The Convention is about many things, such as setting policy and learning new ideas that can help communities with the challenges facing them. It is also an important time each year to hear from provincial government and other leaders about policies and directions that will affect communities and local government.

A strong provincial presence is a hallmark of UBCM Conventions. A number of ministers will be involved in sessions that highlight local-provincial partnerships on the Monday and Tuesday afternoon – such as housing, police costs, 2010, the new BizPal initiative and 211 social services referral line. Wednesday afternoon is dedicated to provincial relations starting with an address by the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, then four Cabinet Panels (see page 12 for details). The afternoon concludes with the Government of BC reception.

Thursday morning kicks off with a Government of Canada representative (to be confirmed) and a mid-morning address by Carole James, Leader of the Official Opposition. As is our custom, the Premier, the Honourable Gordon Campbell, wraps up the Convention on Friday morning.
Very soon it will be my pleasure to welcome you to the 103rd UBCM Convention taking place in Victoria. Victoria always attracts a record number of delegates and we expect this trend to be repeated. This edition of the UBCM News features a number of the important elements such as the business programs, the social and entertainment programs offered by our host, the City of Victoria. The City has also lined up some entertaining study tours on the Monday.

You should soon be receiving your copy of the Annual Report and Resolutions book (also offered on CivicNet for non-members). This year has set another record for the number of resolutions received – 225. This shows the strength of this organization and the value members place in the process to shape future policy and programs. The Annual Report sets out many of the things we have achieved since we last met at the UBCM Convention. It has been a huge year. We have launched the Gas Tax Transfer program and have paid nearly $100 million of federal funds to municipalities and regional districts. We signed a $51 million Public Transit Agreement and are beginning to conclude individual transfer agreements. And we participated in the development of the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund – which will bring $102 million combined federal and provincial funding.

Since we met at last year’s convention we saw a civic election held throughout the province and we will welcome over 550 “newly elected” representatives to the Victoria Convention taking place in May.

The following are some new additions and key updates to the UBCM’s CivicNet website (www.civicnet.bc.ca):

**2006 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement**

Check under About UBCM/Annual Reports for UBCM’s 2006 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement. A print version of these reports was included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book, distributed to members in August.

**2006 Resolutions**

All 226 Resolutions received by the June 30 deadline are available for online viewingDOWNLOADING/PRINTING under Resolutions/2006 Resolutions.

**2006 Professionals Directory**

The Professionals Directory portion of the UBCM website has been updated with 2006 contact information and is available under Publications/Professionals Directory.

**Gas Tax/Public Transit/New Deal**

Formerly known as New Deal Management Services (NDMS) under the Program Services tab, the new Gas Tax/Public Transit/New Deal page has some updated information on the Gas Tax and Public Transit agreements with the federal government, copies of the formal agreements, and links to background materials and resources on the development of the New Deal for Cities & Communities.

**Featured Policy Topics**

The Featured Policy Topics drop-down box (at the bottom left corner of any CivicNet page) features information on current issues and policy topics of interest. The following are some of the most recent additions to this section of the website:

- **First Nations Relations**
  - The final report on the March 2006 Province wide Community to Community Forum, hosted by the First Nations Summit and the UBCM, is now available under Featured Policy Topics/First Nations Relations/Community to Community Forum Programs/Province wide Community to Community Forum.

- **Industrial Taxation**
  - Check here for information on current issues and policy topics of interest. The following are some of the most recent additions to this section of the website:

- **Marijuana Grow Ops**
  - Recent changes to the Safety Standards Act enable local governments to request power consumption information from electrical utilities and use it to proactively deal with the electrical safety

Gas Tax Funding

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Funding is delivered through five programs. This table shows the overall parameters and status for each program, along with the expected distribution of Canada’s five-year funding commitment, totaling $635.6 million.

**COMMENTARY**

The overall design of the program responds to the need to deliver all the Gas Tax funds regionally in the GVRD/GVTA for transit; the need to provide flexibility elsewhere to respond to community needs; and need to encourage regional or large-scale investments and to foster innovation. This design is about showing the best results of the use of federal funding and, like any investment strategy, the results are improved through a diversified five part investment categories rather than a single investment category.

**OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Gas Tax funds are just one of a number of funding opportunities. The others include:

- Public Transit Agreement ($51m - FCM)
- MRIF ($102m - BC)
- Green Municipal Funds (FCM)

In a very helpful and timely initiative, the LGMA has developed a comprehensive inventory of other current funding programs available to local governments. This database inventory is available through both the LGMA and CivicNet websites.

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**UBCM Page**

Counsellor Martin Hunt
President

Campbell and supported 185 programs in local government and First Nations communities. Since we last met we saw a civic election held throughout the province and we will welcome a large number of the over 550 “newly elected” to the convention this year. I would draw your attention to a special New Delegates orientation session held on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

So it has been a big year for local government, UBCM and for me as your President. As it draws to a close I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the privilege to represent you provincially and nationally as part of FCM. The opportunity to travel to many of your communities has reminded me of the vast distances that separate us and the diversity of our communities. Yet these distances and diversity have not divided us as a local government organization, but in fact have made us stronger.

We are now into UBCM’s second century and I have been honored to be a part of that experience.

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**Circulars List**

- **JUNE 2006**
  - Contact for UBCM Communications
  - Municipal Rural Infrastructure Funding Agreement Signed
  - Supreme Court of Canada Ruling - PSAC vs. Municipal RCMP Employees
  - New Revised UBCM Fact
  - UBCM Commentary on Competition Council Report
  - Malaspina Long Service Recipients
  - History Book Order Form
  - Seniors Housing and Support Services Options and Opportunities for Local Governments

- **JULY 2006**
  - Concurrent Authority for Building Regulation
  - Last Chance - UBCM Executive Nominations
  - Liquor Policy - Public Notice
  - Crystal Meth Response
  - Grants Mobilize Community Action
  - Highlights of the July 20-21, 2006 UBCM Executive Meeting
  - Softwood Lumber Agreement

- **AUGUST 2006**
  - Community Health Promotion - Round 2 Request for Preliminary Project Proposals
  - Joint MCS/UBCM Response to Vancouver Sun Article
  - 2006 UBCM Convention Executive Banquet Reserved Seating Process
  - Invitation for Consultation
  - Re: Medications return program stewardship plan
  - Business Case - Full Time Funded Coordinator for the BC Municipal Safety Association
2006 COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A record 60 Community Excellence Awards submissions were received this year. The following 36 local governments submitted one or more applications to the Community Excellence Awards for 2006:

City of Abbotsford
City of Chilliwack
City of Coquitlam
City of Cranbrook
City of Dawson Creek
City of Kamloops
City of Kelowna
City of Langford
City of Langley
City of Nelson
City of Penticton
City of Port Coquitlam
City of Richmond
City of Saanich
City of Salmon Arm
City of Vernon
City of Victoria
Corporation of Delta
District of Maple Ridge
District of North Vancouver
District of Saanich
District of Sparwood
District of Ucluelet
Municipality of North Cowichan
Regional District of the Cariboo
Regional District of Fraser Fort George
Regional District of Greater Vancouver
Regional District of Nanaimo
Town of Gibsons
Town of Ladysmith
Vancouver Park Board
Village of New Denver
Village of Port Alice
Village of Valemount

Selection Committee members are scheduled to meet in September. The winners of the 2006 Community Excellence Awards will be announced after the Minister of Community Services speaks on Wednesday, October 25 at Convention. Winners will receive their awards and have photos taken the next day at an invitation-only breakfast reception.

If you know that your council or board has something to be proud of, make sure you apply for an Excellence Award next year. The application will be available online in the spring of 2007.

UBCM thanks the following 2006 “Partners in Excellence”:

- Ministry of Community Services
- CH2M Hill

October is Zero Crash Month

$93,000 in road safety grants will be awarded to 5 BC communities

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury in British Columbia. The costs in human and financial terms are staggering. For 31 days this October, ICBC, in partnership with the police, Autoplan brokers and industry associations, are encouraging all road users to make a commitment to drive, cycle and walk safely by registering online at www.zerocrashmonth.com.

All local governments are invited to support this effort by endorsing Zero Crash Month. In addition to great individual prizes, including a fully loaded all-wheel drive Pontiac TorrentTM, ICBC is awarding road safety grants totaling $93,000 to communities that have the greatest reduction in crashes, as compared to their crash prediction for the month. Endorse Zero Crash Month for a chance to win an ICBC Road Safety Grant:

- $5,000 – Communities with a population of fewer than 1,500 (37 in total)
- $10,000 – Communities with a population between 1,501 – 5,000 (41 in total)
- $18,000 – Communities with a population between 5,001 – 10,000 (33 in total)
- $25,000 – Communities with a population between 10,001 – 40,000 (38 in total)
- $35,000 – Communities with a population over 40,001 (21 in total)

Zero Crash Month targets all BC drivers and will be supported with a province-wide TV and print advertising campaign this Fall. Each week, the advertising will focus on a different theme to encourage safe driving including seatbelts, unsafe speed, impaired driving and pedestrian safety.

