

February 26, 2021

Mayor Lyn Hall
City of Prince George
1100 Patricia Boulevard
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Dear Mayor Hall:

Re: 2020 Resolution(s) Referred to UBCM Executive

A resolution(s) sponsored by your community was included in the 2020 Resolutions Book for consideration at the annual UBCM Convention.

Due to a lack of time at the Convention, delegates did not have an opportunity to consider your resolution(s). UBCM Policies provide that all resolutions not considered at Convention are referred automatically to the UBCM Executive for their consideration and action.

At the recent February Executive meeting, the Executive considered the resolutions referred to them from the 2020 Convention, including your resolution(s). The Executive were provided with the Resolutions Committee comments and recommendations, as outlined within the Resolutions Book, to assist them in their deliberations.

Upon review, the Executive decided to Endorse with an Amendment: NR63 Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuits. As such, it will be conveyed to the appropriate order of government or organization.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, at 604-270-8226 Ext. 100 or jjustason@ubcm.ca

Yours truly,



Brian Frenkel
UBCM President

Enclosure

**2020 NR63 Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action
Lawsuits**

Prince George

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 support local governments and 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.

Convention Decision: **Not Considered - Automatic Referral to Executive**

Executive Decision: **Endorsed as Amended**

Resolutions Committee Comments

Amendment:

*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 **support enable** local governments **and** ~~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.*