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Chair Margo Wagner
Cariboo Regional District
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Cariboo Regional District
File No. 400-50-01

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Referred To CAO/Chair

Dear Chair Wagner:

Re: 2023 NCLGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2023 NCLGA Spring Convention.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2023 UBCM Convention in September.

Please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process, email: jjustason@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

JCFord

Jen Ford
UBCM President

Enclosure

**Provincial Sales Tax Levied on Private Used Vehicle
Sales**

Cariboo RD

Whereas used vehicle sales are an economical and affordable means of attaining motor vehicle ownership for drivers of all income levels, skills, abilities, and ages, where consideration of the vehicle's actual condition, previous use, and costs of functional repairs can be reflected in a final sales price;

And whereas the Province has revised how Provincial Sales Tax is calculated on the sale of used vehicles, resulting in a disconnect between the real market value of used vehicles and the estimated values used to determine taxable value, making vehicle ownership increasingly unaffordable for British Columbians while unduly increasing tax revenues for the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial Ministry of Finance to discontinue the use of the Canadian Black Book as a means of determining the taxable value for used vehicles sales, and return to using the actual sale price of the used vehicle being sold when determining Provincial Sales Tax payable.

Convention Decision:

**Public Notification for Rural Subdivision
Applications**

Cariboo RD

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure currently does not provide policy guidance to provincial approving officers regarding criteria for determining when to engage in a process of public notification or consultation on rural subdivision applications;

And whereas concerns have been expressed about lack of public consultation and consideration for sufficient water supply where a significant subdivision application is being considered by the Provincial Approving Officer in a rural neighbourhood:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to revise its policies, processes, and guidance documents to require the Approving Officer to provide notification to owners and occupiers of land which may potentially be impacted by a subdivision.

Convention Decision:

**Support for Local Governments Implementing the
*Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act***

Cariboo RD

Whereas all levels of government in British Columbia have a role in advancing the principles of reconciliation as set out in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*;

And whereas local governments have statutory obligations in relation to a number of provincial Acts and regulations, which has resulted in expectations on local government to more broadly consider the principles of reconciliation when exercising those statutory obligations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to provide timely clarification, support, and involvement for local governments regarding the expectations and requirements of local governments in advancing commitments to reconciliation and UNDRIP when fulfilling their statutory obligations under relevant provincial legislation.

Convention Decision:

Local Government Involvement in Broadband Improvement Projects

Cariboo RD

Whereas local governments are the level of government which are closest to the communities they serve and are which best understands local needs, knowledge, and opportunities of these communities;

And whereas the current framework for planning, funding, implementing, and announcing broadband improvement projects excludes local governments at every stage beyond the funding application phase, particularly as projects are implemented, resulting in disconnection between projects being supported and projects being delivered:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the BC Ministry of Citizens Services and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to include local governments at all stages of every internet and broadband improvement project and funding application to provide effective means of keeping local elected officials informed and providing an avenue for local knowledge to be incorporated.

Convention Decision:

**Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion
Applications**

Cariboo RD

Whereas amendments to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Agricultural Land Reserve Regulation were amended such that the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is no longer accepting Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Applications from private property owners;

And whereas ALR Exclusion Applications are now only accepted from local governments (or First Nation or other prescribed bodies);

And whereas under the new legislative scheme, the responsibility for submitting ALR Exclusion Applications – including all application requirements such as public hearings, advertising, signage, and review of technical reports – falls to local governments;

And whereas responsibility for ALR Exclusion Applications require considerable administration, staff time, and financial resources;

And whereas ALR Exclusion Applications solely benefit private property owners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the ALC to rightfully reinstate responsibility for ALR Exclusion Applications back on private property owners.

Convention Decision: