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Mayor Ward Stamer  
District of Barriere  
Box 219  
Barriere, BC V0E 1E0

Dear Mayor Stamer:

**Re: Provincial Response to 2022 Resolutions**

UBCM has received the Province's response to your Council resolution(s) from 2022. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

All responses from the Province have been posted to the UBCM web site under Convention & Resolutions, then under Resolutions & Responses.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process.

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Sincerely,

JCFord

Jen Ford  
UBCM President

*Enclosure*

**2022 EB41 ICBC Reimbursement to Fire Departments for Highway Response with Taxing Jurisdiction**

**Barriere**

Whereas local government fire departments in communities that have a major highway(s) passing through them respond to highway incidents;

And whereas the cost of attending these highway incidents is borne solely by the taxpayers within the taxing jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to develop a program with ICBC to reimburse fire departments that respond to highway incidents which involve nonresidents/non-property owners from within the fire department's taxing jurisdiction.

**Convention Decision:                      Endorsed**

Provincial Response

**Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness**

*Emergency Management BC (EMBC) has prioritized working towards finding solutions for road rescue governance and funding.*

*EMBC staff have reviewed the current road rescue governance and funding model in British Columbia and are undertaking a cross-jurisdictional review of road rescue to be completed by early 2023. This work will guide the Province in discussions with road rescue partners including governance, funding models, and supporting policies.*

*Work to date has included consultation with the Office of the Fire Commissioner, the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC, as well as a survey of all road rescue service providers in British Columbia.*

*ICBC does not collect premiums, either through Basic or Optional insurance, to cover charges for highway rescue. Fire department services are currently funded through various forms of taxations, paid by residents of BC.*