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Introduction to the Daily News

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST UBCM convention you need to know about the *UBCM Daily* which is available on newsstands on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in the VCEC. The *Daily* newsletter contains highlights from the previous day's events plus reminders about events in the day ahead. For instance, you'll find:

- summary of the disposition of resolutions and policy papers.
- highlights from plenary addresses.
- coverage of selected clinics and workshops.

Copies will be available when you arrive in the morning. Pick-up locations include the Municipal Marketplace where you can read *The Daily* while enjoying a continental breakfast. Copies also available in the VCEC lobby area. ■

New delegate orientation

Tuesday, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Room 1, VCEC

Learn from skilled incumbents about how to get the most out of a UBCM Convention.

The orientation includes an overview of:

- the convention program
- resolution process
- nominations & elections
- delegate & other services ■

Registration over an impressive 1,600

This Convention shows strong delegate attendance with nearly 80 more member delegates registered than last year. Again we are pleased that almost all UBCM members are represented (180 out of 183). Registration statistics as of Friday, Sept. 19 indicated:

- 784 voting member delegates
- 167 non-voting member delegates
- 321 non-member delegates
- 364 partners

For a total of 1,636.

To appreciate some of the logistics involved, the UBCM Convention is a "village" larger than 41 (or 22%) of our municipal members. ■

UBCM Passport

name badge & event pass

YOUR PASSPORT TO ANY UBCM Convention event is your combined "name badge/event pass."

You cannot go anywhere without it – wear it to all UBCM events.

Your name badge is your passport to all business sessions. The VCEC is a facility that is open to the general public and for security and other reasons, only those with UBCM name badges will be allowed to enter UBCM sessions.

On the reverse of your name badge is your event pass. This indicates if you have registered for:

- a Tuesday Forum (incl. lunch)
- Welcome Reception (Tuesday evening)
- an Area Association (Wednesday Lunch)
- Delegates Luncheon on Thursday
- Annual Banquet (Thursday evening)

If any box contains a "No" or is blank, you are not registered for that event. Check at Registration Services in the Box Office of the Lobby level of the VCEC about the availability of space if you are interested in a late registration. ■

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Federal Environment Minister **David Anderson** will address the convention in a plenary session at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday morning.
- **Interface Fire Presentation** has been confirmed for Friday at 10:30 a.m. This will be a very special session.

Visit the Municipal Marketplace

The largest exhibition in BC designed for local government leadership, the Municipal Marketplace takes place every second year.

This year, the provincial government anchors the marketplace but there is an expanded presence for federal agencies & other associations.

The Marketplace is located in Exhibit Hall B/C and opens at 7 am, Wednesday, September 24th, runs to 3 pm Thursday. There you can enjoy a continental breakfast and coffee breaks.

The Municipal Marketplace is also the access portal for meetings with provincial government staff officials on Wednesday and Thursday. ■

In Memoriam

GRANT ANDERSON – It is with great sadness that UBCM marks the Sept. 14, 2003 passing of Grant Anderson, a partner with the law firm Lidstone Young Anderson.

Grant not only advised and provided valued counsel to many local governments throughout BC, but also developed through his connections great friendships among the UBCM membership.

UBCM Executive & staff valued his advice corporately, on legal matters of concern to local governments generally and his willingness to devote his time to training – most recently at the 2003 series of seminars for newly elected officials.

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Featured Speakers

We have a great line-up of featured speakers for the 2003 UBCM 100th AGM, including the following presentations:

Councillor Patricia Wallace, UBCM President, speaks at the UBCM AGM Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday morning at 8:45 a.m.

Mayor Yves Ducharme, FCM President, presents the national local government perspectives at 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday.

Honourable George Abbott The annual address from the Minister responsible for local government will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Exhibit Hall A, VCEC.



