

February 24, 2022

Mayor Fred Haynes  
District of Saanich  
770 Vernon Avenue  
Victoria, BC V8X 2W7



Dear Mayor Haynes:

**Re: 2021 Resolution(s) Referred to UBCM Executive**

A resolution(s) sponsored by your community was included in the 2021 Resolutions Book for consideration at the annual UBCM Convention.

Due to a lack of time at the Convention, delegates did not have an opportunity to consider your resolution(s). UBCM Policies provide that all resolutions not considered at Convention are referred automatically to the UBCM Executive for their consideration and action.

At the recent February Executive meeting, the Executive considered all of the resolutions referred to them from the 2021 Convention, including your resolution(s). The Executive were provided with the Resolutions Committee comments and recommendations, as outlined within the Resolutions Book, to assist them in their deliberations.

Upon review, the Executive chose to endorse NR44 Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency. As such, it will be conveyed to the appropriate order of government or organization.

Should you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg  
UBCM President

*Enclosure*

**2021 NR44 Declaring the Overdose Crisis a National Public Health Emergency**

**Saanich**

Whereas it is understood that opioid addictions continue to cause an ever growing record number of heart breaking deaths and debilitations across the country;

And whereas while we understand the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia have recognized these impacts, it remains critically important to advocate for a national public health emergency through the municipal voices provided by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and develop appropriate comprehensive, holistic Pan-Canadian overdose action plans that include the legislative and funding frameworks for decriminalization, de-stigmatization, free and safe supply, suitable medical treatments and thereby function to holistically address the opioid crisis, mental health issues and their connections to homelessness and overdose deaths in local governments across Canada.

**CONVENTION DECISION: NOT CONSIDERED - AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE**

**EXECUTIVE DECISION: ENDORSED**