

REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

RR1 ENERGUIDE PROGRAM

Coquitlam

WHEREAS the federal government recently terminated the EnerGuide for Houses Program, which includes the EnerGuide for Houses Retrofit incentive and EnerGuide for Low Income Households Program, both of which encourage homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient;

AND WHEREAS these programs helped households cope with high-energy costs, cutting their energy bills by an average of 30%, as well as cut greenhouse gas emissions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the federal government to reverse its decision to cancel the EnerGuide Program.

Conference Decision: _____

RR2 DELIVERY OF TAX NOTICES VIA EMAIL

North Vancouver District

WHEREAS current technology makes it both effective and efficient to deliver tax notices by email for those residents that wish to subscribe to this service;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter*, in Section 237, provides that tax notices must be mailed to owners of property:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the *Community Charter* to allow for the electronic delivery of tax notices where requested by property owners.

Conference Decision: _____

LAND USE

R1 COMPENSATION TO LANDOWNERS FOR EXPROPRIATION

OF LAND CAUSED BY RIPARIAN AREA REGULATIONS City of Chilliwack

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia enacted the Riparian Areas Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the benefits of the incurred riparian area setbacks benefit society as a whole;

AND WHEREAS the Riparian Areas Regulation establishes requirements for private landowners to dedicate land for the purpose of protection to Crown owned watercourses;

AND WHEREAS it is the private landowner who bears 100% of the cost of the dedication of these lands:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia establishes a fund to compensate landowners for the expropriation of land caused by the Riparian Areas Regulation.

Conference Decision: _____

R2 TELUS POLE RELOCATION

DELTA

WHEREAS local governments rely upon the cooperation and commitment with multiple outside utility companies to relocate and replace infrastructure in a timely manner for both municipal and utility company improvement/replacement programs;

AND WHEREAS there has been a noticeable increase of municipal roadway and utility company projects being delayed as a result of incomplete Telus above ground utility relocations works:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Telus Corporation be requested to immediately remedy the significant delays to pole relocation and replacement projects and work with local government agencies to complete all works within 6 months of the initial work request.

Conference Decision: _____

FINANCE

R3 FUNDING – FRASER RIVER DEBRIS TRAP

Langley City

WHEREAS Langley City Council does support the Fraser River Debris Trap Operating Committee (FRDTC) initiative to secure stable funding from the provincial and federal governments for the Fraser River Debris Trap;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of the recommendation along with the information from (FRDTC) be forwarded to the City of Langley MLA's Rich Coleman and Mary Polak, MP Mark Warawa, the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Fraser Valley Regional District communities, the Provincial and Federal Ministries for their consideration and action.

Conference Decision: _____

R4 FUNDING OF INTEGRATED POLICE TEAMS

Langley City

WHEREAS it is the expectation by the provincial government of municipal funding for integrated police teams;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there be reconsideration of the expectation of the funding from the municipalities for integrated police teams:

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the funding formula be re-evaluated to a more equitable method.

Conference Decision: _____

R5 PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE
AND RECOVERY COORDINATION

Fraser Valley RD

WHEREAS the provision of Emergency Response and Recovery Coordination is now provided by all local governments in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Emergency Program provides the much needed funding to respond and recover from emergencies wherein approval of the Program has been received and the funding for recovery projects is shareable with 80% funded by the Province and 20% funded by the local government, the challenges of the local government in providing their 20% contribution may cause the project to fail or require further taxpayer assent; and rural electoral areas within a Regional District may not be capable of raising the 20%:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program is requested to consider the amendment of the 80/20 cost share to 100% by the Province reflecting past practice wherein many projects have been at that level throughout the province.

Conference Decision: _____

R6 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR
FLOOD PROTECTIVE WORKS

Fraser Valley RD

WHEREAS local governments within the Lower Mainland have expressed their extreme concern with the inadequate or non-existent funding from senior government for dyking construction, renewal or replacement;

AND WHEREAS the lack of funding and action further exacerbates the threat of high water levels anticipated this spring in the Fraser River as well as other rivers in the Province and this threat is expected to continue over time due to non-removal of gravel and silt aggradation that is not being removed due to fishery concerns:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Federal Government are urgently requested to recreate adequate funding levels through such programs as the Natural Hazard Mitigation Fund and an annual dyking program whereby the necessary protective works can be funded.

Conference Decision: _____

R7 COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
SEARCH AND RESCUE UNITS

Squamish

WHEREAS municipal fire departments are called upon to respond to motor vehicle incidents for the purpose of using specialized equipment to extricate occupants of damaged vehicles and provide scene safety and patient care;

AND WHEREAS municipal fire departments are currently not being reimbursed by insurance companies for the costs of providing this critical service;

AND WHEREAS municipal fire departments are responding outside their municipal boundaries to provide road rescue service and vehicle fire extinguishment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Municipal Association and the Union of British Columbia petition the provincial government to amend Provincial Emergency Program regulations allowing for full cost recovery for fire departments and Search and Rescue units who provide Motor Vehicle Incident response, extrication and vehicle fire extinguishment, outside their municipal boundaries.

Conference Decision: _____

R8 POLICING COSTS

Mission

WHEREAS local governments and their citizens struggle daily with the social and economic blight caused by the ever-increasing infestation of crime in our communities;

AND WHEREAS local governments are being financially crippled by the concurrent rise in policing costs to fight this increasing infestation of crime:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities as its highest priority demand that the federal and provincial governments provide funds to contribute 30% of the costs of policing in communities served by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Conference Decision: _____

R9 DYKING AND DRAINAGE

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS the majority of communities within the Province of British Columbia are situated in proximity to rivers, streams and water bodies, many within floodplains and upon estuaries;

AND WHEREAS there have been insufficient funds available to these communities to maintain and improve dykes, drainage and flood prevention measures, the consequences of which have been highlighted by recent floods throughout the province, and increasing risk of future flooding which could cause significant property damage:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Local Mainland and the Union of BC Municipalities request that provincial and federal governments develop an enhanced, comprehensive and sustainable program for funding of dykes, drainage and flood protection measures for communities in British Columbia.

Conference Decision: _____

R10 SUSTAINED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL
COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING IN BC

North Vancouver City
Maple Ridge

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that collaborative, cooperative planning processes increase the efficiency and maximize the impacts of the investments that all levels of government are making in assisting communities to respond to the increasingly complex and inter-connected social issues they face;

AND WHEREAS the *Community Charter* requires municipal governments to prepare an annual report that may include community social issues, and an integrated, collaborative planning process is a requirement for financial support by many funding sources including provincial and federal governments;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments need support to ensure the existence of appropriate community driven social planning processes in their communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities ask the provincial government to commit to providing sustained financial support for local community social planning processes that serve to support and integrate responses to social issues throughout British Columbia

Conference Decision: _____

R11 FRASER RIVER DEBRIS TRAP

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS the Fraser River Debris Trap serves an important role in removing woody debris that originates from Provincial and Federal Crown land;

AND WHEREAS significant damage to marine infrastructure and shipping will occur if its operation is discontinued:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that federal and provincial governments establish a long term sustainable funding program for the debris trap.

Conference Decision: _____

R12 SUSTAINED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL
COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING IN BC

North Vancouver City

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities ask the provincial government to commit to providing sustained financial support for local community social planning processes that serve to support and integrate responses to social issues throughout British Columbia.

Conference Decision: _____

R13 FUNDING FOR FLOOD PROTECTION

Delta

WHEREAS abnormally high snow packs have accumulated throughout much of British Columbia and the River Forecast Centre is predicting well above normal spring runoff in many river basins;

AND WHEREAS many communities are vulnerable to the threat of flooding from the Fraser River

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested as a matter of urgency to provide immediate funding for municipalities to undertake critical dike upgrades and other flood protection measures as needed, and to develop a long-term, sustainable funding program that will enhance flood protection measures into the future.

Conference Decision: _____

R14 FUNDING FOR FRASER RIVER DEBRIS TRAP Delta

WHEREAS the Fraser River Debris Trap serves an important role in removing woody debris that originates from Provincial and Federal Crown land;

AND WHEREAS significant damage to marine infrastructure and shipping will occur if it's operation is discontinued:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments establish a long-term sustainable funding program for the debris trap.

Conference Decision: _____

R15 FUNDING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE Delta

WHEREAS the scientific community and the BC Provincial Government are agreed that climate change is occurring;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities and residents are on the front line in having to adapt to local climate change issues:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to assist in funding the development and implementation of Local Government climate change adaptation strategies.

