



The Association of Kootenay and
Boundary Local Governments

April 17-19, 2026

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WORKBOOK

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**93rd Annual
AKBLG Annual General Meeting Business Agenda
Saturday, April 18, 2026 (8:00am PT)**

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2026 Message from the President

Dear AKBLG Members

With each passing year in local government, I've been astonished simultaneously at the levels of uncertainty that we all have to deal with in our communities and beyond, and at the level of dedication I see to do just that.

That dedication is ever apparent at the AKBLG board table as we work to elevate the tools of education and advocacy for our members.

I would like to extend my thanks to a long-serving member of our board, Susan Clovechok. Susan is stepping down to attend to other commitments, but in her time she has served in almost every capacity at AKBLG, including being a driving force behind the pre-convention education day, and we will miss her thoughtful and considered insight at the table.



2025 welcomed new board members Mike Gray and Tina Knooihuizen. Their wisdom and energy have elevated the board.

I'd also like to thank our Executive Director and board member Kyle Hamilton in their overhaul of the AKBLG email system, our VP Aiden McLaren-Caux for his leadership on the advocacy committee, and Mike Gray for heading up the convention committee.

Here at the AKBLG, we've redoubled our efforts to raise our voices in advocacy to support a more predictable future. This year, a record number of AKBLG members are sitting on the UBCM board. Thank you for supporting us. We are committed to doing our best for our province while being mindful of the challenges our region faces.

At the last UBCM Convention, AKBLG board members met with provincial ministers during and after the Convention to advance members' concerns about emergency services, cross-border health care, and other issues. As UBCM has changed their resolution policy to reduce the number of resolutions being forwarded, by eliminating resubmissions and region specific resolutions, AKBLG has responded by increasing our advocacy.

2026 promises more as the board and advocacy committee plan advocacy missions and further meetings to support AKBLG members. Thank you for submitting your resolutions and your communication about what's important to you.

For some of you the 2026 AKBLG Convention will be your last. Please accept my gratitude for the service you've given to your community and your support of the region via AKBLG.

Respectfully submitted,

AKBLG President



Minutes

The Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

92nd Annual General Meeting

HELD April 26th-27th, 2025

Kimberley, BC



The Association of Kootenay and
Boundary Local Governments

AKBLG AGM 2025 Business Meeting MINUTES

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – Sunday, April 27, 2025

Kimberley Convention Centre, City of Kimberley

Executive in attendance:

President Kevin McIsaac, City of Fernie - Councillor
Vice President Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp - Councillor
Director Susan Clovechok, RDEK - Area F Director
Director Colleen Jones, City of Trail – Mayor
Director Kyle Hamilton, City of Fernie – Councillor
Thea Hanson, City of Trail - Councillor
Director Wesley Routley, Town of Golden - Councillor
Past President, City of Nelson – Councillor

Staff Linda Tynan, AKBLG Executive Director and 2025 Election Officer
Trish Dehnel, AGM Recording Secretary

There were 111 voting delegates registered (list attached).

President Page acknowledged Life Members in attendance at the Convention:
Christina Benty, Hans Cunningham, Rob Gay, Wes Graham, Grace McGregor

President Kevin McIsaac called the meeting to order at 8:08am MT

1. Motion to Accept the Agenda

MOTION: THAT the Agenda be accepted.
CARRIED

2. President's Report – Kevin McIsaac, President

MOTION: THAT the President's report be received.
CARRIED

3. Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the 2024 AGM be approved as presented.
CARRIED

4. Financial Report – Linda Tynan, Executive Director

MOTION: THAT the 2024 Financial Report and Statements be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. 2025 Budget – Linda Tynan, Executive Director

MOTION: THAT the 2025 AKBLG Operating Budget be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Nominations & Elections

a. Nomination Report – Kyle Hamilton, Nomination Committee Chair

Four (4) Director at Large positions open for election

3 two-year terms; 1 one-year term

The Nominations Committee put forward the following names for positions (as received from the First Call for Nominations prior to the AGM):

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------------|
| 1. | Mike Gray, Village of Radium Hot Springs | Director at Large |
| 2. | Thea Hanson, City of Trail | Director at Large |
| 3. | Colleen Jones, City of Trail | Director at Large |
| 4. | Tina Knooihuizen, Village of Nakusp | Director at Large |
| 5. | Wesley Routley, Town of Golden | Director at Large |

MOTION: THAT the Nomination report be received.

CARRIED

Elections– Linda Tynan, Election Officer

President

First (advanced) Call for nominations - one (1) nomination.

1. Kevin Mclsaac

Second Call for nominations (from the floor) – none

3rd and final call for nominations from the floor. No further nominations from the floor were received. Elections Officer called nominations closed for President.

Elections Officer declared Kevin Mclsaac as PRESIDENT for 2025-2027 by acclamation.

Vice President

First (advanced) Call for nominations - one (1) nomination.

1. Aidan McLaren-Caux

Second Call for nominations (from the floor) – none

3rd and final call for nominations from the floor. No further nominations from the floor received. Elections Officer called nominations closed for Vice --President.

Elections Officer declared Aidan McLaren-Caux as VICE-PRESIDENT for 2025-2027 by acclamation.

Directors at Large

First call for nominations – five (5) nominations:

1. Mike Gray, Village of Radium Hot Springs
2. Thea Hanson, City of Trail
3. Colleen Jones, City of Trail
4. Tina Knooihuizen, Village of Nakusp
5. Wesley Routley, Town of Golden

2nd call for nominations (from the floor) - no nominations received.

3rd and final call for nominations. No further nominations from the floor were received. Election Officer declared nominations closed for Director at Large.

Election Officer explained that 2 minutes speeches from candidates would occur Sunday morning at 9:30am with Election immediately following.

7. Resolutions Debate

The Resolutions Committee comprised of Aidan McLaren-Caux (Chair), Susan Clovechok, Colleen Jones, Wesley Routley, Kyle Hamilton, and Kevin Mclsaac presented 41 resolutions for debate. The membership endorsed 35 of these, 3 resolutions failed and 3 were withdrawn. Results are posted online at www.akblg.ca.

8. At 9:55am MT - Motion called to temporarily adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: **THAT the Annual General Meeting be temporarily adjourned until reconvened at 9:30am MT Sunday, April 27, 2025, to allow for the election.**

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 9:46am MT, April 27, 2024. President Mclsaac called the meeting to order.

9. Election

President Mclsaac handed the floor to Linda Tynan, Election Officer who conducted the election for Directors at Large. The election was conducted electronically by use of clickers.

Each nominee gave a maximum 2 minute speech.

Results of the Election:

GRAY, Mike	Village of Radium Hot Springs	ELECTED - 2 year term
KNOOIHUIZEN, Tina	Village of Nakusp	ELECTED – 2 year term
ROUTLEY, Wesley	Town of Golden	ELECTED – 2 year term
JONES, Colleen	City of Trail	ELECTED – 1 year term
HANSON, THEA	City of Trail	NOT ELECTED

10. Adjournment at 10:11am MT on Sunday, April 27, 2024

2025 AGM Attendees

VOTING DELEGATES

Carolyn	Amantea	Village of Warfield	Councillor
Monique	Arès	Town of Creston	Councillor
Sam	Atwal	District of Sparwood	Counsellor
Tracey	Audia Kelly	City of Fernie	Councillor
Everett	Baker	City of Grand Forks	Mayor
Keith	Baldwin	Town of Creston	Councillor
Kayja	Becker	District of Invermere	Councillor
Bev	Benson	City of Trail	Councillor
Erika	Bird	Village of Kaslo	Councillor
Norma	Blissett	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
Brian	Bogle	City of Castlegar	Councillor
Eliza	Boyce	City of Rossland	Councillor
Matthew	Brown	Village of Kaslo	Councillor
Shawna	Bryant	District of Elkford	Councillor
Ezra	Buller	Corporation of the Village of Slocan	Councillor
Paul	Butler	City of Trail	Councillor
Sue	Cairns	City of Kimberley	Councillor
Amy	Cardozo	District of Sparwood	Councillor
Susan	Clovechok	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
Carey	Collin	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Councillor
Kristi	Cooper	Town of Golden	Councillor
New	Councillor	Village of Fruitvale	Councillor
Hans	Cunningham	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area G
Richard	Dale	Town of Golden	Councillor
Arnold	Deboon	Town of Creston	Mayor
Clarence	Denbok	Village of Silverton	Councillor
Stan	Doehle	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
Mark	Doherty	Village of Canal Flats	Mayor
Denise	Dumas	Town of Creston	Councillor
Zak	Eburne-Stoodley	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
Dolly	Edwards	Village of Nakusp	Councillor
Steve	Fairbairn	District of Elkford	Mayor
Christi	Ferguson-Huston	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Councillor
Diana	Fox	City of Kimberley	Councillor
Rob	Gay	Regional District of East Kootenay	RDEK Board Chair
Tanya	Gordon	Village of Silverton	Mayor
Len	Gostick	District of Elkford	Councillor
Wesly	Graham	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
Mike	Gray	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Mayor
Ali	Grieve	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Director, Electoral Area A
Catherine	Guesford	Village of Fruitvale	Councillor
Joy	Guyot	Town of Golden	Councillor
Kyle	Hamilton	City of Fernie	Councillor
Thea	Hanson	City of Trail	Councillor

