

Provincial Action to Enhance Food Security during Emergencies

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: June 23, 2020

Board Resolution: WHEREAS food security and food supply issues are essential to all emergency response and recovery efforts;

AND WHEREAS the status and consideration of food security and supply issues are not adequately addressed within the provincial emergency management system and structures:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province provide greater consideration of food security and supply, including localized knowledge, within the provincial emergency management structure and provide guidance and resources to local governments and their emergency operations centres for this purpose.

This resolution was referred to: UBCM on June 24, 2020

Response received on April 15, 2021

Response from UBCM Endorsed