

**Sunshine Coast Regional District  
Regular Board Minutes of June 25, 1998**

**Recommendation No. 8 - Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM)  
for the Annual Convention in October, 1998**

The Corporate Services Committee recommended that the following resolution concerning Municipal Authority over Community Watersheds be endorsed for submission to the UBCM Annual General Meeting in September:

**WHEREAS** municipalities, regional districts, water improvement districts, and similar authorities are charged with providing a consistent supply of safe water for human consumption and other uses with no legislated authority to control activities which can adversely affect raw water sources in community watersheds used for public drinking water;

**AND WHEREAS** neither the Ministry of Forests nor any other provincial ministry acknowledges any legal responsibility for ensuring that activities authorised by them in community watersheds do not adversely affect the quality, quantity, and timing of flows of raw water supplies used for public drinking water, which has led to a long history of conflict in British Columbia between legally constituted municipal water purveyors and provincial ministries over damage to raw water quality and quantity from resource use activities in community watersheds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that for the purposes of ensuring the planning and management of resources within community watersheds are consistent with the provision of water for human consumption, that all activities in community watersheds be subject to the joint approval and control of the municipal level governments, first nations interests and water license holders, who are dependent on said community watersheds, and the Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks - Water Management Branch;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the respective Provincial Acts regulating community watershed authorities and activities be amended accordingly.

**CARRIED**

[NOTE: For a list of UBCM resolutions on drinking water (1970-2004), see BC Tap Water Alliance website, Home Page, under UBCM.]