

MINUTES OF



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

Annual General Meeting

CASTLEGAR BC APRIL 14, 15 AND 16, 2010

“A LIGHTER FOOTPRINT”

DELEGATES

EXECUTIVE DELEGATES

President Grace McGregor – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, Director

Vice-President Wesly Graham – Town of Creston, Councillor

Director Kirk Duff – City of Castlegar, Councillor

Director Rob Gay, Regional District of East Kootenay, Director

Director Al Graham, City of Trail, Councillor

Director Deb Kozak, City of Nelson, Councillor

Director Andy Shadrack, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Director

Parliamentarian Elaine Kumar – RDKB, Director of Corporate Administration

LIFE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

2005 Bill Baird – RDKB

2008 Hans Cunningham - RDCK

2005 Gord DeRosa – City of Trail

1996 Jim Ogilvie – City of Kimberley

2001 John Voykin - RDCK

STAFF

Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Parkinson – Village of Warfield

REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Wright, Gary - Chair
Binks, Larry
Cunningham, Hans- Life Member
Faust, Ramona
Jackman, Garry
Kettle, John
Mickel, Ron
Peterson, Paul
Popoff, Walter
Shadrack, Andrew
Voykin, John – Life Member
Zaitsoff, Gordon

City of Castlegar

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

Town of Creston

Toyota, Ron, Mayor
Ducharme, Tanya
Graham, Wesly
Schmalz, Jerry
Wilson, Joanna

Village of Kaslo

Lay, Greg, Mayor
Cormie, Donna
Frary, Tony

Village of Nakusp

Hamling, Karen – Mayor
Hughes, Joseph
Mueller, Uli

City of Nelson

Dooley, John – Mayor
Adams, Bob
Charlesworth, Kim
Cherbo, Robin

Kozak, Debra
Macdonald, Donna
Stacey, Margaret

Village of New Denver

Campbell, Katrine
Greensword, Bonnie
Murphy, Kevin

Village of Salmo

Henderson, Ann – Mayor
Haughton, Janine

Village of Silverton

Johnson, Ross
Main, Leah

Village of Slovan

Perriere, Madeleine - Mayor
Elliot, Hillary
Lunn, Jessica
McGreal, Patricia
Patterson, Jean

Regional District of East Kootenay

Walter, Norman - Chair
Booth, Wendy
Gay, Rob
Sosnowski, Mike
Wilkie, Gerry

Village of Canal Flats

Woodbury, Bruce - Mayor

City of Cranbrook

Manjak, Scott - Mayor
Davis, Angus
Pallesen, Denise
Scott, Diana J
Whetham, Bob

District of Elkford

McKerracher, Dean - Mayor
Conibear, Walter

McLean, Shelly
Wildeman, Ken

City of Fernie

Corrigan, Cindy - Mayor
Goos, Aaron
Iddon, Phil
McIsaac, Kevin

District of Invermere

Taft, Gerry - Mayor
Campsall, Bob

City of Kimberley

Ogilvie, Jim – Mayor – Life Member
Hoglund, Albert
Weston, Paddy
West-Sells, Bob

Village of Radium Hot Springs

Conklin, Deirdre - Mayor

District of Sparwood

Wilks, David - Mayor
Banks, Jim
Halko, Lois
McKie, Margaret

Town of Golden

Benty, Christina - Mayor
Fitzgerald, Jamie
Hambruch, Chris
Jaswal, Kuljit
Magnusson, Magnus
Moss, Caleb
Pecora, Mike

**Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary**

Rotvold, Marguerite – Chair
Baird, Bill – Life Member
McGregor, Grace President AKBLG
Perepolkin, Irene
Worley, Linda

Village of Fruitvale

Nelson, Libby - Mayor
Gray, Larry

Kniss, Bert
Webber, Tabatha

City of Grand Forks

Taylor, Brian - Mayor
Davies, Joy
Thompson, Christine
Wirischagin, Michael
Wyers, Cher

City of Greenwood

Stevenson, Christopher

Village of Midway

Village of Montrose

Welsh, Griff – Mayor
Cook, Cindy
Danchuk, Joe
Duclos, Don

City of Rossland

Granstrom, Greg - Mayor
Charlton, Laurie
Wallace, Kathy

City of Trail

DeRosa, Gord – Life Member
Gattafoni-Robinson, Eleanor
Graham, Al

Village of Warfield

Baggio, Donna
Crockett, Bert
Crozier, John
Milne, Tom

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ILMA
RDKB
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BC Transmission
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ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