Carolyn	Hawton	Town of Creston	Councillor
Sue	Heaton-Sherstobitoff	City of Castlegar	Councillor
Suzan	Hewat	Village of Kaslo	Mayor
Clinton	Huisman	City of Greenwood	Councillor
Garry	Jackman	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area A
Colleen	Jones	City of Trail	Mayor
Steve	Kallies	District of Sparwood	Councillor
Grant	Kelly	District of Invermere	Councillor
Tina	Knooihuizen	Village of Nakusp	Councillor
Jordon	Knott	Corporation of the Village of Slocan	Councillor
Lisa	Kwiatkowski	City of Rossland	Councillor
Deborah	Lafleur	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
Diana	Lockwood	Village of Salmo	Mayor
Tathlina	Lovlin	District of Elkford	Councillor
Jessica	Lunn	Village of Slocan	Mayor
Woody	Maguire	City of Kimberley	Councillor
John	Manuel	Town of Golden	Councillor
Frank	Marino	Village of Warfield	Mayor
David	Mark	City of Grand Forks	Councillor
New	Mayor	Village of Fruitvale	Mayor
Jason	Mcbain	City of Kimberley	Councillor
Don	McCormick	City of Kimberley	Mayor
Thomas	McDonald	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
Duncan	McDonald	District of Elkford	Councillor
Grace	McGregor	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Director, Area C/Christina Lake
Kevin	Mclsaac	City of Fernie	Councillor
Aidan	McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	Councillor
Al	Miller	District of Invermere	Mayor
Nic	Milligan	City of Fernie	Mayor
Andy	Morel	City of Rossland	Mayor
Janice	Morrison	City of Nelson	Mayor
Christopher	Nand	District of Sparwood	Councillor
Troy	Nixon	City of Fernie	Councillor
Ron	Oszust	Town of Golden	Mayor
Keith	Page	City of Nelson	Councillor
Erin	Palashniuk	Village of Radium Hot Springs	Councillor
Leslie	Payne	City of Nelson	Councillor
Madeleine	Perriere	Village of Slocan	Councillor
Jesse	Pineiro	City of Nelson	Councillor
Walter	Popoff	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area H
Ron	Popoff	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
Wayne	Price	City of Cranbrook	Mayor
Maya	Provencal	City of Rossland	Councillor
Patricia	Reed	Village of Canal Flats	Councillor
Sandra	Roberts	City of Kimberley	Councillor
Wesley	Routley	Town of Golden	Councillor
Bert	Schalekamp	District of Elkford	Councillor

Roberta	Schnider	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
Ted	Shoesmith	City of Fernie	Councillor
Dale	Shudra	Village of Radium Hot Springs	COUNCILLOR
Wesley	Startup	VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE	MAYOR
Wayne	Stetski	City of Cranbrook	Councillor
Gerry	Taft	District of Invermere	Councillor
Kate	Tait	City of Nelson	Councillor
Roger	Tierney	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area B
Dean	Trumbley	City of Greenwood	CAO
Kelly	Vandenberghe	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area C
Jane	Walter	Regional District of East Kootenay	Director
Aimee	Watson	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Board Chair
Teresa	Weatherhead	Regional District of Central Kootenay	Director - Area K
Jeff	Weaver	City of Rossland	Councillor
David	Wilks	District of Sparwood	Mayor
Judy	Willsey	Village of Midway	Councillor
Theresa	Wood	District of Invermere	Councillor
Jesse	Woodward	City of Nelson	Councillor
Linda	Worley	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	Area B Director
Tom	Zeleznik	Village of Nakusp	Mayor

NON VOTING DELEGATES

Mark	Andison	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	CAO
Robert	Baker	Village of Kaslo	CAO
Kevin	Cormack	City of Nelson	City Manager/CAO
Jeremy	Denegar	Town of Golden	CAO
Mark	Fercho	City of Cranbrook	CAO
Stuart	Horn	Regional District of Central Kootenay	CAO
Prab	Lashar	Village of Fruitvale	CAO
Colin	Mcclure	City of Trail	CAO
Jeff	McConnell	District of Elkford BC	CAO
Brooke	McCourt	City of Greenwood	Corporate Officer
Lavinia	McElwee	City of Fernie	Corporate Officer
Dean	McKinley	District of Invermere	CAO
Michele	Schalekamp	District of Sparwood	CAO
Bryan	Teasdale	City of Rossland	CAO/ CO

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments
Financial Information
(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)
December 31, 2025

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Compilation Engagement Report

To Management of Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the balance sheet of Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments as at December 31, 2025, the statement of receipts and disbursements for the year then ended and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it, and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Shawna Davies, CPA, CGA, BGS, DEd

March 27, 2026
Kimberley, BC

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

Balance Sheet

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

As At December 31, 2025

ASSETS	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Chequing (Note 3)	\$ 88,277	\$ 134,777
Money Market	146,521	113,022
Accounts Receivable	44,111	64,246
Due from Government Agency	2,481	7,760
Prepaid Expenses	2,492	2,885
	<u>\$ 283,882</u>	<u>\$ 322,690</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 56,398	\$ 128,025
Deferred Revenues	488	-
	<u>56,886</u>	<u>128,025</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets (Note 2)	<u>226,996</u>	<u>194,665</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 283,882</u>	<u>\$ 322,690</u>

On behalf of the Board:



Executive Director

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$ 63,787	\$ 62,536
Workshop Revenues	3,900	-
Convention Revenues	174,700	160,636
Interest Income	3,587	5,266
	<u>245,974</u>	<u>228,438</u>
Expenses		
Administrative Contract	55,000	55,000
Area Association Collaborations	1,130	5,002
Bank Charges	38	18
Convention and AGM Expenses	119,801	100,537
ED Professional Development	4,565	3,203
Executive Meetings	11,830	5,715
Gifts Given	-	150
Insurance	2,842	2,813
IT Services	5,027	14,326
Member Education Workshop	10,041	-
Office Supplies	823	436
Professional Fees - Accounting	2,506	2,100
Professional Fees - Legal	40	90
	<u>213,643</u>	<u>189,390</u>
Surplus of Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$ 32,331</u>	<u>\$ 39,048</u>

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
Columbia Basin Trust		
Receipts	\$ 47,492	\$ 68,642
Disbursements	<u>47,492</u>	<u>68,642</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Ministry of Energy and Mines		
Receipts	\$ 27,028	\$ 61,212
Disbursements	<u>27,028</u>	<u>61,212</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Socio-Economic Integration		
Receipts	\$ 48,394	\$ 82,849
Disbursements	<u>48,394</u>	<u>82,849</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
CRTLGC Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

Notes to the Financial Information

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

December 31, 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information is on the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts receivable
- Investments recorded at cost
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

2 Net Assets

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	\$ 80,000	\$ 114,665	\$ 194,665	\$ 80,000	\$ 75,617	\$ 155,617
Surplus	-	32,331	32,331	-	39,048	39,048
Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 80,000</u>	<u>\$ 146,996</u>	<u>\$ 226,996</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>	<u>\$ 114,665</u>	<u>\$ 194,665</u>

3 Cash

The cash balance is comprised of the following:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
AKBLG	\$ 78,584	\$ 89,122
CRTLGC	9,693	45,655
	<u>\$ 88,277</u>	<u>\$ 134,777</u>

4 Administration

The Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments administers the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee contract. The amounts reported in the financial information relate to amounts that have flowed through the bank account of the AKBLG and are included in this information for reporting purposes.

