

## **TOOLS, FUNDING & RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

This half-day session will provide opportunities for delegates to meet with representatives from over 25 agencies that provide tools, resources, funding or other supports that help local governments to increase capacity and undertake local planning, projects and development. Using a marketplace format, delegates will be able to meet face-to-face with representatives of agencies that are of most benefit to their community and take away information and resources. Participants will be provided with a directory of the contact people, purpose and resources of all the organizations that are at the session and will be encouraged to meet with numerous agencies by way of a session passport which, once completed, will be entered to win a prize.

## **TOWARD PARITY: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS, BUILDING MOMENTUM**

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Women represent 50.4% of the Canadian population, but in most provinces, represent less than 30% of local elected officials. With 36.7% women elected in 2018, BC local governments are leaders, but there is still work to do to reach parity.

The Toward Parity session will highlight the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) recently adopted national action to remove barriers and support more women to run, win and stay in local elected office. Delegates will also hear from local elected women across communities who will share their experiences and leadership tips. The provincial government will highlight its Gender Based Analysis+ initiative and how it is being applied in BC. Following presentations, an informal networking reception will be held so delegates can connect with one another and with representatives from leading women's organizations.