

**MINUTES OF**



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

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

**COLUMBIA VALLEY APRIL 19, 20 AND 21, 2013**

**“BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES”**

## **DELEGATES**

### **EXECUTIVE DELEGATES**

President Andy Shadrack – Regional District of Central Kootenay - Director

Past-President Wesly Graham – Town of Creston - Councillor

Vice-President Christina Benty – Town of Golden - Mayor

Director Patricia Cecchini – Village of Fruitvale - Mayor

Director Rob Gay, Regional District of East Kootenay - Director

Director Hillary Elliott – Village of Slocan - Councillor

Director & Municipal Insurance Representative Deb Kozak, City of Nelson - Councillor

Director Gerry Taft, District of Invermere – Mayor

Director Cher Wyers, City of Grand Forks – Councillor

Scrutineers – Brian Carruthers – RDCK  
John Wilsgard – Golden  
Lou Varela - Creston

Parliamentarian Elaine Kumar – RDKB, Director of Corporate Administration

### **LIFE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

2012 Grace McGregor - RDKB  
2005 Bill Baird – RDKB  
2005 Gord DeRosa – City of Trail  
2006 Dieter Bogs – City of Trail  
2008 Hans Cunningham - RDCK  
2009 Heath Slee - RDEK

### **AREA ASSOCIATION & OTHER REPRESENTATIVES**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Bruce Christiansen – North Central Local Government Association  
Past President, Rhona Martin – Southern Interior Local Government Association  
Mayor Andru McKracken – Valemount

### **STAFF**

Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Parkinson – Village of Warfield

## REGISTERED VOTING DELEGATES

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

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

### **City of Castlegar**

Chernoff, Lawrence - Mayor  
Rye, Dan  
Turner, Gord

### **Town of Creston**

Toyota, Ron - Mayor  
Ducharme, Tanya  
Gadicke, Judy  
Graham, Wesly – PAST PRES AKBLG  
Veitch, Scott

### **Village of Kaslo**

Lay, Greg, Mayor

### **Village of Nakusp**

Hamling, Karen – Mayor  
Duchaine, Guy  
Hughes, Joseph  
Mueller, Ulli  
Zelevnik, Tom

### **City of Nelson**

Adams, Bob  
Batycki, Candace  
Cherbo, Robin  
Kozak, Debra – DIRECTOR AKBLG

### **Village of New Denver**

Bunka, Ann - Mayor  
Fox, Heather  
Hodsall, Dave

Raynolds, Nadine  
Von Krogh, Henning

### **Village of Salmo**

Henderson, Ann - Mayor  
Hanson, Merle  
Haughton, Janine  
Peel, Jennifer  
Vliet, Bob

### **Village of Silverton**

Provan, Kathy - Mayor  
Clarke, Jason  
Johnson, Ross  
Main, Leah

### **Village of Slocan**

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

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

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

### **Village of Canal Flats**

Juras, Ute – Mayor  
Delorme, Marie  
Marcil, Paul  
Midyette, Dean

### **City of Cranbrook**

Stetski, Wayne - Mayor  
Cross, Sharon  
Davis, Angus  
Scott, Diana J  
Wetham, Bob  
Warner, Gerry

**District of Elkford**

McGregor, Mandy  
McLean, Shelly  
Robinson, Craig  
Zarowney, Joe

**City of Fernie**

Giuliano, Mary – Mayor  
Iddon, Phil  
McSkimming, Dan  
Warshawsky, Joe

**District of Invermere**

Taft, Gerry–Mayor DIRECTOR AKBLG  
Anderson, Greg  
Atterbury, Justin  
Denchuk, Paul  
Hawes, Spring

**City of Kimberley**

Goodwin, Kent  
Hoglund, Albert  
McCormick, Don  
Middlebrook, Bev

**Village of Radium Hot Springs**

Conklin, Dee – Mayor  
Larsen, Karen  
Logan, Todd  
Reinhardt, Clara  
Verboom, Ron

**District of Sparwood**

Halko, Lois - Mayor  
Fraser, Sharon  
McKie, Margaret  
Wilton, Joanne

**Town of Golden**

Benty, Christina – Mayor VP AKBLG  
Barlow, Connie  
Hern, Keith  
Moss, Caleb  
Oszust, Ron  
Pecora, Mike

**Regional District of Kootenay  
Boundary**

Baird, Bill – Life Member  
Grieve, Ali  
McGregor, Grace – Life Member  
Worley, Linda

