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Nanaimo City Council's Resolutions Endorsed at UBCM

Each year, municipalities across the Province submit resolutions to be considered and voted on by other elected municipal leaders during the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. UBCM's Resolutions Committee noted in their report that they received 170 resolutions by their June 30th submission deadline.

For this year's convention, Nanaimo City Council submitted the following three resolutions to be considered and voted on:

- BC Circular Economy Strategy (EB38);
- Province-Wide Strategy to Manage Construction and Demolition Waste (C11); and,
- Right to Repair [Legislation] (C12).

The BC Circular Economy Strategy was endorsed on Wednesday as elected officials from across the province gathered to vote on matters impacting their community. The concept of a Circular Economy provides a vision and framework to design out waste and pollution, keeps products and materials in use and regenerates natural systems, helping BC communities move towards Zero Waste. This strategy speaks to Nanaimo City Council's Strategic Plan which highlights Environmental Responsibility as a priority.

Resolutions C11 and C12 were similar to resolutions submitted by other municipalities which were endorsed this week at UBCM.

The outcome of the endorsement of the resolutions Council submitted means that the following requests are made to the Province by UBCM:

- Develop a provincial Circular Economy Strategy;
- Draft and enact Right to Repair legislation to allow citizens and businesses to repair belongings by companies that claim ownership over intellectual property in their products but fail to provide parts or other aspects, making it hard to repair items; and,
- Develop a plan, including changes to regulations, provincial procurement policy and economic and industrial policy, to significantly reduce construction and demolition waste.

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Quotes

"This year's UBCM was very successful and a testament to Council's government advocacy efforts as we secured meetings with high ranking Cabinet Ministers, received support for our resolution and supported ones similar to ours. The City of Nanaimo also won UBCM's Community Excellence Award, under the Sustainability category, in recognition of the City's work on Complete Streets Engineering Standards and Design Guidelines. I am proud of Council and City staff's continued commitment to achieving our Strategic Goals around Governance Excellence, Environmental Responsibility, Economic Health and Livability."

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