

LMMA RESOLUTION DISPOSITION

The following report outlines the disposition of resolutions debated at the 2006 AGM and Convention held on May 10, 11 and 12, 2006.

ER1 NAME CHANGE

LMMA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the name of the Association be changed to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association to better reflect the make up of the membership.

ENDORSED

RR1 SECURITY GUARD DOGS

City of Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to act as quickly as possible to establish and enact appropriate guidelines, standards and validation processes for security guard dogs that will ensure all dogs used for security purposes have at least a standard basic level of training and that effective monitoring and enforcement measures are in place to ensure that these province-wide training standards are strictly adhered to by all licensed security companies in the province.

ENDORSED

RR2 ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

City of Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government establishes a program requiring an annual safety inspection for all commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than 4,500 kg.

ENDORSED

RR3 WEST NILE VIRUS

City of Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities encourage the provincial and federal governments to accept full responsibility, including funding, for all activities related to implementing local prevention and response measures, including public education, in the defense against West Nile Virus.

ENDORSED

RR4 CIVIC ELECTION VOTING AGE IN BC

City of Port Moody

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities ask the provincial government to decrease the civic election voting age to 16.

NOT ENDORSED

RR5 CIVIC ELECTION TERM LENGTH IN BC

City of Port Moody

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities ask the provincial government to increase the interval between civic elections from three years to four years.

ENDORSED

RR6 HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

City of Port Moody

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Health be informed of the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities' concern over the downloading of responsibility for health to local government through one-time grants under the Community Health Promotion Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Health be encouraged and financially support the Fraser Health Authority in increasing its efforts to promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention.

ENDORSED with the following amendment:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Health be encouraged to provide sustainable financial support to Health Authorities in increasing their efforts to promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention.

ENDORSED as AMENDED

RR7 HIGHER STANDARD REQUESTED FOR THE REQUIRED BUILDING CODE FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

District of North Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association urge the Province to revise the *British Columbia Building Code* to require buildings occupied by persons who require special care or treatment because of age or cognitive or physical limitations to be assigned a higher standard than presently required.

WITHDRAWN BY THE SPONSOR

RR8 DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY

City of Vancouver

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government review Class 6 in order to establish a new class or classes to promote fairer assessment for tax purposes, especially for small businesses including retail establishments.

REFERRED BACK TO THE SPONSOR

R1 RCMP FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

City of Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments be urged to renegotiate the provincial/federal cost sharing agreements to re-establish the 1990 rates, of which the federal share was 30%, to enable municipalities to further increase their crime fighting and prevention resources:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association, the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be urged to lobby the federal and provincial governments in support of this motion.

ENDORSED with the following amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments be urged to renegotiate the provincial/federal cost sharing agreements to increase the federal share to 30% funding, to enable municipalities to further increase their crime fighting and prevention resources:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association, the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be urged to lobby the federal and provincial governments in support of this motion.

ENDORSED as AMENDED

**R2 REGULATION OF HYDROPONIC AND
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA BUSINESSES**

LMMA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province amend Section 59 of the *Community Charter* to give municipalities the clear authority to impose requirements on hydroponics and drug paraphernalia businesses, to the same extent they can impose requirements on second hand businesses.

ENDORSED

R3 AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SPRINKLER BYLAWS City of Abbotsford

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Lower Mainland local governments request that the provincial government grant authority to local governments to establish sprinkler bylaws to increase life safety to occupants and to minimize property damage caused by fire.

ENDORSED

R4 SUPPORTIVE RECOVERY HOUSES City of Abbotsford

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urges the provincial government to regulate all supportive recovery residences, regardless of the number of prescribed services provided.

ENDORSED

R5 MAIL BALLOTS Fraser Valley Regional District

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities amend the Electors and Elections legislation in the *Local Government Act* to allow all eligible electors the opportunity to vote by mail ballot in election and other voting opportunities.

ENDORSED with the following amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial government to amend the Electors and Elections legislation in the *Local Government Act* to allow all eligible electors the opportunity to vote by mail ballot in election and other voting opportunities.

ENDORSED

R6 FIREWORKS BAN City of Abbotsford

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Lower Mainland local governments be requested to ban the use of fireworks, except for fireworks licensed for public display.

ENDORSED with the following amendment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all the Lower Mainland Municipal Association encourages all Lower Mainland local governments to ban the sale and use of fireworks, except for fireworks licensed for display.

ENDORSED

R7 FLOOD PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING LMMA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association request that the provincial government take the lead role for flood protection by securing federal and/or provincial funds for flood protection infrastructure.

ENDORSED

R8 FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION STUDIES AND CAPITAL WORKS Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to re-establish funding for flood protection studies and capital works.

ENDORSED

R9 FRASER RIVER FLOOD CONTROL GRAVEL AND SEDIMENT REMOVAL District of Kent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial Ministry of the Environment and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans be requested to allow substantial gravel and sediment removal from two areas:

1. the junction of the Harrison and Fraser River;
2. adjacent to the outflow from the Hammersley Pumping Station.

ENDORSED

R10 DEFINITION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE DITCHES District of Kent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans be requested to identify the difference between natural streams and engineered ditches designed to drain agricultural land and allow unrestricted maintenance of drainage ditches.

ENDORSED

R11 PLASTAX ON PLASTIC BAGS FOR A "GREEN FUND" District of North Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial and federal governments to impose a PlasTax on plastic bags similar to the Government of Ireland.

ENDORSED

R12 PRODUCER PAY RECYCLING

City of Port Moody

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association request that the provincial government adopt producer pay mechanisms for municipal compensation for waste, such as those adopted in Ontario and Quebec.

NOT ENDORSED

**R13 CROSS-BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
(Air Quality Agreement)**

City of Abbotsford

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal Government of Canada to implement its responsibilities under the terms of the Canada-USA Air Quality Agreement in order to ensure that the interests of Canada's residents and communities are defined and presented as part of any future trans-boundary air quality decision making process.

ENDORSED

R14 ONLINE TUTORING

LMMA Executive

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities petition the Minister of Education to fund online tutoring in British Columbia.

ENDORSED

**LR1 HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS
FOR RURAL AREAS**

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to engage the federal government, local government and industry in order to ensure that rural BC is connected with broad band internet service.

ENDORSED

LR2 BOARDS OF VARIANCE

District of West Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the UBCM petition the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* provisions regarding Boards of Variance, to circumscribe the scope of powers of Boards of Variance, and to provide for an adequate course of appeal for both citizens and local government councils.

ENDORSED

LR3 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY LIMITATION PERIODS City of Langley

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to reduce the ultimate limitation period from 30 years to 10 years.

ENDORSED

**LR4 BILL 30, PERTAINING TO Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCTION**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to immediately set Bill 30 (*Utilities Act* Amendment) aside and return to working with UBCM to complete the commitments of the MOU on Independent Power Projects as quickly as possible.

ENDORSED

**LR5 FUNDING FOR AUTOMOBILE
OCCUPANT EXTRICATIONS City of Surrey**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to amend the Insurance (Motor Vehicle) Act to include fire department and Search and Rescue unit charges for automobile occupant extrication services in the mandatory basic motor vehicle insurance coverage and that this funding be used to make reimbursements to fire departments and Search and Rescue units that are involved in providing this service.

ENDORSED