**Village of Fruitvale**

Cecchini, Patricia – Mayor DIR AKBLG  
Gray, Larry  
Kniss, Bert

**City of Grand Forks**

Kendel, Bob  
O’Doherty, Patrick  
Smith, Gary  
Wyers, Cher – DIRECTOR AKBLG

**City of Greenwood**

Kettle, Albert – Mayor  
Cudworth, Lee  
Noll, Barry

**Village of Midway**

Rotvold, Marguerite

**Village of Montrose**

Danchuk, Joe - Mayor  
Berriault, Don  
Cook, Cindy

**City of Rossland**

Granstrom, Greg - Mayor  
Blomme, Jody  
Moore, Kathy  
Wallace, Kathy

**City of Trail**

Bogs, Dieter – Mayor – Life Member  
Cacchioni, Robert  
DeRosa, Gord – Life Member  
Gattafoni-Robinson, Eleanor  
Georgetti, Rick  
Jolly, Kevin

**Village of Warfield**

Crockett, Bert - Mayor  
Baggio, Donna

Crozier, John  
Milne, Tom  
Nelson, Jim

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Mining Association of British Columbia MABC  
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ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES  
PROCEEDINGS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

KEYNOTE SPEAKER- DR. KATHERINE LOFLIN	Dr Katherine Loflin of Loflin Consulting Solutions spoke on the “placemaking model” of improving and innovating cities in economic development.
WORKSHOP SESSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Building Walk Friendly Communities – Mandy Johnson</li> <li>2. Building Communities Together – Regional Collaboration Working Group.</li> <li>3. Building a Regional Economy One Family at a Time – Family Action Network of the Lower Columbia</li> <li>4. Building a Foundation for Lake Stewardship – Columbia Basin Watershed Network &amp; East Kootenay Integrated Lake Management Partnership</li> </ol>
	PROCEEDINGS OF THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013
OPENING CEREMONIES AND WELCOME ADDRESSES	<p>Entrance of dignitaries. National Anthem Opening Prayer First Nations Welcome RDEK Chair Rob Gay Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Honourable Bill Bennett AKBLG President Andy Shadrack UBCM President Mary Sjostrom FCM Past President, Hans Cunningham</p>
WELCOME	<p>President Andy Shadrack welcomed all to the 80<sup>th</sup> AKBLG AGM and introduced the AKBLG Executive and the MIA representative to the membership. President Shadrack thanked the Town of Creston for providing meeting space for the AKBLG Executive meetings. President Shadrack thanked the Town of Golden for their sponsorship of the Executive Breakfast.</p>
CALL TO ORDER	President Andy Shadrack, of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT	<p>President Andy Shadrack presented the 2013 President’s Report: I want to start by asking each of the Executive members to rise, and Secretary Treasurer, Arlene Parkinson. Thank you, team, without your support we could not have accomplished what we did in 2012 and so far in 2013. Next I want to ask those of you here from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), including Past President Heath Slee, to rise. After 50 years in politics I thought I knew what a workload was, but joining the UBCM Executive has been a bit like joining a provincial cabinet given the breadth and depth of issues that are faced and dealt with. Thank you for</p>

all you do too. Lastly I want to say a big thank you to the RDCK Board for all your support, particularly Chair John Kettle.

Interesting is an understatement of how I would describe this past year. At the Regional District where I serve as Director, we issued 41 local states of emergency between April 26th and July 12th, including Johnson's Landing where, as Director, I have had to help a community come to terms with losing 10% of their community members and having 40% of the properties impacted by a landslide. As a result a conversation is now underway as to how we can work more effectively with our provincial partners and they can support us during these crises.

Every time I go into a meeting I remind myself, whether it be the Small Water System Working Group, the Environment Committee or the Healthy Communities Committee of the UBCM Executive, of who we collectively represent. Of the 26 municipalities of AKBLG, only two - Nelson and Cranbrook - have populations larger than 10,000. Whether we represent an Electoral Area or are a Mayor or a Municipal Councillor we usually represent a rural community of less than 10,000, often less than 5,000.

That is why our AKBLG Executive has spent considerable time working with the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) trying to determine how we can develop better regional collaboration between ourselves. A good example for us to consider is the tripartite Regional District Carbon Neutral Kootenays, which also includes collaboration with CBT, a portion of Columbia-Shuswap RD and even a portion Fraser-Fort George RD. But in these tough economic times we need to go further. And as local governments look to economies of scale and true collaboration that helps us overcome our past inter-community parochialisms, we cannot afford to be divided rural against urban, or any of the other myriad of ways we so often can find to disagree with each other.

We need to learn to talk about best practices that we have developed as local governments, and not be afraid to talk about past errors, so that we can learn from both our strengths and weaknesses. That is why in this AGM the theme is "Building" community, and why UBCM is here to help us discuss developing a proposal for a more adequate future revenue generation.

And yes, given our workshop, "For Richer or Poorer" last fall, it is time that we told the federal and provincial governments, given all the responsibilities we have been asked to take on over the last several decades - the constant downloading of federal and provincial constitutional responsibilities - that 8 cents on the dollar is not an equitable sharing of Canadian tax revenue for all the infrastructure and programs that we as local governments are being asked to look after on behalf of local property taxpayers.

As well, one of the things I would like to say to the BC Auditor General for Local Governments is: given the fact that we have to balance our budgets annually and can usually only borrow money after assent of our



electors, when you scrutinize us for financial controls and best financial practices, please consider us in relation to how well our federal and provincial counterparts have done in the fiscal control department.

Does that mean that I think there is no room for improvement? No. To borrow a phrase from the IHA: local governments continuously engage in improvement. Take my own Regional District as an example. Over the last year we have begun a corporate review, are implementing a new finance software program and have kept the overall budget increase to barely above inflation. That is what we do as local governments, constantly finding ways to sharpen our financial pencils.

In this context we need to do a better job of celebrating our successes. I believe that we are one of the most efficient forms of government, especially given that, in many of our small rural communities, the programs and services that large urban residents take for granted are sometimes run by part time employees, and often volunteers. Traditionally that is the way that rural communities have provided services they otherwise could not afford to have, and I worry that the increasing complexity of federal and provincial regulation and legal liability will drown out that kind of community participation. As rural politicians we need to be ever vigilant that our folks and our communities are not left out of access to services that large urban centres take for granted.

That is why when we debate resolutions at this AGM I want to encourage you to ask the question: does this resolution promote AKBLG's long term strategy, does it help create the vision of how and what we want our citizens to have. What priorities do we want UBCM and FCM to take up on our behalf? In other words, what are we trying to build here?

Further, when I look around the room I estimate that some of us have only one or two more decades, years of active political life within our communities. Each of us has entered local government politics to make a difference, but sometimes we become so mired in day-to-day issues that we forget to step back and think about the legacy, any legacy, that we want to leave behind.

“Building”, our conference theme, is about a future. What kind of a future? Who are the partners we need to bring to the table from other levels of government, businesses, and community groups?

As I near retirement from politics, I increasingly worry about whether my generation has done enough succession planning, and I am concerned that we have not done a good job of controlling debt load, maintaining long term infrastructure, or placing environmental and social considerations within an economic context.

Having honest conversations about our differences and seeking out solutions that respect all of our values is a way that we can show political leadership in troubled times. If there is one thing I have learned sitting at the RDCK, AKBLG and UBCM Board tables, it is our ability to try to overcome heartfelt ideological differences in the interests of finding

	<p>solutions for our taxpayers and community members.</p> <p>On regular motion, duly moved and seconded was endorsed</p>
AGENDA	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded the <i>2013 Annual General Meeting Agenda was adopted as circulated.</i>
MINUTES	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes were adopted as corrected.</i>
FINANCIAL REPORT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2012 Financial Report was adopted.</i>

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS	<p>On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the following Scrutineers were approved:</i> <i>Brian Carruthers – RDCK, Jon Wilsgard – Golden, Lou Varela - Creston</i></p>
NOMINATIONS	<p>Past President Wesly Graham, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the Nominations Committee Report.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee put forward the following name for Director:</p> <p><b>Patricia Cecchini – Village of Fruitvale</b> <b>Debra Kozak – City of Nelson</b> <b>Gerry Taft – District of Invermere</b> <b>Cher Wyers – City of Grand Forks</b></p> <p>The Nominations Chair called a second time for further nominations for Director and there were none.</p>
3 <sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG DIRECTOR	The Nominations Chair called for a third and final time for further nominations for Director and there were none. At this time nominations for AKBLG Director were closed.
CALL FOR ELECTION	<p>The following were acclaimed as AKBLG Directors for two year terms:</p> <p>Patricia Cecchini – Village of Fruitvale Debra Kozak – City of Nelson Gerry Taft – District of Invermere Cher Wyers – City of Grand Forks</p>

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee of Gerry Taft, Hillary Elliott, Christina Benty and Andy Shadrack, presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION #1

OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAMS NOT WORKING

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS local government expends time and resources when applying for grant programs, and the application process essentially pits communities one against the other resulting in winners & losers;

AND WHEREAS local government sees the current granting program structure used by other levels of government as lacking essential criteria required to make fair and equitable decisions during the evaluation of applications for funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that other levels of government review their current granting programs to include consultation with local government in formulating a new approach in granting.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #2

FARM GATE SALES

CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia in September 2004 made farm gate sales of meat illegal, which ultimately led to a loss of East Kootenay area producers, such that in 2001 there were 151 cattle ranching and farming operations, 25 hog and pig farms, nine poultry and egg producers, and 56 sheep and goat farms, whereas by 2011 there were 78 cattle ranching and farming operations, one hog and pig farm, one poultry and egg producer, and five sheep and goat farms;

AND WHEREAS this region sees an annual economic impact from the Cranbrook Farmer's Market of over \$1 million in response to concerns over food security, a desire to buy locally from known producers, and to support our local economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to reinstate farm gate sales in the province in order that we might better support our agricultural community and the growth of that industry, and at the same time respond to consumers' desire for locally grown foods.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #3

TRAPPING OF ANIMALS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS trapping is legal in rural BC without any signage or notification of the presence of trap lines, meaning that in areas shared by the general public and their pets off leash there have been cases of death or severe harm to pets due to trap lines, and concerns raised for the health and safety of the general public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to investigate and legislate ways to prevent domestic animals from being further injured in traps such as Conibear;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that trap lines not be allowed in recreational areas close to communities, rural area developments and residential clusters.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #4

PROVINCIAL FUNDING OF SOCIAL SERVICE & HOUSING PROGRAMS

CITY OF TRAIL

WHEREAS the behaviours of people living with mental health, addictions and other chronic and social health issues without access to appropriate housing and related supports has a negative impact on the safety and economic development of our communities; and

WHEREAS low cost housing with appropriate outreach, social and health supports is a cost effective means of stabilizing and improving the lives of those living with these chronic issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministries of Social Development, Housing and Health work together to provide sufficient funding to local service providers and housing programs to address the needs of individuals living in our communities with mental health, addictions and other chronic social and health issues.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #5  
ASSESSMENT OF CONTAMINATED LAND

CITY OF KIMBERLEY

WHEREAS Section 19(3)(h) of the *Assessment Act* permits the assessor, in determining the value of property, to consider other circumstances affecting the value of the land and improvements, including the physical condition of property and the extent to which it is contaminated;

AND WHEREAS the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions – most recently 2005-B21 and 2011-B37 – pointing out that causing or allowing contamination can result in the substantial reduction in assessed value of an industrial property, thereby decreasing the property owner's tax burden while creating inequality among industrial taxpayers and reducing the tax revenue available to local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Assessment Act* to require the assessor, when determining the 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 under the same ownership;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this requirement would apply to a property regardless of whether the property contained a business operation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #6  
ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES

VILLAGE OF KASLO

WHEREAS the communities of Kaslo and Electoral Area D, Regional District Central Kootenay, received notice on September 13, 2012, that the Interior Health Authority will unilaterally terminate 80% of the current on site emergency medical services to the entire North Kootenay Lake, Lardeau and Duncan Valley communities as of November 2, 2012, without any previous consultation with local government and these communities;

AND WHEREAS at least 20% of the population in the local health area live more than one hour away from the Kaslo health facility site and more than two hours away from the next closest emergency site at Nelson:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM support a moratorium on unilateral changes being made by a regional health authority to any health centre or hospital, so that negotiations can find a way to preserve these communities' access to 24/7 emergency services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial Minister of Health initiate an audit of all health authorities to ensure delivery of medical services to remote and rural British Columbians complies with requirements of the *Canada Health Act*, all appropriate BC legislation and all contractual agreements between the BC government and the health authorities.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #7  
URBAN UNGULATES

DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

WHEREAS local governments are experiencing significant costs, controversy, and difficulty implementing committee recommendations in attempting to manage provincial urban wildlife, especially deer, in their communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the Province to resume their responsibility and/or provide adequate funding to effectively manage and mitigate the impacts of urban wildlife and in particular ungulates within the boundaries of municipalities, including the issuance of tickets for violations under any wildlife attractants bylaw.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #8  
CANADA POST DISTRIBUTION OF UNADDRESSED MAIL CONTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

CITY OF GREENWOOD

WHEREAS Canada Post has the authority to determine what it considers advertising or "junk" mail, and controls mail delivery to Canadians;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities use the unaddressed mail system to reach residents, especially in dealing with public safety issues, yet many residents have a no junk mail policy attached to their mailboxes and therefore do not receive these critical and mandatory notices:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government instruct Canada Post that notices pertaining to the safety and protection of residents be given priority and placed in the mailboxes of all residents.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #9  
SCHOOL CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

CITY OF ROSSLAND

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia recognizes that rural and small communities have unique needs, and a stable and effective public education system is instrumental in creating and supporting both a sustainable community and province, and that many school districts have announced significant financial challenges for 2013 and beyond;

AND WHEREAS the closure of schools can have significant and often permanent long term results such as preventing economic resurgence and inhibiting population growth in a community, and can be detrimental to the development of students, resulting in significant social and economic loss in our province:

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly request the Government of British Columbia to continue its commitment to build strong communities throughout the province by adequately funding education and schools to promote the stability and sustainability of communities throughout the province; where additional funding is unavailable that the ministry of education be encouraged to assist local interest groups to develop creative solutions to keep schools open and to provide top quality education to students, where they live, throughout British Columbia.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #10  
JOINT TASK FORCE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

CITY OF ROSSLAND

WHEREAS the current funding formula for rural education, in effect for the last decade, has resulted in substantial funding cuts and has created significant differences between various school districts by the application of inequitable criteria that has negatively impacted the quality of education in numerous rural school districts;

AND WHEREAS there has not been an adequate review of the effectiveness or fairness of the funding formula for BC school districts:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly support the formation of a joint task force consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Education and BCSTA to undertake a comprehensive performance audit, review and possible revision of the funding formula for education in rural areas so as to insure the fair funding, equal access and high quality of public education throughout the province.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION #11  
PROPERTY TAX IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS local government has limited taxation tools and relies heavily on property taxation;

AND WHEREAS the current system of property taxation is outdated and unfair to property owners and local governments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government strike a taskforce that includes representation from the provincial government, local government through UBCM to review and make recommendations to reform the property taxation system with the goal of reducing administration, identifying principles that should be considered in setting property tax rates and determining whether property taxes are the best source of funding for certain services (e.g. education, utilities, etc.).

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #12  
TWO-TIERED POLICE FORCE

CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS many British Columbia municipalities are experiencing rising RCMP costs, and have no other options available for policing;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Alberta has legislated the *Peace Officer Act*, providing a level of local government law enforcement with authority under the following provincial statutes:

*Gaming & Liquor Act*  
*Traffic Safety Act*  
*Motor Transport Act*  
*Dangerous Goods Act*  
*Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act*  
*Dangerous Dogs Act*

*Provincial Offenses Procedure Act;*

AND WHEREAS the Peace Officers support and collaborate with the RCMP so that the RCMP can focus their resources on major crime, while the Peace Officers deal with:

- enforcement of all of municipal bylaws;
- educating the public about various bylaws and regulations;
- school and community youth safety programs;
- the provision of conflict resolution and mediation services; and
- assisting fire/RCMP/Regional Emergency Services:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia work in concert with the RCMP to amend the *Police Act* to allow another level of policing services for local governments in order that they might have options that will achieve good fiscal balance, while maintaining a strong police force.

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #13

NATIONAL HEALTH & FITNESS DAY

VILLAGE OF SALMO

WHEREAS Canada by nature offers abundant recreational and fitness opportunities through such things as our mountains, oceans, lakes, forests, and parks;  
we as Canadians could therefore be the healthiest and fittest people on earth;  
participation rates in healthy physical activities have been declining;  
we have public facilities to promote health and fitness;  
Canadians recognize the growing concern over chronic disease and other impediments to health and fitness;  
health and fitness ought to be promoted for Canadians of all ages and abilities; and  
we all aspire to increase participation by Canadians in health, recreational sports and fitness activities;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Salmo acknowledges National Health and Fitness Day, the first Saturday in June, and as a step towards increasing participation and enhancing the health of all Canadians, commits to making its health, recreational sports, and fitness facilities available at a reduced fee or on a complementary basis on National Health and Fitness Day:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities support National Health and Fitness Day by encouraging their members to follow suit.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION #14  
REGIONAL DISTRICT VOTING RIGHTS

CITY OF TRAIL

WHEREAS Section 783(2) of the *Local Government Act* sets out how votes are apportioned to municipalities and electoral areas on regional district boards on the basis of population voting units;

