



Procedures for Submitting Resolutions to UBCM

1. Submit Resolutions to Area Associations

Both UBCM and its member local governments have observed that submitting resolutions first to Area Associations results in better quality resolutions overall. UBCM encourages all members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration.

Resolutions endorsed by Area Associations at their annual meetings are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration and do not need to be re-submitted to UBCM by the sponsor. (Resolutions that an Area Association has considered but not endorsed are not conveyed to UBCM.)

Please contact your Area Association for resolution submission procedures at the regional level.

Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG)	akblg.ca
Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)	avicc.ca
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)	lmlga.ca
North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)	nclga.ca
Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)	silga.ca

2. Direct Submission to UBCM

If necessary, local governments may submit council- or board-endorsed resolutions directly to UBCM by **June 15**, each year.

Resolutions should be submitted with background documents included.

Electronic form is preferred.

The resolution and background information should be submitted to:

Jamee Justason
 Resolutions & Policy Analyst
 Union of British Columbia Municipalities
jjustason@ubcm.ca

If submission by email is not possible, a hard copy of the resolution and background information may be mailed to:

60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way
 Richmond BC V6X 2W9

When clarification of a resolution is required, UBCM will contact the sponsor, and the sponsor will be given one week to respond. If the sponsor does not respond within one week, then the resolution will not be included in the *Resolutions Book* and will not be considered at Convention. This is to avoid using extra time during policy debate to clarify a poorly written resolution.

3. Resolutions Received After the Deadline

Resolutions received after the submission deadline of June 15 will not be included in the *Resolutions Book* and may only be admitted for debate by special motion during Convention. The process for handling resolutions received after the deadline is outlined below.

- The resolution and background information (email or hard copy) must be received at the UBCM Richmond office before 12:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Annual Convention.
- Resolutions received after the deadline will be examined by the Resolutions Committee and separated into the following categories:
 - **Late** resolutions, not recommended to be admitted for debate; or
 - **Emergency** resolutions, recommended to be admitted for debate.
- A resolution may be deemed emergency in nature **only if the topic has arisen since the June 15 deadline.**
- Emergency resolutions may be discussed only after all Extraordinary and Special resolutions have been debated, but not before the time noted in the Convention Program.
- No other late resolutions will be admitted for debate—they will instead be entered automatically into the resolutions cycle for the following year, starting with consideration by the appropriate Area Association. Referral to the following year ensures that these issues are not lost and that the broader membership may still consider the resolutions.