BC Representatives to FCM Board

At the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference held in Whistler, the following representatives were chosen to serve on the National Board of Directors for 2009-2010.

British Columbia Regional Committee:
- John Dooley, Mayor, City of Nelson
- Garth Frizzell, Councillor, City of Prince George
- Robert Hobson, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities
- Marvin Hunt, Councillor, City of Surrey
- Frank Leonard, Mayor, District of Saanich
- Bob Long, Councillor, Township of Langley
- Raymond Louis, Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Barrie Lynch, Councillor, City of Coquitlam

Mayors Frank Leonard and Councillor Garth Frizzell were subsequently elected chair and vice-chair respectively of the BC Regional Committee.

In addition, Director Hans Cunningham of the R.D. of Central Kootenay was elected First Vice-President.

Intergovernmental Relations at UBCM Convention

The UBCM Convention has always been the predominant week for local-provincial affairs. Convention provides a forum for local governments to meet and interact with various Provincial Government elected officials. This year will be no exception. Here are some of the highlights of this year’s agenda:

- Four Cabinet Panels have been confirmed for Wednesday afternoon.
- The Government of BC will again host a reception and have a significant presence on the Municipal Marketplace floor. For this year, the reception has been moved from Wednesday evening to early on Thursday evening.
- Meetings with the Premier, Cabinet and government officials will continue to be an important feature.
- The Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development, will address the Convention at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.
- Premier Gordon Campbell will address the Convention at 11:00 a.m. on Friday.
- Ms. Carole James, Leader of the Opposition, will address the delegates at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.
- Ms. Jane Sterk, Leader of the Green Party, will address the delegates at 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Local Government House Opens in Victoria

A new chapter in UBCM’s history has begun with the opening of Local Government House in Victoria. The new building, which is targeting LEED Gold certification, will provide a permanent home for UBCM in the Capitol.

The opening took place at Local Government House on July 14 in conjunction with the meeting of UBCM’s Executive. Premier Gordon Campbell, along with Community and Rural Development Minister Bill Bennett joined with President Robert Hobson in celebrating the opening. Numerous other ministers, local UBCM members and representatives from various partner agencies also attended the event.

2009 Resolutions Carefully Crafted

UCBM members submitted a total of 226 resolutions by the June 30 deadline—the same number of resolutions as 2008. This aligns with the annual average of 228 resolutions over the past five years. The consistent numbers of resolutions submitted signal ongoing local government interest in a variety of important issues.

In 2009, 73% of resolutions conform to the recommended guideline of two or fewer “Whereas” clauses. This percentage remains consistent with the past few years, and indicates that the majority of local government staff and elected officials carefully consider intent and wording when drafting a resolution.

Convention resolution sessions provide a crucial opportunity for UBCM members to set the policy of the organization, and the annual resolutions process is fundamental to UBCM’s ongoing advocacy work on behalf of BC’s local governments. This means that we can look forward to a busy and productive policy forum at this year’s Convention.

Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, will address the Convention on behalf of the Government of Canada at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.
UBCM Budget & Dues

At its July meeting, the Executive approved the preliminary 2010-2011 UBCM budget. The budget contains a zero percent increase in dues for the coming year. The graph indicates that in 12 of the last 25 years there has been no dues increase. Historically our dues increase is below inflation. The preliminary budget will be presented to the 2009 convention.

What's New Online?

The following are some new additions and key updates to the UBCM website: www.civicnet.bc.ca

Local Government Programs & Services

- Program guide and application form are online, with applications due September 30, 2009.
- Progress and/or Final Report forms for the following programs are also online:
  - West Nile Risk Reduction Initiative
  - Built Environment and Active Transportation
  - Healthy Food and Beverage Sales
  - Seniors Housing and Support Initiative – Age Friendly Community Planning

UBCM Resolutions

- Resolutions Database
- The Resolutions Book is mailed directly to members, but did you know that the Resolutions Book is also available online? Download the PDF file of each resolution of the Resolutions Book and use this resource to prepare for Convention. Contact Reiko Tagami, Information & Resolutions Coordinator with any questions about resolutions (604.270.8226 ext. 115 or rtagami@civicnet.bc.ca).

2009 Convention

- Convention / 2009 Convention
- All Convention information is available online. Bulletins and updated information will be posted throughout the summer, so check back often.

News & Announcements

- Announcements tab at the bottom of every UBCM webpage
- Click on the News & Announcements tab for the most recent UBCM member notices and program highlights.

New Documents

- New Documents tab at the bottom of every UBCM webpage
- Click on the New Documents tab to access the latest policy briefs and keep tabs on your executive, including:
  - Executive Release: July 2009
  - Convention Bulletin #1

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2008-2009 UBCM Accomplishments in Brief

Top Activities or Involvements

- 100% membership maintained for the 30th consecutive year.
- Construction complete and Victoria staff move into new, targeted LEED Gold office building in April; Official Opening set for July 2009.
- UBCM welcomes the Nisga’a Village of Gitwinksihlkw as our newest member and the newly incorporated Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.
- Extensive intergovernmental outreach undertaken to advocate for federal infrastructure funds to be targeted toward local government priorities.
- Total funding received by UBCM under Gas Tax and Public Transit Program reaches $61.35 million.
- Picture BC launched at 2008 Convention, the culmination of years of work between UBCM, the Province and Knowledge Network.
- Third year of funding for three provincial grant programs - Local Motion, Towns for Tomorrow and Spirit Squares - some federal infrastructure funds allocated to top-up Local Motion and Towns for Tomorrow programs.
- Initiated work on industrial taxation re-formation for discussions with Province.
- Applied for and received intercessor status in response to the Supreme Court ruling to Victoria’s no camping in public parks bylaw.
- Prepared CIVICS 101 - Election Readiness Strategy in advance of provincial election.
- 175 local governments have now signed Climate Action Charters.
- Negotiations lead to signed Communities Component under Building Canada.
- Traffic fines revenues increase again this year - $66. million flows directly to local government.
- Third year of Local Government Leadership Academy training - 6 very successful NREO/REO training seminars held over January - February 2009 with record attendance levels.
- RD Task Force continues work into examining regional district governance, crow/national district interface and fringe planning and servicing issues.
- LGPS continues to offer 13 funding programs to UBCM members.

2009 Community Excellence Awards

The following 47 communities are leading the way across BC in Best Practices, Leadership & Innovation and Partnerships. An impressive total of 70 submissions were received this year.

City of Abbotsford
City of Armstrong
Regional District of Cariboo
City of Castlegar
Regional District of Central Kootenay
District of Clearwater
City of Chilliwack
Regional District of Cowichan Valley
City of Cranbrook
City of Dawson Creek
Regional District of East Kootenay
Town of Golden
City of Kamloops
District of Kent
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
Town of Ladysmith
District of Lake Country
City of Langford
City of Langley
City of Maple Ridge
Metro Vancouver
District of Mission
City of Nanaimo
City of New Westminster
District of North Vancouver
District of North Saanich
City of North Vancouver
Town of Osoyoos
City of Parksville
District of Peachland
Village of Pemberton
City of Pitt Meadows
City of Port Coquitlam
District of Port Hardy
Town of Qualicum Beach
City of Richmond
District of Saanich
Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet
Town of Smithers
City of Surrey
District of Taylor
District of Tumbler Ridge
Village of Valemount
City of Vancouver
City of Victoria
District of West Kelowna
District of West Vancouver

The winners of the Community Excellence Awards will be announced at the Convention in Vancouver. All applicants are invited to a special breakfast reception on the morning of Thursday, October 1. An invitation will be sent out before Convention and an RSVP is required.

UBCM thanks the 2009 Community Excellence Awards Partner, HEMMERA.

J E F F M C K E L V E Y S C H O L A R S H I P F U N D

Financial statement – as at June 30, 2009

Balance June 30, 2008 $107,229.57
$27,080.98 Scholarships
(2,100.00)
Interest Income 1,507.55

Scholarships approved for payment - 2009

Note: List not yet provided

June 30, 2009 Bank Balance $103,127.12

The Jeff McKelvey Scholarship Fund was established in honour of UBCM’s second Executive Director. It provides financial assistance to local government staff who are pursuing in-service training. It is administered by the Board of Examiners.

H E M M E R A

Celebrate your forest pride and nominate your community to be the 2010 Forest Capital of BC

The Forest Capital Program

Each year, the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) selects one community to be the Forest Capital of BC. This program, established in 1988, is an important opportunity to celebrate the economic, cultural, natural and historic contributions our forests make to community life and the health of the province.

Make 2010 the year to celebrate forests in your community

The Forest Capital designation is an excellent way to get your whole community involved in a celebration of the important contributions forests have made to your community’s heritage. Communities named the Forest Capital host a full year of forest-themed events such as art competitions, interpretive forest walks and logger sports shows.

