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Chair Karla Kozakevich
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
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Dear Chair Kozakevich:

Re: 2021 Area Association Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) was not endorsed at the SILGA Spring 2021 AGM.

As such, the resolution(s) will not move forward for consideration at the 2021 UBCM Convention.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'B. Frenkel', is written over a light blue circular background.

Brian Frenkel
UBCM President

Enclosure

Organ Donation – Presumed Consent

**Okanagan Similkameen
RD**

Whereas the population of British Columbia is 5.071 million but only 1.555 million British Columbians have registered their organ donor decision;

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Abandoned Vehicles on Crown Land

**Okanagan Similkameen
RD**

Whereas enforcement of abandoned vehicles on Crown Land, Provincial rights of way and road dedications may involve a number of agencies but little coordinated action;

And whereas members of the public have difficulty knowing who to contact to initiate a complaint of an apparent abandoned vehicle:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province designate one Ministry or coordinating body to be responsible for abandoned vehicle complaints on Crown Land, Provincial rights of way, and road dedications.

Convention Decision:

911 Dropped Calls

**Okanagan Similkameen
RD**

Whereas statistics indicate an increased number of identified abandoned 911 calls in the South Okanagan;

And whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) do not have access to current personal information to respond effectively to abandoned 911 calls;

And whereas the RCMP response to abandoned 911 calls is labour intensive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Justice work with the Federal Government of Canada to make available current personal information collected by provincial and national telecommunication carriers to police communications centres and 911 public safety answering points within British Columbia to assist with tracking dropped 911 calls.

Convention Decision:

5.25 Percent Provincial Collection Fee on Rural Area Property Taxes **Okanagan Similkameen RD**

Whereas rural area property taxes are collected from the Province's Surveyor of taxes on behalf of Regional Districts;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia charges a 5.25 percent administration fee on the taxes collected which the property owner pays as part of their property taxes, and this increases the tax burden on electoral area residence:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia reduce the provincial collection fee on rural area property taxes, so that the tax burden on the rural property owners may be reduced.

Convention Decision:

COVID-19 Funding Allocation Deadline

**Okanagan Similkameen
RD**

Whereas regional districts must fully allocate COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments funds to an appropriate regional and local service before December 31, 2021, but municipalities do not have the same allocation deadline requirement;

And whereas regional districts would like the discretion to hold back some COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments funding for allocation to an appropriate regional or local service in a future year:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province provide regional districts the same COVID -19 safe restart grant for local governments allocation and reporting requirements afforded to municipalities.

Convention Decision:

Flood Mitigation Response

**Okanagan Similkameen
RD**

Whereas current funding programs for flood mitigation requires 1/3 of project funding from local government as well as requiring that the local government assume ownership of the works for a period of 10 years, in some cases resulting in an unrealistic burden on affected taxpayers;

And whereas the financial inability of residents to meet the requirements of the current funding program often precludes a planned proactive approach to known flood issues to minimize environmental impacts associated with mitigative works and instead results in a reactive approach when an imminent threat occurs, resulting in greater costs and greater environmental damage, in addition to the traumatic and sometimes devastating impacts on affected residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to develop programs that take a proactive approach to flood mitigation rather than continuing to try to download additional responsibilities on local governments that are ill-equipped and lacking in financial capacity to address these situations in a proactive manner that best respects the residents and the environment.

Convention Decision: