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May 8, 2024

Chair Mark Pendergraft
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin Street
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

Dear Chair Pendergraft:

Re: 2024 SILGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2024 SILGA Spring Convention.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2024 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandewo".

Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

Enclosure

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**Increased Funding for the Implementation of New
Provincial Housing Development Requirements**

**Okanagan-Similkameen
RD**

Whereas the Province provided funding in January 2024 for local governments to implement the requirements of new housing legislation;

And whereas the actual expected costs of implementation have been estimated by multiple local government speakers at the UBCM Housing Summit to be two to three times the amount of the provided funding;

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request of the provincial government that the initial funding to support the implementation of new housing development requirements be increased to reflect actual costs.

Convention Decision:

BC Homeowners Solar Power Incentive Program

**Okanagan-Similkameen
RD**

Whereas meeting the need for additional power sources in BC with industrial scale wind and solar installations is expensive, potentially damaging to environmentally sensitive land, and insufficient;

And whereas private solar installations would reduce these negative economic and environmental impacts;

And whereas solar installation is costly and often beyond the financial ability of many property owners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province create a Provincial Solar Power Rebate Program for homeowners.

Convention Decision:

Allow Regional Districts to Become Taxing Authorities

**Okanagan-Similkameen
RD**

Whereas regional districts are not taxing authorities and not able to change the tax multipliers, unlike municipalities that are allowed to adjust to swings in assessments between residential and business classes;

And whereas municipalities are able to change the multiplier which creates a consistency in taxes from year to year, while regional districts are not;

And whereas the taxpayers within a regional district are charged by the Province a 5.25% collection fee, which for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is over \$900,000:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry to allow regional districts, at their discretion, to become a taxing authority.

Convention Decision:

**Funding for Rural and Remote Volunteer Fire
Department First Responder Programs**

**Okanagan-Similkameen
RD**

Whereas in rural and remote areas ambulances are not able to get to medical calls in a timely manner because of distances travelled and members of community fire departments are able to arrive on scene much more quickly;

And whereas when first on scene first responders of community fire departments can assist the ambulance team by accessing the patient, gathering information, taking vitals and packaging the patient prior to the ambulance's arrival;

And whereas community fire departments are funded through local government taxes while BC Emergency Health Services are funded through provincial monies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide funding for pre-hospital care equipment, training, and call out pay for rural and remote volunteer fire department first responder programs.

Convention Decision:

Complex Care Facilities

**Penticton, Okanagan
Similkameen RD**

Whereas the toxic drug crisis continues to surge across the province and the lasting effects of overdose can potentially lead to acquired brain injury which can include organ failure, nerve damage, paralysis, memory loss, mental disorientation, diminished motor skills, reduced physical and cognitive functioning, and behavioural changes;

And whereas communities across the province are implementing many initiatives in support of all residents' safety and wellbeing such as Public Safety and Social Development Frameworks;

And whereas the Province has developed a complex care framework that acknowledges the growing number of people in our communities who require housing and have overlapping health, mental health, trauma and acquired brain injuries; yet there are no established timelines and residents continue to suffer in the interim;

Whereas the Province has appointed Health Authorities as the lead for plan implementation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the Province provides immediate and clear instruction to Health Authorities, inclusive of timelines and funding, to prioritize implementation of complex care facilities and the integration of complex care supports in existing or new facilities.

Convention Decision: