New Minister

UBCM welcomes Honourable Kevin Kruger on his appointment as the new Minister of Community Development. He replaces Honourable Blair Lekstrom, who has been appointed as the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Minister Kruger is the MLA for Kamloops—North Thompson and previously served as Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulation reform.

Honourable Kevin Kruger, Minister of Community Development.

Member Visits

Each year, UBCM staff visits at least 25% of UBCM members outside of Metro Vancouver. This is a great exchange, as it allows UBCM to brief members on our activities. But most importantly, it updates our staff on what is happening in the region to help us serve you better. This spring, staff hope to visit the following areas:

1. Capital
   Central Saanich, Highlands, Langford, View Royal, Metchosin, Sooke.
2. Bulkley-Nechako
   Regional District, Fort St. James, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, Grindale.
3. Skeena—Queen Charlotte
   Regional District, Prince Rupert, Port Edward.
4. Fraser-Fort George
   Regional District, Prince George.
5. Kitimat-Stikine
   Regional District, Terrace, Hazelton, New Hazelton, Kitimat, Stewart.
6. Central Kootenay
   Regional District, Kaslo, New Denver, Silverton, Castlegar, Nelson, Slocan, Slocan.
7. Kootenay Boundary
   Regional District, Montrose, Rossland, Fruitvale, Warfield, Trail.

Provincial Budget Highlights

The Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance tabled the provincial budget on February 17, 2009. UBCM staff attended the provincial budget lock-up session in Victoria.

The 2009 provincial budget focused on preserving public services such as health care and education, while supporting infrastructure projects amidst the current economic challenges. Budget 2009 projects deficits of $459 million in 2009/10 and $454 million in 2010/11, returning to a balanced budget by 2011/12.

The provincial budget referenced infrastructure spending, as a method of stimulating the economy. Specifically it identified:

- $2 billion in the provincial capital plan for accelerated infrastructure projects, which assumes a $1 billion cost-sharing contribution from the federal government.
- $1.4 billion in previously budgeted infrastructure programs and projects for communities.

- The Province plans to restructure current provincial/local funding arrangements in cooperation with UBCM and its members to provide local governments increased certainty in uncertain economic times. As part of this restructuring, of funding arrangements, local governments will receive in advance of $153 million in 2008/09.
- The budget also continued the following measures pertaining to the Revenue Neutral Carbon Tax and carbon tax:
  - Increases the low income climate action tax credit by 10% to $150.50 per adult and $34.50 per child, effective July 1, 2011.
  - Provides a Northern and Rural Homeowner benefit of up to $200 beginning in 2011.
  - Increases the Industrial Property Tax Credit from 0% to 5% beginning in 2011.
  - Reduces school property taxes for farm land by 5% beginning in 2011.
  - Includes a temporary two-year property tax deferral program that allows people hurt by the economic downturn to defer their property tax payment for the next two years.

For more information on the provincial budget, please see the February 17, 2009 In the House circular on the UBCM website at www.ubcm.bc.ca under Publications/In the House/2009/Provincial Budgets.

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Richmond

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Mayor Christopher Castron
Oak Bay
In Memoriam: Minister Stan Hagen

On January 20, 2008, Minister Stan Hagen passed away at the age of 68. Minister Hagen was first elected in 1985 to represent the riding of Comox, where he was re-elected in 1991 and 2005. He later served as Minister of Advanced Education, Job Training, Science and Technology, Minister of Regional and Economic Development, Minister of Education and as Minister of State for the Vancouver Island Coast Region before being appointed Minister of Agriculture and Lands on June 20, 2008.

Minister Hagen had a lengthy public service record, impacting the province through his support of worthwhile community projects, such as the Passport to Education and Scientists in the Classroom programs. Mr. Hagen was also the founding President of the Comox Valley Foundation and served as a Comox Valley school trustee from 1972 to 1978. "Stan served as minister of 10 different ministries in governments from 1986 to 2009. No one in Canadian public life can match that," declared Premier Gordon Campbell in a recent tribute to Mr. Hagen's service. "Whether as Minister of Advanced Education or Agriculture and Lands, Stan's record was of exemplary service. He worked with people in a way that encouraged them to do their best as he worked on their behalf. Minister Hagen will be greatly missed by colleagues and community members alike, and his legacy will impact many generations of British Columbians to come."

Ross Marks – In Memoriam

F ormer UBCM President Ross Marks passed away on May 12 in the 100 Mile House Hospital. He was 74 years old. Ross served as the first mayor of 100 Mile House and maintained that honour for over 20 years. He also served as a member of the Cariboo Regional District and President of the North Central Municipal Association.

Mr. Marks served on the UBCM Executive from 1970-75 and as its President from 1972-74. He was one of those rare and extraordinary individuals who served two terms as UBCM President. During his years on the Executive, he was instrumental in advocating for the establishment of an assessment authority and province-wide assessments, something that UBCM had strongly advocated. He worked to expand the scope of the 100-year-old provincial capital requirements with a five-year term or longer, which fulfilled UBCM’s original wishes and intentions for the Authority when it was first created in 1970.

In addition, he was President when the Province established the Agricultural Land Reserve and successfully defended it.

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Councillor Barbara Steele
Mayor Malcolm Brodie
Mayor Christopher Causton

NOMINATING
- to be established for 2008-2009
UBCM Past President and Area Association Representatives (Presidents or their designates)

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Mayor Malcolm Brodie
Mayor Christopher Causton

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Councillor Wendy Graham
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Director Rhona Martin
Mayor Sharon Gaetz
Mayor Frank Leonard
Director Hans Cunningham

Newly Elected and Returning Elected Seminars
"2009 Local Government Leadership Academy Seminars a Success"

For many years the UBCM has sponsored seminars for newly elected local government officials, 2009 marks the 21st series to be offered.

The 2009 series of seminars was organized and delivered by the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) in cooperation with UBCM. This year the program was expanded to include concurrent sessions for returning elected officials in addition to the newly elected seminars. LGLA also actively encouraged the attendance of a senior staff official from each local government.

Since 1988 the seminars have been targeted to various sectors of the membership and in different locations around the Province. This practice continued this year and six seminars were held in four different venues.

Program

The 2009 series included six seminars offered in Richmond, Parksville, Kelowna and Nelson. Each of the six seminars catered to a specific sub-group of newly and returning elected officials. Each of the seminars commenced on an evening and included full sessions on the following two days.

The seminars included sessions on parliamentary procedure, roles and responsibilities, introductory law, budgeting and finance, planning, media communications, public hearings, and overviews of various local government affiliated organizations. The returning officials stream also offered concurrent sessions on priority setting, financial management, affordable housing and a more detailed review of parliamentary procedures. In addition a members panel was also introduced into the Day Two program this year.

Concurrent early morning clinics on UBCM managed programs and First Nations relations were offered on Day Three of each session.

Attendance

A record number of officials attended the 2009 sessions, in part due to the introduction of the Returning Elected Officials component. Attending the sessions were 62 mayors, 429 councillors, 90 electoral area directors, four alternate directors, three community commissioners, 44 senior staff and 15 First Nations delegates from Three First Nations. In total, delegates from 130 municipalities, 24 regional districts and three First Nations communities attended. The following is a breakdown of the attendance at each session:

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2009 marked the first occasion that the newly elected seminars attracted participation from First Nations Councils and staff. The Local Government Leadership Academy hopes to continue this trend in the future.

Financing

The success of the Newly Elected and Returning Elected sessions depends in part upon the sponsorship of our partners. In 2008, the Local Government Learning Academy was pleased to receive sponsorships from the Province of BC – Ministry of Community Development, Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, BC Assessment, Local Government Management Association, Tereset Gas, BC Transmission Corporation, BC Hydro, Columbia Basin Trust, and the Real Estate Foundation of BC.

The end product of the above sponsorships is seminars that are affordable for our delegates at fees of just over $200.

Evaluations

Evaluation ratings for the seminars continue to be good to excellent. Participants are asked to evaluate each individual aspect of the seminars on a scale from 1-5, with five being excellent. The data continues to show results between 4.2-4.5. Selected data provides an overview of the evaluations:

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About the Local Government Leadership Academy

The LGLA was conceived by the UBCM and with the leadership of the UBCM, the Premier announced a provincial government commitment of $1 million to establish an endowment fund for the Local
Three Resolution Sections

Sing it with me now:

Three Resolution Sections,
Three Resolution Sections,
So how they run...
No? Not the same lyrical quality as the more recognizable “Three Blind Mice”?
Regardless, read on to see how they run...

UBCM resolutions are divided into three sections as follows:

SECTION A resolutions address new or existing issues of high priority for local governments.

SECTION B resolutions address new or existing issues, and are divided into three parts:
- Part I: resolutions in keeping with established UBCM policy
- Part II: resolutions on new issues, or those considered previously but not endorsed
- Part III: resolutions addressing matters outside the jurisdiction of local government

SECTION C resolutions address issues covered by similar Section A or B resolutions, or policy papers. Section C is also divided into three parts:
- Part I: resolutions referred to policy papers/special Convention sessions
- Part II: resolutions referred to similar resolutions in Section A or B
- Part III: resolutions regional in nature, thus referred to Area/Associations

SECTION A and B resolutions are introduced for debate in the order in which they appear in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book. Section A and Part III resolutions are considered individually. Part III resolutions are considered as a block, and in the event of time constraints, the Chair may also introduce a motion to adopt the recommendations for Part III resolutions en bloc. In both cases, voting delegates have the option to withdraw resolutions from the block for individual consideration.

SECTION C resolutions are not admitted for debate.

LATE resolutions may be submitted to UBCM up to Friday noon on September 18, 2009. Resolutions addressing urgent issues arising since the June 30 deadline may be recommended for emergency consideration at Convention. All others will be entered automatically into the resolutions cycle for the following year.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR of Convention may be introduced by voting delegates, but require the assent of three-fifths majority of the delegates present in order to be considered. Sponsors of these resolutions must be prepared to distribute print copies to the plenary.

For information about any part of the resolutions process, contact:
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Responses to 2008 Resolutions

As reported in the December 2008 edition of the UBCM News, UBCM conveyed 121 member-endorsed resolutions to the provincial government for consideration and comment following the 2008 Convention. Six additional resolutions referred to the Executive were subsequently conveyed to the Province. The UBCM anticipates receiving responses from the provincial government in Spring 2009.

Once received, provincial responses will be forwarded to resolution sponsors and added to the UBCM’s online searchable resolutions database — accessible on the UBCM website under Resolutions & Policy/Resolutions Database. The UBCM will also post the full provincial response in PFD format on the website in the same location.

The UBCM is beginning to receive responses from some federal government departments and other organizations. These responses are added to the online database and forwarded to resolution sponsors as they are received.

For information about the above referrals and follow-up to 2008 resolutions, contact:
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GOLD STAR RESOLUTIONS

As you prepare resolutions for 2009, draw inspiration from the winners of the 2008 Gold Star and Honourable Mention awards for excellence in resolutions drafting. Consult the Gold Star Resolutions Criteria to prepare your 2009 resolutions, and consider the following examples of quality drafting.

Gold Star Resolutions Criteria

1. Resolution must be properly titled.
2. Resolution must employ clear, simple language.
3. Resolution must clearly identify problem, solution, and benefit.
4. Resolution must have two or fewer recallable clauses (WHEREAS clauses).
5. Resolution must have a short, clear, stand-alone enactment (THEREFORE) clause.
6. Resolution must focus on a single subject, must be of local government concern, and must address an issue that constitutes new policy for UBCM.
7. Resolution must include appropriate references to policy, legislation and regulations.
8. Resolution must be submitted to relevant Area Association prior to UBCM.

2008 Gold Star Winners:

A1 Core of “originally Diagnosed” Mentally Ill
Vancouver
B60 Fire Underwriters Survey
Trail
B67 Corporate Voting Category for Non-Resident Business Owners
Cariboo RD
E118 Manufactured Home Parks
Cowichan Valley RD

2008 Honourable Mention Winners:

E74 Reporting of Green House Gas Emissions
Grand Forks
B80 Sustainable Management of Beetle Killed Timber
Lake Country
B95 Snowmobile Parking Access
Mackenzie
B135 Municipal Soil Removal Fees Increase
Maple Ridge

The full text of these winning resolutions may be viewed on the UBCM website under Resolutions & Policy / Gold Star Resolutions.

National Do Not Call List

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) introduced a national Do Not Call List (DNCL) in 2008. The list tasked to exempt candidates in local government elections who are not members of registered political parties.

UBCM felt that this could potentially have a negative effect on candidates seeking local government office. At the 2008 Convention, a special resolution was endorsed calling on the federal government to temporarily exempt local government candidates from the 2008 elections and to amend the telecommunications act to include all local government candidates in the list of exemptions to the Do Not Call list.

In late 2008, UBCM responded to CRTC’s call for comments on potential modifications to some of the Do Not Call list rules. One of the changes.
Drafting Effective Resolutions

Draft your resolutions according to the following template. Note the maximum two “WHEREAS” and “BE IT RESOLVED” clauses, specific punctuation, and sentence structure. Craft your resolution to be as readable as possible within those guidelines.

WHEREAS the quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog

AND WHEREAS the lazy dog does not enjoy games of leapfrog.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the quick brown fox will refrain from jumping over the lazy dog.

[A second “enactment” clause, if it is absolutely required]

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the quick brown fox will in future invite a different partner for games of leapfrog, such as the hopping kangaroo or the flying squirrel.

Problem - Cause - Solution

A resolution should answer the following questions:

- What is the problem?
- What is causing the problem?
- What is the best way to solve the problem?

For further guidance, refer to the 2008 Gold Star and Honourable Mention Resolutions, and consult the Gold Star Resolutions Criteria, both available on the UBCM website under Resolutions & Policy/Gold Star Resolutions.

National Do Not Call List

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being considered was, “Should telemarketing telecommunications made by or on behalf of candidates in federal, provincial, or municipal election that are not candidates of a registered political party be excluded from the application of the TSEL rules?”

Several other organizations provided comments on the potential modifications, including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

The CRTC is reviewing all comments, and expects to issue a decision on the potential changes by May 19, 2010.

Is Your Community GamesTown 2010?

The Province wants to know why your community is the best in B.C. at showing off its Olympic and healthy living spirit!

Just go to www.GamesTown2010.ca and submit photos, videos and stories to prove to us that your community is better than all the others in living healthy and in embracing the 2010 Winter Games!

Cash, prizes and monthly awards are available including, for the winner, $100,000, 10 tickets to the 2010 Winter Games and the prestigious title of GamesTown 2010!

To sign up, visit www.GamesTown2010.ca!
RCMP: REFORM IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

A Task Force on Governance and Cultural Change in the RCMP (Brown Task Force) prepared a report entitled “Rebuilding the Trust” which was submitted to the federal government on December 14, 2007.

The Brown Task Force made a total of 49 recommendations for change in the structure, accountability, independence and oversight of RCMP operations. The primary focus of the recommendations was directed at administrative issues that need to be addressed in RCMP operations.

The Task Force made two key recommendations of particular interest to local government:

Recommendation 41 – Delegation of Decision Making with Respect to Contract Policing

The RCMP should examine and review its approval authorities to ensure that those closest to operational police activity have the requisite authority to make decisions in a timely manner.

Recommendation 42 – Contract Partner Participation

Headquarters should give greater weight to the views and priorities of contracting authorities and should involve them in a more meaningful way in decisions that have an impact on their jurisdictions.

A Reform Implementation Council was created by the federal government to guide and assist the RCMP reform process. The Council has prepared an interim report on the progress of the changes made to date and indicated that the following measures are underway:

- Introduction of a cadet allowance to attract more applicants to the RCMP;
- Streamlining of the recruiting process, with a target of cutting the average processing time from 12 months to four;
- Investment in a new integrated leadership development programs;
- Measures to reduce the administrative burden on RCMP officers, for example improving record entry systems and providing administrative assistance;
- Issuance of a national back-up policy for RCMP officers;
- Realignment of Deputy Commissioner responsibilities to put a new focus on Federal Policing, Central and Aboriginal Policing, and Policing Support Services.

