

**MINUTES OF**



**THE ASSOCIATION OF  
KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**Annual General Meeting**

**NELSON BC APRIL 17, 18 AND 19, 2008**

**“WORKING TOGETHER WORKS”**

## **DELEGATES**

### **EXECUTIVE DELEGATES**

President Heath Slee – Regional District of East Kootenay, Director

Vice-President Joe Snopek – Town of Creston, Mayor

Past President Janis Dahlen – Village of Nakusp, Councilor

Director Art Benzer – Village of Montrose, Mayor

Director Gord McAdams – City of Nelson, Councillor

Director Grace McGregor – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, Director

Director Tom Mann – Regional District of Central Kootenay, Director

Director RaMona Turcotte – District of Elkford, Councillor

Parliamentarian Elaine Kumar – RDKB, Director of Corporate Administration

### **LIFE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jackie Drysdale – City of Rossland - 2007

Dieter Bogs – City of Trail - 2006

Bill Baird – RDKB - 2005

Gord DeRosa – City of Trail - 2005

Josh Smienk – RDCK - 2003

Jim Ogilvie – City of Kimberley - 1996

### **STAFF**

Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Parkinson – Village of Warfield

## REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

### **Regional District of Central Kootenay**

Wright, Gary - Chair  
Cunningham, Hans - FCM  
Dawson, Al  
Mann, Tom – AKBLG Director  
Kettle, John  
Munro, Don  
Peterson, Paul  
Shadrack, Andrew  
Smienk, Josh – Life Member  
Voykin, John – Life Member

### **City of Castlegar**

Chernoff, Lawrence - Mayor  
Chernoff, Kevin  
Duff, Kirk  
Hearne, Russ  
McIntosh, Deb  
Turner, Gord

### **Town of Creston**

Snopek, Joe – Mayor – VicePres  
Folkman, Len  
Graham, Wesly  
Mueller, Leon  
Vondracek, Ed  
Wilson, Joanna

### **Village of Kaslo**

Holland, Jim - Mayor

### **Village of Nakusp**

Hamling, Karen – Mayor  
Dahlen, Janis – AKBLG Past Pres  
Mueller, Uli  
Switzer, Doug

### **City of Nelson**

Dooley, John – Mayor  
Adams, Bob  
Cherbo, Robin  
Kozak, Debra  
Mason, Ian  
McAdams, Gord – AKBLG Director

### **Village of New Denver**

Brookfield, Gordon – MIA Rep  
Campbell, Katrine  
Greensword, Bonnie

### **Village of Salmo**

Henderson, Ann - Mayor

### **Village of Silverton**

Bell, Carol

### **Village of Slocan**

Gates, John  
Elliot, Hillary

### **Regional District of East Kootenay**

Deck, Greg – Chair  
Gay, Rob  
Rose, Lillian  
Slee, Heath – President AKBLG  
Trescher, Clara  
Walter, Norman

### **Village of Canal Flats**

Doherty, Tricia  
Morin, Emile

### **City of Cranbrook**

Priest, Ross – Mayor  
Davis, Angus  
Manjak, Scott  
Mollison, Bruce

### **District of Elkford**

McKerracher, Dean - Mayor  
McLean, Shelly  
Tomich, Debby  
Turcott, Ramona Director AKBLG

### **City of Fernie**

### **District of Invermere**

Brydon, Ray  
Campsall, Bob  
Taft, Gerry

**City of Kimberley**  
Ogilvie, Jim – Mayor – Life Member  
Hoglund, Albert  
McWhinnie, Bob  
West-Sells, Bob

**Village of Radium Hot Springs**

**District of Sparwood**  
Wilks, David - Mayor  
Banks, Jim

**Town of Golden**  
Doyle, Jim - Mayor  
Gustafson, Carmen  
Hambruch, Chris  
Magnusson, Magnus  
Virk, Aman

**Regional District of Kootenay  
Boundary**

Rotvold, Marguerite – Chair RDKB  
Baird, Bill – Life Member  
Christensen, Marie  
Grieve, Ali  
Lodder, Tony  
McGregor, Grace Director AKBLG

