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BRITISH COLUMBIA AMBULANCE SERVICE RESPONSE TIME

WHEREAS the administration and delivery of health care service is the responsibility of the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Ambulance Service, operating under the authority of the Emergency and Health Services Commission to provide public ambulance service across the Province, has a target to respond within 9 minutes to 90% of the most serious calls (Delta/Echo) from its metro/urban stations and in 2009 responded within 9 minutes to only 52% of those calls placing the citizens of this Province at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities call upon the Province of British Columbia to direct sufficient resources to meet the response time criteria to ensure that citizens of this Province have access to timely high quality care during medical emergencies.

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REDUNDANT COVENANTS ON PROPERTY

WHEREAS redundant covenants on title can contradict a local governments zoning bylaw and negatively impact development potential for private owned property;

AND WHEREAS approvals for release of the charge(s) by the signatories to the charge(s) can be difficult to obtain and local governments are not authorized by the Land Title Act, the Community Charter or the Local Government Act to release the charge(s) from title;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Provincial government to amend the Land Title Act to allow local governments to apply to the BC Land Title & Survey Authority for the release of the charge(s) from title.

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LONG TERM PRIVATE LEASES

WHEREAS long term private leases can lock up critical downtown commercial properties long after a head lease holder has vacated a property;

AND WHEREAS this serves to block investment and limit development potential and the effectiveness of community planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Provincial and Federal governments to limit the exercising of commercial lease options to no more than 5 years after a head lease holder has vacated a commercial space.

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ACCESSIBLE BUILDING STANDARDS

WHEREAS most communities are trying to build housing and neighborhoods that will allow their citizens to age in place without having to move so they can remain connected to their community;

AND WHEREAS building codes only allow accessible building standards to be applied on multi family housing and don't apply to single family dwellings or townhouse development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that provincial and federal building codes be changed to allow communities to apply accessible building standards to all residential classes.

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BAN ON AND RESTRICTED ACCESS SALE OF PESTICIDES

WHEREAS pesticides are widely available with few restrictions or conditions applied to their sale for either cosmetic or non-cosmetic uses at a time when most communities have cosmetic pesticide bans in place;

AND WHEREAS communities don't have the power or resources to ban, restrict or control the sale of these dangerous chemicals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government ban the over the counter retail sale of these dangerous chemicals and severely restrict access to them through training programs and licensing.