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Via email

UBCM Member Municipalities

Dear UBCM Members:

Re: Support for Resolution

I am writing on behalf of Abbotsford City Council, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support for recovering municipal costs through Build Back Better Funding for critical infrastructure for inclusion at the upcoming LMLGA Convention, in advance of the UBCM Convention this fall.

At the February 28, 2022 Council Meeting, City Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of BC completed a Preliminary Strategic Climate Risk Assessment for B.C. in 2019 that found that extreme weather events will continue to worsen across the province in coming years including heat waves and severe river flooding, with extreme precipitation events continuing to increase toward 1 in 20 year events becoming 1 in 10 year events or lower;

AND WHEREAS the Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General and Emergency Management BC have been working closely with the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee and local governments since mid-2019 to modernize Emergency Program Act (EPA) to support local governments in responding and planning for disaster mitigation through phased-in legislative updates beginning in 2022:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the provincial government, as part of the process of modernizing the EPA legislation, include robust and sustainable 'building back better' funding at 100 per cent as part of the first phase of the updated EPA legislation in 2022; and additionally consider enhancing the Community Resiliency Investment Program to include funding programs for flood related infrastructure improvement.

We look forward to, and appreciate your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

Henry Braun
Mayor

c. Council members
Peter Sparanese, City Manager