

June 23, 2025

Chair Margo Wagner
Cariboo Regional District
180 North 3rd Avenue, Suite D
Williams Lake, BC V2G 2A4

Dear Chair Wagner:

Re: 2025 NCLGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2025 NCLGA Spring Convention, either by the membership, or if referred to the NCLGA Executive for their consideration.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2025 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,



Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

Enclosure

Cariboo Regional District
File No. 400-50-01

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Referred To Chair Wagner

Accessory Dwellings in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Cariboo RD

Whereas manufactured homes are recognized as a common, affordable, and readily available form of housing across the province, particularly in rural areas, having limited long term impact to underlying soil conditions due to their surface mounted design;

And whereas on December 31, 2021, in an effort to provide housing flexibility in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), the province permitted a second dwelling unit to be constructed within the ALR to a maximum of 90 sq. m. on parcels of 40 hectares or less in size, which represents a non-standard, custom-sized manufactured home, often preventing the construction of flexible additional housing within the ALR:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the *Agricultural Land Reserve Act* and associated regulations accordingly to permit the construction of either a 90 sq. m. accessory dwelling unit or a standard-sized manufactured home up to a maximum 148 sq. m. total floor area on parcels under 40 ha within the ALR.

Convention Decision:

Agricultural Land Reserve Boundary Review

Cariboo RD

Whereas the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) boundaries were established in the early 1970's, and no province-wide reviews have been conducted since that time in spite of technological progression and data maturity about the suitability of those boundaries;

And whereas it is well known, particularly in rural areas of the province, that large areas of the ALR are unviable for agriculture, and conversely, some areas of high agricultural value were left out in the initial rush to delineate protected agricultural areas in BC, negatively impacting British Columbian's confidence in the value and importance of the ALR:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the provincial government to mandate, appropriately staff, and fund both the ALC and regional districts to conduct a comprehensive, collaborative, data-driven, expeditious, province-wide review of the ALR boundaries to ensure the highest quality agricultural lands are protected for the next 50 years;

And be it further resolved that appropriate lands unsuitable for agriculture be identified in collaboration with regional districts and member municipalities to allow for 20 years of growth, in alignment with provincial housing and land use mandates for local governments.

Convention Decision:

Leaves of Absence Provisions for Elected Officials

Cariboo RD

Whereas local government elected officials are required to attend meetings, conventions, and conferences to perform their official duties, often requiring absences from their place of employment to do so;

And whereas there are no provisions in provincial or federal employment legislation for local elected officials to allow them to take such absences as required to perform their official duties:

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government for amendments to the *Employment Standards Act* to include unpaid leave of absence provisions to protect the employment of elected officials and allow them to attend Board / Council meetings, conventions, and conferences in the performance of their official duties;

And be it further resolved that UBCM, and FCM lobby the federal government for amendments to the Canada Labour Code to include unpaid leave of absence provisions to protect the employment of elected officials and allow them to attend Board / Council meetings, conventions, and conferences in the performance of their official duties.

Convention Decision:

Mental Health Support for Local Elected Officials

Cariboo RD

Whereas the stresses faced by local elected officials are increasing due to a degradation in the tone of civil discourse;

And whereas additional mental health supports for local elected officials would be beneficial beyond what is provided by the Medical Services Plan and extended health plans:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the provincial government to implement initiatives that offer mental health supports tailored to the needs of local elected leaders in British Columbia.

Convention Decision: