

**MINUTES OF**



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

**81st Annual General Meeting**

**CRESTON BC APRIL 9, 10 AND 11, 2014**

**“TIES”**

## **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**

2013 Bill Bennett MLA

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**

UBCM President, Rhona Martin – Southern Interior Local Government Association

Mayor Andru McCracken – 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  
Peterson, Paul  
Popoff, Walter  
Shadrack, Andy – AKBLG  
PRESIDENT

### **City of Castlegar**

Chernoff, Lawrence – Mayor  
Chernoff, Kevin

### **Town of Creston**

Toyota, Ron - Mayor  
Wall, Tanya  
Gadicke, Judy  
Graham, Wesley – PAST PRES AKBLG  
Veitch, Scott  
Wilson, Joanna

### **Village of Kaslo**

Lay, Greg, Mayor  
Holland, Jim  
Lang, Robert

### **Village of Nakusp**

Hamling, Karen – Mayor  
Duchaine, Guy  
Mueller, Ulli  
Zeleznik, Tom

### **City of Nelson**

Dooley, John - Mayor  
Adams, Bob  
Batycki, Candace  
Cherbo, Robin  
Kiss, Paula  
Kozak, Debra – DIRECTOR AKBLG  
MacDonald, Donna

### **Village of New Denver**

### **Village of Salmo**

Henderson, Ann - Mayor  
Haughton, Janine

### **Village of Silverton**

Clarke, Jason  
Johnson, Ross  
Main, Leah

### **Village of Slocan**

Elliot, Hillary – AKBLG DIRECTOR  
Lunn, Jessica

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

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

### **Village of Canal Flats**

Juras, Ute – Mayor  
Midyette, Dean

### **City of Cranbrook**

Stetski, Wayne - Mayor  
Cross, Sharon  
Davis, Angus  
Pallesen, Denise  
Wetham, Bob

### **District of Elkford**

McLean, Shelly  
Robinson, Craig  
Zarowney, Joe

### **City of Fernie**

Iddon, Phil  
Krats, Joni  
McNair, Randal  
Warshawsky, Joe

### **District of Invermere**

Taft, Gerry – Mayor DIRECTOR  
AKBLG

Anderson, Greg  
Atterbury, Justin  
Denchuk, Paul  
Hawes, Spring

**City of Kimberley**  
McRae, Ron - Mayor  
Hoglund, Albert

**Village of Radium Hot Springs**  
Larsen, Karen  
Logan, Todd  
Reinhardt, Clara

**District of Sparwood**  
Halko, Lois - Mayor  
McKie, Margaret

**Town of Golden**  
Benty, Christina – Mayor VP AKBLG  
Hambrook, Chris  
Hern, Keith  
Oszust, Ron

**Regional District of Kootenay  
Boundary**  
Baird, Bill – Life Member  
McGregor, Grace – Life Member  
Russell, Roland  
Worley, Linda

**Village of Fruitvale**  
Cecchini, Patricia – Mayor DIR AKBLG  
Prince, Jill  
Webber, Tabatha

**City of Grand Forks**  
Taylor, Brian - Mayor  
Kendel, Bob  
Smith, Gary  
Wyers, Cher – DIRECTOR AKBLG

**City of Greenwood**  
Kettle, Albert – Mayor  
Ashton, Darla  
Cudworth, Lee  
Noll, Barry

**Village of Midway**

Rotvold, Marguerite

**Village of Montrose**  
Danchuk, Joe - Mayor

**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  
Georgetti, Rick  
Mackinley, Sean

**Village of Warfield**  
Crockett, Bert - Mayor  
Baggio, Donna  
Crozier, John

**SPONSORS**

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*Columbia Basin Trust  
Shaw*

*PLATINUM*

*Regional District of Central Kootenay*

*GOLD*

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Columbia Brewery  
Fortis BC  
Municipal Finance Authority of BC MFA  
Pacific Oil and Gas*

*SILVER*

*Columbia Power Corp  
ICBC  
Municipal Insurance Association  
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary RDKB  
Regional District of East Kootenay RDEK  
Teck*

*BRONZE*

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BCLC  
College of the Rockies  
Focus  
SIDIT  
Urban Systems  
Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors*

ASSOCIATION OF KOOTENAY AND BOUNDARY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES  
PROCEEDINGS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

SPEAKER- GREG MOORE	Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors.
WORKSHOP SESSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Columbia Basin Smart Water Team</li> <li>2. Columbia Basin Trust</li> <li>3. Rural Development Institute and Smoke Free Kootenays</li> <li>4. Municipal Insurance Association</li> <li>5. CP Rail</li> <li>6. BC Assessment</li> </ol>
WELCOME RECEPTION	Barn Dance at the Creston Flats Stables
	PROCEEDINGS OF THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014
OPENING CEREMONIES AND WELCOME ADDRESSES	<p>Entrance of dignitaries. National Anthem Opening Prayer First Nations Welcome RDCK Chair John Kettle Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Honourable Bill Bennett AKBLG President Andy Shadrack UBCM President Rhona Martin FCM Past President, Hans Cunningham</p>
KEYNOTE ADDRESS STOCKWELL DAY	“The Ties That Bind: Too Tight or Just Right?”
WELCOME	<p>President Andy Shadrack welcomed all to the 81st 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.</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.
<p><b>PRESIDENT REPORT 2014</b> 2014 is the 51st year since Winston Churchill signed me up as an honorary member of his constituency association of Wanstead and Woodford, where I grew up in the eastern suburbs of London, England. Canada has been my home for 44 years and I have served on your Executive since November 2008, two as Vice-President and two as President. In that time attendance at our AGM has grown from 94 registered delegates and 115 sponsors, representatives, guests and partners in 2008 to 138 delegates in 2013 and 79 sponsors, representatives, guests and partners. Our budget has grown from \$36000 to \$58000 in 2014, which does not include two contracts with CBT (worth \$75000), one for operation of their Rural Collaboration pilot projects and the other for operation of the Columbia River Treaty Local</p>	

Governments' Committee (CRTLGC).

The formation of the CRTLGC was the brainchild of past President Graham on which Deb Kozak currently serves as the AKBLG rep, along with her position as AKBLG rep to the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA). The Rural Collaboration idea was the brainchild of former President McGregor, in which just about every member of the Executive except me has devoted considerable energy and time over the last two years. Most recently Directors Wyers, Cecchini and Graham helped host Community Conversation Pilot projects in Grand Forks, Fruitvale and Cranbrook and you will learn more about this Rural Collaboration project during the AGM.

We have also amended our bylaws so that all Executive members would serve a two year term, including the President serving two years as the AKBLG rep on the UBCM Executive, and this year you will be asked to adopt some further refinements to our bylaws. Last year Directors Gay and Kozak developed our first contract for our lone employee, Arlene Parkinson, and this year VP Benty undertook to lead the Executive in our first comprehensive evaluation of the Executive Secretary position. In the coming months, thanks to the observations of Director Cecchini, the Executive will be considering registering the AKBLG as a society so that we can become a legal entity.

Under the leadership of Director Elliot we have adopted a new electronic communications software called Campfire and after considerable discussion we have increased meeting stipends for Directors, for the first time since 2002, from \$60 to \$100 a meeting and that for the President from \$100 to \$150; and while keeping the number of Executive meetings at six per year we have determined that two of these now need to be expanded to two days.

The previous three AKBLG Presidents have consistently expressed concerns about certain aspects of the way the UBCM Executive makes decisions and this year your Executive met with President Martin to discuss these concerns. During this business meeting you will be asked to consider a resolution from Central Kootenay, requiring that all UBCM Committees include provisions for consultation.

Your Executive also thinks, especially given the fact that UBCM is now a quarter of a billion \$ organization administering other levels of governments grant funding, that UBCM Executive agendas should be shared with Area Association Executives and that Area Association delegates should be given much greater leeway to consult with their memberships during decision making processes.

Please do not get me wrong here the UBCM Executive and staff, especially the President and his or her immediate Committee, work very hard and diligently to maintain a productive and positive relationship with other levels of government, but that said we must never forget that the cornerstone of our democracy here in Canada and BC is frank and open discussion in decision making. With few exceptions, we as elected local government officials are expected to conduct our policy discussions and votes in open session in front of the public. Why would we expect any less

of the Executive bodies that represent us?

This is not about scoring cheap political points. This is about having the courage to tell our friends and colleagues in the provincial and federal governments when they are making mistakes concerning our constituents and our role as local governments. Good friends have the honesty and temerity to say when a policy is being implemented badly is poorly conceived and/or the legislation and regulations will not work. A case in point is the unfolding Multi Material BC (MMBC) recycling fiasco. Good critiques are only developed when there is open discussion and feedback loops between the members and their Executives responsible for having positive working relationships with other levels of government.

This brings me to the last portion of my report to you today. Over the last few years your Executive has encouraged you to reduce the number of resolutions going forward to UBCM and

to improve the quality. At least two other Area Associations now meet with the Premier and some members of cabinet, and it is my hope that in the future the AKBLG Executive will take the opportunity to do so once there are some agreed upon priorities to take forward from this region.

Recently I had occasion to attend the Community Conversation Pilot meeting in Cranbrook and was struck by how many of the issues facing that community of 18,000 plus residents, mirrored those facing the rural and remote constituents in Area D in the RDCK. How to deal with aging infrastructure and economic development are two intertwined issues that many local governments face in common in this region. Downloading, fiscal efficiency and ways to hold the line on increasing property taxes, in a low to no growth economy is another area.

In this context as a lifelong environmentalist I believe in the future we must do a much better job of integrating environmental and social values into our economic decision making, for these are the three legs of stool upon which human society in our era rests. Between us our collective knowledge and life experience of our communities often exceeds that of our counterparts in provincial and federal government.

We must, however, do a better job of opening up our Councils and Boards to better reflect the range of ages and variety of opinions that exist in our communities.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President, I hope I have made a difference to the growth of our organization. A special thank you to the Executive and to our Secretary Treasurer, Arlene Parkinson, for your guidance and camaraderie. And to those of you retiring from local government in 2014 I wish you well in all your future endeavors, be they recreational or work related, and to those of you seeking re-election thank you for being willing to continue to serve for the next four years.

Respectfully  
Andy Shadrack  
President

AGENDA	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded the <i>2014 Annual General Meeting Agenda was adopted as circulated.</i>
MINUTES	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes were adopted as corrected.</i>
FINANCIAL REPORT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2013 Financial Report was adopted.</i>
ADOPTION OF 2014 AKBLG BUDGET	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the 2014 Budget was adopted</i>
APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the Accountant Shawna Elliott, CGA, BGS was appointed.</i>
APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the following Scrutineers were approved: Brian Carruthers – RDCK, Jon Wilsgard – Golden, Lou Varela - Creston</i>
APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN	On regular motion, duly moved and seconded <i>the Parliamentarian Elaine Kumar was approved.</i>
NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG PRESIDENT	Past President Wesly Graham, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the Nominations Committee Report. The Nominations Committee put forward the following name for



	<p>AKBLG President: Christina Benty – Golden</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called for a second and third and final time for further nominations for AKBLG President and there were none. At this time nominations for AKBLG President were closed.</p> <p>Christina Benty was acclaimed as AKBLG President</p>
<p>NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG VICE PRESIDENT</p>	<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 AKBLG Vice President: Debra Kozak - Nelson</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called for a second and third and final time for further nominations for AKBLG Vice President and there were none. At this time nominations for AKBLG Vice President were closed.</p> <p>Debra Kozak was acclaimed as AKBLG Vice President</p>
<p>NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG DIRECTOR 3 POSITIONS</p>	<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: Jessica Lunn - Slocan Dean Midyette – Canal Flats Scott Vietch - Creston</p> <p>The Nominations Chair called a second time for further nominations for Director and the following were nominated from the floor. Garry Jackman – RDCK Linda Worley - RDKB</p>
<p>3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG DIRECTOR</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>CALL FOR ELECTION</p>	<p>The following were elected by the AKBLG Membership as AKBLG Directors for two year terms: Garry Jackman - RDCK Linda Worley – RDKB</p> <p>Director for a one year term: Jessica Lunn - Slocan</p>

RESOLUTIONS	The Resolutions Committee of Gerry Taft, Hillary Elliott, Christina Benty and Andy Shadrack, presented the following resolutions.
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### AKBLG RESOLUTIONS 2014

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| 1. UBCM COMMITTEES  | RDCK        |
| 2. MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY EXPANSIONS                                      | RDCK        |
| 3. ICBC & FIRE INSURANCE  | RDCK        |
| 4. AERODROME PLACEMENT  | RDCK        |
| 5. REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT                                     | CRANBROOK   |
| 6. DIKING AUTHORITY   | GOLDEN      |
| 7. ABSENCE OF DIRECTOR DUE TO ILLNESS                                 | RDCK        |
| 8. FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOLS  | RDCK        |
| 9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES              | CRANBROOK   |
| 10. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES                                   | NELSON      |
| 11. REVIEW COMMUNITY CHARTER'S REGIONAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE | NELSON      |
| 12. FIRE & POLICE SERVICES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT                  | NELSON      |
| 13. MOTOR ASSISTED CYCLES (E-BIKES)                                   | GRAND FORKS |
| 14. STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE                  | NELSON      |
| 15. PROVINCIAL SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK                                | NELSON      |
| 16. AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE ZONE 2                                  | NELSON      |
| 17. JUMBO GLACIER MOUNTAIN RESORT MUNICIPALITY                        | INVERMERE   |

RESOLUTION #1 - CARRIED

UBCM COMMITTEES

#### REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS local government appointees to committees of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities represent diverse stakeholders and require the ability to consult with such stakeholders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of reference for all UBCM committees include provisions to enable elected local government appointees and appointed local government staff to consult with appropriate stakeholders unless other levels of government expressly require the signing of a confidentiality agreement.

AKBLG Executive Comments: No Recommendation

AKBLC Executives encourages the sponsor to clarify “local government appointees” from the floor.

***UBCM comments:***

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the terms of reference for UBCM Committees include provisions for committee members to consult with stakeholders, unless prohibited by legislation.

Additional information may be required from the sponsor as to what is intended. UBCM is a member driven organization that relies heavily on existing policy approved by the membership through the annual convention and consults extensively with the membership as issues arise throughout the year.

There is always merit in exploring additional membership engagement. This would need to be balanced with other factors that would not be prohibited by legislation but that are also important. For example if one committee member is consulting with a select group, what about the views of the remainder of the membership? Should the individual being consulted receive committee information in advance of being reviewed by the committee itself? In order to prevent such an occurrence it is current UBCM practice that the Committee will determine the need for consultation and do so with the membership through UBCM.

RESOLUTION #2 - WITHDRAWN

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY EXPANSIONS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS municipalities have the ability to apply for boundary expansions with no ability for affected rural residents to influence such applications;

AND WHEREAS such boundary expansions can have a significant impact on the rural residents and funding of the services they receive within the proposed expansion area:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to review their policy in regards to boundary expansions to include an assent by referendum for those areas to be annexed.

AKBLG Executive Comments: No Endorsement with the opportunity to rewrite.

AKBLG Executive understands the spirit and intent of the Resolution; however, the resolution does not address the complexity of the issue. In addition, the first WHEREAS is inaccurate.

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions in support of a greater role in the decision-making process for residents of rural areas identified in proposals for municipal boundary extension (2013-B3, 2003-A14, 1991-B62). Different ways have been proposed for increasing the influence of affected rural area residents on the municipal boundary extension process.*

*The provincial government in responding to similar resolutions has stated that generally, a boundary extension proposal should have the support of a majority of residents and property owners from the area in question. However, the provincial government has also been clear that resident approval is not the only consideration for approving boundary extensions. Proposals for municipal boundary extension are reviewed based on established technical and administrative criteria.*

*In cases where a proposed municipal boundary extension might have a significant impact, the Province generally requires mitigation to reduce the impact on regional district services and the communities they serve.*

RESOLUTION #3 – CARRIED AS AMENDED

INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & FIRE INSURANCE

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS Union of BC Municipalities endorsed resolution 2013 B-141 -- a resolution to allow the Insurance Corporation of BC to issue house insurance.

