

June 15, 2011

UBCM RESOLUTION

Re: UBCM - Requirements for Public Notice

WHEREAS under the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*, local governments are required to provide the public with notice of certain issues it is considering and requires applicable notices to be published in a newspaper;

AND WHEREAS each British Columbia community has unique resources, needs and desires and the public is increasingly requesting to be supplied information in a variety of ways;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM lobbies the Provincial Government to amend the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* to permit local governments to determine, by bylaw, requirements for public notice for their community.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 13, 2011 P.M. Council Meeting, Council directed staff to bring forward a UBCM Resolution requesting that the Provincial Government amend the *Local Government Act* and/or *Community Charter* with respect to advertising requirements.

Staff subsequently conducted a search of the SILGA website and obtained a copy of a Resolution put forward by the District of West Kelowna at the 2011 SILGA Convention. A copy of that Resolution is attached for Council's information.



TITLE (26): Requirements For Public Notice

SPONSOR: District of West Kelowna

WHEREAS under the *Community Charter*, local governments are required to provide the public with notice of certain issues it is considering and primarily requires applicable notices to be posted in the public notice posting places and published in a newspaper;

AND WHEREAS each British Columbia community has unique resources, needs and desires and the public is increasing requesting to be supplied information in a variety of ways:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to amend Section 94 of the *Community Charter* to permit local governments to determine, by bylaw, requirements for public notice for their community.

SILGA COMMENTS: Not Endorse

UBCM COMMENTS:

The UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the provincial government to amend Section 94 of the Community Charter to permit a local governments to determine, by bylaw, the requirements for public notice for their community.

However, members considered but did not endorse resolution 2007-B62, which requested that the provincial government amend the Community Charter to permit a local government to advertise in a "recognized local online news service" to satisfy the notice provisions of the Charter.