

Appendix “A”

City of Prince George 2021 UBCM Late Resolution

Implementing No Barrier Housing in All BC Communities

WHEREAS BC Housing works in partnership with private and non-profit sectors, provincial health authorities and ministries, other levels of government and community groups to implement the BC Housing Action Plan to develop a range of housing options for individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS the 2019/20 to 2021/22 Action Plan identifies reasons for loss of housing being illness or medical conditions, addiction or substance use, lack of affordability or job loss and intimate partner conflict or abuse;

AND WHEREAS operational rules with low and high-barrier options may prevent the receipt of shelter and support services for some homeless and/or hard-to-house individuals due to prohibitions and restrictions on drug or alcohol use on the premises;

AND WHEREAS the current BC Housing Action Plan does not identify no-barrier housing which would provide shelter and support services with as few barriers as possible to allow more people to safely access housing services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) petition the provincial government to explore expanding the definition of “immediate response” in the BC Housing Action Plan and implement no barrier housing options and services in all BC communities.