

MINUTES OF



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

Annual General Meeting

KIMBERLEY BC APRIL 28, 29 AND 30, 2011

“EMBRACING THE PHOENIX”

DELEGATES

EXECUTIVE DELEGATES

President Wesly Graham – Town of Creston, Councillor

Past-President Grace McGregor – Regional District of Kootenay Boundary - Director

Vice-President Andy Shadrack – Regional District of Central Kootenay – Director

Director Christina Benty – Town of Golden - Mayor

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 Christopher Stevenson – City of Greenwood - Councillor

Parliamentarian Elaine Kumar – RDKB, Director of Corporate Administration

LIFE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

2004 Bert Banks

2005 Bill Baird – RDKB

2006 Bev Bellina

2006 Dieter Bogs – City of Trail

2008 Hans Cunningham - RDCK

2005 Gord DeRosa – City of Trail

1996 Jim Ogilvie – City of Kimberley

2009 Heath Slee - RDEK

2010 Joe Snopek

STAFF

Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Parkinson – Village of Warfield

REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Binks, Larry
Cunningham, Hans- Life Member
Faust, Ramona
Jackman, Garry
Kettle, John
Mickel, Ron
Peterson, Paul
Popoff, Walter
Shadrack, Andy – AKBLG VP

City of Castlegar

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

Town of Creston

Folkman, Len
Graham, Wesly – PRES AKBLG
Schmalz, Jerry
Wilson, Joanna

Village of Kaslo

Lay, Greg, Mayor
Cormie, Donna
Frery, Tony

Village of Nakusp

Hamling, Karen – Mayor
Hughes, Joseph

City of Nelson

Cherbo, Robin
Kozak, Debra – DIRECTOR AKBLG
Macdonald, Donna
Stacey, Margaret

Village of New Denver

Bush, Brent
Campbell, Katrine
Greensword, Bonnie

Village of Salmo

Village of Silverton

Johnson, Ross
Main, Leah

Village of Slocan

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

Regional District of East Kootenay

Booth, Wendy
Gay, Rob – DIRECTOR AKBLG
Slee, Heath – Life Member
Sosnowski, Mike
Wilkie, Gerry

Village of Canal Flats

City of Cranbrook

Davis, Angus
Pallesen, Denise
Schatschneider, Liz
Whetham, Bob

District of Elkford

McKerracher, Dean - Mayor
Conibear, Walter
McGregor, Mandy
McLean, Shelly
Miller, Al
Robinson, Craig
Wildeman, Ken
Zarowney, Joe

City of Fernie

Corrigan, Cindy - Mayor

District of Invermere

Taft, Gerry - Mayor

Brydon, Ray
Campsall, Bob
Hawes, Spring

City of Kimberley

Ogilvie, Jim – Mayor – Life Member
Bunka, Ann
Henningson, Mick
Hoglund, Albert
Weston, Paddy
West-Sells, Bob

Village of Radium Hot Springs

Conklin, Deirdre – Mayor
Reinhardt, Clara

District of Sparwood

Banks, Jim
Halko, Lois
McKie, Margaret

Town of Golden

Benty, Christina – Mayor DIR AKBLG
Fitzgerald, Jamie
Hambruch, Chris
Jaswal, Kuljit
Moss, Caleb
Pecora, Mike

**Regional District of Kootenay
Boundary**

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

Village of Fruitvale

Cecchini, Patricia
Gray, Larry
Kniss, Bert

City of Grand Forks

Taylor, Brian - Mayor
Davies, Joy
Moslin, Chris
Thompson, Christine
Wyers, Cher

City of Greenwood

Stevenson, Christopher DIR AKBLG

Village of Midway

Village of Montrose

Welsh, Griff – Mayor
Danchuk, Joe
Duclos, Don

City of Rossland

Granstrom, Greg - Mayor
Wallace, Kathy

City of Trail

Bogs, Dieter - Mayor
DeRosa, Gord – Life Member
Graham, Al DIR AKBLG

Village of Warfield

Nelson, Jim - Mayor
Baggio, Donna
Crockett, Bert
Crozier, John
Milne, Tom

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ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011