Nominate your community today

Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. The nomination process is outlined in the Forest Capital Nomination Package available on the ABCFP website at: www.abcfp.ca

Nomination Deadline: November 13, 2009

The ABCFP will evaluate nominations based on the community’s relationship to its surrounding forests and the strength of the bid proposal. The winning community will be announced in December 2009 and will carry the Forest Capital of BC title from January 1 to December 31, 2010.

Visit the ABCFP website for more information: www.abcfp.ca
Healthy Communities

Healthy Municipal Governance

By Iodi Mucha, BC Healthy Communities

Healthy Municipal Governance

There is growing research on governance and its impact on health. Governance is the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented. While local government plays a lead role in managing affairs at the local level, governance expands beyond the work of government. It requires involvement of a range of organizations with various forms of involvement and powers exercised.

A condition for healthy municipal governance is good governance. Good governance includes formal and informal actors involved in decision-making and implementing the decisions made, and the formal and informal structures that have been set in place to arrive at and implement the decision. According to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission, good governance has eight major characteristics: it is participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

Healthy municipal governance also involves overall consideration of community health and wellbeing. Research has estimated that 15% of the population is attributable to biology and genetic factors, 10% to the physical environment, 25% to the repressive work of the healthcare system, while fully 50% is attributable to the social and economic environment. Clearly, health is much more than health-care and of them all, the social-economic environment is the most powerful of the determinants of health, yet knowledge and understanding about the determinants of health remains remarkably deficient. In the general public, there is a high interest in healthcare issues but only one in three Canadians understands the links between health and its broader non-medical determinants (e.g. income, education, housing). Through principles of good governance and decision-making, local governments have the ability to influence awareness, understanding and action of their citizens around individual and community health and well-being. It is critical to creating conditions for healthy individuals in healthy communities.

Qualities of a Healthy Community include:

- Clean and safe physical environment
- Peace, equity and social justice
- Adequate access to food, water shelter, income, safety, work and recreation for all
- Adequate access to healthcare services
- Opportunities for learning and skill development
- Strong, mutually supportive relationships and networks
- Workplaces that are supportive of individual and family well-being
- Wide participation of residents in decision-making
- Strong local cultural and spiritual heritage
- Diverse and vital economy
- Protection of the natural environment
- Responsible use of resources to ensure long-term sustainability

The Role of Local Government

Local governments have a responsibility to make sure their communities are functioning well and to create conditions where people not only survive, but thrive. For councils to achieve results such as strong and healthier communities, they can act as "community builders" in the following ways:

1. Demonstrating Leadership
   - Influence health and well-being through:
     - Leadership
     - Representation
     - Strategic alliances
     - Investment
     - Education
     - Monitoring

2. Creating Delivery Mechanisms
   - Ensuring the delivery of local government programs through:
     - Facilitation
     - Funding
     - Regulation
     - Provision
     - Working with other levels of government and community

Pandemic Planning

Many BC residents and communities are concerned about their health and safety due to the global outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus. What can we, as local governments, do to protect our citizens, communities and critical service employees such as firefighters, police, emergency medical staff, and water and wastewater providers?

UBCM discussed this issue at the July Executive at both the Healthy Communities and the Community Safety Committee meetings.

In BC, each health authority works with local communities to create a pandemic plan for their region. Local governments may not be involved in the development of the plan, and may not know what the plan for their region looks like. Therefore, the recommendation emerging from the Healthy Communities Committee was "that Local Authorities request their Health Authorities to provide information to local governments about pandemic plans, specifically around the H1N1 virus."

In addition, there was a perceived lack of provincial funding and lack of coordination in response to the H1N1 flu virus, with each Ministry developing its own response to the virus. Thus, the Community Safety Committee recommended "that UBCM write the Minister of Health indicating that it is concerned that the provincial response to the H1N1 flu is being developed in a silo fashion and request that the provincial government and all health authorities working on the pandemic strategy address the needs of emergency staff who are required to respond to these types of health issues (e.g. first responder services)."

Both recommendations were endorsed by the UBCM Executive and the responses will be monitored by each Committee.

UBCM has also recognized the need for comprehensive national plan to protect Canadians from the outbreak of the H1N1 virus. On July 27, 2009, UBCM President Basil Stewart wrote a letter to the Minister of Health, Honourable Lena Aglukkaq requesting that the federal government lead and coordinate a national plan, including a strategy to keep critical front-line municipal workers safe and on the job. In the letter, President Stewart indicated that patchwork regional responses were not seen as an effective strategy for addressing pandemics, as pandemics do not respect regional boundaries.

Planning for Winter Communities

BC Recreation and Parks Association in partnership with the Winter Cities Institute, will present the 3rd Built Environment Summit on Thursday October 29th at Terrace BC.

The theme, Planning for Winter Communities, will cover the following topics:

- Winter celebrations – utilizing cultural events and celebrations for economic development and tourism
- Planning for winter – how we build and design communities need specific consideration of climatic realities
- Snow management – policies and practices for snow removal and ice control
- Summit is geared towards elected officials, community organizations and local government staff (parks/recreation, planning, engineering, public works) and will be held at the Winter Cities Institute (formerly the Livable Winter Cities Association) to connect with BC communities to generate membership and share resources. For more information on the Winter Cities Institute, please visit www.wintercities.com.
- Patrick Coleman, CEO of the Winter Cities Institute, will offer the keynote address. Additional speakers will be confirmed in early fall. To find out more or to register please contact, Cara Fisher, BEAT Coordinator at cfisher@bcrcpa.bc.ca or 604-739-9380 ext. 255.
Pandemic Planning
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of Healthy Living and Sport, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General outlines the provincial government’s strategy for pandemic planning. In this document, there are suggestions for local governments to play in the prevention/mitigation preparedness and response to pandemics. This document is available at www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_plans/hazard_plans.html.

For example, for prevention and mitigation, local governments can “hold planning/educational sessions regarding pandemic influenza with key stakeholders in their community. In addition to this, local authorities should be working closely with their local public health department.” And under preparedness, local governments have their emergency plans, which could be reviewed to include consequences and planning for an outbreak of infectious disease in the community. In the document, local governments are also encouraged to “meet with their regional health authorities and Medical Health Officer to collaborate on pandemic influenza response planning.”

There are two provincial documents written for local governments on pandemic planning. The first is Managing a Pandemic Influenza: A Guide for BC Local Governments which outlines the impacts that should be considered by local governments when developing a pandemic influenza response plan. The second is the Community Planning Tool Kit, which provides local authorities with information on how to establish and/or review their emergency programs, how to conduct a hazard, risk and vulnerability analysis (HRVA) and how to evaluate their communities’ capacity to manage emergencies. Both are available at www.pep.bc.ca.

Municipal Governance
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- Recognizing and Sharing Results
  - A strong and healthy community is evidenced by:
    - A healthy, skilled population
    - Active participation in the life of the community
    - A safe, clean, appealing environment
    - Access to services when they are needed
- Building on Capacities of Others
  - Individuals
  - Families
  - Community groups
  - Other organizations

Councils that invest in health and wellbeing are investing in the future. Strong, healthy and active communities can pursue economic opportunities that create prosperity and community sustainability. This leads to a cycle of prosperity—where a strong a healthy community leads to a diverse, value-adding economy that provides well paying jobs which will create opportunities to reduce poverty and address social issues, attract new residents, generate revenue for quality public services and facilities and ensure safe and clean natural environment, which in turn links back to building strong and healthy communities.

A lot has happened thus far to raise the profile of the health improvement agenda in local government, and local authorities within local governments now have the opportunity to develop the skills and leadership necessary to deliver longer and healthier lives for everyone. One international and successful approach that supports local governments to create conditions for healthier communities is the Healthy Communities (HC) approach. With the aim to build the capacity of local governments working within their communities, the HC approach helps to:
- Tackle local health inequalities
- Provide leadership to promote well-being
- Foster joined-up approach to health improvement across local government and within local strategic partnerships and agreements
- If you would like to find out more about how we can support you to use the Healthy Communities approach please contact
  Jodi Mucha, Director, BC Healthy Communities, jodi@healthycommunities.ca

Age-Friendly and Disability-Friendly OCPs
The Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, the 2010 Legacies Now Measuring Up program, Measuring Up the North and UBCM are working on a new tool called OCPs, planning documents and bylaws. The purpose will be:
- Examining the opportunities and benefits for communities in making their OCP’s age-friendly and disability-friendly
- Look at the different roles for elected officials, local government staff and community members in this process
- Provide sample goal statements for inclusion in their OCPs
- Highlight the current work of communities

Look for this resource in Fall 2009 on the UBCM website under the Healthy Communities Committee section.

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Environment

ENVIRONMENT POLICY IN BRIEF

British Columbia Brownfields Renewal Strategy

The Province recently announced $1.06 million in funding for 12 brownfields sites to support site investigations as part of the $1.8 million Brownfields Renewal Funding Program. The funding program targets proposals for environmental investigations and related environmental work that leads to remediation. The Province will provide up to $40,000 for preliminary site investigations and up to $125,000 for other types of work. The Province will also cover up to 85% of the costs for preliminary site investigations, up to 70% for detailed site investigations, and up to 50% for all other types of work. Eligible applicants include First Nations, local governments, non-profits, private companies and individuals.

Climate Action

In the summer of 2007, UBCM and the Province developed a non-binding Climate Action Charter, aimed at fostering collaborative relations for reducing greenhouse gases. The Charter commits local government signatories to: becoming carbon neutral in their operations by 2012; measuring and reporting on their GHG emissions profile; and creating complete, compact, more energy efficient rural and urban communities. To date, 175 local governments have provided UBCM with signed copies of the Climate Action Charter, while several other local governments have notified UBCM of their intent to sign the Charter.

For further information on the process for signing the charter, please contact Jared Wright, Senior Policy Analyst by email at jwright@ivivcnet.bc.ca, or by phone at 604-270-8226 ext.113.

Community Gardens

In partnership with the Ministry of Community and Rural Development, UBCM has developed a best practices guide for local governments on community gardens. The guide, Digging In! – A Practical Toolkit, highlights the benefits of community gardens, identifies barriers local governments face in developing community gardens, as well as outlines the best practices and tools for facilitating the creation of community gardens. The guide is now available on the UBCM website. For a hard copy of the guide, please contact Jared Wright, Senior Policy Analyst by email at jwright@ivivcnet.bc.ca, or by phone at 604-270-8226 ext.113.

Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation


An Intentions Paper has been prepared by the Ministry for stakeholder review and comment to inform the development of the regulation. The Intentions Paper is available at www.empr.gov.bc.ca/RET/1aorsnport/folicy/programs/FCPR/ Pages/default.htm.

Local governments are invited to submit comments in writing on or before September 30, 2009.

Riparian Areas Regulation Variance Protocol

The Ministry of Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has been working on a protocol to deal with variances to the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA) setbacks. The protocol is for local governments, developers and RAR-compliant Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEPs) and is intended to inform all parties as to how SPEA variance RAR referrals will be managed, including guidance relevant to final decision making by DFO and the Ministry. The variance protocol provides specific standards and methods to determine the amount of allowable encroachment into the SPEA in cases of undue hardship and is based on site-specific considerations such as the property size, configuration and present environmental condition.

The protocol contemplates two key changes in regards to variance requests. First, local government letters of support pertaining to undue hardship will no longer be required as the methodology within the protocol will determine if there is a justification of hardship. Second, variance requests for which there is no undue hardship will not be supported by either senior agency. UBCM is currently conducting another call for comments on the protocol. For further information, please contact Jared Wright, Senior Policy Analyst.

Product Stewardship: BC Fluorescent Lamps Stewardship Plan

Consultation meetings have been scheduled for the review of the draft BC Fluorescent Lamps Stewardship program. Meetings will take place at the following dates and locations:

- Richmond - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Monday, September 14th, 2009
- Nanaimo - 1:30pm-3:30pm, Tuesday, September 15th, 2009
- Kelowna - 10am-12pm, Wednesday, September 16th, 2009
- Prince George - 1pm-3pm, Thursday, September 17th, 2009
- Conference Call - 9am-11am Friday, September 18th, 2009

The draft program plan will be available prior to the meetings and will be posted on www.electrofed.com and www.productcare.org. For further information on the draft plan or consultation sessions, please contact Erin Webster by email at erin@productcare.org or by telephone at 604 592 2972 x 208.

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First Nations Relations Update

Proposed Indigenous Recognition and Reconciliation Act

In the last newsletter UBCM reported that provincial government had been working towards developing legislation that would formally recognize Aboriginal rights and title, and provide mechanisms for shared decision-making and revenue sharing on Crown land.

The First Nations Relations Committee was proactive in wanting to develop a policy paper and determine local government interests around the legislation. As such, a survey was circulated requesting among members seeking input on implications that the legislation may have communities and what actions UBCM might take. UBCM received 30 responses and we would like to thank those who took the time to respond. Your input is valued.

UBCM recently met with the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. The Minister suggested that Province was new for the outcome of the consultations that the First Nations were undertaking over the summer months on the proposed legislation before moving forward on this issue. There is possibility that legislation may not be forthcoming as expeditiously as the Province indicated earlier this year.

UBCM continues to analyze and review the feedback received from the survey. As new information becomes available, UBCM will make a decision at a later date on whether to bring forward a policy paper to Convention.

Pre-Convention Session

UBCM was intending to hold a pre-Convention session on the proposed Indigenous recognition act. The program for this session will be determined by what happens over the next few weeks around the proposal and it will likely be different than what was originally planned.

Minister Abbott has confirmed his participation in the session. This will be an opportunity for his Ministry to provide clarity on the proposed legislation. It will also be an opportunity for the Ministry to discuss its various related initiatives that fall under the umbrella of reconciliation. UBCM will report out on the survey results, which will serve as a basis for discussing local government interests with the Province around the proposed legislation, which largely focused on shared-decision making on Crown land with First Nations.

Maa-Nulth Final Agreement

Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement received royal assent on June 19, 2009. This is the second treaty to be completed under the BC Treaty Commission.

For a plain language guide that summarizes the details of the Tsawwassen First Nation treaty and the Maa-Nulth First Nations treaty visit the BC Treaty Commission’s website at www.bctreaty.net for a copy of What’s in These Treaties.

Province Releases Engagement Guidelines

In July 2009 the Ministry of Community and Rural Development released an Interim Guide to Engagement with First Nations on Local Government Statutory Approvals. The Guide provides guidance to local governments that wish to consult with First Nations as part of the process of obtaining provincial approval for certain local government activities.

Aboriginal rights including aboriginal title and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under the Constitution Act, 1982. The Province has an obligation to consult with First Nations whenever the Province proposes a decision or activity that has the potential to affect aboriginal rights. This duty arises from court decisions.

The Ministry recognizes that some of its responsibilities related to local government structure changes and planning approvals require First Nations consultation. The Ministry has determined that the Province may delegate procedural aspects of First Nations consultation to third parties. The intention of the Ministry in preparing the Guide is to facilitate the timely processing of requests from local governments and ensure First Nations are consulted.

What is the Role of Local Government?

This Guide recommends that local governments provide the Ministry with the input of area First Nations when obtaining statutory approvals for activities covered in the Guide. This does not transfer Provincial consultation obligations to local governments.

The Appendix outlines a suggested process that local governments may follow when engaging First Nations. Local governments that already have engagement protocols established with their neighboring First Nations are encouraged to provide documentation to the Ministry demonstrating their engagement efforts with First Nations.

UBCM Welcomes Tsawwassen First Nation

UBCM would like to welcome Tsawwassen First Nation as a new member of the Union. Following request for membership from Tsawwassen, the UBCM Executive adopted a motion at its meeting in July to invite Tsawwassen First Nation to become a UBCM member.

The Tsawwassen, a Coast Salish people who belong to the Hunq’inl’muw linguist group, live on the southern end of the Strait of Georgia on Roberts Bank, approximately 25 km south of Vancouver. Translated into English, Tsawwassen means, “land facing the sea.” Currently there are more than 400 members, with approximately half living in their community. The Tsawwassen population is young with 40% of their members under the age of 18.

The Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement is the first treaty in the history of the BC Treaty Process and the first urban treaty in British Columbia. It came into effect in April 2004. Their settlement includes both self-government jurisdiction and land ownership. The treaty area comprises 724 hectares of land transferred to Tsawwassen First Nation, including 250 hectares of former reserve land. Of these lands, 662 hectares are Tsawwassen First Nation, lands over which Tsawwassen First Nation has legal jurisdiction, and 82 hectares remain under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of Delta.

On April 3rd, 2009, Tsawwassen First Nation also became the initial First Nation member of Metro Vancouver and TransLink.

What Local Government Statutory Approvals does the Guide Apply to?

The Guide applies to provincial approvals of municipal boundary changes and restructures under Part 2 of the Local Government Act and requests for ministerial approval of Regional District bylaws under Local Government Act Sections 882, 933, Island Act s. 271(2)(b) and s. 50, and Resort Municipality of Whistler Act, s. 11.

Why is the Guide “Interim”?

Direction from the courts on the provincial government’s consultation obligations is evolving. Some of the content of this document may be impacted by future events and decisions including: future court decisions, and federal or provincial government initiatives and policy changes regarding First Nations and treaty negotiations.

