250
Professional Fees-Accounting	1,800	1,800	1,500
Professional Fees-Legal	75	40	75
Telephone & Utilities	200	0	200
Prof Development/UBCM ED Convention	4,000	3,408	2,800
Administrative Contract	49,000	46,000	46,000
Convention Expenses	105,000	79,024	97,000
IT Services (note 3)	21,500	960	1,500
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>204,410</b>	<b>143,086</b>	<b>169,050</b>
<b>Net Revenue over Expenses - AKBLG</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>45,549</b>	<b>11,157</b>
Transfer from Restricted fund	15,000		11,157
Transfer to Restricted Fund (note 2)	0	60,000	0

- 1 Does not include in/out transactions related to CRT-LGC
- 2 Revenue resulting from AKBLG Convention moved to a "Internally Restricted Reserve" fund per Board policy for business continuity.
- 3 IT Services includes \$20,000 for website/IT update
- 4 Website update funded through internally restricted reserve funds

## **AKBLG LIFE MEMBER 2022/2023**



**Clara Reinhardt**

**Clara is unable to attend the 2023 AKBLG Convention & AGM and therefore the Life Member will be awarded to her at the 2024 AGM which will be held in the Village of Radium.**





## NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

### POSITIONS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS AT THE 2023 AGM

President	One (1) position	Two (2) Year Term (to 2025)
Vice President	One (1) position	Two (2) Year Term (to 2025)
Director at Large	Two (2) positions	Two (2) Year Term (to 2025)
Director at Large	One (1) position	One (1) Year Term (filling a 1-year vacancy)
Director at Large	One (1) position	Two (2) Year Term (to 2025)*

\*NOTE: One Director-at-Large position is a proxy for Past President. If incumbent is re-elected as President, this position will be a Director for two years.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- The candidate must be an elected official of an AKBLG local government member
- The candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AKBLG local government member.

### NOMINATIONS:

The Nomination Committee puts forward the following nominees:

#### President:

1. Keith Page – Councillor, City of Nelson

#### Vice President:

1. Kevin McIsaac - Councillor, City of Fernie

#### Directors at Large:

1. Aidan McLaren-Caux, Councillor, Village of Nakusp
2. Erin Palashniuk, Councillor, Village of Radium Hot Springs
3. Everett Baker, Councillor, City of Grand Forks
4. Colleen Jones, Mayor, City of Trail
5. Wesley Routley, Councillor, Town of Golden

**Nominations will be called from the floor at the AGM on Saturday. All nominations coming from the floor must be received during the meeting when the call is made.** Speeches and elections times are listed in the Agenda of the Convention and AGM. The Nomination committee strives for equal and broad representation of candidates from which members will elect to the AKBLG Executive to represent the entire AKBLG region.

### CURRENT AKBLG EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Keith Page	Councillor, City of Nelson	President term ends 2023 AGM
Kevin McIsaac	Councillor City of Fernie	Vice President term ends 2023 AGM
Keith Baldwin	Councillor, Town of Creston	Director Term ends 2024 AGM
Susan Clovechok	Director, RDEK	Director Term ends 2024 AGM
Kyle Hamilton	Councillor, City of Fernie	Director Term ends 2024 AGM
Colleen Jones	Mayor, City of Trail	Director Term ends 2023 AGM
Aidan McLaren-Caux	Councillor, Village of Nakusp	Director Term ends 2023 AGM

**2023 Nomination Committee:** Keith Baldwin, Chair    Kyle Hamilton



# Nomination for President

**Keith Page, Councillor, City of Nelson**

**Nominated by:**

Janice Morrison, Mayor, City of Nelson

Kate Tait, Councillor, City of Nelson

As a resident of the Kootenay Boundary, I have a strong passion for improving our local government(s) and ensuring that we are effective and responsive to the needs of our citizens. Through my professional experience, I have gained a deep understanding of the challenges facing local governments today. I have seen firsthand how important it is for local government officials to be proactive, innovative, and collaborative in their approach to policymaking and service delivery. I believe that my skills and experience make me well-suited to lead the Association in this effort.

As President, I would work to promote open communication and collaboration between local government officials, community members, and other stakeholders. I would prioritize transparency, accountability, and a results-driven approach to policymaking and service delivery. I am committed to ensuring that the Association plays a proactive role in addressing the most pressing issues facing our community today, including climate change, economic development, and social equity.

In summary, I believe that my passion for improving local government, combined with my skills and experience, make me an ideal candidate for the position of President of the AKBLG.

**Biography:**

Keith grew up on his family's century-old ranch just outside of Three Hills, Alberta where he raised cattle and farmed. His aptitude for problem-solving and hard work led him to the Information Technology sector in Calgary, where he worked for CADVision (North America's first DSL provider), TELUS, and iCona. However, the urban environment did not allow his country roots to flourish, and he moved to Nelson in 2006. In 2012, Keith established and founded the Repair Factory, a technical services company that still operates with four dedicated technicians out of their downtown Nelson location.

In 2014, Keith joined the Nelson Fire Rescue Auxiliary as a firefighter and dedicated his skills and time to helping protect the community. He also supported the organization as Vice President before getting elected to Nelson City Council in 2018. On Council, Keith has been committed to improving the rural-urban relationship and building shared support for district parks and recreational facilities. He is passionate about providing residents with high-quality recreational options and is continuously seeking ways to enhance the community's outdoor spaces. Additionally, Keith is an advocate for affordable housing and has worked tirelessly to improve its availability and affordability in the City of Nelson.



## Nomination for Vice President

**Kevin McIsaac, Councillor, City of Fernie**

**Nominated by:**

Nic Milligan, Mayor, City of Fernie

David Wilks, Mayor, City of Sparwood

My experience in regional representation as the alternate director at the RDEK for Fernie and my two stints as a Director for the AKBLG, including one as VP, has only increased my desire to work beyond my city's boundaries to tackle issues that matter to all of us.

I'm excited about the opportunity to work with a group of highly motivated people on regional issues that matter to all of us.

If elected I will work to the best of my ability to support the principles of AKBLG in engagement, education and advocacy.

### **Biography**

30 years as a developer, consultant, project manager, and president at various software companies in Canada and USA

Elected to Fernie City Council 2008, 2018, 2022

Appointed as RDEK alternate director 2018, 2022

Elected to AKBLG Board 2020, 2021



## **Nomination for Director at Large**

**Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp, Councillor**

**Nominated by:**

Colin Ferguson, Mayor, Village of Silverton

Tina Knooihuizen, Councillor, Village of Nakusp

Coming from a relatively small and remote municipality, I believe I can bring distinct and valuable representation to the table at AKBLG. As a second-term councillor, a director with the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and a current director with the AKBLG executive, my tenure in local government continues to help guide our area association into the future with both wisdom and energy. My work over several years for locally based non-profits, corporate boards, and community-led economic development organizations also provides a broad and nuanced understanding of ubiquitous community-issues and will continue to have a positive impact on our region as a whole.

Having lived in the West Kootenays for the past thirteen years, I have had extensive experience with various community groups, local government, board governance, and economic development. Coming from a background in management, entrepreneurship, and public service, I have proven throughout my career to be an effective and empathetic leader, driven by a passion for community development. I have served on and chaired all manner of community organizations with distinction, ranging from the Nakusp Child Care Society, to the Nakusp and Area Community Forest, to the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op, to name just a few.

I have had the distinct blessing of raising my children in this region, and I am profoundly motivated by the desire to leave a better and more sustainable world for them to have the chance to pursue their own opportunities right here. I strive to be a role model for my children by finding positive ways to give back to my community, and I look forward to humbly serving another term as a director on the executive for AKBLG.



## Nomination for Director at Large

**Colleen Jones, Mayor, City of Trail**

**Nominated by:**

Ali Grieve, Area A Director, RDKB

Steve Morissette, Mayor, Village of Fruitvale

My experience with the AKBLG has been very rewarding and beneficial and I would like to continue to serve on the Executive with your support.

The Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) is the local government non-profit association that represents the municipalities and electoral areas of the south-eastern portion of the province of British Columbia. The area includes the Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), Central Kootenay (RDCK) and East Kootenay (RDEK) that's why I love the Theme for this year's convention "Kootenay Boundary Connections -Strong Together". I have been proud to be a representative for the West Kootenays from the City of Trail for the past 3 years. Being a part of this executive has been a learning curve, and at the same time a valuable opportunity to learn about other communities, the issues they are working through, and the work that these communities are doing. We have many of the same issues, they may look different in certain communities than in others but having this connection that we create with AKLGB makes us stronger together working to make a difference in each of our communities. With your support I look forward to representing each of you once again! Thank you!

Recently elected as Mayor of the City of Trail, and with one term as a City Councilor and also a past term as a Director on the AKBLG, I know I have more work to do and more to learn. No stranger to the political sphere, I have spent 32 years in a management role for the provincial government, negotiating and bargaining for workers and their rights.



## Nomination for Director at Large

**Erin Palashniuk, Councillor, Village of Radium Hot Springs**

**Nominated by:**

Mike Gray, Mayor, Village of Radium Hot Springs

Christi Ferguson-Huston, Councillor, Village of Radium Hot Springs

I am newly elected and have no previous experience working in local Government. That being said, I have a great deal of professional and volunteer experience working with and as part of a Board. I feel that my experience would be an asset to the AKBLG Board of Directors and feel that the AKBLG would be an asset to my learning about local Government. I have a keen interest in the social issues that affect our community and would look forward to working with the AKBLG to learn how to have a positive impact in this area.

**Biography:**

My husband and I moved to the Columbia Valley in 2017 from Calgary due to the fact that we have always loved the area and the outdoors. I retired from working 25 years in the non-profit sector, specifically as an advocate supporting individuals and families with developmental disabilities and am now a local business owner in Radium Hot Springs.

When we moved to Radium Hot Springs, I had a goal to become as involved as possible in our local community. I have had the privilege of being the President of Tourism Radium, Co-Chair of the Columbia Valley Marketing Society, a board member of the Columbia Valley Foodbank and a member of the Radium Rotary Club. There is something magical about Radium Hot Springs and everyone who lives here knows that about our community. It is my goal to ensure that our community continues to thrive, and that locals and visitors get to continue experiencing the magic of Radium.



## **Nomination for Director at Large**

**Everett Baker, Mayor, City of Grand Forks**

**Nominated by:**

Linda Worley, Area B, Chair, RDKB

Sharon L Gibbs, Area E (West Boundary) Director, RDKB

I was elected Mayor of Grand Forks in the 2022 election, I also am the appointed RDKB Director. I was previously elected to City Council in a by-election in 2020. While a councillor I served as Liaison to BCH and then Minister of Housing David Eby. Also, Interior Health and Minister Dix & RCMP.

Before being elected I worked with MLA Linda Larson as her constitution Assistant for 10 years. I with my family own the Grand Forks Funeral Home and have served in many Volunteer roles within my community. I am married to Deborah for 42 years a proud Father and Papa.





## Nomination for Director at Large

### Wesley Routley, Councillor, Town of Golden

**Nominated by:**

Aimee Watson, Board Chair, Area D Director, RDCK

Ron Oszust, Mayor, Town of Golden

Councillor Wesley Routley is enthusiastic about the opportunity to join the Executive of the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) as a Director-at-Large. With a passion for driving positive change in the region, Wesley looks forward to collaborating with fellow elected officials and community partners to address pressing regional issues. Drawing on his experience and expertise, Wesley is committed to learning from other AKBLG members and building strong partnerships that will make a meaningful impact on our communities.

#### **Biography**

Councillor Wesley Routley, a newly elected member of Golden's Town Council with a long-standing connection to the community, is proud to call Golden home and acknowledges the privilege of living, working, and playing on the traditional, unceded territories of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc First Peoples.

With a meticulous and iterative approach to problem-solving in his private work, Wesley is known for achieving tangible results. In his public role, Councillor Routley actively seeks collaborative solutions to local and regional issues. He has been a driving force in building youth engagement and resource capacity in the community, co-founding a local youth service organization and establishing the Golden Youth Centre. Wesley has also represented young voices at public information sessions and volunteered as a youth grant adjudicator with the Columbia Basin Trust for three years, expanding his impact across the Basin.

Since joining Council, Wesley has taken on additional roles as the Alternate Municipal Director for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, Alternate Board Trustee for the Okanagan Regional Library, and the Council liaison (or alternate) for various committees, including the Golden and District Air Quality Committee, Neighbour's United, and the Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce.

As an honored nominee for a Director-at-Large position at the AKBLG, Councillor Routley is eager to work alongside elected officials and staff to engage, educate, and advocate for the region. He brings a wealth of experience, dedication to collaboration, and a strong commitment to serving the community in this important role, and looks forward to contributing to positive change in the Kootenay Boundary region through the AKBLG.



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## AKBLG PREAMBLE

*The AKBLG Resolutions Committee uses the following criteria to arrive at our recommendations for endorsement, in no particular order:*

1. Clarity of language.
2. Clarity of direction to UBCM.
3. Applicability to the domain of local government.
4. Timeliness (eg. redundancy of resolutions recently at AKBLG/UBCM).

***It is important to note that AKBLG does not consider the merits of the content of the resolution in making a decision to recommend endorsement.***

*Best practices for writing resolutions:*

1. Resolution must be properly titled.
2. Resolution must employ clear, simple language.
3. Resolution must clearly identify problem, reason and solution.
4. Resolution should have two or fewer recital (WHEREAS) clauses.
5. Resolution must have a short, clear, stand along enactment (THEREFORE) clause.
6. Factual background should be provided.
7. Resolution must focus on a single subject of local government concern province wide.
8. Resolution must include appropriate references to policy, legislation and regulation.

