

March 9, 2018

Mayor Frank Konrad  
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Dear Mayor Konrad:

**Re: 2017 Resolutions**

Please find attached the provincial response to the 2017 resolution(s) put forward by your Council and endorsed by the UBCM membership at Convention.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you. Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, UBCM Information & Resolutions Coordinator with any questions.

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Sincerely,

President

*Enclosure*

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## 2017 B100 Microcell Transmitter Placement Consultation

Grand Forks

Whereas public consultation on the placement of cell towers is mandated;

And whereas new technology is moving away from these large towers to microcell transmitters which do not require local government or public consultation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 metres of residences, schools and hospitals.

**Convention Decision:                      Endorsed**

### Provincial Response

#### ***Ministry of Citizens' Services***

*Demand for cellular services is growing, and is expected to continue as more and more British Columbians use smartphones and other mobile devices. To accommodate this demand, more towers will be needed.*

*The Government of Canada regulates tower siting decisions, settles disputes, and sets health and safety standards. The federal department of Industry, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Antenna Siting Procedures have recently been updated and require cellular providers to work even more closely with local communities. Cellular providers must share towers where possible, consult with local governments and the public regardless of tower height and type, and adhere to Antenna Siting Procedures. More information can be found at this link:*

*<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10840.html>*

*Communities and local governments are best positioned to work with cellular providers to ensure effective delivery of services, while also ensuring respect for local land-use considerations. ISED Staff are available to assist municipalities in understanding their role and to provide advice. ISED may be reached at:*

*<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf01742.html>*

## 2017 B129 Abolition of Daylight Savings Time

Grand Forks

Whereas research has shown the practice of changing to Pacific Daylight Savings Time each spring can have a negative impact on people's health and cognitive awareness;

And whereas there have been petitions and calls for the abolition of Daylight Savings Time:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government to consult with the people of BC with a view to abolishing Daylight Savings Time.

Convention Decision:                      Endorsed

### Provincial Response

#### ***Ministry of Attorney General***

*Government is aware that some British Columbians are opposed to continuing to observe Daylight Saving Time (DST), but Government does not have any current plans to launch a fresh public consultation on DST.*

*When the Ministry last conducted a province-wide public consultation on DST, a majority of people indicated they are in favour of shifting an hour of daylight to the evening throughout the spring and summer months, and it is more convenient for businesses and travellers if BC changes its clocks in conjunction with other provinces and the United States.*

*The Ministry notes that the Alberta legislature recently considered the issue and decided to continue observing DST. Any future review of DST by British Columbia should include consideration of DST observance in neighbouring jurisdictions in Canada and the United States.*