**Village of Fruitvale**  
Wenman, Bill

**City of Grand Forks**  
Gordon, Ann  
Moslin, Chris  
Robert, Gene

**City of Greenwood**  
Lang, Colleen – Mayor  
Fieber, Chris

**Village of Midway**  
Dunsdon, Richard

**Village of Montrose**

Benzer, Art – Mayor – Director AKBLG  
Welsh, Griff

**City of Rossland**  
Smith, Gordon - Mayor  
Charlton, Laurie  
Drysdale, Jackie – Life Member

**City of Trail**  
Bogs, Dieter – Mayor – Life Member  
DeRosa, Gord – Life Member

**Village of Warfield**  
Nelson, Jim – Mayor  
Baggio, Donna  
Crockett, Bert

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**REGISTERED NON-VOTING DELEGATES**

Atamanenko, Alex	Member of Parliament	
Atkins, Tom	Nelson and District Credit Union	
Attarp, Dawn	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Mgr of Corporate Administration
Baker, Ron	Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust	CEO
Bell, Iain	District of Elkford	Director, Engineering & Development Services
Honourable Bill Bennett	MLA East Kootenay	Minister of Tourism and Arts
Bootsma, Marty	Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Chair
Burch, Lynne	City of Grand Forks	City Clerk
Chow, Sherman	Municipal Insurance Association	Claims Manager
Chuddy, Barry	Columbia Power Corporation	President and CEO
Conroy, Katrine	MLA West Kootenay/Boundary	
Cormack, Kevin	City of Nelson	City Manager
Dodd, Michael	City of Kimberley	CAO
Evans, Corky	MLA Nelson/Creston	
Field, Janice	Frank Cowan Company	Supervisor
Fredrickson, Monty	Selkirk Paving	
Garrecht, Paula	Capri Insurance Services	
Gibney, Bob	Fortis BC	Mgr, Municipal Relations & Aboriginal Affairs
Gibson, Keith	Municipal Insurance Association	Risk Manager
Giraud, Byng	Mining Association of BC	VP Policy & Communications
Godin, John	Frank Cowan Company	VP Business Development
Gosal, Kindy	Columbia Basin Trust	Mgr Water Initiatives
Gustafson, Jim	Regional District of Central Kootenay	CAO
Hackett, James	Interior Lumber Manufacturer's Assoc	President
Hamilton, Katherine	Columbia Basin Trust	Community Liaison
Jenkins, Steve	Telus	GM Southern Interior
Krotz, Jennifer	Columbia Basin Trust	Community Liaison
Kumar, Elaine	RDKB Dir of Corp Administration	AKBLG Parliamentarian
Lafleur, Linda	Columbia Basin Trust	Community Liaison
Laurie, Michelle	Knowledge Management	Consultant
Leblanc, Catherine	Ministry of Community Services	Planner
Loewen, Rick	Nelson & District Credit Union	
Macdonald, Norm	MLA Columbia River/Revelstoke	
MacDonald, Terri	Invest Kootenay	Coordinator
MacIsaac, Gary	Union of BC Municipalities	Executive Director
McLean, John	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	CAO
MacLeod, Nancy	Fortis BC	Mgr Corporate Communications
Malcom, John	City of Castlegar	CAO

Mattix, Ramona	Regional District of Central Kootenay	
McGeachie, Donna	BC Transmission Corporation	Mgr Corporate Relations
Mungiello, Frank	Telus	Director, Customer Solutions Delivery CEO
Muth, Neil	Columbia Basin Trust	
Oszust, Ron	Columbia Shuswap Regional District	
Pearce, Will	City of Cranbrook	CAO
Penner, Wally	Columbia Basin Trust	VP Community Partnerships
Pulice, Sante	Selkirk Paving	
Reed, Bernice	City of Cranbrook	
Repin, Audrey	Columbia Power Corporation	Dor of Communications & Community Relations Resource Planning Specialist Dir Community Relations CAO Leader Community & Aboriginal Relations Community Relations CAO Manager Technical Advisor Stakeholder Engagement Advisor Mgr Corporate Administration
Ross, Ken	Terasen Gas	
Scott, Diana	Mining Association of BC	
Speaker, Corien	District of Elkford	
Sterk, Jane	Green Party of BC	
Sulentich, Ruth	Terasen Gas	
Tammen, Diane	BC Hydro	
Taylor, Phil	Town of Golden	
Thackray, James	Town of Creston	
Weston, Blair	Fortis BC	
White, Amy	BC Hydro	
Wilsgard, Jon	Town of Golden	

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*The Mining Association of British Columbia*  
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*Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia*  
*Selkirk Paving*  
*Telus*  
*Terasen Gas*  
*Urban Systems*  
*Nelson Hydro*  
*British Columbia Lottery Corporation*  
*BC Transmission Corporation*  
*Bull, Housser & Tupper*  
*Regional District of East Kootenay*  
*CMHC*  
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*ICBC*  
*Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust*  
*Regional District of Central Kootenay*  
*Alexander Holburn Beaudin Lang*  
*BC Assessment*  
*Capri Insurance*  
*Frank Cowan Company*  
*Hume Hotel*  
*Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association*  
*Investors Group*  
*Lidstone Young Anderson*  
*Nohels Group*  
*Regional District of Kootenay Boundary*  
*Selkirk College*  
*Shaw*  
*Waste Management*  
*Ward Engineering and Land Surveying Ltd*  
*Zellstoff Celgar*

ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES  
PROCEEDINGS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

MAYOR OF NELSON	Mayor John Dooley welcomed everyone to the City of Nelson and introduced Council and Staff.
FCM WELCOME	Hans Cunnningham, Director FCM welcomed all delegates and presented a brief overview of FCM activities.
UBCM WELCOME	Susan Gimse President, UBCM welcomed all delegates and presented a brief overview of UBCM activities.
WELCOME	President Heath Slee welcomed all to the AGM and introduced the AKBLG Executive and the MIA representative to the membership. Vice President Snopek also recognized the presence of the Life Members.
CALL TO ORDER	President Heath Slee, of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	President Heath Slee presented the President's report
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>President's Report</u> <u>AKBLG AGM 2008</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">To the Delegates of the 2008 Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments Annual General Meeting, Nelson, B.C., April 17-19, 2008.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to have served on your behalf during this past year. This has truly been a learning experience and I am very fortunate in having had such a talented group of people to work with on our Executive.</p> <p>Last year's convention in Golden was a great success and I am sure this year's convention here in Nelson, will be no exception. His Worship Mayor Dooley, Council, and Planning Staff have put together an excellent program, a first rate assembly of speakers, and I know we will be in for a real treat with a talented group of local entertainers performing at the Capital Theatre.</p> <p>I am pleased to report that coming out of last year's convention and moving into the 2008 budget year, our association will now be in a much better financial position to enable us to better serve our membership. A special thanks to Corien Speaker, Administrator for the District of Elkford, and to Tom Mann Director on AKBLG, for their assistance in helping us to formulate a fair and equitable tax levy to all of our local governments. Trying to host seminars, and serve our communities with a constant fear of running into a deficit position is not in the best interests of our Association. Thanks to the support of all our Membership, our Association now has a realistic budget to work with.</p> <p>Partially due to budget restraints and conflict with other events, there were no seminars held in 2007. Instead, during the month of November, we co-sponsored with the Columbia Basin Trust, a very successful Climate Change Seminar in Cranbrook.</p> <p>As a member of the UBCM executive I have been appointed to the Environment Committee. This committee is working very hard to put forward the concerns of all our membership to the Provincial Government. At the forefront is the impact that a changing climate will have on all of our communities.</p> <p>I am also a member of the Convention Planning Committee. Planning for this year's convention in Penticton is well underway. This being the sesquicentennial year for the</p>



	<p>Province of British Columbia, the theme of the UBCM will be all encompassing in that it will recognize our past and present achievements as well as charting a course forward into the future.</p> <p>Mayor Joe Snopek was elected Director at Large for a 2nd term to UBCM at last year's convention in Vancouver. Mayor Joe is also a member of the Environment Committee, as well as the Community Safety Committee, of which he is the Vice-President. Our Association has been well served with two sitting members on the UBCM Executive.</p> <p>Members of our Association have worked hard this past year on a Local Government Learning Booklet which can be used by our membership to distribute to elementary schools in their area. This will be an excellent, easy to follow, learning tool that can be used for reference in our schools in order to make children more aware at an early age of how local government works. Many thanks to Executive member RaMona Turcott for her fine work on the puzzles, games and illustrations contained in the booklet. Please be sure to pick up several copies before leaving the convention to take back home with you and distribute to your communities. Our Association would also like to extend a big thank you to B.C. Hydro for their generous donation of \$5,000 which covered the cost of printing copies of the booklet.</p> <p>Be sure to attend the Local Government forums for Municipal and Rural Directors on Thursday afternoon. This would be your last opportunity to perhaps help craft a late resolution to take to the floor of the convention. Forums will be held simultaneously. Mayor Joe Snopek will Chair the Municipal forum and Director Grace McGregor, will chair the Rural Forum. The Executive is presently working on development of a policy for the Rural Caucus, and this item will be placed on the agenda of the Rural Forum.</p> <p>The year or years ahead will present many challenges for all of our communities. With a slowing economy, mills curtailing operations, some even closing down because of the dwindling lumber prices, the effects of the mountain pine beetle on our forests, and an agriculture sector still suffering the effects of BSE, along with the new legislative changes in farm gate sales. It will be the responsibility of all levels of government to help mitigate the fallout of these suffering industries and their employees. Perhaps we should consider holding our next seminar in the coming year on Economic Development, how to sustain our suffering industries and how to promote our communities to attract the types of industry we would welcome to our community.</p> <p>On a final note thank you to a great team that I have had the honour of working with this past year on the AKBLG Executive. Thank you, Arlene for all your hard work and past wealth of experience to call upon.</p> <p>Congratulations to all of you both re-elected and newly elected AKBLG Executive Members, I look forward to working with you all as Past President over the coming year.</p> <p>For those of you who have chosen not to run in the upcoming election in November, you will be missed. For those of you choosing to once again seek election in your local government, good luck!</p> <p>Enjoy the convention and all the best to everyone!</p> <p>Respectfully, Heath Slee, President. Thank You,</p>
AGENDA	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded the <i>2008 Annual General Meeting Agenda</i> was adopted as circulated.

MINUTES	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes were adopted as amended.</i>
FINANCIAL REPORT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2007 Financial Report was adopted.</i>
APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the following Scrutineers were approved:</i> <i>John MacLean Chief Administrative Officer RDKB and Elaine Kumar, Dep. Dir. of Corporate Relations RDKB</i>
NOMINATIONS	<p>Past President Janis Dahlen, Chair of the Nominations Committee put forward the name Joe Snopek, Town of Creston for President. She called for further nominations and there were none at this time.</p> <p>Past President Dahlen put forward the name of Gord McAdams, City of Nelson for Vice-President. She called for further nominations and there were none at this time.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee put forward the following names for Director:</p> <p>Gay, Rob. RDEK Gordon, Ann, City of Grand Forks Greensword, Bonnie, Village of New Denver Mann, Tom, RDCK McGregor, Grace, RDKB Shadrack, Andy, RDCK</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called for further nominations for Director, and the following were duly nominated and accepted.</p> <p>Wes Graham, Town of Creston Kirk Duff, City of Castlegar.</p>
CALL FOR ELECTION	Election for the position of Director of AKBLG will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008 between 8:45am and 10:00 am PST
RESOLUTIONS	The Resolutions Committee, Art Benzer, Gord McAdams and Tom Mann presented the following resolutions.

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**AKBLG 2008 RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION #1

ENHANCED MONITORING AND REPORTING OF HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

City of Greenwood

WHEREAS the quality of highways road and bridge maintenance services provided by the Ministry of Transportation has a significant impact on the safety of our publicly owned highways;

AND WHEREAS the provision of quality highways road and bridge maintenance services not only ensures safe road conditions for those traveling our highways but also ensures that the maximum life span of our highways infrastructure can be realized, and the Ministry of Transportation has introduced a self-regulatory model by contracted services providers to assess compliance with required work standards:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation be called upon to ensure that contracted highways road and bridge maintenance providers fulfill their contractual obligations through enhanced monitoring and audits of work performance of contractors conducted by the Ministry of Transportation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation provide regular accident reports for the service area, conduct comprehensive contractor performance assessments and report any findings semi-annually to key community stakeholders such as local governments, school boards, emergency services, chambers of commerce and other relevant stakeholders in the service area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM be called upon to adopt this resolution and urge the Ministry of Transportation to act on it as soon as possible.

On Motion was Endorsed and combined with Resolutions #1,#7, #10 and #14 following the wording of Resolution #1

RESOLUTION # 2

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

City of Rossland

WHEREAS small communities, with limited resources rely heavily on voluntary, non-profit organizations to sponsor or host community events which are supported by the Municipal Council;

AND WHEREAS small non-profit, voluntary organizations do not have adequate resources to acquire the ever increasing required insurance coverage for their hosted or sponsored events:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Insurance Association provide through the Local Government, insurance coverage to small, non-profit voluntary organizations for local government approved community events.