In 2003, the Province entered into a new relationship with First Nations. Representatives from the Province and the leadership council agreed to develop an overall approach to consultation. Once this work is complete, the Interim Guide will be reviewed and updated as required.

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Courses and Resources

Uprooting Those Bad Habits (Part 3)
By Eli Mina, Board Effectiveness Consultant & Registered Parliamentarian

In the March and June 2009 issues of the UBCM Newsletter, Parts 1 and 2 of this series discussed seven bad habits (or dysfunctions) that may tempt you over your three-year term. For each dysfunction, the series describes the damage it can inflict, as well as any remedial and preventive measures you can try to minimize its occurrences and damaging effects.

This article analyzes three additional bad habits. For a fuller coverage of Boardroom problems, look up Eli Mina’s book “101 Boardroom Problems and How to Solve Them.”

1. Unilateral Directions to Management

Management presents a report at a Council meeting. The report provides a detailed analysis of an issue and delineates some decision-making options. A Councillor is not satisfied and asks why Management did not investigate a few more options, eventsuality and unlikely scenarios. Eager to move things along, the Mayor asks the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO): “Can you please see that this is done?” The CAO nods hesitantly and Council proceeds to the next agenda item. Is there a problem here?

“Not at all,” you might say. “We do it all the time.” It may indeed not be a problem if the amount of staff time needed for the task is minimal. However, if substantial amount of staff time will be required for this effort, there will be a cost to the municipality, and this should not occur at the request of only one person, but upon the passage of a motion by Council.

Therefore, if a Councillor is serious about his or her “request” for more work, he or she should convert it into a motion, moved, seconded, discussed, and then voted on by Council. Instead of saying, “Can Management investigate the possibility of _____?” say: “I move that Management be directed to investigate the possibility of _____.”

Alternatively, if during a discussion it becomes clear that additional analysis will enable Council to make a more informed and confident decision, the Mayor can say: “Is the wish of Council that the issue of _____ be analyzed further by Management, with a report back to Council at the next meeting? Is there a motion to this effect? Is there a second?” etc.

As yet another option, if and when Management is inadvertently given directions by one member, the CAO should not hesitate to say: “Is this something that Council wants us to do? If so, this will take staff time, and we can only pursue it if a motion to this effect passed.”

2. Asking Leading Questions

Prior to a meeting, a Councillor who supports a certain initiative discusses it with a few citizens and encourages them to appear before Council as public delegations. However, their presentations do not appear as clear and compelling as the Councillor hoped, so he tries to help them with some leading questions: “Are you saying that everyone you spoke to in your area strongly supports this application?” “What will people do if funding is denied?”

In another setting, a Councillor asks leading questions of Management: “I want you to answer only this direct question: From a financial perspective, does this project make any sense?” Or: “Isn’t it true that this initiative was tried in 1985 and was a disastrous failure?” Or: “Given that everyone wants to limit development, what can be done to achieve this goal in this area?”

In the above cases, the questions are not truly inquisitive, but direct the other party to support the questioner’s political views. Such questions are inherently unfair, especially when posed to Management, whose duty is to be neutral and objective, and who should avoid taking political sides. An Effective Manager would recognize and avoid this trap and respond in an impartial manner. “There are two sides to this issue. One involves my professional expertise, and I’ll gladly respond to it. The other side requires me to essentially give political advice, and that I will not do. So here is my professional assessment: ___.”

What should the Mayor and Council do if they observe one of their colleagues asking leading questions? Although such questions may not be procedurally prohibited, there is nothing wrong with the Mayor or a Councillor introducing some common sense: “May I interject? Can I respectfully ask my colleagues on Council to ask their questions in more open-ended manner that does not require Management to support one conclusion or another?” Open ended questions usually start with: “I need some clarification. What do you mean by ___?” or “I need to hear more about _____. Can you shed some light on this issue for us?”

3. Electronic Distractions

In our electronic age, people seem unable to part with their cell phones, blackberries or laptops for even one second. Conversations are routinely interrupted in order to respond to an “urgent” phone call. Individuals constantly check their blackberries and respond to e-mails while a meeting is in progress. Others are glued to their computer screens and do not even look at a public presenter who is speaking to Council.

The above behaviours, although very common, tend to erode public trust and confidence as well as the credibility of Council’s deliberations and decision-making. Will the public truly believe that an elected official is casting an informed vote when he or she was busy responding to e-mails throughout the debate? As a citizen speaker, how would a citizen speaker feel when no one looks at him or her, being “glued” to their computer screens?

Letting go of electronic convenience may be tough, but it is a must if Council’s deliberations and decision making processes are to have any credibility. With this in mind, the Mayor should be quite comfortable reminding everyone (including staff and the public) to turn off their cell phones and blackberries while the meeting is in progress. Some groups institute symbolic penalties for breaches of this simple rule, but this should not be necessary if the rationale for it is clearly articulated and reinforced at every meeting.

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2009 UBCM Convention

Convention Highlights: Plan Your Week

The general format for the Convention remains the same as in previous years:

- Monday: Pre-Conference sessions
- Tuesday: Electoral Area, Small, Talk, Mid-Sized, and the Large Urban Communities Forums and Provincial Policy sessions
- Wednesday to Friday: Main business sessions

MONDAY Study Tours and Study Sessions

Six study sessions and two study tours are being offered. The all-day agriculture study tour is featured again this year as well as an exciting half-day tour of the spectacular Richmond Speed Skating Oval. These sessions are listed on page 12 and pre-registration is required.

2009-2010 Nominations for Executive

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BOOKING GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Instructions on booking meetings with provincial Cabinet during UBCM Convention week were circulated by the Premier’s office to all UBCM members. UBCM cannot book these appointments for you, but does provide a space for the Government Appointments Desk on site. This year, the desk will be located:

Tuesday: VCEC Lobby
Wednesday and Thursday: Exhibit Hall C
## 2009 UBCM Convention Program - Draft

### Monday, September 28
- **8:00 am - 5:00 pm:** Registration
- **9:00 am - 4:30 pm:** Study Tours
- **9:00 am - 12 noon:** Silver and Gold Sessions
- **1:30 pm - 4:30 pm:** Study Sessions
- **4:45 pm - 5:45 pm:** Elected Officials Under 30 Meet-and-Greet

### Tuesday, September 29
- **7:00 am:** Delegates’ Continental Breakfast
- **7:00 am - 6:00 pm:** Registration
- **7:30 am:** Forum Clinics (5 concurrent) - Championing Sustainable Transportation in Small and Mid-Size Communities: Inclusive Governance - Modal Accessibility By-laws Sustainable Brownfields – Practices for Today and Resources for Tomorrow Supporting Municipal Champions for Arts, Culture and Heritage in Communities Plug-In Electric Vehicles and Local Government Leadership
- **9:00 am - 12 noon:** Mid-Sized Communities Forum Largely Urban Communities Forum Electoral Area Directors Forum Small Talk Forum Forum Luncheons
- **12:00 noon:** Forum Wrap-Up Plenary Session
- **3:00 pm:** Municipal Insurance Association AGM Provincial Public Policy Symposium (5 concurrent) Regional District Task Force
- **5:00 pm - 6:45 pm:** Literacy and Smart BC’s Champions in Climate Change Preparation: Building Relationships With First Nations Industrial Taxation Initiative
- **6:45 - 9:30 pm:** New Delegate Orientation
- **9:30 pm - 10:30 pm:** Welcome Reception

### Wednesday, September 30
- **6:30 am:** Fraser Basin Council/ Breakfast
- **7:00 am:** Delegates’ Continental Breakfast
- **7:30 am:** Clinics (5 concurrent) - Communicating Weather: Decision Making and Emergency Preparedness Championing Green Building: Lessons for Local Government Farmland and Futures: Local Government Toolkit for Agriculture Community Gardens and Food Security Food Systems’ Roundtable
- **8:30 am:** CONVENTION OPENING SESSION - O Canada Invocation President’s Opening Address
- **9:00 am:** ANNUAL MEETING Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures Adoption of Minutes of 2008 Convention Annual Report Question-and-Answer Period Adoption of Financial Statements Appointment of Auditors Appointment of Convention Committees Welcome from Host Municipality
- **9:20 am:** Review of Procedures for Consideration of Resolutions
- **9:25 am:** First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers
- **9:30 am:** Municipal Marketplace Opening
- **11:00 am:** Keynote Speaker