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### 1. Physician Assistants

### Regional District of East Kootenay

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is in a healthcare crisis;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is struggling to fill healthcare positions in rural British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to approve physician assistants to work alongside physicians and other health professionals to help produce better outcomes, access for patients and alleviate burnout.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2016-B124 which asked the Province to recognize and regulate physician assistants so that they may practice in BC, with establishment of an appropriate system for liability coverage, and regulatory oversight by an organization similar to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, as one of the steps toward meeting health care demands and alleviating physician shortages in all areas of the province.

Physician's Assistants are generalists who practice medicine within a defined scope of practice authorized by a physician within a formalized supervised practice arrangement. This contrasts with Nurse Practitioners who are Registered Nurses with advanced education and training in a clinical specialty who carry out legislated nursing services independently and other delegated tasks under physician supervision.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting the resourcing and strengthening of primary care as part of the health care system (2022-SR1, 2022-EB15, 2022-EB17, 2022-EB18, 2022-EB19, 2021-EB63, 2019-B63, 2017-B42, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162).

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

## 2. Shortage of Qualified Health Care Workers

## Village of Canal Flats

Whereas there is a shortage of qualified health care workers in the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas the COVID-19 vaccine mandate remains in effect for health care workers in BC contributing to the shortage:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG and UBCM ask the Provincial Government to rescind the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care professionals and rehire the terminated workers.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to rescind the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care professionals and rehire the terminated workers.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No recommendation**

The Committee concludes that there is insufficient information regarding the relationship between the COVID-19 vaccine mandate and the health care professional shortage.

### 3. Supplementing Health Authorities with Regional Boards of Health

#### City of Grand Forks

Whereas health care in British Columbia is inadequate to meet the needs of the population;

And whereas since 2001, Health Authorities have governed the provision of health care in their respective areas but are not held accountable for poor policy decisions and the negative impact those decisions have on local communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government to consider supplementing Health Authorities by including the responsibility of health care where there is a regional hospital and replacing such with Regional District Boards of Health responsible for health care;

And be it further resolved that Regional District Boards of Health responsible for health care must include representation from doctors, nurses, lab techs, and administration.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to consider supplementing Health Authorities by including the responsibility of health care where there is a regional hospital and replacing such with Regional District Boards of Health responsible for health care, nor have they considered a request that the Regional District Boards of Health include representation from doctors, nurses, lab techs, and administration.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed relevant resolutions addressing hospital districts and Regional District Boards of Health, including:

- 2017-B96 which asked the provincial government to review and update the *Hospital District Act* expeditiously and invite input from the regional hospital districts in British Columbia in order to clarify the mandate and role of hospital districts;
- 2014-C19 which asked the provincial government to require the composition of health authority boards to include representation from regional districts; and
- 2007-LR6 which asks UBCM to support the continuation of Local Boards of Health to give local governments flexibility and opportunity to address matters of public health.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

#### 4. Accessibility Plan Funding

City of Nelson

Whereas the Province has required all local governments to develop accessibility plans that must be renewed every 3 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province establish a granting stream with UBCM to support local governments in the development and implementation of their accessibility plans.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to establish a granting stream with UBCM to support local governments in the development and implementation of their accessibility plans.

*AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

## 5. Funding for Education and Protective Services Following Decriminalization of Illicit Drugs City of Nelson

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has been granted an exemption by Health Canada from the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* to decriminalize the possession of certain illegal drugs;

And whereas the provincial government is working with health and protective services partners to destigmatize illicit drugs;

And whereas local governments lack the resources to respond to community concerns and shifts in law enforcements:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to provide ongoing financial support to local governments to provide protective services and education to the public.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide ongoing financial support to local governments to provide protective services and education to the public.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2022-SR2 ask, in part, for the Province and health authorities to include funding and staff for security, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods in BC communities. As well, members endorsed resolution 2022-EB10 which asked the provincial and federal governments to provide a funding stream to cover the additional security and cleanup costs related to overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites, and any other social services related to people experiencing addiction and/or mental health issues.

*AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation:* **Do not endorse**

The Committee suggests the resolution lacks clarity and the need is not adequately identified (insufficient data)

## HOUSING

### 6. Landlord Licensing

City of Nelson

Whereas secure and appropriate housing is imperative to the health and safety of the residents of BC and is a protected human right;

And whereas the delivery of a large segment of the housing stock is through private landlords with a wide range of experience implementing best practices;

And whereas the required membership within professional organizations is a model demonstrated within other industries to develop and implement accountable best practices among membership:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to develop a mandatory licensing model for landlords of residential property to an appropriate professional organization as a required prerequisite to renting property within the province of British Columbia, with the exception of owners of secondary suites.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to develop a mandatory licensing model for landlords of residential property to an appropriate professional organization as a required prerequisite to renting property within the province of British Columbia, with the exception of owners of secondary suites.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking to better protect the rights of renters (2020-EB85, 2020-NR47, 2017-B126, 2016-B121).

On the other hand, the UBCM Executive endorsed, with an amendment, referred resolution 2021-NR59 which sought landlord protection by asked the Province to undertake a broad review of landlord protections to increase confidence in entering the rental market to grow the number of rental properties.

UBCM's housing policy includes recommendations towards a balanced approach to rental properties that both reflect the rights of renters and create greater certainty for landlords. It is possible that the proposed approach would create a disincentive for prospective landlords to rent out their properties.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:* **No recommendation**



## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### 7. Cost of Emergency Response

City of Fernie

Whereas the cost of emergency response to highway motor vehicle accidents has increased for local governments, but the compensation from the province has not increased commensurately:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to revisit the funding formula to ensure that first responder costs incurred on the Province's behalf by local government responders are fully covered.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide funding for road rescue and vehicle extrication, including 2022-EB40, 2022-EB41, 2020-EB9, 2019-B9, 2018-B5, 2015-B17, 2014-B15, 2013-B8, 2011-B4, 2011-B5, 2010-B6, 2009-B28, 2009-B69, 2009-B88, 2007-B10.

In response to resolution 2020-EB9, the Province responded that it "recognizes and appreciates the invaluable life-saving service that communities provide to motorists throughout British Columbia and is committed to developing a sustainable funding model."

The Committee also notes that some of the endorsed resolutions specifically identify ICBC in their request for compensating local governments and fire departments for highway rescue services (2022-EB40, 2022-EB41, 2013-B8, 2011-B5 and 2009-B88). The Province has previously rejected the idea of involving ICBC in a road rescue funding model, primarily due to potential impacts on insurance rates for BC motorists.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:* **Endorse**

## 8. Local Emergency Risk Mitigation Authority

## Town of Golden

Whereas the threat to communities throughout British Columbia imposed by disasters and other emergencies requires a comprehensive approach to mitigate the province-wide and region-specific risks thereof;

And whereas local governments have been assigned the responsibility to address flood risk, and may address wildfire risk, within their boundaries, using the treatments and other solutions prescribed by the Province;

And whereas in its adoption of the United Nation's Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Province has begun updating its emergency legislation including, but not limited to, an increased emphasis on disaster risk reduction, consideration of climate change, and the roles and responsibilities of Indigenous and local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to empower Indigenous and local governments to produce and submit supplementary and/or alternative strategies to mitigate any identified disaster and emergency risks within their boundaries;

And be it further resolved that the Province commit to the sustained financial and resource support of such emergency risk mitigation strategies without compromising the funding opportunities allocated toward emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to empower Indigenous and local governments to produce and submit supplementary and/or alternative strategies to mitigate any identified disaster and emergency risks within their boundaries.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking financial and resource support for emergency risk mitigation strategies and management, as the second enactment clause requests, including through several recent resolutions:

- 2022-SR3, which requests that the Province significantly increase its level of funding and assume greater responsibility for flood preparedness and mitigation;
- 2021-EB6, which calls on the Province to develop programs that take a proactive approach to flood mitigation, as opposed to downloading responsibilities on to local governments;
- 2020-NR14, which requests that the Province be required by legislation to undertake disaster mitigation work on all lands and facilities under the care and control of the Province where emergency events could negatively impact adjacent local government jurisdictions;
- 2019-B105, which requests that EMBC add mitigation to its mandate, under the *Emergency Program Act*; and
- 2019-B106, which requests, among other things, that there be sufficient provincial staff resources to work with local jurisdictions to mitigate disasters.

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ongoing funding related to emergency management (2022-EB34, 2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2018-

B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44) and disaster recovery (2019-B104, 2019-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114).

As part of its work to provide input into the 2019-2023 review of emergency management legislation, UBCM and its members have consistently called on the Province to provide ongoing funding and support to address local government responsibilities. In a 2019 formal response to a provincial discussion paper, UBCM specifically recommended that the Province:

- Develop an ongoing sustainable funding framework for local governments to address emergency management responsibilities; and
- Confirm adequate provincial support services for local governments, to address emergency management capacity issues.

The Province's 2023 budget is allocating \$85 million to increase emergency management capacity in BC and provide new investments in disaster risk assessment, preparedness and mitigation. Funding will also support more cross-ministry coordination, including working collaboratively with local governments and First Nations.

***AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: No recommendation***

While the Committee appreciates the intent, they noted that empowerment and financing are separate issues and both require clarity.

## 9. Funding Model for Emergency Management Responsibilities

City of Nelson

Whereas local governments across British Columbia are increasingly being impacted by severe weather events that are creating complex emergency situations;

And whereas local governments are legislated to plan for, respond to, and assist their communities in recovering from these emergencies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province of British Columbia to create an annual funding model for local governments to more adequately prepare for, and respond to, local emergencies.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking ongoing funding related to emergency management (2022-EB34, 2020-SR1, 2020-EB38, 2019-B11, 2018-B107, 2017-B86, 2017-B86, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B77, 2015-B78, 2014-B76, 2013-B44) and disaster recovery (2019-B104, 2019-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114).

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*AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

## 10. 911 Levy

Whereas the 911 dispatch levy is applied to landline subscribers and not mobile subscribers;

And whereas landline subscribers continue to diminish and transition to mobile, resulting in increasing losses of necessary funding for effective delivery 911 dispatch services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province to implement a 911 service levy on **telecommunications services** to the benefit of all dispatch operators in British Columbia.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed multiple resolutions (2021-EB7, 2012-LR1, 2011-B13, 2009-B10, 2004-SR1) seeking a 911 call answer levy on mobile devices, as a means to contribute to the costs associated with the delivery of 911 services.

The Committee also notes that members most recently endorsed resolution 2022-EB42, which asked the provincial government to work with the UBCM to develop a new provincial mandate and structure for 911 service delivery, including a new governance, funding and operational model, to "help modernize and improve 9-1-1 services across BC." The Province's response did not directly address the requests made in the resolution, only noting that it would be seeking to implement Next Generation 911 services and modernize emergency communications service delivery.

In October 2022, UBCM formally requested that the Province assume greater responsibility for emergency communications service delivery in BC, including through the following changes to support 911 service delivery:

- Creation of a provincial 911 governance model, with local government representation, to address policy and service standard issues;
- Development of consistent 911 service standards, without increasing service costs for local governments; as well as guidance for police, fire and ambulance call takers across BC;
- Development of a provincial strategy for the modernization of 911 services, including opportunities to best utilize Next Generation 911 technology; and
- Implementation of a 911 call answer levy on cellular devices, to address current and future financial challenges associated with the delivery of 911 services.

*AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

## ENVIRONMENT

### 11. Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation

District of Elkford

Whereas in recent years there have been significant increases of wildfire activities in both number and size across the Province of British Columbia;

And whereas the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation requires that a person must ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling vegetative debris is used in order to minimize the amount of vegetative debris to be open burned:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to further limit the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to prohibit open burning across the province, with the exception of wildfire fuel management operational programs and agricultural waste, as an alternative to chipping, mulching or transporting material to a green-waste recycling facility.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **No Recommendation**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse a very similar resolution, 2022-NR44 from the same sponsor. Resolution 2022-NR44 asked "...the Province of British Columbia to further limit the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to prohibit open burning across the province as an alternative to chipping, mulching or transporting material to a green-waste recycling facility."

The sponsor has updated this resolution from the 2022 version, by adding the exception of wildfire fuel management operational programs and agriculture waste.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions that address burns, air quality and particulate emission standards, including:

- supporting and incentivizing alternatives to burning of agricultural vegetative debris (Executive endorsed resolution 2021-NR41);
- venting indexes and efficiency of burns (Executive endorsed resolution 2020-NR42) and (2018-B70);
- addressing and mitigating risks associated with wildfire smoke (2019-B94);
- limiting or banning burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community air sheds (2016-B24);
- establishing standards for regulating wood burning appliances and outdoor boilers (2008-B72, 2007-B35, 2006-B109, 2005-B28, 2005-B114); and
- establishing emission level standards for agricultural boilers (2007-LR4).

*AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation:* **No recommendation**

The Committee encourages the sponsor to speak more specifically from the floor and detail precisely the issues to be addressed as there is limited background material for clarity.

## REGIONAL DISTRICTS

### 12. Long-Term Borrowing for Fire Apparatus Acquisition

#### Regional District of Central Kootenay

Whereas regional district fire services across British Columbia are facing increasing financial pressure with respect to replacing fire apparatus and are not permitted to utilize long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority to purchase the same without costly referendum processes;

And whereas should these referendums fail, communities will be left without fire protection during a time that sees increasing risk from wildfires as well as increased insurance rates, particularly for those without fire protection services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to enact legislation to permit regional districts to utilize long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority over the life-span of fire apparatus without the requirement to go to referendum, subject to the service having been established through a referendum process.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to enact legislation to permit regional districts to utilize long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority over the life-span of fire apparatus without the requirement to go to referendum, subject to the service having been established through a referendum process.

