BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

Introducing the UBCM House Band!

For the first time in UBCM history, members of the UBCM Executive and various elected officials from around the province will join together to entertain you! Known as “The Imperial Metals,” your UBCM House Band has been practicing hard and is ready to put on a great show for banquet attendees. Also on the entertainment stage will be the popular local cover band “The Pids” whose lead singer is Port Coquitlam Councillor Darrel Penner. Bring your dancing shoes because this is sure to be the most diverse and entertaining dance we have ever hosted!

Not into dancing? Not to worry, we have also arranged for some excellent post-dinner entertainment by comic, juggler and showman Robin Chestnut. Robin has performed for 20 years across Western Canada and has delighted audiences with what promises to be a hilarious show.

Be sure to buy your Annual Banquet ticket with your conference registration, as this event always sells out.

Medical Marihuana – What is the Balance?

The best way to ensure the availability of medical marihuana to the chronically ill has been brought into question by a recent court decision by the Supreme Court of Ontario and new policy direction proposed by Health Canada. The balance between the need to ensure access to medical marihuana for chronically ill patients and the need to ensure community safety remains uncertain.

Health Canada, under the Medical Marihuana Access Regulations, laid out in sections 4 and 7 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, that criminalize marihuana growth and possession, violate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The courts view was that Health Canada had not been able to provide an effective system for granting patients access to medical marihuana. The judge in his decision indicated that doctors refusal in some cases “to participate in the medicinal marijuana program completely undermines the effectiveness of the program”. Health Canada in June 2011 announced that it is planning to make changes to the Medical Marihuana program. The new program is intended to:

• streamline the process to provide seriously ill Canadians access to marihuana for medical purposes by reducing the documentation required to obtain access to medical marihuana;
• facilitate informed decision-making between individuals and their physicians with respect to the use of marihuana to treat particular medical symptoms and/or conditions;
• require that an individual need only submit a document signed by their physician to a licensed commercial producer to obtain dried marihuana for medical purposes;
• require that licensed commercial producers that are regulated by Health Canada be the only legal source of dried marihuana for medical purposes.

Under the new program personal-use and designated-person production licences would be phased out and individuals would no longer be able to grow marihuana for medical purposes in their homes and communities.

The elimination of personal-use licences
I like to cook. When I need to recharge, or shift my thinking, cooking is my hobby of choice. Not only do I enjoy the outcome—a delicious meal to share with family or friends—I like the process of following a recipe. Over the years I have accumulated a binder of favourite recipes. Experience has shown that if I stick to the directions, the outcome usually is pretty good. Every recipe allows for some creativity—certain ingredients can be substituted, or vary the steps in the process. But in general, if I wander too far, the result is not what I expected. In case you are wondering, no, this is not a lead-in to the announcement of a cooking class I will be leading at Convention! The process of cooking, though, provides an analogy for the questions that local governments have been raising about the proposed Office of the Municipal Auditor General (MAG). Our concern is that the process so far marks a considerable departure from the recipe for success that has been developed and tested through literally decades of policy work between UBCM and the Province.

In a nutshell, the recipe is this: begin by defining the issue; establish the principles that will guide the process; identify the conditions that contribute to the issue; consider various options and select those that would remedy the issue; and, finally, consider the steps necessary to effectively implement the new policy.

The specific concerns of UBCM’s Executive with the MAG process are set out in detail in our Context Paper, which is available for download on the UBCM website. Chief among our concerns is that the process began with a stated solution rather than the identification of a problem. If the problem is an issue with the current accountability framework for local government financial reporting, it could be that enhancing the existing framework rather than creating something entirely new will achieve a better result.

Over the years, part of the recipe for success in matters of local government policy has been collaborative activity. UBCM offered at the outset of the MAG proposal to work with province to explore this issue and develop workable solutions. We will continue to hold out that option, because we believe the end result will be better policy.

Marihuana
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would appear to address local government concerns about community safety issues related to medical marijuana grow sites. Local communities have experienced community issues with individuals growing medical marijuana, as increased participation by organized crime groups has involved the potential profits with the illicit sale of marijuana; health issues for children living in houses where marijuana is grown; increased residential fires; use of dangerous chemicals; chemical poisoning in water systems; and electrical injury to growers and their families. The direction for ensuring access to medical marijuana suggested by the Ontario Supreme Court and the direction proposed by Health Canada for future access to medical marijuana appears to be at odds. A clinic will be held on medical marijuana on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 and a Special Resolution will be put forward on this issue for local government discussion at the 2011 UBCM Convention.

In accordance with UBCM Bylaws, copies of the Annual Report and Resolutions Book to be considered at the 2011 Convention were mailed to all members in the third week of August. If you have not received a copy, contact your municipal or regional district office, or, if your office has not received copies, contact the UBCM office.

A PDF file of the resolutions in the Resolutions Book may also be downloaded from the UBCM website under Resolutions & Policy > Resolutions & Responses.

Please bring the Annual Report and Resolutions Book with you to Convention. Extra copies will NOT be available at Convention.

The Annual Report provides a concise overview of UBCM activities and events over the past year, including Executive and Committee Highlights, Local Government Program Services activities; and a summary of the Federal Gas Tax and Public Transit funding program. The Annual Report will be considered during the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at the UBCM Convention.

The Resolutions Book contains 226 resolutions: Extraordinary Resolution; 1 Special Resolution; 7 in Section A; 74 in Section B1; 74 in Section B2, 28 in Section B3; and 41 in Section C. The resolutions will be considered at several different sessions during the Convention, and we rely on delegates to conduct efficient discussion so that all resolutions may be considered within the allocated time.

Members will note that the Resolutions Book is arranged as follows:

- Section A resolutions highlight priority issues province-wide;
- Section B1 resolutions support existing UBCM policy;
- Section B2 and B3 resolutions propose new policy or were not previously endorsed. These resolutions may also address national issues recommended for FCM consideration. Section B2 resolutions address matters related to local jurisdiction, whereas Section B3 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 kit; distributed to you on-site at Convention.

Late resolutions will be accepted by UBCM until noon on Friday, September 23, 2011. Only those late resolutions deemed to be of an emergency nature will be reconsidered for consideration on Friday morning at Convention.

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2010-2011 UBCM Accomplishments in Brief

TOP ACTIVITIES OR INVOLVEMENTS

- 100% membership maintained for the 32nd consecutive year.
- UBCM membership approves bylaw amendments at the 2010 Convention aimed at improving the UBCM resolutions process and adding two new UBCM Executive members from the Vancouver Metro area.
- UBCM welcomed the two Nisga’a Villages of Laxgals’ap and Gitlaxt’aamiks (formerly New Aiyansh) as our newest members, along with the new Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks.
- Total funding received by UBCM under Gas Tax and Public Transit Program reaches $491.3 million.
- UBCM publishes Comment on Fiscal Management in British Columbia’s Municipalities. This report counters claims advanced by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business regarding municipal taxation and spending.
- UBCM, LGMA, CivicInfo, BC School Trustees, Public Works Association of BC and the Province join together to host the second year of the renewed Local Government Awareness Week program – May 15-21, 2011 under the Be Heard banner in recognition of the 2011 Local Government Elections.
- Steering Committee on industrial taxation continues to work towards a final report.
- Elections Task Force report including its 31 recommendations endorsed by government but limited spring legislative session prevents introduction of legislation in time for 2011 Local Government elections.
- UBCM establishes a Ferry Fares Advisory Committee to advocate on behalf of coastal communities in response to projected fare increases of 40%.
- UBCM and MIA jointly respond to White Paper on Limitation Act Reform.
- UBCM initiates process discussion with the Province regarding Municipal Auditor General file.
- Strategic Community Investment Funds agreements successful in protecting small community, regional district and traffic fine revenue sharing, with over $60 million flowing to local government to date, including $30 million in traffic fine revenue sharing Carbon Action Revenue Incentive Program provided $3.8 million in payments to those local governments that have signed the BC Climate Action Charter.
- Fifth year of Local Government Leadership Academy training – successful leadershp forum held in February with over 140 participants. For the first time, certificates were presented to 18 elected officials representing five municipalities and six regional districts in response to the introduction of a certificate program launched in 2010.
- Surveyed local government on provincial dyeing policy and raised identified concerns with the Province.
- Rural Resource Roads working group reported out at 2010 Convention, and the report was forwarded to the provincial government for implementation.
- UBCM launches new member service – Bulk Fuel Purchasing Program.
- RCMP Contract Renewal – UBCM organized meetings between provincial representatives and the local government working group and the local government representative to the provincial negotiating team to discuss RCMP contract issues of concern to local government and reviewed proposed contract language.
- Sent out information to members about the status of the discussions and local government issues that had been identified.
- Held discussions with the Province into the creation of a RCMP Contract Advisory Committee and sent out a draft Terms of Reference for Local government input.
- RCMP Contract Advisory Committee met with the BC Federal Conservative Caucus to highlight the concerns of local governments in British Columbia to the RCMP contract negotiations.
- Surveyed local government on Keep of Prisoner costs and discussed concerns with the Province.