MAYOR OF KIMBERLEY	Mayor Jim Ogilvie welcomed the delegates to the City of Kimberley and introduced Council and Staff.
MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	The Honourable Ida Chong welcomed all delegates and presented an overview of the Ministry and Provincial Government activities.
	PROCEEDINGS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
OPENING CEREMONIES	Official Community Welcome First Nations Welcome – Chris Luke Mayor Jim Ogilvie presented the Official Welcoming Address. Hans Cunningham, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities presented an FCM update. Barbara Steele, President of the Union of BC Municipalities presented a UBCM update.
WELCOME	President Wesly Graham welcomed all to the 78 th AKBLG AGM and introduced the AKBLG Executive and the MIA representative to the membership. President Graham recognized Heath Slee for the great job he has done in his position at UBCM. President Graham asked all to remember Norman Walter who has passed away. President Graham 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 Wesly Graham, of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	President Wesly Graham presented the President's report 2011 President's Report: Welcome to all Delegates attending the 2011 Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments Annual General Meeting. This is the 78 th AKBLG and it is great that Kimberley has agreed to host us. They have worked hard on this convention and myself along with the rest of the executive say thank-you. This year has been a busy and challenging year. We have had to deal with a provincial government that hasn't acted on legislation since last spring, and both political parties engaged in a leadership race has basically ground all initiatives to a halt. That affected the way we do business and made it difficult to get the answers and action we needed. As a local government association we have worked hard to get our issues forward and move on the initiatives of the membership.

	<p>The AKBLG website is up and with a partnership from RDKB we are getting our executive assistant trained to update the site as needed. We have forged ahead on the CRT committee and will have it formed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Your support for me in this roll is greatly appreciated. I have completed my first year as your President and now moving on to my second. I represent you also on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. This has been an exciting year as I am on the Convention Committee and on the Healthy Communities committee. This keeps me very busy and seems like I travel to Vancouver quite a bit. These are both engaging committees and as mentioned before, the slow down at the Provincial Government level has affected our work as well, but we keep our heads down and still work hard for our Delegates so that we don't get over looked.</p> <p>I recently returned from the AVICC convention. It was a great experience and interesting to watch how the do business. I made note of the resolution sessions and how smooth ours goes now that we have made the changes regarding late resolutions.</p> <p>I am very grateful for the team of people that form our executive. They are a very dedicated bunch. The input around the table and discussions is very regionally orientated, looking out for all the members that form the AKBLG. I thank all of you very much for your help and devoted service.</p> <p>Thank you to the members of the AKBLG for trusting me to be your President and it has been an honor to serve you this past year, and look forward to the year ahead. Feel free to contact me any time and raise concerns or just chat. I enjoy listening and figuring out unique solutions to the problems that face us.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted</p> <p>Wesly Graham</p> <p>President</p>
AGENDA	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded the <i>2011 Annual General Meeting Agenda was adopted as circulated.</i>
MINUTES	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes were adopted as circulated.</i>
FINANCIAL REPORT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2010 Financial Report was adopted.</i>
APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the following Scrutineers were approved:</i> <i>Corien Speaker, District of Elkford and Victor Kumar, City of Rossland</i>

NOMINATIONS	<p>Past President Grace McGregor, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the Nominations Committee Report. 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>Duff, Kirk, City of Castlegar Kozak, Debra – City of Nelson Stevenson, Christopher – City of Greenwood Taft, Gerry – District of Invermere</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called for further nominations for Director, and the following were duly nominated and accepted.</p> <p>Wyers, Cher – City of Grand Forks</p>
CALL FOR ELECTION	Election for the position of Director of AKBLG will be held Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 8:45am and 10:00 am PST