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Actual to Budget

(Unaudited - See Compilation Engagement Report)

Year Ended December 31, 2025

	December 31, 2025			December 31, 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Receipts						
Membership Dues	\$ 63,787	\$ 63,786	\$ 1	\$ 62,536	\$ 62,536	\$ -
Workshop Revenues	3,900	3,500		-	-	-
Convention Proceeds	174,700	154,500	20,200	160,636	135,000	25,636
Interest Income	3,587	3,500	87	5,266	750	4,516
Total Receipts	245,974	225,286	20,288	228,438	198,286	30,152
Disbursements						
Advocacy	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	2,800	(2,800)
Administrative Contract	55,000	55,000	-	55,000	50,000	5,000
Area Association Collaborations	1,130	8,000	(6,870)	5,002	8,000	(2,998)
Bank Charges	38	50	(12)	18	25	(7)
Convention & AGM Expenses	119,801	120,000	(199)	100,537	100,000	537
ED Professional Development	4,565	5,000	(435)	3,203	4,500	(1,297)
Executive Meetings	11,830	10,000	1,830	5,715	15,000	(9,285)
Gifts Given	-	200	(200)	150	200	(50)
Insurance	2,842	3,200	(358)	2,813	3,000	(187)
IT Services	5,027	12,000	(6,973)	14,326	25,000	(10,674)
Member Education Workshop	10,041	5,000	5,041	-	-	-
Office Supplies	823	1,000	(177)	436	500	(64)
Professional Fees-Accounting	2,506	3,000	(494)	2,100	2,200	(100)
Professional Fees-Legal	40	100	(60)	90	500	(410)
Telephone & Utilities	-	300	(300)	-	200	(200)
Total Disbursements	213,643	232,850	(19,207)	189,390	211,925	(22,535)
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	\$ 32,331	\$ (7,564)	\$ 39,495	\$ 39,048	\$ (13,639)	\$ 52,687

**Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments
DRAFT 2026 OPERATING BUDGET (AKBLG)**

	2026 BUDGET DRAFT	2025 ACTUALS (Preliminary)	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUALS
Revenue				
Membership Dues	65,062	63,787	63,787	62,536
Interest Income	3,500	3,587	3,500	5,266
Education Workshop Revenue	4,000	3,900	3,500	
AKBLG Convention	165,000	174,700	154,500	160,636
Total Income	237,562	245,973	225,287	228,439
Expense				
Advocacy Initiatives	15,000	-	10,000	-
Area Association Collaborations	7,000	1,130	8,000	5,002
Bank Service Charges	50	38	50	18
Member Education Workshop	10,000	10,041	5,000	
Executive Meetings	20,000	11,830	10,000	4,850
Gifts Given / Miscellaneous	200		200	150
Insurance	3,200	2,842	3,200	2,812
Office Supplies	1,000	823	1,000	437
Professional Fees-Accounting	3,000	2,806	3,000	2,600
Professional Fees-Legal	100	40	100	90
Telephone & Utilities	300	-	300	-
Prof Development/UBCM ED Convention	5,000	4,565	5,000	4,068
Executive Director Contract	55,000	55,000	55,000	50,000
Convention Expenses	125,000	119,801	120,000	100,537
Project-IT Advocacy Development (note 3)	10,000			
IT Services (note 4)	5,000	5,027	12,000	14,026
Total Expense	259,850	213,943	232,850	184,590
Net Revenue (Expense) - AKBLG	(22,288)	32,030	(7,563)	43,849
Transfer from Surplus (Advocacy+Education Workshop and IT migration)	22,288	0	7,563	0
Transfer from Restricted fund	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Restricted Fund (note 2)	-	-	-	20,000
Net Revenue over Expense	-	32,030	0	23,849

1 Does not include in/out transactions related to CRT-LGC (net 0 transactions)

2 Excess Revenue earned from AKBLG Convention moved to a "Internally Restricted Reserve" fund per Board policy for business continuity.

3 Special Project - Funds appropriated for use toward development of database of AKBLG Resolutions and record of advocacy activity for website.

4 IT Services includes funds for email migration in 2026.



Keith Page will receive a Life Member award in recognition of his role as AKBLG President (2022-2024) at the termination of his term as Past President. No award to be made at the 2026 AGM.

AKBLG LIFE MEMBERS:

2023	Clara Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs
2021	Roly Russell	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2021	Karen Hamling	Village of Nakusp
2021	Rob Gay	Regional District of East Kootenay
2020	Larry Binks	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2019	Wendy Booth	Regional District East Kootenay, Area F
2019	Marguerite Rotvold	Village of Midway
2018	Debra Kozak	City of Nelson
2017	Norm Macdonald	Town of Golden
2016	Arlene Parkinson	Village of Warfield & AKBLG
2016	Christina Benty	Town of Golden
2016	Gary Wright	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2016	John Kettle	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2015	Andy Shadrack	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2014	Wesly Graham	Town of Creston
2013	Bill Bennett	MLA
2012	Grace McGregor	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2010	Joe Snopek	Town of Creston
2009	Heath Slee	Regional District of East Kootenay
2008	Hans Cunningham	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2007	Janis Dahlen	Village of Nakusp
2007	Jackie Drysdale	City of Rossland
2006	Bev Bellina	District of Sparwood
2006	Dieter Bogs	City of Trail
2005	Bill Baird	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2005	Gord DeRosa	City of Trail
2005	Rick Hardie	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2004	Bert Banks	City of Kimberley
2003	Josh Smienk	Regional District of Central Kootenay
2003	Joe Tatangelo	Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2001	Arno Hennig	City of Greenwood
2001	John Voykin	Regional District of Central Kootenay
1999	Ed Gatze	Town of Creston
1996	Jim Ogilvie	City of Kimberley
1945	WG Wasson	City of Nelson
1945	EB Money Penny	City of Trail



NOMINATIONS FOR AKBLG EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

POSITIONS OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS AT THE 2026 AGM

Director at Large Three (3) positions each for a two (2) Year Term (to 2028)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- The candidate must be an elected official of an AKBLG local government member; and
- The candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AKBLG local government member.

NOMINATIONS:

The Nomination Committee puts forward the following nominees for **Director at Large**:

1. Kyle Hamilton, Councillor, City of Fernie
2. Colleen Jones, Mayor, City of Trail

Two individuals have put their name forward for Director at Large positions. There are **three** positions available. **A final call for nominations will be made from the floor at the AGM.**

The day/time for candidate speeches and elections are listed in the Agenda of the Convention. The Nominating committee strives for equal and broad representation of candidates for election to the AKBLG Executive, to represent the entire AKBLG region.

CURRENT AKBLG EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Mclsaac	Councillor, City of Fernie	President term ends 2027 AGM
Aidan McLaren-Caux	Councillor, Village of Nakusp	Vice President term ends 2027 AGM
Susan Clovechok	Director, RDEK	Director term ends 2026 AGM
Kyle Hamilton	Councillor, City of Fernie	Director term ends 2026 AGM
Colleen Jones	Mayor, City of Trail	Director term ends 2026 AGM
Tina Knooihuizen	Councillor, Village of Nakusp	Director term ends 2027 AGM
Wesley Routley	Councillor, Town of Golden	Director term ends 2027 AGM
Keith Page	Councillor, City of Nelson	Past President (term ends 2027 AGM)

2026 Nomination Committee:

- Keith Page, Committee Chair
- Susan Clovechok
- Kevin Mclsaac
- Wesley Routley



Nomination for Director-at-Large

Kyle Hamilton
Councillor, City of Fernie

Nominated by:

Nic Milligan, Mayor, City of Fernie
Troy Nixon, Councillor, City of Fernie

Why I'm running:

I am seeking to be re-elected to the Board for AKBLG because I strongly believe in the advocacy work this group does on behalf of all Kootenay and Boundary local governments. I've learned a lot of the last two terms, and hope to leverage those learnings into increased activity and representation over the next term.

About Kyle:

Kyle is a father, husband, and entrepreneur based in Fernie BC. He is currently the founder of birr agency, a full-service marketing agency that focuses on Kootenay-based businesses. Between council work, business, and family life, he tries to find the time to get out and enjoy skiing, biking, and photography.



Nomination for Director-at-Large

Colleen Jones
Mayor, City of Trail

Nominated by:
Ali Grieve, Area A Director, RDKB
Paul Butler, Councillor, City of Trail

It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government and I'm putting my name forward again because I believe in the role this board plays in shaping the future of our region. As Mayor of Trail and someone who has lived in this area for most of my years, I see firsthand how decisions at the regional and provincial level affect people in our communities. Housing, healthcare access, policing costs and the increasing pressures on local governments are not new challenges, but they are growing and they require steady, experienced leadership. Through my work on the Resolutions, Advocacy, and Convention Committees, I've been actively involved in moving these conversations forward and helping ensure our region's priorities are clearly represented.

