

To Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Chair Mark Pendergraft,

As you may be aware, manufactured park owners have wide-ranging powers under the current legislation, which increase the vulnerability of home owners in communities all across BC. Many municipal jurisdictions have Redevelopment Policies in place for manufactured home park closures, a strong statement and positive action, but still insufficient. The District of Sooke Council is very aware of the situation and has accepted unanimously to forward a resolution to be presented at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities annual convention in September. The issues at stake are more than redevelopment: the request is to establish clear and cohesive legislation better protecting home owner rights, equity, and tenure.

The active Manufactured Home Owners Society (AMHOS/BCMHO.ca) suggests and encourages Councils across BC to support this resolution at the UBCM conference. Home owners in manufactured communities will be very happy to hear that your Council agrees with these concerns and will support the District of Sooke's resolution at this year's annual conference.

NR10 - Protection of Manufactured Home Communities - Sooke

Whereas manufactured home communities contribute to housing diversity in communities across British Columbia and provide an important source of affordable home ownership to people on fixed incomes, aging in place, or starting in the housing market, but that homeowners are uniquely vulnerable to displacement and insecurity due to renting the land their homes sit on; And whereas existing provincial legislation, including the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act, does not consistently provide homeowners sufficient protections to ensure fair compensation, adequate relocation assistance, or transparent communication for homeowners affected by eviction, closure or redevelopment, leading to their relying on a varying patchwork of local government policies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia work with local governments, homeowners, and industry stakeholders, to review and strengthen the legislative framework governing manufactured home communities with a new and updated Act to better protect homeowners facing eviction, closure or redevelopment;

And be it further resolved that such a review establish consistent provincial standards for fair compensation, relocation assistance, and communication requirements to reduce displacement impacts and support housing stability for current and future manufactured homeowners.

[View the resolution in the UBCM book of resolutions \(p.82\) ->](#)

[Article about the Sooke UBCM resolution ->](#)

[The Town of Golden support the Sooke UBCM resolution ->](#)

Thanks so much,
Serge Lamarche
BCMHO secretary