

REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

for consideration of endorsement for action by AKBLG (will not be forwarded to UBCM for debate)

1. Kootenay and Boundary Patient Transportation to Kelowna for Medical Care
Town of Creston
2. Expanding the Speculation and Vacancy Tax
Village of New Denver

1. Kootenay and Boundary Patient Transportation to Kelowna for Medical Care **Town of Creston**

Whereas Kelowna General Hospital/Kelowna is the nearest location for residents in the Kootenay and Boundary area to access specialized critical medical care;

And whereas there is currently no scheduled economical ground transportation option from the Kootenay and Boundary area to Kelowna to support residents in accessing specialized critical medical care, leaving patients to travel approximately 500 km to access care;

And whereas self-transportation of patients from the Kootenay and Boundary areas for appointments or extended treatments is stressful, expensive and potentially hazardous given road conditions, trip duration and patient health:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province explore logistical options to provide ground transportation between the Kootenay and Boundary Area to Kelowna for patients that have been referred to Kelowna for treatment.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: **ENDORSE**

2. Expanding the Speculation and Vacancy Tax **Village of New Denver**

Whereas a significant number of Kootenay and Boundary homes in rural municipalities are owned by absentee landowners as vacant, seasonal properties;

And whereas the speculation and vacancy tax is designed to turn vacant homes into housing for people in British Columbia and collect revenue for housing initiatives where the tax applies;

Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG urge the provincial government to expand the speculation and vacancy tax across municipalities in the Kootenay and Boundary regions.

AKBLG Resolutions Committee recommendation: ENDORSE