AND WHEREAS there is a need to progress quickly with implementation of the resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province to allow ICBC to offer house insurance and to implement as soon as possible.

AKBLG Executive Comments: No Recommendation

***UBCM comments:***

*Due to time constraints the 2013 resolution, B141, was not considered at the UBCM Convention but was referred automatically to the UBCM Executive. Upon consideration, the UBCM Executive endorsed the resolution.*

*In response to resolution 2013-B141 the provincial government indicated that it had “no plans to have ICBC operating in any insurance markets other than automobile insurance.”*

*The Province suggested that local government should direct “concerns about the operations of private sector property insurance companies to the Insurance Council of BC, whose mandate is to provide a level of protection to the public pertaining to the sale of insurance products and services under the framework provided by the Insurance Act.”*

RESOLUTION #4 - CARRIED

AERODROME PLACEMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

WHEREAS under current aviation regulation communities and local government have inadequate opportunities for input into the establishment and placement of airports, aerodromes and helicopter pads in built up areas and residential rural areas:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to have input into Transport Canada’s Canadian Aviation Regulation Advisory Council Modernization Project to address the noise, traffic, emergency management and loss of property values that result from such installations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM request Transport Canada’s approval process for the location of commercial aerodromes include a proactive public consultation process to weigh public and financial impact of locating new commercial and private airports, aerodromes and helicopter pads and hangars.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse

AKBLG Executive supports the need for consultation.

***UBCM comments:***

*Resolution 2003-LR8 called for amendments to the federal Aeronautics Act to designate “local government land use, zoning and long-term planning bylaws for land within their jurisdiction” as “the only arbiters for assessing the appropriateness of the location of aerodromes and aircraft activities.” The UBCM membership referred resolution 2003-LR8 to the UBCM Executive, who upon further consideration endorsed the resolution.*

*In response to resolution 2003-LR8 the federal government clarified that there was “no legal requirement to obtain Transport Canada approval to construct an aerodrome on private property in Canada. However, if an aerodrome is to be located within a built-up area of a city or town, Transport Canada advises the proponent to consult local land-use authorities prior to undertaking any substantial commitments.” The federal government indicated that the intent behind this policy was to “ensure that local land-use authorities have the opportunity to object to or influence the establishment and development of airports.”*

RESOLUTION #5 - CARRIED

PART 26 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT & RELATED LEGISLATION

CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS current legislation governing subdivision and development is dated and does not adequately serve the needs of local governments or the development community;

AND WHEREAS legislation in neighbouring jurisdictions provides greater certainty for both developers and the public through more responsive provisions for permitting and approvals:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to initiate a review of Part 26 of the *Local Government Act* and related planning and development legislation, and consult with the UBCM regarding appropriate changes.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse

AKBLG Executive comments that since there has been no review since 1996 it would be prudent to now do so.

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership considered but did not endorse resolution 2013-B114, which requested that the provincial government undertake a thorough review of Part 26 of the Local Government Act.*

*In its comments on resolution 2013-B114, the UBCM Resolutions Committee observed that topics covered within Part 26 have been the topic of UBCM resolutions over the years, such as development permits/variances; zoning; affordable housing; OCPs; public hearings; landscaping; signage; flood plain areas; contaminated sites; non-conforming uses and siting; farm business regulation; permits and fees (DCCs); land use contracts and parkland provision.*

*At the time, the Committee suggested that this type of thorough review would require dedicated resources from UBCM, its members and the provincial government, which would need to be balanced with other priorities identified by the Province and UBCM members.*

RESOLUTION #6 – CARRIED AS AMENDED

PROVINCE TO RE-ESTABLISH AS DIKING AUTHORITY IN COMMUNITIES WITH UNDER 20,000 POPULATION AND IN RURAL ELECTORAL AREAS

TOWN OF GOLDEN

WHEREAS the Province has designated municipalities as *diking authorities*, and established a wide range of authoritative powers over them including requirements to fully administer and resource ongoing dike maintenance, flood protection planning, monitoring, inspection, reporting, and other associated work as well as to substantively fund disaster prevention and relief initiatives;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding s. 2(b) of the *Community Charter*, the administrative and financial resources required to undertake these responsibilities are an increasingly unsustainable burden to small communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be re-established as the *diking authority* in municipalities less than 20,000 in population and in rural electoral areas.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking that the provincial government be re-established as the diking authority for communities of less than 5,000 in population.*

RESOLUTION #7 - CARRIED

ABSENCE OF DIRECTOR DUE TO ILLNESS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

WHEREAS the role of an Electoral Area Director in electoral area and regional district decision-making is absolutely vital;

AND WHEREAS the current legislation is severely lacking when the absence of the director is due to illness or injury:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities petition the Province of British Columbia to provide clearer legislation that establishes respectful, reasonable and responsible guidance as to how Electoral Area Directors and regional districts are to manage extended absences by Electoral Area Directors due to illness or injury.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse

AKBLG Executive realizes that this raises awareness of the issue.

Regional Districts need similar legislation as Municipalities have in the Charter.

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government amend section 110 of the Community Charter to provide clearer guidance to regional districts on managing extended absences of electoral area directors due to illness or injury.*

RESOLUTION #8 – CARRIED WITH THE ADDITION OF CRANBROOK AS SPONSOR

FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOLS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY  
CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS for years, many of our local fire departments have assisted the BC Ambulance Service in the performance of their duties in our local communities providing valuable and wanted services for our constituents;

AND WHEREAS the BC Ambulance Service unilaterally, and without consultation with local government, has undertaken a drastic review of the first responder protocols which may have a distinct negative impact on our local communities, particularly in our small rural communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to refrain from implementing any changes in the BC Ambulance Service response guidelines of first responder protocols until such time as meaningful and effective consultation with local government has occurred to ensure that the needs of the local community are being met.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Resolution s #8 AND #9 together - Endorse

AKBLG Executive feels that Resolution #8 captures the intent of Resolution #9 and is clearer.

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership considered but did not endorse resolution 2005-B71, which requested amendment of the Health Emergency Act to “require the BC Ambulance Service to automatically advise local fire departments when dispatching emergency health service calls.”*

*In its comments on the resolution the UBCM Resolutions Committee pointed out that UBCM members had not expressed support for a uniform or standardized approach that did not recognize the diversity of fire services across the province. Rather, the Committee suggested that the UBCM membership might favour local protocols that reflected local circumstances and capabilities.*

*See also resolution 9.*

RESOLUTION #9 SEE RESOLUTION #8 - WITHDRAWN

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES

CITY OF CRANBROOK

WHEREAS the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) Board has approved implementation of a new Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) that would result in a 35% reduction in first responder (FR) responses, which we feel would have a negative effect in ensuring patients' needs come first and would not provide for the efficient and effective use of all resources available;

AND WHEREAS the BCEHS restricts first responders from using skills and protocols that individual responders may be certified to use, above and beyond that which their FR 3 license includes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request BCEHS to not implement RAP changes affecting FR; consult with individual local governments and their fire chiefs on FR service levels; and enter into partnership agreements with individual local governments, those agreements to specify among other things, call types for which FR service will be provided.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Not Endorse – Refer TO Resolution #8

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*See also resolution 8.*

#### RESOLUTION #10 - DEFEATED

#### AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

#### CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS Nelson’s Official Community Plan includes the goal of providing residents with “access to affordable, nutritious food that is produced in a socially just and environmentally sustainable manner;” a local food system that is “robust, resilient and integrated with other sustainable regional and global food systems;” and a “coordinated approach to support farmers’ access to the land and resources they need in order to maximize regional food production, processing and distribution;”

AND WHEREAS consultations with farmers and food producers in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, including the City of Nelson, have identified the need for extension services appropriate for Kootenay agriculture and particularly to support entry level farmers:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AKBLG engage the Columbia Basin Trust to explore the establishment of agriculture extension services.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Not Endorse

Although the AKBLG Executive values and appreciates the spirit and intent of this resolution, AKBLG Executive states that this is beyond our capacity and not within our mandate.