On Motion was Endorsed as Amended

RESOLUTION # 3

NON-RESIDENT OWNED PROPERTY TAXATION

Village of Kaslo

WHEREAS small rural municipalities are experiencing significant impacts as a consequence of the tourism industry in the form of increased non-resident property ownership, and this results in increased financial

burdens on permanent residents through greater infrastructure demands and a reduction in access to affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities have very limited resources to offset these financial impacts directly through property taxation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments lobby the Province of B.C., with the assistance and support of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, to create an additional property class to identify non-resident owned properties which may be taxed at a higher rate than properties owned by permanent residents.

On Motion was Not Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 4

CARBON TAX REVENUE SHARING

City of Grand Forks

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has now imposed a carbon tax which should be revenue neutral;

AND WHEREAS a carbon tax imposed on local government services will have a direct impact on property tax:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to ensure that any carbon tax imposed should be shared with local governments under a "carbon tax" revenue sharing agreement.

On Motion was endorsed as amended

RESOLUTION #5

COMMUNITIES RELIANT ON FORESTRY

City of Grand Forks

WHEREAS forestry remains the back bone of the Province's export economy, responsible for 40% of the total export earnings which support more than 80,000 direct jobs outside the lower mainland and Victoria regions, and is the leading source of income and taxation for local communities;

AND WHEREAS outside the lower mainland and Victoria regions, forestry is the leading source of income and property taxation for smaller to medium sized communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, urge the Province of British Columbia to create a special grant funding to support municipal services for all communities that may be impacted by mill closures and pine beetle infestation.

On Motion was Endorsed as Amended

RESOLUTION #6

EMISSIONS TRADING

City of Grand Forks

WHEREAS the BC Government has not disclosed plans for a regional system to trade greenhouse gas emissions with the States of New Mexico, California, Oregon and Washington;

AND WHEREAS the trading system has implications for the economies of our communities, and the public and businesses, for the most part, have been excluded from consultation and submissions to the cabinet committee on climate change:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, urge the Cabinet Committee On Climate Change to enter into consultations on the direction taken by the Province on emissions trading and its implications to the economies of the Communities affected.

On Motion was Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 7

INCREASING HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

Town of Golden

WHEREAS the quality of highway infrastructure maintenance directly impacts the social, environmental, and economic status of communities;

AND WHEREAS the quality of highway infrastructure maintenance directly impacts the level of safety, drivability, and confidence of the traveling public whether by motorized, mechanized, or pedestrian means:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeal to the Province to raise the accountability and performance assessment standards by which contracted highway maintenance providers are measured; and furthermore ensure that the Province is actively and regularly assessing for this compliance.

On Motion was Endorsed and combined with #1,#7, #10 and #14 following the wording of Resolution #1

RESOLUTION # 8

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Town of Golden

WHEREAS the incidence of potential and real states of emergency within local government jurisdictions caused by natural events such as flooding, wildfires, landslides and earthquakes is increasing throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the importance for rural communities to be able to fairly access the means to set in place plans to address preparing for, and dealing with these events is critical to the emergency preparedness of each community:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities appeal to the Province to direct Emergency Management BC to develop and implement an application based process for communities to obtain funds for emergency preparedness and mitigation works planning.

On Motion was Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 9

FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

City of Trail

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments advocate for an appeal process to be implemented as part of the Fire Underwriters Assessment reporting procedure, with the appeal process to be adjudicated by an independent authority.

On Motion was Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 10

HIGHWAYS ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

City of Trail

WHEREAS the quality of highways road and bridge maintenance services provided by the Ministry of Transportation has a significant impact on the safety of our publicly owned highways and the provision of quality maintenance services not only ensures safe road conditions for those traveling our highways but also ensures that the maximum life span of our highways infrastructure can be realized;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has introduced a self-regulatory model by contracted service providers to assess compliance with required work standards:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments call upon the Ministry of Transportation to ensure that contracted highways road and bridge maintenance providers fulfill their contractual obligations through enhanced monitoring and audits of work performance of contractors conducted by the Ministry of Transportation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation provide regular accident reports for the service area, conduct comprehensive contractor performance assessments and report any findings semi-annually to key community stakeholders such as local governments, school boards, emergency services, chambers of commerce and other relevant stakeholders in the service area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation review the maintenance standards with a view to implementing more stringent standards to improve the road conditions for those traveling our highways.