Councillor Patricia Wallace



Mayor Yves Ducharme



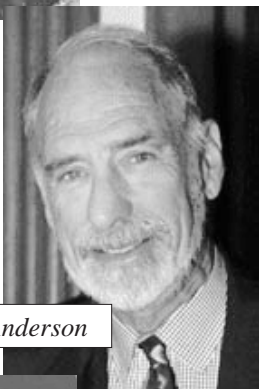
Hon. George Abbott

Cabinet Panels (not pictured) 25 Provincial Cabinet Ministers will participate in five panels Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. – short presentations from Ministers followed by question-and-answer period.



Hon. Paul Martin

Honourable Paul Martin, PC, MP A very special visitor, will address delegates at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.



Hon. David Anderson

Honourable David Anderson, PC, MP Federal Minister of Environment will address the delegates at 11:45 a.m. Thursday (this is an addition to the convention program). He is also slated to attend the Urban Sustainability session on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.



Hon. Ted Nebbeling

Honourable Ted Nebbeling Minister of State responsible for Community Charter will be part of a presentation on Implementation of the Community Charter, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.



Hon. Gordon Campbell

Honourable Gordon Campbell The Premier will be the anchor event for the convention – an address that holds delegates in anticipation of the close of the 100th AGM. The Premier (and the 81st UBCM President) will speak at 11:15 a.m. on Friday. ■

Discussion for women on Women's Issues

Councillor **Ellen Woodsworth**, Vancouver, has organized a discussion on Women's Issues. If you would like to join her come to the Nootka Room, lower level of the Waterfront Hotel. The session will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. ■

Late resolutions and policy papers

Check your convention kit for the blue Policy Book, including the Budget, Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline, and final policy papers. The 20+ late resolutions will be dealt with on Friday morning.

Limited numbers of extra copies of the Annual Report and Resolutions Book are also available at the Information Desk for \$20. Please carry your previously distributed book with you to the policy sessions. ■

UBCM renews agreements to address First Nation issues

Due to the continuing productivity and benefits to First Nations and local governments in the first two years, UBCM will be renewing our Cooperation and Communication Agreements with both the First Nations Summit and the federal Department of Indian Affairs.

The Protocol on Cooperation and Communication between UBCM and the First Nations Summit articulates shared priorities and objectives for strengthening relationships between First Nations and local governments. Director **Aaron Dinwoodie** will be attending a First Nations Summit meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24 to sign a renewal agreement committing the parties to another two-year term. The Memorandum of Understanding with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, BC regional office will be renewed for the same period.

Information sharing between organizations, the continuing success of the Community to Community Forum program through which three jointly organized province-wide events have been held and over 45 local relationship building events have been funded, and the ongoing development of resources and knowledge to assist First Nations and local governments in resolving disputes, are all good examples of the productivity of these partnerships. Planning for the implementation of these agreements is underway and members will be kept informed of new initiatives and projects. ■

Delegate services:

Connecting Communities

UBCM and its partners make it easy to connect with your home community throughout the convention.

- you can have phone messages left at or faxes sent to the Message Centre – sponsored by **BC Buildings Corporation**.
- you can send faxes or have photocopies made at the station provided by **Lidstone Young Anderson**.
- you can send and receive email (and print email) at the station operated by **Shaw Communications**.

See page 5 of your conference program for more information on hours. Location: VCEC Lobby. ■

Partners Program

Partners registered for one or more of the five packages should check in at the Partners Program Desk. There, partners will receive instructions for joining their tours. Partners desk is located in VCEC lobby and hours of operation are on page 10 of the convention program. ■

Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet is the peak of the UBCM week. It is time to set the business aside and relax after a hectic four days. To help you unwind, we are pleased to have as the entertainer, **Bob Robertson**, whose political satire you may remember from the popular CBC show, *Double Exposure*.

This is also a reminder that banquet seating is reserved. If your event pass does not indicate a table # for the banquet, please go to Registration Services located in the Box Office, VCEC lobby to select a seat (before 2:00 p.m. Thursday). ■



Bob Robertson