

March 4, 2020

To: Chair and Board
Chief and Council
Mayor and Council

Re: UBCM Resolutions Process

In response to member feedback, the UBCM Executive is undertaking a review of the resolutions process. This will include consultation with members at Area Association spring conferences, and a subsequent report to the membership at the 2020 Annual Convention. While the review progresses, the Executive has committed to exercise their existing authority more fully, and apply greater rigour to the screening and vetting of resolutions submitted to UBCM for 2020.

With the understanding that a resolutions process review is already underway, the Resolutions Committee of the UBCM Executive has identified measures that UBCM can implement in the immediate term to streamline the process and address the number and repetitiveness of resolutions. In 2020, the Committee will seek to:

- Identify more directly the resolutions that address issues of priority to the membership, and ensure that debate of these priority issues takes place early on.
- Be more firm in sending resolutions back to the sponsor if resolutions do not meet UBCM criteria for format, clear writing, factual information, or relevance to local government administration or operations.
- Standardize language to be gender neutral and, where applicable, refer to local governments or First Nations rather than municipalities or regional districts. The goal is to avoid using debate time to make such amendments.
- Combine similar resolutions, without losing or changing their intent.
- Offer further education and support to members on writing clear, effective resolutions.
- Work more closely with Area Associations to improve the quality of resolutions debated at their spring conventions.

These streamlining measures could affect resolutions that your community submits to Area Associations or to UBCM this year.

Please feel free to contact Reiko Tagami, Policy Analyst (rtagami@ubcm.ca or 604 270 8226 ext. 115), with questions about resolutions streamlining, or the resolutions process review.

Sincerely,



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