Based on previous years, it is predicted that 22,000 motor vehicle crashes will take place in British Columbia and approximately 6,000 people will be injured in these crashes. With increased awareness of the behaviours that cause crashes, Zero Crash Month aims to make BC’s roads safer and reduce the tremendous harm that crashes have on individuals, their families and our communities.

North Central Municipal Association Executive - Correction

UBCM would like to correct an error made to the NCMA Executive listing in our June Newsletter. Our apologies to Mayor Mike Frazier who we missed as one of the NCMA Directors at Large. The following is a complete listing:

North Central Municipal Association

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Contact your local ICBC representative to get involved in this year’s campaign or visit www.zerocrashmonth.com for more information.

Developing options.

McCarthy Tétrault’s Municipal Group offers experience in all areas of law relevant to local government, including land use and planning, environmental, labour and employment, public private partnerships, tax and litigation.

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With a significant presence in all major financial centres in Canada as well as in London U.K., McCarthy Tétrault is Canada’s premier law firm.

Contact your local ICBC representative to get involved in this year’s campaign or visit www.zerocrashmonth.com for more information.

How can I find out more information about Zero Crash Month?

Contact your regional ICBC Loss Prevention Office:

- Greater Vancouver (604) 296-1520
- Fraser Valley (604) 507-3633
- Southern Interior (250) 979-4607
- North/Central (250) 561-5093
- Vancouver Island (250) 729-3505

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If you’ve got questions, we’ve got the answers you’re looking for

We have been providing the public sector with audit opinions and accounting advice for well over 60 years. But that’s not all. Increasingly, our clients are turning to us for related services as well, such as management advice, feasibility studies, financial indicators reports, financial planning, information technology, and human resources planning. Our specialized skills, tailored for your needs, allow you to use your resources — people, facilities, and money — as productively as possible.

Provincial Contact Partner: Bill Cox, Partner Tel: (604) 608-5421
Represented Internationally by BDO International

UBCM Conducts Survey Regarding Ambulance Service

The UBCM’s Healthy Communities Committee recently reviewed correspondence from a number of northern communities concerned about ambulance service and in particular, staff training and retention. The UBCM Executive passed a motion to gather information about the current concerns of small or isolated communities with respect to ambulance services. To that end, on August 18th UBCM circulated a short survey to these communities for completion by September 13, 2006. Results of the survey will be discussed at the UBCM Convention Electoral Area Directors Forum and Small Talk on Tuesday October 24. The UBCM Healthy Communities Committee will review input from this session and prepare a submission to the Province on how to remedy the particular problems identified.

Health Costs Working Group Established

A working group of staff from municipalities and regional districts has been established to consider issues arising from the May 26 consultation session on police costs recovery from under 5,000 population municipalities and from Electoral Areas. There are two main streams to their work. First is to look at the proposed financing model and verify that it indeed functions as described, and to look at the various component inputs such as average RCMP member costs, what they include, how they are calculated and how they may be adjusted over time. The working group is also pursuing some of the suggested modifications to the formula. The group will also examine proposals to enhance local input into policing priorities and the accountability of the RCMP. The working group is to report back to the UBCM Police Costs Task Force so that they can prepare to meet with Solicitor General John Les in advance of the afternoon session on Monday, October 23. Please this session in your Convention registration if you plan to attend.
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP: CONSULTATION SESSIONS

Electronic Product Stewardship

Encorp Pacific (Canada) was selected in May 2006 to provide administrative and management services for the BC Electronics Stewardship Program. As part of its administrative process, it will be conducting public consultation for the purpose of developing an industry stewardship plan for electronic waste. Encorp Pacific is inviting interested parties to participate in the process by attending one of the public consultation meetings. The meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- Sept 12, 2006 - Coast of the North – Prince George
- Sept 13, 2006 - Sheraton Guildford – Surrey
- Sept 14, 2006 - Prestige Hotel – Vernon
- Sept 15, 2006 - Coast Bastion – Nanaimo

Registration forms can be found at www.encorp.ca, and can be faxed to 604-473-2411 or be sent by email to doug@encorpinc.com.


Written comments will also be accepted up to September 29, 2006 at the mailing address on the registration form or by email to doug@encorpinc.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Doug Merrier, Program Manager Electronic Recycling, Encorp Pacific (Canada), by email at doug@encorpinc.com or by telephone at 1-800-330-9767 or 604-473-2430.

Medications Return Program

The Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (PCPSA) is the appointed agency for administering a product stewardship plan under the Recycling Regulation for the disposal of used and expired pharmaceutical products. The PCPSA is currently conducting public consultation for updating the provincial stewardship plan, the Medications Return Program.

The PSPSA held public consultations on August 24th at the Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites in Victoria, and on August 28th at the Holiday Inn-Vancouver-Centre in Vancouver. A consultation questionnaire is also available until September 15th, 2006. Further information on the consultation program, questionnaire, and registration forms are available at the PCPSA website, www.medicationsreturn.ca.

Questions and comments can be sent to Ginette Vanasse, Executive Director, PCPSA by email at ginette.vanasse@medicationsreturn.ca or by fax to 613-723-0779.

Tire Stewardship

On March 30, 2006, the B.C. Recycling Regulation was amended to include tires, which means the current government operated tire program will transition to an industry stewardship model in the very near future. A tire industry body, known as Tire Stewardship B.C (TSBC), initiated public consultations for the purpose of developing a provincial industry stewardship plan. A series of public consultation sessions were held in mid-July.

Tire Stewardship B.C. has produced a Backgrounder and Intentions Paper for the development of a industry stewardship plan, which can be viewed or downloaded from www.wctd.ca/tsbc.htm. Written comments can be sent to the attention of Don Blythe, Chair, Tire Stewardship BC at wctda@telus.net.

MAKING LEMONADE FROM LEMONS

If the saying actually goes, “they don’t make any more land”, the City of Burnaby would beg to differ. In an otherwise crowded urban landscape, the City of Burnaby put its thinking cap on and really took to task the precepts recover, reuse and recycle. The City wanted to reinstate an area to its original park conservation land use, and to provide a cost-effective solution for limiting the risks to humans and the environment.

Using integrated design, very innovative engineering and coming at the problem from a different angle, three former outdoor target ranges, with lead and copper from spent ammunition and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon contamination, making them too dangerous for wildlife or human use, were remediated using stabilization strategies, hazardous waste containment, and soil capping. This project stands out as a first in many respects, including the level of cost savings achieved versus other proposed solutions.

Burnaby found that it had a huge liability with the former target range. The site is on an unstable slope, adjacent to a major arterial, crossed by active streams and tributaries draining into Burrard Inlet – Vancouver’s major sea port, and it had a 1.8 hectare area that was highly contaminated.

Historically the streams had carried some of the contamination off-site into Burrard Inlet. This fact caused Burnaby heightened levels of concern – any further migration of contaminants must be stopped. Then there was the issue of arterial road flooding. If a slide were to occur, a major road network would be rendered impassable. Anywhere in the Lower Mainland this is an unacceptable risk.
The solution to Burnaby’s issues rested with the Engineers at Keystone Environmental. Understanding what the Hazardous Waste Regulations could permit, and relying on the science they are known for, Keystone met with the Ministry of Environment to develop a solution for the site contaminants as well as construct site drainage measures to mitigate future risks of slides and the flooding of the arterial road.

Keystone was able to obtain 10 variances to the Hazardous Waste Regulations and design a stable hazardous waste facility to manage the contaminants on-site. This was quite an accomplishment as Regulations stipulate that a hazardous waste facility could not be located in or within 100 meters of a public park, nor within 100 meters of a stream nor be maintained underground. The regulators accepted Keystone's cement stabilization approach using Portland cement to both chemically stabilize the contaminated soils and solidify the soils in preparation for inclusion in the hazardous waste facility.

In comparison with the very expensive 'dig and dump' solutions recommended by other consultants, cement-based stabilization was used to treat approximately 3,950 cubic meters of soil. This soil was approved to be stored in a below ground hazardous waste facility and topped with asphalt to become the parking lot for the new park.

Soil capping, another in-site treatment process, was utilized across two portions of the site, one at 4,300 m$^2$ and one at 4,500 m$^2$, and was implemented to act as a chemical fixation, provide a physical barrier/buffer from contact with the hazardous waste and reinforce erosion and drainage control.

In the end it was estimated that conventional off-site ‘dig and dump’ hazardous waste disposal methods, involving the excavation and transport of the hazardous waste material to an approved, out-of-province hazardous waste landfill would cost $3,000,000. Keystone’s in-site remedial measures cost the City of Burnaby $1,800,000.

Additional successes included addressing potential risks associated with storm water management, road construction, geotechnical issues, and the protection of the groundwater and surface water resources. Keystone Environmental pushed to preserve the natural habitat landscape undertaking ground contouring/landscaping and the installation of new sediment/drainage control features to handle run-off and drainage in the area of the site. A very successful conclusion and the creation of a new public park.

Environmental Stewardship Award: Go Green in the Hort Industry

To recognize outstanding environmental leaders in BC’s horticulture industry, the BC Landscape & Nursery Association (BCLNA) holds an annual competition called the Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA). Environmental stewardship can be demonstrated through horticultural practices such as the use of native plants in public areas, integrated pest management, wise water and energy use, management of riparian areas and wetlands, and special projects that result in long-term, far-reaching environmental and cultural impact.

The 2006 ESA is now officially underway. Be sure to let the industry and public know if your company has done something environmentally significant by entering this year’s program. Any individual, company, or organization who maintains or promotes a sustainable healthy environment may be nominated, or enter on their own.

If one entry proves to be of exemplary environmental leadership, they will be awarded a winners plaque, a $500 cash prize, and receive industry and public recognition. The program is generously funded by Peel’s Nurseries Ltd. and Linosa Nurseries Ltd.

For more information on the ESA, including last year’s winner, and a downloadable entry package, visit www.bcina.com, click on ‘Awards’, and follow the link to ‘Environmental Stewardship Award’. If you would like to receive an entry package via mail or have any questions, contact Sarah Vaughan at the BCLNA: 604.574.7772 or svaughan@bcina.com.

Agriculture Committee

In the February 2006 Provincial Throne Speech reference was made to the development of a new agriculture plan. To that end, on February 17, 2006 the Province announced the formation of a committee to conduct focused discussions with British Columbians to enhance the agriculture industry. Val Roddick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Agriculture and Lands Minister Pat Bell chairs the committee and is joined by the following MLA’s:

- Blair Lekstrom, Peace River South
- Al Horning, Kelowna - Lake Country
- Harry Bloy, Burquitlam
- Ron Cantelon, Nanoimo-Parksville, and
- Joan McIntyre, West Vancouver-Garbaldini.

The MLA Committee has been charged with developing an Agriculture Plan for BC and will be holding consultations and information gathering sessions for the agriculture sector stakeholders, local government and other interested members of the general public. The Plan is expected to be finalized in the Spring of 2007.

While all of the details and venues have not been finalized, the following provides an overview of the dates and locations for the public consultations confirmed to date:

- September 6th and 7th Cranbrook
- September 21st and 22nd Langley - Abbotsford
- September 25th to 28th Vanderhoof, Williams Lake and Kamloops

First or second week of October Nanaimo and Victoria - either

The MLA Committee will also be presenting the findings from their consultations at a workshop at the UBCM Convention on Tuesday, October 24 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.
2006 UBCM Convention

Special Convention Pull-out Section

Delegate’s Check List

When you arrive, be sure to:

• Register and pick up your delegate’s kit containing your program and other useful information and invitations
• Check that you have the correct registration for Forum Luncheons, Area Association Luncheons, Delegates Luncheon and Annual Banquet
• Check if you’ve got your Annual Banquet table reservation (if ordered)
• Familiarize yourself with the Convention venue and where your chosen functions are being held
• Check at the delegates’ information desk to see if there are any updates or sessions
• Check-in partners at the Partner’s Desk
• Make the most of your experience, and enjoy the company of your fellow members!

2006 Nominations for UBCM Executive

The 2006 Nominating Committee issued its call for nominations and the results were circulated in a report to members in mid-August. The report contains the names and biographical information of the candidates nominated for the 11 elected positions on the UBCM Executive. The role of the Nominating Committee is to review credentials and prepare a report of duly nominated candidates. It is not the role of the Nominating Committee to recommend any one nomination. Any further nominations will be received at the appropriate time from the floor of the Convention. Members of this year’s Nominating Committee include:

• Director Aaron Dinwoodie, Chair, Immediate Past President, Central Okanagan RD
• Councillor Craig Caruso, North Central Municipal Association
• Councillor Patricia Wallace, Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association
• Councillor Janis Dahlen, Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments
• Councillor Sharon Gaetz, Lower Mainland Local Government Association
• Councillor Bea Holland, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

At the close of nominations on July 31, 2006 the following nominations were received:

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Nominations from the floor will be accepted during designated times at the Convention. Please refer to the Nominating Committee report for details. For further information please contact the Chair of the Committee, Director Aaron Dinwoodie.

Booking Government Appointments

Instructions on booking meetings with provincial Cabinet during UBCM Convention week were circulated from the Premier’s office to all UBCM members.

APPOINTMENTS FILL FAST!! DON’T BE DISAPPOINTED! – BOOK EARLY!

Convenient Online

Visit the CivicNet website at civicnet.bc.ca for important information on the 2006 UBCM Convention, including:

• General Information – on Convention dates, location, facilities, accommodations, etc.
• Registration form – to print out and submit to the UBCM office.
• Publications – Convention Program, etc.
• General Convention Business – including information on resolutions, voting privileges, elections and provincial participation.
• Schedule – including the Convention Program in brief.
• Session Information – an overview of all Convention sessions, forums, clinics, workshops, etc.
• Events – networking opportunities and social occasions scheduled during Convention.
• Partners Program – a description of the excellent tours and events available to delegates’ spouses and partners during Convention.

Use this convenient online resource to assist you in planning for this year’s UBCM Convention.
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A Day at Sea  
Drinking Water Quality Management  
10:00 am - 5:15 pm | Study Sessions (optional)  
Health Priorities for Local Governments  
Study Sessions (optional)  
Final Treaty Settlements and Local Government  
Police Costs: Small Communities and Electoral Areas |
| 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Forum Lunches  
Forum Afternoon Sessions:  
Community Opportunities Task Force  
Regional District Directors Forum  
Provincial policy sessions (concurrence)  
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Welcome Reception |

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Mid-Sized Communities Forum  
Large Urban Communities Forum  
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| 6:30 am    | Fraser Basin Council/Breakfast  
7:00 am - 4:30 pm | Registration  
7:00 am | Delegates’ Continental Breakfast  
7:30 am | Clinics: (5 concurrent)  
8:30 am | CONVENTION OPENING SESSION  
Canada  
Invocation  
President’s Opening Address  
ANNUAL MEETING  
9:00 am | Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures  
Adoption of Minutes of 2005 Convention  
Annual Report  
Question-and-Answer Period  
Adoption of Financial Statements  
Appointment of Auditors  
Appointment of Convention Committees  
9:20 am | Welcome from Host Municipality  
PRINCIPAL POLICY SESSION: RESOLUTIONS  
9:25 am | First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers |

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Forum Clinics: (6 concurrent)  
9:00 am - 9:00 am | Election of Table Officers  
10:00 am | Delegates’ Continental Breakfast  
10:30 am | Breakfast  
10:45 am | Election of Table Officers  
11:00 am | Addresses from the floor for Table Officer positions  
11:55 am | Area Association Luncheons (optional)  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Address by the FCM President  
1:30 pm | Resolution Session resumes  
2:00 pm | Candidate speeches (as necessary)  
2:30 pm | Election of Table Officers (opens as necessary)  
3:00 pm | Cabinet Session: “A Panel with the Ministers of…” (4 concurrent panels)  
5:00 pm | BC Government Reception |

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7:00 am - 8:00 am | Regional District Directors Forum  
7:30 am | Election for Executive Positions  
8:00 am | Keynote Speaker: Chantal Hebert  
POLICY SESSION  
8:35 am | Federal Address: TBC POLICY SESSION: RESOLUTIONS  
9:00 am | Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions  
9:30 am | Address by Leader of the Opposition  
10:00 am | Resolution Session resumes  
10:45 am | Election for Executive Positions  
11:30 am - 3:30 pm | Adjourn  
12:00 pm | Afternoon Tours and Workshops (Concurrent)  
Various times | Reception  
6:30 pm | Annual Banquet  
7:30 pm | Presentation of Long-Service Awards and Life Memberships |

### Convention Highlights: Plan Your Week

The general format for the Convention remains the same as in previous years:
- **Monday:** pre-conference sessions  
- **Tuesday:** Electoral Areas, Small Talk, Mid-Sized and the Large Urban Communities Forums  
- **Wednesday to Friday:** main business sessions

#### MONDAY Study Tours and Study Sessions

Four study sessions and three study tours are being offered. The tours this year are organized through City of Victoria. These sessions are listed on page 10 and pre-registration is required.

#### TUESDAY Special Focus

Four forums dealing with issues of specific focus for:  
- Electoral Area Directors (featuring “In the Director’s Chair”)  
- Small Talk (pop. Under 5,000)  
- Mid-Sized Communities (5 – 20,000)  
- Large Urban Communities  
Additional details can be found on page 10.

The following afternoon sessions will be continued:  
1:30 p.m.  
Regional District Directors Forum  
Provincial Policy Presentations

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning sessions basically focus on UBCM policy development. The Minister of Community Services’ annual address will kick off the afternoon and be followed by policy discussion in four Cabinet panels. All five Area Associations will sponsor lunches.

#### THURSDAY

After a full morning of “early bird” clinics and policy debate, delegates will adjourn to the Delegates Luncheon. A special presentation and workshops are on the agenda for the afternoon.

#### FRIDAY

After a keynote speaker and policy plenary, the Convention wraps up with Premier Gordon Campbell speaking at 10:00 am.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention.

UBCM Convention Committee:  
Director Susan Gimse, Chair  
Councillor Bea Holland, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Mary Stjøstrom  
Mayor Terry Lake  
Councillor Patricia Wallace, VP Liaison
Participating in UBCM Resolutions Sessions

UBCM is a policy driven organization and in order to provide direction to the Executive. It is important that members of the UBCM Executive understand the positions of UBCM members and, for this reason, we encourage delegates to express their views during resolutions sessions. This can be done in two ways:

1) Speaking to a Resolution:
   - Who can speak to a resolution?
     • Elect a representative of the member municipality or regional district sponsoring the resolution.
     • Elect representatives from member municipalities or regional districts who have questions or comments regarding a resolution on the floor.

2) Voting on a Resolution:
   - Who can vote on a resolution?
     • Voting with voting card: used for voting on resolutions.
   - Use floor microphones when speaking.
   - The resolution sponsor has three minutes to speak.
   - Speakers from the floor have two minutes to speak.
   - No one delegate may speak more than once on any resolution until everyone else who wants to speak has had an opportunity to do so.

Types of Resolutions

1) Section A Resolutions: resolutions highlighting issues of significant interest to members across the province.
2) Section B Resolutions:
   - Part I – previously considered and endorsed resolutions/previously approved policies/documents/resolutions in keeping with UBCM policy. These resolutions will be considered as a block.
   - Part II and Part III – resolutions for individual consideration on topics not previously considered but not previously endorsed/of local or regional significance/of national significance to be considered by FCM. Part II contains those issues considered within the jurisdiction of local government. Part III contains those resolutions on matters of interest to local communities that are considered not within the jurisdiction of local government.
3) Section C Resolutions: resolutions that have been consolidated or grouped with other resolutions in Sections “A” or “B”/incorporated into policy papers/referred to special sessions/referred back to Area Associations or sponsors.

How are late resolutions dealt with?

- Late resolutions are those received after the June 30 deadline. You will receive a copy of these resolutions at Convention.
- Late resolutions identified as “emergency” issues that have won or lost by 50 or more delegates on the prior resolution submission deadline will be addressed at the Convention on Friday morning.
Monday/Tuesday Sessions

Monday, October 23 Pre-Convention Study Sessions/Tours

Eight Pre-Convention Study Sessions/Tours being offered through advance registration are shown opposite. Please refer to the Convention registration package for descriptions and fees or visit the Convention portion of the Civicnet website for program descriptions. UBCM members may register to attend Tuesday Forums without being a full Convention delegate, space permitting (Convention delegates take priority). Please submit a regular registration form and payment for only the Forum you select on the form.

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Tuesday: Many Choices – Plan Ahead

The Tuesday program is full of choices:
- six clinics;
- four morning forums;
- rural and regional district afternoon forums;
- two concurrent afternoon workshops;
- four provincial policy presentations; and
- at least two receptions, including the Welcome Reception at Victoria Conference Centre hosted by the City of Victoria.

So plan ahead before to select which sessions you or your colleagues will be attending.

Here are the big blocks for Tuesday:

7:30 – 8:00 6 Clinics:
9:00 – noon 4 Forums
noon – 1:30 Forum Lunches
1:30 – 2:30 Community Opportunities Task Force
2:45 – 4:15 Regional District Forum Provincial Policy Presentations

MUNICIPAL AND RD DIRECTORS FORUM

Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Do you have strong views about what makes your region work? Don’t miss this opportunity to be heard. Regional issues are a known pressure point in BC, but BC is not alone; all jurisdictions in Canada are attempting to deal with regional issues. BC has 27 unique stories that capture both the challenges and effective practices of working in the regional district system. These stories need to be heard. In this facilitated interactive, workshop, participants will provide feedback on issues and potential solutions to some of BC’s most pressing and complex regional local government issues.

How do we bridge the rural/urban divide? Is it time to renew regional district structures? How should accountability to the electorate in regions be strengthened? Your perspectives on these and other questions are important to shaping the future direction of your region. This interactive and practical discussion will provide direct results on regional survey questions.

Tuesday Clinics

Six clinics are currently being organized to precede the Tuesday forums. The subjects are:

Regional District:
- Regional Growth Strategies
- Support for Your Fire Department

Small Talk:
- 911 and Voice Over Internet
- Anmore - Community Energy Plan

Medium/Large Urban
- Urban Pesticide Use Strategy
- Supporting Sustainable Transportation

MID-SIZED COMMUNITIES FORUM

The Mid-Sized Communities Forum is entering its third year at the UBCM Convention. This year's session, aimed at communities with populations between 5,000 and 20,000, will provide an opportunity to share ideas and best practices, discuss common problems and identify solutions. Knowledgeable speakers will provide ideas and practical advice based on their experiences and a consideration of the needs and challenges of mid-sized communities.

On July 14th, a memo was sent out requesting session topics for discussion. While several communities have already submitted ideas, UBCM will be accepting forum topic ideas until September 8th. Session ideas can be sent to UBCM via fax at 604-270-9110.

The Mid-Sized Communities Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 24 from 9:00 – 12 noon in Salon B/C of the Victoria Conference Centre.
**CONVENTION WEBSITE 2006**

For the latest information on the 2006 Convention, check out the UBCM website at www.civicnet.bc.ca. Here, along with other information important to members, you will find the Convention page. The Convention page will be updated regularly as Convention planning unfolds.

As the Convention approaches, you will find everything from the President’s message to registration and accommodation information. You will be able to read about planned sessions, as well as print out the registration brochure and learn about other Convention details. Currently, the site includes information on location, accommodation and sessions.

Just follow the path: www.civicnet.bc.ca and click on Convention/2006 Convention. We recommend book-marking the site for easy access to the most recent Convention information.

**ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS FORUM**

Tuesday October 24, 2006; 9:00 am – 12 noon

A s in previous years, this Forum, also known as “In the Director’s Chair”, will address topics of current concern to EA directors. A focused discussion on septic system regulation will be featured and the Minister has been invited to attend.

The open discussion is a facilitated problem-solving session where the group can respond to a specific issue or concern raised by an individual. Ideas for the open discussion were solicited through a survey sent to regional districts in late June. Some of the topics that EA members would like to raise relate to:

- Ambulance service
- Grants programs and rural areas
- Land use issues
- Affordable housing
- Taxation issues
- Special meetings
- Resource issues

Submission of suggested issues for discussion can be faxed to UBCM on the survey form provided and must be received by September 15, 2006.

**Clinics:** 7:30 am to 8:15 am

Clinic description will be available on CivicNet by September 15

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**Small Talk**

Small Talk is a facilitated problem-solving session that allows UBCM to engage with a substantial proportion of delegates at the 2006 UBCM Convention. The session will be held on Tuesday, October 24, in the Theatre at the Victoria Conference Centre.

On July 4, 2006, Small Community Representative, Mayor Sharon Hartwell issued a memo seeking your topics for discussion at the Forum. If you are a village or small community under 5,000 in population, you are encouraged to submit your issues. The premise for Small Talk is simple: you send us your issues and that becomes the agenda. With the assistance of our facilitators, and other advisors as necessary, we will coordinate the session to ensure that you get as much out of it as possible. If you have not yet submitted your issues I would encourage you to submit them to UBCM via fax at 604-270-9116.

This is your opportunity to meet with similar sized communities and share experiences, discuss problems and identify solutions. A ticketed lunch will follow the session to allow you to network with your colleagues in a more informal setting.

**New Delegates Orientation**

Tuesday, October 24, 2006; 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Close to 550 local government officials were “newly elected” as of the November 2005 elections. These individuals represent a large percentage of the total population of elected officials and are therefore anticipated to make up a substantial proportion of delegates at the 2006 UBCM Convention.

We welcome new delegates with a special orientation to help you get the most out of your time at the Convention. The presentation will include:

- Convention program overview
- Resolutions process
- Election of Executive
- Delegate services (message centre, office services)
- Tips from experienced “conventioneers”

**LARGE URBAN FORUM**

This year marks the 10th anniversary for the Large Urban Forum. The session will be held on Tuesday October 24, in the Oak Bay Room at the Victoria Conference Centre.

On July 13, 2006, a memo was sent out seeking topics for discussion at the Forum. The session is intended to give elected officials in larger communities (those over 25,000 pop.) and communities located in urban areas an opportunity to:

- share discussion and questions with speakers and delegates on issues of concern;
- seek solutions, share ideas and find out what other communities are doing on common issues;
- develop relationships and contacts with other members working on shared issues in large communities;
- provide direction to UBCM for on-going policy work on urban issues.

If you have not yet submitted your ideas on issues you would like to see discussed, or potential speakers, I would encourage you to submit them to UBCM via fax at 604-270-9116.

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**Young Councillor Caucus**

New at UBCM this year is the hosting of a young councillors caucus meeting for councilors under the age of 35. Young Councillors will have an opportunity to discuss the unique challenges and opportunities that face youth in politics and government. We highly encourage young council members to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to attend, participate and help create a province-wide network of young councilors and mayors.

This session will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre, 1:30-3:00 pm, Tuesday, October 24.

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UBCM Archives Established

When the process of writing UBCM: The First Century, boxes of historical documents, photos, audio tapes and ephemera were stored in a variety of places, some boxes of files and dispersed collections of photographs, negatives, slides, pamphlets, studies, policy papers, etc. in a home and governed by standard archival policies and procedures. Thanks to the hard work, UBCM members, executive, staff,

UBCM Resolutions Sessions

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- Late resolutions not identified as “emergency” will not be debated by delegates.
- Some late resolutions may be referred to the Executive.

Can resolutions be raised on the Convention floor?
- Any delegate may bring forward a motion which, if seconded, will be presented to the floor by the Chair.
- A three-fifths majority vote must be achieved before the motion can be put forward for discussion.
- The sponsor may have to provide copies of the resolution to delegates.

What are extraordinary resolutions?
- Amendments to UBCM Bylaws.
- Notice of extraordinary resolutions to be submitted for consideration at Convention will have been given to the Executive Director no later than 75 days before Convention.

Note: Resolutions originating at a Convention workshop or seminar will be referred to the UBCM Executive.

*When preparing to come to Convention, make sure to pack your Resolutions Book! Be sure to keep it with you throughout Resolutions sessions so you can keep track of deliberations.

Resource Panel

Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range
Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands
Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Honourable William Bennett, Minister of State for Mining
Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment

Health, Education and Social Development Panel

Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health
Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education
Honourable Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development
Honourable Linda Reid, Minister of State for Childcare
Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education
Honourable Claude Richmond, Minister of Employment and Income Assistance
Honourable Gordon Hogg, Minister of State for ActNow BC

Business and Economy Panel

Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics
Honourable Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance
Honourable Olga Ilich, Minister of Labour and Citizens’ Services
Honourable Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue
Honourable Stan Hagen, Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts
Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation

Community, Safety and Intergovernmental Relations

Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services
Honourable Mike De Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Honourable Wally Oppal, Attorney General
Honourable John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Honourable John van Dongen, Minister of State for Intergovernmental Relations

Wednesday Cabinet Panels

Our Commitment is to Sustain a Healthy Environment

- Wastewater Treatment & Reuse
- Water Supply and Treatment
- Solid Waste Management
- Stormwater Management
- SCADA
- Trenchless Technologies
- Asset Management
- Emergency Response Planning
- Security Issues

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Convention Social Highlights

Special Needs

UBCM will do its best to assist with any special needs that delegates may have during Convention week. We ask that you make your requests IN WRITING to the UBCM office (faxes accepted at 604-270-9116).

Our main Convention venues, the Victoria Conference Centre and Empress Hotel are wheelchair accessible. We must be advised if we will need wheelchair accessible buses reserved for tours.

Special dietary requests are no bother!... Particularly if we know in ADVANCE of the Convention. Please identify the nature of the request, as well as suggesting a suitable meal option. We ask that you keep your requests within reason (e.g. allergies, vegetarian, diet/low fat), keeping in mind that we are attempting to feed more than 1,000 people! If you have requested a special meal, please note that for events without reserved seating, you must identify yourself to serving staff who will have a copy of your request in the kitchen. Your assistance in identifying yourself to your waiter in advance will be greatly appreciated!

SPECIAL REQUESTS DEADLINE: Oct. 15

Late requests will be accommodated if possible. Daycare is not available. Hotels may provide babysitting services/lists.

Partner’s Program

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Program #1 - “Cowichan Valley Tour” 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Program #2 - “Historical Walking Tour/Dim Sum” 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Program #3 - “Marine Wildlife Adventure” 1:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Program #4 - “An Emily Carr Experience” 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Program #5 - “Cowichan Valley Tour” 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Program #6 - “Art Gallery Tour” 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Program #7 - “Craigdarroch & Hatley Castles” 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Program #8 - “Marine Wildlife Adventure” 1:45 pm - 5:00 pm

NOTES:

• Please check-in at the Partner’s Program Registration Desk.

• TOURS - Please be at the lobby in the Conference Centre 15 minutes prior to tour time, as buses will leave on time. If you miss the bus, you will miss the tour and no refunds will be issued. Please wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Umbrellas and cameras are recommended.

Delegates’ Social Program

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

• Vancouver International Airport Reception Empress Hotel 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

• Welcome Reception Victoria Conference Centre 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Included in Delegate fee. Fee for Partners/Guests: $30

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

• Fraser Basin Council Breakfast Crystal Ballroom, Empress Hotel 6:30 am

• Area Association Luncheons 12:00 noon. See next column for locations. Pre-registration required.

• BC Government Reception Empress Hotel 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Invitation in delegate kits

• BC Hydro Reception Victoria Conference Centre 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 26, 2006

• UBCM Annual Banquet Victoria Conference Centre 6:30 pm – Reception, Foyer 7:30 pm – Annual Banquet, Ballrooms 9:00 pm – Entertainment

Banquet Reservations

Pre-registration for banquet seating will be available this year. For group registration, please have ONE designated representative from your group fill in the BANQUET RESERVATIONS form which was included in your registration package. Send it to the UBCM office with your completed Convention registration forms and payment (no faxes will be accepted). Reservations will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Seating can be arranged on-site at the Convention up until Wednesday, October 25. Events that are open to the entire delegation will be publicized in the delegate program (which you will receive upon check-in at the Convention).

Area Association Luncheons at Convention

12:00 noon Wednesday, October 25

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
Golden City Restaurant
Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments
Vista 18, Chateau Victoria
Lower Mainland Local Government Association
Union Club
North Central Municipal Association
Crystal Ballroom, Empress Hotel
Okanagan Mainline Municipal Association
Hotel Grand Pacific

Please Pre-Register... so your Association is not guessing at the number of meals to order.

Youth Featured in Banquet Entertainment

In keeping with the Convention theme, “Vibrant, Integrated Communities”, the entertainment for the banquet this year will feature two high-energy groups of young talent.

La Voca (meaning “the voice”) is a Victoria-based vocal group of six young women who are graduates of the Oak Bay Secondary School music program. They recently won a gold medal at Musicfest in Ottawa, a national competition for outstanding vocal performers from across Canada. Also joining us this year will be students from Pearson College, performing excerpts from the annual “One World” concert. This production, a colourful tapestry of multi-cultural themes expressed through dance and music, has become one of Victoria’s most popular community events. These students come from all around the world to attend Pearson College, making this a unique performance highlighting the creation of an integrated and harmonious global community.

Interested In?

Community Tourism
Crystal Meth Response Programming
Emergency Planning
School Community Connections
Seniors Programming
Strategic Wildlife Prevention Initiatives
Traffic Safety Pilots
West Nile Virus Prevention Initiatives

Do you have questions about funding opportunities?

Do you want to know the status of your communities existing programs?

For information regarding LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SERVICES

COME TO THE UBCM BOOTH AT CONVENTION

We would be pleased to answer your questions.
UBCM Annual Convention Dates

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Community Opportunities Task Force to Report Out

The Community Opportunities Task Force was established by Premier Gordon Campbell at the 2004 UBCM Convention. It is chaired by Community Services Minister Ida Chong and is comprised of local government elected officials, business and other representatives. The Task Force had a wide mandate to look for some new and innovative reforms or ideas to shape the local government system. Members of the Task Force will present their report on Tuesday afternoon during the Convention.

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risks posed by marijuana grow operations. The Steering Committee for the Residential Electrical Safety Initiative has prepared guidelines for local government on the general principles and overall scheme of the amendments and these can be accessed online under Featured Policy Topics/Marijuana Grow Ops.

Police Financing

Check here for updated materials and correspondence on the issue of police financing for rural and small communities. As this is an ongoing issue of importance across the province, documents, memos and correspondence are regularly posted in this section of the Featured Policy Topics.

2006 Convention Materials

Check under Convention/2006 Convention for updated program information and other materials relating to the upcoming UBCM Convention in Victoria. This section of the website is your comprehensive Convention resource – as soon as information and Convention materials and publications become available, they will be posted here for easy online access.

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TREATY ADJUSTMENT FUNDING

The provincial government is pursuing the development of a treaty adjustment funding program to assist in alleviating the fiscal impacts of treaties on local governments, and in bringing local governments and First Nations together to resolve issues. This follows a recommendation in a report by Peter Adams titled, Treaty Settlement Lands: The Fiscal Impacts on Local Government. The Province requested input from UBCM, which was provided in February after consultation with TACs.

In May, UBCM’s First Nations Relations Committee Chair sent a UBCM response to the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation on the Adams report expressing support for the development of a treaty adjustment funding program for local governments. UBCM continues to monitor progress on this initiative closely. While agreeing with this particular recommendation, UBCM has emphasized that the Adams report is an independent study and does not represent UBCM policy.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Significant progress to report since the June newsletter includes an agreement on final treaty at the Lheidli T’enneh table and the publishing of the Agreement in Principle (AIP) at the In-SHUCK-ch table. Local governments are involved in each of these negotiations through their respective Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC). Treaty Advisory Committees are made up of local government representatives in the geographic area for which a treaty is being negotiated. The role of the TAC is to assist and represent local government interests in treaty negotiations in their area. As well, TAC representatives participate as full members of the provincial negotiating team.

The summary below highlights some issues of interest to local governments.

"Handshake Deal" at Lheidli T’enneh Treaty Table

On August 1, 2006 it was announced that the Chief Negotiators for the Lheidli T’enneh treaty table had reached an agreement on final treaty. This would be the first agreement under the BC Treaty process. All three negotiators will initial the agreement this fall after remaining side agreements are further negotiated and the legal review complete. Initialling of the agreement signals that the Chief Negotiators are recommending their respective constituents approve the agreement. For Lheidli T’enneh, this means their community must ratify the agreement. For Canada and BC, this means the agreement will have to go through federal and provincial cabinet review before legislation is prepared.

Lheidli T’enneh is located in the central interior and treaty settlement land will be situated within and around Prince George. Governments in the area have been working closely with Lheidli T’enneh to address local government interests and to resolve some of the practical issues to treaty making. Most notably is the Comprehensive Master Agreement (CMA) that is being negotiated between the City of Prince George, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Lheidli T’enneh, which will set the stage for a new relationship in a post-treaty environment. The CMA is not complete yet but will address harmonization in three areas: (1) land use planning, (2) regulatory bylaws, and (3) taxation.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lheidli T’enneh final agreement and the CMA then you won’t want to miss UBCM’s pre-convention session on Monday, October 23 titled Final Treaty Settlements and Local Government: Current Experience and Future Relationships.

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Aboriginal Update

Moving from Dialogue to Partnership: Exploring Innovative Local Government-First Nation Partnerships

TAC representatives participate as full members of the provincial negotiating team.

Towards a Model Local Government Service Agreement with Lower Mainland First Nations

Produced by the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC), this discussion paper was created to assist Lower Mainland local governments in developing a common approach to service arrangements with First Nations. However, it does contain very useful information applicable to other local governments. It highlights guiding principles and sample provisions for local governments to consider when entering into service agreements with neighbouring First Nation governments. This report can be found on the LMTAC website at www.lmtac.bc.ca. Alternatively, you may contact Marlene Wells from the UBCM office at mwells@ivicinet.bc.ca.

RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE FROM UBCM

Moving from Dialogue to Partnership: Exploring Innovative Local Government-First Nation Partnerships

The summary report of the 2006 province-wide Community to Community Forum held on March 10, 2006 is now available on the UBCM website at wwwivicinet.bc.ca under Featured Policy Topics/First Nations Relations. Alternatively, contact Marlene Wells at UBCM at mwells@ivicinet.bc.ca.

Jointly organized by UBCM and First Nations Summit, the Forum brought together 200 local government and First Nation representatives from across the province for a day of dialogue on intergovernmental relationship building. The report includes a brief summary of presentations and the outcomes of the small group discussions.

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Current Issues Update

Treaty Advisory Committees Meet

UBCM monitors treaty negotiations on an on-going basis and provides information and analysis to Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs). As part of this effort, UBCM brings the Chairs and Administrators from the 17 TACs around the province together on a regular basis as a means to share information and coordinate approaches.

The last meeting was held by conference call on June 1, 2006. The primary goal for the meeting was to support information sharing among the TACs, hear updates from those at the most advanced final agreement negotiations, and provide an update on UBCM treaty-related activities. Among other issues, meeting participants discussed funding for TACs, local government role in treaty implementation and the specified lands approach for adding lands to treaty settlement land (TSL). Unique to the Tsawassen table, the specified lands approach allows the First Nation to request that certain parcels (to be identified pre-treaty) of acquired fee-simple land be added to TSL for 50 years post-treaty and municipal consent could not be unreasonably withheld. After 50 years, municipal consent would be required. This approach conflicts with UBCM policy on the issue calling for municipal consent on any additions to TSL. There was concern expressed about the implications on other local governments if replicated at other tables.

There was an expressed interest in having an in-person meeting to discuss treaty-related issues that all local governments are facing. This meeting is being planned for September in Prince George.

Interim Measures

UBCM staff completed an analysis of recently completed AIPs with respect to local government interests. The UBCM’s First Nations Relations Committee, at their meeting in July, received a draft analysis, which will be sent to all TACs shortly.

Treaty Adjustment Funding

UBCM has requested an up-to-date list of interim measures from the Province. Interim measures are interim or temporary agreements that are being negotiated with First Nations in their respective local areas so local governments may determine their interests.

Interim Measures - Analysis

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MFA Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members 2006

The Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA) Semi-Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on October 24th, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour, 728 Humboldt Street, Victoria, BC, in the Ballroom.

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and is expected to last for approximately 60 minutes. Any interested local government staff, elected officials and individuals are welcome to attend; seating will be available.

MFA Financial Forum & Annual General Meeting of the Members 2007

The MFA Financial Forum and Annual General Meeting will be held on March 14th & 15th, 2007, at the Four Seasons Hotel, 791 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC.

Request for Topics

The Financial Forum brings together over 200 local government elected officials, staff and interested individuals throughout BC and Canada. Delegates meet for an educational experience and discussion on financial strategies, information sharing, as well address certain challenges that they face today.

The MFA is currently seeking your proposals on issues and practical solution topics to meet the needs of local governments’ in BC. This is an opportunity to present your innovative solutions, experiences and network with over 200 local government individuals and contribute to BC’s local governments. Proposals are being accepted through to December 1, 2006.

The Financial Forum, on March 14th, 2007, will feature informative and professional guest speakers on topics of interest to BC local governments. Past Forums have focused on:

- 2001 Amalgamation and Privatization
- 2002 Sustainable Development/Offshore Oil/Community Charter
- 2003 Softwood Lumber/Challenges for Municipalities over the next 10 years
- 2004 Gameplans for Communities in Transition

2005 Community Charter/History of MFA/ Olympic Opportunities/Economic Update

2006 Attracting Community Volunteers/BC Energy Products/Economic Update

Topics for the Forum should be educational, non-commercial, and provide value to local government elected officials and staff. Sales presentations for products and/or services submitted will not be considered.

Some topics that have already been suggested are below – we welcome your feedback on these.

- Success stories of leveraging New Deal Monies
- Cost of Green Projects – worth it or not?
- Bank Mergers
- Investment Strategies
- How to attract quality employees

Scheduling of sessions will be determined by January 31st, 2007. If you would like to share your insights, experiences, and expertise with your colleagues, at our Financial Forum, please contact Allison Boyd, Executive Assistant (allison@mfa.bc.ca)

Phone: 250-380-0432 ext: 234.

In-SHUCK-ch Initials Agreement in Principle

The August edition of the In-SHUCK-ch Nation Newsletter reports that the three Chiefs Negotiators initialled an AIP on July 16th. An AIP is an agreement on the substantive issues that will form the basis of a final treaty. This means the Chiefs Negotiators have agreed that the AIP, including the land and cash package, is complete. The signing of the Agreement is expected to follow in the fall.

Other Treaty Tables

The Maa-nulth First Nations, Sliammon Indian Band, Tsawwassen First Nation, Yale First Nation and Yekooche Nation have all signed AIPs within the last three years. Maa-Nulth and Tsawwassen are two upcoming tables to watch for as they continue intensive negotiations toward final agreements.
Courses and Resources

"Communicating in a Crisis - Media Training for Emergency Spokespersons"

Starting in the fall of this year, the Emergency Management Division of the Justice Institute of British Columbia will be conducting a series of two-day workshops in several areas of the province to enhance the capability of those that will be the voice of your municipalities or organizations should a crisis situation occur. Dates for these sessions will be announced shortly and will take place in the late fall 2006 and early spring 2007. These workshops entitled "Communicating in a Crisis - Media Training for Emergency Spokespersons" will provide media training for individuals that may have to provide information during an emergency. Participants will learn how to:

- "hit the ground running" to meet the media and public's needs;
- identify communication issues before they become critical;
- conduct interviews in confrontational situations;
- prepare a crisis communication plan.

The Justice Institute is proud to have Jim Stanton as the lead Facilitator for these workshops. Jim is a graduate of Simon Fraser University, and worked for a number of years as a journalist with the CTV network. He was the Director of Communications and Director of Government Relations for Canada Post before setting up Stanton Associates in 1989, a Vancouver-based communications and training company with offices in Canada and the USA.

Jim's credentials are well known in the communications and emergency preparedness community. Jim and his team have assisted in developing emergency communications strategies to deal with: floods, plane crashes, Gulf War I, Y2K, chronic wasting disease, Ebola, collapse of mine shafts, cryptoспорidium contaminated water, forest fires, the Kananaskis G8 Summit, the Toronto SARS incident, fires in BC in 2003, and the 2004 crash of the MK Airlines cargo plane in Halifax. Most recently, Jim completed a six-month contract with the 2010 VANCOUVER OLYMPICS Paralympic Winter Games Secretariat preparing their strategic communications plans.

Modernization of Building Regulatory System

On July 4th, Minister Coleman launched the next phase of the Modernization process. There are five key projects in this workplan:

Project 1 – Information Management and System Performance
Project 2 – Liability and Risk
Project 3 - Competency
Project 4 - Consistent Code Application
Project 5 – Consistent Code Compliance and Enforcement Processes

I t May Be Prudent to Slow Down

Imagine this scenario: A highly prominent, articulate and passionate citizen speaks to Council under the “Public Delegations” portion on the agenda. The individual makes a compelling case for a request, fund a community project. He adds a sense of urgency by stressing that “this must be approved now, without unnecessary bureaucratic studies and delays.” He further makes subtle promises that his group will help re-elect any Councilor who will vote for speedy approval, and will campaign against anyone who will stand in the way.

The presentation is followed by questions, and then a Councillor spontaneously moves that the funding be approved. Others have some doubts, especially since the motion was not included on the agenda and was not evaluated for feasibility by the professional staff. Still, they believe it will be politically limiting and unpopular to work against a speedy approval, and the motion is promptly adopted. All of this happens so quickly, that the Chief Administrative Officer and Professional Staff don’t even get a chance to comment.

Sound familiar? In fact, scenarios like this unfold in many municipal settings. Often Council members respond impulsively and craft motions “on the fly,” and may not take the time to fully assess the impacts of a proposed action on the broad needs of the entire community.

Is there a problem with this practice? Yes, for a few reasons:

First, from a substantive perspective (i.e.: the motion itself), the motion did not take into account budgets and other priorities. It needed professional input from staff before proceeding. With such professional assessment, the request might have still been approved, but it might also have been rejected, or it might have been approved in a modified form.

Second, the adoption of a motion primarily on the basis of a passionate presentation created a dangerous precedent. It implies that, to get preferred treatment quickly and circumvent the normal review and approval process, a group needs to engage in confrontational communication strategies.

Third, if such a motion was referred to our staff for a professional review, Council should have had time to weigh the objective merits of a request, and not by a presenter’s prominence or eloquence.

The third problem is the issue of transparency. The motion in this case was not included in the meeting notice and the meeting package that were available to the public for review prior to the meeting. Citizens who did not attend the meeting could argue that, had they known that such a motion would come before Council, they might have chosen to attend the meeting, and might have possibly requested an opportunity to speak against the delegation’s request.

With the above difficulties in mind, some jurisdictions apparently prohibit motions that were not included in the notice of a Council meeting. The best practice is to anticipate motions, craft them carefully (with the benefit of a staff review and assessment), and include them in the meeting notice and package. This is the professional and responsible way to go.

One other way of considering this issue is as follows: Suppose a Council member makes an impulsive motion, for example, on the basis of a conversation with a smooth-talking salesperson. Later the Councillor discovers that he made a mistake. This mistake means that the Councilor, as a private citizen, suffers a loss. On the other hand, if Council, as a collective decision-making body, acts impulsively (as it did in the above case) and makes a mistake, it is the community as a whole that suffers the consequences.

So what’s the message? Resist the temptation to act impulsively, as the community should not suffer the consequences of your hastily made mistakes. While occupying the position of Mayor or Councillor, you owe a duty to the community to act responsibly and professionally. You must think with your head and not with your heart. Sometimes, this means slowing things down, despite the urge to press ahead and thereby be popular with the people in front of you.

Next time a citizen speaks eloquently or uses subtle bullying and manipulative tactics (as many people do, since they think “that’s how politics works”), don’t let it drive you to an emotional reaction and impulsive actions. Slow down, maintain a comfortable and steady pace, be consistent, and don’t be afraid to say: “Thank you for your concerns, but the Council will make a decision on the request will be referred to our staff for a professional assessment.”

And what if another Councillor pre-empts you with an impulsive motion to approve the request? Don’t hesitate to move that the motion to approve the request be referred to the professional staff for input, and that the staff be instructed to bring it back for debate and vote at a subsequent meeting. The motion to refer is debatable, which means you can explain the need for a measured and consistent treatment of all citizen requests. A majority vote is required to adopt motions into the meeting notice.

In closing, when pressed to make a decision (especially a substantive one) on the spot, and do not have the benefit of professional analysis, slow down and take the time to make the right decision and using the right process. You may lose a little bit of popularity with a few for the moment, but will ultimately be appreciated by the entire community for your backbone and principle-based approach to governance and decision making.

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Local Governments Concerned About Energy Cost

by Laura Porcher, Executive Director
Community Energy Association

An energy survey of BC local governments was conducted in June 2006. The survey was sponsored by UBCM, Ministry of Environment and the Community Energy Association, with support from Infrastructure Canada. Approximately 25% of local governments in BC completed the survey.

Highlights from the survey are as follows:

- Concern about energy cost:
  - 86% consider energy cost a primary driver for their interest in energy planning;
  - 75% think energy prices will have an impact on future economic development.

- Top actions attracting local government interest:
  - inclusion of energy objectives in OCPs or bylaws/policies;
  - energy-efficiency in buildings, particularly in green procurement policies;
  - green fleets and alternative fuels;
  - solar heating and photovoltaics; and
  - ground-source heat pumps.

Barriers to action:

- The major barriers to energy planning and projects are indicated as a lack of funds and a lack of staff time. The next most significant barriers, somewhat related to the first, are an unwillingness to borrow funds and difficulty finding funding partners. A lack of interest by council is not indicated as a major barrier.

Full survey results are available on the CEA website: www.communityenergy.bc.ca or from Dale Littlejohn, CEA Manager, Community Outreach and Strategy, dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca (778.785.0381).

About the Community Energy Association:

The Community Energy Association (CEA) helps BC local governments capitalize on sustainable energy opportunities, including energy efficiency and renewable energy. CEA acts as the trusted independent advisor to local governments considering how to advance energy sustainability, and how to save community energy expenditures. Contact: Laura Porcher, Executive Director (250-598-4034).

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and outside researchers with an interest in BC local government have access to a repository that will reflect and preserve the organization’s 100-year history and ongoing activities well into the future. An overview of the UBCM Archives and its holdings will be included in the BC Archival Union List and posted to the CivicNet website in the coming months.

The contents of the UBCM Archives can be accessed onsite at the Richmond office. Donations meeting UBCM’s archival acquisitions policy are welcome. All questions about the UBCM Archives should be directed to Errin Morrison, UBCM’s Information & Resolutions Coordinator.

New Energy Funding and Resource Guide

by Laura Porcher, Executive Director
Community Energy Association

The Community Energy Association (CEA), with the support of UBCM, Ministry of Environment and Infrastructure Canada, has compiled a funding and resource guide for BC local governments interested in various aspects of energy planning and implementation.

Energy-related topics include land use, buildings, transportation, infrastructure and renewable energy supply. This comprehensive guide covers 29 funding programs, as well as 21 programs or organizations that provide non-financial support to local governments.

UBCM will mail one copy of the guide to Chief Administrative Officers in all BC municipalities and regional districts in early October. The Community Energy Association will make additional copies available at energy-related clinics at the UBCM October Convention. Copies may be requested by contacting Dale Littlejohn, CEA Manager, Community Outreach and Strategy, dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca; copies may also be downloaded from the CEA website: www.communityenergy.bc.ca.

The Community Energy Association provides first-stop information on the full range of energy sustainability topics, for both planning and implementation; contact Laura Porcher, Executive Director at 250.598.4034.
REALTORS®’ crime prevention program in BC is on a roll

As of June 16, Realty Watch in BC’s Lower Mainland expanded to include over 11,000 REALTORS® from the Real Estate Boards of Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Chilliwack and District. The program had an unbelievable success story in the Fraser Valley where a REALTOR® helped the RCMP find a missing teen. The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board, watching all this success from across the water, is considering implementing the program there.

Realty Watch works in two ways: first, REALTORS® who witness suspicious or criminal activity are encouraged to call 911, common to most community crime prevention programs. The second component of Realty Watch is more unique to the real estate profession. Police or RCMP can request a “fan-out”—a text message with a description of a missing or lost person that’s sent to all REALTORS® on their cell phones, PDAs or email. REALTORS®, out and about in their communities, read the text message, then keep their eyes and ears ‘peeled’ looking for that person.

“Lower Mainland real estate professionals are connected through telecommunications devices from Hope to Whistler to Tsawwassen and everywhere in between. That makes us a powerful mobile force,” says Rick Valouche, Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver president. “It’s important to remember that what we do on a daily basis make their livelihood in the very communities they live in. It makes sense for us to work closely with police to keep our communities safe.”

Valouche notes that local real estate boards have embraced the ‘watch’ component of Realty Watch since the Canadian Real Estate Association introduced the program in 1995. Hope to Chilliwack and Chilliwack real estate boards have been ‘fanning-out’ to their combined membership since 2000. What finally enabled Greater Vancouver REALTORS® to incorporate the program in the degree of its sister boards in Fraser Valley and Chilliwack and District. The program was introduced the program in 1995. However, due to the technological challenge of test messaging thousands of members at the same time, Greater Vancouver couldn’t participate in the program until 2002.

“Only 11 REALTORS® from the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver participated in the program. Langley REALTORS®

According to section 17(1)(b) of the Local Government Act, a municipality must be incorporated as follows: as a village, if the population is not greater than 2,500; as a town if the population is greater than 2,500 but not greater than 5,000; as a city, if the population is greater than 5,000; or as a district municipality if the area to be incorporated is greater than 800 hectares and has an average population density of less than five people per hectare.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may also incorporate a municipality in another classification if this is considered to be in the public interest.

2) Where can I find the rates of debt for local governments throughout the province and rates of local government debt per capita? – BC Councillor

The Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) publishes regional district debt rates in its annual report, but not municipal debt rates. The MFA advises that any stats from individual municipalities would have to be obtained directly from the municipalities in question since they can have debt outside the MFA, which the MFA doesn’t track. The 2005 MFA Annual Report is accessible online at www.mfa.bc.ca/pdfs/MFA2005B.pdf. Regional district rates of debt can be found on page F27.

The Ministry of Community Services is able to provide data on the per capita, long-term debt of municipalities. The long-term debt includes debenture debt (S.179-181 CC), short-term capital borrowing (S.179 CC), other borrowing, leases (S.175 CC) and other liabilities under agreement (S.175 CC). It does not include revenue anticipation borrowing (S.177 CC), future payroll obligations, and landfill closure and post-closure liabilities. Population is based on 2004 estimates provided by BC Stats, although the Ministry is currently reviewing the 2005 data and it should be available by the end of the summer.

The Ministry also provides municipal statistics information online at www.mcaws.gov.bc.ca/ldg/infra/munfin/index.htm.

3) Is it in Council’s mandate to provide monetary support for non-profit endeavours? Is it appropriate for an acting member of Council to promote his or her particular non-profit? – BC Councillor

Local Governments often allocate funds to non-profit groups in the community for various purposes. When a non-profit group appears before council requesting funding, a decision is made as to whether or not the event/activity in question merits a council donation. These groups do a lot of community-building work that local governments wouldn’t be able to do on their own, so Council support is quite often appropriate.

It’s not uncommon for sitting councillors to also have members of non-profit boards – especially in smaller communities. Since there’s no personal monetary benefit (or pecuniary interest) to being a member of a non-profit, this isn’t generally considered a conflict of interest. And there isn’t a real legal risk of conflict of interest until an actual request for funding makes its way to council from the non-profit in question. If such a request comes before council, it would be up to the councillor in question to decide whether or not it would be
Community Health Promotion Fund

Thirty Community Health Promotion pilot projects are currently underway and some of these will be profiled at the Health Session being held on the Monday of Convention. For more information on the Community Health Promotion Fund, please refer to the article under “Healthy Communities” in this newsletter.

Crystal Methamphetamine Program

The Crystal Methamphetamine program was very successful with 185 programs underway in local government and First Nations communities. If you are interested in learning more about programs underway in the province, or are interested in developing a Crystal Meth Task Force for your area, you may be interested in attending the Crystal Meth workshop being held on Wednesday morning at Convention.

Community Structural Protection Units (SPU)

The UBCM Structural Protection Units have been busy during the 2006 Fire Season. At the time of writing, the units had been deployed to Johnson Lake near Kamloops, Galiano Island, and in several locations in the Cariboo. The units were deployed as a precautionary measure when it was determined that structures within the interface were threatened by wildfire. Only on Galiano Island did it become necessary to use the system, and we are pleased to report that no structures were lost. In all cases, the feedback from communities was very positive. Barb Lewko, the owner of the Johnson Lake Resort said “Earlier this year when our resort was threatened by a wildfire we received excellent benefit from the crew which came in with the sprinkler unit that was assigned to protect our buildings. Darren Hutchinson of Quintech Fire Services and Bryan Collier of the Office of the Fire Commissioner took time to walk through our property and provide us with amazing insight into how we could fire safe our property. We can’t say enough about the knowledge these people have and their concern to ensure we have the information we need to deal with the threat of forest fire at Johnson Lake. I was so impressed that I have arranged for Darren to be a guest speaker at the Tourism Issues Forum hosted by the BC Fishing Resorts and Outfitters Association and BC Lodging and Campgrounds Association later this year in Kelowna.”

If you are interested in learning more about structural protection systems for your community, please stop by the UBCM booth at Convention for an information package.

Community Tourism

The Community Tourism program has been very active over the summer months and 108 projects are underway around the province. If you are interested in tourism opportunities for your community, you may wish to participate in the Community Tourism Workshop being held on Thursday afternoon at Convention.

Regional Traffic Safety Pilot Projects

Come to the Thursday morning Traffic Safety Clinic to find out how communities are implementing a traffic safety program in their communities. Communities with programs currently underway will tell you of their experiences, and Allan Lamb of the BC Automobile Association Traffic Safety Foundation will provide you with information as to how to begin a similar initiative in your own community.

School Community Connections

The School Community Connections program is a cooperative program between the BC School Trustees Association and UBCM. It is designed to encourage partnerships between local government and school districts to encourage better utilization of schools as focal points for locally determined community activities and services.

If you are interested in finding out how other school/community partnerships are taking advantage of this program, there will be a clinic session on Wednesday, October 25 at Convention.

Seniors Housing and Support Service Initiative

Sixteen pilot projects have been funded under this program. The projects are designed to explore ways of providingSeniors’ services at the community level. If you would like to hear about some of the projects currently underway, or have an interest in Seniors issues around your community join us at the Seniors’ Workshop on Thursday afternoon at Convention.

Strategic Wildfire Protection Program

Funding for all strategic wildfire protection programs is continued through 2006/2007 with programs to facilitate Community Wildfire Protection Planning, Fuel Management Pilot Projects, and Operational Fuel Management programs. UBCM and MOF have been working to develop a “fuel management database” to simplify the program for communities and for program administrators. For a demonstration of the new “web-portal” come and see us at the UBCM booth.

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS

Emergency Planning

We are very pleased to announce that a new Emergency Planning program has been designed to promote integrated planning activities between neighbouring local governments and/or First Nations and will be launched soon. To complement this program, funding will again be available for emergency planning, exercising, and training activities in 2007.

West Nile Virus Prevention Initiative

The deadline for applications to the 2006 West Nile Prevention Initiative has now passed. At program deadline we had received 75 applications covering 166 local government and First Nations communities. Additionally, program funds were directed to the purchase of four adulticide applicators for use around the province in the event of a West Nile outbreak. The applicants will be managed by the Health Authorities on behalf of the UBCM.

For more information on these programs, come and see us at the UBCM booth during Convention. Or, go to www.civicnet.bc.ca. Look under Programs and Services, Local Government Program Services to find the program page you are interested in.

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appropriate for him or her to vote on the funding allocation – in light of his or her involvement with the non-profit. Even if he or she did decide to participate in the vote, this wouldn’t necessarily be a conflict of interest, although it could be perceived as such, which can be a problem in and of itself.

Regularly promoting your particular non-profit at council meetings probably isn’t a great idea - if only because conflict of interest can be perceived by the public, regardless of whether it exists legally speaking. You may also want to have a look at UBCM Fact Sheet #15 on Conflict of Interest issues, which addresses the issue of council members sitting on non-profit boards.

For legal reference, you can also have a look at Part 4, Division 6 of the Community Charter, which officially sets out local government conflict of interest legislation.

Please feel free to contact Errin Morrison in the UBCM office at emorrison@civicnet.bc.ca or 604.270.8226 ext. 115 with any and all of your reference queries!

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