

June 23, 2025

Chair Lara Beckett
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George, BC V2L 1P8

Dear Chair Beckett:

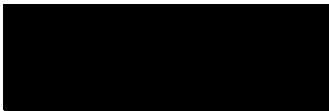
Re: 2025 NCLGA Resolution(s)

UBCM is in receipt of the attached resolution(s) endorsed by your Board. Your resolution(s) received endorsement at the 2025 NCLGA Spring Convention, either by the membership, or if referred to the NCLGA Executive for their consideration.

As such, the resolution(s) will be included in UBCM Resolutions Book for the 2025 UBCM Convention in September.

Please contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process, email: jjustason@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

Enclosure

Sustainable Funding for Small Water Systems

Fraser-Fort George RD

Whereas the small water systems in rural British Columbia, which are administered by local governments, provide essential services to rural residents and communities, yet they face unsustainable financial burdens due to the high costs of water treatment systems, ongoing maintenance, and replacing aging infrastructure, which can amount to millions of dollars;

And whereas it is not possible for rural residents and communities to finance these systems through local taxation alone, threatening the viability of these water systems and the communities they serve, while also posing a significant risk to local food security:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial and federal governments to establish long-term sustainable funding programs specifically for small water systems to address high cost and regulatory compliance requirements and to safeguard local food security, and for a collaborative approach to funding and support, including cost-sharing models, grant programs and capacity-building initiatives, to enable small rural water systems to remain viable and resilient amidst growing environmental and economic pressures.

Convention Decision:

Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems

**Bulkley-Nechako RD,
Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas community based ecological knowledge, combined with scientific data and understanding is the best way to plan for climate adaptation;

And whereas future forest and water management must protect and restore ecosystem services to ensure a resilient and biodiverse landscape:

Therefore be it that UBCM request that the provincial government establish and empower collaborative landscape level planning tables with the goal to restore biodiverse climate resilient ecosystems.

Convention Decision:

Natural Resource Royalty Sharing with Watershed Associations

**Bulkley-Nechako RD,
Fraser-Fort George RD**

Whereas recent legislation supporting watershed governance, and the 2024 NDP-Green Party Accord recognize the importance of local knowledge around water management;

And whereas well established multi-interest watershed health organizations are working throughout BC to restore watershed ecosystems from past excessive resource exploitation, and future proof them to adapt to climate impacts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government share a portion of natural resource royalty income to provide financial support to local watershed governance organizations.

Convention Decision: