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Nominating Committee Report

Presentation of the Results of
A Call for Nominations for the
UBCM Executive

August 2002

SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS FOR UBCM EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Received as of July 31, 2002

FOR OFFICER POSITIONS: (Elect one each)		
President	Councillor Patricia A. Wallace	City of Kamloops
First Vice-President	Mayor Frank Leonard	District of Saanich
Second Vice-President	Mayor Helen Sparkes	City of New Westminster
Third Vice-President	Director Aaron Dinwoodie	Central Okanagan Regional District
Third Vice-President	Councillor Bruce Strachan	City of Prince George

FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE: (Elect five)		
	Councillor Brenda Binnie	City of Castlegar
	Councillor Robert Hobson	City of Kelowna
	Councillor Marvin Hunt	City of Surrey
	Mayor Corinne Lonsdale	District of Squamish
	Councillor Ida Makaro	Village of Cache Creek

FOR SMALL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:		
Note: Only elected representatives of a small community may run and vote for the Small Community Representative which is defined as a member of a council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500.		
(Elect one)		
	Mayor Sharon Hartwell	Village of Telkwa

FOR ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE:		
Note: Only Electoral Area Directors may run and vote for the Electoral Area Representative.		
(Elect one)		
	Director Susan Gimse	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Report of the UBCM Nominating Committee

Jim Abram

Director Jim Abram, Chair UBCM Immediate Past President Comox-Strathcona RD

The Nominating Committee was formed according to the bylaws and Executive procedures and is composed of myself and the following representatives:

- Councillor **Ron Cannan**, Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association
- Councillor **Rick Hardie**, Association of Kootenay and Boundary Municipalities
- Councillor **Ann Claggett**, Lower Mainland Municipal Association
- Councillor **Jim Thom**, North Central Municipal Association
- Councillor **Mary Ashley**, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

We authorized circulation of a call for Nominations and preparation of associated material (see Appendix). The results of the call are summarized on the next page and full biographical materials submitted by the nominees begins on the page following.

It is important to recognize that the role of the Committee is to review credentials and prepare this report. It is not the role of the Committee to recommend any one nomination. We are to ensure nominations are complete and according to policies and procedures.

Further nominations can be received at the Convention following the procedures set out in the Appendix.

Please contact me if there is any aspect of the procedures that you would like clarified.

Nominated for:

President

Pat Wallace

**Councillor Patricia Wallace
City of Kamloops**

Since 1974 Pat has been a resident of Kamloops and is in her 15th year as a city councillor. She is a business woman, a free enterpriser and has been a strong active supporter of her community for the past 28 years. Pat has three sons and six grandchildren ranging in ages from 7 to twelve.

Current issues range from the Community Charter; traffic fines; circuit courts; gaming legislation; health and environment, to name just a few. UBCM must continue to take a strong proactive and cooperative stance dealing with the provincial government as we represent all of our members, both urban and rural.

It has been a privilege to serve you for the past six years on the UBCM Executive. I believe I have the knowledge, experience and ability to relate to the broad spectrum of issues presently facing our diverse membership and would appreciate your support.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of local government is to continue the delivery of high quality and efficient services under fiscal constraints. Our responsibilities are increasing as we attempt to balance the needs of the taxpayers with the delivery of cost-effective services.

Frank Leonard

Nominated for:

First Vice-President

Mayor Frank Leonard District of Saanich

Frank Leonard was first elected Mayor of Saanich in 1996 after serving on Council since 1986. Frank chairs the Saanich Police Board, serves on the Regional Transit Commission and has chaired the Capital Regional District Board, the Hospital Board and the Housing Corporation.

Born in Vancouver in 1954, Frank's family lived in Richmond, Vernon and Coldstream before moving to Saanich in 1969. A graduate of the University of Victoria, he and wife Elaine have two grown children, Daniel and Michelle.

Frank Leonard comes from a family business background, having managed Victoria Tire Ltd's three Kal Tire stores prior to his election as Mayor. While in business, Frank served as a Director of the BC Chamber of Commerce, President of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, and on the boards of local tourism and economic development groups. Since entering politics, Frank has also served on numerous recreation, arts and community boards.

Frank Leonard has considerable experience in local government organizations. Now the Past President of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, he is Chair of the Municipal Finance Authority and Second Vice President of the Union of BC Municipalities.

Nominated for:

Second Vice-President

Helen Sparkes

**Mayor Helen Sparkes
City of New Westminster**

Helen Sparkes has been Mayor of New Westminster and Chair of their Police Board for the past 6 years. Before that she was a Councillor for eight years.

Helen is married and has three children and five grandsons. Prior to entering municipal politics Helen was a secondary school teacher.

Representing her Council on the GVRD Board, Helen chairs the Administration & Intergovernment Committees, as well as being Vice-Chair of the Greater Vancou-

ver Water District. She also sits on various other GVRD committees and task forces and is a Trustee of the Municipal Finance Authority, as a representative for the GVRD.

As well, Mayor Sparkes was a Director of the GVTA (Trans Link) for 3 years and Chair of the Air Care Subsidiary Board.

Her UBCM experience includes 3 years on the Executive, 1 year as a Director at Large, one year as GVRD Representative and currently as 3rd Vice-President. She served on the Protective Services, Health, and Local Government Awareness Committees, and chaired the Convention Committee these past 2 years.

Helen is a member of the Community Charter Council and continues to strongly represent the interests of the member municipalities of the UBCM.

Her 6 years as Mayor of New Westminster and extensive involvement in inter-governmental agencies has provided her with a wealth of knowledge and experience to continue to work on your behalf as a Table Officer.

Thank you for your previous support and confidence in representing your interests and I ask for your continued support for 2nd Vice-President.

Aaron Dinwoodie

Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

Director Aaron Dinwoodie Central Okanagan Regional District

During these challenging and changing times for local government, more than ever it is imperative that we present a strong voice and a united message in our dealings with the provincial government.

It has been a privilege serving you on the UBCM Executive the past four years. I'm pleased to say the UBCM team has worked hard on your behalf representing Local Government on a range of issues, reflecting both our rural and urban member's interests.

The Community Charter has been an opportunity and challenge for UBCM. As your Third Vice-President I will work hard with the UBCM team to hold the province accountable on the principle of meaningful consultation as well as define the resources required to provide fiscal certainty for all our local government members.

Many of you have con-

tracted me with your issues concerning health care restructuring, rural charter implications, policing costs, transportation and resource policy and environmental issues, to name a few. There are many new challenges to address. I appreciate your support in the past, and I'm seeking your support to continue this important work for our UBCM membership.

- Aaron Dinwoodie, 42 years old, born in North Vancouver, BC, married twelve years to Tracey and has two daughters. An incumbent Westside Electoral Area Director, Aaron has a strong business background as a property manager and previously, as an owner of a home improvement supply store.

- Aaron understands and respects the differences between urban and rural perspectives and the priorities of our five provincial area associations.

Local Government Experience:

- Economic Development Commission
- Regional Growth Management Committee
- Regional Transportation Committee
- Director Municipal Insurance Association
- Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association, Past President

UBCM Experience

- Chair Aboriginal Affairs Committee
- Chair Local Government Awareness Committee
- Community and Resources Committee
- Arts, Culture, Heritage and Tourism Committee
- UBCM BC Business Forum
- Convention Committee
- Police Costs Task Force

- Thank-you for the confidence you have placed in me, and I seek your support for Third Vice-President.

Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

Bruce Strachan

**Councillor Bruce Strachan
City of Prince George**

I was first elected to the Prince George School Board in 1976. In 1979 I had the good fortune to be elected as the MLA for Prince George South and served three legislative terms until 1991. My service in the provincial government included the cabinet portfolios of Government House Leader, Minister of Environment, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Health.

From 1991 to this year, I have been a newspaper columnist and an open line radio host. I left radio this spring to chair a Recreation Stewardship panel appointed by the Honourable Joyce Murray, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection.

The panel reports out November 29th.

I was elected to Prince George City council in 1999, appointed a director of the Regional District of Fraser Ft. George that same year, and have served the UBCM Executive for two terms as a Director at Large.

In asking for your support, I am convinced UBCM will have an increasingly strengthened mandate to serve rural and small communities. To use an environment term, I sense our

smaller communities are becoming a "species at risk." And although I represent a medium-sized city in the B.C. scheme of municipal governments, I believe the real economic and social health of our province flows from small communities. To this end, I am committed to ensuring equitable treatment of rural British Columbia by both the provincial and federal governments. That commitment is a legitimate role of UBCM and I intend to make it my focus.

In closing, let's remember; the world doesn't end at Hope. Not at all; indeed that's where the real B.C. begins.

Brenda Binnie

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Brenda Binnie
City of Castlegar**

This year has brought tremendous changes to our province and thus posed many challenges to our communities. Challenges such as downloading, lack of consultation, closing of facilities and cutbacks have placed a considerable amount of financial pressure on local government.

The UBCM has been working with a united voice to remove barriers that impede local government. We have worked hard to ensure effective local government participation.

As your Director at Large I will remain committed to local government and will continue to provide a strong voice while listening to your concerns and carrying your issues forward during these times of change in our province and country.

I have been a resident of Castlegar for 22 years and am currently serving my third term as a City Councillor. I am actively involved in our community with a focus on local health, culture and recreation. I have been married for 23 years and have two wonderful daughters. I have been employed by School District #20 for 17 years as a Bus Driver, Custodian and Maintenance Employee. It has been an honour and privilege to have served you on the UBCM Executive for this past term.

Political and Community Involvement:

- UBCM Director at Large Convention Committee Member Services Committee
- 9 years - City Councillor
- 9 years - Castlegar Recreation Commission - currently Chair

- 5 years - Castlegar Hospital Board; Kootenay Union Board of Health
- 6 years - Castlegar Hospital Foundation Board - now Director/ Secretary
- 3 years - Appointee - Castlegar & District Health Council
- BC Summer Games Co-ordinator
- 4 years - Trail Track & Field Club - Vice-President and Coach
- Co-Manager Castlegar Ladies Broomball
- Castlegar Ladies Hospital Auxiliary
- Ducks Unlimited member
- Kiwanis Club member

I thank you for your support and I look forward to the challenge of continuing as your UBCM Director at Large

Nominated for:

Director at Large

Robert Hobson

Councillor Robert Hobson City of Kelowna

The next year will be exciting and challenging for local government. UBCM will play a leading role in the transformation of the new Community Charter. Key issues include protection against downloading, seeking new revenue sources, transforming regional districts, and maintaining the MFA's credit rating.

Some municipal powers have been rolled back in the draft Charter, and we must work to get them back. Provincial cuts have also hurt many communities and we must stand up for the needs of our members.

I am proud of the job our Table Officers have done on the Charter Council. Let's build on that work and elect a strong team to move our organization forward.

I respectfully ask for your support in seeking my sixth term as Director at Large.

Experience:

- Councillor, City of Kelowna – 1988-present
- Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan, 1992-present

- Trustee, Municipal Finance Authority
- UBCM Director at Large, 1997-present
- Chair, UBCM Environment Committee
- Member, UBCM Health Committee
- Chair, Okanagan Basin Water Board
- Self-employed businessman and orchardist

Marvin Hunt

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Marvin Hunt
City of Surrey**

For the past two years, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve you on the UBCM Executive. Those two years have seen a change in provincial government but little change in the provincial philosophy of “off-loading”. As a team, the UBCM Executive has worked hard to present a strong and united voice for you in Victoria.

Resource dependent communities are facing huge challenges and the restructuring of police costs will add to those challenges. A healthy province is dependent on healthy resource communities. By working together, we can find creative solutions.

The Community Charter will continue to be a challenging opportunity for the rural and urban, the cities and regional districts to work constructively to build a better future for all of us.

I have enjoyed working for you in the past, and I am seeking your support to continue this important work for our UBCM members.

- Marvin Hunt, 51 years old, has been married for twenty-eight years to Ruth and has six children.
- Chair or Secretary / Treasurer of five charitable societies currently and many others in the past.
- Marvin is committed to working for you.

Local Government Experience

- Councillor – 12 years
- Surrey School Trustee – 2 years
- Chair – Finance and Audit Committees – 10 years
- Parks and Recreation Commission – 6 years

- Greater Vancouver Regional District – 6 years
- Chair – GVRD Water Committee – 5 years
- Trans Link Director – 5 years
- Agricultural Advisory Committee – 6 years

UBCM Experience

- Lower Mainland Municipal Association – 5 years – now Past President
- UBCM Executive – 2 years
- Protective Services Committee – 2 years
- Health Committee – 2 years
- Fire Chiefs Association of BC

“TOGETHER, WE CAN”

VOTE HUNT

Nominated for:

Director at Large

Corinne Lonsdale

**Mayor Corinne Lonsdale
District of Squamish**

Our UBCM is Local Governments' collective voice. It is a dynamic and influential organization - always on the alert and ready to respond to changing Federal and Provincial policy. Most importantly UBCM is always available to address those issues of general interest brought forward by Local Government. To ensure UBCM's continued success it is important that you have a strong Executive who are committed to work for you.

For the past five years I have been privileged to serve on your Executive. I sit on the Aboriginal Affairs Committee and BC Rail Task Force. As well, I Chair the Communities and Resources Committee which has been very active this year addressing issues like Softwood and hosting a successful conference on Forest Policy Reform.

We are facing another extremely challenging year as we continue to deal with numerous legislative changes pertaining to Local Government. Other topics relating to our economy and environment also require our attention.

Your Executive is your collective voice. As a member of your Executive I will continue to work hard for you. I enjoy a challenge and am an innovative thinker. When fulfilling my commitments I constantly demonstrate that I think and act on a regional and provincial scale. Coming from a mid-size community I am very cognizant of both the urban and the rural perspective.

Knowledge and Experience:

Mayor District of Squamish – 9 years

UBCM Executive – 8 years

Squamish Lillooet Regional District - 8 years

Lower Mainland Municipal Assoc. Executive – 8 years

Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Com. Executive - 9 years

Forest Ministers' AdHoc Advisory Committee – 1 year

I am committed to the betterment of Local Government and look forward to serving you for another term. I will listen to your concerns and issues and bring them forward. I thank you for your previous support and ask that you once again give me your vote and I'll give you my voice.