MAYOR OF CASTLEGAR	Mayor Lawrence Chernoff welcomed the delegates to the City of Castlegar and introduced Council and Staff.
FCM WELCOME	John Dooley, FCM welcomed all delegates and presented a brief overview of FCM activities.
UBCM WELCOME	Robert Hobson President, UBCM welcomed all delegates and presented a brief overview of UBCM activities.
WELCOME	President Grace McGregor welcomed all to the 77 th AKBLG AGM and introduced the AKBLG Executive and the MIA representative to the membership and recognized the presence of the Life Members. President McGregor also recognized RDKB Director Marie Christensen and Kimberley Councillor Bob McWhinney who have passed away. President McGregor thanked the Town of Creston for providing meeting space for the AKBLG Executive meetings and Councillor Folkman for continuing to review the AKBLG Financial Statements.
CALL TO ORDER	President Grace McGregor, of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<p>President Grace McGregor presented the President's report Presidents Report April 2010</p> <p>Welcome to all Delegates attending the 2010 Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments Annual General Meeting</p> <p>2010 it sounds so magical and brings to mind red mittens, community celebrations and torch relays. It also gives your executive cause to reflect on our past years accomplishments some of which I will recap in this report.</p> <p>This is the 77th AKBLG and the seventh one to be hosted by Castlegar the one previous to this held in 2003. It was in 2003 that our association became the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government rather than The Association of Kootenay Boundary Municipalities. The motion for this very change was made by Joe Tatangelo (the previous director for Christina Lake) who is now a Life Member of our Association. Another step in the right direction brought to the forefront thru attendance at AKBLG.</p> <p>This year we had every intention of hosting an Alternate Energy Workshop, however we abandoned the project due lack of interest. We developed a resolution regarding the term of the Executive, another resolution regarding late resolutions and developed a brand new logo for AKBLG that we are very proud of. We did an online survey of members asking for their opinions in February and attended the Elections Task Force in Richmond in March. We as your executive have also written numerous letters in response to several issues in your communities. In October we wrote to the Minister of Finance citing our concerns in the Teck sale of a portion of Waneta Dam to BC Hydro. In November concerns were written to MLA John Slater concerning the proposed closure of the Rail Line. In February we wrote to UBCM offering to host a</p>

	<p>session to gather feedback for the Regional District Task Force. Also in February we answered a 14 page submission by a Grand Forks resident stating why we should not support any resolution around medical marijuana and just recently I have exchanged numerous emails with regard to conflicting dates that prohibited many of our members from attending a water workshop scheduled for the same time as this convention.</p> <p>Your support to this Association means we will continue to represent you both at this level and at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities level. We thank you for that support. I as your representative to the UBCM am part of the Economic Committee, Environment Committee, Structural Committee and Rural Recourse Roads Committee as well as the Executive Meeting. Attendance at these keeps me very busy reading, asking questions and offering input on your behalf. Please feel free to talk with me about any of these committees. I also attended the Elections Task Force workshop, you as members will have an opportunity at this conference to share your opinions on such topics as term of office and corporate vote.</p> <p>I have been very fortunate to work with truly dedicated individuals this past year; I thank every one of our executive for their devoted service to you our members of AKBLG.</p> <p>Thank you so very much members of AKBLG for entrusting me with the Presidency of your Association it has been an honour for me to represent you. Because of this experience I will continue both as your vice president and the elected official to Christina Lake to look at issues from a more regional perspective.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted Grace McGregor, President</p>
AGENDA	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded the <i>2010 Annual General Meeting Agenda was adopted as circulated.</i>
MINUTES	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes were adopted as circulated.</i>
FINANCIAL REPORT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2009 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 RDKB, Jon Wilsgard, Town of Golden and Victor Kumar, City of Rossland</i>
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION 1	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED <i>that the term of office for Executive Members of the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments be 2 years and:</i></p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED <i>that the Constitution of the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments be amended.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
EXECUTIVE	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED <i>that the Association of Kootenay and</i>