RESOLUTIONS	The Resolutions Committee of Kirk Duff, Rob Gay, Debra Kozak and Andy Shadrack presented the following resolutions.
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RESOLUTION 1

HARMONIZED SALES TAX & PENSION PLANS - VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

WHEREAS the 2010 federal government amendments to the *Excise Tax Act* has impacted employers such that they will be required to remit Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on the “deemed supply” (service) they provide to pension plans;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of scope pertaining to how the government views similar services involving municipal staff time in the future is a concern for the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities engage in discussions with the Province of British Columbia to have this service exempted from the Harmonized Sales Tax.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 2

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OVER WATERWAYS - VILLAGE OF KASLO

WHEREAS the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments feels that municipal control of surface of the water will be effective in addressing issues such as noise and environmental pollution, proximity of boats to shore, types of boats allowed on the water, and boat moorage locations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, lobby for more control over provincial and federal waterways adjacent to and within municipalities.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION 3

TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR PARTICIPATING IN UBCM COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DISTRICT OF ELKFORD

WHEREAS the local government officers and employees are asked to sit on various committees formed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, with the local governments covering all travel expenses to participate in committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS travel expenses for elected officials to participate in the committees are the responsibility of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be requested to provide reimbursement for travel expenses for the local government officers and employees participating in the Union of British Columbia Municipalities committee meetings.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 4

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 167 OF THE *COMMUNITY CHARTER* - CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS Section 167 of the *Community Charter* requires a municipality to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local government as prescribed by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants;

AND WHEREAS Section 167 of the *Community Charter* also states that in addition to the requirements for annual financial statements, the Inspector may require municipalities to provide additional financial information:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia amend Section 167 of the *Community Charter* by deleting the requirement to provide an additional financial statement requested by the Inspector.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 5

CARBON NEUTRAL OBLIGATIONS - CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS municipalities who are signators to the British Columbia Climate Action Charter have made a non binding commitment (Section 9) to “being carbon neutral in respect of their operations by 2012”;

AND WHEREAS the only practical means to achieve a carbon neutral status, following all reasonable actions to reduce carbon emissions, is to purchase carbon off-sets:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities provide clear direction on the following:

- The source, form, rationalized cost and understandable description of legitimate “carbon off-sets”.
- The allocation and anticipated expenditure of revenues generated by local municipalities purchasing qualified carbon off-sets and paid to an organization sanctioned by the BC government such as the Pacific Carbon Trust (a Crown Corporation).
- The options or opportunities to establish local or regional “trusts” (or other means), administered locally, to hold and then direct carbon off-set revenues to local or regional qualified carbon off-set projects.
- The rationale for NOT crediting local municipalities, who own and/or operate lands and/or facilities which would otherwise be considered carbon “sinks”, with a reasonable estimation of “carbon” sequestered by the operation and credited against “carbon” released by municipal operations, therefore reducing the NET carbon emissions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 6

ELIMINATION OF MSP PREMIUMS - CITY OF KIMBERLEY

WHEREAS all seniors living in British Columbia must pay Medical Service Plan (MSP) premiums and with the elimination of MSP premiums, BC seniors would have more money for healthy living;

AND WHEREAS many retirees of the Municipal Pension Plan are former employees of local and regional governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities support the retirees' of the Municipal Pension Plan by agreeing to the elimination of MSP premiums for all British Columbia Seniors (65 years and older)

ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 7

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND - CITY OF KIMBERLEY

WHEREAS when determining the actual value of property for taxation, Section 19(3)(h) of the *Assessment Act* states that the assessor may give consideration to any other circumstances affecting the value of the land and improvements, which includes the physical condition of property and the extent to which it is contaminated;

AND WHEREAS by causing or allowing the contamination of their own property, some industrial taxpayers obtain a substantial reduction in their tax burden while creating inequality among industrial taxpayers and reducing the overall level of taxation available to municipal governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to adopt appropriate legislation to require the assessor, when determining the actual value of property for an assessment roll, to disregard evidence of existing contamination caused or contributed to by industrial processes carried out by the owner on the property or on an adjacent or associated industrial property of the owner.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 8