Ida Makaro

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Ida Makaro
Village of Cache Creek**

I am just completing my second year on the Executive of the UBCM having had the privilege to serve as the OMMA Representative. During this time, I have learned so much about the variety of issues facing municipalities throughout British Columbia and I have heard a great deal about the new Community Charter which will be the main challenge for the UBCM Executive in the coming year.

I feel I would be of value as we go through this very challenging process, therefore I am seeking your support as a Director at Large for the coming year.

Although I come from a small rural municipality, I have lived and worked in large centers such as Victoria, Vancouver and Richmond. In my work, particularly for the resource industries, forestry and mining, I have traveled throughout the

province so know the uniqueness of each area, from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, Central Interior, Kootenays and the great northern communities including and beyond Williams Lake, Quesnel and Prince George.

Personal Background

Newspaper Editor in Merritt, Ashcroft-Cache Creek and Williams Lake (1960 – 1984)

Ministerial Assistant to Minister of Forests (1984 – 1986)

Information Officer, Office of the Premier (1987)

Director of Media, Government & Public Relations, Mining Association of BC (1987 - 1995)

Political Background

Elected to council in Cache Creek in a by-election, 1996

Re-elected to a 3-year term in 1996

Re-elected to another 3-year term in 1999

Elected to Executive of Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association in 1997

Elected Vice-President of OMMA in 1999 and President in 2000

Cache Creek Council duties include

Chair, Landfill Advisory Committee

Chair, Economic Development and Public Affairs Committee

Serve on Recreation, Health and Finance Committees

Have served as Alternative Director to the Thompson Nicola Regional District

Vice-President and presently director of Gold Country Communities Society

Nominated for:

Small Community Representative

Sharon Hartwell

Mayor Sharon Hartwell Village of Telkwa

I was born and raised in the Bulkley Valley and am currently serving my second term as Mayor of the Village of Telkwa. I am married with two grown sons and one grandchild. I am a baker/restaurantier by trade.

Having been raised in a rural environment, I have first hand experience of what we face and the challenges that lie ahead.

My involvement in community and local government includes:

- Councillor and Mayor of the Village of Telkwa
- Member of the Bulkley Valley Housing Committee
- Skeena Union Board of Health
- Director on the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

- Vice-President of the Regional Hospital Board
- Small Community Representative, UBCM
- Communities and Resources & Health Committees, UBCM

I am involved at a local level to ensure our people have a continued measure of home support.

I am a member of the Northwest Mayors and I'm absolutely dedicated in taking up a number of issues, one of which is protecting our forest industry in our communities and ensuring that the local timber stays with the local communities.

I am absolutely committed to ensuring that small, rural communities get their fair share and their rightful place in the province. We have the resources that will

place this province at the top and will guarantee small and rural communities are part of the long-term plan.

Small communities face many challenges. Forestry, mining, fishing and farming communities are resource based but there are many small communities that are primarily residential tax based.

We are facing new challenges to help the residential tax based communities deal with increasing utility costs and we need to be inventive. I firmly believe we will play a huge role in the growth of this province.

I enjoy a challenge and am committed to all aspects of local government. You can depend on me to carry your issues and concerns forward.

Susan Gimse

Nominated for:

Electoral Area Representative

**Director Susan Gimse
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District**

I was elected in 1993 as Electoral Area C Director (rural Pemberton) of the Squamish Lillooet Regional District. My husband and I operate a farm in Birken BC. We have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. I enjoy paddling, golfing and cycling.

My community involvement has been extensive. I believe that I have a solid understanding of the issues facing our rural communities having served on numerous boards and committees.

As an Electoral Area Director, I am aware of the many challenges we face on a day to day basis... increased growth pressures, high cost of service delivery, lack of infrastructure funding, erosion of health care and social services, lack of

understanding with respect to our role, and of the municipal / electoral area differences that can negatively affect the decision making process at Regional District Board tables.

This year will present many challenges and opportunities for local government. There is a great deal of apprehension regarding the future of Regional Districts. The introduction of the Community Charter presents several concerns and implications for Electoral Areas. Phase 2 (RD) of the Charter is not scheduled to begin until after Phase 1 becomes legislation. I believe we must immediately engage the Province in discussion to ensure a level playing field and that there are no negative effects on Electoral Areas.

Regional Districts have been promised a consultative process. It is absolutely essential that the Electoral Areas interests and concerns are firmly represented to the Province. I remain committed to working towards ensuring that Electoral Areas continue to gain the respect and necessary tools to enable us to effectively represent our communities.

It has been a privilege to serve the interests of Electoral Areas in our province.

As your Representative to the UBCM Executive I have participated on the Justice & Protective Services Committee and I chair the Health Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the UBCM Convention.