



Item
Meeting 2016 Mar 7

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2016 February 29

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: 2016 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for payment of Union of BC Municipalities 2016 Membership Dues.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve payment of the invoice from the Union of BC Municipalities for the 2016 membership dues in the amount of \$ 27,424.04, including GST.

REPORT

The City of Burnaby is an active member in the UBCM, and the 2016 membership dues are now payable.

The annual dues in 2015 were \$ 25,459.50 plus GST. The dues for 2016 are \$ 26,118.13, representing an increase of \$ 658.63 plus GST.

The required funding has been provided in the 2016 operating budget.

Dennis Back
CITY CLERK

Attachment: Letter dated February 05, 2016 from the UBCM President

Copied to: Deputy City Manager
Director of Finance



February 5, 2016

Mayor Derek Corrigan and Council Members
 City of Burnaby
 4949 Canada Way
 Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Re: UBCM Membership

It is my pleasure to write to invite your local government to renew its membership with the Union of BC Municipalities.

2015 was the 110th year that UBCM has represented local governments in British Columbia. Through these years of service, UBCM has developed a set of guiding principles that have stood our organization well: a commitment to advocacy and program delivery that is policy-based, nonpartisan, timely and credible.

Policy-based – our advocacy is based on the positions established by our members through resolutions at Convention, direct consultation of local government and analysis based on the best available data.

Nonpartisan – our approach is pragmatic and our outreach extends to all political parties.

Timely – UBCM keeps watch for windows of opportunity in order to effectively advance the shared interests of our membership.

Credible – having attained membership among 100% of BC's local governments, UBCM speaks on behalf of the diverse needs of BC's communities and regions.

These provide the foundation for how we respond and act on your behalf in our day-to-day work. The following are examples of those principles in action:

- UBCM's survey and report on the operations of the Auditor General for Local Government revealed significant performance gaps in the office and led to several legislative and operational changes to improve the office.
- Spoke out against the Province's decision to download the cost for DNA analysis in police investigations to local governments.
- Advanced local government interests in federal and provincial discussions with respect to the design of infrastructure programs.
- Managed the intake of 222 applications to the Strategic Priorities Fund through the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

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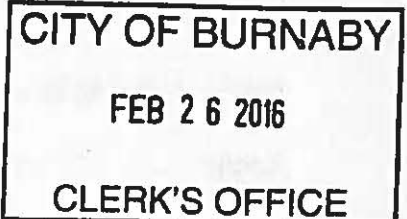
- Our Executive met with Ministers and MLAs at the Legislature to advocate for local government interests relative to infrastructure funding, impact of mental health issues on policing costs and land-based spills.
- Welcomed Huu-ay-aht First Nation as our 196th member.
- Continued to monitor elections expense limit legislation with the introduction of exposure bill in fall 2015.
- Secured \$10 million in additional funding for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative.
- Submitted report on the Standing Committee on Health on how to improve health in rural BC.
- Undertook a survey of members regarding forest policy and delivered the findings to the Minister's Forests and Range Practices Advisory Council.
- Supported processes to solicit local government input on a range of issues, including livestock policy; Agri-tourism in the Agricultural Land Reserve; hazardous waste and recyclable material; liquor policy; bio-solids storage; the Climate Leadership Plan; and emergency communication.
- Monitored development of federal Comprehensive Land Claims Policy in follow-up to our submission.
- Partnered with Reconciliation Canada to support the delivery of 100 Dialogue Workshops throughout BC.

It has been an honour for the Executive and staff of UBCM to work on your behalf this past year. With your renewed commitment to membership, we would be pleased to do so again in 2016-2017. If you have any questions or comments about our work, I would be glad to hear them. We look forward to your continued support for the coming year.

Sincerely,



Chair Al Richmond
UBCM President





MEMO
February 5, 2016

TO: Local Government Chief Financial Officers
FROM: Kathleen Spalek, Manager, Finance & Corporate Operations
RE: 2016 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES

UBCM President Al Richmond has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2016 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3. The UBCM Executive approved a 1.5% increase in our rates effective January 1, 2016. Rates for 2016 are:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5,000	0.6768
Next 10,000	0.4915
Next 15,000	0.3093
Balance	0.0633

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, Province of BC (December 2015).

We also enclose for your attention our 2016 dues invoice. Should you wish to make electronic payment, please contact our office for direct deposit information (skoivu@ubcm.ca).

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Encls.

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