



MEMBER NOTICE

**TO: Mayor and Council
Chair and Regional District Board**

FROM: UBCM Secretariat

DATE: April 30, 2010

RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARENESS WEEK- UPDATES!

UBCM, in partnership with CivicInfo BC, the Local Government Management Association, Ministry of Community and Rural Development, and Ministry of Education, recently announced **May 16-22, 2010** as **Local Government Awareness Week in BC** and **National Public Works Week**.

Local Government Awareness Week was re-instated following the endorsement of resolution 2009-A2, which requested that the provincial government work with UBCM and other local government partner organizations to proclaim an annual local government week in British Columbia and provide support for local government week activities.

The goal for this week is to generate awareness and educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government, and encourage the public to participate in local government processes, including voting in local elections.

We have a couple of exciting developments to share with you.

First, our website is ready! Visit us at www.lgaw.bc.ca to find out more about Local Government Awareness Week, browse the resources on the site, and download information to help you get you started.

Also, the Province of BC has supported our efforts by issuing a provincial proclamation and declaring May 16-22 as Local Government Awareness Week!

Finally, we're happy to announce that there is a new category for UBCM's Excellence Awards called Best Practices, Best Civic Engagement. If your local government plans to participate in Awareness Week, this category is for you! We want to hear what you did and how you engaged your community. Please look for the Excellence Awards application package on the UBCM website starting early June.

Thank you for participating and we will look forward to hearing about your activities! For questions about this initiative, please contact our staff support, Marylyn Chiang, at mchiang@ubcm.ca, or 604.270.8226 ext.110.