The Reform Implementation Council has proposed that the following list of goals for RCMP reform be undertaken in 2008:

1. RCMP as a Separate Entity: A proposal including:
   - A recommendation for a board, conducted by RCMP senior management and submitted to the Minister;
   - Board of Management: A proposal including a recommendation for a board, endorsed by RCMP senior management and submitted to the Minister (in parallel with the proposal on RCMP status);
   - Independent Commission for Complaints and Oversight: The RCMP consulted with Public Safety Canada on options, including a legislative strategy;
   - Leadership Initiatives: New leadership performance centres operational;
   - Workload/Capacity Issues: A comprehensive evidence based analysis of the problem and a broad overall strategy to ensure that there are adequate personnel in all areas of the Force to meet the challenges of delivering a world-class police service;
   - Engagement of Contract Partners: Improved mechanisms of cooperation and consultation with contract partners in respect to both policing priorities and RCMP reform;
   - Communications Capability: Significantly enhanced effectiveness in both internal and external communications, particularly with respect to the RCMP reform process;
   - Engagement of RCMP Employees: Extensive participation by RCMP employees in town halls and other forums, plus effective engagement at the divisional level;
   - Monitoring systems and criteria: Suitable measures of success for the most important initiatives reported regularly to the Senior Management Team;
   - Transformation Plan: An updated plan based on adequate consultation, covering Phase Three and beyond and addressing all Task Force recommendations.

The report points out that “contract policing for provinces, territories and municipalities is the largest of all the RCMP business lines, involving over 65% of all officers. It is also, for Canadians in the eight provinces that use the service, and in the territories, the most visible RCMP role. Making sure the relationship between the RCMP and the contracting authorities works to the satisfaction of both sides, is clearly a crucial part of RCMP reform. The involvement of local government and the opportunity for it to provide input into the RCMP reform process is unclear at this time.

Gang Violence: New Measures Announced

In response to an increase in the number of gang related shootings in public places, the province announced the following action plan:

1. More police officers – 168 additional police officers will focus on gang activity, including 131 additional officers in the Metro Vancouver area and a 16 member gang task force in Prince George and in Kelowna;
2. More prosecutors – 10 additional Crown prosecutors will be assigned to work on gang and gun crimes, bringing the total to 25 Crown prosecutors focused on this issue;
3. More jail and secure court – construction of 304 additional jail cells;
4. Tougher laws – province will request changes to the federal Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to give prosecutors more power; request the elimination of 2-for-1 credits for time served while awaiting trial, and request the expansion of the ability to obtain and utilize wiretap evidence;
5. Crackdown on illegal guns – creation of a 10 member enforcement unit and taking over of federal firearms programs in BC;
6. Outlaw armoured vehicles and body armour;
7. New gang hotline and rewards program: new gang tip hotline and an additional $5 million will be allocated to crime prevention programs designed to help kids stay out of gangs.

The province indicated that a total of $500 million had been budgeted for new police officers to address gang issues - $35 million of that from the federal government. A total of $150 million would be invested in the construction of new jail cells in the province.

New RCMP Headquarters: Status

Anita A. Singh, Senior Communications Advisor
RCMP E-REGION HQ Relocation Project & Pacific Region Corporate Management Branch

The RCMP and Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) are hopeful that development of a new headquarters facility in the Green Timbers region of Surrey will begin in 2010. In 2008 the joint RCMP/PWGSC project team issued a Request for Qualifications and then identified three proponents who will be invited to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The team expects to issue the RFP Spring 2009 and thereby eliminate a key step in the project.

The need for a new headquarters was identified over 20 years ago. Existing headquarters buildings in Vancouver have exceeded their lifespan and cannot meet current capacity requirements; as a retail employees currently work from 25 separate sites throughout the lower mainland. The new facility will bring many units together thereby eliminating resource redundancies and improving working relationships, operations and service delivery.

Learn more about the RCMP in BC:
http://rcmp.ca
Illegal Movement of Firearms

The provincial government has released a paper entitled “A Report on the Illegal Movement of Firearms in British Columbia.” The report makes nine recommendations that highlight the need for a strategic plan, better tracking and enforcement of firearms regulations, the establishment of a weapons-enforcement unit, increased prosecution of firearm offences, and the need for changes in federal legislation and regulations to better control the illegal movement of firearms.

Acceding to this report, the proliferation of firearm related violence is linked to gang activity. It is estimated that there are 120 organized crime groups in the province, and the control over illegal drug activity in the province is the major reason for firearm related violence. Organized crime homicides have doubled since 1997 and represent one third of all homicides. It is currently projected that there will be 140 homicides in British Columbia in 2008 and 50 of these will be related to organized crime.

In 2006 there were 2,095 firearms recovered in 15 Lower Mainland communities. Those included 388 registered and 331 unregistered handguns - 54% of the gang related firearm incidents in 2007 in the Lower Mainland involved handguns. In tracking the source of some 701 illegal firearms in Canada, it was found that 386 were illegally in Canada and 324 were sourced domestically. It was determined that the two biggest sources of illegal firearms found in Canada were from Washington State (103 firearms) and Florida (50 firearms). Investigations traced the source of many of the illegal firearms found, and firearms dealers who were licensed to import firearms, but who failed to record all of the firearms on their inventory and reported others that subsequently showed up as fully functioning firearms as deactivated. Many of these businesses are licensed as “prop masters” who supply the movie industry with the firearms used in their productions - these weapons have been modified to look like blanks or are replicas, but in many cases can be changed into fully functioning weapons.

In British Columbia there are currently 55 firearms businesses with “prop masters” licenses. 23 of the 55 businesses maintain an inventory of firearms:

- 9 businesses have inventories of less than 10 firearms;
- 3 businesses have inventories of less than 100 firearms;
- 7 businesses have inventories of between 100 and 400 firearms; and
- 4 businesses have inventories of between 1,000 and 1,400 firearms.

The number of “prop master” licenses in British Columbia is high compared to other parts of Canada, and the number of the movie industry - 83 in British Columbia and 16 in Ontario.

The province has announced the creation of a 10-member “Weapons Enforcement Unit” dedicated to the seizure of illegal weapons, taking over responsibility for the federal firearms program in BC, increasing the security rules and limiting the number of “prop master” licenses in the province, and pursuing jail time for people convicted of illegal weapons possession and violent offenses.

Community Safety Officers: New Category of RCMP Member a First in British Columbia

Audra A. Single, Senior Communications Advisor
RCMP E Division HQ Relocation Project & Pacific Region Corporate Management Branch

In July 2008, sixteen Community Safety Officers (CSOs) were introduced onto the streets of four British Columbia as part of a pilot project to enhance RCMP “E” Division’s ongoing commitment to crime reduction. Residents of Surrey, Langley, Maple Ridge, and Prince George may have noticed these officers patrolling their streets, distinguished by their highly visible red jacket and red brassard over the uniform shirt.

Duties of CSOs vary between communities, and include everything from crime prevention to crime reduction activities, to foot patrols, meeting with business and other local groups to identify and inform local community issues and providing a community link between the RCMP Detachments and the communities. As Inspector Doug Scott, Team Leader of the Pacific Region Client Service Enhancement Project explains "The CSO project is designed to enhance the existing police service provided to each of the pilot sites. CSOs are not replacement for regular police officers, they are an enhancement focused on local community issues.” CSOs are not armed with a firearm but do carry a baton and pepper spray for self defence purposes.

“We have worked closely with our municipal governments to ensure the Community Safety Officers roles were designed specifically to meet their needs. It’s a great advantage to this new position - their duties are adapted to the city or community they serve, based on their priorities.”

“CSOs are part of our effort to continually improve service. I am convinced this will prove to be a great initiative for our clients when CSOs work with us to make it happen.”

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ENVIRONMENT POLICY IN BRIEF

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 by 2012, measuring and reporting on their GHG emissions profile; and creating complete, compact, more energy efficient rural and urban communities. To date, 173 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@ubcm.bc.ca, or by phone at 604-270-0226 ext. 113.

Hazardous Waste Regulation

The Hazardous Waste Regulation under the Environmental Management Act was recently amended. The amendments are the latest phase of the ongoing Hazardous Waste Regulation Review Initiative undertaken by the Ministry of Environment to enhance and support the provincial government’s hazardous waste management program.

The amendments, which will become effective as of April 1, 2009, are intended to eliminate abuse of some provisions in the regulation; encourage responsible “cradle-to-grave” management of hazardous waste (generators, transporters and receiving); and implement compliance by all parties.

A summary of the new amendments is available on the Ministry of Environment’s website at www.emo.gov.bc.ca/epd/ hazardous/regs/review.htm. The next phase of the regulatory review project, which will involve more substantive amendments to the Hazardous Waste Regulation, is expected to be completed later this year.

Landfill Gas Management Regulation

The Ministry of Environment developed the Landfill Gas Management Regulation under the Greenhouse Gas Reductions (Emissions Standards) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008. This regulation was enacted on December 8, 2008 and is effective as of January 1, 2009.

The regulation is part of the work undertaken by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) to support the provincial government’s commitment to reduce greenhouse gases by at least 33% below current levels by 2020. The Landfill Gas Management Regulation establishes province-wide criteria for landfill gas capture from municipal solid waste landfills. It focuses on greenhouse gas emission reductions from landfills with the objective of maximizing reductions of landfill gas emissions and identifying potential opportunities to increase landfill gas recovery. The regulation also phases in new requirements for landfill gas capture that take into account economic and technical feasibility, requirements and associated implications for landfill owners.

Trees for Tomorrow

At the 2008 UBCM Convention in Penticton, the Province announced a new tree planting program to help combat climate change, improve air quality, and beautify communities. Trees for Tomorrow is a five-year $15 million initiative aimed at planting four million trees in schoolyards, hospital grounds, civic parks and other public spaces in British Columbia. Eligible applicants include local governments, First Nations, institutional landowners (e.g. hospitals and universities), and school districts, with project funding available up to a maximum of $50,000. The next application intake deadline is March 31, 2009. For more information about Trees for Tomorrow, visit www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca.

UBCM Environment Conference

Due to changing economic circumstances, UBCM was not in a position to hold an environment conference on February 24/25, 2009 as previously scheduled. The conference has been tentatively rescheduled to June of 2009, at which time we hope our partners will be in a position to financially contribute and participate in the event. Further updates related to the conference will be posted on the UBCM website.

Energy Efficiency: Makes Sense!

With a little bit of knowledge and training, reducing your organization’s greenhouse gas emissions can be simpler than you think!

The key: Energy Efficiency! You can learn how to become more energy efficient by participating in a Dollars to Sense energy management workshop, offered by Natural Resource Canada’s Office of Energy Efficiency. This spring, three workshops will be taking place in the Vancouver area: Spot the Energy Savings Opportunities (April 29th), Energy Monitoring (April 30th) and Energy Efficiency Financing (May 20th). Each combines theory and practical suggestions to help you save energy and money. By participating, you will also discover how to raise awareness and motivate your staff.

These workshops produce results. More than 15,000 highly satisfied participants over the last 11 years have helped create over $180 million in estimated energy savings! To find out more and to register, visit the Dollars to Sense website at http://www.mica.ca/industrial/training-awarness/.

Environment Policy

Earth Day Canada Program Helps Communities Embrace Green

By Mike Peppard, Earth Day Canada

Earth Day Canada (EDC) is building a movement that you should be part of! We’re engaging individuals across the country in energy and resource conservation in their home that lessens their impact on the environment and saves them money.

In the past year, EDC’s EcoAct! Teams conservation program has quickly become the resource of choice for individuals, local governments and provincial governments and not-for-profit groups interested in reducing their impact on the environment. With municipal partnerships established with cities such as Waterloo, Moncton, and Calgary; a provincial partnership with the Province of AB; and adoption by grassroots organizations such as Climate Change Hamilton, the program has proven successful at the two things desired most: quantification of the environmental impact of changed behaviour and the associated monetary savings.

The program helps individuals, families and communities reduce...
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- Mission Leisure Centre
- Mission Sports Park
- Lakeside Leisure Centre
- Greater Vernon Multiplex
- Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre
- Cranbrook Recreation Complex
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
- Trail Aquatic Centre
- North Vancouver Tennis Centre
- Port Coquitlam Recreation Centre
- Whistler Risk and Pool
- Tofino Conference Centre – Phase I

EVALUATION – 2005 UBCM Convention
- Racecourse (race & half-marathon only)
- Distance: 10 km, 5 km, 2 km, 1 km
- Course Map: See attached

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UBCM ANNUAL CONVENTION DATES
- YEAR 2005
- DATES: Sept. 28 – Oct. 22
- LOCATION: Vancouver

- YEAR 2010
- DATES: Sept. 27 – Oct. 1
- LOCATION: Whistler

- YEAR 2014
- DATES: Sept. 19 – Sept. 24
- LOCATION: Victoria

- YEAR 2018
- DATES: Sept. 24 – Sept. 29
- LOCATION: Kamloops

- YEAR 2022
- DATES: Sept. 27 – Sept. 22
- LOCATION: Vancouver
2008 CONVENTION SUMMARY AWARDS

FIRST PLACE HONOURS:

BEST FUNCTION: SILGA Luncheon @ 4.1
BEST PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION: Expanding Your Cultural Wealth @ 4.8
BEST TUESDAY WORKSHOP: Planting Our Future @ 3.9
BEST THURSDAY WORKSHOP: Communities as Champions for Vulnerable Children @ 4.0
BEST CLINIC: Making Global Connections @ 4.0
BEST PARTNER’S PROGRAM: Arts & Culture Tour @ 4.7

CONTENDERS:

BEST FUNCTION: Annual Banquet @ 4.0
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COMPARISON TABLES

Top performers when comparing ratings to past Conventions:

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SCORING: 5 = Excellent / 4 = Good / 3 = Satisfactory / 2 = Fair / 1 = Poor

UBCM Convention

Picture BC Launched

Communities in BC have a new online gateway to promote local tourism. "Picture BC" is the result of a partnership between UBCM, the Knowledge Network Corporation and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. The new website had its official launch at the 2009 Tourism Industry Conference in Vancouver.

Picture BC invites visitors to explore the province through series of interactive regional maps and videos. Thanks to a creative commons license, visitors to the site are able to download and re-use professional quality photos for both personal and commercial purposes. Picture BC also includes customised pages for each of the participating communities to highlight local features and provide information on current events. In response to new website, Tourism, Culture and the Arts Minister Bill Bennett said "as communities across BC gear up for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Picture BC is another opportunity for us to showcase our great province." www.picturebc.ca.

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CLIMATE SMART

Municipalities are not alone in their efforts to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A growing number of BC’s small- and medium-sized businesses are taking on the challenge as well. Why? Ultimately, it’s about the bottom line. Many entrepreneurs see opportunities to boost sales, cut costs and mitigate the risk of carbon taxes by adopting proactive strategies to reduce their carbon footprints.

What does a fleet of whale watching boats in Tofino, a wood floor manufacturer in Courtenay and a local delivery service in Vancouver have in common? They are among a growing list of companies that are proving that taking action on climate change makes business sense. Through carbon reduction strategies, they have lowered fuel bills, invested in more efficient equipment, improved their delivery logistics, trimmed travel budgets and used less paper. All of these initiatives have paid a positive effect on their balance sheets.

Some 90 plus enterprises, including the municipality, have taken part in a service called Climate Smart, which takes about a dozen companies at a time through the process of measuring and reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. Climate Smart offers companies training, technical advice, access to easy-to-use software to manage their carbon footprints and a peer learning approach to help their clients lead the community toward Whistler’s shared vision of sustainability.

City of Portland, Oregon has hired a carbon management firm, Climate Smart, to work with local companies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and catalyze strategic conservation investments. WCS is using Climate Smart’s training, software and peer-learning approach to help their clients lead the community toward Whistler’s shared vision of sustainability.

