



Student Society
of UBC Vancouver

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BC STUDENTS SUPPORT UBCM MOTION FOR STUDENT HOUSING

SFU, UBC, and UVic Student Societies work with municipalities to address housing need

Victoria – Students are in widespread support of today's unanimous motion at the Union of BC Municipalities requesting the provincial government make the necessary changes to remove the restrictions on public entity debt that presently applies to BC's public post-secondary institutions or to use other mechanisms that have been successful in producing housing options, to enable colleges and universities to build new student housing.

The University of Victoria Student Society, Alma Mater Society of UBC, and the Simon Fraser Student Society, collectively representing over 100,000 students, have been working together on this issue since June.

We hope that the united support across student societies and municipalities will stress the importance of this issue. Housing affordability is a widespread issue, and the solution can only be found together. – Maxwell Nicholson, Director of Campaigns and Community Relations

In response to the motion, the three student societies will be working together to show their united support, writing their own letters to the Premier and working with municipalities to lobby on this issue. The societies support the work of the provincial government to address affordable housing, and applaud the leadership of the Saanich, Oak Bay, and Victoria municipalities for bringing forward this issue. Collaboration moving forward will be a priority.

Working together as municipalities, student societies, and university administrations together with the Province is essential. Collaboration will help us address the student housing crisis. My compliments to the UVSS for championing this process. – Dr. Fred Haynes, Councilor District of Saanich

The University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) was established in 1964 and represents the 17,000 undergraduate students at the University of Victoria.

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