REPEAL SECTIONS 420-427 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS administration of Sections 420 to 427 of the *Local Government Act* is onerous and costly to local governments;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle are clear, concise and do not provide for the involvement of third parties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to repeal Sections 420 to 427 of the *Local Government Act* and replace it with provisions similar to those of the Surveyor of Taxes Forfeiture Cycle, and that those provisions ensure that any unredeemed properties revert to the municipality.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 9

INSUFFICIENT FUNDING OF HEALTH AUTHORITIES - REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS the provincial government has now created capital projects priority criteria that grants up to twenty bonus points to regional hospital boards that are prepared to fund up to 90% of capital projects costs;

AND WHEREAS such policies will create a two-tier medical facilities situation in British Columbia between those regional hospital boards that can afford to raise more capital via higher property taxes and those boards that cannot:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments request that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities register a strong protest with the provincial government, especially the Minister of Health, with regard to ongoing attempts by the provincial government to download its capital funding responsibilities, via insufficient funding of health authorities that burden property taxpayers, when they already pay for this capital funding via income taxes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 10

FIRST LINE FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT GUIDELINES - REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

WHEREAS the Fire Underwriters Survey requires that all first line fire apparatus (fire trucks) for small communities and rural centres be replaced after 20 years in order to retain fire insurance grading recognition for that apparatus;

AND WHEREAS fire apparatus in small communities and rural centres is still in excellent condition after 20 years due to very low hours of operational use; the cost apply for a limited extension past 20 years is not economical; and the cost of replacement of first line fire apparatus every 20 years is onerous on taxpayers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby for change to the Fire Underwriters Survey requirements for replacement for first line fire apparatus such as fire trucks and other fire fighting vehicles to ease the financial burden to taxpayers in small and rural centres.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 11

DESIGN OF GRANT PROGRAMS - REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

WHEREAS most federal and provincial funding/grant programs are based on an application process that is time consuming and costly and the programs result in competition between and within local governments for a limited amount of funds;

AND WHEREAS local governments have the most knowledge of the needs of their communities, are responsible for setting the priorities for projects deserving of funding within their respective jurisdiction, and have proven, through the Community Works program, that they are capable of adhering to criteria assigned to funding by agreement:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition for a change to the criteria for federal and provincial funding/grant programs that would result in available fund being distributed to all local governments, based on a pre-set formula appropriate for the particular funding program.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 12

FIRE & POLICE SERVICES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT - CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* was enacted over fifteen years ago with the goal of facilitating collective bargaining with fire and police;

AND WHEREAS the results are that the Act has not lead to improved collective bargaining rather it has resulted in the parties invariably ending up at an impasse and the collective agreement being settled through binding arbitration with awards that are not in line with the economic reality of British Columbia communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Minister of Labour review the impact of the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* on collective bargaining to determine if it has met its goals that were established at the time.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 13

REGULATION OF INSTALLATION OF SIGNS, SPEED & PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES - CITY OF ROSSLAND

WHEREAS the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure has the legislative authority to make and issue regulations under the *Transportation Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Minister may make regulations respecting the use of provincial public highways by persons or vehicles:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that a municipal Council may, by a bylaw with the approval of the Minister, be granted the legislative authority to regulate the installation of signs, regulations of speed and pedestrian crossings on arterial highways within the municipal boundaries.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 14

BC HYDRO FAIR COMPENSATION - AKBLG EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS Crown Corporations are expected to pay their fair share of property taxes by providing a grant-in-lieu;

AND WHEREAS private utilities pay property taxes to municipalities and regional districts on property including rights-of-way for distribution and transmission lines, and private utilities and BC Hydro provide municipalities a 1% tax on gross sales revenues within their jurisdictions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AKBLG and the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to explore the taxation of BC Hydro and implement a fair and equitable method of compensation to all local governments for the provision of local and regional services.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 15

