

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Resolution to OMMA/UBCM – Local Government Purchase of Crown Land

THAT the following resolution be endorsed by Kelowna City Council and forwarded to the Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association for debate at the 2003 OMMA Convention:

WHEREAS both titled and unsurveyed Provincial Crown Land exists within the boundaries of most local governments in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the public interest in these Crown Lands can often be better served by the local government obtaining control of the Crown Lands;

AND WHEREAS the Province has mandated that Land and Water British Columbia Inc. dispose of Crown Lands at market value;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection instruct Land and Water British Columbia Inc. that where local governments require title to Provincial Crown Lands for public use, those lands be transferred to the requesting local government by way of Free Crown Grant.

BACKGROUND

The City of Kelowna has worked with the Provincial Government, local business and industry, Ducks Unlimited and numerous local service organizations and private citizens to develop the Brandt's Creek Wetlands on the Okanagan Lake foreshore.

The project design was initiated in 1991 and the physical work was started in 1996. On completion of the work, negotiations with the Province were started to acquire title to the lands. Those negotiations have resulted in the Surveyor General's office approving the survey of the property and the City being required to pay market value for the Provincial Crown Lands involved.

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