

TO: LMLGA MEMBERS
FROM: President James Atebe
DATE: May 11, 2009
RE: **2009 LMLGA RESOLUTION DISPOSITION**

R1 GRANTS AND FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES
OF 5,000 TO 10,000 POPULATION Hope

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government recognize this need and deficiency to provide additional funding for the purpose of providing social programs and functions together to cover the base costs with per capita funding allocations.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R2 INCREASE FUNDING TO COMBAT GANG VIOLENCE Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments provide a long term, annual funding commitment to police forces to combat gang violence and that this funding enable the deployment of highly-intensive gang surveillance operations over an extended period of time.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R3 INCREASE OF MINIMUM WAGE White Rock

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be encouraged to increase the minimum wage.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4 RESTORATION OF THE BUSINESS VOTE

Langley Township

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities work with the Province of BC to reinstate a corporate voting category so that non-resident business owners can exercise their democratic right to vote and participate in the electoral process in the community.

ON MOTION was NOT ENDORSED

R5 REINSTATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS VOTE

Langley City

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association urge the Province of British Columbia to reinstate the corporate voting category enabling non-resident business owners to exercise their democratic right to vote in their business community.

WITHDRAWN by the Sponsor

R6 PROGRAM TO INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT

White Rock

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association request the Union of BC Municipalities take a lead role in researching and developing methods and processes to help increase voter turnout at local government elections.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R7 IMPROVING POST-CERTIFICATION MONITORING PROCEDURES FOR
PROJECTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE BC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ACT

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to initiate a review of the policies and procedures that relate to the post-certification phase of projects authorized under the *BC Environmental Assessment Act* in order to improve transparency and accountability including:

- (i) Clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of the BC Environmental Assessment Office and other government agencies and stakeholders, providing clearer lines of accountability and providing a greater level of municipal involvement during the construction and post-construction monitoring phase of projects

(ii) Creating a mandated system of independent compliance monitoring by a multi-agency group of representatives, comprising federal, provincial, regional and local government representatives that meets at regular intervals throughout the construction and post-construction monitoring phase of the project, and which reports directly to the Environmental Assessment Office for follow-up action with the proponent.

(iii) Creating a more open system of reporting with respect to issues of non-compliance and enforcement action.

(iv) Creating a mandated community liaison committee to facilitate communication between the proponent, regulatory agencies and the local community.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R8 PRODUCT PACKAGING

Fraser Valley RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the province, without delay, add a schedule to the Recycling Regulation that includes all packaging as defined in the *Environment Management Act* and phase in implementation based on environmental impacts including energy savings, landfill space and manageable product categories.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9 BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CANADA RECYCLING CAPACITY

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge both the federal and provincial governments to implement policies and programs that will lead to the creation of increased industrial capacity in British Columbia and in Canada to process recyclable materials;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- mandatory recycled content legislation that exists in some US states be implemented in BC as one policy to increase the demand for old materials; and
- a grant and / or loan guarantee program for recycling plant infrastructure development should also be implemented.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10 KEEPING WATERWAYS CLEAR OF UNSAFE AND UNDESIRABLE
STRUCTURES / BOATS / HOUSES Pitt Meadows

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that other orders of government maintain the waterways within municipal boundaries in a timely fashion removing structures, boats, houses, etc. that have become unsightly or hazardous to the environment, or provide municipalities with the authority to enforce the removal of such structures as they appear in their communities.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ASSESSMENT CLASS Squamish

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province consult with local government and UBCM prior to creating and amending legislation that erodes, infringes or adversely impacts the jurisdiction of local government.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R12 LIMITATION ON MUNICIPAL LIABILITY REGARDING
BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities recommend to the Provincial Government that the *Local Government Act* be amended to include blanket immunity from liability for approving building plans and inspecting buildings, similar to the Vancouver Charter (section 294, sub-section 8).

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13 DEFERRAL OF DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES
FOR NON-PROFIT HOUSING Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities recommend to the provincial government to amend Section 933.1 of the *Local Government Act* to permit the deferral of development cost charges for non-profit housing projects.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R14 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE LIBRARY ACT

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Minister to maintain the core principles of free access to public library service and citizen governance for municipal public libraries as mandated in the *Library Act*.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R15 INTERNET ACCESS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities recommend that free resident access to the internet through public libraries be mandated in the *Library Act*.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16 EXPANDED USE OF SECTION 941 FUNDS PROVIDED
IN LIEU OF PARKLANDS

Squamish-Lillooet RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of BC be requested to amend Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* to provide that funds received under Section 941 may be used for acquisition and improvement of parklands.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R17 PROPOSED TAX AUTHORITY RESTRICTIONS

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities advise the provincial government that Local Government will not support any further fiscal restraints on our local government authority including taxation:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UBCM develop a comprehensive campaign promoting the accomplishments of cities who deliver a wealth of services for only 8 cents of each tax dollar.

ON MOTION, as amended was ENDORSED

R18 FUNDING STRATEGY FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES Langley City

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to develop a province wide funding strategy for residential care facilities, both private and public, that reflects the changing needs of BC's population and both the capital and operational cost drivers;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding strategy reflect the various delivery systems from home care and assisted living, through to and including critical care.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSE

R19 CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM POWER OUTAGES Squamish-Lillooet RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Utilities Commission, or an independent review panel be empowered to investigate, arbitrate and award financial compensation to consumers suffering loss, injury, damage or expense as a result of incidents of power disruption and restoration.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R20 DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL LANDS AND ASSETS BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Disposal of Lands or Improvement order and related policy be amended to require that local Boards of Education seek the approval of a local government prior to disposal and/or lease of school lands and assets in order to determine their financial and legal interests in school lands prior to disposal; and ensure that the community's planning for the use of public lands and assets is protected.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 MAINTENANCE OF UTILITY EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY Pitt Meadows

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province provide municipalities with the means to enforce clean up of graffiti and litter in a timely manner by utility companies, corporations, agencies and any other entity holding property within the boundaries of a municipality.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

LR1 PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARTS CUTS

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial and federal governments to reinstate full funding to the creative sector and related programs and further consider additional investment as part of the economic stimulus programs.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED
