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*Welcome to 'Tools, Resources & Funding
for Local Governments.'*

As there is no panel or presentation at this session, please come into the room and start meeting with representatives of the organizations joining us today.

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Alzheimer Society of B.C.

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The Alzheimer Society of B.C.'s vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and that world begins with a more dementia-friendly society, where people affected by dementia are acknowledged, supported and included. The Society ensures people affected by dementia are not alone, by educating and mobilizing a broader community of care around them, and supporting valuable research into the disease and people living with it.

The Society's Dementia-Friendly Communities initiative is an important element of this movement. By providing tools, education, and by forging strategic partnerships, the Society is enabling local governments, the professional sector, community groups and the general public to become dementia friendly. The Society has worked with municipalities throughout B.C. on dementia-friendly communities projects, including the creation of municipality-specific dementia-friendly action plans.

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. provides the following resources:

- Dementia-Friendly Communities Local Government Toolkit
- Making Your Workplace Dementia-Friendly series
- Dementia-Friendly City Train-the-Trainer Program
- Guides and general resources about dementia

For more information visit www.alzheimerbc.org or contact:

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Asset Management BC

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Asset Management BC (AMBC) is a 'community of practice' comprised of associations and local governments, brought together to recognize and integrate the political, administrative, technical, operational, financial and planning aspects of asset management and service delivery. AMBC is governed by a Partnership Committee that includes; UBCM, Local Government Management Association, Government Finance Officers Association of BC, Planning Institute of BC, Municipal Insurance Association of BC, BC Water and Wastewater Association, Public Works Association of BC, CivicInfo BC and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Key priorities include ensuring stakeholders understand the value of asset management through outreach and awareness and supporting asset management education and capacity building. AMBC specifically focuses on the development of asset management practices for local governments and First Nations in BC.

Asset Management BC provides the following resources:

- Asset Management Training
 - Level of Service Workshop – November 8, 2019
 - 2019 Annual AMBC Conference

- National Asset Management System (NAMS) training
- Training subsidies (available by partnership with UBCM Asset Management program)
- A resource-rich website that includes:
 - Communicating Asset Management page (#OurAssetsMatter)
 - Resources to help communicate asset management effectively
- Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery – A BC Framework
 - The Asset Management Framework as identified in the BC Gas Tax Agreement
- Sustainable Service Delivery Primers Series:
 - Climate Change and Asset Management
 - Integrating Natural Assets into Asset Management
 - The Role of Operations and Maintenance in Asset Management
 - Land Use Planning and Asset Management
- Service Sustainability Assessment Tool (a performance measurement tool)
- AssetSMART2.0 (a local government self-assessment tool)
- Asset Management BC Roadmap (an asset management implementation tool)
- AMBC quarterly newsletters

For more information visit www.assetmanagementbc.ca or contact:

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BC Communities in Bloom

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BC Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) is a province-wide recognition and award program that provides a framework for Municipal participants to reinvigorate and enhance their community's liveability.

Using the collaborative power of local government, business/institutions, service clubs and residents, it is this 'Growing Together' that stimulates civic pride and encourages tidiness, beautification and environmental initiatives throughout their area. The program inspires a 'transformation' process that can have lasting social, environmental and economic benefits.

In annual surveys of participants, beautification is listed as the top improvement, with tidiness a close second. Other benefits noted were property values and improved green spaces, with lifestyle, environmental, tourism and safety rounding out the list of valued improvements.

BC CiB trained volunteers visit the participating community to evaluate specific criteria with a standardized scoring matrix. The purpose of the report is to provide feedback on the visual appeal of streetscapes, public green spaces, neighbourhoods, and to preserve heritage and cultural assets. The report can then be used to celebrate excellence and areas for improvement year over year. Whether a community's objective is to enhance tourism experiences or improve liveability for their residents, the CiB program is a tool to achieve these goals.

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BC FireSmart Committee

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The BC FireSmart Committee (BCFSC) was initiated in 2017 by the BC Wildfire Service to facilitate greater direction and integration of the seven FireSmart® disciplines across the province of British Columbia based on the FireSmart® Canada model. Committee members consist of the BC Wildfire Service, Office of the Fire Commissioner, UBCM, Fire Chiefs' Association of BC, Emergency Management BC, Forest Enhancement Society of BC and First Nations' Emergency Services Society of BC.

The BCFSC collaboratively maintains and improves the delivery of the BC FireSmart program by ensuring alignment with the seven FireSmart disciplines to better support wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation in BC. In meeting their purpose, the BCFSC will commit to aligning with FireSmart Canada, developing an annual work plan and budget and providing stakeholders and interested parties with one governing agency for FireSmart in BC.

The BC FireSmart Committee provides the following resources:

- Local FireSmart Representative workshops
- Supports the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program
- Collaborates with FireSmart Canada on new initiatives and research
- Promotes FireSmart activities and provides educational materials and resources for local governments and First Nations
- Provides strategic direction and expertise to the Community Resiliency Investment Program

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BC Healthy Communities Society

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BC Healthy Communities Society (BCHC) is a province-wide, not-for-profit organization that facilitates the ongoing development of healthy, thriving and resilient communities.

Since 2005, the Society has worked with hundreds of diverse communities across the province, ranging from urban centres to small, rural and Indigenous communities. BCHC has an interdisciplinary team consisting of community planners, engagement experts, healthy community specialists and public health professionals who apply an equity lens to their work with the aim of improving community health and well-being for all.

BC Healthy Communities Society provides the following resources:

- Plan H: Provincial capacity building program to support stronger collaborations between local government and health authorities

- Age-Friendly Communities Capacity Building: Age-Friendly Communities grant recipients applying to UBCM for grants can access BCHC supports for age-friendly projects
- Facilitated Supports and Planning for Local Governments: We offer fee-for-service supports such as: engagement strategies, housing needs assessments, etc.

For more information visit bchealthycommunities.ca or contact:

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BC Non-Profit Housing Association

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The BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) is the industry association for the social housing sector in BC. BCNPHA represents, educates and provides services to approximately 600 non-profit housing providers that operate more than 60,000 units of long and short-term affordable housing across the province.

BCNPHA has developed an advisory relationship with regional and local governments across the province through the provision of housing and affordability data, educational resources and policy advice. Specific topic areas include non-profit and co-op housing, purpose-built rental, development of affordable housing plans and strategies, addressing supportive housing and homelessness.

The BC Non-Profit Housing Association provides the following resources:

- Municipal Tool Kit: A set of tools that local governments can use to support co-op, non-profit and affordable rental housing
- Canadian Rental Housing Index: A comprehensive database of rental housing statistics, displaying information for more than 800 regions and municipalities across the country
- Making Housing Central Campaign: A customizable community election guide and municipal toolkit on affordable housing
- Build Homes, Not Barriers: Advocacy support for communities struggling with acceptance of supportive housing
- Affordable Housing 101 webinar for elected municipal officials

For more information visit bcnpha.ca or contact:

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CivicInfo BC

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CivicInfo BC is a non-profit local government data and information service. As one of British Columbia's key local government system organizations, CivicInfo BC serves a membership of approximately 200 municipalities, regional districts and related organizations.

CivicInfo BC provides local governments with the following resources:

- Research Tools: CivicStats.ca data visualization system, surveys, document libraries, archived local election results, grants database, legislative calendar, and more News: Local government press releases, and daily headlines on Twitter @BCHeadlines
- Directories: The province's comprehensive directories for municipalities, regional districts,

and related organizations

- Events & Training: Calendar of upcoming sector events; event registration services, and our annual CivX symposium with the Lower Mainland LGA
- Bids & Tenders: Bid and tender opportunities, posted on behalf of BC municipalities and regional districts
- Mobile Apps: With support from the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, even the smallest local government can offer mobile apps for citizens and businesses through our CivicLabs.ca service
- Civix Suite: Offered to local governments in partnership with the Queen's Printer, Civix Suite is a comprehensive bylaw drafting and web publishing platform, similar to BC Laws
- Careers: In partnership with the LGMA of BC, the BC Local Government Job Board is the largest service of its kind in Canada

For more information visit www.civicinfo.bc.ca or contact:

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Community Energy Association

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The Community Energy Association (CEA) is an inter-agency collaborative and charitable non-profit founded by the Province and UBCM with member representation from utilities, transit agencies, research organizations, and local governments. CEA's mission is to support local governments throughout BC in accelerating the application of energy efficiency and renewable energy in all aspects of community design, infrastructure and community engagement for sustainability. It has been serving as a 'first stop' for BC local governments addressing energy sustainability and climate action for 20 years.

Community Energy Association provides the following resources:

- Capacity building at political and staff levels, including but not limited to the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council, Community Energy Management courses at BCIT and the upcoming Climate Leadership Institute meeting for elected officials (November 7-8, 2019)
- Research reports and how-to guides on climate mitigation and adaptation
- New and updated community and corporate energy and emissions plans, featuring CEEP QuickStart for smaller communities
- EV charging network planning & implementation
- Emission inventories and renewable energy scans
- Energy Step Code implementation assistance
- Finance and governance approaches for green energy systems
- Waste reduction and regenerative infrastructure opportunities & regional partnerships
- FCM Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Regional Facilitator for BC and the Yukon

For more information visit communityenergy.bc.ca or contact:

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government since 1901. FCM members include more than 2,000 municipalities of all sizes, from Canada's cities and rural communities, to northern communities and 20 provincial and territorial municipal associations. FCM advocates for municipalities to be sure their citizens' needs are reflected in federal policies, while FCM programs deliver tools that help municipalities tackle local challenges.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities provides the following resources:

- Green Municipal Fund: Drives local green innovation across the country, offering training, resources and funding for innovative municipal projects. Since 2000, we've financed more than 1,250 municipal sustainability initiatives, helping to build better lives for millions of Canadians from coast to coast to coast
- Municipal Asset Management Program: Provides funding and training to help communities manage municipal infrastructure assets and make better investment decisions

For more information visit fcm.ca or contact:

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Fraser Basin Council

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The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is a non-profit organization devoted to advancing sustainability in the Fraser Basin and across BC. The Council's Board of Directors represent the four orders of government — federal, provincial, local and First Nations — as well as the private sector and civil society. FBC works on a variety of sustainability issues, providing facilitation, education, program support and other services. Much of their work focuses on multi-party, collaborative processes and almost all involve local governments in BC.

The Fraser Basin Council provides the following resources:

- BC Climate Action Toolkit: Online resource library of guides, case studies and tools to help local governments reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ReTooling for Climate Change: Supports capacity-building and education on climate change adaptation for professionals in local communities, the public sector, and the natural resource industry
- Northeast Climate Risk Project: A collaborative project involving 6 Northeastern BC local governments to develop regional climate projections and vulnerability assessments
- Plug in BC: Resources related to electric vehicle education and awareness in communities, expansion of BC's charging station network and opportunities and options to introduce

electric vehicles in homes, businesses and fleets

- Salmon-Safe BC: An eco-certification program for agricultural and urban sites, recognizing progressive, environmentally friendly management practices that help protect Pacific salmon habitat and enhance water quality
- Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy: The most recent project update on this multi-partner project (Flood Strategy Briefing) and a Project Primer on Flood Modelling and Mapping in BC's Lower Mainland

For more information visit www.fraserbasin.bc.ca or contact:

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Invasive Species Council of BC

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The Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC) is a registered charity and non-profit society that is making a difference in the lives of all British Columbians. ISCBC is a dynamic action-oriented organization, helping coordinate and unite a wide variety of concerned stakeholders in the struggle against invasive species in BC and spearheading behaviour change in gardeners, outdoor recreation enthusiasts, First Nations and both resource industry and horticultural professionals. The ISCBC has developed tools and resources to assist local governments to better prepare for, prevent and control invasive species.

The Invasive Species Council of BC provides the following resources:

- Invasive Species Toolkit for Local Government, Real Estate Professionals and Land Managers: The toolkit assists municipalities and regional districts in planning or updating invasive management policies and programs and contains an overview of the current legal framework available to local governments for addressing invasive species as well as providing recommendations for bylaws and the development review process
- Local Government Invasive Species Listserv: A tool developed as a forum for information exchange on available resources, identifying needs and sharing lessons learned for invasive species management, programs and projects
- Local Governments Call to Action Against Invasive Species: Awareness tool used to bring the issue of invasive species to local government elected officials and senior management to garner increased support for invasive species funding in the province
- Invasive Species Factsheets: Information within these factsheets includes distribution, identification, impacts, integrated pest management options and references and links

For more information visit bcinvasives.ca or contact:

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Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC

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Investment Agriculture Foundation (IFA) is an industry led, not for profit that delivers government funded programs to the agriculture and agri-food sector of BC. IAF works closely with local governments to fund projects such as agricultural area plans and water demand models.

Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC provides the following resources:

- Buy BC Partnership Program: Enables B.C.'s agriculture, food and seafood sectors to undertake sector/product specific marketing and promotional activities to increase consumer demand and sales of B.C. products. \$4.08M from 2018-2020.
- Canada-BC Agri-Innovation Program: Enables B.C.'s agriculture and food sectors to accelerate the pace of innovation. Allows the sector to access funding for projects involving late-stage research and development; piloting and demonstration; as well as the commercialization and adoption of innovative products, practices, processes or technologies. \$14M from 2018-2023.
- BC Agri-food and Seafood Market Development Program: Enables B.C.'s agriculture, food and seafood sectors to pursue interprovincial and international market opportunities. \$5M from 2018-2023.
- Tree Fruit Competitiveness Fund: Supports B.C.'s Tree Fruit sector to undertake marketing, infrastructure and research activities that enhance the competitiveness of the sector. The program also supplements orchard replanting. \$5M from 2018-2023. \$3.5M for projects and \$1.5M for orchard re-plant.
- Bee BC Program: Supports small scale regional/community-based projects to research, explore, field-test and share information about best management practices associated with bee health. \$0.25M from 2018-2020.

For more information visit iafbc.ca or contact:

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Island Coastal Economic Trust

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Created and capitalized by the Province of British Columbia in 2006, the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has been at the forefront of economic diversification, planning and regional revitalization in the Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast region for the past twelve years. Through a community centered decision-making process, which includes locally elected leaders, funds are invested in a wide range of economic development and community building initiatives.

To date, over \$52 million in funding has supported more than 210 projects in communities of all sizes, creating new employment, business development and improved quality of life.

The Island Coastal Economic Trust provides the following resources:

- Economic Infrastructure and Innovation Program: Supports projects designed to foster innovative practices, economic collaboration and sustainable economic growth
- Economic Development Readiness Program: Supports the development of targeted strategies and tools required to attract economic investment

- One-on-One Applicant Support: ICET staff are available to provide applicants with full one-on-one project lifecycle support
- Sponsorships, Bursaries and partnership funding programs

For more information visit www.islandcoastaltrust.ca or contact:

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Local Government Management Association of BC

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For 100 years the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) has supported excellence in local government by ensuring that elected officials have access to the best trained staff and most capable advice.

Created by elected officials at the UBCM Convention in 1919, the LGMA (originally called the Municipal Officers Association) is a non-profit professional association representing senior managers across B.C. The LGMA was founded because elected officials recognized that they require advice and technical support from knowledgeable and well-trained staff to assist them to implement their strategic vision, to advise on the interpretation of statutes and bylaws and to assist with technical reviews and public consultations on community services.

The LGMA provides the following resources:

- Practical training for local government professionals that meet their unique demands under the Community Charter and Local Government Act
- Professional development and education programs that deliver the knowledge and skills staff need to support elected officials
- Specialized training workshops that respond to the technical requirements of local government administration including bylaw drafting, Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy, elections management and the unique roles for Approving Officers
- Comprehensive manuals for elections management, approving officer functions, freedom of information and records management, board of variance functions and toolkits help staff and elected officials to develop policies and meet strategic requirements

For more information visit www.lgma.ca or contact:

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Ministry of Children & Family Development

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To better meet the child care needs of families, the Province of British Columbia recently announced expanded investment in the child care sector totaling \$1.3 billion over three years. This includes \$237 million to improve access to child care, including funding to support the creation of 22,000 new licensed child care spaces.

Local governments can now access up to \$3 million per facility to create new licensed child care spaces through the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund.

For more information visit www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund or contact:

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Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's Climate Action Secretariat collaborates with ministries across the Government of British Columbia to support the CleanBC plan. In collaboration with local governments and other sectors, CleanBC offers ways to reduce emissions and support a sustainable economy, as well as ways to prepare and adapt to a changing climate.

The Ministry provides the following resources:

- [BC Climate Action Toolkit](#) for Local Governments is a comprehensive one-stop resource website for local governments and community partners seeking best practices, knowledge sharing and collaboration
- [Community Energy & Emissions Inventories \(CEEI\)](#) which provide an inventory of energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting indicators at the community level (read more below)
- [Legislative requirement](#) for greenhouse gas reduction targets in local government Official Community Plans and Regional Growth Strategies supported by several resources
- [Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program \(CARIP\)](#), which is a conditional grant program that provides funding to local governments equal to 100 percent of the carbon taxes they pay directly to support municipal operations
- The [CleanBC Communities Fund](#) provides provincial and federal funding for projects that will focus on the management of renewable energy, access to clean-energy transportation, improved energy efficiency of buildings and the generation of clean energy
- The new [BC Energy Step Code](#), which identifies actions that go beyond the requirements of the B.C. Building Code, has been developed for voluntary implementation by local governments
- [Waste Diversion](#) initiatives and new programming that support reduced landfill dumping of materials, including organics that can be used to create energy and reduce carbon pollution
- Energy ministry programming supports local governments and Indigenous communities transitioning their energy systems toward cleaner, low-carbon options, e.g. Climate Energy Leadership Program [Community Energy Solutions](#) such as efficiency retrofits and district energy and [Clean Energy Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program](#)
- To support capital expenditures on improvements to community infrastructure funding is being made available to municipalities and indigenous communities via the federal Investing in [Canada Infrastructure Program](#) (see also: [Active Transportation](#); [Transportation & the Environment](#))
- CleanBC's [Better Homes/Better Buildings](#) is B.C.'s online hub for homeowners and businesses to access information, rebates and support to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing homes and buildings

For more information visit the [Ministry website](#) or contact:

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Ministry of Health

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Healthy Communities is an integral part of the Guiding Framework for Public Health and brings together local governments, Indigenous communities, Divisions of Family Practice, non-governmental organizations and health authorities in innovative ways to create environments that help people make healthier choices.

The Ministry of Health welcomes the opportunity to showcase the programs, grant funding and various resources and supports available to local government or First Nations communities through PlanH, the Age-Friendly BC Strategy, grants to community-based seniors service organizations and tools and resources for individuals that promote healthy aging and Active People, Active Places, the Province's Physical Activity Strategy.

The Ministry of Health – Healthy Communities provides the following resources:

- Physical Literacy for Communities Initiative: This initiative educates and activates local decision makers, builds capacity by training leaders and creates the environment to develop physical literacy in multiple settings and sectors resulting in a positive impact on community health and well-being
- Active People, Active Places, BC Physical Activity Strategy (2015): A 10-year plan was developed through a collaborative process to guide and stimulate coordinated policies, practices and programs in physical activity that will improve the health and well-being of British Columbians and the communities in which they live, learn, work and play
- PlanH Program: Provides grants, workshops, webinars and training tools and resources to local governments, First Nations communities and health authorities through PlanH, administered by BC Healthy Communities Society, to enhance capacity, healthy community planning and develop partnerships. Community Health Profiles provide community-specific population health data through the BC Centre for Disease Control, operated by PHSA
- Provides grant support to community-based seniors service organizations and tools and resources for individuals that promote healthy aging

For more information visit [Healthy Communities website](#) or contact:

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

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The Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology manages government services that help support and maintain the strong and diverse economy that British Columbians need for long-term prosperity.

