

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: 2018-06-26

Subject: UBCM Resolution

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider and support the following resolution to be put forward at UBCM:

WHEREAS the Province of BC has adopted the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) to make public bodies more accountable to the public and to protect personal privacy;

AND WHEREAS Local Government has been informed by FIPPA that we are not in compliance with privacy information by regularly recording, broadcasting, and publishing personal information including the names and addresses of those public members participating in these meetings;

THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM request the Province review the regulations and interpretations of the FIPPA in partnership with Local Government as to how Local Government can maintain their democratic processes engaging members of public and remain compliant with FIPPA.

BACKGROUND

At the CEO/CAO forum in Victoria, the discussion about recent interpretations of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy has created a significant concern around the processes local government's use for their public hearings. The interpretation, if followed, would significantly impact elected officials in determining neighbourhood concerns. In discussions with staff at UBCM, it was felt that this would be an important topic for all of UBCM members to be aware of and provide direction to them about entering in to conversations with the Province.

Staff have reworked the resolution based upon input from the elected officials at the May Board meeting and are recommending the revised wording above.