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their impact on the environment in five key areas—energy, water, waste, transportation, and consumer and gardening choices. It utilizes community-based social networking techniques, fosters self-reliance and individual responsibility and encourages full community engagement.

The cornerstone of the program is an online calculator that provides participants with details of greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, energy, water, waste and economic savings by way of personalized online reports based on the activities they undertake. Achievements and reports are monitored and reported through EDC’s central web-based administration system.

Earth Day Canada’s EcoAction Teams are now engaging communities in British Columbia interested in community and household conservation. It is especially ideal for small governments who: have limited time, funds or staff resources; need to start small with a program that is manageable; and require a program that can work for a number of local government programs simultaneously.

The EcoAction Teams program can assist local governments in becoming carbon neutral, reduce energy costs, and build a platform of community commitment upon which a sustainable future can be built. Participating local governments will be provided with a free, co-branded, turnkey package that can be distributed to the community via multiple vehicles.

Participating with EcoAction Teams will substantially enhance a local government’s ability to:
• engage individuals, families and communities in integrated sustainable community planning initiatives
• develop policy through the identification of needs and service priorities
• improve operational efficiency
• capture, calculate and aggregate GHG emissions, water, water and energy use reductions by geographic region (e.g., postal code) and by group affiliation
• use quantified local conservation data to support eligibility for funds (e.g., Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund); and
• help their local power authorities to aggregate the reductions in meeting their energy conservation obligations to relevant provincial agencies.

For more information on Earth Day Canada’s EcoAction Teams program contact Mike Peppard at 416-599-1903 ext. 313 or contact earthday.ca. You can also visit www.earthday.ca or www.ecoactionteams.ca.

Newly Elected

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Government Leadership Academy at the 2008 UBAM Convention.

Shortly thereafter, a Charter for the LGLA was developed and efforts to raise additional funds commenced. Reflecting a longstanding history of collaboration, the following partners were identified: Province of B.C., B.C. Assessment Authority, Municipal Finance Authority, Municipal Insurance Association, and Local Government Management Association. The UBAM membership was also asked if they would mark the UBAM’s centenary by making a contribution to the LGLA. To date 72 communities and regional districts have contributed over $51,000 towards LGLA development.

Throughout 2006, the LGLA undertook research with UBAM members. That work identified competencies and skills the Leadership Academy should focus on. The surveys and focus groups identified eight skills that should be the focus of LGLA programming: leadership, understanding accountability, facilitation, prioritization, big picture vision, stewardship and public engagement.

The LGLA is managed by a Board that includes:

Susie Giesbrecht, Chair
LGLA Vice Chair and UBCM President Robert Edson
Richard Taylor - Director at Large
Gary Paget - Ministry of Community Development
Isabel Hatfield - Local Government Management Association
Robert Stangger - Municipal Finance Authority
Dave Porter - First Nations Leadership Council
Vacant Ministry of Community Development

The mission of the LGLA is to provide local government and first nation elected officials and senior administrators with comprehensive, timely and dedicated leadership development opportunities throughout their terms of office and employment in the interest of improving governance at the local level.

In August 2007 the LGLA Board developed a three year plan to coordinate with the three year local government election cycle. In brief the three year plan consists of:

Year 1 of election term:
• Newly returning elected officials training
• Area association learning events

Year 2 of election term:
• Provincial leadership forum
• Area association learning events

Year 3 of election term:
• Provincial leadership forum
• Area association learning events
• Special learning events e.g. CAO forum

In addition, the LGLA Board is working to develop online and First Nations training opportunities.
Across British Columbia, more than 100 communities are using 2010 Legacies Now’s Measuring Up program to improve community life for persons with disabilities, seniors and families. The City of Maple Ridge and the District of Pitt Meadows, for example, have partnered together since 2007 to improve accessibility and inclusion for the residents in their communities.

Measuring Up is a 2010 Legacies Now program, supported by the Province of British Columbia, which engages local government, persons with disabilities, the business sector and other grass-roots community leaders to assess and improve local accessibility and inclusion. The Measuring Up program includes a guide, which assists communities to assess, prioritize and take action on these issues.

With $32,500 in funding from Measuring Up, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows completed two community-based projects. Identified through community consultation and the work of their shared Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues, the communities built an accessible playground and developed an outdoor accessibility guide.

The accessible playground is located at Pitt Meadows Elementary School, and was constructed in partnership with the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District. The playground, which promotes inclusive play for children of all abilities and their families, is centrally located for use by the entire community. It is adjacent to the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre, Pitt Meadows City Hall and Spirit Square, and the Pitt Meadows Library.

The outdoor accessibility guide, entitled “Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice”, provides guidelines and design suggestions for outdoor recreation and community spaces. The guide was developed to offer direction to builders and developers, both municipal employees and private companies, on creating universally accessible spaces. The guide includes information and accessibility standards for the following areas: planning criteria and design; pedestrian circulation; vehicular circulation; campgrounds and campsite; water-based activities; recreation facilities; park services; park and trail signage; park buildings; way-finding.

“The Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice’ will promote universal design and access for all outdoor spaces,” said Pat Nelson, Recreation Access Coordinator for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Services. “Our Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues is working with municipal engineers, planners and parks departments looking at implementing these guidelines into new developments and designs, and we are hoping to promote these guidelines province-wide.”

Through their work on these and other projects, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are at the forefront of a province-wide effort to become more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

For more information on the Measuring Up program, to learn how your municipality can get involved, or for tips and resources on how to make your community more accessible and inclusive, email measuringup@2010legaciesnow.com or call 778-207-5129. To obtain a copy of the outdoor spaces guidelines, please contact Pat Nelson at pnelson@mapleridge.ca.

2010 Legacies Now is dedicated to strengthening arts, literacy, sport and recreation, healthy living, accessibility and volunteerism in communities throughout British Columbia. As a not-for-profit society, 2010 Legacies Now is creating lasting legacies around the province leading up to and beyond the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Visit 2010LegaciesNow.com for more information.
improvements to active transportation infrastructure in road and bridge projects as well as requirements for developers to build or fund infrastructure, such as sidewalks or pathways.

Increased Property Values

Properties near trails and neighbourhoods with pedestrian friendly features such as narrow streets, sidewalks, curb bulges and traffic circles are proving to be popular with buyers and will command higher prices. The resulting increases in municipal property taxes can help recover the investment in active transportation infrastructure. In Surrey, when properties bordered a greenway, values increased by as much as 20%.

Increased Work Productivity

Employees who participate in regular physical activities miss fewer days due to illness, have lower turnover rates, lower healthcare costs and increased productivity which can result in a benefit of $55 per worker per year. Commuting by active transportation allows the employee to build physical activity into their daily routine.

Benefits of Accelerating Investment

A small portion of the transportation budget can facilitate high levels of bicycle use. In the Netherlands, only 6% of the money spent on road infrastructure is spent on bicycle facilities, yet the bicycle has a 27% modal share of all journeys. In Freiburg, Germany (pop 42,500), just 1% of the transportation budget is dedicated to cycling infrastructure yet the cycling mode share is 19%. Given that providing complete networks increases levels of cycling and walking, the acceleration of the investment in facilities will help maximize the cumulative benefits of the investment. The District of Saanich made significant improvements to their cycling and walking networks, including connecting the Lockside and Galloping Goose Trails. This project added 80 km of bike lanes as well as a multi-use trail system. As a result, active transportation increased by 7% between 1996 and 2006.

People Want to Cycle and Walk

Walking is the easiest and most affordable form of transportation (and exercise). According to a recent survey by Metro Vancouver, 23% of all active transportation is done by walking. This is a very high degree of willingness to walk or ride a bike instead of drive. Many automobile trips are of a distance easy to cycle or walk. For distances up to 5 km, cycling is the fastest door-to-door mode of travel. In BC, 41% of daily commutes are 5 km or under, a distance that can be cycled in 15 minutes.

We know that communities experience significant growth in the number of people walking and cycling after investments in cycling and walking infrastructure have been made. Make the case in your community for including active transportation considerations in future planning processes. Investing and designing around active transportation can be measured in terms of improved health, a stronger local economy, and a cleaner environment.