#### ***UBCM comments***

*The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions in support of food systems planning, agricultural policy, funding and other initiatives, and the establishment of agricultural extension services and farm mentorship (2012-B34, 2011-B52, 2011-B53, 2011-B56, 2011-B101, 2010-B47, 2009-B50, 2009-B89, 2009-B132, 2008-B47).*

*[Note: this resolution is regionally focused and therefore should not go forward to UBCM.]*

#### RESOLUTION #11 – CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON REGIONAL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

#### CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia in cooperation with UBCM has been refining the *Community Charter* to improve the function of local government:



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia provide a progress report and evaluation of the recommendations from the 2010 Regional District Task Force Report and conduct a review of the current regional district governance structure with the intention to continue to improve the relationship between municipalities and regional districts in British Columbia.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse – Strongly Endorse

***UBCM comments:***

*This resolution makes two requests of the provincial government:*

- *provide a progress report and evaluation of the provincial response to recommendations from the 2010 report of the Regional District Task Force; and*
- *conduct a review of the current regional district governance structure with the aim of continued improvement of the relationship between municipalities and regional districts in BC.*

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*The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that the provincial government provide a progress report and evaluation of its response to the recommendations from the report of the Regional District Task Force.*

*However, members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to clarify and improve the relationship between regional districts and municipalities (2007-A4, 2007-LR9, 2006-B47).*

RESOLUTION #12 - CARRIED

*FIRE & POLICE SERVICES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT*

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS in resolution 2011-B3, UBCM requested the Minister of Labour review the impact of the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* (Act) on collective bargaining to determine if it had met its goals of facilitating collective bargaining as results were that the Act had not lead to improved collective bargaining;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government responded it had no plans at that time to undertake a review of the impact of the Act, however the Ministry would continue to actively monitor collective bargaining in the sectors covered by the Act:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Ministry of Labour to agree at this time to review the impact of the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* on collective bargaining, as to date results are still indicative that the Act has not met its established goal.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Endorse

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2011-B3, as pointed out by the sponsor. The 2011 resolution called on the provincial government to review the impact of the Fire & Police Services Collective Bargaining Act on collective bargaining, to determine whether the Act had met the goals set when the legislation was first enacted.*

*In response to resolution 2011-B3 the provincial government indicated that it did not intend to review the impact of the Act on collective bargaining. The Province asserted that the Act had achieved the objective of providing “access for unions and employers to binding interest arbitration to resolve a collective bargaining dispute,” and that “by proceeding to arbitration, the parties are able to maintain the ability to engage in face-to-face negotiations and avoid a strike or lockout which would interrupt the delivery of services critical to the protection of human life and property.”*

RESOLUTION #13 - DEFEATED

MOTOR ASSISTED CYCLES (E-BIKES)

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

WHEREAS the use of motor assisted cycles (e-bikes) is becoming more commonplace across British Columbia and concerns have been raised regarding the operation of e-bikes concerning the areas of: safety, licensing, insurance, and training;

AND WHEREAS as of today in British Columbia you can purchase and operate an e-bike and are not required to have a license, insurance, or training of any kind;

AND WHEREAS these vehicles operate on public roads and there has been an increase in accidents and fatalities associated with e bikes as they can go speeds of 32 km, can weigh over 200 kg and the stopping distance once the brake is applied is 9 metres;

AND WHEREAS coupled with the fact that they are almost silent raises the concern that if there is a collision between an e bike and an automobile, cyclist, or pedestrian it can present real injury and liability issues:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Grand Forks request the Provincial Government review with respect to e-bikes, the following four points:

- hat the vehicles be registered with ICBC, similar to a snowmobile; t
- hat the owner be required to take an approved training course, similar to the BC safeboater course; t
- hat the owner has liability insurance through their homeowner policy or a separate policy; and t
- hat power-assisted bicycles be defined as motor vehicles, so that suspended drivers are not able to use a power-assisted bicycle to circumvent their license suspension. t

AKBLG Executive Comments: Not Endorse

This is not a priority of local government.