At its July meeting, the UBCM Executive approved the 2011-2012 UBCM budget. The graph indicates that UBCM member dues have consistently remained below the rate of inflation.

The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbians
by Dave Obert - Foreword by Sarah Ellis
Introduction by Iona Campagnolo
Order online: www.bcla.bc.ca/book
Written by Times-Colonist journalist and Friend-of-BC-Libraries Dave Obert, this handsome book marks the 100th anniversary of the British Columbia Library Association. A library retrospective, documented in anecdotes and many beautiful photographs, The Library Book starts with the circulating libraries maintained by the North-West Company in the years of the fur trade and progresses to the present day. Obert’s research brings to life some of the library world’s more memorable predecessors and the events that shaped library development in BC.

$50 (bulk orders: $40) 11”x12” hard cover, 264 pages, 300 photos, Adrian Raeside cartoons, extensive timeline and index; ISBN 978-0-9692614-9-0.

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Dues Increased at Rate of Inflation (1990 Base)

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Is agriculture in your community’s future?
2011 UBCM Community Excellence Awards

The following communities have submitted an application(s) to the 2011 Community Excellence Awards. Members of the Selection Committee met on August 24 and 25 to determine the winners. UBCM staff will be sending out Awards Reception invitations late August/early September. Good luck to all participants!

Alberni-Clayoquot RD
City of Burns Lake
Village of Burns Lake
City of Campbell River
Capital RD
Cariboo RD
City of Colwood
Town of Comox
Comox Valley RD
City of Coquihalla
Town of Creston
City of Dawson Creek
District of Elkford
Town of Golden
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
City of Kamloops
District of Kent
Town of Ladysmith
District of Lake Country
City of Langford
Township of Langley
District of Maple Ridge
Metro Vancouver RD
District of Mission
City of Nanaimo
City of Nelson
City of New Westminster
District of North Saanich
City of North Vancouver
District of North Vancouver
Village of Pemberton
City of Pitt Meadows
City of Port Coquitlam
City of Port Moody
Powell River RD
City of Prince George
City of Quesnel
City of Richmond
District of Saanich
District of Sooke
District of Sparwood
District of Squamish
City of Surrey
District of Taylor
Village of Telkwa
City of Terrace
Thompson-Nicola RD
City of Trail
District of West Kelowna
City of Williams Lake

BC Representatives on the FCM Board

At the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference held in Halifax, the following representatives were chosen to serve on the National Board of Directors for 2011/2012.

Hans Cunningham, Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay
Chris Coleman, Councillor, City of Victoria
John Dooley, Mayor, City of Nelson
Garth Frizzell, Councillor, City of Prince George
Susan Gimse, Chair, Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet
Marvin Hunt, Councillor, City of Surrey
Raymond Louie, Councillor, City of Vancouver
Bob Long, Councillor, Township of Langley
Gregor Robertson, Mayor, City of Vancouver
Barbara Steele, President, UBCM

JEFF McKELVEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance June 30, 2010 $94,632.77
Interest Income 903.44
2011 Scholarships ($4,600.00)
Balance June 30, 2011 $90,936.21

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.

AREA ASSOCIATIONS – Appointed Positions

The following elected officials were appointed to their Area Association boards at the 2011 spring conferences:

Lower Mainland Local Government Association
FVRD Rep Director Dennis Adamson Fraser Valley RD
GVRD Rep Councillor Raymond Louie Vancouver
SLRD Rep Councillor Patricia Heintzman Squamish

North Central Local Government Association
BNRD Rep Councillor Luke Strimbold Burns Lake
CRD Rep Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg Quesnel
RDFPG Rep Mayor Mike Frazier McBride
KSRD Rep Councillor Dr. Bruce Bidgood Terrace
PRRD Rep Councillor Cheryl Shuman Dawson Creek
SQCRD Rep Mayor Dave MacDonald Port Edward

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Intergovernmental Agreements
GHG/OCP Updates
Regional Planning
Healthy Communities Committee Update

Survey Results: Public Health Act & Relationships between Local Governments and Health Authorities

In 2008, the Province introduced a new Public Health Act (PHA), which updated roles for local government with respect to public health, including revised responsibilities for addressing health hazards and health impediments, exchanging information, and designating a local government liaison to the regional health authority.

In light of this new piece of legislation, UBCM surveyed the membership in February and March of 2011 to determine if local governments are taking action around implementing sections of the Act, how the Act has affected local government operations, and to gain a better understanding of the current relationship between local governments and health authorities on public health issues.

The survey results were sent to members in early August and can also be found on the UBCM website under the Healthy Communities Committee section.

MoU Renewal with BC Recreation and Parks

The Committee recently approved the renewal of an MoU with the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). The MoU is a commitment by BCRPA and UBCM to work together to promote province-wide initiatives on issues of mutual interest including:

- Provincial Trails Strategy
- Health and the Built Environment/Active Transportation
- Healthy Food and Beverage Sales in Local Government settings
- Accessibility and inclusiveness for seniors and disabled
- Canada/BC Infrastructure Program
- Provincial recreation and sport infrastructure program
- Development of Green Infrastructure and Facilities Guidelines
- Physical Activity Strategy

Convention Session: RHD Cost Sharing Review

The Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review Implementation Team, which includes representatives from the Ministry of Health Services, UBCM, Interior Health, Northern Health, Vancouver Island Health, Capital RHD, Fraser Fort George RHD, Peace River RHD, and the Central Okanagan RHD, has met several times over the last year to work on the recommendations from the 2008 RHD Cost Sharing Report.

The Team will be sharing their work with UBCM delegates and Health Authority representatives at the 2011 Convention. This session will take place on Monday, September 25, 2011 from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Convention Session: Creating Age-Friendly Communities

Please join us at the Monday pre-conference session on creating age-friendly communities. This half-day event will look at issues to consider when planning for the aging population and offer ideas and inspiration to motivate local governments to act. Planning for this session is well under way, and we have already confirmed 2 exciting speakers:

- Dr. Larry Frank, from the University of British Columbia, whose research focuses on the interaction between land use, travel behaviour, air quality, and health. Dr. Frank is currently developing a new walkability/accessibility tool that can better inform decision making around community design at the local government level. His research will also link community design with the health and mobility of older adults.
- Dr. Greg Halseth. Dr. Halseth is a Professor in the Geography Program at the University of Northern British Columbia and the Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies. He will be speaking to delegates about the aging population and economic development opportunities.

Convention Session: Child Poverty

There will be a Thursday afternoon workshop on child poverty. This has been a priority issue of the Committee since 2009 and recent advocacy efforts include meeting with Honourable Mary McNeil, Minister of Children and Family Development in July 2011 to discuss provincial initiatives to address child poverty. The Convention session will look at the status of child poverty in BC, the factors that contribute to the issue, and share success stories of initiatives that have been introduced in communities to reduce the number of children living in poverty.

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Climate Action Charter: Carbon Neutrality

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, 179 local governments have provided UBCM with signed copies of the Climate Action Charter. The joint Provincial – UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) has been working with local governments to assist them in achieving these goals, including developing a common approach for local governments to become carbon neutral by 2012. As part of this work, a draft step-by-step guidebook called Becoming Carbon Neutral – a Guidebook for Local Governments in BC has been developed that outlines the four key steps to achieving carbon neutrality: measuring, reducing, offsetting and/or balancing and publicly reporting. The guidebook can be found on the BC Climate Action Toolkit Website at www.toolkit.bc.ca/carbon-neutral-government.

As part of a series of regional workshops and webinars held throughout the province in June, local governments were invited to comment on the idea of a ‘making progress toward carbon neutrality’ proposal. The intent of this approach would be to provide some flexibility for those signatories who were uncertain of being able to fully achieve the 2012 carbon neutral target date. Following from these consultations, the GCC has determined that ‘making progress toward carbon neutrality’ will be supported as part of the common approach under the Climate Action Charter. The ‘making progress toward’ approach will provide that in the short-term, if some local governments are only able to achieve some of the steps to carbon neutrality (e.g. they measure, reduce and report on corporate emissions), this will demonstrate making progress toward carbon neutrality. In addition, through the carbon neutral reporting process, communities will also be asked to report on corporate and community-wide actions they have undertaken that may be more difficult to quantify in terms of reduced greenhouse gases, but are equally important for meeting their broader Climate Action Charter goals (e.g. anti-idling bylaws, bike and walking path networks, ‘green’ zoning bylaws).

Local governments who are ‘making progress toward’ will not be able to claim carbon neutrality for the purposes of the Climate Action Charter. However, this approach under the Climate Action Charter will provide some flexibility for those signatories who were uncertain of being able to fully achieve the 2012 carbon neutral target date.

Product Stewardship: Small Appliances

The Province has amended the provincial Recycling Regulation to officially change the launch date for the Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association (CESA) Small Appliance Recycling Program to October 1, 2011. This new timeline replaces the previously scheduled launch date of August 1, 2011.

Based on this new program launch date, collection of accepted end-of-life (EoL) small and portable appliances and the introduction of fees for CESA members will now start on October 1, 2011. The requirement for CESA members to report on sales of regulated small appliance products will also commence on October 1, 2011.

For more information about CESA and the Small Appliance Recycling Program in BC, please visit www.cesarecycling.ca or call 1-877-670-2372 ext. 208.
Overview

Special Convention Newsletter

We know that advance information on the Convention is important to our delegates. That's why we will continue publishing the Convention Bulletin series and why we have again published this special pull-out section of the newsletter this year. We have tried to include in some of the information that will assist you in making your plans.

2011 UBCM CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER ~ DAVID FOOT

One of the nation’s most outspoken and consistently controversial demographic experts, Professor David K. Foot has the distinction of being one of the few who can make the study of the aging of society relevant to any specific interest group. Accessied by both corporate and association clients for his in-depth and on-target knowledge of what the aging of society means to their business, his presentations are customized and liberally sprinkled with humour.

“David Foot is an acknowledged expert on the relationship between economics and demographics, and the resulting implications for both private and public policies. He is the co-author (with Daniel Stoffman) of the best-selling hardcover in Canadian publishing history, Boom Bust & Echo: How to Profit from the Coming Demographic Shift. Originally released in 1996, the book was on the national bestseller list for over three years. The current version continues to be on the Books for Business best-selling books list.”

Follow ing his undergraduate degree in Australia and his doctorate in economics from Harvard University, David joined the department of Economics at the University of Toronto where his research involved medium-term analysis and projections for economics. Currently, David Foot’s research focuses on declining population growth and aging population as one of the fundamental and often neglected determinants of the challenges to economic performance and policy. David Foot’s presentations are full of mind-stretching information and statistics on the baby-boom, bust and echo generations as well as pre boomers and new millennials. At the same time he manages to focus on what is relevant to his specific audiences. Combining a natural talent for storytelling and a teacher’s passion for getting the point across, he coaxes and cajoles audiences into identifying with the need to acknowledge the demographic trends and work with them, in order to succeed in their specific business.

2011 UBCM CONVENTION PULL-OUT SECTION

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:

- Monday & Tuesday: Main Lobby (east), Vancouver Convention Centre
- Wednesday & Thursday: Exhibit Hall C, Vancouver Convention Centre

* All Government Appointments are in the East Building of the VCC.

Delegates’ Checklist

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: Forum Luncheons, Area Association Luncheons, Delegates Luncheon and Annual Banquet;
- Check if you’ve got your Annual Banquet table reservation (if ordered);
- Familiarize yourself with the Convention venue and where your chosen functions are being held;
- Check-in partners at the Partners’ Desk (if applicable); and
- Make the most of your experience, and enjoy the company of your fellow members!

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Convention Sessions

NEW JOINT LARGE AND MID-SIZED COMMUNITIES FORUM

Convention 2011 will now feature a new format for the Large Urban and Mid-Sized Communities forums. Rather than holding two separate forums this year, the UBCM Convention Committee has decided to combine the two forums into one joint Large Urban and Mid-Sized Communities Forum, which will take place on Tuesday, September 27 from 9:00am to noon. The combined forum will feature guest speaker David Crombie who will provide a big picture approach to the issues facing urban communities. The Honourable David Crombie is a former Mayor of Toronto, a past Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Urban Institute, and a former Member of Parliament and federal cabinet minister. In addition to David Crombie’s presentation, the joint forum will have a panel session that explores community responses to the social, economic and health issues linked to substance abuse. For more information on the forum please contact either Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, at kvance@ubcm.ca or Jared Wright, Senior Policy Analyst, at jwright@ubcm.ca.

Electoral Area Forum

The Electoral Area Directors’ Forum will be held on Tuesday, September 27 from 9am – 12 noon at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. This Forum, also known as “In the Director’s Chair”, will address topics of current concern to Electoral Area directors. Issues for discussion were solicited through a survey sent by Chair Al Richmond, UBCM Electoral Area Representative, to all regional districts in early July. Staff will review the suggested topics for discussion and invite guest speakers to discuss one or more of these issues. There will also be an open microphone session for delegates to share information with others EA directors.

For more information about this session, please contact Marylyn Chiang at mchiang@ubcm.ca or 604 270 8226 x110.

Small Talk Forum

On July 7, 2011 UBCM’s Small Community Representative, Councillor Galina Durant issued a memo seeking topics for discussion at this year’s Small Talk Forum to be held on Tuesday, September 27th at the UBCM Convention in Vancouver. If you are from a small community, under 5,000 in population, this is your opportunity to meet colleagues from similar sized communities to share experiences, discuss problems and identify solutions. As in previous years, we are asking you for the issues that you would like to discuss. We also want to hear about your success stories and best practices so they can be shared with your peers. Our aim is to improve continually upon the informative and popular session. With our facilitators, and other advisors, we will strive to ensure that you get as much out of your Small Talk time as possible.

Due to the often overwhelming number of issues submitted, 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 you can prepare for the discussion.

We encourage your participation and hope to see you at the 2011 Small Talk Forum. If you have not yet sent in your items, you are encouraged to submit two issues and, if applicable, a success story or best practice to UBCM via email to: mcrawford@ubcm.ca or rttagami@ubcm.ca by August 19, 2011.