### Thursday, October 1
- **7:00 am:** Delegates’ Continental Breakfast
- **7:30 am:** Clinics (4 concurrent) - Resource Roads and Communities Being Champions for Children and Youth Skills Builder: An Aboriginal Training Initiative Nutrition for Your Champion for Healthy Living
- **8:00 am - 9:30 am:** Election of Table Officers
- **8:30 am:** Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions
- **8:35 am:** Address by the RCM President
- **8:50 am:** POLICY SESSION: RESOLUTIONS
- **9:55 am:** Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions
- **10:00 am:** Candidacy: Speeches
- **10:30 am:** Address by Leader of the Opposition
- **10:45 am:** Resolutions Session Resumes
- **11:45 am:** Address by Leader of the Green Party
- **12:00 pm:** Delegates Luncheon
- **2:30 - 5:00 pm:** Election of Remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)
- **5:00 pm:** Closing of Municipal Marketplace
- **5:30 pm - 6:30 pm:** Concurrent Workshops

### Friday, October 2
- **7:30 am:** Delegates’ Continental Breakfast
- **7:30 am:** Championing Natural Justice: Fair Play in Local Government
- **7:45 am:** Elections Workshop
- **8:00 am:** Resolutions 11:30 am: Keynote Speaker

## Delegate’s Check List

Before you leave for the UBCM Convention, be sure:
- You’ve registered for Convention!
- You’ve confirmed your accommodations;
- You’ve pre-booked meetings with Provincial Officials;
- You’ve packed your Annual Report and Resolutions book;
- You’ve asked your email provider for instructions on how to retrieve email from a remote location.

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:
  - Westcoast Roundup, AIA 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 held being;
- Check at the delegates’ information desk to see if there are any updates;
- Check-in partners at the Partner’s Desk;
- Make the most of your experience, and enjoy the company of your fellow members!

### Paralympian Kelly Smith to offer 2009 Keynote Address

Kelly Smith is a former National Snowboarder and Paralympian Silver Medalist. Her inspiring journey, from overcoming a spinal cord injury as a result of a rock climbing accident, to becoming an air traffic controller, and beyond, has a unique ability to motivate and inspire others. In 1991, she sustained a spinal cord injury as a result of a rock climbing accident. Her passion for sport and her experiences in business and leadership have been instrumental in her success. Her story is a testament to the power of determination and resilience.
Convention Policy

Participate in UBCM Resolutions Sessions

UBCM is a policy-driven organization and the resolutions endorsed by members at Convention provide direction to the Executive. The Executive pays close attention to the resolutions debate in order to understand the concerns of members, and for this reason we encourage you to express your views by speaking to and/or voting on resolutions.

Speak to a Resolution

Eligible Speakers
- Elected representatives of UBCM member local governments

Procedures for Speaking to a Resolution
- Each speaker must address the Chair and be recognized before speaking
- Begin by stating your name and local government
- Speaker from the supporting local government has three minutes to speak
- Speakers from the floor each have two minutes to speak
- No delegate may speak more than once on a resolution until everyone else who wants to speak has had the opportunity to do so

Vote on a Resolution

Eligible Voters
- Elected representatives of UBCM member local governments

Three Types of Voting
- Voting card: held aloft to indicate a vote for or against a resolution. The Chair counts the votes for and against and decides whether a motion has been won or lost.
- Standing vote: 10 or more people question the Chair’s decision by standing. The question will be put out again and delegates will be asked to vote by standing for or against.
- Ballot: 50 or more delegates question a standing vote. Delegates present their voting cards to scrutineers to vote by ballot.

Five Types of Resolutions

Resolutions in the Resolutions Book
- Section A: significant issues across the province.
- Section B: UBCM standing policy, and are recommended for endorsement as a block.
- Section B1 and B2 resolutions are new or were not previously endorsed. These resolutions may address national issues recommended for FCMA consideration, Section B3 resolutions address matters within local jurisdiction, whereas Section B31 resolution topics fall outside of local jurisdiction.
- Section C resolutions are referred to: 1) policy papers or special sessions at Convention; 2) similar resolutions within the Resolutions Book; or 3) Area Associations, due to being of a regional nature. Section C resolutions are not debated unless by specific request.

The Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline will be in your Convention kits.

Late Resolutions will be accepted by the Executive Director until noon on Friday, September 25, 2009. Only those late resolutions deemed to be of an emergency nature will be recommended for consideration on Friday morning at Convention.

Late and Emergency Resolutions

Please note that only late resolutions of an emergency nature are considered at Convention. "Emergency" resolutions address matters arising since the June 30 submission deadline for resolutions and may be admitted for debate. However, if a matter arose prior to June 30, then the Executive will recommend against admitting the resolution for debate.

Late resolutions not of an emergency nature and therefore not admitted for debate, will be included automatically in the 2010 resolutions process. The resolutions will be referred to relevant Area Associations for consideration at their 2010 Annual Meetings.

Late and emergency resolutions must be received at the UBCM office by noon on Friday, September 25, 2009. This allows time for Executive consideration and for presentation to the 2009 Convention in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline.
Convention Sessions

Monday Pre-Conference Program

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
(MORNING SESSIONS)
- Agricultural Study Tour (8:30 am)
- Indigenous Recognition & Reconciliation Act (9:00 am - 12:00)
- Policing in BC - Affordability & Accountability (9:00 - 12:00)
- Green Communities (9:00 am - 12:00)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
(AFTERNOON SESSIONS)
- return at 4:30 pm
- Champion Community Challenges (1:30 - 4:30 pm)
- Tourism: Finding your Niche (1:30 - 4:30 pm)

Tuesday Afternoon

This year our Tuesday afternoon will begin with a slightly modified format. Earlier in the day each of the four forums will have discussed two similar topics - economic development and youth engagement. Our Tuesday afternoon will begin at 1:30 with a plenary wrap-up session where we can share insights discussed at the individual forums.

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. there will be 5 concurrent workshop sessions:

- Regional District Task Force
- Living Water Smart
- BC’s Champions in Climate Change Preparation
- Building Relationships with First Nations
- Industrial Taxation

In addition the Municipal Finance Authority ACM will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the New Delegate Orientation will start at 4:45 p.m.

New Delegate Orientation

With close to 42% of council and board members “newly elected” at the 2008 November elections there will be a good number of delegates attending the UBCM Convention for the first time.

The Executive wants to ensure new delegates get a solid briefing on the Convention format so they are able to participate and engage in the various sessions and services. New delegates are encouraged to attend a briefing on Tuesday, September 29th from 4:45-5:30 p.m. in Ballroom B of the VCEC. The briefing will cover:

- An overview of the format of the UBCM Convention and key program items
- Resolutions process
- Nominations process
- Delegate services

New 2009 Convention Forum Format

Each year at UBCM Convention, Tuesday is Forum Day. Communities of similar size get together to share ideas and best practices. This year, President Horsman circulated a memo advising that there would be a slight change in the format. Each of the morning Forums will be asked to focus on two issues - Youth Engagement and Economic Development. After lunch all Forum Delegates will come together to discuss common themes and shared learnings from the morning sessions.

Because of the change with the afternoon ‘coming together’ of all forum participants, we will have developed new ways to highlight best practices and success stories that will take up less program time but still provide delegates with opportunities for dialogue and interchange. So please let us know about current projects/initiatives or success stories from your community that you think would be valuable to share with your peers.

Small Talk Forum

Recognizing the importance that Small Talk participates place on information sharing, we will continue to dedicate time in the morning to discussing the issues that you submit, in addition to the two common issues. A memo from Small Community Representative, Mayor Roland Stanke, was circulated to villages and communities requesting topics for discussion. If you are from a small community, under 5,000 in population, this is your opportunity to meet colleagues and share experiences, discuss problems and identify solutions. A ticketed lunch will follow the morning session to allow you to network in a more informal setting.

Due to the limited time available, efforts will be made to find answers in advance of the session group issues for discussion where appropriate and distribute the list of issues prior to the session so that can prepare for the discussion.

We encourage your participation and hope to see you at the 20th Small Talk Forum. Your issue, best practices and success stories can be submitted to UBCM at fax 604-270-9116 or email at mcmurray@vccinet.bc.ca or rtakamis@vccinet.bc.ca.
Mid-Sized Communities Forum

The Mid-Sized Communities Forum is entering its sixth 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. This forum will also focus on the two common themes of Youth Engagement and Economic Development, followed by lunch and a coming together of all forum participants to discuss common themes and best practices that emerged during the morning sessions.

In order to ensure that speakers provide ideas and practical advice that address the needs and challenges of mid-sized communities, UBCM staff is requesting the submission of projects and initiatives to showcase at the forum. Projects and initiatives can be submitted to UBCM via fax at 604-270-9416 or by email to mweiss@ civicnet.bc.ca or jwright@civicnet.ca.

