

COMM-2



CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
Office of the City Clerk

VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-20

MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk

SUBJECT: 2020 LMLGA Submission Adjustments

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Council approved the submission of three resolutions related to Election Finance to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at their upcoming 2020 Conference and Annual General Meeting.

At the Standing Committee meeting on February 26, 2020, Council approved the submission of the resolution titled "Declaring a Homelessness Emergency: Making an Emergency Plan to Drastically Reduce Homelessness" to the LMLGA for consideration at their upcoming 2020 Conference and Annual General Meeting.

On March 17 and April 1, 2020, LMLGA requested the City of Vancouver to amend the above noted resolutions as suggested in the recommendations below.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. THAT Council approve the following amendments to the titles of the three Election Finance resolutions submitted by the City of Vancouver for consideration at the (2020) LMLGA and UBCM annual conferences:

Original Title	Proposed Title
Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics – 1	Election Finance Contribution Limits
Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics – 2	Election Finance Reporting
Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics – 3	Election Finance Tax Credits

- B. THAT Council approve the following amendments to the resolution currently titled "Election Finance: Transparent Funding in Local Politics – 2" (proposed title:

“Election Finance Reporting”), as submitted by the City of Vancouver for consideration at the (2020) LMLGA and UBCM annual conferences:

~~“Whereas on February 11, 2020, Vancouver City Council affirmed its commitment to~~ **Whereas in order to ensure the fairness of our local government election process, there should be** full and transparent reporting of financial contributions to elector organizations and candidates, including reporting by third party entities that engage in significant campaign activities in support of candidates or endorsed candidates,

And whereas all financial transactions – both during a campaign and outside of campaign periods – should be reported;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act to require full and transparent reporting ~~by provincial political parties~~ of in-kind support and financial contributions ~~made they make~~ to local government election candidates in elections years, as well as to sitting elected officials in non-election years.”

- C. THAT Council approve the following amendment to the second whereas clause of the resolution titled “Declaring a Homelessness Emergency: Making an Emergency Plan to Drastically Reduce Homelessness”, as submitted by the City of Vancouver for consideration at the (2020) LMLGA and UBCM annual conferences:

And whereas Bill C-97 (June 21, 2019) containing the *National Housing Strategy Act*, and the federal right to housing legislation enshrines ~~“adequate housing as a fundamental human right.”~~ **the need to “recognize that the right to adequate housing is a fundamental human right affirmed in international law.”**:

* * * * *