

MAINTENANCE OF FOREST SERVICE ROADS

Whereas for years the Provincial Government has approved the establishment of private land parcels that are only accessed by way of Forest Service Roads, which are maintained by and at the discretion of the forest companies that use them;

And whereas the current and expected to worsen downturn in logging activities in BC is resulting in forest companies withdrawing their activities from the bush and ceasing maintenance of those Forest Service Roads, which leaves residents stranded with no access to their properties:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to undertake a review of the province's many Forest Service Roads to determine which ones are critical for the public's access/egress and develop a plan to maintain them as public roads.

LEGISLATIVE CLARIFICATION ON TEMPORARY USE PERMITS

Whereas the *Local Government Act* establishes that a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) may be issued for a term up to three years, and may be renewed only one time for a term up to three additional years;

And whereas there is nothing prohibiting an applicant from applying for a new Temporary Use Permit to get around the prohibition of a second renewal, after the initial permit and one renewal have expired:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to specify that an applicant is not permitted to apply for a new Temporary Use Permit after their initial TUP and one renewal have expired.

VEGETATION CONTROL ALONG POWERLINES

Whereas all of our communities rely on a safe, stable, and reliable electrical power grid;

And whereas we are seeing and experiencing an increase in violent storms that bring down trees and branches on power lines, interrupting power supply and frequently travel:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to ensure that utility companies have the mandate and resources to effectively manage vegetation along power lines to ensure a safe, stable and reliable electrical power supply.

ENUMERATION AND CONSIDERATION OF SEASONAL POPULATIONS

Whereas many grants and public sector planning activities look largely at the population of an area as a determining factor in the grant amount, grant eligibility, and public service availability and levels;

And whereas many communities in rural British Columbia experience a great increase in seasonal population, which puts a strain on existing public services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to begin enumerating the seasonal populations of rural communities and that the seasonal population be strongly considered when looking at grant funding and the establishment of public service levels.

EXPANDED ROLE FOR RCMP AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote communities;

And whereas due to risk analysis, insurance and potential liability the RCMP Auxiliary Program has been severely restricted to the point of limited utility;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Provincial Government and the Attorney General provide the necessary legal, risk and insurance protections to allow the RCMP Auxiliary Program to ride on calls with members to provide valuable assistance, support and safety to our overworked and understaffed RCMP Detachments.

FUNDING FOR RURAL CRIME REDUCTION/PREVENTION GROUPS

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote communities;

And whereas, many rural BC residents are frustrated with the level of services that the RCMP is currently able to offer;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Provincial Government provide regular, ongoing and sustainable funding to support the development and growth of rural safety and crime reduction/prevention groups.

FUNDING FOR RURAL COMMUNITY POLICING RESOURCES

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed when it comes to rural and remote areas of the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Provincial Government and the Solicitor General provide more resources to allow the RCMP to increase staffing resources in rural British Columbia.