The information in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas clause is not accurate.

***UBCM comments:***

*The UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking Motor Vehicle Act amendments to provide for regulation and licencing of methods of transportation including off-road vehicles (2013-B97, 2009-A6, 2007-B20, 2005-B10, 2002-B9, 1999-LR4, 1996-B16, 1992-B68), Segways (2003-B64), and skateboards (1987-B60).*

*It is also of note, however, that the UBCM membership considered but did not endorse resolution 2013-B11, which called for amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to provide for regulation and licencing of motorized scooters.*

RESOLUTION #14 - CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS municipalities in British Columbia are the largest per capita government funders of arts/culture/heritage in BC:

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC launched *BC Creative Futures in 2013*, acknowledging that cultural industries create job growth, turn ordinary cities in “destination cities,” create interconnections between arts and business, revitalize urban areas, attract skilled workers, and create spin-off businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM strike a standing committee on arts/culture/heritage in order to support and promote arts/culture/heritage to the Province.

AKBLG Executive Comments: Not Endorse

RESOLUTION #15 - CARRIED

PROVINCIAL SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK

CITY OF NELSON

WHEREAS every British Columbian depends on social services, healthcare, justice and education services;

AND WHEREAS our communities are partners in the delivery of many of these services and are facing increasingly complex social challenges requiring coordination between multiple social ministries of government, municipalities and the community agencies and organizations that deliver services to the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the Premier to begin a consultation with British Columbians to initiate the development of a Social Policy Framework that will set out key policy directions, values, priorities, roles and expectations, and guide the creation of public policy to meet our social needs now and into the future.

AKBLG Executive comments: Not Endorse

RESOLUTION #16 - CARRIED

CITY OF NELSON

AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE ZONE 2

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has, without consultation with the public or with local governments in the AKBLG region, created two zones for the Agricultural Land Reserve in the Province of BC and, through the creation of the “Kootenay Panel Region”, placed some or all of the AKBLG region in Zone 2, thereby discriminating between regions and potentially constraining their ability to achieve and sustain agricultural self-sufficiency and economic development;

AND WHEREAS not all affected regions wish to see the requirements of the Agricultural Land Reserve weakened in Zone 2;

AND WHEREAS substantial agricultural activity has historically taken place and is currently being practiced outside of Zone 1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture Pat Pimm, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Coralee Oakes, and Premier Christy Clark, with copies to all BC local governments, requesting that the provincial government undertake consultation with the public, local governments, the Union of BC Municipalities, and affected parties, on the proposed two-zone approach to the ALR; and that Bill 24 not be brought into force until such consultation is complete.

RESOLUTION # 17 - CARRIED

MUNICIPALITIES WITH NO RESIDENTS

DISTRICT OF INVERMERE

WHEREAS the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (JGMRM) has no residents, no taxable assessment, and an appointed council;

AND WHEREAS the draft JGMRM five year financial plan shows \$1 million of Provincial grant funding sustaining their operations for the next five years;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) is working on a shoe string budget to assist elected local government within the Kootenay and Boundary regions of British Columbia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM inform the province of British Columbia that they are strongly opposed to the funding of any municipalities without residents.

WORKSHOPS AND SPEAKERS	UBCM President Rhona Martin Lidstone Company Law Corporation Elections Reform
	PROCEEDINGS OF FRIDAY APRIL 11, 2014
WORKSHOPS AND SPEAKERS	Columbia River Treaty Small Water Systems Three Community Conversations Broadband BC Hydro LNG Panel
FUTURE AKBLG AGM AND CONVENTION HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	2015 AGM and Convention Host – Village of Nakusp 2016 AGM and Convention Host – City of Roseland  The 2015 AGM and Convention will be held in Nakusp
CREDENTIALS REPORT	102 Voting Delegates 55 Sponsors, Representatives and Guests 29 Partners
ADJOURNMENT	The 2014 Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. MST.