

Memorandum

Date: May 28, 2024
Submitted by: Legislative Services Division
Subject: Tri-Cities Joint UBCM Resolution Request from City of Port Coquitlam

City of Port Moody and City of Coquitlam Council received correspondence from City of Port Coquitlam Council requesting endorsement to jointly submit a resolution to UBCM as a Tri-Cities Request regarding “Port Coquitlam Resolution for 2024 UBCM Convention Gender Equity” (**Attachment 1**).

Updating the Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, and the British Columbia Building Codes to include provisions for menstrual supplies.

WHEREAS the 2024 British Columbia Building Code contains updated accessibility features for universal washrooms and that they must contain full-sized adult changing tables; and no new updates were made to the provincial Building Code and Occupational Health and Safety Regulations to include accessibility features for free menstrual supplies or sanitary disposal bins for those who menstruate;

AND WHEREAS equity-based policies around access to menstrual products as a health and human rights imperative will support inclusion, accessibility, mobility, reduce stigma, and promote gender equality for all people;

AND WHEREAS in December 2023, the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations were revised to include free menstrual products in all federally regulated workplace restrooms;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) call upon the Province of British Columbia to update the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, and the British Columbia Building Code to include provisions for sanitary disposal bins, and courtesy menstrual supplies as is currently required for toilet paper in restrooms outside the home, thus supporting accessibility and gender equity for people who menstruate.

THAT the memo dated May 28, 2024 from the Legislative Services Division regarding “Tri-Cities Joint UBCM Resolution Request from City of Port Coquitlam” be received for information;

AND THAT Council endorse the proposed resolution regarding “Updating the Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, and the British Columbia Building Codes to include provisions for menstrual supplies”;

AND THAT the City of Port Coquitlam be notified of the City of Port Moody’s support so that they may forward the resolution to UBCM as a joint submission.

Attachment(s)

1. Correspondence from the City of Port Coquitlam.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology, for Anna Mathewson, City Manager - May 22, 2024