I bring experience, a strong work ethic, and a realistic approach to the table. I'm not afraid to speak up when it matters, but I also believe in working collaboratively and respectfully to get things done. The relationships we've built across the Kootenay Boundary are important and I value the trust that comes with this role. If re-elected, I will continue to represent our communities with a strong voice and always focused on what's right for the region and the people we serve.

Thank you for considering my nomination,

Colleen Jones
Mayor – City of Trail

REPORT OF THE 2026 AKBLG RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee is pleased to present the 2026 Resolutions Workbook. We look forward to a lively debate of this year's resolutions.

Thirty-two (32) resolutions are being presented for membership consideration. In addition to thirty-one (31) resolutions submitted by member local governments, one additional resolution is being presented by the AKBLG Executive. This resolution relates to the changes in the Community Housing Fund.

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee appreciates the time that each local government has taken to prepare and submit resolutions. Endorsed resolutions relating to a provincial matter will be forwarded to UBCM for action.

Continuing the change in procedure introduced in 2025, the Resolution Committee has organized the resolutions into five (5) sections. The Chart on the following page describes these sections and explains the rationale for each.

The first section of resolutions is being presented as a block for endorsement (consent agenda). The resolutions in this group are those that the AKBLG Committee has recommended for endorsement by the membership. These resolutions are found in the EB (Endorse Block) section at the start of the resolution package.

Three (3) resolutions are considered Regional Resolutions. These resolutions address an issue which is specific to the AKBLG region and/or the enactment clause directs only the AKBLG Area Association (and not UBCM) to consider taking action. These resolutions, if endorsed, will not be forwarded to UBCM but will remain with AKBLG for action. The AKBLG Board of Directors has been actively working on increasing their capacity to advocate directly to the province on issues important to the member organizations. These are found in the RR (Regional Resolution) section of the workbook.

UBCM Extraordinary Resolution 2025—ER1

Delegates will note that UBCM has flagged several resolutions as potentially falling under the criteria included in UBCM Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1.

Resolutions that meet these criteria may be ruled out of order if they reflect existing UBCM policy, fall outside the scope of local government, lack clarity, or are primarily regional in focus.

Following clarification with UBCM, the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands that comments from UBCM included in this workbook represent a preliminary review, and that the applicability of the criteria may change during final assessment. Accordingly, AKBLG has continued to bring these resolutions forward for member consideration, with the understanding that the UBCM Resolutions Committee may ultimately determine that some fall under the Extraordinary Resolution criteria and therefore not proceed to debate at UBCM even if endorsed at the AKBLG AGM.

Advance Preparation

The Resolutions Committee recognizes there are many resolutions to consider and is committed to facilitating efficient and effective policy debate over the time allotted to resolutions.

If you wish to speak against or propose an amendment to a resolution that is included in the ENDORSE BLOCK, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Executive Director prior to the debate session to have it pulled from the block. The purpose of the Endorse Block (Consent Agenda) is to enable more time for debate of resolutions that have not received an endorsement from the AKBLG and UBCM Resolutions Committees.

For resolutions being considered individually, sponsors should be ready to speak to their resolution and provide information that clarifies the request made by the resolution.

Sponsors will have up to three (3) minutes to introduce their resolution and subsequent speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes. Delegates are also respectfully requested to limit repetitive debate, to make it possible to debate as many resolutions as time permits.

Once a resolution is introduced by the sponsor, if there are no speakers to DO NOT ENDORSE (CON), the question will be called with no discussion.

Depending on the complexity of proposed amendments, the elections officer may require that amendments be provided in writing at the front of the room, prior to speaking to them. Full Rules of Procedures will be available at the convention and explained prior to the debate session.

Order of Debate

Resolutions will be considered in the order presented in the AGM/Resolutions Workbook. The Endorse Block will be considered first followed by individual consideration of the NE (Not Endorse), NR (No Recommendation) and RR (Regional Resolutions). Lastly, a vote will be taken to determine whether the Special Resolution will be considered.

Per AKBLG Bylaws, late resolutions will be held over until the next Annual General Meeting unless the Resolutions Committee considers the late resolution to pertain to a *“unique and unforeseen event or circumstance requiring time-sensitive attention and having occurred since the submission deadline”*. A Special Resolution requires a 2/3rds vote in support of consideration prior to being introduced onto the floor at the AGM.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee 2026

Kyle Hamilton, Chair

Susan Clovechok

Tina Knooihuizen

Aidan McLaren-Caux

Wesley Routley

Organization of Resolutions in the Resolutions Workbook

Section		Description	Handling
EB	Endorse Block	These have been recommended for endorsement by the AKBLG Resolutions Committee.	Consider as a Block
NE	Not Endorse	The UBCM and AKBLG Resolutions Committees have suggested that these resolutions do not meet UBCM policy and have recommended that they are not endorsed. For 2026, there are two (2) provincial resolution categorized as NE.	Consider individually
NR	No Recommendation	These are resolutions which received “no recommendation” by the Resolutions Committee. These resolutions include resolutions not previously considered, resolutions with proposed policy positions that do not align with UBCM policy; or resolutions with proposed policy positions that do not align with previously endorsed policy papers or documents; or resolutions where there is no action required.	Consider individually
RR	Regional Resolutions	These resolutions address an issue which is specific to the AKBLG Region and/or the enactment clause directs only the AKBLG Area Association (and not UBCM) to consider taking action. Endorsed AKBLG region-specific resolutions will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration by the UBCM membership but will instead remain with AKBLG where they may be actioned.	Consider individually
SR	Special Resolution	This is a late resolution which the AKBLG Resolutions Committee has deemed to relate to “a unique and unforeseen event or circumstance requiring time-sensitive attention and having occurred since the submission deadline”. In accordance with AKBLG Bylaws, a special resolution requires a vote of 2/3 in support of consideration onto the floor of the AGM before debate may occur.	Consider after 2/3 vote to allow introduction

2026 AKBLG RESOLUTIONS

Section EB (Endorse Block)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

EB1	Health Authority Asset Plans	Village of New Denver
EB2	Long Term Care - Beds	Kootenay Boundary RD
EB3	Long Term Care – Review of Staffing Levels & Resident Care	Village of Canal Flats

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EB4	Expand EMCR Funding Programs for Emergency Response	City of Rossland
EB5	BearSmart Resourcing	Village of New Denver

FINANCE

EB6	Sustainable Public Library Funding	Village of Salmo
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LAND USE

EB7	Keep BC Parks Open Longer	Kootenay Boundary RD
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HOUSING

EB8	BC Code Application for Temporary Emergency Shelters	City of Trail
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LEGISLATIVE

EB9	Bill M216-Professional Reliance Act	Kootenay Boundary RD
EB10	Support Municipal Ethical Oversight-Independent Office	City of Kimberley

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EB11	Improved Cellular Reliability in Rural and Remote Areas	City of Rossland & Kootenay Boundary RD
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Section NE (Not Endorse)

LEGISLATIVE

NE1	District Municipality Governance	Village of New Denver
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SELECTED ISSUES

NE2	Convention Timing in Election Years	Village of New Denver
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Section NR (No Recommendation)

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NR1	Provincial Support for Rural Emergency & Safety Needs	City of Trail
NR2	Regional Hospital Districts Director Compensation	Village of New Denver

HOUSING

NR3	Simplifying Federal Tax Reporting for Small-Scale Res Rentals	City of Nelson
NR4	Emergency Weather Shelter Flexibility During Extreme Events	City of Fernie

COMMUNITY SAFETY

NR5	Fortis BC Public Safety Power Shutoff	Kootenay Boundary RD
NR6	FireSmart Compliance Certification	Village of New Denver
NR7	Online Harm Accountability	City of Nelson
NR8	Online Marketplace Accountability	City of Nelson

FINANCE

NR9	Community Works Funding and Third Parties	Kootenay Boundary RD
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TRANSPORTATION

NR10	Restrooms at Rest Stops	Kootenay Boundary RD
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ENVIRONMENTAL

NR11	Biosolids	Kootenay Boundary RD
NR12	Provincial Certification for Mosquito Control Drone Technology	Town of Golden

LEGISLATIVE

NR13	Legislative Safeguards for Ethical and Inclusive Local Governance	City of Kimberley
NR14	Local Government Business Software Working Group	Central Kootenay RD
NR15	Private Equity Sector Acquisitions driving Local Government Costs	City of Nelson

Section RR (Regional Resolutions)

HEATH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RR1	Youth Detox and Treatment Centre	City of Cranbrook
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TRANSPORTATION

RR2	Columbia and Western Rail Trail	Kootenay Boundary RD
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ASSESSMENT

