

## Schedule "B"

### City of Prince George Proposed Resolution regarding "Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit"

**Whereas** under the *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* (the "Act") the provincial government may sue a manufacturer or wholesaler of an opioid product to recover the costs of health care benefits on an aggregate basis, for a population of persons who have suffered damage caused or contributed to by the use of or exposure to an opioid product;

**And whereas** pursuant to the Act and other legislation, the provincial government has launched a class action lawsuit on behalf of all federal, provincial and territorial governments to recover the costs of health care benefits from manufacturers and wholesalers of opioid products, whose marketing practices have had devastating impacts on the lives of thousands of British Columbians;

**And whereas** the definition of "health care benefits" under the Act includes "other expenditures by the government, made directly or through one or more agents or other intermediate bodies, for programs, services, benefits or similar matters associated with disease, injury or illness" and local governments have faced substantial "health care benefits" costs due to the opioid crisis;

**Therefore be it resolved** that UBCM advocate to the provincial government to share any recovery of damages from the class action lawsuit with local governments, to further enable local governments to continue offering services and support programs that aim to reduce harm and stigma, address the root causes of the opioid crisis, and support people struggling with mental health and addiction.