Large Urban Forum

This year marks the 13th anniversary for the Large Urban Forum. The Urban Forum will also be looking at the two key issues of economic development and youth engagement. The session on economic development will look at how a number of local governments are attempting to deal with the economic downturn that local communities face. The session on youth engagement will look at ways that local governments have implemented programs and measures to engage youth in the community.

The Urban Forum is intended to give elected officials in large urban communities (those over 25,000 population) and communities located in urban areas an opportunity to:

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

Projects and initiatives for the Large Urban Forum can be submitted to UBCM via fax at 604-270-9416 or by email to lucas@civicnet.ca.

Electoral Area Forum

This year’s EA forum, will follow the new format and focus on the issues of Youth Engagement and Economic Development. We are still looking for unique projects and best practices in rural areas that we can highlight for each of these topics, so if you have any in your community or are aware of someone else’s project that really stands out, please let us know. They can be submitted to UBCM via email mc.hang@civicnet.bc.ca or fax 604-270-9416.

This session will also have a panel of provincial representatives to discuss the Sewage System Regulation and Small Drinking Water Systems.

For more information on the 2009 UBCM Annual Convention see our website: www.civicnet.bc.ca

2009 Convention – Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon will begin with a continuation of our Resolutions from 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. The remainder of the afternoon will focus on the Provincial Government.

This year, the Provincial session will begin with an address by the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development, at 2:30 p.m. Four Cabinet Panels will follow the Minister’s address beginning at 3:15 p.m.

2009 UBCM Convention Committee

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Councillor Wesly Graham, Director at Large
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Thursday Workshops

Thursday afternoon promises to offer a number of Workshops that will interest our delegates. From 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. five concurrent Workshops will be held:

- Building Sustainable Communities with Public Transportation
- Quid
- Rural Development Dialogue
- Champions of Mental Health and Addictions – What Works?
- Wildfire Preparedness and Response

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CONVENTION CLINICS

The following clinics will be held during Convention. You do not need to pre-register for clinics, but do plan on arriving early as some may have limited seating available. Clinic descriptions will be available in the Convention Program, which is part of your delegate kit that you pick up at registration.

CLINIC TIMES:
Tuesday, Sept. 29: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30 – Friday, October 2: 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

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CONVENTION
Social Highlights

DELEGATES’ SOCIAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 29
Welcome Reception
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Waterfront Hotel, Waterfront Ballroom

Wednesday, September 30
Fraser Basin Breakfast
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.
VCEC, Parkview Terrace, Room 1
BC Hydro and BC Transmission Reception
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Waterfront Hotel, Waterfront Ballroom
CUPGE Reception
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.
TBD

Thursday, October 1
Community Excellence Awards Breakfast
(by invitation only)
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
VCEC, Parkview Terrace, Room 1
BC Library Association Reception
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Mackenzie Room, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RECEPTION
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
West Building, Ballroom D

UBCM Reception and Annual Banquet
7:30 p.m.
VCEC, Ballroom A/B and Exhibit Hall A

PARTNER’S PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

“Hike the North Shore Mountains”
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
“Vancouver Architectural West End Walking Tour”
9:30 am – 12:00 pm
“The Ultimate in Food and Wine Pairing”
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Thursday, October 1, 2009

“Shopping with the Designer Guy – Vancouver Home Decor Hot-spots”
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
“Scenic Tour Luncheon Cruise”
1:00 pm – 4:30 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.

AREA ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS

Wednesday, September 30
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
AVCC – Ballroom A, VCEC
SILGA – Ballroom B, VCEC
AKBLGA – Room 2/3, VCEC
MLMGA – Ballroom A/B, Waterfront Hotel
NCMA – Ballroom C, Waterfront Hotel
VCEC – Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre
Waterfront Hotel –
Director across the street from VCEC

SPECIAL NEEDS

UBCM will do our 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 via fax 604-270-9116.

Our main Convention venues – the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre and Waterfront Hotel – are wheelchair accessible. We must be advised if we will need wheelchair accessible buses reserved for tours.

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

BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

Todd Butler

Anyone who has experienced a Todd Butler performance knows that they’ve seen one of the most dynamic, innovative and talented performers in Canada. Todd’s show is a breath of fresh air blowing across Canada’s entertainment scene, eliciting rave reviews from coast to coast. He applies an outrageously creative and hysterical brand of social commentary to a vast array of subjects in his comical musical journey. His performance is specifically crafted for the UBCM audience and is guaranteed to provide a stunning combination of musical parody, whimsical wit and outrageous political satire. Todd delights in inviting his audiences along on a wild romp into the world of human relationships, pop culture and social intrigue. With performance skills honed to an exquisite point, he swings easily from offering hilarious political parodies to interpreting the latest news story with a twist.

Todd Butler will be entertaining UBCM delegates at the Annual Banquet in Exhibit Hall A on Thursday, October 1. Dynamic Whistler band The Hairfarmers will immediately follow, providing dance music for the remainder of the evening.

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WEDNESDAY

The Municipal Marketplace opens for a two-day run. Morning sessions basically focus on UBCM policy development and a keynote speech from Para-Olympian Kelly Smith. The Minister of Community and Rural Development’s 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, policy debate, and speeches from the leaders of provincial parties, delegates will adjourn to the Delegates Luncheon. A total of five concurrent workshops are on the agenda for the afternoon.

FRIDAY

After a final round of clinics, an address from the Government of Canada, and a policy plenary, the Convention wraps up with Premier Gordon Campbell speaking at 11 am.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention.
Community Safety

Cell Phone Use and Driving

The Motor Vehicle Branch has released a discussion paper "Addressing the Problem of Distraction Driving and Its Impacts on Road Safety". The province is currently looking at what additional laws it should consider in restricting the use of electronic devices while driving or what other actions it might take.

The discussion paper highlighted that:
- driver distraction, of all types, is associated with 25 per cent of crashes and results in significant costs in terms of tragic loss of life, serious injuries and resultant monetary costs;
- the use of electronic devices has been shown to result in crashes and near misses. Driven fail to process approximately 50 per cent of the visual information in their driving environment when they are using electronic communication devices;
- evidence concludes that there is no difference between the cognitive diversion associated with hands-free and hand-held cell phone use;
- e-mailing, text messaging, manipulating electronic devices and reading information on them all Behavioural data from significant cognitive and visual distraction and contribute to crashes;
- new and young drivers, particularly those aged 16-24, are a high-risk age group with a road fatality rate that is twice the rate of other drivers. This age group has a higher adoption and utilization rate of new technologies, including cellular phones, text devices and interactive music players;
- the report notes an Ipsos Reid poll in October 2006 found that 849 of those surveyed supported a ban on cell phones while driving, either hand-held or both hand-held and hand-free. An Angus Reid poll in June 2008.

The report noted that the province has issued a total of 7,697 recommendations concerning the use of hands-free devices in BC. The report found that 84% of those surveyed supported a ban on cell phones while driving, either hand-held or both hand-held and hand-free.

RCMP Web & Twitter: Empowering BC’s Residents with Breaking News & Alerts

By Sharon Mok, Manager, Web Communication Unit, RCMP

The "Public Alerts" tab on bc.rcmp.ca teams the RCMP with communities by informing them of alerts, public safety tips and evacuation orders. The person in fact was in the province; he contacted the RCMP and requested assistance.

bc.rcmp.ca’s success is largely due to the web’s ability to replicate and spread information quickly, a phenomenon commonly known as "viral spread or viral marketing." This capability helps the RCMP in BC to inform communities faster and yield greater positive results. Those who subscribe to the RSS feed or twitter.com/rcmpbcp receive immediate notice each time a new release is posted to bc.rcmp.ca. Many recipients forward or re-tweet the news releases to their friends, relatives, and followers; hence the consequential viral marketing of information.

In 2008, bc.rcmp.ca received 2,370,802 hits from 8,002 cities across 191 countries.

New Rules on Taser Use

Attorney General Mike de Jong released the review by Justice Braidwood into the appropriate use and policies concerning the use of the conducted energy weapon — more commonly known as tasers — on July 23, 2009.

Justice Braidwood in his report "Restoring Public Confidence — Restricting the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons in British Columbia" made a total of 19 recommendations concerning the future use of tasers. The entire report can be viewed at www.gov.bc.ca/dcorreviews/jb raidwoodinquiry.pdf.

The Solicitor General has announced that the province has agreed to implement all 19 recommendations outlined in the report. The Solicitor General has directed all police, sheriffs and corrections officers to restrict the use of Tasers by:
- using them only in the enforcement of a federal criminal law;
- using them only in cases where the subject is causing bodily harm or will immediately cause bodily harm.

Pandemic Planning

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Just to be clear, what’s the role of the Health Authorities?

As written in the British Columbia Pandemic Influenza Consequence Management Plan, “health authorities are responsible for planning the health system response to a pandemic influenza within their region with direction from both the provincial and federal governments. In order to develop effective plans, health authorities should liaise with local partners in advance to facilitate a coordinated response when pandemic influenza strikes in the community. Health authority pandemic influenza response plans include:
- assessment of capacity for the care of influenza patients;
- prioritized delivery of health services;
- protocols for vaccine and antiviral use;
- command structure and operational procedures;
- identification of alternative care locations and resources;
- continued delivery of acute and resident care services;
- risk communication strategies for internal and external stakeholders.

Plan sets out objectives and actions for both the District of Saanich and the Community, in the following areas:

1. Assess Risks — Effective action depends on a factual understanding of the risks. In assessing the risks of pandemic flu, the Municipality should identify the people, facilities, and services most likely to be affected, and gauge their vulnerability to disease.
2. Mitigate Risks — Steps can be taken before a pandemic strikes to reduce the magnitude and severity of the possible outcomes. Mitigation can reduce demands on responders during the pandemic.

Community Spotlight: District of Saanich

The District of Saanich is one community that has taken a proactive approach to pandemic planning, with the goal to reduce the impact of a pandemic influenza, protect essential business functions, and minimize financial losses for the municipality over the long-term.

Their Pandemic Flu Objectives and Action

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Local Government House

“UBCM’s home in the provincial capital”

Lake Country Opens Micro-Hydro Project

A new 1.1 megawatt micro-hydro project, the Lake Country Hydroelectric Generating Station, will provide enough renewable energy to supply 400 homes annually. The project was made possible by a nearly $2.8 million investment from the Government of Canada through the Gas Tax Fund and the ecoENERGY for Renewable Power initiative, and a $900,000 low-interest loan and $300,000 grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Green Municipal Fund.

The new project will also provide a financial dividend to local taxpayers thanks to a long-term contract with BC Hydro that allows Lake Country to sell the output from the new generating station, The anticipated output of the plant is 3,900 megawatt-hours per year of emissions-free power.

“The District of Lake Country is pleased to be able to produce emission-free renewable energy from existing waterworks currently supplying water to the community,” said Mayor James Baker. “In this way we can help to reduce our collective carbon footprint while reducing environmental impact and generating revenue for the District.”

Sooke Unveils New Vision for Town Centre

Future development in the Sooke town centre will feature compact, sustainable, high-density projects thanks to the vision outlined in the new Sooke Town Centre Plan. It is one of four important planning tools undertaken by the District of Sooke and made possible through an investment from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

The plan, which outlines new land uses, urban design standards and a street network, provides a clear strategic concept for a revitalized town centre. When combined with the updated Official Community Plan, a new Parks and Trails Master Plan, and a new Transportation Master Plan, all funded by the Gas Tax Fund, the documents comprise a vision that will guide the development of Sooke for years to come.

Developers of Mariner’s Village are certainly on board with the Sooke Town Centre Plan. Their waterfront development concept, estimated to be worth $275 million, will transform the core of the new town centre. When completed, Mariner’s Village will be a blend of 755 dwelling units, 10,000 m² in commercial space, including a medical clinic, as well as a 176-slip marina, boardwalk and public wharf, all in the heart of Sooke.

New SeaBus Built in Esquimalt

Construction on the MV Burrard Pacific Breeze is nearing completion at the Victoria Shipyards. The Burrard Pacific Breeze is the third SeaBus in TransLink’s fleet, and was funded in part by the Gas Tax Fund.

At 33.5 metres long and almost 12 metres wide, the MV Burrard Pacific Breeze will carry up to 400 passengers and will go into service in time for the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. After the Games, the other two vessels – the Burrard Otter and Burrard Beaver – will take turns going into drydock for refits, to be brought into line with the MV Burrard Pacific Breeze’s technology.

In 2011, it is expected that all three will be available for service during peak periods, thereby increasing capacity by 50 per cent. The Burrard Pacific Breeze is the 41st vessel built by Victoria Shipyards. Work on the new SeaBus has provided jobs for 80 workers over the past year.

LGPS AT A GLANCE

For program details go to www.civicnet.bc.ca. Look under Programs and Services/LGLocal Government Program Services.

1. Applications now being accepted for:
   - Building Governance Capacity – applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis as funding permits.
   - Farm Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Planning (Round 3). Applications from eligible applicants (as identified in the program guide) are due by September 30, 2009.
   - Strategic Wildfire Prevention – applications for the following programs on an ongoing basis:
     - Community Wildfire Protection Plans
     - Pilot Projects
     - Operational Fuel Management
   - Supporting Treaty Implementation Pilot Project program – applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis as funding permits
   - Treaty Knowledge Exchange Dialogue Program – applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis as funding permits

2. Grant Program Reporting Deadlines:
   - 2009 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction – reconciliation reports are due by October 31, 2009.
   - Community Tourism 2 – final reports are due by December 1, 2009.
   - 2009 Community Health Promotion Fund – final reports due by December 31, 2009.
   - Age-friendly Community Planning grants (Round 1) – final reports due by December 31, 2009.
   - Built Environment & Active Transportation (Round 2) – final reports are due by January 31, 2010.

Pandemic Planning

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Recovery may require the collaboration of multiple service providers, and will likely include efforts to rebuild community and regional economic health.

For example, under 33- Preparedness, the objectives for the District of Saanich include:

3. Preparedness includes:
   - Identifying individuals who will undertake key functions, developing effective policies and procedures, obtaining the equipment needed to support response, training personnel, and exercising plans.

4. Coordinate Response – as the threat of pandemic unfolds, the Municipality may implement a series of protective actions to support both internal and community objectives. Response will require the coordination of Municipality services in collaboration with health authorities and neighboring communities.

5. Lead Recovery – The Municipality can and should lead recovery to pre-pandemic conditions for both the municipality and the community.

This is a small sample of Saanich’s Pandemic Plan. For more information please contact Brock Henson, Emergency Program Officer at Brock.Henson@saanich.ca.
ENERGY & CLIMATE ACTION NEWS ...
From the Community Energy Association

CEA -- the first stop for local government leaders addressing climate and energy

The Community Energy Association (CEA) is a collaboration of the Union of BC Municipalities, the Province, Planning Institute of BC, transit and energy providers and individual local governments. The organization assists local governments to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy through community energy/GHG planning and project implementation.

Upcoming Events -- Mark your calendar now!

SolarBC Webinar -- Sept 24

SolarBC has a limited number of grants remaining for local governments in installations for solar hot water systems on operations buildings such as pools, recreation centres, fire halls and city halls. SolarBC provides an easy one-stop shop for matching grants for up to 50% of costs. Up to $40,000 is available from SolarBC (for up to 20 local government installations) and up to $400,000 from Natural Resources Canada. About 12 local governments across BC have recently committed to installing solar hot water and applying for the SolarBC rebates. CEA staff are available to answer any local government questions and provide application support, and will conduct a webinar on Thursday, September 24, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm to provide further information. To register for the webinar, or for more information, contact:

Peter Robinson, Community Energy Planner, Community Energy Association
403-776-6078 (in Kelowna)
Email: probinson@communityenergy.bc.ca

Also see SolarBC’s website at www.solarbc.ca/ about/local-government

2009 Energy & Climate Action Awards -- October 1

The Community Energy Association, Union of British Columbia Municipalities and BC Hydro Power Smart will present the 2009 Energy & Climate Action Awards at the UBCM Convention. The awards are typically presented at the Convention Banquet. The awards are offered annually to a municipality or regional district implementing a project or program best integrating energy / climate planning into community planning processes and development strategies. Awards are offered in two categories:

1. Community-level planning and development
2. Corporate operations

CEA has recognized the efforts of local and regional governments best exemplifying the spirit of energy awareness in community planning since 1998.

BC Hydro 2009 Power Smart Forum -- October 12-15

This year’s Power Smart Forum is being held at the Vancouver Convention Centre October 12-15, and is bringing together British Columbia’s best and brightest in areas of energy conservation and smart energy management. The Community Energy Association is coordinating two key events at the Forum:

What NGO’s Offer You - on Energy and Sustainable Communities, October 12 at 9:30 AM

This two-hour session will bring together eight of BC’s enterprising non-profit organizations with mandates in energy efficiency, climate action and sustainable communities. Mark this session on your calendar, as this will be a unique opportunity to learn about and interact with BC’s brightest lights in these areas.

Communicating to Build Commitment for Climate Action, October 14 at 1:30 PM

This one-hour session, in partnership with BC Healthy Communities, will provide knowledge of tools and engagement strategies to move your community or constituency from low action on climate change to one of leadership.