On Motion was Endorsed and combined with #1,#7, #10 and #14 following the wording of Resolution #1

RESOLUTION #11

UPGRADE TO HIGHWAY 33 FROM ROCK CREEK TO KELOWNA

City of Greenwood

WHEREAS Highway 33 is the route of choice for private and commercial vehicles traveling along Highway 3 from the Boundary, the West Kootenay, and the East Kootenay to Kelowna;

AND WHEREAS the road cannot handle the volume of traffic that is now using it and the risk of a serious accident is increasing:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urge the Provincial Minister of Transportation to develop a plan and a time line for upgrading Highway 33, and commit funds to start installing passing lanes between Rock Creek and Kelowna in 2009.

On Motion was not Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 12

HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS CARE

City of Grand Forks

WHEREAS in recent years the Minister of Housing has gone on an aggressive buying program to acquire residential hotels and apartment buildings in major urban centres that can be used for low cost housing;

AND WHEREAS outside the lower mainland and Victoria regions, smaller to medium sized communities also face homelessness and mental illness patients that need care and homes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, urge the Province of British Columbia to create a homelessness grant funding that permits all communities to partner with local government in rural areas to provide needed housing.

On Motion was Endorsed as Amended

RESOLUTION # 13

REPORTING OF GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

City of Grand Forks

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, request the Province of British Columbia to require the reporting of Green House Gas Emissions for all point source emitters.

On Motion was Endorsed

RESOLUTION # 14

SAFETY OF PUBLICLY OWNED HIGHWAYS

City of Grand Forks

WHEREAS the quality of highways and bridge maintenance services provided by the Ministry of Transportation has a significant impact on the safety of our publicly owned highways;

AND WHEREAS the provision of quality highways and bridge maintenance services ensures safe road conditions for those traveling our highways:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, request the Province of British Columbia to have the Highway Maintenance Contractor provide regular accident reports and report semi-annually to key community stakeholders such as local governments, school boards, emergency services and other relevant stakeholders in the service area.

On Motion was Endorsed and combined with Resolutions #1, #7, #10 and #14 following the wording of Resolution #1

RESOLUTION # 15

PM 2.5 SOURCE PERMITS BASED ON CANADIAN WIDE STANDARDS

City of Grand Forks

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments, through the UBCM, request the Province of British Columbia to use the British Columbia air quality objective of 25 micrograms per cubic metre for PM2.5 to apportion point source permits and utilize this in the accurate modeling of individual source contribution to the airshed.

On Motion was Endorsed as Amended

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Janis Dahlen, Nominations Chair, asked for the third and last time for nominations for President. There were no further nominations for President. At this time nominations for President were closed.
	Janis Dahlen, Nominations Chair, asked for the third and last time for nominations for Vice-President. There were no further nominations for Vice-President. At this time nominations for Vice-President were closed.
	Janis Dahlen, Nominations Chair, asked for the third and last time for nominations for Director. There were no further nominations for Director. At this time nominations for Directors were closed.
LIFE MEMBER	Janis Dahlen, Village of Nakusp and Hans Cunningham, RDCK were presented with Life Member Awards
MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION	Past-President Heath Slee, Director RDEK was appointed as MIA Representative for the next 3 year term.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION	Gordon Brookfield, Councillor, Village of New Denver was recognized for his long term contribution as MIA Representative for the AKBLG
UBCM PRESIDENT	Address by Susan Gimse
2009 and 2010 HOST	Vice President Snopek informed delegates that there were several



MUNICIPALITIES	<p>offers for future Hosts. He called three times for further bids for hosting the 2009 Convention.</p> <p>2009 AGM and Convention Host – City of Cranbrook          2010 AGM and Convention Host – City of Castlegar          2011 AGM and Convention Host – City of Kimberley          2012 AGM and Convention Host – City of Trail</p>								
PRESIDENT	<p>Joe Snopek was declared President of the AKBLG for the 2008/2009 year.</p>								
VICE PRESIDENT	<p>Gord McAdams declared Vice President of the AKBLG for the 2008/2009 year</p>								
DIRECTORS	<p>The Directors of the AKBLG for the 2008/2009 year were elected as follows:</p> <p>Kirk Duff, City of Castlegar          Rob Gay, RDEK          Ann Gordon, City of Grand Forks          Wesly Graham, Town of Creston          Tom Mann, RDCK          Grace McGregor, RDKB</p>								
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