Monday Pre-Convention Sessions/Study Tours

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (MORNING SESSIONS) - Monday, September 26 (MORNING SESSIONS) - return at 5:00 pm

- Agricultural Study Tour (8:30 am)
- Green Communities (9:00 am)
- Creating Age-Friendly Communities (9:00 am)
- Building Communities, Building the Future: Local Governance First Nation Relations (9:00 am)

- Keeping Your Community Safe: Crime Prevention Programs That Work (1:30 pm)
- The Forestry Economy: A Vital Economic Resource for all BC Communities (1:30 pm)

Tuesday Afternoon

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has been consulting with interested parties from across British Columbia on the establishment of a Municipal Auditor General Office. In late July the Minister wrote to local governments seeking written feedback on the establishment of a Municipal Auditor General Office. Our Tuesday afternoon will begin with a plenary session from 1:45-2:45 p.m. on the Municipal Auditor General file. From 3:15-4:45 p.m. there will be concurrent provincial policy sessions:

- RCMP Contract Update
- Creating Resilient Communities
- Management of Urban Deer Population
- Accelerate BC

In addition the Municipal Insurance Association AGM will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the Municipal Finance Authority AGM will begin at 4:00 p.m.
AIRFARE DEAL

Pacific Coastal Air has come up with special airfare rates for UBCM Conference attendees. The fares are for travel between September 25, 2011 and October 2, 2011 and are on sale now. All flights arrive and depart out of the South Terminal at YVR. Rates listed are per person in each direction.

All Pacific Coastal flights arrive/depart at YVR South Terminal

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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 & Large Urban Communities Forums; Provincial policy sessions
- **Wednesday**: main business sessions

**MONDAY Study Tours & Study Sessions**

Five half-day study sessions are being offered. In addition we will once again offer the all-day agriculture study tour. These sessions are listed on page 8 and pre-registration is required.

**TUESDAY Special Focus**

Early morning clinics followed by forums dealing with issues of specific focus for:
- Electoral Area Directors (featuring “In the Director’s Chair”)
- Small Communities (pop. under 5,000)
- Mid-Sized Communities & Large Urban Communities

A plenary session is scheduled on Tuesday afternoon from 1:45-2:45 p.m. reporting on activities related to the Municipal Auditor General file. This will be followed by four concurrent Provincial Policy sessions: 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
- RCMP Contract Update
- Creating Resilient Communities
- Management of Urban Deer Population
- Accelerate BC

**WEDNESDAY**

The day will begin with early morning clinics followed by the Annual General Meeting and a keynote address by demographic expert, Dr. David K. Foot. The first Resolutions session will also be held featuring the “A” category of resolutions. All five Area Associations will sponsor lunches, then the Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development’s annual address will kick off the afternoon. An address from the FCM President, policy discussion in Cabinet panels, and an FCM Strategic Planning consultation session follow, with the presentation of the 2011 Energy & Climate Action Awards at the end of the afternoon.

**THURSDAY**

“Early bird” clinics will be followed by a full morning of policy debate, and an address by the Leader of the Official Opposition. We will break for the Delegates Lunch, after which delegates may attend the following concurrent workshops on the agenda for the afternoon:

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Convention Delegate Bag
BC Hydro

Delegate Luncheon
Central 1 Credit Union

Welcome Reception
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Regional District Electoral Area Directors Forum Luncheon
Municipal Finance Authority of BC

Large Urban Communities Forum Luncheon
Telus

Small Talk Forum Luncheon
Spectra Energy

Mid Sized Communities Forum Luncheon
Municipal Finance Authority of BC

Delegate Lounge
Young Anderson

Pocket Program
British Columbia Lottery Authority

Name Badges
Port Metro Vancouver

Delegate Office Services
Young Anderson

Delegate Email Services
Shaw Communications

UBCM Daily News
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Keynote Address
ICBC

Coffee Services BC
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Partner’s Program

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

“Hike - Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge”
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

“Vancouver Garden Tour”
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursday, September 29, 2011

“Vancouver Architectural Gastown Walking Tour”
8:30 am - 12:30 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.

2011 Convention Clinics

Convention Clinics are early morning sessions held on September 27 – 29. The Tuesday clinics run from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., while Wednesday and Thursday clinics run from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Please note that this is a draft list. Clinic names and subject matter may change. A complete listing of the clinics will be available on-site in the Convention Brochure. You do not need to pre-register for clinics.

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Delegates’ Social Program

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

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

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

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**Convention Program**

**Monday, September 26**

7:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Registration  

8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Clinics  
Continental Breakfast  
Registration  

7:00 am - 12 noon  
Clinics:  
Continental Breakfast  
Registration  

7:30 am - 8:30 am  
First Report of the Nominating Committee  
Management of Urban Deer  
Child Poverty  
Climate Action Awards  
3Rs and Engagement  

9:00 am - 12 noon  
Clinics:  
Mid-Sized Communities Forum  
Large Urban Communities Forum  
Electoral Area Directors Forum  
Small Talk Forum  

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Election of Table Officers  
Concurrent Study Tours  

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm  
Presentation of 2011 Energy & Climate Action Awards  

**Tuesday, September 27**

7:00 am  
Clinics:  
Continental Breakfast  
Registration  

7:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Clinics  
Forum Clinics:  
Rising Dreams and Rising Dikes  
Rethinking the Public Library  
New Packaging and Printed Paper Responsibilities  
FireSmart Canada  
BC Hydro’s Smart Metering Program  
Mid-Sized Communities Forum  
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Electoral Area Directors Forum  
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1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Election of Table Officers  
Concurrent Study Tours  

8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Council of Mayors  

11:25 am - 11:30 am  
Nominations from the Floor for Municipal Social Media Policies – Preventing Liability  

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm  
Address by the Premier of Canada  

**Wednesday, September 28**

7:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Registration  

7:00 am - 8:35 am  
Delegates’ Continental Breakfast  
Clinics:  
Building Community Responses to Substance Abuse  
Closed Meetings to the Public – Fairness and Best Practice  
Infrastructure Sustainability  
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ANNUAL MEETING  
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures  
Adoption of Minutes of 2010 Convention  
Annual Report  
Question-and-Answer Period  
Adoption of Financial Statements  
Appointment of Auditors  
Appointment of Convention Committees  
Welcome from Host Municipality  
First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers  
Keynote Address  
Municipal Marketplace opens  

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Table Officer positions  
Area Association Lunches  
(possible)  

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm  
Address by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm  
Candidate speeches (as necessary)  

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm  
Election of Table Officers (opens as necessary)  

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Election of Table Officers  

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm  
Cabinet Panels  

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm  
Presentation of 2011 Energy & Climate Action Awards  

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
BC Government Reception  

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
CUPE Reception  

**Thursday, September 29**

7:00 am  
Delegates’ Continental Breakfast;  
Municipal Social Media Policies – Preventing Liability  
Rethinking the Future of Agriculture  
Open Government: Citizen-Centric Services, Transparency and Engagement  
Water Management and the New 3Rs  
The Role of Community Health Networks  

8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Election of Table Officers  

8:30 am - 8:35 am  
Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive positions  

8:35 am - 8:55 am  
Address by Leader of the Opposition  
Resolutions Session Continues  

8:35 am - 11:25 am  
11:25 am - 11:30 am  
Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions  

11:30 am - 12:00 noon  
Candidates’ Speeches  
Delegates’ Lunch  
Delegates’ Lunch Dessert in Municipal Marketplace  
Close of Municipal Marketplace  
Concurrent Workshops:  
Affordable Market Housing  
Small Water Systems  
Child Poverty  
Canada-European Trade Negotiations  

2:30-4:30 p.m  
Discussion of remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)  

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
UBCM Reception  

7:30 pm  
Annual Banquet  
Presentation of Long-Service Awards and Life Memberships  

**Friday, September 30**

7:00 am  
Delegates’ Continental Breakfast  
Election for Executive Positions continues  
Federal Address  
Address by Leader of the Green Party  

7:30 am - 8:30 am  
Election of Table Officers  

8:00 am - 8:35 am  
Council of Mayors  

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm  
Consideration of reports on Resolutions Received after the Deadline  
Remaining Section “B” Resolutions  

10:45 – 11:00 am  
Installation of President elect  
Adjourn  

**Highlights**

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2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Affordable Market Housing  
- Child Poverty  
- Canada-European Trade Negotiations

**FRIDAY**

As in 2010, Friday morning will begin with an address from the Government of Canada. An address by Leader of the Green Party will follow, and then delegates will debate remaining resolutions in the final policy session. The Convention wraps up with installation of the UBCM President elect, and Premier Christy Clark speaking at 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention.
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 sponsoring local government may speak for up to 3 minutes
- Speakers from the floor may each speak for up to 2 minutes
- No delegate may speak more than once on a resolution until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so

Vote on a Resolution

Eligible Voters
- Elected representatives of UBCM member local governments

Different Types of Voting
- Voting card: hold aloft to indicate a vote for or against a resolution. The Chair counts the votes for and against to determine whether a motion has been endorsed or defeated. The most common type of vote at Convention.
- Electronic vote: used when the vote is too close to determine by show of voting cards. At the Chair’s discretion the question will be put again and delegates will be asked to vote using electronic voting keypads. Chair also has the option to call for electronic vote if 10 or more people, by standing, question the Chair’s decision on a motion. The results of an electronic vote are final.
- Standing vote or ballot vote: used only if electronic voting is unavailable, in situations that would warrant a call for electronic voting. Standing vote would be called initially, and only if absolutely necessary would ballot vote be conducted. Rarely required during resolutions debate at Convention.

Five Types of Resolutions

1. Resolutions in the Resolutions Book
   - Section A: priority issues across the province. Section B1: support existing UBCM policy.
   - Section B2 and B3: new issues or not previously endorsed. May address national issues recommended for FCM consideration. Section B2 resolutions address matters within local jurisdiction whereas Section B3 resolution topics fall outside of local jurisdiction.
   - Section C is not recommended for debate. Resolutions in the three parts of Section C are referred as follows: C1 – referred to policy papers or special sessions at Convention; C2 – referred to similar resolutions within the Resolutions Book, C3 – referred to Area Associations, due to being of a regional nature.
2. Late Resolutions
   - Received after the June 30 deadline, these resolutions are distributed to delegates on site at Convention.
   - Late resolutions not identified as “emergency” issues arising since June 30 will be considered at Convention on Friday morning.
   - Late resolutions not identified as “emergency” will not be debated by delegates.
   - Some late resolutions may be referred to the Executive.
3. Resolutions from the Convention Floor
   - Any delegate may move a resolution from the floor which, if seconded, is presented to the floor by the Chair.
   - Requires endorsement by three-fifths majority (60%) of delegates present before this resolution can be put forward for discussion.
   - Sponsor is required to provide written copies of the resolution to delegates.
4. Resolutions from Workshop or Seminar
   - Resolutions originating at a Convention workshop or seminar will be referred to the UBCM Executive.
5. Extraordinary Resolutions
   - Used to amend UBCM Bylaws.
   - Requires endorsement by three-fifths majority (60%) of delegates present in order to pass.
   - The Executive Director must be notified at least 75 days before Convention of any extraordinary resolution(s) to be submitted for consideration at Convention.

Resolutions Tips

- Bring your Resolutions Book to Convention and use it during debate at Resolutions sessions.
- Vote on a resolution and not on the Resolutions Committee’s recommendations.
- Use the floor microphones so that all delegates hear your comments.

Late & 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 2012 resolutions process. The resolutions will be referred to relevant Area Associations for consideration at their 2012 Annual Meetings.

Late and emergency resolutions must be received at the UBCM office before noon on Friday, September 23, 2011, to allow time for Executive consideration. All late and emergency resolutions are distributed to delegates on-site at Convention in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline, which will be considered during the policy session on the morning of Friday, September 30, 2011.

Wednesday Afternoon

This year, the afternoon will begin with an address by the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, at 1:45 p.m. This will be followed by an address from Councillor Barry Yovanovic, FCM President at 2:30 p.m. Four Cabinet Panels will follow, beginning at 3:00 p.m. From 4:15-5:15 p.m., FCM will be holding a consultation session as part of the development of their Strategic Plan.

Thursday Workshops

Thursday afternoon offers a number of Workshops that may interest our delegates. From 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. four concurrent Workshops will be held:
- Affordable Market Housing
- Small Water Systems
- Child Poverty
- Canada-European Trade Negotiations
Construction Fire Safety
- submitted by Wood WORKS! B.C.

On May 3, 2011 the construction site of the first all-wood mid-rise project to receive a building permit in B.C. under the 2009 revised B.C. Building Code, the Remy project in Richmond, was consumed by fire. By now, your municipality should have received a package from Wood WORKS! B.C. about the fire. Wood WORKS! B.C. had significant involvement in the project, with its technical advisors working closely with the building and design professionals at all levels.

It’s important to note that the Office of the Fire Commissioner classified this as a fire in construction, rather than a building fire. As the Remy was only partially complete it did not have in place the essential fire protection provisions that would be found in a completed building such as sprinklers, fire separations or firewalls. It’s also important to note that the level of safety in completed buildings is relatively consistent across the various construction types; if anything, the revised B.C. Building Code (2009) has strengthened the fire safety requirements for six-storey wood construction.

Resources for municipalities

The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) together with Wood WORKS! B.C. support ongoing efforts to educate stakeholders on the minimum requirements and best practices for construction site fire safety. Surrey Fire Chief Len Garis, also president of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of British Columbia, worked with developers and fire protection professionals to publish the Construction Fire Safety Plan Bulletin, an addendum to an existing bulletin published by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, which specifically provides guidance to owners, contractors and workers on the requirements for establishing construction site fire safety plans in the City of Surrey. The bulletin will be shared with other local governments across the province. The recommendations and guidelines address leading causes of construction site fires, including arson and hot works, and call for sprinklers and fire doors to be installed and activated at an earlier stage in construction.

CWC is developing and will soon release a compact ‘Technical Note’ document on the topic. The CWC Technical Note will discuss the different issues and mitigating factors considered to be critical for addressing construction site fire safety and will complement many of the points outlined in the Surrey bulletin.

The CWC Technical Note and the new recommendations from Chief Garis reinforce the importance of compliance with provincial fire code regulations related to fire safety planning and the need for cooperation between all stakeholders in establishing the plan. Both documents will be helpful for builders and developers in their adoption and implementation of specific fire safety procedures and approaches to reduce the potential risk and impacts of a fire on any of their construction sites. CWC, through its Wood WORKS! B.C. program will also be presenting technical seminars on this subject during a fall wood seminar program.

“This construction site fire, while unfortunate, does not undermine the fact that wood residential structures greater than four storeys will provide significant economic, social and environmental advantages for communities in British Columbia,” explains Mary Tracey, executive director of Wood WORKS! B.C. “Lower construction costs, high performance and quality, an opportunity for increased density without high-rise towers and an overall reduced environmental impact are some of the objectives that can be achieved with mid-rise wood construction - helping communities realize their vision for the future.”

For more information, you may visit: www.constructionfiresafety.ca or contact John Ivison, a senior technical advisor and engineer with Wood WORKS! B.C. through the Wood Enterprise Coalition. He is an expert in fire and code issues and an excellent resource. He can be reached at 604-222-5715.

Nakusp Opens First Municipal Building in BC under Wood First Act

The Village of Nakusp was recently congratulated for completion and official opening of its new Emergency Services Centre, the first municipal building in BC to be completed under the province's Wood First Act, and tied to the community’s own Wood First Resolution. The act aims to increase demand for wood products by requiring provincially-funded projects to use wood as the primary building material. Wood WORKS! B.C. worked with Nakusp on its Wood First Resolution and subsequently the new “build with wood” requirements under the act.

The new Emergency Services Centre, which will serve residents of Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes region, features a fire hall, search and rescue centre, ambulance station and regional training centre. The community set out to include features and construction material secured and milled through its own community forest company. “We are pleased to be able to provide a home for our emergency services in one building in Nakusp and excited that we are able to provide it with “wood first” in mind. We are a logging community and believe that we should support the industry wherever possible,” said Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling.

For additional information, please contact:
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Wood WORKS! is a national industry-led initiative of the Canadian Wood Council, with a goal to support innovation and provide leadership on the use of wood and wood products.

