

2025 AVICC RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

PART 1 – SPECIAL & EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

SR – Special Resolutions

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There are no Special or Extraordinary Resolutions to consider for 2025.

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TRANSPORTATION

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		ENDORSED

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R26 Child Care Licensing Regulations District of Oak Bay
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ENDORSED

R32 Provincial Disaster Debris Plan RD Nanaimo
ENDORSED

R33 Major Planned Events Advocacy Comox Valley RD
ENDORSED

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R34 Hybrid Wolfdogs RD Nanaimo
ENDORSED

R35 Provincial Support for Addressing Feral Rabbits District of Saanich
ENDORSED

R36 Provincial Waste Hauler Licensing RD Nanaimo
ENDORSED

R37 Solid Waste Management Approvals RD Nanaimo
ENDORSED

FINANCE

R38 Infrastructure and Capital Projects Requiring Elector Approval City of Nanaimo
ENDORSED

R39 Improvement Districts Policy Revision qathet RD
ENDORSED

LAND USE

R40 Private Managed Forest Lands Nanaimo RD
ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R41 Transit Fees for Seniors District of Oak Bay
WITHDRAWN

R42 Traffic Controls at Inactive Railroad Crossings Town of Qualicum Beach
ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R43 Payment In Lieu of Works and Services for Land Development City of Nanaimo
ENDORSED

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ENDORSED

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LAND USE

Cowichan Valley RD

R1) Addressing Local Community Concerns with Private Managed Forest Lands

Whereas population growth within the Cowichan Valley Regional District, like much of Vancouver Island, is concentrated in the fertile lower portions of our watersheds and is reliant upon surface and groundwater originating in the undeveloped upper watersheds;

And whereas while the entire Cowichan Valley Regional District lies on unceded First Nations territory, the majority of the land in the upper watersheds on eastern Vancouver Island is privately managed forest lands over which local governments have little or no authority regarding forest management activities which impact the hydrologic cycles and the availability of water to meet community and ecological needs:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request that the Province of BC and the Ministry of Forests complete the currently stalled Private Managed Forest Land Program Review and reform the *Private Managed Forest Lands Act* to ensure that forest management on private lands prioritizes the protection of ecological values while providing economic benefits to communities and allowing for local government input to resource harvesting activities within the watersheds that support their communities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R2) Island Rail Corridor

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

Whereas wildfires and other emergencies have, and may again, present an ongoing threat to communities on Vancouver Island, including the closure of Highway 4;

And whereas the Island Corridor includes a West to East section of rail that connects the City of Port Alberni to the City of Parksville and Eastern communities of Vancouver Island, providing an alternative transportation route for both the movement of people and goods in the event of a highway closure and offer a greater ability to attack wildfires in that part of the region;

And whereas a minimal investment to the West to East Rail connection would be required to facilitate the use of Hi-Rail busses, trucks, and firefighting equipment at low speeds on this section of the rail line:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request that the province of British Columbia prioritize funding the minimum required upgrades to the West to East section of the Island Rail Corridor to allow for its use in the event of a wildfire or highway closure.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R3) Power Supply Investment North Island

District of Port Hardy

Whereas reliable and sustainable power supply is critical to supporting economic diversification, enhancing infrastructure, and ensuring the growth of rural communities in the North Island (North of Campbell River);

And whereas increased power capacity will support economic investment in industries transitioning to sustainable practices, such as aquaculture, mining exploration, and other economic investment, while encouraging the development of green energy projects in the region:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC requests that the provincial government commit to upgrading the power supply infrastructure on the North Island, including those communities North of Campbell River, ensuring sustainable and reliable energy delivery that supports economic growth, green energy projects, and the region's transition to a diverse and resilient economy.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R4) Mental Health and Addictions Resources for Youth

City of Parksville

Whereas increasing mental health and addiction issues amongst youth (18 - 28 years), combined with a lack of mental health and addictions resources and services, is a growing problem in local governments across British Columbia;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for youth mental health and addictions services throughout the province;

And be it further resolved that the province report out on deliverables and results of expenditures on mental health and addictions supports for youth with an analysis of the effectiveness of implemented programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R5) Volunteer Fire Department Funding Model

