

# COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** August 16, 2021

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

**SUBJECT:** 2021 UBCM Resolution regarding No Barrier Housing Options

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Appendix A – Draft Resolution titled “Implementing No Barrier Housing in All BC Communities”

## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council APPROVES the resolution attached as Appendix A to the report dated August 16, 2021 from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions titled “2021 UBCM Resolution regarding No Barrier Housing Options” to be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities.

## PURPOSE:

For Council consideration.

## BACKGROUND:

At the June 14, 2021 regular meeting during discussions on the proposed Safe Streets Bylaw and amendments to the City’s Parks and Open Space Bylaw, Council passed the following resolutions:

*“That Council REQUESTS the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions return to Council a resolution asking the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to request BC Housing explore the implementation of no barrier housing in all BC communities”; and*

*“That Council REQUESTS the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions return to Council a resolution asking the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to lobby the provincial government to amend the definition of “emergency” in the Emergency Program Act to include health related emergencies in addition to the current definition that includes accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or forces of nature so that local governments may declare a state of local emergency due to health crisis.”*

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions held a meeting on August 12, 2021 and approved the attached resolution (Appendix A) regarding the implementation of no barrier housing to be brought forward to Council. This resolution is intended to be submitted to the UBCM as a late resolution. Late resolutions are those resolutions submitted after June 30<sup>th</sup> and before September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions received after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline will be examined by the Resolutions Committee and as such are not printed in the Resolutions Book. Late resolutions may only be admitted for debate by special motion during Convention. A resolution not admitted for debate, will be entered automatically into the resolutions cycle for the following year.

With respect to Council's second resolution regarding amendments to the *Emergency Program Act*, the Committee has postponed this item for consideration at their meeting anticipated to be held in October. The Committee discussed the opportunity for reimbursement of expenditures related to a public health crisis and how this may be incorporated into the resolution. It intends to undertake further research with the plan to return a resolution for submission to the NCLGA and UBCM next year.

#### Update on the Response to the City's 2020 Resolution

In 2020, the City of Prince George submitted to the 2020 UBCM convention, a resolution regarding "Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit." Due to a lack of time at the convention, 74 resolutions, including the resolution from the City of Prince George, were referred to the UBCM Executive for consideration at their November 2020 Executive meetings. Subsequently, the resolution regarding "Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit" was further referred to UBCM's Health and Social Development Policy Committee for consideration. At this time, the Committee is awaiting a response.

#### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

As directed by Council, the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions has presented the attached resolution regarding the need for no barrier housing options in BC. If approved, this resolution will be submitted as a late resolution for consideration of the UBCM Resolutions Committee. Should the resolution not be admitted for debate, will be carried forward for consideration at the 2022 UBCM Convention.

The Committee plans to undertake further research and will consider the resolution regarding amendments to the *Emergency Program Act* in the fall and report back to Council early next year with a recommendation.

#### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Councillor Brian Skakun, Chair  
Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Resolutions

Meeting Date: 2021/08/30