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## **Resolutions Process Ineffective, say Local Government Area Associations**

WHISTLER, BC – With a combined area of over 75% of the province, two local government area associations in British Columbia have independently uncovered a lack of efficacy in relation to ratified resolutions. Resolutions are a necessary tool in any local government's tool kit – they are proposed policy reforms that gain the support of other local governments in order to affect change. At present, British Columbia is experiencing unprecedented resource development activity. When coupled with aging infrastructure and a lack of regional capacity, these resolutions are essential to every local government's ability to create lasting impact in their area.

The North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) meet today with the 3 remaining local government area associations as well as the Union of British Columbian Municipalities (UBCM) at UBCM's 2014 Convention in Whistler in order to discuss their findings and search for solutions.

"We want to provide great benefit to our membership, and ultimately, the taxpayer," says NCLGA President Brian Frenkel. He explains that communities throughout the province pay membership dues to a local, provincial, and federal local government association.

"When something is broken, you fix it. Our core competency is compromised, and we need to repair it. Whether that means large or small change, I'm not sure."

New AKBLG President Christina Benty, Mayor of Golden, explains that "It is our intention to reduce the number of resolutions and keep them exceedingly fixed on local government issues within our control. We want to influence the effectiveness of the resolution deliberations at UBCM and improve our opportunities to shape public policy at the provincial level."

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*Established in 1955, the North Central Local Government Association is a coalition of local governments that advocate for a prosperous and sustainable North Central British Columbia. Our jurisdiction covers 70% of BC's landmass and includes nearly 60% of the Province's Aboriginal population.*

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