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Since 1980 our firm has restricted its practice to acting for local government and providing advice concerning municipal law to other clients.
The Community Gaming Grant Review will examine the role of government in allocating gaming revenue with input from charities, community members, industry representatives and local government. The Terms of Reference include reviewing and providing options for:

- existing legislation governing community gaming grant funding;
- funding formula;
- criteria/eligibility for community gaming grants;
- processes involved with applying for and receiving community gaming grants;
- a multi-year funding model;
- the future role of government in community gaming grants.

The Terms of Reference also identify the process for consultation:

- conduct public-oral consultations in up to 14 communities in BC;
- receive and review written and social media submissions;
- gather input from individuals and non-profit organizations at a series of 14 consultation sessions.

For further detailed information about community and stakeholder consultation sessions, how to register/present at a forum in your community, and how to make a written submission to the Review please go to: www.communitygaminggrantreview.gov.bc.ca/

Province Announces Community Gaming Grant Review

On July 11, Premier Christy Clark appointed Skip Triplett to lead a review into the allocation of funding through Community Gaming Grants, with a final report to be delivered by October 31, 2011. Mr. Triplett is the former president of Kwantlen Polytechnic University, and now a partner in the governance consulting firm Triplett & Triplett.

With a population of about 5,000 and more than 5,700 new housing units proposed within the next two decades, Peachland’s energy and emissions plan is an important component of building a resilient, sustainable community. For its CEEP: QuickStart workshop, the District convened elected officials, staff, and experts, as well as prospective developers.

“We were very important to get that mix right,” says Paul. “And because there was pre-reading, people were expected to come prepared and knowledgeable - it made the day that much more effective.”

The group developed shared objectives, tested various options, and placed actions on a timeline. “It was a consensus building day,” says Paul. “It provided a framework for action, because we can look at the final product and clearly see what everyone in that room thought about what actions should be taken, and when.”

After the workshop, Peachland’s council passed a resolution to have staff move ahead with the CEEP actions. Paul says the Mayor also decided to strike a task force on climate change, and there have been discussions about renewable energy sources and the possibility of district energy systems for the community.

“I can only speak for myself, but I think the workshop helped the group realize that some of these things are not as difficult as we may think,” says Paul. “It brought options to the forefront that can make a difference and aren’t huge budget items, and helped us see the benefits associated with them. We consider it a huge success so far.”

For more information

CEEP: QuickStart is an initiative assisting smaller communities within the BC Hydro service territory to develop their Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP). The process supports local governments in achieving the GHG reduction and energy conservation targets that they have set in their Official Community Plans or Regional Growth Strategies.

The CEEP: QuickStart process includes pre-reading, a webinar, and a day and a half workshop, facilitated by an expert and funded by BC Hydro. Communities with populations up to 20,000 are eligible. To learn more about the offer, or to register, visit bchydro.com/quickstart.
RCMP Contract Negotiations

British Columbia has been very active in attempting to re-start the RCMP contract negotiations that were suspended during the federal election. Solicitor General Shirley Bond has met with federal Solicitor General Vic Toews to discuss the current status of the RCMP Contract Negotiations. The BC Provincial negotiating team - which includes Mayor Fassbender as the UBCM representative - has met with the other Provinces and Territories, involved in RCMP contract discussions, to confirm their positions and the strategy that they wish to take going forward.

Meeting between BC Solicitor General & Federal Solicitor General

On June 24th, Solicitor General Shirley Bond met with federal Solicitor General Vic Toews to discuss her concerns, and those of local governments, concerning the current status of the RCMP contract negotiations.

Minister Toews confirmed that the federal government had been involved in bi-lateral negotiations with both Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Minister indicated that the federal government is planning to reduce their overall spending and that this may impact what they can expend on contract policing.

Minister Bond during the meeting expressed her concern that Canada had entered into bi-lateral negotiations with Alberta and Saskatchewan despite the fact the federal government had initially agreed to negotiate with all the provinces and territories as a block. Minister Bond underscored the need for cost containment measures, and stated that more work was needed to reach consensus on the cost items included in the agreement. Solicitor General Bond stated that the province and local governments could not accept the federal government’s proposals to transfer additional costs onto the contract jurisdictions.

After this meeting, Minister Bond wrote to the federal Solicitor General confirming the Province’s views on the negotiations that she had expressed at the meeting. The Minister highlighted the need to establish a governance framework that will support a new era of partnership and the need for better operational and financial accountability in order to assure taxpayers that they are getting the most effective and efficient police service possible. She also highlighted the need for cost containment measures, particularly with respect to the federal government’s proposals to transfer additional costs onto the contract jurisdictions. In addition, the Minister stressed the mutual benefits that all levels of government receive in having a national police service like the RCMP and suggested that today the benefits received by the federal government exceed their contribution to provincial and municipal policing costs.

Minister Bond in her letter also requested that Minister Toews extend the current Agreement for two years so as to assure citizens that police services will continue uninterrupted and that public safety will not be compromised in any way by the pace of the negotiating process.

Provincial/Territorial Meetings

May 17th to 19th, the BC Provincial negotiating team, which includes Mayor Fassbender as the UBCM Representative, met with the other Provinces and Territories that are still negotiating with Canada as a block. The nine provincial and territorial representatives discussed the direction and strategy going forward, taking into consideration the Canada/Alberta agreement-in-principle and that bi-lateral discussions are underway with Saskatchewan.

A subsequent meeting of the nine provincial/territorial Deputy Ministers, still involved in negotiations, was held on June 23rd and 24th to finalize the negotiating strategy. The Deputies reached consensus on a Provincial/Territorial proposal for a new RCMP agreement. The Provincial/Territorial proposal for a new RCMP agreement was forwarded to the federal government on July 22, 2011.

Update on RCMP Contract Negotiations

Alberta and the federal government, on August 19, 2011 announced that they had signed a new 20 year agreement for the extension of RCMP services in the province.

Summary

UBCM would request that member local governments inform their local MP’s about the need to renew the RCMP contract in a way that will establish a new partnership, ensure affordability / cost containment measures, and establish strong new accountability provisions into the agreement.

A workshop on the RCMP contract negotiations will be held at the UBCM Convention on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the 2011 UBCM Convention to update members on the contract discussions, and to discuss what action local governments can take to support the provincial government position in its negotiations with Canada to renew the RCMP agreement.
The Community Energy Association (CEA) is a collaboration of the Union of BC Municipalities, Province of British Columbia, Planning Institute of BC, transit and energy providers and individual local governments. The organization assists BC local governments to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy through community energy and greenhouse gas planning and project implementation.

2011 Climate & Energy Action Awards

The Community Energy Association, BC Ministry of Environment – Climate Action Secretariat, BC Hydro Power Smart, FortisBC and Union of BC Municipalities are pleased to announce that the 2011 Climate & Energy Action Awards will be presented at the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, September 26-30.

The awards are offered annually to a municipality or regional district implementing a project or program best integrating energy and climate considerations into community and corporate planning, corporate operations and collaborative strategies. This year, awards will be offered in three categories:

1. Community-level Planning and Development
2. Corporate Operations
3. Public Service Organization and Local Government Collaboration

All attendees of the Convention are invited to attend the event, see the winners, and learn about the cutting edge in local government climate and energy action.

CEA has recognized the efforts of local and regional governments best exemplifying the spirit of energy awareness in community planning since 1998, and winners have come from all sizes of communities.

FREE Community Energy And Emissions Plan: QuickStart

Small communities within the BC Hydro service territory and with populations up to 20,000 are eligible for a free Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) through the CEEP: QuickStart initiative. CEEP: QuickStart supports local governments in achieving the greenhouse gas reduction and energy conservation targets that they have set in their Official Community Plans or Regional Growth Strategies.

Benefits to those communities involved with CEEP: QuickStart include:

- A no-cost assessment of your municipality’s current situation with respect to energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, including consideration of electricity conservation measures associated with BC Hydro Power Smart Programs.
- A step-by-step model that takes your local government through the CEEP development process, funded entirely by BC Hydro.
- Access to Power Smart’s technical, energy management and CEEP expertise and resources throughout the CEEP development process.
- An action-oriented CEEP that when implemented will deliver electricity and greenhouse gas savings.