For more information, see: www23hydro.com/businessevents

Build to Zero

Lower Mainland planners, elected officials, academics and other partners are invited by the Community Energy Association and the Cascadia Region Green Building Council to seek ways to accelerate local government adoption of policy, planning and regulatory measures to reduce GHG emissions from buildings across the Lower Mainland. The initiative will include a January workshop in downtown Vancouver, which will explore strategies for action and collaboration across municipalities, followed by one year of facilitated support for local government action. Funders include Vancity, the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia and CMHC. To register, or for more information, please see the Community Energy Association website, or contact Patricia Bell, Sr. Community Energy Planner, 604-930-0470 or pbell@communityenergy.bc.ca.

Commitments is being delivered in partnership with the Columbia Institute, who will present the lunchtime keynote address on international climate negotiations and local action. A detailed agenda and registration information will appear on the CEA website soon: www.communityenergy.bc.ca/commitments.

Collaborating on Carbon Neutral Commitments - October 19

A training ground for Gaining Ground

Don’t miss this one - This Community Energy Association annual conference (for local elected officials and staff, as well as school stewards and facilities managers, and hospitals and health regions), focuses on the tools that the public sector can use to reduce GHG emissions in buildings and operations, and tactics that can successfully be used to overcome resistance to climate action within your community. This one-day workshop October 19 is a lead-up event, one day prior to the Gaining Ground conference at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. Collaborating on Carbon Neutral

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Check out August 2009 Municipal World

The August issue of Municipal World is the annual "green issue" that focuses on renewable energy and the green economy. The Community Energy Association has a four-page article identifying key drivers for action on energy efficiency and GHG reduction, and BC local government actions on incentives, regulatory requirements, planning policies, district energy and renewable energy projects. Collectively, local governments across Canada play a vital role in reducing our national environmental footprint. BC legislation has laid the framework for local government action and many municipalities, regional districts and First Nation communities are now leading the way by becoming more energy efficient and reducing GHG emissions from operations, www.municipalworld.com.

CEA Welcomes Local Government Members

All BC local governments are now welcome to join the Community Energy Association. UBCM remains the central agency on the CEA Board and Executive. Local government members have access to information, discussions and leadership opportunities. The City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and FortisBC are CEA’s newest members. The organization is co-chaired by Dan Rogers, Mayor, City of Prince George and Richard White, Director of Community Development, City of North Vancouver. For membership information, please contact 604-628-7075 or info@communityenergy.bc.ca or click on “Join” on the top tab at www.communityenergy.bc.ca.

CEA Local Government Advisory Services

For more than a decade the Community Energy Association has been the only BC organization focused exclusively on supporting local governments to achieve energy and climate awareness, knowledge transfer and action. We now offer fee-for-service advisory services for projects that require more indepth assistance. For more information about how we can help you, please contact: Dale Littlejohn, Senior Manager CEA Local Government Advisory Services dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca 604-628-7075.

New CEA Office

The Community Energy Association has a new Vancouver office at: #400 – 402 West Pender St. Vancouver, BC YV6 1T6.

CEA staff:

Vancouver: Norm Connolly, Executive Director; Dale Littlejohn, Sr. Mgr. Advisory Services; Patricia Bell, Sr. Community Energy Planner

Victoria: Laura Forcher, Manager, Partnership Development

Kelowna: Peter Robinson, Community Energy Planner

Nelson: Patricia Dehnel, Community Energy Planner

Vancouver: Adam James, Community Energy Planner

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• using them when no lesser force option has been, or will be, effective in eliminating the risk of bodily harm;
• ensuring that crisis intervention techniques be used, particularly when dealing with disturbed people, before a taser weapon is used;
• ensuring that officers are prohibited from discharging an electrical current at a subject for longer than five seconds;
• ensuring that paramedic assistance be requested in every medically high-risk situation and that an officer also have an automated external defibrillator readily available for use.

The province has indicated that it will develop training programs to ensure that police officers are fully-trained in the use of intervention techniques, that province-wide standards are developed for use of laser weapons, that laser weapons are tested on a regular basis to ensure they are operating properly, that whenever there is a serious injury or death associated with the use of laser that the weapon removed from service and tested, and require all use-of-force incidents be reported to the province.

The provincial government indicated that it will undertake discussions with the federal government to ensure RCMP policies are in agreement with provincial policies and standards with respect to the use of lasers. Furthermore, it will work with the federal government to add lasers to the list of restricted products that can be imported into Canada and to develop and fund a national research program that will promote independent, science-based peer-reviewed research into the use of laser weapons.

Cell Phone Use & Driving

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found that 85% of British Columbians support a ban on hand-held cellular phones. A number of other jurisdictions are already undertaking action to address the issue of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving. For example, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador currently prohibit the use of hand-held cellular phone while driving for all drivers. Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario have each introduced legislation on this issue. Prince Edward Island prohibits new drivers from using cellular phones or any type of handheld electronic device while operating a vehicle. In the United States, a number of states have legislation prohibiting drivers from using hand-held cellular phones while driving and 14 states currently ban texting while driving. Washington State, for example, has passed legislation restricting the use of hand-held cell phones and the use of any electronic device to read, write, or send text messages while driving. The Community Safety Committee met with Solicitor Ken Herd in July and raised local government concerns with him. UBCM has written the province suggesting that it pass new legislation restricting the use of hand-held cell phone and requested that the use of any electronic device to read, write, or send text messages while driving be prohibited.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS

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BC’s Return-It Electronics is the largest e-waste recycling program in Canada

The Return-It Electronics program is the only way to ensure that your electronics are recycled responsibly in British Columbia. Since its launch on August 1, 2007, the Return-It Electronics program has grown to 97 collection sites and over 21 million kg of electronic waste has been collected. If you took that waste and stacked it you would have a wall 1.5 meters high and over 72 kilometers long.

Recycling end-of-life electronics diverts materials from landfills and prevents the shipment of these materials offshore to developing countries. Recycling also saves energy, as materials recovered can be used to create new useful products ultimately reducing the energy demands associated with the extraction and processing of new raw materials.

COVERING THE PROVINCE.
Over 96% of the province is covered by the Return-It Depot network. In the few communities not covered ESABC continues to organize drop-off events. To find out more, visit return-it.ca/depot.

When electronics are properly recycled, valuable metals like lithium, nickel, cadmium, copper and bronze can be recovered. Glass is also recovered and reused.

The program is conducted by the Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC), an industry led, not-for-profit stewardship agency. Encorp Pacific (Canada), a federally incorporated not-for-profit product stewardship corporation, was selected by the ESABC to manage and administer the program.

REDUCING THE COST.
An Environmental Handling Fee (EHF) is applied to the purchase of electronics included in the program to cover the costs of recycling. Fees vary on the type of equipment. On August 1, 2009 fees were decreased by 20%-75% in all but one category. Every penny of the funds collected is used to cover the costs of recycling.

Want to help keep end-of-life electronics out of BC’s landfills? Visit return-it.ca/electronics to find your nearest collection location and information about drop-off events.

For more information, visit return-it.ca/electronics

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE RETURN-IT ELECTRONICS PROGRAM?
- **Desktop Computers**: Includes Central Processing Units (CPUs), cables and other components within the computer. This includes desktop computers, desktop computers acting as servers, and all associated cabling.
- **Display Devices**: Display devices include flat panel and tube technologies (CRT, Plasma, LCD, flat panel, rear projection, etc.) used for televisions, computer monitors and professional displays.
- **Portable Computers**: Includes portable computers such as notebook, laptop and tablet PC.
- **Desktop Printers & Fax Machines**: For devices designed to reside on a work surface, including laser & LED (electrophotographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation, etc. and “multi-function” devices that perform different tasks such as copy, scan, fax, print, etc.
- **Computer Peripherals**: Selected manual print input devices such as keyboards and/or pointing devices such as mice and track balls. Both wired and wireless technologies apply.

HOW ELECTRONICS ARE RECYCLED.
Currently, the recyclers contracted by Encorp use two methods to recycle end-of-life electronics.

**Process 1**
Elements that fume, such as lead, zinc, cadmium, tin, germanium and indium, are captured and processed. The silica, iron and aluminium that remain in a slag are converted into value-added products for the construction/cement industry. Aluminium can also be removed and sent for further refining. Plastics, wood and other organics are used to fuel the furnaces that create the heat for the process. Copper and circuit boards are removed at shredding operations and sold to specialty metal refineries.

**Process 2**
The leaded glass Cathode Ray Tubes in display devices, such as TVs and computer monitors, are removed by hand. Also, plastics, copper and circuit boards are hand-sorted and sent to downstream recyclers. Computers, computer mice and keyboards are sent through shredding processes and plastics are machine sorted. Aluminium, copper and steel are sorted through a mix of hand and machine sorting and sent for further recycling. Plastics are machine sorted and sent to downstream recyclers for further processing.