

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: 2026 UBCM Resolutions

Attachment(s):

1. 2026 NCLGA Resolutions
2. Proposed Prince George Chamber of Commerce Resolutions

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 27, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “2026 UBCM Resolutions”.

Purpose:

This report supports committee conversation on Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) resolution submissions. The deadline for submission of resolutions is June 15, 2026.

Background:

The 2026 UBCM Convention will take place September 14 - 18, 2026, in Vancouver.

At the regular council meetings held on February 23, 2026, and March 9, 2026, Council endorsed five resolutions for submission to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), which if approved at the NCLGA Convention May 20-22, 2026, will automatically be forwarded to UBCM for consideration. The five resolutions are attached to this report for reference.

The Prince George Chamber of Commerce has provided three resolutions for consideration of the Intergovernmental Committee. The resolutions include:

- Restricting the access of children to social media and AI tools resolution background
- Strengthening Northern British Columbia’s transportation corridors to drive major projects
- Keeping BC Forestry competitive: Improving access to wood, jobs and investment.

These resolutions are also attached for reference.

Council has also directed administration to submit an additional UBCM resolution to strongly urge the Provincial government to explain and reverse the decision to reduce the Northern-Rural Homeowners grant as described in the report dated April 7, 2026, from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Changes to Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant.”

Resolution: Northern-Rural Homeowners Grant

WHEREAS the Province has indicated they will end the northern and rural homeowner benefit beginning in 2027 reducing the amount northern and rural communities are eligible for;

AND WHEREAS there remains strong rationale for a higher grant value in northern and rural communities due to higher costs of heating and transportation regardless of the repeal of the consumer carbon tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM strongly urges the Province to explain and reverse the decision to reduce the Northern Rural Homeowners grant.

Strategic Priorities:

Active participation in UBCM may have a link to each of the Council strategic priorities depending on topic.

Summary and conclusion:

This report provides content and nine potential items to assist in discussions for submitting 2026 UBCM resolutions.

Respectfully submitted:

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