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UBCM Member Municipalities
Via Email

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

Re: Modernization of Wastewater Regulations – UBCM Resolution

At their meeting held May 26, 2026, the District of Coldstream Council passed the following resolution:

"THAT Council direct Administration to forward the following resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention for consideration:

Whereas the oversight of wastewater management in British Columbia is divided between two provincial ministries, resulting in split jurisdiction over two key regulations — the Municipal Wastewater Regulation (MWR) (2001) and the Sewerage System Regulation (SSR) (2005);

And whereas these regulations have not undergone significant updates since their enactment, despite evolving environmental standards, increasing concerns regarding the professional oversight of these systems, emerging technologies, and increasing community and ecological demands;

And whereas the Province has established priorities to support housing development, infrastructure expansion, improved cumulative effects assessment in natural resource decision-making, and stronger integration of source water and drinking water protection;

Therefore, be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province of British Columbia to undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of the Municipal Wastewater Regulation and Sewerage System Regulation to ensure alignment with current environmental pressures, technological advancements, and land use planning needs.

AND THAT Administration be directed to copy the correspondence to Lake Country, Columbia-Shuswap Regional District and the City of Vernon;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration be directed to copy the correspondence to all UBCM member municipalities for information and request for support."

This resolution was co-sponsored by the City of Vernon, District of Lake Country and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and submitted to UBCM for consideration at the 2025 Convention. We encourage you to consider supporting this resolution at the 2025 UBCM Convention.

Yours truly,

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Chief Administrative Officer

cc Coldstream Council