RESOLUTION 2	<p><i>Boundary Local Governments amend the Constitution of the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments in regards to Late Resolutions and Special Resolutions.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
NOMINATIONS	<p>President Grace McGregor, Chair of the Nominations Committee put forward the name Wesly Graham, Councillor, Town of Creston for President. She called for further nominations and there were none at this time.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee put forward the name of Andy Shadrack, Director, RDCK for Vice-President. The Nominations Committee Chair called for further nominations for Vice-President, and the following were duly nominated and accepted.</p> <p>Duff, Kirk, Councillor, City of Castlegar</p> <p>An Election was held for the position of Vice-President and Andy Shadrack, Director Regional District of Central Kootenay was duly elected.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee put forward the following names for Director:</p> <p>Duff, Kirk, City of Castlegar Gay, Rob. Regional District of East Kootenay Graham, Al, City of Trail Robert, Gene, City of Grand Forks Shadrack, Andy, RDCK</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called for further nominations for Director, and the following were duly nominated and accepted.</p> <p>Stevenson, Christopher, City of Greenwood Walter, Norman, Director, RDEK</p>
CALL FOR ELECTION	<p>Election for the position of Director of AKBLG will be held Saturday, April 16, 2010 between 8:45am and 10:00 am PST</p>

President's report to delegates of the 2009 Convention

RESOLUTIONS	<p>The Resolutions Committee of Kirk Duff, Rob Gay, Wesly Graham and Gene Robert presented the following resolutions.</p>
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RESOLUTION #1

CANAL FLATS

PARK LAND

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* requires that an owner of land being subdivided must either provide park land or pay to the local government an amount in lieu of park land dedication, which amount must be set aside in reserves and used solely for park land acquisition and for no other purpose;

AND WHEREAS existing parks might already benefit the subdivision, in which case the local government might prefer to expend its park land fund reserves to improve existing parks and other community or recreational amenities, with such capital improvements being a higher priority than the acquisition of additional land for parks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* to permit local governments to expend reserve funds collected in lieu of park land for either park land acquisition or capital improvements to existing park land.

CARRIED AS AMMENDED

RESOLUTION #2

VILLAGE OF MIDWAY

PRIME RECORDS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has proposed to increase the 2010 annual user fees for Prime Records Information Management Environment British Columbia (PRIME BC) from \$500 per member to \$1,000 per member;

AND WHEREAS there has been no consultation with the municipalities in British Columbia who will be required to pay for this proposed 100% increased user fee:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Province to maintain the costs of PRIME BC, paid for by local governments, at the 2009 rate.

CARRIED AS AMMENDED

RESOLUTION #3 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

COMMUNITY WORKS FUND

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities, representing local governments in British Columbia, has entered into an agreement with Canada and British Columbia to transfer a portion of federal gas tax funds to local governments by establishing the Community Works Fund for the purpose of providing funding to local governments to improve the

quality of the environment and contribute to reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner water or cleaner air;

AND WHEREAS the funding agreement continues at the pleasure of the Government of Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the federal government to enact a permanent continuation to the Community Works Fund program with funds provided being indexed to account for the effects of inflation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4

CITY OF ROSSLAND

SCHOOL FUNDING POLICY PAPER

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes that rural and small communities have unique needs and that these communities are experiencing declining enrolment in schools due to the temporary decline in population and other economic drivers, and that these communities are working with the local school boards to retain primary and secondary education for future growth;

AND WHEREAS the current funding formula for schools used to support school funding is structured based on a healthy economic environment of small and rural communities and at the present this funding formula is resulting in declining allocation of funds to the schools in small and rural communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities form a joint task force consisting of representatives from AKBLG, UBCM and BCSTA with the objective of formulating a school funding policy paper for submission to the Province of BC for consideration and adoption.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5

CITY OF KIMBERLEY

INTERFACE FORESTS

WHEREAS rural communities, particularly in the 13 resort communities struggle to balance reduction of wildfire hazard, ecosystem health, tourism and social/recreational values in the forests surrounding their municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the expectation of long-term timber revenue from wildland-urban interface is in conflict with other compelling values and the 2 kilometre buffer zone is insufficient for many local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests and Range update its policies to:

- (a) establish Community Interface Forests as unique buffer zones, with local governments empowered to define the 'zone';
 - (b) place Stumpage revenue from the sale of crown timber off crown land in the 'zone' in trust for the community to manage the Community Interface Forest;
 - (c) amend existing policies to ensure that the primary management goal within the wildland-urban interface should be the reduction of wildfire hazard and promotion of ecosystem health and resilience; and
 - (d) work with local governments to fund and implement a comprehensive management program based on current sound science research that protects the economic, environmental and social assets of Community Interface Forests.
- CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #6

CITY OF KIMBERLEY

HABITUATED DEER POPULATION

WHEREAS as habituated deer populations are increasing in rural communities and becoming a threat to human health and safety;

AND WHEREAS a 'culling' is ethically unacceptable to many citizens and potentially dangerous:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province work closely with secondary institutions and local governments to discover and implement a practical, humane contraceptive or other method to reduce deer populations in municipalities. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #7

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT IN DEALING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