This is an excerpt from the publication Benefits of Investing in Active Transportation. To read the full publication visit http://physicalactivitystrategy.ca/pdfs/BEAT_Publication.pdf. The BEAT is a joint initiative of the BC Recreation & Parks Association and the Union of BC Municipalities. The BEAT will be hosting a Summit (focused on Integrated Infrastructure Planning: Designing and building communities for all ages). To find out more or to attend, contact Cara Fisher, BCRA at 604-629-0465 ext. 255.

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Are You a New Library Trustee? BCLTA is Here to Help...

As UBCM is the voice of local government in BC, representing the elected officials serving on councils and boards throughout the province, the BC Library Trustees’ Association is the voice of the public library sector. Our organization represents the trustees who govern BC’s local public libraries, providing them with professional development and networking opportunities, information on arising issues and initiatives, reference publications, governance support, and organized representation to all levels of government. In short, BCLTA provides the services and support trustees need in order to become leaders in BC’s library community.

Following the 2018 local government elections, many of you will have been appointed to sit as the council or board representative on your local library board. It is important to be aware that you are not just a liaison between council and the board and the library, but rather a full member of the library board with voting privileges and all the same responsibilities as your fellow trustees.

You are also a full-fledged BCLTA member and you should feel welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have in your new capacity.

With the support of the provincial Public Library Services Branch, BCLTA offers a Trustee Orientation Program (TOP) free of charge to library boards in all areas of the province. TOP is a comprehensive look at the roles and responsibilities of library trustees in BC – we introduce participants to library legislation, provincial library services, community advocacy, current issues, and policies from board success. If you are new to your library board, consider contacting BCLTA to request a TOP session in your area.

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For a quick run-down on BC’s public library sector, go to the BCLTA website at www.bclta.org and download a copy of our Library Primer for local governments under the “Advocacy” tab. This is a brief document outlining the four types of libraries in BC, providing a snapshot of some key library services, detailing several of the main issues of the day for public libraries, and giving an overview of board and staff responsibilities.

As a library trustee, you will receive regular e-Bulletins from BCLTA on arising issues and initiatives in the public library sector as well as a copy of our biannual newsletter, The Open Door. You are also invited to attend our annual conference, which will be held from April 15-18 in Burnaby in 2019. Visit the BCLTA website to familiarize yourself with our many services and resources – feel free to contact Executive Director Erin Morrison at any time with your questions.

Navigating Bill 23: Public Health Act

Last year, the Minister of Health Services introduced a new Public Health Act that replaced a very outdated legislation. Several important changes were made including a new role for local governments in sections 83, and the ability for the Minister to require public bodies to make public health plans in section 83. A summary of the Public Health Act was circulated to members in April 2008, and can be found on our website at http://healthhoster.com/contenttesting/launchasphid=865.

To assist local government understand the implications and expectations of the Public Health Act, UBCM and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport are creating a set of information sheets for local governments and health authorities. When complete, these documents will be available on the UBCM website.

Are You a New Library Trustee? BCLTA is Here to Help...
First Nations Relations Update

Building Governance Capacity: Learning from Williams Lake, Cariboo RD and Northern Shuswap Treaty Society

The Building Governance Capacity (BGC) program was developed in 2007 with the intent to assist local governments and First Nations that have an established working relationship to address specific capacity gaps related to governance issues. Matching grants of up to $25,000 are available to support activities that help local governments and First Nations work together on common governance-related issues, to participate in capacity building activities or events that address the issues and, at the same time, build governance management skills, knowledge, abilities and understanding. To date, four applications have been funded and two others are under review. The program allows for on-going application review.

An excellent example of the type of initiatives being funded through the Building Governance Capacity program is the work being undertaken by the City of Williams Lake, Cariboo Regional District and the Northern Shuswap Treaty Society. Working together, these partners used a BGC grant to create a new liaison staff position to facilitate joint initiatives among the three partners. Working with a Steering Committee, the new liaison has been coordinating a Community to Community Forum that will provide vital input for the development of First Nations/Local Government consultation protocol for land use issues. The new position has also provided support to First Nations communities on specific referrals regarding rezoning/subdivision and development permits. This joint initiative has proven so successful that Williams Lake is applying for additional funding to create a similar position with another neighbouring First Nation.

Regional Community to Community Forum Program

The Regional Community to Community (C2C) Forum program provides funding for dialogue between elected leaders and staff from neighbouring First Nations and local governments on issues of mutual interest and concern. The goal of the program is to increase understanding and to improve overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Over the course of the 2007/08 fiscal year, 39 events were held. For the 2008/09 year, 42 applications for 60 events were received. Twelve of these dialogues have been completed to date; however, the majority were scheduled for the first quarter of 2009.

2008 also saw the development of a new program under the banner of the Regional Community to Community Forum – the Newly Elected C2C. The intent of this new program is to provide an opportunity for local governments that have newly elected officials (following the 2008 civic elections) to engage with neighbouring First Nations. The purpose of a Newly Elected C2C forum is to meet each other in order to ensure continuity of relationships and to learn about issues in relationships between the First Nations and local governments. The meetings also aim to strengthen existing relationships and forge links between First Nation and local government elected officials and staff.

Staff will review applications for the Newly Elected C2C program on an on-going basis until June 2009.

Supporting Treaty Implementation Pilot Projects

The intent of the Supporting Treaty Implementation Pilot Project (STIPP) program is to demonstrate options and provide examples of initiatives that local governments are undertaking to support treaty implementation activities in their communities. The program is available to Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs) and local governments affected by signed or initiated final agreements and those local governments who are involved in the negotiation of a final agreement. Ten grants of up to $10,000 are available for pilot projects that support treaty implementation through activities such as developing an agreement between a local government and First Nation, establishing a monitoring program, or undertaking a community education and awareness campaign.

To date, four STIPP applications have been approved, although UBCM staff (Local Government Program Services) will review additional applications on an on-going basis (as funding permits). One of the initial four grants was awarded to the District of Lillooet in order to develop service agreements, community forest applications, and land-use harmonization with the Tsilhqot'in First Nations.

Treaty Knowledge Exchange Dialogues

The Treaty Knowledge Exchange (TKE) Dialogue Program was developed in 2007 to provide small grants to encourage the exchange of knowledge, information and experience between Treaty Advisory Committees (TACs) and local governments that have participated in advanced stages of the treaty process and those TACs/local governments that are involved in earlier stages of the process. A TKE Dialogue is a jointly organized meeting between staff and elected leaders from TACs/local governments that provides a venue for the exchange of knowledge, information and experience related to the treaty process. Dialogue events provide a time and place for conversation and presentations on issues related to the treaty process and may relate to any of the activities at any stage of the treaty process.

Five applications were initially received for the TKE program and four of these have been approved in principle. Due to the logistical challenges of gathering multiple dialogues with a limited number of participants each – across the province, TKE funds are being used to host a provincial Joint Treaty advisory committee chair and administrators meeting on April 16, 2009.

For more information on the First Nations Relations Programs that UBCM administers for the Province please visit our website at www.civicnet.bc.ca or contact Danyta Welch at dwelch@civicnet.bc.ca.
Community Economic Development

UBCM Responds to Trails Strategy

On November 13, 2008 the Province released the draft Trails Strategy for BC for comment. The report is the culmination of the work and research undertaken by a multi-agency working group known as the Trails Strategy Committee. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts serves as the lead provincial ministry on the initiative, in partnership with BC Parks and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Community Economic Development Committee had an opportunity to review the draft Strategy at their December 2008 Committee meeting.

Briefly, the draft Trails Strategy outlines the many benefits of developing an integrated trails strategy including: enhancing tourism opportunities; creating active community and environmental benefits for trail users, communities and the province.

