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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Need for Equitable Recognition and Support for Urban Indigenous Communities in Policy, Programs, Funding and Consultation in British Columbia and Canada

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes rights to self-determination, language, culture, and health as well as rights connected to equity, justice and access;
2. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action recognize the needs of off reserve Indigenous communities;
3. 70 per cent of Indigenous peoples in British Columbia and Canada live off reserve in urban centres;
4. Urban Indigenous peoples move to and live in urban centres for many of the same reasons all people make this choice: for work, education, access to amenities, to be closer to loved ones, and to create a good life for themselves and their children;
5. Urban Indigenous peoples have a long history of convening, programming, innovating and collaborating to serve across geographic and cultural differences and demonstrate strong skills and capacities in this space;
6. Current federal and provincial government programs have failed to acknowledge urban Indigenous peoples in significant policies, programs and funding opportunities linked to social health determinants including poverty reduction, housing, training and education, heritage and culture, child care and health;
7. Urban Indigenous peoples are over-represented across health and social inequities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion below regarding the need for equitable recognition and support for urban indigenous communities in policy, programs, funding and consultation in British Columbia be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at the 2018 Annual Convention:

WHEREAS the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes rights to self-determination, language, culture, and health as well as rights connected to equity, justice and access and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action recognize the needs of the 70 per cent of Indigenous people in

British Columbia that live off reserve in urban centres, largely to pursue work, education, access to amenities, to be closer to loved ones, and to create a good life for themselves and their children;

AND WHEREAS urban Indigenous peoples are over represented across health and social inequities, yet current provincial government programs have failed to acknowledge urban Indigenous peoples in significant policies, programs and funding opportunities linked to social health determinants including poverty reduction, housing, training and education, heritage and culture, child care and health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province recognize and treat urban Indigenous people equitably in provincial policies and regulation, programs and funding initiatives, and consultations that are tied to root causes of inequities and improved social determinants of health including housing, access and connection to culture, education and training, child and family services and income generation.

FURTHER THAT the motion below regarding the need for equitable recognition and support for urban indigenous communities in policy, programs, funding and consultation in Canada be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for their consideration:

WHEREAS the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizes rights to self-determination, language, culture, and health as well as rights connected to equity, justice and access and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action recognize the needs of the 70 per cent of Indigenous people in British Columbia that live off reserve in urban centres, largely to pursue work, education, access to amenities, to be closer to loved ones, and to create a good life for themselves and their children;

AND WHEREAS urban Indigenous peoples are over represented across health and social inequities, yet current federal government programs have failed to acknowledge urban Indigenous peoples in significant policies, programs and funding opportunities linked to social health determinants including poverty reduction, housing, training and education, heritage and culture, child care and health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federal Government recognize and treat urban Indigenous people equitably in federal policies and regulation, programs and funding initiatives, and consultations that are tied to root causes of inequities and improved social determinants of health including housing, access and connection to culture, education and training, child and family services and income generation.

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