



News Release

Union of BC Municipalities Welcomes Appointment Of Bennett

Hon. Bill Bennett Appointed as Minister of Community and Rural Development

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(Victoria, BC) UBCM President Robert Hobson congratulates the Honourable Bill Bennett on his appointment as the Minister of Community and Rural Development. Premier Gordon Campbell announced the appointment of Minister Bennett as part of the new cabinet unveiled in Victoria earlier today.

“We enjoyed working with Mr. Bennett during his tenure as the Minister for Tourism, Culture and the Arts,” said UBCM President Robert Hobson. “UBCM consulted closely with Bill to develop *Picture BC* and deliver provincial funding for community tourism, so we know he appreciates the value of a close working relationship between local governments and the province.”

Mr. Bennett previously served as the Minister of State for Mining and was first elected to represent the riding of East Kootenay in 2001. Prior to being elected, Mr. Bennett was a partner in a Cranbrook law firm and ran a number of successful fly-in wilderness lodges in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

“One of the many things that I appreciate about Mr. Bennett is his close relationship with local governments in his constituency,” said President Hobson. “Bill will provide a strong voice for B.C. communities at the cabinet table.”