RR3	Tourist Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act	Town of Golden
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Section SR (Special and Late Resolutions)

SR1	Replacement for Community Housing Fund	AKBLG
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SECTION EB - ENDORSE BLOCK

This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse by the AKBLG Resolutions Committee.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

EB1 Health Authority Asset Plans

New Denver

Whereas Regional Hospital District taxation is intended to support the long-term sustainability of health care facilities and major medical equipment;

And whereas the absence of standardized asset management planning by health authorities creates uncertainty about the condition, replacement timelines, and funding priorities for major health care infrastructure:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia require health authorities to prepare and maintain asset management plans for major facilities and equipment as a condition of receiving funding from Regional Hospital Districts.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2019-B201 which called on the Ministry of Health undertake asset management plans for all of the health authorities in the province. However, given that the 2019 resolution is more than five years old, the Committee is admitting this resolution for debate.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

EB2 Long term Care - Beds

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas since 2016 the number of people waiting to be admitted to long-term care has increased by 200% and the provincial average wait time to access such care has grown by 98% over the past eight years;

And whereas a lack of, or prolonged waiting times to access, long-term care can have significant negative impacts on patients, their families and health care professionals/caregivers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to increase the number of long-term care beds in the province.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolutions 2024-EB13 and 2024-EB14.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

EB3 Long Term Care - Review of Staffing Levels and Resident Care Canal Flats

Whereas private long-term care providers are contracted by the health authority who is responsible for setting direct care hours to each resident;

And whereas the current requirement for direct care hours is 3.00 – 3.36 hours per day, per resident which can include care from regulated professionals:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to review staffing levels and resident care by increasing the standard to 4.0 hours of direct care to create the funding and contractual framework needed to hire additional staff and better meet the growing complexity of residents in long-term care.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on Executive endorsed referred resolution 2024-RR40.1 (Note, 2024-RR40 was severed and the first resolution 2024-40.1 was endorsed by the Executive).

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EB4 Expand Emergency Management Climate Readiness Funding Programs for Emergency Response Rosland

Whereas extended power outages increasingly affect rural and remote communities due to severe weather events, including windstorms and winter storms, which are increasing in frequency and intensity as a result of climate change;

And whereas reliable access to warm, safe, and accessible community spaces during extended power outages is critical for public safety, particularly for vulnerable populations including seniors, families with young children, people with disabilities, and residents without secondary heat sources;

And whereas current provincial Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) funding programs do not provide support for the activation and operation of warming or emergency community centres during power outages unless a secondary disaster trigger is present:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG advocate to the Province of British Columbia to expand Emergency Management Climate Readiness (EMCR) policies and funding programs to support the activation, operation, and resourcing of warming and emergency community centres in rural and remote communities during extended power outages, including events that occur outside of existing temperature thresholds or without a secondary disaster trigger.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolutions 2024-EB25 and 2024-EB36.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

EB5 BearSmart Resourcing

New Denver

Whereas people and communities in British Columbia live alongside black bears and grizzly bears and require resources for proactive conflict prevention measures to ensure human safety and species conservation;

And whereas BC's BearSmart Community Program lacks a provincial coordinator and funding to support community efforts to address the root-causes of human-bear conflicts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC reinstate a provincial coordinator for the BearSmart Community Program and provide financial resources for effective implementation to support community-based initiatives to prevent human-bear conflicts.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2024-EB52.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

FINANCE

EB6 Sustainable Public Library Funding

Salmo

Whereas public libraries in British Columbia are primarily funded by local governments and deliver provincially significant services, including literacy, digital access, workforce support, emergency response, and community well-being programs;

And whereas the Province’s annual core funding for public libraries has remained at \$14 million since 2010, resulting in a significant decline in per-capita support due to population growth and inflation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to increase annual core operating funding for public libraries to reflect population growth and inflation.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-SR3.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

LAND USE

EB7 Keep BC Parks Open Longer

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas Provincial Parks serve a vital recreational, cultural, social and economic role in the lives of many British Columbians;

And whereas the Province of BC closes many of its parks to campers in September each year, limiting the ability of British Columbians access to those parks at a time of year when they continue to be functionally usable:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be directed to keep our Provincial parks, including campgrounds, open until the end of October to enable the access to parks for all visitors to enjoy these recreational benefits for a longer period and to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2024-EB72. The Resolutions Committee also advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

HOUSING

EB8 BC Code Application for Temporary Emergency Shelters Trail

Whereas extreme weather events are increasing across British Columbia, creating an urgent need for temporary emergency warming centres and shelters to protect vulnerable individuals; and emergency warming centres are temporary, short-term but urgent responses typically operated in existing community buildings and rely heavily on non-profit organizations, staff, and volunteers to operate safely during emergency conditions;

And whereas the British Columbia Building Code and British Columbia Fire Code are intended to operate as coordinated companion documents, and provincial guidance confirms flexibility exists to allow temporary emergency sheltering through exemptions and site-specific fire safety planning, while maintaining public safety; and in the absence of clear and consistent provincial direction, inconsistent interpretation of the codes has placed frontline operators and volunteers in untenable positions, increased personal and organizational liability, and in some cases prevented rural communities from opening emergency warming centres during life-threatening weather:

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia, through the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs and the Office of the Fire Commissioner, provide clear, practical, and consistent guidance on the application of the BC Building Code and BC Fire Code for temporary

emergency warming centres and shelters that can be safely implemented through site specific fire safety plans and risk mitigation measures.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking clear, practical, and consistent guidance on the application of the BC Building Code and BC Fire Code for temporary emergency warming centres and shelters that can be safely implemented through site specific fire safety plans and risk mitigation measures.

However the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions that asked the Province to provide funding for, and work with local governments, to open extreme weather response shelters and warming and cooling centers (2024-EB24, 2024-EB25, 2024-NR27, 2024-NR28, 2023-EB18, 2023-NR28, 2022-EB11, 2021-EB73, 2012-B94).

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

LEGISLATIVE

EB9 Bill M216-Professional Reliance Act

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas Bill M216-2025 threatens to take away local governments' discretion to review building and development plans, approve applications and carry out inspections;

And whereas this legislation could expose local governments to increased liability, lead to deficiencies, delay approval processes, increase costs for homeowners and local governments, pose environmental risks, and abolish the need for peer reviews of professionals' alleged errors or omissions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to halt the consideration of Bill M216 given the concerns regarding development approval processes raised by local governmentst and other parties.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to consult with local governments and other parties before moving forward with Bill M216.

The Resolutions Committee supports the request that Bill M216 be halted in its progress, rather than continue with consultation, given the strong concerns raised by local governments and other parties. UBCM has prepared a submission documenting these concerns which include:

- an improper policy development process
- significant risks associated with deregulation
- a problematic one-size fits-all approach

- the creation of new bottlenecks
- increased liability risk for local governments and others
- increased confusion around roles in planning
- cumulative impact of recent legislative changes, and
- lack of clarity and due consideration to operational complexities

The full submission is available here:

<https://www.ubcm.ca/sites/default/files/2025-11/UBCM-Submission-on-BillM216-2025-11-28.pdf>

More generally, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions emphasizing the importance of communication and consultation with local government (2025-EB77, 2025-EB86, 2025-EB88, 2025-NR98, 2024-EB87, 2019-SR1, 2019-B3, 2014-B37, 2013-B34, 2012-B119, 2009-B54, 2009-B141).

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

EB10 Support Municipal Ethical Oversight -Independent Office

Kimberley

Whereas local governments in British Columbia are not currently required to adopt a code of conduct, and there remains no provincially mandated, independent mechanism to support local governments when ethical concerns are raised or standards are breached;

And whereas many local governments—particularly smaller and rural municipalities—are under-resourced and lack the capacity, independence, or specialized expertise to address conduct concerns without incurring significant financial and administrative burdens:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG requests that the Province of British Columbia establish an independent provincial office to support local governments in addressing ethical concerns and conduct breaches;

And be it further resolved that this office be mandated to ensure minimum provincial standards, provide a consistent and impartial approach to complaint adjudication across jurisdictions, and reduce the need for resource-intensive local investigations, particularly in under-resourced communities.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2024-EB88.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EB11 Improved Cellular Reliability in Rural and Remote Areas Rosland & Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas reliable cellular service is essential infrastructure for public safety, economic activity, and everyday communication in rural and remote communities;

And whereas many rural and remote regions in British Columbia continue to experience persistent cellular service gaps and service disruptions that affect access to emergency services and the ability of residents and businesses to operate reliably;

And whereas unreliable cellular connectivity creates barriers to local economic development by disrupting business operations, limiting remote work opportunities, and affecting tourism and service delivery:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG advocate to senior levels of government, relevant regulatory agencies, and telecommunications providers for improved cellular coverage, capacity, and reliability in rural and remote communities.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2024-EB102.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has indicated this resolution is already be addressed in existing policy (and therefore may not be eligible for debate at UBCM), the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary and may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee recommends endorsement to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by the UBCM Resolutions Committee upon submission of all endorsed resolutions.

SECTION NE (Not Endorse) – FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of Not Endorse.

LEGISLATIVE

NE1 District Municipality Governance

New Denver

Whereas rural and remote communities in British Columbia face distinct service delivery and governance challenges compared to larger urban centres;

And whereas district municipalities provide a governance model that may be better aligned with the geographic scale and service needs of some rural areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia review the role and potential application of district municipalities as a governance model for rural and remote communities.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution does not meet the criteria for clarity. What the sponsor is seeking, allowing rural and remote communities to incorporate into a municipality, is already available. The Local Government Act Part 2 - Incorporation of Municipalities and Regional Districts, details this existing process. Upon speaking with the sponsor it was relayed to them that this process already exists under the Local Government Act. Given that this process exists, the resolution is unclear in its purpose or intent.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation:

Not Endorse

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The committee notes that the language is unclear and vague leading to uncertainty of the resolution's intent.

SELECTED ISSUES

NE2 Convention Timing in Election Years

New Denver

Whereas the UBCM annual convention requires significant financial and staff resources from local governments across British Columbia;

And whereas in years when municipal general elections are held, there is reduced certainty regarding the continuity of elected representation and policy priorities following the convention:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM review its convention scheduling practices and avoid holding its annual convention in years when municipal general elections occur.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM Bylaws, Section 12(a), require that the UBCM Annual Convention be held every year.

The Bylaws are clear, UBCM cannot avoid holding its Annual Convention in years when local government elections occur, so the Resolutions Committee is making the recommendation of Not Endorse.

The Committee notes that members can choose to attend Convention or not during years with a local government election.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse**

AKBLG Resolutions committee comments:

The committee questions the governance value of this resolution.

SECTION NR (No Recommendation) – FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

In lieu of any standing policy on the Resolution's topic, AKBLG Committee presents it with No Recommendation prior to discussion.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NR1 Provincial Support for Rural Emergency and Safety Needs

Trail

Whereas British Columbia continues to face a prolonged toxic drug and overdose crisis that drives escalating emergency response demands and complex social impacts, with rural communities experiencing disproportionate strain due to limited local healthcare capacity and reduced access to treatment, mental health, and supportive services;

And whereas rural host communities carrying regional hospitals and centralized health and social services bear significantly higher volumes of drug-related incidents and associated municipal costs, including overtime, staffing pressures, emergency response, sanitation, hazardous waste management, and environmental remediation, despite smaller tax bases and limited capacity, creating inequitable burdens across rural British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia establish a sustainable, province-wide funding model that offsets the disproportionate emergency-response, public-safety, and sanitation costs borne by rural host communities responding to overdose and toxic-drug-related impacts, ensuring these expenses are not borne solely by local taxpayers.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that while the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous related resolutions, the membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting a funding program specifically for rural host communities experiencing a disproportionate share of emergency and public safety costs.

The Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several related resolutions, including:

- calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2024-NR3, 2024-NR4, 2023-SR3, 2023-EB1, 2022-SR3, 2021-NR44, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 2020-SR8, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51). In particular, 2022-SR3 called for funding and staff for security, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods in BC communities, as well as a share of the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada to local governments to help cover the costs associated with the opioid and overdose crisis, such as police, fire and bylaw departments; and
- seeking crime prevention and harm reduction solutions in communities across the province (2022-EB44, 2020-EB7, 2015-B54, 2011-B15, 2008-B67).

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments: **No recommendation**

NR2 Regional Hospital Districts Director Compensation

New Denver

Whereas Regional Hospital Districts are funded through local taxation that is intended to support health care infrastructure and services;

And whereas the payment of director remuneration from these funds reduces the amount available for health care purposes and creates public concern about the appropriate use of health care tax revenues:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia amend legislation governing Regional Hospital Districts to prohibit payment of remuneration to directors and permit only the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend legislation governing Regional Hospital Districts to prohibit payment of remuneration to directors and permit only the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments: **No Recommendation.**

HOUSING

NR3 Simplifying Federal Tax Reporting for Small-Scale Residential Rentals Nelson

Whereas it is possible for homeowners to rent out a room or secondary suite within their primary residence on a long-term basis, which can help make existing housing supply available to meet local housing needs, and under current Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requirements homeowners must track detailed receipts, apportion household expenses, and comply with small-business accounting practices;

And whereas the administrative burden associated with these CRA reporting requirements can discourage homeowners from offering or maintaining long-term rental accommodation within their primary residence:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG and UBCM urge the Government of Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency to simplify tax reporting requirements for long-term rental of a room or secondary suite within a primary residence, including consideration of a simplified reporting method or standard deduction option, while maintaining existing CRA classification rules and preserving the authority of local governments to regulate use, licensing, and zoning separately from federal tax reporting requirements.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking that the Government of Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency to simplify tax reporting requirements for long-term rental of a room or secondary suite within a primary residence.

The Committee also advises that the membership did not endorse resolution 2025-NR35 which asked the federal and provincial governments to eliminate income tax on secondary suites and in-home rentals as a

means to encourage more long-term rental housing, simplify administrative processes for homeowners, and support efforts to address the housing crisis.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2022-EB26 which asked the provincial and federal governments to provide tax exemptions for all income derived from the rental of secondary suites as a measure to encourage the provision of safe and affordable housing.

Membership has also endorsed resolutions 2015-B14, 2008-A3 and 2007-A7 which called for a variety of federal tax reforms to encourage the construction of rental housing.

Finally, the membership endorsed resolutions 2015-B47 and 2012-B143 which called for incentives for the retention of existing, and development of new, market rental housing.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments: **No recommendation**

NR4 Emergency Weather Shelter Flexibility During Extreme Events Fernie

Whereas during extreme weather events, communities across British Columbia (BC) face a humanitarian crisis related to homelessness, and while temporary emergency overnight shelters are a critical life-saving response, current BC Building Code and Fire Code requirements and the lack of clear provincial authority and liability protection can prevent or result in the closure of short-term emergency shelters despite alternative life-safety measures being in place:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province to establish a provincial emergency exemption framework for emergency overnight shelters during declared extreme weather events, where unanimous municipal council approval is provided by resolution; and the shelter operates on a temporary, emergency basis only.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to establish a provincial emergency exemption framework for emergency overnight shelters during declared extreme weather events, where unanimous municipal council approval is provided by resolution; and the shelter operates on a temporary, emergency basis only.

However the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions that asked the Province to provide funding for, and work with local governments, to open extreme weather response shelters and warming and cooling centers (2024-EB24, 2024-EB25, 2024-NR27, 2024-NR28, 2023-EB18, 2023-NR28, 2022-EB11, 2021-EB73, 2012-B94).

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments: **No Recommendation.**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

Appears to be very similar in nature to Resolution EB4.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

NR5 Fortis BC Public Safety Power Shutoff

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas FortisBC's Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) will enable the utility to pre-emptively shut down electricity to an area during extreme weather conditions;

And whereas residents in rural areas may face risks associated with prolonged power outages, including extreme temperatures, a lack of well water, the loss of perishable food, and no access to communication systems:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask FortisBC and BC Hydro to communicate their plans to local governments around the mitigation of potential risks to residents should the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) be implemented.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on FortisBC and BC Hydro to communicate their plans to local governments around the mitigation of potential risks to residents should the Public Safety Power Shutoff be implemented.

The Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) policy applies in areas of BC with the highest wildfire risk. A PSPS event is a safety measure whereby power is temporarily shut off as a means to reduce potential ignition sources when there is extreme wildfire risk to an area.

Upon contacting FortisBC, they indicated that "...local governments are notified at the time a PSPS event is initiated. FortisBC takes enhanced measures to directly notify registered vulnerable customers and other critical infrastructure within the affected area, including local government and emergency services."

