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Dear Mayors and Chair:

Thank you for your letter dated August 5. We appreciate receiving feedback from our members with the goal of improving the annual UBCM Convention.

Our 2019-20 UBCM workplan included a project that would examine the current resolutions process. As part of this project we had planned to consult with the membership. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of this work was put on hold. As soon as it is feasible, the Resolutions Committee will continue with this important effort.

The Resolutions Committee, had begun work on collecting feedback from our members looking for ways to improve the resolutions process. Improvements that might see a reduction in the quantity of resolutions, a reduction in the need for amendments, along with an improvement in the quality and clarity of those resolutions that are put forward for consideration by our members. Improvements brought forward by the Resolutions Committee may result in a requirement for less time for the fulsome debate of resolutions. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of this work was put on hold. As soon as it is feasible, the Resolutions Committee will continue with this important effort.

Once again, we appreciate your feedback regarding the timing of the resolutions sessions for future Conventions.

Best regards,

Claire Moglove

Councillor Claire Moglove
Chair, UBCM Resolutions Committee

CC Mayor Maja Tait, UBCM President
Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Chair UBCM Convention Committee



August 5, 2020

UBCM Convention Committee
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Dear Convention Committee Members:

Re: Designated Time for Resolution Discussions

On behalf of our respective Board and Councils, we would like to express concerns regarding the lack of time designated for proper engagement in the discussion of resolutions at the annual UBCM convention. Understanding that this year's convention is being held virtually and under unprecedented circumstances, we are writing in reference to the planning of future conventions when we are once again able to meet in person.

We feel that the UBCM membership would be better served if the convention schedule could be changed to allow for two uninterrupted days to be set aside at the beginning of the convention to deal with resolutions. While the tours and other events are much enjoyed by convention attendees, they are secondary to the important and necessary business of the Annual General Meeting.

It has been noted that, at past conventions, the membership has been forced to stifle discussion and debate of resolutions. We have also noted the increased use of voting on resolutions as a block. We are concerned that this has watered down the impact of our resolutions, allowing the Province to dismiss them as unimportant. We feel that we must ensure that our resolutions truly represent the will of the membership, and that they are duly debated and formatted before we can expect the Province to take them seriously.

We appreciate all that the Convention Committee does to organize the annual convention, and we thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns as you plan future conventions.

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