



MEMBER RELEASE

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TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | CAO
FROM: UBCM Secretariat
RE: **Nominations: UBCM Small Water Systems Working Group**

1. Nominations

UBCM is seeking nominations for two (2) local government representatives to sit on the Small Water Systems (SWS) Working Group to replace previously sitting representatives.

Please email nominations for representatives to sit on the SWS Working Group to UBCM.

Email should be sent to: jwright@ubcm.ca

The deadline for submission of nominations is **Wednesday, January 25, 2012**.

2. Background

In September 2010, the UBCM Small Water Systems Working Group was established in response to ongoing local government concerns over the application of the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and associated regulatory water quality standards to small water systems. Throughout 2010 and 2011, the Working Group developed terms of reference as well as an issues paper that identified a series of interpretation, application, financial, operational, governance and liability issues with small water systems in BC. At the 2011 UBCM Convention, the Working Group made recommendations with respect to a new definition for small water systems as well as a new approach for the treatment of surface water.

The purpose of the UBCM Small Water Systems Working Group is to:

- review local government implementation experiences with the Drinking Water Protection Act and related Drinking Water Protection Regulation;
- review the principles of the drinking water legislative and regulatory framework;
- identify policy, regulatory and/or legislative amendments where appropriate; and
- develop an action plan for developing and/or implementing any identified policy, regulatory, and/or legislative changes.

The SWS Working Group is comprised of representatives from local government and from the provincial ministries responsible or significantly involved with the development and

implementation of the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and the associated Drinking Water Protection Regulation. These include representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, the Ministry of Environment, and a regional health authority. UBCM has five (5) local government representatives on the Working Group.

The SWS Working Group meets monthly or at the call of the chair, if an emergency meeting is required. Meetings may occur in-person or through teleconference.

UBCM Contact

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