However, the Committee notes that membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking flexibility from the Fire Underwriters Survey in setting requirements and guidelines to accommodate the particular challenges faced by fire services, in particular to extend the life-span of fire apparatus (2022-EB38, 2021-EB8, 2021-EB9, 2020-EB11, 2016-B5, 2014-B49, 2011-B2, 2009-B5, 2008-B60).

The Committee further notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed related resolutions seeking a PST exemption for the purchase of fire trucks and other life-saving equipment (2022-EB64, 2005-B14, 2003-B14) and for the purchase of fire protection equipment and supplies for fire departments (2019-B20, 2007-B22).

**AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: Endorse**

## FINANCE

### 13. Top-Up Provincial Grants

### Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to rising global inflation, labour shortages and supply-chain issues, which in turn have led to higher costs for consumers;

And whereas provincial grants provided to local governments for projects will likely not cover the increased costs associated with supplies and construction, therefore leaving jurisdictions unable to complete projects aimed to benefit their communities and citizens:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC top up those grants given to local governments since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that projects can be completed.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to top up those grants given to local governments since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that projects can be completed.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolutions seeking grant funding around COVID-19, including:

- 2021-EB22 which asked the Province to provide regional districts with the same COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments allocation and reporting requirements afforded to municipalities;
- 2021-NR21 which asked the Province to provide more equitable safe restart grant funding to Regional District Electoral Areas in comparison to the funding provided to local municipalities; and
- 2020-SR7 which asked the Province to work collaboratively with UBCM to identify the health, safety, social and economic challenges facing BC communities and provide corresponding financial support that will aid local governments in the Province's overall COVID-19 recovery effort.

Further, the membership has previously endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to recognize an inflation component in some grant allocations (2013-B18, 2005-B101).

UBCM manages a number of provincial grant programs. The funding threshold for new applications under several grant programs was increased with 2021 intakes in recognition of general cost increases. The increases did not apply to previous applications as no additional funding for closed intakes was received from the Province.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**



## LAND USE

### 14. Better Management and Maintenance of Forest Recreation Sites Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Whereas Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) has a mandate to provide safe, quality recreation opportunities by developing, maintaining and managing a network of recreation sites and trails throughout the province for the use and enjoyment of British Columbians;

And whereas some users of these sites and trails are holding events and gatherings that hinder others' enjoyment of these public assets and threaten to harm the natural and built environments through vandalism and wildfire:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Government of BC commit greater resources to the management and maintenance of forest recreation sites, trails and facilities to ensure that user safety and sanitary conditions are maintained and that facilities, infrastructure and the environment are protected.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to provide appropriate resources (funding, staffing) to support the continued and sustained operation of provincial parks, recreational sites and trails and backcountry areas (2021-EB41, 2021-EB42, 2021-NR42, 2019-B50, 2018-B45, 2018-B72, 2015-B35, 2011-B49, 2010-B41, 2003-B28, 2003-B94).

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

## 15. Crown Land User Fee

## Regional District of East Kootenay

Whereas increasing usage of crown land for overnight camping and other recreational uses requires additional amenities, such as pit toilets, to protect the environment and additional trail and road maintenance and litter pick-up, to provide for sustainable and enjoyable usage;

And whereas with increased backcountry use there is additional need for education and compliance resources to mitigate aesthetic and environmental impacts, human/wildlife conflicts, and improve public safety:

Therefore be it resolve that UBCM petition the Province to implement a crown land camping fee structure, with the revenues to be used to provide sustainable use amenities and increased funding to the Conservation Officer service for improved education and enforcement.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to implement a crown land camping fee structure, with the revenues to be used to provide sustainable use amenities and increased funding to the Conservation Officer service for improved education and enforcement.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to provide appropriate resources (funding, staffing) to support the continued and sustained operation of provincial parks, recreational sites and trails and backcountry areas (2021-EB41, 2021-EB42, 2021-NR42, 2019-B50, 2018-B45, 2018-B72, 2015-B35, 2011-B49, 2010-B41, 2003-B28, 2003-B94).

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

## 16. Legislated Mapping and Management Plans in Community Watersheds Regional District of Central Kootenay

Whereas communities across British Columbia relying on surface water systems as their only source of drinking water are facing historic droughts and becoming increasingly aware of the need to maintain the integrity and hydrological production capacity of their community watersheds while they continue to be adversely impacted by other tenure holders or developers;

And whereas community expectations are often not aligned with requirements for tenure holders and developers to prepare and provide comprehensive watershed mapping and management plans in collaboration with such water user communities and licencees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to enact legislation prescribing tenure holders and developers to prepare detailed watershed mapping including Lidar imagery and comprehensive community watershed management plans in collaboration with water user communities and licencees prior to any development or incursion into consumptive use watersheds to avoid the risk of adversely impacting the hydrological production capacity of these watersheds.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to enact legislation prescribing tenure holders and developers to prepare detailed watershed mapping including Lidar imagery and comprehensive community watershed management plans in collaboration with water user communities and licencees prior to any development or incursion into consumptive use watersheds to avoid the risk of adversely impacting the hydrological production capacity of these watersheds.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds (2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to establish standards and funding around drinking water, including:

- Province to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner (2022-EB81);
- Province to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging drinking water infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia (2011-B107);
- Province to standardize water quality and treatment regulations across BC and develop a funding strategy for their implementation (2009-B51);
- Province to establish province-wide standards on potable water to be applied universally and implemented consistently in order to protect public health and public confidence in local and regional potable water systems (2007-B123); and

- Province to ensure that funding is available to develop the infrastructure required to meet the Province’s drinking water standards (2006-B90).

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **17. Providing Funding to Double Transit Service in Rural BC**

**City of Nelson**

Whereas adding more routes between our rural communities and more trips on existing routes will benefit our health system by helping seniors and others access healthcare services;

And whereas reliable regional rural transit is a critical component of a British Columbia wide affordable housing strategy;

And whereas improving our rural transit systems will deliver significant economic benefits by providing more reliable transportation for students and frontline workers;

And whereas an expanded rural transit system will deliver significant GHG reduction, by shifting kilometers travelled from costly and polluting single-occupancy vehicles to high-occupancy buses:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to provide sufficient additional funding to double services in British Columbia regional rural transit systems.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to fund a doubling of service in British Columbia regional rural transit systems.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions asking the provincial government to fund expansion of public transit across BC, including:

- more robust funding, plus revenue tools, to support overall expansion of service, particularly in rural and remote communities (2020-SR4, 2017-B8, 2017-B9, 2005-B7, 2004-B55);
- public transportation options that specifically provide access to healthcare services (2020-EB17, 2020-EB75, 2018-B16, 2009-B15);
- a provincial transportation strategy with solutions including both public transit and taxis in rural communities (2013-B15, 2012-B115); and
- implementation and expansion of interregional transit, to address safety concerns and rider demand (2022-NR56, 2015-B9, 2012-C37).

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

## LEGISLATIVE

### 18. Shared Ethics Commissioner's Office

City of Nelson

Whereas all local governments are required to decide on the implication of code of conduct within the first 6 months of a new term, which may include the designation of a local ethics commissioner officer;

And whereas local governments may often lack the resources or expertise to develop local ethics commissioner's role:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to create a shared local government ethics commissioner's office(s) to serve local governments in the efficient and effective implementation of Code of Conduct policies.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

*UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:*

The Resolutions Committee notes that UBCM's membership has endorsed two related resolutions requesting the Province to establish Ethics Commissioner/Integrity Commissioner offices to assist local governments with matters relating to conduct, including investigation and enforcement of Codes of Conduct:

- 2022-B77 which asked the Province to create an Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; and
- 2021-2020 NR1 which asked the Province to establish an Independent Office of Integrity to serve the public, elected officials and local government officials.

The resolution under consideration would allow for a decentralized approach through the establishment of more than one office.

The Ministry in its response to the 2021 resolution Independent Office of Integrity for Local Government, stated that "Integrity Commissioners can play an important role in providing education and advice respecting responsible conduct and enforcing a code of conduct. At the same time, there are limits to that role – for example, integrity commissioners do not make the decision to impose sanctions on an elected official in breach of a code of conduct; that decision remains with the elected council or board." The Ministry also notes that local governments "...are currently able to establish a local Integrity Commissioner to help guide these processes, if they so choose for their community."

In 2021, the Working Group on Responsible Conduct released a guide (Forging the Path to Responsible Conduct) which includes information on the considerations for a local government to develop procedures for the enforcement of a Code of Conduct, including the use of an independent third-party investigator to review alleged breaches of conduct in a manner that ensures procedural fairness for all parties.

*AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation:* **Endorse**

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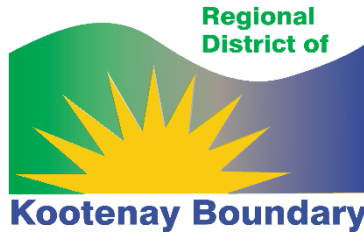
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