AND WHEREAS voting units ignore financial contributions being made by participants within regional districts and can create situations of inequity and further concerns affecting property taxation without appropriate representation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the *Local Government Act* with a view to revising the legislation and creating a balance that establishes a clear linkage between financial contributions, population and voting units as part of a formula-based system that maintains fairness and equity for regional district participants.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION #15  
COLUMBIA BASIN SUPPORT

VILLAGE OF KASLO

WHEREAS the Columbia Power Corporation has been a major partner in bringing social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits to Columbia Basin residents, stemming from the activities of utilizing basin resources for power generation;

AND WHEREAS these resources and benefits continue to be intrinsically linked to the quality of life for basin residents:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments express its support for the efforts by the Columbia Basin Trust to engage basin communities and local governments in a process of renewal, revitalization and visioning of the Columbia Power Corporation and Columbia Basin Trust partnership.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION #16  
MAINTAINING ACCESS TO OUR PROVINCIAL PARK SYSTEM

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

WHEREAS our provincial park system represents an invaluable public asset, supports the integrity of our economic, social, and family structures, promotes the physical well-being of our citizens, and a healthy and diverse environment;

AND WHEREAS ever-diminishing road access to our communities' provincial parks is currently enabled by abandoned and unmaintained logging roads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Forest Service Roads which currently provide, or have formerly provided, public access to provincial parks, be designated, improved and maintained by the provincial government as public highways.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 17

POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

TOWN OF CRESTON

WHEREAS Statistics Canada states that British Columbia has had the worst child poverty record of any province for seven consecutive years (child poverty rate of 10.4%) and the rate of poverty for British Columbia children living in two-parent families rose from 7% in 2007 to 9.2% in 2008, meaning an additional 17,000 children in two-parent families in British Columbia were poor;

AND WHEREAS children living in poverty start school with many disadvantages, including possible development delays or learning disabilities which require special education services, increased behavior problems, hyperactivity, and/or emotional disorders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to proceed immediately with the next steps to expand upon the pilot community poverty reduction strategies project initiated by the provincial government, in launching a comprehensive and accountable poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines aimed at eliminating child poverty in the province.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION #18  
AMENDMENT TO THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT* FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS the current legislation governing issuance of Development Variance Permits causes unnecessary delay to property owners and onerous administrative procedures for local government staff;

AND WHEREAS guidelines for development variance can be established through council approved bylaws and policies:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Local Government Act* be amended to allow the local government to delegate to staff the issuance of development variance permits.

**DEFEATED**

RESOLUTION #19  
PERMANENTLY BAN SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS the Canadian Cancer Society advocates moving beyond "National Non-Smoking Week" to a permanent, province wide, year round ban on smoking in public places;

AND WHEREAS medical research indicates that second hand smoke causes cancer and underscores tobacco cessation as a significant means to reduce public risk for cancer:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to pass legislation to ban smoking in public places including parks, beaches, restaurant and bar patios; to promote healthier communities.

**DEFEATED**

RESOLUTION # 20  
EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES AND TEMPORARY DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR SECOND HOME OWNERS  
AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY

WHEREAS second home owners and temporary residents may be impacted by a local emergency or disaster;

AND WHEREAS current regulations restrict second home owners and temporary residents from accessing emergency social services and other disaster assistance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the government of British Columbia be requested to amend legislation to permit second home owners and temporary residents access to the same emergency social services and temporary disaster assistance as local residents when impacted by an emergency.

CARRIED

WORKSHOPS	<p>Let's Talk Finance Building Waneta Expansion Integrated Community Planning Exploring Our Foundational Principals</p>
	<p>PROCEEDINGS OF FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2013</p>
WORKSHOPS	<p>Building Relationships with First Nations – Implementing Sustainable Community Plans Natural Gas – Benefits for BC The Rural BC Project Geoscience, Mineral Exploration as Community Builders Developing the Manufacturing &amp; Tech Sector in your Community Biomass Heating Building Resilient Communities through Community Forestry Is Business retention and Expansion the Right Tool for your Community?</p>
FUTURE AKBLG AGM AND CONVENTION HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	<p>President Shadrack informed delegates that there were several offers for future Hosts. She called three times for further bids for hosting the 2013 Convention.</p> <p>2014 AGM and Convention Host – Town of Creston 2015 AGM and Convention Host – Village of Nakusp 2016 AGM and Convention Host – City of Roseland</p> <p>The 2014 AGM and Convention will be held in Creston.</p>
CREDENTIALS REPORT	<p>138 Voting Delegates 49 Sponsors, Representatives and Guests 30 Partners</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The 2013 Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. MST.</p>