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

NR6 FireSmart Compliance Certification

New Denver

Whereas the FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program provides a framework for wildfire risk assessment and mitigation for residential properties in British Columbia;

And whereas access to follow-up inspection and recognized FireSmart compliance certification is not consistently available through local delivery partners across the province, despite increasing interest from property owners and insurers in documented wildfire mitigation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia work with FireSmart BC to ensure consistent province-wide access to recognized FireSmart compliance certification through qualified local delivery partners and assessors.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to work with FireSmart BC to ensure consistent province-wide access to recognized FireSmart compliance certification through qualified local delivery partners and assessors.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide sustainable funding and/or support for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, preparedness, response and/or recovery (2025-EB23, 2024-NR34, 2023-NR33, 2023-EB28, 2022-NR26, 2022-NR27, 2022-EB36, 2022-EB37, 2022-EB88, 2020-EB12, 2019-B13, 2019-B26, 2019-B27, 2019-B76, 2019-B77, 2019-B91, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2019-B95, 2019-B10, 2018-B22, 2018-B43, 2018-B96, 2018-B97, 2018-B99, 2018-B100, 2018-B107, 2017-B4, 2017-B84, 2017-LR1, 2017-LR2, 2017-LR4).

The FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community-based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire. Training for Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (WMS), under the FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program (WMP) is an eligible activity. In addition, once a community has a trained WMS, the completion of WMP assessments for individual homes and properties is eligible for funding.

The Committee also notes that, according to FireSmart BC, the WMP is currently available throughout the majority of BC, including communities in the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee Recommendation:

No Recommendation

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The Committee notes that it appears that the program is already in place.

NR7 Online Harm Accountability

Nelson

Whereas social media platforms, gaming platforms, and generative artificial intelligence systems are widely used by Canadians, including youth, and certain platform design, algorithmic, and monetization practices can create foreseeable risks of harm, including exploitation of children and vulnerable populations, manipulation of public discourse, and foreign interference;

And whereas Canada currently lacks a clear and comprehensive legislative framework establishing accountability standards for digital platforms, while other jurisdictions have adopted statutory duties of care and regulatory oversight to address systemic online harms and align with emerging international governance approaches:

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG and UBCM advocate to the Government of Canada to establish clear federal legislation creating a duty of care for digital platforms, requiring reasonable measures to prevent foreseeable harm, protect youth and vulnerable users, and ensure accountability where platforms fail to meet these obligations;

And be it further resolved that AKBLG and UBCM request that the Government of Canada engage in meaningful consultation with local governments and communities, and coordinate with international partners, in the development of such legislation.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation.**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has deemed this resolution “outside of local government jurisdiction” upon their initial review, the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary, and the determination whether the resolution is captured by UBCM’s Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively by the UBCM Resolutions Committee. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee presents it with no recommendation to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by UBCM should it be endorsed by the AKBLG membership.

NR8 Online Marketplace Accountability

Nelson

Whereas Canadians lose hundreds of millions of dollars annually to fraudulent listings on online marketplaces, and current consumer protection frameworks provide limited recourse for users of peer-to-peer platforms, as marketplace operators and payment processors typically disclaim responsibility for fraudulent transactions;

And whereas other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom and the European Union, have established mandatory platform obligations such as seller verification, fraud prevention measures, and accessible dispute resolution supported by independent regulatory oversight:

Therefore be it resolved that the AKBLG and UBCM advocate to the federal and provincial governments for the establishment of accountability standards for online marketplace platforms and associated payment processors, including seller verification requirements, timely removal of fraudulent listings, accessible complaint and dispute resolution mechanisms, and effective enforcement measures.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation.**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has deemed this resolution “outside of local government jurisdiction” upon their initial review, the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary, and the determination whether the resolution is captured by UBCM’s Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 may change once all submitted resolutions are

reviewed collectively by the UBCM Resolutions Committee. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee presents it with no recommendation to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by UBCM should it be endorsed by the AKBLG membership.

FINANCE

NR9 Community Works Funding and Third Parties Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas Community Works Funding provides local governments with significant funding for local priorities, many of which are in rural communities and are run by volunteer-led third-party organizations;

And whereas the requirements around third-party organizations may now limit them from accessing this funding, thereby negatively affecting their ability to deliver much-needed services and programs in their communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to consider relaxing the requirements for third-party organizations to access Community Works Funding so that local governments can continue to support their rural communities.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to consider relaxing the requirements for third-party organizations to access Community Works Funding so that local governments can continue to support their rural communities. However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking increased flexibility within grant or funding programs regarding matching funds from local governments, and a lessening of the project cost share borne by local governments (2017-B19, 2016-B18, 2015-B22, 2015-B87, 2014-B19, 2012-B13, 2009-B29).

The Committee also notes that UBCM administers the Community Works Fund program on behalf of the federal government. The resolution may be better directed to the federal government rather than the provincial government. The Province is a program partner, but not a program funder.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation.**

TRANSPORTATION

NR10 Restrooms at Rest Stops

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas our vast province has considerable distances between communities, rest stops are an important part of the transportation and tourism network as they provide spots for motorists, ranging from motorcycles to recreational vehicles to transport trucks, with an opportunity to rest, stretch, walk a pet or use a restroom;

And whereas not all of these rest areas are accessible to larger vehicles because of space constraints, and not all of the rest rooms are accessible to all users:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province ensures that each rest stop has rest rooms that are easily accessible by all travelers who need them.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation.**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee notes that while the UBCM Resolutions Committee has deemed this resolution “outside of local government jurisdiction” upon their initial review, the AKBLG Resolutions Committee understands this comment is preliminary, and the determination whether the resolution is captured by UBCM’s Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 may change once all submitted resolutions are reviewed collectively by the UBCM Resolutions Committee. Accordingly, the AKBLG Committee presents it with no recommendation to ensure the resolution receives further consideration by UBCM should it be endorsed by the AKBLG membership.

ENVIRONMENT

NR11 Biosolids

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas some farmers are applying biosolids on agricultural land which may contain contaminants of emerging concern, such as pharmaceuticals and “forever chemicals”;

And whereas the application of biosolids may leach into watercourses and aquifers and negatively affect ecosystems, as well as crops, livestock and humans:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to mandate water quality testing of water sources that may be affected by biosolids.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution that asks that Province to mandate water quality testing of water sources that may be affected by biosolids.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a resolution asking provincial and federal governments to establish sampling protocols and measures to monitoring and reduce levels of contaminants of emerging concern from wastewater treatment plants (2021-NR31). The membership has also endorsed a resolution asking the Province to set a standard for acceptable levels of microplastics being released into marine or freshwater environments or onto land, and a standardized methodology for testing and reporting (2019-B150). It is also noted that the UBCM membership has previously called for the Province to establish a committee, including local government representatives, to review and make recommendations for revisions to the Provincial biosolid review process, the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation, and relevant sections of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to enhance public consultation on the import and deposit of biosolids, which may adversely affect the environment, on Agricultural Reserve Land (2015-B59).

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

NR12 Provincial Certification for Mosquito Control Drone Technology **Golden**

Whereas current mosquito control methods by local governments in British Columbia rely on costly helicopter and ground applications of federally approved larvicides to improve quality of life for its residents;

And whereas Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) offer a cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and efficient alternative for aerial larvicide application;

And whereas British Columbia currently lacks a provincial certification process for RPAS in pest management, thereby preventing local governments from adopting this technology:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to develop and implement a provincial certification process for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) pesticide application.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to develop and implement a provincial certification process for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) pesticide application. However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolutions addressing mosquito control measures, as they related to the West Nile Virus (2010-LR1, 2006-B49).