INTEREST RATE ON ARREARS & DELINQUENT TAXES – VILLAGE OF SALMO

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor establishes interest rates on taxes in arrears or delinquent by adding three percent to the prime lending rate;

AND WHEREAS local governments may be owed outstanding taxes which cause a hardship to operate within a budget:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Lieutenant Governor to increase the interest rate on arrears and delinquent taxes to an interest rate comparable to consumer debt.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 16

GRANT PROGRAMS FOR REGIONAL DISTRICTS – REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada have introduced many grant programs such as Towns for Tomorrow;

AND WHEREAS the most recent version of the Towns for Tomorrow Program limited regional districts to one application only:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to recognize the unique nature of regional districts and

to allow regional Boards to endorse and submit up to one application per electoral area for Towns for Tomorrow.

ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 17

PROVINCIAL CHILDCARE FUNDING - CITY OF FERNIE

WHEREAS the province of British Columbia has the highest level of child poverty in the country;

AND WHEREAS affordable quality childcare plays a central role in the economic and emotional health of families and children:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government significantly increase funding to childcare as part of a concerted effort to reduce child poverty and strengthen the economy of British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 18

SCRAP METAL LICENSING & REGULATING – CITY OF GREENWOOD

WHEREAS damage and loss resulting from the theft of metals costs British Columbia millions of dollars each year;

AND WHEREAS there are no mechanisms in place to regulate, control, monitor and enforce the market for scrap metal that provides the economic basis for metal theft, vandalism and property crime:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to implement a system to licence & regulate the scrap metal economy in British Columbia and to consider mandating the Product Stewardship Program with responsibility to implement and monitor these regulations.

ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED

RESOLUTION 19

RECYCLING DEPOSIT & REFUND SYSTEM EXPANSION – CITY OF GREENWOOD

WHEREAS the recycling of tires, batteries and other items benefits the environment, economy and society;

AND WHEREAS the Return-It beverage refund-deposit system achieves the highest return rate for recyclable materials in the Province, by providing a direct incentive to users to recycle items and materials:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the provincial government to mandate the expansion of deposit and refund systems currently used for beverage containers to other recyclables.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION 20

REMUNERATION OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS – CITY OF GREENWOOD

WHEREAS local elected officials are responsible for adjusting their own pay/remuneration/ compensation;

AND WHEREAS elected officials should not have the power to or responsibility for adjusting their own remuneration:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the provincial government to work with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to establish an independent, automatic, universal mechanism for adjusting remuneration/compensation for local elected officials.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

UBCM NAME CHANGE – AKBLG EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, the Southern Interior Local Government Association, the North Central Local Government Association and the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments have all changed their names to reflect local governments working together;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities change their name to the Union of British Columbia Local Governments.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF OUR WATER RESOURCES – AKBLG EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS effective regulation and management of our Province’s finite water resources is vital to our ecology, environment and economic future; and

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia no longer has a dedicated appointee whose primary function is to work with the wide variety of stakeholders who have a keen interest in the effective management of our water resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia, and namely the Premier of our Province, appoint a Member of the Legislature with the responsibility of working with stakeholders to effectively, responsibly and efficiently manage our water resources at the Minister of State level or higher.

ON MOTION, WAS REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Past 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.										
2012 and 2013 HOST MUNICIPALITIES	Past President McGregor informed delegates that there were several offers for future Hosts. She called three times for further bids for hosting the 2012 Convention. 2012 AGM and Convention Host – City of Trail 2013 AGM and Convention Host – Columbia Valley										
DIRECTORS	The Directors of the AKBLG for the next 2 year term (2011-2013) were elected in order of votes as follows: Debra Kozak, City of Nelson Kirk Duff, City of Castlegar Taft, Gerry, District of Invermere Stephenson, Christopher, City of Greenwood										
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ADJOURNMENT	The 2011 Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. PST