District Energy Ready Project

The Community Energy Association has received funding from the Vancity and Real Estate Foundation of BC Green Building Grant, and FortisBC, for the District Energy Ready project that will run to March 2013. The project will strive to support local governments to significantly reduce emissions in communities planning or implementing district energy systems through enacting policy measures to maximize the number of buildings that connect. It is hoped that 6-9 local governments will be assisted over the duration of the project.

CEA is in the process of assisting the City of Kelowna with policy work for its two planned district energy systems, and is looking for other local governments that may be interested in participating in this project. If your local government is planning or implementing a district energy system, and would like assistance with developing policy to assist with implementation, please contact: Patricia Bell, Senior Community Energy Planner, Community Energy Association, at (604) 936 0470 or e-mail: pbell@communityenergy.bc.ca. A draft report, Policy Options for District Energy Ready Buildings, Final Report, is also available to interested local governments upon request.

Community Energy and Emissions Planning Research

With the benefit of funding from Natural Resources Canada and BC Hydro, CEA is conducting research on thirty Community Energy and Emissions Plans (CEEPs) from across Canada. Desk research on the plans has been conducted with over 10,000 data points collected, and now telephone interviews are taking place in order to gather follow-up information. Thank you to our intern Bahareh Toghiani Rizi for setting up the interviews.

The project will determine how effective CEEPs across Canada have been as planning tools and how much they have contributed to actions on climate and energy that have been implemented or are being considered for the future. Results of the project as well as suggestions on how to maximize the impact of CEEPs will be contained in a project report in early 2012.

Update to the Funding Guide

The Community Energy Association appreciates the hard work of our intern Bahareh Toghiani Rizi for an upcoming update to the Funding Guide (Funding Your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives). The Funding Guide has become an invaluable tool for local government staff to navigate various programmatic and incentive funding tools that are available to local governments in the broad field of energy efficiency, renewable energy and climate action. The guide is a comprehensive listing of loan financing tools, tax exemption and grant funding programs that BC local governments are eligible for, that provide financial incentives for climate action, energy planning / efficiency, and renewable energy activities.

An electronic version of the updated Funding Guide will be available on the Community Energy Association’s website soon: http://www.communityenergybc.ca

Updates

Solar BC assistance to Solar Communities

The Community Energy Association is continuing work on behalf of SolarBC, supporting existing Solar Communities with innovative solar projects. CEA is in the process of supporting the Village of Alert

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Off to a Fresh Start
A variation of this article was published three years ago. With local elections scheduled for November 19th, a revised article should be useful for newly elected officials and senior staff.

Getting elected to local government may bring with it a sense of jubilation, especially after a competitive race. But the euphoria tends to last for a short time. Then reality sets in: long meetings, procedural wrangling, political pressures from interest groups, grandstanding or even petulant colleagues, tough decisions to make ("the lesser of two evils"), and the sobering realization that campaign promises are much easier to make than they are to keep.

A local government can respond to the above challenges reactively, as they occur. But more effectively, a Council/Board should work proactively with senior staff and professional advisors to establish a solid foundation for its decision making processes. This foundation should be in place before bad habits begin to develop.

Priority Setting

Often Councils/Boards reach the end of their terms and wonder what difference they really made, and why they had spent so much time in "crisis mode," and little time solving problems and achieving results that they had campaigned on. To avoid this outcome, Councils/Boards should establish priorities and a schedule for achieving them at the start of their terms.

Priority setting presents a few challenges:

• Some strategic initiatives may already be under way. It would seem unwise and unpractical to discard good initiatives and start with an entirely fresh plan. Proceeding in this way would provide no continuity, stability or reliability for important initiatives.

• Second, the bulk of municipal budgets is already spoken for and is dedicated to delivering the services that must be provided: roads, sewer, water, fire fighting, etc. If the previous Council/Board budgeted very tightly, there may be little leeway for new visionary initiatives.

• Third, with various candidates making promises in advance of an election, it can be a challenge to merge all desirable initiatives into one collectively embraced vision.

With these challenges in mind, the following steps should be considered:

• The Council/Board should meet shortly after the election and establish its collective vision of an ideal community by merging the individual visions into one. It should then discuss potential activities to advance the community towards this vision, and should then prioritize and agree on "must have," "should have," and "would be nice to have" initiatives. As part of this discussion, the Council/Board should be mindful of on-going strategic initiatives.

• Employing creativity, the Council/Board should consider other initiatives; an active duty will produce substantial results while adding little or no financial burden on the municipality.

• The preliminary list of potential initiatives should be reviewed by the professional staff and/or advisors for feasibility from fiscal, operational, staffing, legal, logistical and other perspectives. The list should then be adjusted based on this professional input.

• The revised list of proposed initiatives, accompanied by the rationale for them, should be announced to the community, and public input on it should be solicited. Where possible and advisable the list should be revised based on this input.

• The Council/Board should review the list of initiatives..

Roles and Rules

Besides the substantive focus (see step 1), the Council/Board should discuss roles and rules:

• It should be emphasized that the role of the Council/Board is to govern, while the role of the administration and the staff is to implement decisions, the duty set community interests ahead of narrow interests, and the duty of each member to work as a constructive, engaged, informed and trustworthy partner in decision-making.

• There should be a discussion of bad habits and dysfunctions, how they can damage the decision-making process, and what measures individuals can take in defense of the process. It should be emphasized that the duty to speak up and point to a substantive or procedural problem is not reserved for the Chair, but is shared among the members.

• There should be discussion of the relationship between the Council/Board and the Community. It should be indicated that pre-meeting promises to individual citizens are not appropriate, and that giving in to pressures by assertive citizens and community groups may not be fair to the community as whole.

• All Council/Board members, new and experienced, should attend orientation sessions during which the above issues are discussed, so they all hear the same key messages and are partners in the same discussion. The fact that a returning member is experienced does not mean that he or she has nothing to learn or teach new colleagues.

• Orientation sessions should not take the form of a pure lecture, but should be interactive. The flow of information should be tied to and from participants, and brainstorming and other methods should be employed to capitalize on their wisdom, insights, and concerns.

Evaluation and Feedback

Evaluation and feedback sessions do not guarantee that their content will be remembered and applied by elected officials. There must be efforts to monitor progress and take corrective measures if the group is off-course or dysfunction sets in. Here are a few tips:

• Consideration should be given to some form of evaluation for meetings. Items to evaluate include time management, engagement of participants, tone and decorum, the quality and depth of discussions, the ability to deal with tough and divisive issues while maintaining civility and mutual respect, etc.

• Consideration should be given to instituting self-evaluation for elected officials, with members reminded to complete them just before a meeting ends. Questions may include: Did I fully prepare for this meeting? Did I arrive on time and attend the full meeting? Did I avoid being distracted by side talks or by reviewing my e-mails? Did I speak up when I thought my ideas would make a difference? Did I listen to my colleagues, staff, and citizens with an open mind? Did I serve as a role model and trusted leader?

• In addition to regular evaluations, ad-hoc feedback should be exchanged on an as-needed basis. Feedback should be offered in a constructive and respectful manner. Recipients of feedback should listen to it with an open mind and make it easy for others to give it.

With priority setting, rules and roles, and feedback channels established, you and your elected colleagues are off to a good start. Good luck!
Gas Tax Advice: Reporting FAQs

One of the innovative features of the Gas Tax program is that one of its funding streams (The Community Works Fund) allocates funding to recipients prior to identifying a project. The stable, predictable delivery of funds provides local governments with greater control over the selection and timing of projects in comparison to other funding programs. In order to provide this flexibility to recipients while also maintaining transparency and accountability for the program as a whole, a process has been established for recipients to report annually on the use of funds. As local governments have completed six cycles of annual expenditure reporting, a number of common questions have surfaced.

Q: Which Gas Tax funds should be included in the annual report?
A: The Gas Tax program is split into a number of different funding streams. In addition to the Community Works Fund, there are others like the Innovations Fund and Regionally Significant Priorities Fund that provide grants on an application basis. The annual expenditure report should include all Gas Tax funding expenditures, that is, for both allocated funds as well as any application based funds that have been expended.

Q: What does the “capacity building” project category include under the Gas Tax Agreement?
A: For the purposes of the Gas Tax Agreement, “capacity building” refers only to planning activities that increase a local government’s ability to undertake integrated community sustainability (ICS) planning. In other words, if you are reporting a capital project, “capacity building” is not an eligible category.

Q: What is the reporting year for the Gas Tax program?
A: The fiscal year end is December 31. The annual expenditure report must be delivered to UBCM by July 1.

Q: Do I have to report interest on funds?
A: Yes. One of the unique features of the Gas Tax program is that recipients can retain the interest on the funds received. These funds can be used towards the eligible costs of eligible projects or for administrative costs as result of implementing a Community Works Agreement (such as fulfilling communications requirements).

Lillooet Wood Fueled Energy System Unveiled

In July the District of Lillooet commissioned an innovative wood-fueled boiler system that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The system incorporates state of the art technology that gasifies waste-wood allowing for nearly complete combustion of the fuel. The new system will provide an 87% reduction in the amount of propane consumed by Community Centre while also reducing its annual heating costs by up to $50,000. This $602,000 project was made possible through a $467,000 grant from the Gas Tax Fund. Mayor Dennis Bontron demonstrated the completed system to Mark Strahl, MP for Chilliwack – Fraser Canyon and UBCM President Barbara Steele.

Esquimalt Opens Craigflower Road Upgrades

Phase 2 of the Craigflower Road Upgrading project in Esquimalt is now complete, thanks to a $4.97 million investment under the federal Gas Tax Fund. The project encompasses one kilometre of roadway, and includes continuous bike lanes in each direction, continuous sidewalks on both sides of the road, landscaped median islands for traffic calming, improved transit facilities, rainwater capture and treatment, and a complete repaving of the road.

The corridor historically served as a direct route between the City of Victoria and the Westshore communities and was built to older standards that did not accommodate multiple modes of transportation. The project balances transportation and land use objectives with neighborhood values, and improves overall safety and efficiency for all modes of travel. An innovative feature of the project is the addition of two stormceptors and a dedicated rain garden at Yarrow Place that will treat runoff from the road before it enters the ocean. Esquimalt will also be using Gas Tax funding to complete a third Phase of the Craigflower Road project to upgrade an additional half kilometre of roadway, construct two additional underground storm water treatment chambers and install 14 transit shelters with solar powered light fixtures.

Esquimalt Mayor toured the completed works joined by The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and UBCM President Barbara Steele.
Bay, the District of Tofino, and the BC Lodging and Campground Association with promoting solar hot water systems to tourism businesses that do not have access to natural gas and hence face high energy costs. CEA is also supporting the Township of Esquimalt with a potentially innovative solar hot water project on its recreation centre.

If your local government is one of the existing 32 SolarBC Solar Communities and would like support on an innovative solar project whether it is for the community or for corporate operations, we may consider requests for support in the future. In addition, if your community is not already a Solar Community, SolarBC may consider applications for new Solar Communities later in 2011. In both cases please contact: Peter Robinson, Community Energy Planner, Community Energy Association, (250) 769 6978 (in Kelowna), or e-mail: probinson@communityenergy.bc.ca.

Carbon Neutral Kootenays

Three years of corporate energy and emissions inventories were delivered to the 35 local governments and first nations participating in the Carbon Neutral Kootenays Project. This project, led by Community Energy Association, is by Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary, Regional District of Central Kootenay, Regional District of East Kootenay and Columbia Basin Trust.

The project also delivered a series of eight webinars on successes that local governments have in reducing energy and emissions. See the webinars at http://www.cbt.org/Initiatives/Climate_Change/Reducing_Emissions for the full audio and video.

With the assistance of Ron Macdonald of Stanitec, the project is also investigating the potential for a regional offset strategy.

CEA Membership

All BC local governments are welcome to join the Community Energy Association and participate in being at the forefront of driving climate and energy action in BC communities. Through CEA membership, local government representatives have access to information, discussions and leadership opportunities. CEA is chaired by Mayor Dan Rogers of Prince George. For membership information, please contact (604) 628 7076 or info@communityenergy.bc.ca or click on ‘join’ on the top tab at www.communityenergy.bc.ca.

Community Energy Association welcomes the following new directors to the CEA board:

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Updates

Mayor Mike Bernier of Dawson Creek, Victoria Smith of BC Hydro, Susan Haed of District of North Vancouver and Tony Barber of Lonsdale Energy Corp and City of North Vancouver.

Providing workshops for personal growth that empower and motivate

CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS


DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE


This workshop will analyze what is happening in exchanges with difficult people and demonstrate how people can adapt their strategies to bring about more productive conversations with those they find difficult. The effect of communication styles will be explored, in particular, on workplace dynamics helps people communicate and work successfully with others. Utilizing the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), this workshop will provide participants with a personal assessment, equip them to understand personality styles which are different than their own and provide strategies to effectively interact with.

Some of the topics covered
• Effective Communication
• Understanding the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
• Understanding and Responding to Differences

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We don’t ship electronics to developing countries for recycling

Environmental

The electronics stewardship program now includes even more products. Consumers and businesses in British Columbia have an environmentally sound recycling option. You can drop off any acceptable products at designated Collection Sites throughout the province without charge (see “Acceptable Products” list for details).

The Electronics Stewardship Association of British Columbia (ESABC), a not-for-profit extended producer responsibility program set up by the major producers and retailers of electronics in British Columbia, delivers a recycling program to recover regulated electronics products from consumers and recycle them in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

Encorp Pacific (Canada) has been contracted by ESABC to manage the electronics stewardship program. You probably know them best through their Return-It™ system.

Since the start of ESABC’s program in 2007, more than 49 million kilograms of unwanted electronics have been recycled. That’s over 49 million kilograms that didn’t end up in our landfills and were not exported illegally to become someone else’s problem.

How Electronics Are Recycled:
Electronics collected in BC are sent to five approved primary recyclers in North America. The items are broken down using various manual and mechanical processes. Products such as batteries and mercury lamps, which require special processing to recover materials, are removed. The remaining products are separated into their individual components for recovery. Through a variety of refining and smelting processes, the materials reclaimed from unwanted electronics are used as raw materials in the manufacturing of new products.

It’s the Responsible Thing to Do:
Those useless electronics in your basement contain valuable resources. Steel, leaded glass, copper, aluminum, plastic and precious metals can be extracted and recycled into new products.

Province Wide Network:
The 117 permanent Return-It Electronics™ Collection Sites cover over 97.4% of the province. Drop-off events are organized and held in convenient locations in the communities where depots have not yet been established.

How to Find a Collection Site:
There are more than 117 convenient locations in BC. To find a Collection Site, visit return-it.ca/electronics/locations.

Those useless electronics in your basement contain valuable resources.

ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS
The following items can be recycled free of charge at any Encorp Return-It Electronics™ Collection Site:

- Display Devices
- Desktop Computers
- Portable Computers
- Computer Peripherals
  - (Keyboards and Mice)
- Computer Scanners
- Printers and Fax Machines
- Non-Cellular Phones
  - and Answering Machines
- Vehicle Audio and Video Systems (Aftermarket)
- Home Audio and Video Recording/Playback Systems
- Personal or Portable Audio
  - and Video Recording/
  - Playback Systems

Find a full list of acceptable products at return-it.ca/electronics/acceptable.

THERE’S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RECYCLING AND RECYCLING RESPONSIBLY
All electronic products collected in the ESABC program are recycled by processors that meet the Recycling Qualification Program (RQP). This standard effectively prevents illegal export to developing countries and unnecessary landfilling of regulated electronic products. The RQP can be viewed online at epsc.ca.

An audit is conducted by an independent third party and takes eight to twelve months to complete. It ensures that processors:

- Use sound environmental practices – recyclers must handle the materials they receive in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Do not allow prison labour or shipping of unwanted electronic scrap or products offshore to developing, non-OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) countries.