Sunshine Coast RD

Whereas volunteer fire departments in rural and remote areas are burdened with longer and more frequent call outs to attend downed powerlines, motor vehicle incidents and other emergency calls until BC Hydro or BC Ambulance arrives on scene;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to review the funding model for volunteer fire departments to include reasonable and proportional funding from BC Hydro, BC Ambulance, and ICBC to reduce the burden on local tax payers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R6) Fire Inspections and Investigations

Comox Valley RD

Whereas the *Fire Safety Act* came into effect on August 1, 2024 and now requires local governments to appoint fire investigators / inspectors across their jurisdictions but in particular for those areas that may not have fire protection or are challenging to access (due to remoteness);

And whereas local governments, particularly in rural and remote areas, face significant logistical and resource challenges and do not have staff or funding in place to do inspections/investigations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government, as stated in the recently released *Fire Safety Act*, have the Local Fire Service Advisors perform fire inspections and investigations for regional districts and have it be continued in perpetuity.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R7) Non-migratory Resident Canada Geese

District of Metchosin

Whereas the current population of non-migratory, resident Canada geese (*Branta canadensis moffitti*) are not native to this area and are increasing in numbers each year to an estimated 9,000 to 11,000 according to recent bird counts;

And whereas non-migratory, resident Canada geese are an ongoing destructive element to agriculture through the disruption of growing fields, the consumption of crops, and the risks posed by avian influenza and E. coli contamination, presenting risks to food security and the broader environment:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM work with provincial agencies such as the Ministry of Environment in concert with Canada Wildlife Services to undertake effective action to protect agriculture and the environment including establishing a goose cull program to deal with non-migratory resident Canada geese populations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R8) Financial Incentives for Residential Rainwater Catchment Systems

District of Tofino

Whereas water security, drought, and climate change are critical issues affecting communities across the Province of British Columbia, with many communities facing challenges related to aging water infrastructure and increasing demand;

And whereas incentivizing the implementation of residential rainwater catchment systems can alleviate pressure on water supply challenges in drought affected communities:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to offer rebates or financial incentives for residential rainwater catchment systems to help increase water supply and promote efficient water use practices.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9) Conserving BC Landfill Capacity

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the available capacity of landfills in British Columbia is rapidly diminishing, posing a significant challenge to effective waste management and environmental sustainability;

And whereas landfill airspace is a critical component in recovery from disaster and emergency events:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province develop a long-term waste management strategy that supports a circular economy, prioritizing waste reduction, material reuse, and recycling, while maintaining resilience in the event of emergencies or disasters.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10) Sustainable Funding for Landfill Gas Regulation Compliance

Comox Valley RD

Whereas the new provincial landfill gas regulations present disproportionate financial challenges for smaller local governments, exacerbating existing disparities in service delivery capacity;

And whereas compliance costs, including infrastructure upgrades, specialized training, ongoing monitoring, and maintenance, represent a significant financial strain for communities with limited revenue streams:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to develop a sustainable funding model that recognizes the diverse financial capacities of local governments and provides targeted financial assistance to ensure equitable implementation of the landfill gas regulations across British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11) Legislating the BC Coastal Marine Strategy

**City of Langford
District of Saanich**

Whereas in July 2024, following extensive consultation with First Nations and stakeholders, the Province of British Columbia released its first ever Coastal Marine Strategy, providing a 20-year vision of a “diverse, productive and resilient coastal marine environment that is valued in its own right and that supports the prosperity, health and well-being of coastal communities now and into the future”;

And whereas the Coastal Marine Strategy details nine important goals (diverse marine life; abundant wild Pacific Salmon; a clean coast; climate-ready communities; a sustainable coastal economy; vibrant coastal communities; trusting, respectful relationships; a robust tool kit; and integrated and balanced management), but does not have the force of law, and codifying the Strategy into law would support its success and longevity rather than leaving it dependent on the priorities of the government of the day:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the Province of British Columbia to enshrine the BC Coastal Marine Strategy into law.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R12) Provincial Circular Economy Strategy