Conference Decision: _____

LEGISLATION

R16 MINIMUM SECONDARY SUITE SIZE-BUILDING CODE Langley City

WHEREAS Section 9.36.2.2 of the British Columbia Building Code provides that a secondary suite "cannot exceed 90 m² of finished living area" "40% of the total living floor space (area) of the building it is located in";

AND WHEREAS there is also no provision in the code for a minimum size of secondary suites;

AND WHEREAS these provisions in many cases prevent the creation of legal secondary suites suitable for different sized families;

AND WHEREAS secondary suites can contribute to the availability of affordable housing in British Columbia:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister responsible for Housing be petitioned to revise Section 9.36.1.1 of the BC Building Code to accommodate secondary suites exceeding 90 m² of finished living area" and/or 40% of the total living floor space (area) of the buildings they are located in;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a review be done to determine if it is viable to establish a minimum size criteria and guidelines.

Conference Decision: _____

R17 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 69
OF THE *SCHOOL ACT*

Port Moody

WHEREAS there is a lack of parity between the powers of authority granted to school boards and municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS this lack of parity may cause difficulty for municipal councils to have meaningful and transparent dialogues with the school boards on important issues:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to bring about better harmonization between the school boards and municipal governments by amending Section 69 of the *School Act* that it is in accordance with Section 89-97 of the *Community Charter*.

Conference Decision: _____

R18 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE *SCHOOL ACT* TO PROMOTE
MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT Port Moody

WHEREAS there is a lack of parity between the powers of authority granted to school boards and municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS this lack of parity can cause a real and significant challenge to a municipal government's ability to plan for their communities needs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be urged to amend the *School Act* in an effort to bring more harmonization and parity between municipal governments and school boards by:

Adding a new section to the *School Act*, requiring school boards to engage in meaningful consultation with local governments prior to making decisions, and if necessary require school boards to compensate municipalities in circumstances, where:

- 1) the decision being considered by the school board will result in conflict with the municipality's OCP or;
- 2) the decision being considered by the school board clearly establishes a financial, social or environmental impact or burden on the municipality

Conference Decision: _____

R19 TAXI DRIVERS CHAUFFEUR PERMIT REQUIRED North Vancouver City

WHEREAS Section 36 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* allows any taxi driver whose chauffeur permit is refused, suspended or cancelled by the Superintendent of Police to appeal to the municipal council for re-statement, and on appeal the decision of the council is final;

AND WHEREAS a decision of Council may deprive a driver of his sole means of family income which makes such a decision repugnant to the Council:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Subsections 7 and 8 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, Section 36 be amended so that reference to an appeal lies with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles as do other driving matters related to an individual's driving record.

Conference Decision: _____

R20 MUNICIPAL BYLAW FINE COLLECTION Vancouver

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver loses a significant amount of revenue annually because of unpaid bylaw fines;

AND WHEREAS the unpaid fines relating to Bylaw Violation Notices issued by the Vancouver Police Department since 2003 is in excess of \$870,000;

AND WHEREAS there is a significant problem with disorderly conduct in the Entertainment District and in response to this problem the Vancouver Police Department issued approximately 600 Bylaw Violation Notices for disorderly conduct related offences which were referred to the City Prosecutor in 2006, most of which arose out of incidents occurring in the Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that a meaningful consequence be attached to the bylaw enforcement process generally and specifically in order to deter conduct which detracts from the public's right to enjoy a safe and orderly Entertainment District;

AND WHEREAS the goal of the City is voluntary compliance with City bylaws;

AND WHEREAS the only method currently available to the City for the collection of bylaw fines is a slow, expensive, labour-intensive process:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province and the Insurance Corporation of BC to approve the collection of bylaw fines in the same manner as fines imposed by Violation Tickets under Provincial Statutes.

Conference Decision: _____

R21 DUTY TO RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS Section 120 of the *Community Charter*, "Oath or affirmation of office," requires the Mayor and other members of Council to take an oath of office upon election;

AND WHEREAS the Local Government Elections Regulations 389/93 establishes a prescribed oath to be used where a Council has not established an oath or affirmation by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the prescribed Oath requires that the Mayor and other members of Council "faithfully perform" his or her duties, which would include the Charter's "Duty to respect confidentiality":

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial government to make changes to the prescribed Oath that would make it clear that the Oath includes the "Duty to respect confidentiality" contained in Section 117 of the *Community Charter*.

Conference Decision: _____

R22 SCRAP METAL RECYCLING

Surrey

WHEREAS copper wire theft compromises road user safety, inhibits the promotion of businesses and public facilities;

AND WHEREAS copper wire theft creates a significant risk of electrocution for the public;

AND WHEREAS the replacement of copper wire, following theft, places a heavy financial burden on municipalities and the provincial Ministry of Transportation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities work with the provincial government to establish legislation related to transactions involving scrap metal recycling particularly copper wire, making it more difficult to sell scrap metal wire that is stolen.

Conference Decision: _____

HEALTH

R23 PUBLIC SMOKING BAN

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS second-hand smoke has proven to be a health risk;

AND WHEREAS Bill 10 – 2007 *Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act* forbids a person from smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco in a public place or within a prescribed distance from a doorway, window or air intake of that place;

AND WHEREAS Bill 10 – 2007 does not specifically address patios attached to public places:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Provincial Government further amend the Act to prohibit smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco in a patio attached to a public place.

Conference Decision: _____

R24 SMOKING – TOBACCO CONTROL

White Rock

WHEREAS Bill 10 – 2007 *Tobacco Sales (Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools) Amendment Act* forbids a person from smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco in a public place or within a prescribed distance from a doorway, window or air intake of that place;

AND WHEREAS Bill 10 – 2007 does not specifically address patios attached to public places:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities strongly recommend that the government of the Province of British Columbia take action to further protect British Columbians from exposure to secondhand smoke by including a prohibition on smoking on the patios of hospitality sites and that this prohibition be included in the amendments to the *Tobacco Sales Act*;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities strongly recommend that the government of the Province of British Columbia make Regulation under the amended *Tobacco Sales Act* to specify the distance smokers must be from windows, doors and air intakes and that the distance be at least 7.5 m (25 feet) in accordance with the current, research based, Canada Green Building Council, LEED standard.

Conference Decision: _____

ELECTIONS

R25 LENGTH OF TERM FOR CIVIC OFFICE

New Westminster

WHEREAS costs for elections are high for both individuals and municipalities;

AND WHEREAS most other provinces are adopting a four-year term of office for local government councils:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the Provincial Government of British Columbia to extend the term of civic office for local government councils to four years.

Conference Decision: _____

R26 CIVIC ELECTION – VOTING MACHINES

Pitt Meadows

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, Division 12 regulates Civic Election Voting and specifically the Counting of the Vote processes;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, Division 12, has not taken into consideration the changes in processes necessary when electronic voting machines are being used in an election, such as there being no need to mark a cross on an electronic ballot or to fold an electronic ballot or seal an electronic voting machine before reopening it to count the ballots:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province to make changes to the *Local Government Act*, Part 3, to accommodate electronic voting machines which are now being used by many municipalities.

Conference Decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

R27 LIVE TRAPPING AND RELOCATION OF BEAVERS Langley Township

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment currently prohibits the live-trapping and relocations of beavers;

AND WHEREAS problem beavers can cause major damage to surrounding properties and pose a serious risk to human safety by flooding roads;

AND WHEREAS in certain circumstances non-trapping methods are ineffective for addressing the problem of nuisance beavers:

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request the Ministry of Environment to re-evaluate their stance on live-trapping and relocating beavers.

Conference Decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

R28 TRADE INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY AGREEMENT Burnaby

WHEREAS the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) was negotiated and executive the Provincial Government without sufficient consultation with local government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government be asked to exempt local government from the terms and conditions of TILMA until there has been comprehensive and open consultation with local government and the general public into the need for, terms of, and consequences of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement.

Conference Decision: _____

R29 MUTUAL EDUCATION AND MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION
DURING THE TREATY PROCESS

Squamish

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia, while still committed to the BC Treaty Process has adopted the New Relationship concept to facilitate and expedite opportunities for First Nations who may or may not be engaging in the treaty process;

AND WHEREAS local government is a full member of the Provincial Negotiating Team in the treaty process and, therefore, through consultation plays a meaningful role during all negotiations on matters that may/will impact on local government;

AND WHEREAS lands within local government jurisdictions are being transferred to First Nations with little or meaningless consultation with affected local government; land that must be integrated into the local government planning and development process and be dealt with in a manner that will contribute to First Nations and local government co-existing harmoniously as neighbours with existing communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Lower Mainland Association urging the Province of British Columbia to establish and support a mutual education program to encourage understanding and foster positive relationships between First Nations and local governments;

AND FURTHER that the Province of British Columbia ensure there is meaningful consultation with affected local governments from the outset of any initiative to transfer provincial lands to First Nations.

Conference Decision: _____

R30 TASK FORCE

White Rock

WHEREAS Bill 10 – 2007 Tobacco Sales (*Banning Tobacco and Smoking in Public Places and Schools*) Amendment Act forbids a person from smoking tobacco or holding lighted tobacco in a public place or within a prescribed distance from a doorway, window or air intake of that place but does not specifically address patios attached to public places;

AND WHEREAS that could create inconsistency of standards in local government jurisdictions in the Lower Mainland:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association establish a Task Force with the objective to coordinate efforts to reach consistency of regulations for smoke free public spaces across the Lower Mainland.

Conference Decision: _____

R31 TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR
MOBILITY AGREEMENT (TILMA)

Kent

WHEREAS the BC/Alberta, Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), which was signed without appropriate consultation with local governments and the public, would expose to challenge all government measures that “restrict or impair” trade, investment or labour mobility, unless such measures are specifically exempted from TILMA;

AND WHEREAS TILMA would accord private individuals and corporations the extraordinary right to challenge local government land use planning and other public interest decisions that they allege offend the agreement’s rules, and to seek up to \$5,000,000 in damages arising from each alleged TILMA violation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government negotiate a clear, permanent exception from TILMA for municipalities and municipal organizations or withdraw from the agreement.

Conference Decision: _____

R32 TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY AGREEMENT Coquitlam

WHEREAS the British Columbia – Alberta, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) consists of a set of General Rules and Special Provisions that apply to all government measures such as legislation, regulations, standards, policies, procedures and guidelines that affect trade, investment and labour mobility;

AND WHEREAS the ultimate goal of TILMA is to reconcile all differences in standards between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government indicates that a two-year transition period applies however, TILMA contains a provision that states that no new measures can be introduced after April 3, 2007:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM review and respond to the following concerns:

- i) Ensuring that the TILMA include a clause guaranteeing that any difference in standards be reconciled to the higher standard;
- ii) Why and does the TILMA force lower procurement threshold limits on municipalities;
- iii) What impact will TILMA have on regional district and municipalities?;
- iv) The decisions regarding harmonizing of standards, bylaws, policies and other measures are to be determined by dispute panels. How can local governments ensure that the provincial government will represent their interests before the dispute panel so that regulatory measures cannot be overturned?;

- v) Clarification regarding the proposed two year transition period when some aspects of TILMA apply to local governments beginning April 1, 2007:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government ensure that local governments have the right to choose whether or not to be bound by TILMA and further, that Council encourage the Provincial Government to establish Public Hearings to promote the understanding of TILMA.

Conference Decision: _____

R33 UBCM RESOLUTIONS SESSIONS

North Vancouver District

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities encourages all members of local governments to attend its annual Convention and participate in the resolution sessions of the Convention;

AND WHEREAS it may not be possible for all council/board members to attend the full Convention as delegates:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM consider allowing council/board members who are unable to attend the full Convention as delegates, to attend only the resolution sessions of the Convention in order to speak to resolutions sponsored by their local government.

Conference Decision: _____

R34 PROVINCIAL APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL PLANS

Delta

WHEREAS Local Governments have an obligation to plan and regulate land uses in accordance with established community objectives and are empowered by the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* to create bylaws for these purposes;

AND WHEREAS Local Governments are required under law to refer certain types of bylaws to Provincial agencies for approval and this practice often results in delays in processing applications or implementing policy directives that require the adoption of such bylaws:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government commit to provide a response to Local Government bylaws referrals within 90 days of the receipt of that referral by the appropriate Ministry

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government Ministry, when rendering a decision to not approve a Local Government bylaws, provide a clear rationale as to the reason for the decision including explicit reference to the statutory authority and legal grounds to deny approval of the bylaw.

Conference Decision: _____

R35 MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Delta

WHEREAS the Agreement on International Trade (AIT) and the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) have been entered into by the Province and may be extended to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities generally comply with the intent of the AIT and TILMA procurement provisions, however, in certain instances it may be proper and advantageous for municipalities not to carry out a formal tender process:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested not to enact legislation to impose AIT or TILMA procurement requirements on municipalities.

Conference Decision: _____

R36 MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Langley City

WHEREAS the multiple meanings and spelling of the term Councillor and Councillor cause some confusion among the public;

AND WHEREAS the term Councillor is considered by some to be a masculine term;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to have consistency between the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association request the government of British Columbia to amend the *Local Government Act, Community Charter* and all other relevant legislation to change the title of elected Councillors to Members of Council.

Conference Decision: _____
