

TO: LMLGA MEMBERS
FROM: Councillor Corinne Lonsdale, LMLGA President
DATE: May 12, 2008
RE: RESOLUTION DISPOSITION

RR1 PROVINCIAL HOME OWNER GRANT ELIGIBILITY Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial Home Owner Grant Program be amended to include criteria for the next two tax years following a fire or natural disaster.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RR2 TRANSLINK FARE INCREASES Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities advise TransLink that it is opposed to the proposed transit fare increase;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial and federal governments to adopt provincial and national transit strategies with long-term funding to maintain and expand public transit and incentives to affect transportation demand, modal choice and greenhouse gas emissions.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R1 SALES TAX ON LIQUOR Port Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government pass enabling legislation allowing local governments to levy a 2% sales tax on the sale of liquor within the municipality.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R2 UTILITY COMPANIES GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES Port Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to pass legislation enabling local governments to levy a tax of up to 5% on the gross operating revenues earned by a utility from all sources of their operation within the municipality.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R3 UNBUNDLED PARKING REQUIREMENT

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and Union of BC Municipalities request the Province to make the necessary legislative changes to provide BC local governments the authority to have the option to require unbundled parking in new developments, in support of sustainability commitments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4 LIABILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the Provincial Government to amend the *Negligence Act* to exclude local government from joint and several liability.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R5 RECOVERY OF HIT AND RUN COLLISION COSTS
BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the regulations to the *Motor Vehicle Act*, and specifically Section 107(2)(b) of B.C. Regulation 447/83, be amended so that hit and run damage costs incurred by Local Governments are recoverable from ICBC.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R6 WILDLIFE RESCUE AND ECOSYSTEM RECOVERY
COST ACCOUNTABILITY**

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to enact legislation to require wildlife rescue and ecosystem recovery be part of standard oil spill response activities either on land or in water;
2. The Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to explore appropriate measures to streamline governmental responsibilities in spill events;
3. The Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to enact legislation to require payment of those costs attributable to wildlife rescue and ecosystem recovery caused by spill events to be borne by the Responsible Party;
4. The Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to explore the feasibility of a Liability Trust Fund to provide funding for spill event remediation when the Responsible Party cannot be identified or held accountable.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7 COSMETIC PESTICIDE USAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government of British Columbia be requested to amend the applicable sections of the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdictions – Environmental and Wildlife Regulation to allow local governments to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to cosmetic pesticides on all private lands;; and that a province-wide prohibition on use of cosmetic pesticides be supported through amendment of the *BC Integrated Pest Management Act*.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government of British Columbia be requested to amend the applicable sections of the Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdictions – Environmental and Wildlife Regulation to allow local governments to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to cosmetic pesticides on all private lands;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a province-wide prohibition on use of cosmetic pesticides be supported through amendment of the *BC Integrated Pest Management Act*.

ON MOTION, as amended, WAS ENDORSED

R8 MANDATED USE OF BIO FUELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government prohibit in British Columbia the use of bio fuels made from food grains in consideration of the poorest people in the planet.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9 BAN ON PRACTICE OF HANDING OUT THIN FILM SHOPPING BAGS FREE OF CHARGE Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lower Mainland Local Government Association lobby the provincial government to place a ban on the practice of thin film shopping bags being handed out free of charge.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R10 REVENUE SHARING Port Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial government be requested to re-institute revenue sharing with local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11 LOTTERY CORPORATION REVENUE SHARING Port Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to establish an equitable formula to share the profits from British Columbia Lottery Corporation with all BC local governments.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to establish an equitable formula without affecting casino revenue currently allocated to share the profits from British Columbia Lottery Corporation with all BC local governments.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

**R12 CARBON TAX EXEMPTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
WORKING TOWARD CARBON NEUTRALITY Delta**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities ask the Province to rebate the carbon tax revenues collected from local governments that have signed the Charter provided that the monies returned are invested in GHG reduction projects needed to meet the local governments' neutrality commitments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13 FUNDING FOR FRASER RIVER DREDGING Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that senior governments provide adequate long term funding to reinstate the secondary channel dredging program and that the new amalgamated Vancouver Fraser Port Authority be responsible for secondary channel dredging.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14 FLOOD PROTECTION FUNDING Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the Federal government to match the funds being expended by the Province of British Columbia and other provincial governments that implement similar flood protection improvement programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R15 REDUCING EMPLOYEE TAXES FOR HYBRID
VEHICLE CARPOOLING PROGRAMS**

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request senior government to restructure the municipal vehicle taxable benefit policy so that municipal carpoolers using hybrid vehicles are not charged any more tax than users in a comparable conventional fuel vehicle.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16 MUNICIPAL SOIL REMOVAL FEES INCREASE

Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government consider approving an increase to soil removal fees to reflect the true cost of the impacts of aggregate removal on local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R17 FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 4% Insurance Premium Tax that was originally imposed to cover the costs of administering the *Fire Services Act*, less costs directly incurred by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, be redirected to offset the costs of providing Fire Services, including the mandatory fire inspections and investigations imposed by the Provincial Government on local governments.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18 POLICING COSTS

Kent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC adopt a funding policy to pay for policing and protective services similar to that of Health Care and Education.

ON MOTION, was not ENDORSED

**R19 ICBC BY-LAW FINE COLLECTION AND REFUSAL OF
INSURANCE AND DRIVER'S LICENCE RENEWAL**

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend provincial legislation to allow ICBC to collect by-law fines on behalf of local governments and to cancel or refuse to issue insurance or driver's licences for failure to pay municipal by-law fines related to street and traffic related infractions, on behalf of all local governments.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R20 NON-RETURNABLE WARRANTS

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Local governments call upon British Columbia's Attorney General and Solicitor General and the Federal Minister of Justice and the Minister of Public Safety to implement a program to assume responsibility for the return of persons wanted on warrants, where the radius of the warrant is outside of their jurisdiction, thereby enabling an operationally practical and cost-effective transportation policy and ensuring these individuals cannot bring the administration of justice into disrepute by simply fleeing to another jurisdiction.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE APPEARANCE NOTICES

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the Offence Act to allow police to issue appearance notices for bylaw offences.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22 BREACH OF RECOGNIZANCE OFFENCE

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the Offence Act to create an offence for breaching a recognizance.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23 SUMMONS BY MAIL

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend provincial legislation to allow service by summons by registered mail to the registered owner of a motor vehicle, the owner of real property and the registered office of a business corporation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R24 EVIDENCE BY CERTIFICATE

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the provincial legislation to allow evidence by Certificate in municipal bylaw prosecutions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R25 CARE OF “DUALY DIAGNOSED” MENTALLY ILL

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association request that the Provincial Government of BC take all necessary steps to expedite the provision of resources to ensure the mentally ill – particularly those who are dually diagnosed – are provided adequate care in the Health system to allow for proper treatment and dignified living circumstances, and to reduce the draw on municipally funded police resources.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R26 BOUNDARIES OF PINECONE
PROVINCIAL PARK**

Coquitlam

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government delay consideration of this power project proposal until the implementation strategy for the BC Energy Plan is prepared that addresses the cumulative impacts of water power projects while considering the intrinsic and recreational values of crown land and other public resources such as Provincial park in addition to the goals of achieving energy security and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government delay consideration until the implementation strategy for the BC Energy Plan is prepared that addresses the cumulative impacts of water power projects while considering the intrinsic and recreational values of crown land and other public resources such as Provincial park in addition to the goals of achieving energy security and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

ON MOTION, as amended, WAS ENDORSED

R27 POOR PERFORMING INTERSECTIONS

Pitt Meadows

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to work with local governments to identify key intersections that are at LOS of E or F and provide funding for improvements to these failing intersections.

The resolution, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to work with local governments to identify key intersections that are at major regional intersections of E or F and provide funding for improvements to these failing intersections.

ON MOTION, as amended, WAS ENDORSED

R28 RETAINING RIVERVIEW LANDS

Coquitlam

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association support the position of the City of Coquitlam with respect to the future use of the Riverview Lands.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R29 ENCOURAGEMENT OF FUEL-EFFICIENT
SMALL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING**

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the Federal and Provincial governments to encourage industry, through the use of financial incentives, to develop and manufacture more affordable energy efficient small and large equipment so that local governments can have more choice with regard to green purchasing.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R30 BC HYDRO AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Government of British Columbia to amend the *Hydro and Power Authority Act* to provide that municipal legislation is to bind BC Hydro to the extent of any bylaw that requires owners or occupiers of real property to remove unsightly accumulations of graffiti from their property.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

**R31 PROVINCIAL SANCTIONING BODY FOR
PROFESSIONAL COMBAT SPORTS**

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia establish a provincial body for the purpose of regulating and supervising professional boxing, kick-boxing, wrestling, ultimate fighting and mixed martial arts contests and exhibitions.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R32 HUMANE EGG PRODUCTIONS PRACTICES

Pitt Meadows

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to enact measures to ban battery caged egg productions and urge alternate egg production practices that provide humane conditions for laying hens.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R33 CALLING FOR A NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Federal and Provincial Governments which are responsible for providing affordable housing to:

- Urgently work together to prepare a National Housing Strategy, along with a complementary Provincial Housing Strategy, to provide a comprehensive plan to address housing and homelessness issues over the long term through the provision of an adequate continuum of housing, income and support.
- allocate sustained funding, including the use of surpluses and property transfer tax revenue, to support the development and maintenance of affordable housing for those in need, including non-market housing units.
- Work together to establish incentives for the private sector construction of new rental housing including low income tax credits, GST exemptions, and capital cost depreciation allowances.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LR1 NEW ASSESSMENT CATEGORY FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested not to enact this new assessment category for supportive housing targeting vulnerable populations under Section 19 of the Assessment Act.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LR2 NAV CANADA CONSULTATION

Surrey

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) call upon the Federal Government to revisit the legislative framework of Nav Canada to ensure that proper consultation takes place with affected communities and residents;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the LMLGA and the UBCM call upon the Federal Government to ensure that environmental impact studies take place prior to any airspace changes.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED