

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

To: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Gwendolyn Kennedy, Manager, Corporate & Legislative Services

Subject: UBCM Resolution: Support for Natural Asset Inventory Development

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval of a resolution for submission to the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.

BACKGROUND

At Regular Council Meeting No. 1621, Council provided staff with input on the draft resolution seeking provincial support for natural asset management and directed staff to bring back the revised resolution for Council approval. Comments from Council included a recommendation to add reference to climate resilience to the preamble and to change the word "require" in the enactment to "support" or "encourage."

Council also directed staff to bring back draft meeting requests on specific topics. Staff will provide the draft meeting topics at the June 24th regular meeting to allow time for research to develop the ideas into concise requests.

DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

Staff provide the following revised resolution for Council's review:

Support for Natural Asset Inventory Development

WHEREAS natural assets, when responsibly managed and preserved, provide service to British Columbia communities on their own and as the foundation of natural infrastructure initiatives that enhance a community's resilience to the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss, and the degradation of Earth's ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS a natural asset inventory, co-developed with the Indigenous Peoples on whose traditional territory a community is located, is a first step towards the development of sustainable, resilient, natural infrastructure and towards ensuring that natural assets are valued and preserved for future generations:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia encourage local governments to develop natural asset inventories in collaboration with their Indigenous hosts by providing funding to local governments and Indigenous Peoples to offset the costs of developing the inventories.

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion of resolutions for submission to UBCM does not entail a communications element.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal considerations.

BUDGET & STAFFING

There are no impacts to the budget or staff hours.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT

Discussion of UBCM resolutions has no impact on other departments.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Discussion of UBCM resolutions has no impact on the Community Climate Action Plan strategies.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Submission of resolutions to UBCM is Council's way to advocate on behalf of residents on issues that affect the community and aligns with the strategic priority to *operate with excellence*.

IMPACT ON THE REGION

This initiative has no impact on other jurisdictions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council approves the resolution titled *Support for Natural Asset Inventory Development* for submission to the 2025 UBCM Convention.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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