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

LEGISLATIVE

NR13 Legislative Safeguards for Ethical and Inclusive Local Governance **Kimberley**

Whereas local government elected officials in British Columbia do not possess statutory immunity or "freedom of speech" protections comparable to those of Members of the Legislative Assembly or Parliament, leaving them personally vulnerable to civil liability and reprisal when raising ethical concerns or dissenting in good faith;

And whereas the lack of robust, province-wide legislative safeguards creates a chilling effect on ethical debate and disproportionately exposes women, underrepresented groups, and new entrants to governance to personal, legal, and reputational risks:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG request that the Province of British Columbia, in collaboration with UBCM, amend the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* to establish qualified immunity and public interest disclosure (whistleblower) protections for local government elected officials acting in good faith;

And be it further resolved that these safeguards be designed to protect officials from retaliation and ensure that ethical dissent is balanced with high standards of professional accountability.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to amend the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act* to establish qualified immunity and public interest disclosure (whistleblower) protections for local government elected officials acting in good faith. Nor has the membership considered the second request that these whistleblower safeguards be designed to protect officials from retaliation and ensure that ethical dissent is balanced with high standards of professional accountability.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: No recommendation

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NR14 Local Government Business Software Working Group Central Kootenay RD

Whereas local governments across British Columbia rely on mission-critical business software to deliver core services, yet many existing systems are costly, fragmented, difficult to integrate, and create long-term vendor lock-in that limits flexibility, transparency, and local control;

And whereas local governments share substantially similar operational responsibilities and service delivery needs, creating an opportunity to collaboratively strengthen digital infrastructure that better supports resident with modern, efficient, and accountable public services:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG request that UBCM, in partnership with the Ministry of Citizens' Services, establish a Local Government Business Software Working Group to assess shared operational software needs, develop common structured data models and application programming interfaces that support interoperable and transferable digital systems, and report back with recommendations and potential pilot projects to strengthen modern, locally controlled service delivery.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking UBCM to strike a Local Government Business Software Working Group to assess shared operational software needs, develop common structured data models and application programming interfaces that support interoperable and transferable digital systems, and report back with recommendations and potential pilot projects to strengthen modern, locally controlled service delivery.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2019-B98 which asks the Province to take a leadership role and provide long-term funding and resources for asset data sharing system for improving emergency management and resiliency planning in BC. The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed two resolutions asking the Province to allocate additional resources to assist local governments with assessing and maintaining cyber security health (2024-EB39, 2018-B157). In contacting the sponsor to determine who they would like this effort reported back to, the Committee learned that the sponsor would like UBCM to report back to the UBCM Executive and membership.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: No recommendation

NR15 Private Equity Sector Acquisitions Driving Local Government Costs Nelson

Whereas local governments across British Columbia are experiencing procurement cost increases for essential municipal goods and services, including construction, mechanical systems, fire apparatus, infrastructure materials, and specialized software, at rates that in some sectors exceed general inflation;

And whereas market consolidation and acquisition activity, including private equity investment in sectors serving local governments, may be contributing to reduced competition and increased costs, with potential long-term fiscal implications for municipalities and taxpayers:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG call on UBCM to undertake or commission a comprehensive study examining procurement cost escalation affecting local governments, including the impacts of market consolidation, acquisition activity, and other contributing factors, and to report findings and recommendations to member local governments.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on UBCM to undertake or commission a comprehensive study examining procurement cost escalation affecting local governments, including the impacts of market consolidation, acquisition activity, and other contributing factors, and to report findings and recommendations to member local governments.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed two referred resolutions addressing procurement:

- 2025-NR114 which asked the provincial and federal governments to support a Canada-first local government procurement strategy by facilitating local and domestic sourcing opportunities, encouraging local governments to review their procurement practices, and providing policy and financial support to strengthen Canadian supply chains; and
- 2025-NR115 which asked the provincial and federal governments to take immediate action to reduce and eliminate interprovincial trade barriers, improving market access for Canadian businesses and enabling local governments to procure goods and services from across the country more efficiently.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

Section RR - Regional Resolutions (not for referral to UBCM; action through AKBLG)

These resolutions address an issue which is specific to the AKBLG Region and/or the enactment clause directs only the AKBLG Area Association (and not UBCM) to consider taking action. Endorsed AKBLG region-specific resolutions will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration by the UBCM membership but will instead remain with AKBLG where they will be considered for actioned by the AKBLG Executive.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RR1 Youth Detox and Treatment Centre

Cranbrook

Whereas there is an urgent need for publicly funded beds to support youth (0-18 years of age) struggling with drug and alcohol addiction in southeastern British Columbia (SE BC);

And whereas the closest treatment centres serving youth are located in Kamloops for detox and recovery, an eight-hour drive from Cranbrook, and in Kelowna for recovery, a six-hour drive from Cranbrook;

And whereas there is no public transportation linking SE BC with Kamloops or Kelowna;

And whereas a parent or guardian is required to accompany their child and remain there at their expense while their child participates in detox (Kamloops) and waits for a recovery bed to become available (Kamloops or Kelowna), resulting in hundreds of dollars in personal expenses for travel, accommodation and meals:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC Government, through the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Health, provide a minimum of 10 publicly funded detox and treatment beds for youth, to be located in a centre in southeastern British Columbia.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be too regional in focus for the UBCM membership.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee Recommendation:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommends endorsement of this regional resolution, noting it was unanimously endorsed at the 2025 Convention. The Committee also recognizes the Board's intent to strengthen advocacy efforts and build a comprehensive resolutions database to ensure continuity from year to year. As 2026 has been a foundational year for developing this program, renewed endorsement will support more active advocacy moving forward.

TRANSPORTATION

RR2 Columbia and Western Rail Trail

Kootenay Boundary RD

Whereas the Columbia and Western Rail Trail is an important recreation corridor, economic driver, historic asset, alternate escape route for residents of Christina Lake in the event of wildfire, and critical access route for 76 residences along the western side of the Lower Arrow Lake;

And whereas when the Province of BC disestablished the Trail as recreation trail in 2019, it assured the public that recreational access would continue, yet it has now designated the Trail a non-status rail grade which means the corridor will not receive funding, maintenance or management:

Therefore be it resolved that Province of BC be urged to reverse its decision to designate the Columbia and Western Rail Trail as a non-status rail grade and to work with user groups and other ministries, both federal and provincial, to identify, mitigate and proactively manage safety concerns.

UBCM Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **None offered**

UBCM Resolutions Committee Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be too regional in focus for the UBCM membership.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

ASSESSMENT

RR3 Tourist Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act

Golden

Whereas the *Tourist Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act* provides preferential assessment relief to certain Class 6 tourist accommodation properties, resulting in reduced assessed values for taxation purposes and corresponding shifts in the property tax burden to other property classes within municipalities and regional districts;

And whereas changes in the tourism, housing, and short-term rental landscape since the Act's introduction, together with past UBCM advocacy and subsequent legislative amendments, warrant renewed examination of the Act's ongoing relevance, impacts, and alignment with contemporary local and provincial government objectives, including tax equity, revenue stability, and housing affordability:

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG undertake further research into the regional impacts of the *Tourism Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act*, including its interaction with property classification regulations, and report its findings to the membership for consideration of future advocacy to the Province, including potential reform or repeal of the Act.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on for further research into the regional impacts of the *Tourism Accommodation (Assessment Relief) Act*, including its interaction with property classification regulations, and report its findings to the

membership for consideration of future advocacy to the Province, including potential reform or repeal of the Act.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has previously endorsed resolutions seeking to have the tax class for short term rentals be classified as Class 6 (2024-EB91, 2020-EB45, 2019-B34).

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

AKBLG Resolutions Committee comments:

The AKBLG Resolutions Committee has been advised that the Sponsoring Local Government (Town of Golden) intended this resolution **to be considered regional** rather than for UBCM review.

SPECIAL/LATE RESOLUTIONS

Excerpt from AKBLG Bylaws:

LATE AND SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 9.4 Resolutions received after the annual submission date and at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be considered *Late Resolutions* and shall comply with all other submission requirements.
- 9.5 *Late Resolutions* shall be held over until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9.6 Notwithstanding s. 9.5, the *Resolutions* Standing Committee may review and submit to the membership as a *Special Resolution* any *Late Resolution* pertaining to a unique and unforeseen event or circumstance requiring time-sensitive attention and having occurred since the submission deadline.
- 9.7 A *Special Resolution* requires a two-thirds vote in support of consideration prior to being introduced onto the floor of the Annual General Meeting, and may only be introduced after all *Ordinary Resolutions* have been considered, unless two-thirds of the Delegates present determine to hear the resolution immediately.

SR1. Replacement for Community Housing Fund

AKBLG

WHEREAS the housing crisis across the Province continues to cause measurable harm to renters, working families, seniors, and employers, with rental vacancy rates at or near zero across much of the region, creating serious challenges for workforce recruitment and retention in rural communities; and

WHEREAS the suspension of the Community Housing Fund has stranded shovel-ready affordable housing projects in every region of the province where non-profit societies and municipal partners spent years on public consultations, land contributions, rezonings, and pre-development work in good-faith reliance on provincial programs, and where the loss of Community Housing Fund financing has collapsed projects that depended on BC Builds and other provincial and federal funding streams working in combination, a situation the BC Non-Profit Housing Association estimates has cost the sector \$15 million province-wide;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of BC Municipalities demand the Province of British Columbia establish a replacement for the Community Housing Fund that prioritizes previously submitted applications through a formal resubmission process and ensures small and rural communities are prioritized in any federal-provincial housing framework.

AKBLG Resolution Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

AKBLG Resolution Committee comments:

The Resolution Committee submits this Late Resolution as a Special Resolution given that it pertains to an unforeseen event requiring time sensitive attention (per Section 9.6 AKBLG Bylaws).

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