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has recognized that the traditional linear economic model of “take, make, waste” leads to waste, environmental harm, the over-consumption of resources, and diminishing landfill capacity, and has committed to working toward a circular economy through its Clean BC Plan;

And whereas despite some initial efforts, including a strategy pre-engagement exercise, work through the Province’s extended producer responsibility programs, and the CleanBC Plastics Action Fund, a comprehensive strategy to address the systemic change necessary to transition BC’s economy to a circular model has not yet been adequately pursued and developed:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province take meaningful action to develop a comprehensive Circular Economy Strategy which includes public education and economic development considerations, such as expanding the province's remanufacturing and re-processing capacity for recyclable materials.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13) Sustainable Funding for Small Water Systems

Comox Valley RD

Whereas the small water systems in rural British Columbia, which are administered by local governments, provide essential services to rural residents and communities, yet they face unsustainable financial burdens due to the high costs of water treatment systems, ongoing maintenance, and replacing aging infrastructure, which can amount to millions of dollars;

And whereas it is not possible for rural residents and communities to finance these systems through local taxation alone, threatening the viability of these water systems and the communities they serve, while also posing a significant risk to local food security:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial and federal governments to establish long-term sustainable funding programs specifically for small water systems to address high cost and regulatory compliance requirements and to safeguard local food security, and for a collaborative approach to funding and support, including cost-sharing models, grant programs and capacity-building initiatives, to enable small rural water systems to remain viable and resilient amidst growing environmental and economic pressures.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

Cowichan Valley RD

R14) Funding Indigenous Governments' Engagement in Local Government Planning Activities

Whereas the Province of BC is implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA) and is required to take a distinctions-based approach in all of its relations with Indigenous peoples to ensure that unique rights, interests, and circumstances of Indigenous peoples are acknowledged, affirmed and implemented;

And whereas local governments are committed to reconciliation and seek meaningful engagement with Indigenous governments in community and regional planning activities, such as climate mitigation and adaptation plans, emergency management plans, regional growth and servicing strategies, and official community plans, that may uphold the unique rights, interests, and circumstances of Indigenous peoples:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province of BC provide dedicated funding streams to support Indigenous governments' participation in local government community and regional planning activities to support reconciliation and implementation of DRIPA.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R15) Sustainable Growing Communities Fund

**City of Parksville
Nanaimo RD**

Whereas local governments in British Columbia face increasing demands for essential services and infrastructure due to significant population growth, with the province's population reaching an estimated 5,646,467 as of April 1, 2024, marking an annual growth rate of 3.3% - the highest since 1971;

And whereas the primary revenue source for local governments, property taxes, is regressive and places a disproportionate burden on lower-income households, while the costs of infrastructure projects continue to rise at a rate that outpaces consumer inflation, making it increasingly difficult for local governments to meet community needs:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to establish a sustainable, recurring "Growing Communities Fund" to generate \$1 billion annually through progressive taxation, distributed to local governments using the same formula as the 2022 fund, thereby providing equitable and sustainable financial support for local governments across the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TAXATION

R16) BC Port Tax Cap

North Coast RD

Whereas a number of communities in BC host federal port facilities within their jurisdiction;

And whereas many of these communities struggle with raising taxation revenue to support infrastructure deficits and service provision;

And whereas the BC government has restricted municipal taxation on ports under the *Ports Property Tax Act*;

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the BC government to remove or increase the port tax cap thereby ensuring that port industries pay a fair share of taxes in the local communities in which they operate.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R17) Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Remote Communities

qathet RD

Whereas BC Hydro has prioritized the development of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in urban areas and along high-volume traffic corridors;

And whereas rural areas face significant gaps in access to public EV charging infrastructure, which limits EV adoption and creates barriers to equitable access for residents and travelers in these regions:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that BC Hydro develop a separate strategy to provide access to public EV charging stations in rural areas, ensuring that all regions have access to reliable and accessible EV charging infrastructure.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18) Support and Resourcing for Active Transportation Projects**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas the Province of BC has developed the British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide as an initiative of CleanBC to provide consistent, appropriate planning and engineering guidance on the design of active transportation infrastructure, for jurisdictions of all sizes across BC, including urban and rural communities;

And whereas the Province of BC is committed to working collaboratively in partnership with local governments to plan for active transportation as part of the BC Active Transportation Strategy, Move.Commute.Connect, that works towards creating community-specific active transportation networks that are safe, accessible and convenient for a wide range of uses for all ages and abilities;

And whereas the Province of BC, under the Clean BC initiative, recognizes that the Provincial road system is a crucial connection for active transportation users – especially in more rural areas:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Ministry of Transportation and Transit commit the necessary staff resources to work with local governments to support the planning, design, and expedient approval and development of active transportation infrastructure along rural Provincial roadways, consistent with the Active Transportation Design Guide, to improve the safety and mobility of active transportation users in rural areas in efforts to achieve the provincial target of doubling the proportion of trips taken using active transportation by 2030.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R19) BC Ferry Advisory Committees**North Coast RD**

Whereas Ferry Advisory Committees provide route-specific input and advocacy and exist as part of BC Ferries' strategic goal to be customer and community centred;

And whereas BC Ferries has dissolved the Ferry Advisory Committees;

And whereas the BC Government's Coastal Ferry Services Contract, last amended on March 31, 2024, states that it is committed to "ongoing engagement in support of provincial reconciliation efforts;":

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the BC government to amend the Coastal Ferry Services Contract and include a provision for BC Ferries to develop an engagement framework that meaningfully considers input from local governments and Indigenous communities that rely on the BC Ferry System.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20) Emergency Road Network Planning**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas rural communities cannot meet the challenges of climate change without a climate change and emergency management strategy for critical transportation networks;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Transit is not required to participate in local government planning processes;

And whereas planning for growth in our communities is not feasible in the absence of any road network planning by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province instruct the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to collaborate with local governments on emergency access road plans for rural and unincorporated areas, upon request.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

Village of Daajing Giids

R21) Provincially Funded WorkSafe BC Coverage – Elected Officials

Whereas WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation does not cover elected officials, as currently elected officials e.g., provincial municipal and regional district government, school or library boards, etc. are not considered workers or employers under the *Workers Compensation Act* and, therefore, the Act does not apply to them in this capacity;

And whereas in the course of serving their constituents, elected officials are increasingly being subjected to escalating incivility such as harassment, intimidation and altercations;

And whereas the Province, the Ministry of Labour, and WorkSafeBC take the safety of all workers in British Columbia seriously and recognize the importance of the health and safety of all British Columbians who are active in both the private and public sectors of the economy:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province and the Ministry of Labour amend the *Workers Compensation Act* to include, and provincially fund, WorkSafe BC coverage for, all elected officials doing this necessary work on behalf of British Columbians.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22) Provincial Consultation on Legislative Changes

City of Parksville

Whereas the Province has enacted a significant volume of legislative and regulatory amendments affecting the authority of local governments, and these changes span across multiple, diverse topics and require specialized knowledge to implement locally;

And whereas many British Columbia local governments are small organizations with a lean staff and fixed capacity, and local governments have not received permanent core funding to increase capacity for ongoing demands of new legislation, and multiple changes province-wide limits the availability of qualified consultants to create temporary capacity:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to:

- conduct meaningful technical level consultation with local governments about the feasibility and practicality of implementation, prior to amending legislation that affects the capacity and authority of local governments;
- to consider reasonable timelines for local governments to adapt to legislative changes;
- to consider the timing of multiple significant changes to core legislation across multiple topics;
- to coordinate the release of regulations and policy with statute amendments to assist local government staff in meeting timelines; and

- provide sustained core funding to local governments to accompany permanent changes that create additional workload for local government staff.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R23) Forestry Industry and Fibre Decline

City of Port Alberni

Whereas hundreds of jobs have been lost in the forest industry in BC in 2024, and hundreds more are at risk due to the increasing cost and difficulty of accessing fibre and multiple other reasons;

And whereas this forest industry crisis has the potential for declines in population as well as declines in industrial property tax revenues in dozens of communities throughout British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to accelerate efforts to make more fibre available to mills at risk and work with industry as well as other stakeholders to find ways to reduce the cost of fibre delivered to the mills.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R24) Mental Health Support for Elected Officials

Islands Trust

Whereas the stresses faced by local elected officials are increasing due to a degradation in the tone of civil discourse;

And whereas additional mental health supports for local elected officials would be beneficial beyond what is provided by Medical Services Plan and extended health plans:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to implement initiatives that offer mental health supports tailored to the needs of local elected leaders in British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

City of Langford

R25) Free Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy as part of Postpartum Care in British Columbia

Whereas people who are postpartum may experience pelvic floor dysfunction, including incontinence, pain, and prolapse, as a direct result of pregnancy and childbirth, which significantly impacts quality of life, mental health, long-term physical well-being and creates inequitable financial burdens;

And whereas the Canadian Physiotherapy Association recognizes pelvic floor physiotherapy as an evidence-based, non-invasive treatment option that improves postpartum recovery; however, the lack of both equitable access to pelvic floor physiotherapy and education about the benefits contributes to healthcare costs associated with untreated pelvic floor dysfunction, including corrective surgeries, chronic conditions and the expense of personal hygiene products:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the provincial government to work with healthcare professionals, including physiotherapists, obstetricians, midwives and nurse practitioners to ensure postpartum care involves informing patients about and provides patients equitable access to pelvic floor assessments and physiotherapy services, regardless of income or insurance status;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government implement a program to provide free pelvic floor physiotherapy treatments as part of the standard postpartum care under the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26) Childcare Licensing Requirements

District of Oak Bay

Whereas staffing shortages have led to the unavailability of licensed daycare and after-school care spots;

And whereas childcare service provides the opportunity for youth employment and valuable skills development;

And whereas youth already provide care for school-age children as leaders in summer camps, working as lifeguards, and other areas of demonstrated responsibility;

And whereas childcare facilities are often located in or near high schools:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and AVICC ask the provincial government to modify Section 29 of the Child Care Licensing Regulation to allow certified care staff to include those below the age of 19, particularly for after-school-care of school age children.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

HOUSING

R27) Tiny Homes and Recreational Vehicles

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the use of Recreational Vehicles (RV's) and Tiny homes as an alternative form of affordable housing has become a matter of national importance in the midst of a housing affordability crisis; and despite previously submitted UBCM resolutions addressing tiny homes a satisfactory outcome with respect to this issue has not been achieved;

And whereas in March 2017, members from the modular construction council of the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) drafted and submitted fourteen code change requests (CCRs) to the National Building Code to address the reality that some components and design features within tiny homes do not comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal codes or industry standards;

And whereas the BC Housing Research Centre prepared a research paper titled "Tiny Homes – An Alternative to Conventional Housing" that offers solutions for construction standards specific to tiny homes on wheels so they may be used as permitted dwelling units for full-time living;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the Province to advocate for and provide incentives to industry groups to revisit industry standards such as CSA (Canadian Standards Association), and create a new category specific to moveable tiny homes certified for permanent occupancy that

separates tiny homes from motorized vehicles, towable RVs and temporary small trailers; and to create a new category specific to RV's certified for permanent occupancy;

And be it further resolved that UBCM encourage the Province that as a matter of national importance to advocate for changes to the National Building Code to recognize and define tiny homes as an allowable dwelling unit and provide specific building requirements; and to follow up any such changes with updates to Part 9 of the BC Building Code.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R28) Mandatory Good Neighbour Agreement

District of Sechelt

Whereas local governments across British Columbia are experiencing challenges related to supportive housing and shelter facilities, including concerns about community safety, property maintenance, and local accountability;

And whereas some supportive housing and shelter operators do not consistently engage with local governments or community stakeholders to address concerns, leading to negative impacts on surrounding neighborhoods:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia and BC Housing to require that all supportive housing and shelter operators enter into a Good Neighbour Agreement (GNA) with the local governments in which these facilities operate, to ensure clear expectations regarding community impact mitigation, security measures, and ongoing engagement with local government and residents.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

R29) Province-Wide Ban on Fireworks

District of Metchosin

Whereas the use of consumer fireworks poses risks to public safety, property, and the environment causing significant distress to people suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, individuals with sensory sensitivities, domestic animals, livestock and wildlife;

And whereas many municipalities have already implemented local bans on fireworks, creating a patchwork of regulations across the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to implement a comprehensive, province-wide ban on the sale and use of consumer fireworks, with exceptions for certified professionals conducting authorized displays.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R30) Fire Resilient Forest Practices

Nanaimo RD

Whereas wildfires and interface fires have caused hundreds of millions of dollars of damage to communities in British Columbia, and according to a June 2023 British Columbia Forest Practices Board report, this can be partially attributed to the way forests are managed;

And whereas research shows that monoculture coniferous tree farms are more susceptible to disease, drought, and wildfire while biodiverse forests retain moisture and are more resilient to drought, disease, and wildfire, and that many deciduous trees are fire-resistant:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Government of British Columbia to amend the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, **the *Forest and Range Practices Act***, and the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* to ensure that forests in a 3-km radius surrounding communities and community infrastructure, including community drinking water reservoirs, are fire-resistant, resilient, biodiverse forests, and to ban the practice of using herbicides to kill deciduous trees and undergrowth within these fire resistant biodiversity zones.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED as AMENDED

Town of Qualicum Beach

R31) Sharing Fentanyl Precursors Information with Law Enforcement

Whereas the opioid crisis claimed the lives of more than 2,500 citizens in British Columbia in 2023;

And whereas not all information regarding the distribution of fentanyl precursors is currently being shared by relevant provincial and federal agencies with law enforcement:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM lobby the Province to work with the relevant authorities to ensure pertinent information relating to the distribution of precursors for fentanyl is shared by relevant provincial and federal agencies with law enforcement in a timely manner.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R32) Major Planned Events Advocacy

Comox Valley RD

Whereas local governments, particularly in rural and remote areas, face significant logistical and resource challenges when major planned events occur within or near their jurisdiction, even when these events are outside of local government jurisdictional control and/or enforcement areas;

And whereas such events often require substantial public safety planning and emergency response efforts, yet local governments typically lack the authority to require or enforce event organizers to submit comprehensive emergency response plans, leaving local governments to bear the burden of increased public safety demands and resource strain as a result of these events without the ability to mitigate or control the associated costs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to establish province-wide regulations to address gaps in *Local Government Act* bylaws and event permitting powers, ensuring local governments can recover costs for public safety and emergency services related to major planned events beyond their control, and that adequate support, coordination, and reimbursement be provided for resources used in the management and planning of these events.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R33) Provincial Disaster Debris Plan

Nanaimo RD

Whereas climate change has significantly increased the likelihood of a community experiencing an emergency or disaster event resulting in a sudden increase of debris that requires safe and effective disposal;

And whereas debris from emergency or disaster events will be composed of a variety of divertible materials that if not planned for appropriately, will be sent to landfills, taking up already limited landfill airspace:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province establish a province-wide disaster debris management plan that provides logistical, financial, and operational support for local governments in developing their own disaster and debris management plans and implementing those plans as needed.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

ENVIRONMENT

R34) Hybrid Wolfdogs

Nanaimo RD

Whereas exotic animals and their hybrids are not domesticated and suffer physically and psychologically when bred, kept, displayed and sold in captivity, and may pose public health and safety risks to other animals and people;

And whereas the keeping of most wild animals as pets in B.C. is illegal under the *Wildlife Act*, and hybrid animals, including the breeding of *Canis familiaris* (domestic dog) and *Canis lupus* (wolf) hybrid wolfdogs are not protected by this legislation or the provincial Controlled Alien Species Regulation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to immediately amend either the Controlled Alien Species Regulation or the *Wildlife Act* to prohibit the breeding and keeping of all mixed *Canis familiaris* (domestic dog) and *Canis lupus* (wolf) hybrid wolfdogs, including F1-3 generations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R35) Provincial Support for Addressing Feral Rabbits

District of Saanich

Whereas numerous local governments are struggling with the abandonment and rapid proliferation of feral European rabbits in parks and public spaces, and these invasive animals have a negative impact on ecosystems, native wildlife, urban infrastructure and greenspaces, and public health and safety;

And whereas the current approach to addressing this issue is uncoordinated and poorly funded, placing all of the responsibility on the shoulders of local governments and small underfunded not-for-profits, leading to an inconsistent and ineffective response:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to develop a coordinated province-wide strategy to address the root causes of feral rabbit abandonment across British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R36) Provincial Waste Hauler Licensing

Nanaimo RD

Whereas unreported waste flowing into and/or out of a Regional District undermines that region's ability to understand waste generation and waste material flows, causing incorrect assessments of waste reduction efforts as part of Solid Waste Management Plans;

And whereas regional districts lack the authority to require reporting of waste sent to landfills in or out of their region:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province establish a province-wide waste hauler licensing system, which includes a mandatory waste reporting system and an economic framework to encourage the management of waste within the region where it was generated.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R37) Solid Waste Management Approvals

Nanaimo RD

Whereas regional districts experience lengthy delays in receiving approvals of Solid Waste Management Plans, and those same plans require subsequent program approvals;

And whereas once the plans are approved, regional districts must demonstrate the effectiveness of their solid waste management plans within 10 years, but additional provincial approval requirements often shorten this period, limiting time to assess the plan's impact before renewal:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that once the Minister of Environment and Parks approves a Solid Waste Management Plan, no further approvals be required for a regional district to pursue policy actions outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

FINANCE

R38) Infrastructure and Capital Projects Requiring Elector Approval

City of Nanaimo

Whereas the current infrastructure and capital project funding model in Canada is outdated and unsustainable, as outlined in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' report Making Canada's Growth a Success: The case for a Municipal Growth Framework, leaving local governments with limited options to pay for growth-related infrastructure which is critical for local governments to meet their housing needs;

And whereas British Columbia is the only province in Canada requiring elector approval to allow local governments to borrow money for necessary infrastructure-related projects:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the *Community Charter* to expand the criteria for the type of infrastructure and capital projects that utilize borrowing without the requirement of electoral approval, to better assist local governments in securing adequate funding for projects that are necessary for the delivery of municipal services.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R39) Improvement Districts Policy Revision

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Whereas the Province of British Columbia abdicated their obligation to Improvement Districts through their ill-planned and failing Improvement District Governance: Policy Statement 2006 policy filled with idyllic and unrealistic objectives driven by discriminatory and segregated protocols;

And whereas the acceptance of defeat by Improvement Districts has failed as pride and independence has won over which has led to most, if not all, Improvement Districts being in desperation and beyond the point of no return when they seek conversion, making assets and capital improvement conversions cost prohibitive:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia modernize their policy regarding the ongoing viability of Improvement Districts, ramp up their staffing complement to handle the required Improvement District oversight, look to more practical and cost-efficient methods for conversions, incentivize and reward financially stable and going concern Improvement Districts by enabling them to access borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia and restore the ability for financially stable and going concern Improvement Districts to apply for sustainable sewer and water infrastructure grant opportunities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LAND USE

R40) Private Managed Forest Lands

Nanaimo RD

Whereas the Private Managed Forest Land (PMFL) Program is crucial for sustainable forest management in British Columbia;

And whereas local governments, First Nations, and PMFL landowners have provided comprehensive recommendations in 2019 to enhance the PMFL Program, including better protection of environmental, community, and Indigenous values, and the need for improved regulatory frameworks, enforcement, communication, and transparency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Forests implement the recommendations provided by local governments and First Nations during the 2019 Private Managed Forest Land Program review.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

TRANSPORTATION

R41) Transit Fees for Seniors

District of Oak Bay

Whereas transportation costs can serve as significant barrier to mobility for many British Columbian seniors, and this barrier can contribute to social isolation and adversely affect mental and physical well-being;

And whereas removing barriers to seniors using transit encourages a shift towards more sustainable transportation, helping lower emissions and reducing congestion, while simultaneously increasing affordability, access to essential services, social inclusion, health, and well-being:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to make all public transit free for seniors (aged 65 years or older).

