



LMLGA Historical Backgrounder

For UBCM's first half-century the area associations as we know them today did not exist, although there were groups of members from different areas who worked together on regional issues. However, LMLGA members were involved in the formation of the UBCM: New Westminster hosted the first Convention, Mayor Keary of New Westminster was the first Secretary Treasurer and the second President and Reeves Ladner (Ladner), Sprott (Burnaby) and Paisley (Chilliwack) were three of the four general Executive members. In addition, 15 LMLGA communities were among the original UBCM members. LMLGA members continue to be actively involved in the direction and operation of UBCM.

Original Members:

- Agassiz, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Ladner, Langley (Township and City were united until 1955), Maple Ridge, Matsqui, Mission, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, Richmond, South Vancouver, Surrey and Vancouver were 15 of the original 36 members.

Presidents: 37 of 100

- 1 from Abbotsford (Mayor Ferguson, 1978-9)
- 4 from Burnaby (Reeve Fraser, 1918-9; Reeve Pritchard, 1931-3; Councillor MacSorley, 1959-60; Reeve Emmott, 1965-6)
- 2 from Coquitlam (Reeve MacDonald, 1937-8; Mayor Tonn, 1981-2)
- 1 from Langley (Reeve Poppy, 1930-1)
- 1 from Lillooet (Mayor Harder, 1990-2)
- 2 from Maple Ridge (Reeve Mussallem, 1949-50; Reeve Jenewein, 1964-5)
- 6 from New Westminster (Mayor Keary, 1906-9; Mayor Lee, 1912-3; Mayor Gray, 1914-5; Mayor Mott, 1947-8; Mayor Jackson, 1954-4; Mayor Evers, 1975-6)
- 2 from North Vancouver City (Alderman Bridgman, 1928-30; Mayor Goldsworthy, 1951-2)
- 3 from North Vancouver District (Reeve Bridgman, 1917-8; Councillor Loutet, 1919-22; Mayor Baker, 1988-9)
- 1 from Port Coquitlam (Mayor Traboulay, 1989-90)
- 2 from Richmond (Reeve Grauer, 1941-2; Mayor Anderson, 1970-1)
- 1 from Squamish-Lillooet RD (Chairman Cumming, 1985-7)
- 3 from Surrey (Reeve Reid, 1926-8; Reeve Brown, 1936-7; Reeve Schultz, 1953-4)
- 6 from Vancouver (Alderman Miller, 1941-2; Alderman Bennett, 1944-5; Alderman Wilson, 1960-1; Alderman Broome, 1971-2; Mayor Volrich, 1978; Mayor Campbell, 1992-3)
- 2 from West Vancouver (Reeve Gisby, 1925-6; Reeve Leyland, 1938-9)
- Mayor Keary of New Westminster and Mayor Loutet of North Vancouver were the only two presidents to serve three consecutive years; in addition, E.H. Bridgman served three terms, but from two different communities: from 1918-9 he served as Reeve of North Vancouver District and from 1928-30 as an Alderman in North Vancouver City. He later went on to be the second Inspector of Municipalities. Five of the 11 who served for two terms are also from LMLGA communities.

- New Westminster and Vancouver are two of the three communities to have provided six UBCM presidents each (Kamloops is the other).
- Officials from throughout the LMLGA area have served on the UBCM Executive, as follows:

Vancouver	25	North Vancouver District	6	Langley (pre-1955)	3	Abbotsford	1
Burnaby	12	Coquitlam	5	Langley City	2	Fraser-Cheam RD	1
New Westminster	12	Mission	5	Langley Township	2	Harrison Hot Springs	1
Surrey	12	West Vancouver	5	Delta	2	Ladner	1
Chilliwack	10	Point Grey	4	Pitt Meadows	2	Lillooet	1
North Vancouver City	9	Maple Ridge	3	Squamish	2	Matsqui	1
Richmond	7	South Vancouver	3	Squamish-Lillooet RD	2	Port Coquitlam	1
						Port Moody	1

Long Service Recipients: 29/73 (starting in 1969 – year is year awarded)

- 2 from Abbotsford (Alderman Tessaro, 1980; Mayor Ferguson, 1995)
- 1 from Belcara (Mayor Drew, 2004)
- 2 from Burnaby (Alderman Emmott, 1986; Mayor Drummond, 2002)
- 2 from Chilliwack (Reeve Richardson, 1969; Councillor Kostrzewa, 2002)
- 1 from Coquitlam (Mayor Christmas, 1969)
- 1 from Hope (Mayor Gardner, 1995)
- 2 from Langley Township (Mayor Poppy, 1970; Councillor Arnason, 2004)
- 1 from Maple Ridge (Alderman Franklin, 1985)
- 1 from Matsqui (Alderman Scott, 1970)
- 1 from New Westminster (Alderman Allison, 1969)
- 2 from North Vancouver City (Councillor Dean, 1997; Mayor Loucks, 1999)
- 1 from Pitt Meadows (Reeve Sutton, 1970)
- 3 from Port Coquitlam (Alderman Kilmer, 1969; Mayor Traboulay, 1997; Councillor Keryluk, 1999)
- 1 from Port Moody (Alderman Elsdon, 1978)
- 1 from Fraser-Cheam RD (Director Pretty, 1995)
- 3 from Richmond (Alderman McMath, 1984; Councillor Steeves, 1996; Councillor Kumagai, 2001)
- 1 from Sumas (Reeve Hougan, 1969)
- 1 from Surrey (Alderman Fomich, 1986)
- 2 from Vancouver (Alderman Wilson, 1969; Councillor Puil, 2001)

UBCM Conventions: 38/101

- Burnaby (1964)
- Chilliwack (1915)
- Harrison Hot Springs (1929, 1935, 1941, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951)
- New Westminster (September 29, 1905 (founding Convention), 1931, 1960)
- North Vancouver (1909, 1917, 1919)
- Vancouver (1913, 1936, 1953, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1978 (December), 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003)
- Whistler (1988, 1994, 2002)

Historical Info

- 1915 Thomas Furness, Superintendent of Streets, New Westminster, at the Convention
“There are speed laws in almost every locality, but in no case do I know where these laws are rigidly enforced, nor do I believe it practicable to enforce them.”
- 1932 On July 5, UBCM president Reeve Pritchard (Burnaby) told Union of Canadian Municipalities (precursor to FCM) meeting that only the elimination of the profit principle from industry would solve the unemployment problem, admitting his views were radical.
- 1954 UBCM set up office in New Westminster City Hall – City provided office equipment and secretarial help.
- 1965 President Alan Emmott (Reeve of Burnaby) proposed expanded role for UBCM
“It is time for reappraisal of the role of the UBCM and the extent to which it is able to serve its municipalities”; UBCM was reorganized to meet demand for new services.

For More Information

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