WHEREAS many rural British Columbia communities must endure the growing wildlife population, which is not only a nuisance, but a threat to public safety, without the expertise, regulating authority or resources to deal with these populations;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment and its conservation officers have the authority and expertise to deal with these populations, but lack the adequate level of resources to deal with the issue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to put more resources into wildlife management areas in which urban wildlife is a significant problem. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #8

DISTRICT OF ELKFORD

FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICE TRAINING

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has eliminated the funding provided to the Provincial Emergency Program for emergency social services training through the Justice Institute of BC for 2010/2011;

AND WHEREAS trained emergency social service responders are a critical component of the emergency response program:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia reinstate the funding to train emergency social service volunteers for 2010/2011. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION # 9

VILLAGE OF KASLO

GREENHOUSES

WHEREAS British Columbia's food security has become increasingly vulnerable through a growing dependence upon the global market, which in recent times has experienced significantly fluctuating food prices and availability due to a large number of factors which are beyond our local control, including but not limited to:

- rising oil costs for food production and transportation r
- climate change causing more severe weather phenomena such as droughts and floods c
- increasing global market concentration of food production and stocks i
- loss of farmland to urbanization, and less farmland being available for the average farmer; l

AND WHEREAS locally grown, community based agriculture can provide for food sustainability and food security, create local jobs, reduce the carbon footprint and enhance economic well being by retaining more money in our local communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities shall urge the provincial government to create a program to promote and develop local food production on farmland and in greenhouses sufficient to meet the needs of communities throughout the Province of BC. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #10 VILLAGE OF KASLO

GREENER TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that mankind is facing the most serious threat in history to its continuing existence from the profound effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere resulting in climate change and the increasing acidification of the oceans resulting in a drastic reduction of marine life;

AND WHEREAS a significant source of greenhouse gases are from internal combustion engines in the nation's automobiles, trucks, buses and other vehicles:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities work collectively and with the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to greatly expand or create an electrified passenger and freight rail network linking most of the urban centres of the country and making it the predominant mode of transportation for both intra-urban and inter-urban travel. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #11

VILLAGE OF KASLO

FIRE SMART CANADA COMMUNITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS many communities small and large in British Columbia are threatened by potential wildfire occurrences adjacent to and within their communities;

AND WHEREAS community wildfire protection plans and operational fuel management projects on public and private lands can significantly reduce the threat and impact of a wildfire event:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities initiate a Fire Smart Canada Community Program similar to the FireWise program in the United States and the Partners in Protection Fire Smart Canada proposal. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #12

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

EXPANDED TIMEFRAMES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

WHEREAS both the provincial and federal governments have granted extraordinary grants to some local governments in order to stimulate employment and build much needed infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS these grants come with short timelines for the immediate implementation that bring capital and planning challenges to the local governments that result in waste of taxpayer dollars:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial and federal governments to implement flexibility into the deadlines and deal with each applicant on a case by case basis in order to maximize the effectiveness of the grants and create quality infrastructure for all Canadians. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION # 13

CITY OF NELSON

RESTORE AND MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR BC LIBRARIES

WHEREAS the provincial government of British Columbia has stated that one of its Five Great Goals is to make BC the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government recognized that libraries are central to that objective by developing and implementing the “Libraries Without Walls” strategic plan, which allowed libraries to significantly improve and provide services such as the BC OneCard system, Books for Babies, a virtual reference service, and a provincial suite of online databases;

AND WHEREAS last year’s funding cutbacks resulted in the loss of some of these programs and reduction in services for others, and additional cutbacks will mean a further reduction of programs and services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government maintain existing funding levels in 2010 for BC public libraries and reading centres, and further, that funding for BC libraries and reading centres be restored to the levels that were achieved as part of the strategic plan prior to 2009.

CARRIED AS AMMENDED

RESOLUTION #14

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

LOTTERY / GAMING FUNDS FOR NON-PROFITS

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has removed gaming funding from many local non-profit organizations;

AND WHEREAS the BC Gaming Commission continues to draw millions of dollars from local communities through “Scratch & Win”, “6-49”, “Keno”, “Pull-tabs” and “Black Jack” (21), as well as through internet gaming:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to return gaming revenues to communities through grants to local sports, cultural, health and social organizations. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #15

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

**EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS –
BROADBAND**

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* provides an exemption from the assistance to business prohibition for the operation of a service to provide capital financing for services provided by a telephone, natural gas or electric power utility;

AND WHEREAS the availability of high speed broadband service has become as critical to economic development, education, and communication as those services listed above:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend Section 797.1(3) of the *Local Government Act* by adding broadband as a service for which capital financing can be provided. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS

WHEREAS regional districts do not have the power to establish business improvement areas;

AND WHEREAS a business improvement area would be a valuable economic development tool to generate revenue for marketing, tourism, and other ventures that benefit the commercial sector:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to grant regional districts the power to establish business improvement areas. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #17 VILLAGE OF SALMO

PENALTIES ON UNPAID TAXES

WHEREAS a municipality may have a large portion of taxes and utilities outstanding on a due date;

AND WHEREAS taxes collected for another local government or public body that are unpaid by December 31 become municipal taxes, and these conditions make it difficult, if not impossible, to operate within a budget:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to impose sufficient penalties and interest on unpaid taxes to encourage taxpayers to pay their taxes within the time required. **DEFEATED**

RESOLUTION # 18 VILLAGE OF SALMO

PESTICIDE BAN

WHEREAS residents of the Province of British Columbia are increasingly requesting their local governments to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides within their boundaries in

order to mitigate concerns that these pesticides present a threat to the environment, children, pets, and personal health;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* does not give local governments the legislative authority to ban the sale of pesticides, only to regulate their use:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province wide.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION # 19

VILLAGE OF SALMO

PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

WHEREAS the Province has developed a property tax deferment program which is being expanded to include families with children under the age of 18;

AND WHEREAS municipalities do not receive payment for the deferred taxes until well after their property tax penalty date and have foregone the penalty, while the Province collects an administration fee and interest from the property tax penalty date and does not in turn compensate affected municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC transfer to municipalities the interest earned from the property tax due date to the date of the actual payment.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #20

VILLAGE OF WARFIELD

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS the lack of adequate funding by the Province of British Columbia is having a negative effect on small and rural communities in British Columbia by shutting down local schools;

AND WHEREAS schools are an economic and integral part of every small community in British Columbia, affecting not only the property and assessed values in each jurisdiction, but also the livelihood and existence of some communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any information regarding changes in funding to local school districts shall be conveyed to the school districts no later than January 1 of each year to be in effect for the next budget year.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #21

DISTRICT OF SPARWOOD

AMENDMENT TO *COMMUNITY CARE & ASSISTED LIVING ACT* (CHILD CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS)

WHEREAS the Province is mandated to regulate and enforce health, safety and staffing standards for child care facilities to protect our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS new regulations enacted in 2007 have placed a burden on those community facilities that are attempting to meet the needs of a wide variety of clients, some of whom are employed by resource based companies requiring their employees to work long and varied shift schedules:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the Province of British Columbia to review the Child Care Licensing Regulations in consultation with child care operators, and where necessary, make amendments to the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* that would better serve the needs of shift work clients, and parents with multi-age children. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION # 22

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION PERMIT EXEMPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch has implemented a travel authorization permitting process, as outlined in the Compliance Circular dated June 15, 2009, requiring fire apparatus – operated by or on behalf of a municipality or other authority responsible for public fire control operations – that exceeds legal axle weights as listed in the BC Commercial Transport Act and Commercial Transport Regulation to obtain a conditional permit that may limit , prohibit and make direction respecting use on provincial roadway routes;

AND WHEREAS emergency response personnel, in the interest of public safety, must respond to incidents by the most accessible, expedient and direct route possible thereby deeming the travel authorization permitting process impractical and detrimental to emergency response operations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to reconsider its position and exempt public and not for profit emergency response vehicles from the requirement for travel authorization permits on provincial roadways.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	President McGregor, 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.										
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	President McGregor, 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	Joe Snopek, a former AKBLG President was presented with a Life Member Award.										
UBCM PRESIDENT	Address by UBCM President Robert Hobson										
2011 and 2012 HOST MUNICIPALITIES	President McGregor informed delegates that there were several offers for future Hosts. She called three times for further bids for hosting the 2011 Convention. 2011 AGM and Convention Host – City of Kimberley 2012 AGM and Convention Host – City of Trail										
PRESIDENT	Wesly Graham was declared President of the AKBLG for 2010 and 2011.										
VICE PRESIDENT	Andy Shadrack was elected Vice President of the AKBLG for 2010 and 2011										
DIRECTORS	The Directors of the AKBLG for the next term were elected in order of votes as follows: Benty, Christina, Town of Golden Rob Gay, Regional District of East Kootenay Debra Kozak, City of Nelson Al Graham, City of Trail Kirk Duff, City of Castlegar Stephenson, Christopher, City of Greenwood										
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ADJOURNMENT	The 2010 Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. PST