Four guiding principles for the Strategy include:

- Build on partnerships and collaboration – need all orders of government, First Nations and diverse trail user groups to work together
- Foster environmental and cultural stewardship – must be environmentally sustainable and respect First Nations cultural heritage values
- Secure recreation opportunities for all users – trail system must provide recreation opportunities for all users, gaps need to be identified and responded to, to avoid conflict
- Provide benefits for communities and the Province – must provide a suite of social, cultural, health, economic and environmental benefits for local communities and the Province

In addition to issuing the draft report for public comment, the Province held information and feedback meetings throughout December 2008 and January 2009. Comments on the draft Strategy were received up until the end of January. The Community Economic Development Committee had an opportunity to make a submission on the draft Strategy.

As well as its response, the Committee, in part, provided the following feedback/comments:

- Sought clarification on the strategic vision for the Strategy. Is the goal to develop multi-use trails or to network existing trails; or generally to encourage more trail development
- What level of resources will local governments be expected to dedicate to this initiative
- To incorporate trail planning into other planning processes
- To participate on local or regional trail committees to support implementation of the draft Trail Program
- To provide feedback to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and recognize the longer term costs associated with transmission development and the need to plan for future development of a clean, renewable, low carbon electricity supply.

The BCUC has been asked to:

- Conduct an open public process, providing for participation by all stakeholders
- Assess key areas for electricity generation development and the likely sequence of development of those areas

Province Announces Inquiry into BC’s Long-Term Electricity Transmission Needs

On December 15, 2008 the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources issued a News Release advising that the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) will be undertaking an inquiry to consider the long-term, province-wide need for transmission infrastructure capacity and recognize the longer term costs associated with transmission development and the need to plan for future development of a clean, renewable, low carbon electricity supply.

The BCUC has been asked to:

TILMA Update

In February 2009, the Province circulated an information bulletin to local governments related to the implementation of the new procurement thresholds for BC’s trade, investment and labour mobility agreement (TILMA). The TILMA comes into effect on April 1, 2009.

Members will recall that last July, UBCM reached an agreement with the Province on TILMA. Part of that agreement related to proposed new procurement thresholds for goods, services and construction. The following new thresholds come into effect under TILMA as of April 1, 2009:

- $75,000 for goods
- $75,000 for services
- $200,000 for construction

The information bulletin discusses how the TILMA will affect certain AIT procurement thresholds, procurement exceptions, development of dispute resolution options for procurement, and exclusion of land use measures from TILMA (provided that BC and Alberta residents are treated equally).

If you have any questions about the information bulletin or how TILMA will affect your procurement practices please contact:

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LGPS AT A GLANCE

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

1. Applications now being accepted for:
   - 2009/10 Regional Community to Community Forums - application deadline is April 24, 2009
   - Building Governance Capacity - applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis as funding permits
   - Healthy Food & Beverage Sales (Phase 3) - application deadline is May 1, 2009
   - Newly Elected Community to Community Forums - applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until June 5, 2009
   - Strategic Wildfire Prevention - accepting applications for the following programs on an ongoing basis:
     - Community Wildfire Prevention Plan
     - 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
   - School Community Connections (second intake) - application deadline is March 31, 2009
   - West Nile Virus Prevention Initiative - application deadline is March 31, 2009

2. Grant Program Reporting Deadlines:
   - 2009 Community Health Promotion Fund - progress reports due by June 12, 2009
   - Age-Friendly Community Planning grants - progress reports due by June 30, 2009
   - 2009 Emergency Planning - final reports were due no later than February 28, 2009

3. Coming Soon:
   - Age-Friendly Community Planning Grants (Round 2)

Green Energy Powers New Municipal House

Construction of the new Municipal House is scheduled for completion at the end of March and occupancy in early April. The building is designed to use about 45% less energy than a conventional building of the same size. The green roof and green walls will help achieve this goal by acting as natural temperature regulators, helping to keep Municipal House warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The green roof is also part of the on-site storm water management system.

Office heating will be provided through a combination of radiant ceiling tiles and radiant floors that are heated by the circulation of hot water. A natural gas fired, energy efficient boiler has been installed in the basement to provide hot water for the system. Windows and a large skylight are all part of the energy saving solution by removing the need for a mechanical ventilation system. Office heating can be individually controlled so that unoccupied spaces do not have to be heated. Similarly, energy efficient office lighting is automatically turned off in spaces that are not being used.

It was not viable at this time in the evolution of new technologies to generate renewable energy onsite. Instead, EcoLogo Certified "green power" has been purchased for the building's power needs. The electricity is generated using methane gas captured from the Capital Regional District's Hartland landfill.

This process is considered "green" because no new emissions are generated. According to BC Hydro, the annual energy production from the landfill is sufficient to provide power to 1,000 homes and the greenhouse gas reduction is comparable to the annual emissions of 18,000 mid-sized cars.

The CRD's Hartland Landfill Gas Utilization Project won the UBCM's 2009 Community Excellence Award for Best Practices.

Integrated Resource Management Projects Highlight Recent Announcements

Many local governments in BC have been pursuing various strategies to implement Integrated Resource Management practices. As communities explore new ways to harness and utilize waste energy, Gas Tax funding is assisting local governments to implement innovative technologies and practices.

Late in 2008, the parties of the Gas Tax Agreement announced that the Capital Regional District would receive $2.9 million to upgrade the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new funding will allow the CRD to install an energy recovery system to provide hot water and space heating to a recreation centre, a research facility and an elementary school that are adjacent to the treatment plant. The project will also install a micro-turbine at the outfall to generate electricity for use within the treatment plant itself. $10.6 million in funding was also recently announced to upgrade Port Alberni's wastewater treatment plant to the status of an advanced treatment facility. The project will also utilize state-of-the-art technology to capture methane produced through anaerobic digestion to fire a micro-turbine and generate electricity to power the plant. Thermal energy will also be captured to heat the plant and will provide the capacity to develop a district heating system.

Contact Us - Municipal House will have a new mailing address as of April 14, 2009:
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Mervyn Lougheed Godfrey, UBCM Executive member, Chris Cusack, Michael Gary Lamm, Minister John-Chung and CRD Chair Geoff Young at the Saanich Wastewater Treatment Plant announcement.
al advocated specific amendments to the legislation that reflected the interests of local governments.

As a UBCM Life Member he was a regular Convention attendee who remained connected and involved in BC local government. Those who have had the privilege of meeting or working with him would describe him as an honest, straightforward individual whose professional and gentleman-like manner was admired by all.

Mr. Marks was one of the Past Presidents interviewed for the UBCM History project. When asked about the great personal sacrifices he had made to be so involved, he remarked, “...it was a bit of a juggler act. But it was worthwhile. There was a certain sense of challenge, and a certain sense of satisfaction, and a certain sense of frustration, too. But it was okay. If I had to do it over again, I’d do it over again.”

Electricity Transmission

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- assess the need for transmission to serve future electricity demand, in light of the direction set through the BC Energy Plan and climate action policies;
- consider long-term needs, the risk of limiting opportunities for clean or renewable electricity resources and economic development; and
- look at the efficient development of transmission, thus avoiding the need for multiple transmission lines to serve an area.

UBCM members have established a variety of policy positions related to energy options, conservation, and alternative energy options. In addition, members have made specific policy statements around long-term planning for independent power projects to ensure that existing transmission corridors and lines are used to the greatest extent possible to avoid a proliferation of lines and corridors to accommodate independent power projects.

The UBCM’s Community Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the details of the BCUC’s Terms of Reference for their March Committee meeting. Once further information and timelines are received by the inquiry, the committee will be discussing options for making a submission to the inquiry based on the policy positions that members have endorsed on these matters.

The Commission has been asked to publish the draft report, outlining its determinations on or before June 30, 2010.

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Holds Inaugural Meeting

British Columbia’s newest municipality is a “one of a kind.” Northern Rockies Regional Municipality held its first meeting on February 6, 2009 in Fort Nelson. More than 130 residents and elected officials were in attendance as the Mayor and Regional Council took their oaths of office.

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality is the first local government in BC to fully integrate the functions of a regional district within a municipality. The new local government is also the only municipality in the province that is not part of a regional district. In a referendum last November, almost 50% of voters across the region voted in favour of the new regional municipality, affirming the next step in a 30-year process of political and administrative integration between Northern Rockies Regional District and Fort Nelson.

In his inaugural speech, Mayor Bill Streeper praised the efficiencies afforded by the new governance model. “The amalgamation of services into a Regional Municipality is a win-win scenario,” said Streeper. “No more 28 different tax levies and 5 different tax zones. One Mayor, one Regional Council, one city manager and one staff...in one location.” In addition to providing greater consistency in taxation across the region, the new local government will gain increased tax room courtesy of the rural tax levy, and will have greater control over regional economic development and sustainability.


UBCM President Robert Hobson praised the efforts of regional leaders who had worked persistently over three decades to bring about the new local government. Hobson also acknowledged the important role played by the provincial government to facilitate the integration process. “By adjusting legislation at a number of stages, the province’s support has been vital as you have built a governance model that works for your region,” said Hobson.

Kevin Kruger, Minister of Community Development, presented the new Council with their official Letters Patent. “This is an historic event,” he said in his remarks. “As the only regional municipality in the province, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality now has a completely integrated form of local government. I thank the members of the Northern Rockies Council, including former Mayor Chris Money, and staff, for their hard work during the process of study and for leading discussions that have progressed to this remarkable day.”

To commemorate the inaugural meeting, MP Jay Hill assisted Northern Rockies Regional Municipality to obtain the National Flag that was flown from the Peace Tower on February 6, 2009.

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Minister Kruger presents Mayor Bill Streeper with the Letters Patent

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Mayor Bill Streeper addressing the crowd. Peace Tower flag behind

Regional Councillor Roger Spenard, Senator Neufeld, Minister Kruger, Derek Trimble (Ministry of Community Development), and UBCM President Hobson
Uprooting Those Bad Habits (Part 1)

By Eli Mina, Board Effectiveness Consultant & Registered Parliamentarian

The 2008-2011 municipal government term of office is progressing. Over the next three years, your Council or Board is likely to encounter or engage in some counterproductive habits. Although no Council or Board (including effective ones) is perfect in every way, some dysfunctions can damage the collectively driven decision-making process.

If the damage that a dysfunction inflicts on the decision-making process is substantial, it should not be tolerated and someone will need to intervene on behalf of the community. Who? It doesn’t really matter whether you’re a newcomer versus a returning Council member, or a Mayor versus a Councillor, or “just” a staff officer. Each participant in the decision-making process has the duty to understand how the process works, each must respect the process, and each must be prepared to defend it if needed.

This article lists four common bad habits, the damage they can inflict on the decision making process, and how to prevent or deal with them. For a fuller coverage of boardroom problems, look up Eli Mina’s book “101 Boardroom Problems and How to Solve Them.”

Poor Preparation

A low quality of Council debates can usually be attributed poor preparation by its members. This may be displayed by members asking questions that were clearly covered in the pre-circulated material. This problem is bound to erode Council members ability to cast informed and confident votes. It can also erode public trust in Council’s decision-making processes. Just imagine what a diligent citizen (who took the time to read Council’s packages) would think.

The cure? First, each Council member must make the commitment to full engagement in its decision-making processes. This means a timely review of material which is relevant to the decisions that Council is scheduled to make. Second, staff should make the packages as easy to read as possible, taking into account the time pressures that Council members face. Third, if it is clear than a member did not prepare for a meeting, one of his or her colleagues should give the individual feedback and demand better performance next time.

Motions phrased “on the fly”

Acting on the spur of the moment, a Council member makes a poorly worded motion in order to accommodate a certain community group or interest. The motion is promptly seconded and rushed to a vote. The potential damage is that the casual and impulsive process may yield a flawed decision. With the professional staff having no opportunity to assess the viability or advisability of the decision, staff could also be left wondering what exact motion was just adopted and whether the decision is financially, operationally or legally sound.

The cure? Place a provision in your Procedure bylaw to prohibit last minute motions, unless they are genuinely urgent and cannot wait until the next meeting (in which case Council give them sufficient time to prepare their consideration should be required). Council members should learn to be more planned and proactive and less impulsive. In addition, it should be okay for staff members (excluding the person who takes the minutes) to ask for the precise wording of a motion, or suggest that a break be taken to make the wording abundantly clear.

Silence

An issue is highly contentious and the public gallery is full of anxious and even angry citizens, as well as very organized interest groups. This intimidates some Council members into being silent and not sharing significant information that may be unpalatable with “the crowd”. Other reasons for silence may be a lack of experience (and hence a lack of confidence) of a new Council member. Whatever the reason, silence has the potential of eroding Council’s ability to make informed decisions and conduct full debates of issues.

The cure? Council members must know that it is not acceptable to withhold information that is relevant to decision-making or hesitate to express unpopular but necessary views. The Mayor and Council must ensure that the meeting environment is safe and that everyone knows that “there is no such thing as a stupid question or comment” (except, perhaps, the one you don’t ask, or the one that clearly indicates you did not read pre-meeting material). Council members should boost their confidence by learning about Council issues and preparing for meetings.

Collective Impatience

The Mayor or experienced Council members seem to be placing a high value on efficiency and they pride themselves on concluding meetings quickly. The result is that Council members, as well as staff, hesitate to speak up and present valid points that are essential to good decision-making, for fear of offending their impatient colleagues. Such dynamics make the meeting environment unsafe and increase the risk of flawed decisions made in a hurry.

The cure? Educate the Mayor and Council that the desire for efficiency, though laudable, should never override the goal of producing quality decisions and having full debates in the public domain, in a comfortable and measured pace. If a Council member feels rushed, he or she should not hesitate to request that the pace be slowed down: “Can we please slow down a bit? We owe the community a more credible and informed decision-making process.”

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2008 was a very good year for Canada’s largest end-of-life electronics recycling program

Since launching in August 2007, the Return-IT Electronics program has collected over 14 million kilograms of end-of-life electronics.

In 2008, British Columbians made good use of the province’s first electronic waste recycling program. The Return-IT Electronics program collected over 14 million kilograms of waste electronics. And it continues to be the only way to ensure that your electronics are recycled responsibly in Canada.

Since launching in August 2007, the Return-IT Electronics program has collected over 14 million kilograms of end-of-life electronics. If you took that waste and stacked it, you would have a wall 1.5 meters wide and 1.6 meters high, stretching 34 kilometers long. That’s a lot of waste that didn’t end up in our landfills.

In the past, waste electronics were either dumped into landfills, where they could leach hazardous substances into the ecosystem, or shipped overseas to become someone else’s problem.

Under the Return-IT Electronics program, waste electronics are recycled by manual and mechanical separation of plastics and metals as well as by smelting to remove lead from glass cathode ray tubes. Some items, such as mercury-containing lamps and switches, are sent to specialized processing plants.

The end results are metals, glass and plastics which find new life in a wide range of products. And that’s a lot better than going to waste in a landfill.

A network of collection sites throughout British Columbia.

At the 97 permanent Return-IT Electronics collection sites there is no charge to drop off TVs, computers, monitors, desktop printers and fax machines to be recycled. Two of the sites, located in Metro Vancouver, will accept broken or damaged cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors or televisions.

The cost of recycling is covered by an Environmental Handling Fee that is applied to the purchase of new TVs and computers. Fees vary depending on the type of equipment.

Every penny of the funds collected is used to cover the costs of recycling.

What about computers that still have some useful life left? ESABC in partnership with the Recycling Council of BC developed and continues to manage an electronic products material exchange, www.bomens.ca. Launched in December 2007, this web-based platform enables BC residents to list reusable electronic products for sale or free exchange.

No tax dollars are involved

The program is an initiative of the Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC), an industry led, not-for-profit stewardship agency, and is managed by Enscope Pacific (Canada) on behalf of ESABC. Complete information on included products, collection site locations as well as fees payable, can be found at electronicsrecyclingbc.ca.

2008 Recovery Report: Returns by Region

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Number Crunching: The Return-IT Electronics program collected 11,055,284 kg of waste electronics from January 1 to December 31, 2008.

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*Includes computer peripherals, fax, machines, desktop printers and scanners.

For drop-off locations, visit electronicsrecyclingbc.ca

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