ON MOTION, was WITHDRAWN

R42) Traffic Controls at Inactive Railroad Crossings

Town of Qualicum Beach

Whereas there are many railways that are inactive (where the average daily railway movement is zero), except for railway maintenance traffic, across British Columbia, and there are no active trains on the Southern Railway of BC railway North of Nanaimo;

And whereas the federal *Canada Transportation Act*, the *Railway Safety Act*, and the Grade Crossings Regulation require vehicular traffic to stop at railway crossings, except in limited circumstances, even when the railway is inactive:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM lobby Transport Canada for the amendment of the legislation, including the Grade Crossings Regulation to permit the reconfiguration of railway crossing traffic controls to have railway maintenance traffic come to a stop on the rail at roadway intersections of inactive railway crossings and to remove stop signs for vehicular traffic at these locations.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LEGISLATIVE

R43) Payment In Lieu of Works and Services for Land Development

City of Nanaimo

Whereas Section 506 and Section 506.03 of the *Local Government Act* enable a local government to regulate and require the provision of works and services in respect to the development of land;

And whereas there is no mechanism currently in the *Local Government Act* to allow for local governments to accept payment of money in lieu of the provision of works and services, unlike in other circumstances in the *Local Government Act*:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate for the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to allow for the payment of money in lieu of works and services in respect to the development of land being established through subdivisions and building permits, enabling local governments to pool funding for more impactful projects which could benefit a broader area and better assist in achieving community goals for safety, connectivity or transportation management.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R44) Forestry Industry and Sustainable Fibre

City of Port Alberni

Whereas hundreds of jobs have been lost in the forest industry in BC in 2024 and hundreds more are at risk due to the increasing cost of accessing fibre and multiple other reasons;

And whereas the forest industry crisis has the potential for population declines as well as declines in industrial property tax revenues many communities throughout British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the provincial government to partner financially in localized efforts to ascertain the fibre type and volume available on a sustainable basis, to secure investment in appropriate technologies to maximize the value of that fibre, and to retrain forest industry workers to utilize that approach.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

SELECTED ISSUES

R45) BC Human Rights Tribunal

District of Sooke

Whereas the BC Human Rights Tribunal plays a critical role in upholding and addressing human rights by delivering the “just and timely resolution of discrimination complaints under the British Columbia Human Rights Code” (Tribunal Annual Report, 2023/24, pg. 3);

And whereas a large backlog of complaints and a growing volume of new submissions has led to extensive adjudication delays that exacerbate the harm experienced by complainants, leaving British Columbians without timely support or closure;

And whereas additional provincial funding committed in 2023 has improved timelines but is nonetheless proving insufficient in effectively processing existing and new case files:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and the UBCM ask that the Province of British Columbia act immediately on Recommendation #12a of the BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner’s From Hate to Hope report, namely that “The Attorney General should take steps to enable the BC Human Rights Tribunal to be more responsive to hate, including by: a. Ensuring adequate funding to the Tribunal to effectively process complaints.”

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

PART 4 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

Late Resolutions are the resolutions received after the February 6, 2025 resolutions deadline, and before the April 9, 2025 deadline for Late Resolutions. Late Resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion **ONLY** if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. The Resolutions Committee evaluated the Late Resolutions submitted and made recommendations according to the *Convention Rules*. The *Report on Late Resolutions* was distributed to delegates onsite at the convention, and posted on the website, on April 11, 2025.

Due to time constraints, the Report on Late Resolutions, as distributed to members and delegates on April 11, 2025, was not considered. Sponsors of Late Resolutions are encouraged to submit their resolutions to UBCM by the June 15, 2025 deadline.

PART 5 – OFF-THE-FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

Off-the-Floor Resolutions are the resolutions submitted after the April 9, 2025 deadline for Late Resolutions, per the procedures outlined in the *Convention Rules*.

Due to time constraints, the Off-the-Floor Resolutions were not considered. Sponsors of Off-the-Floor Resolutions are encouraged to submit their resolutions to UBCM by the June 15, 2025 deadline.