The Regional Programs and Engagement Branch provides the following resources:

- Economic development workshops, toolkits, information and survey results

- BC Ideas Exchange: webinars, success stories and peer-to-peer sharing of economic development ideas, promising practices and community collaboration in BC.
- Economic development funding and grant search tool
- Information on ministry programs, resources and contacts

For more information visit www.gov.bc.ca/economicdevelopment or contact:

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) helps make BC communities great places to live by providing British Columbians with access to more affordable, safe and functional housing and taking leadership in supporting local governments, not-for-profit organizations and residents to build vibrant and healthy communities that are well governed, liveable, safe, economically resilient and socially and environmentally responsible. Working in partnership with UBCM is a key area of responsibility for the ministry and a priority for our government.

The Local Government Division offers a range of programs to serve communities by facilitating partnerships with local governments and First Nations; developing local government legislation; facilitating community and regional planning, fostering positive inter-governmental relations and resolving differences between local governments; providing information and advice to protect the financial viability of and good governance of local governments; offering financial support for communities, infrastructure planning, construction and maintenance; growth management; and local government restructuring.

Visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing [website](#) for more information.

Governance and Structure Branch (Table 1)

The Governance and Structure Branch is responsible for enhancing local and regional governance by reviewing, defining and refining structures, services, organization and authorities of local governments. Services provided by the Governance and Structure Branch include managing & resolving complex, often contentious problems /issues at the local and regional level, targeted oversight such as bylaw approvals, working with partner organizations to help build local and regional governance capacity, building local government relations with First Nations and supporting local government-Indigenous community engagement to support reconciliation, and providing resources to support governance/restructure reviews.

The Governance and Structure Branch provides the following resources:

- Governance/restructure reviews (incorporations, boundary extensions, local services, improvement district conversion)
- First Nations-Local Government relations support generally
- Problem solving and policy work (e.g. local elections changes; responsible conduct; regional district business regulation) and provincial oversight (e.g. bylaw approvals; Crown Land tenure sponsorships)
- Advice on legislative intent and process

For more information contact:

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Infrastructure and Finance Branch (Table 2)

The vision of the Infrastructure and Finance Branch is to achieve sustainable local government service delivery. The mission of the Branch is to work collaboratively with local governments and partnering agencies to build capacity and bring together the services and support needed for BC local governments to thrive. The goals of the Branch include: maintaining and enhancing the local government financial system; providing fair and equitable infrastructure funding; developing best management practices on finance and infrastructure related matters, such as asset management; and providing relevant and timely advice and support on different finance and infrastructure issues.

The Infrastructure and Finance Branch provides the following resources:

- Support for financial and infrastructure planning advice
- Printed material (i.e. Closing the Loop: Energy and Resource Recovery in Local Government Infrastructure: a guide to advance the development of regenerative infrastructure and integrated resource management that maximizes the use and benefits of every-day infrastructure)
- Asset Management
- Water Conservation
- Funding for Capital Infrastructure Grants - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and Infrastructure Planning Grants

For more information visit or contact:

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Policy Research and Legislation Branch (Table 3)

The Policy Research and Legislation Branch is responsible for policy development and changes to the local government legislative framework on virtually any aspect of the local government system.

The Policy Research and Legislative Branch provides the following resources:

- Expertise in the local government legislative framework and in the development of policy approaches supporting change to that framework
- Manages and shares knowledge and research resources within the Ministry
- Works with other ministries and branches in supporting information requests from local governments and stakeholders

For more information contact:

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Planning and Land Use Management (Table 4)

The Planning and Land Use Management Branch supports effective implementation and enhancement of the local government planning and land use framework. The Branch develops and implements policies, programs and legislation and supports cross-ministry, local and federal collaboration on issues of high provincial interest that intersect with the land-use planning framework (e.g., affordable housing, climate action, growth management), facilitates resolution of inter-jurisdictional issues/disputes, and liaises with other levels of government to negotiate agreements and support commitments.

The Planning and Land Use Management Branch provides the following resources:

- A three-year funding program (administered by UBCM), guidance, and most of the required data to support local governments to meet new provincial requirements for housing needs reports
- Information and resources for Local Governments on Climate Action
- Advice and support on local government land use planning requirements

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Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

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BC's new active transportation strategy, *Move, Commute, Connect*, is part of the Province's CleanBC plan to build a stronger, brighter future. *Move, Commute, Connect*, aims to make active, cleaner transportation easier and safer with a plan to double the percentage of trips taken with active transportation by 2030. Communities are integral to the success of the strategy and the session will be used to highlight the new opportunities available to local governments and Indigenous communities to get British Columbians moving on foot, bike, board, wheelchair and all active modes.

The *Move, Commute, Connect* Program provides the following resources:

- Under *Move, Commute, Connect*, the Province offers a suite of resources that are available to local governments, including grant funding for active transportation planning and infrastructure, BC's new Active Transportation Design Guide for infrastructure design, and educational and incentive programs for BC residents.

For more information visit cleanbc.gov.bc.ca/active or contact:

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Municipal Natural Assets Initiative

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The Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) is changing the way municipalities deliver everyday services, increasing the quality and resilience of infrastructure at lower costs and reduced risk. The MNAI team provides scientific, economic and municipal expertise to support

and guide local governments in identifying, valuing and accounting for natural assets in their financial planning and asset management programs, and in developing leading-edge, sustainable and climate resilient infrastructure.

The result is that natural assets are understood, managed and valued by municipalities in terms of the full suite of services that they can provide (e.g. localized or downstream flood management), often at lower cost and with co-benefits.

MNAI provides the following resources:

- Advisory services to local government, based on a natural asset management methodology and corresponding tools, guidelines and templates to ensure a relevant and effective process
- Numerous technical documents including:
 - Advancing Municipal Natural Asset Management Through Professional Planning: Twelve Action Steps
 - Advancing Municipal Natural Asset Management Through Infrastructure Funding Opportunities
 - Primer on natural asset management
 - Municipal natural asset management on private land
 - Financial planning report – how local governments can integrate natural asset considerations into financial planning and reporting

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Northern Development Initiative Trust

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Northern Development is a regionally operated economic development funding corporation for central and northern British Columbia. Northern Development operates independently from government and provides the funding to local governments, First Nations, not-for-profits and businesses to support initiatives that create jobs, new revenues and improve the quality of life in their region.

Northern Development Initiative Trust provides the following resources:

- Northern Development offers a range of funding programs suited to a diverse set of economic development priorities in central and northern British Columbia.
- Local Government Management and Economic Development Internship programs
- Economic development planning support for local governments and First Nations
- Shop-local and local industry procurement campaigns and strategies for communities
- Grant writing support

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Okanagan Basin Water Board

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) was instituted in 1970 as a collaboration of the three Okanagan regional districts to provide leadership on water issues spanning the valley. The OBWB's overall purpose is to undertake strategic projects and programs at the Basin scale that meet the collective needs of Okanagan citizens for long-term sustainable water supplies while supporting the capacity of member jurisdictions to meet their own water management goals.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board provides the following resources:

The OBWB has created the Planning Guides Database in partnership with CivicInfo BC. The database currently contains 105 toolkits, guidebooks, reports and other resources intended to help communities adapt to climate change, protect green infrastructure, and carry out sustainable land and water use practices.

The following [OBWB toolkits](#) are included in the database:

- Groundwater Bylaws Toolkit
- Topsoil Bylaws Toolkit
- Slow It, Spread It, Sink It! An Okanagan Homeowners Guide to Using Rain as a Resource
- Underground Stormwater Infiltration Model Bylaw
- Constructed Wetlands for Stormwater Management: An Okanagan Guidebook
- Getting Climate Adaptation Tools Out There: A Workshop Process Guide

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Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC

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The Partnership for Water Sustainability in British Columbia (the Partnership) is the hub for a “convening for action” network in the local government setting, and is responsible for delivering the Water Sustainability Action Plan program through partnerships and collaboration.

The Partnership plays a bridging role between provincial and local governments and between local governments and the stewardship sector. Partnership activities align with the mandates of three ministries: Environment & Climate Change, Agriculture and Municipal Affairs.

Under the umbrella of the Water Sustainability Action Plan, the Partnership collaborates with government and others to develop methodologies, tools and resources to support implementation of the Whole-System, Water Balance *Approach* to land use, infrastructure servicing and asset management.

Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC provides the following resources:

- waterbucket.ca website

- Water Balance Model for British Columbia
- Water Balance Model Express for Landowners
- Drainage Infrastructure Screening Tool
- Water Conservation Calculator
- Agricultural Water Demand Model
- BC Landscape Water Calculator

For more information, visit waterbucket.ca or contact:

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Railway Accidents Involving Crude Oil Fund

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This Fund for Rail Accidents Involving Crude Oil (the Fund) covers damages to victims of a major crude-by-rail accident. Compensation starts after railway companies have paid up to the amount of their minimum insurance requirement.

Following the 2013 derailment in the town of Lac-Mégantic, the federal government strengthened the liability and compensation regime for rail accidents involving crude oil by: holding railways involved in crude oil accidents liable for damages without needing to prove fault or negligence and requiring minimum insurance levels based on the risk, type and volume of crude oil they transport.

The independent Administrator of this federal Fund is implementing an action plan to facilitate access to justice and compensation for victims. Now, in the event of a railway accident involving crude oil, the Fund will protect Canadians from bearing the cost of damages.

For more information visit fraidg.gc.ca or contact:

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Real Estate Foundation of BC

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The Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) makes grants to support research, education and policy work that's related to land use and real estate in British Columbia. The REFBC grants program helps First Nations, municipalities, regional districts and community non-profits test new approaches, engage their communities and strengthen protections for sustainable land use and real estate practices. In addition to grants, REFBC also partners with local governments, academics and other funders to identify gaps, conduct research and support collaborative work.

The Real Estate Foundation of BC provides the following resources:

- REFBC grants can fund: land use related research, public education, professional education, law reform and policy analysis
- Access related research, tools and resources

For more information visit www.refbc.com or contact:

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Ship-Source Oil Pollution Fund

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The Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund (the Fund) has been compensating victims of oil pollution from ships for 30 years. This federal Fund managed by an independent Administrator, assesses claims for damages from any type of oil from any ship or boat, anywhere in Canadian waters.

In case of damages, local governments such as municipalities, cities, villages, townships and Indigenous communities can submit claims for: clean-up costs and preventive measures, property damages, costs for rehabilitating damaged environments, economic losses and more.

Submitting a claim to the Fund can spare local governments from having to take costly legal proceedings. As soon as the Fund has paid for the damages you incurred, they are taking all reasonable steps to recover costs from polluters or other liable parties.

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Age-friendly Communities Program (Table 9)

The Age-friendly Communities program assists communities in BC to support aging populations by developing and implementing policies and plans, undertaking projects that enable seniors to age in place, and facilitating the creation of age-friendly communities.

Since 2005, the provincial government has provided \$6.25 million to support the program. To date, more than 150 communities in BC have completed projects or been approved for funding, including local governments and First Nations.

The Age-friendly Communities program provides the following resources:

- 2020 Age-Friendly Communities Program – Application Deadline, January 17, 2020

For more information visit the Age-friendly Communities program [webpage](#) or contact:

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Asset Management Planning Grant (Table 8)

This program is designed to support local governments in planning, developing and implementing asset management practices, in part, to meet their asset management

requirements under the BC Gas Tax Agreement. In addition, UBCM has worked with FCM so funding under this program can support projects funded under the FCM Municipal Asset Management Program.

Training subsidies have been made available through a partnership with Asset Management BC, where training delivered by AMBC is financially supported through subsidies to local government participants.

The program has also supported the development of asset management tools and resources that are currently available on the AMBC website at www.assetmanagementbc.ca.

The Asset Management Planning Grant provides the following resources:

- 2019 Asset Management Planning Program – Application deadline October 4, 2019

For more information visit the Asset Management Planning Grant [webpage](#) or contact:

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Community Child Care Planning & Space Creation Programs (Table 9)

In order to better meet the child care needs of families, the Province of British Columbia recently announced expanded investment in the child care sector totaling \$1 billion over three years. This includes \$237 million to improve access to child care, including funding the creation of 22,000 new licensed child care spaces.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development is providing \$3 million for the Community Child Care Planning Program. In addition, the Community Child Care Space Creation Program, funded under the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, will provide \$13.7 million to fund the creation of new licensed child care spaces in local government-owned facilities.

The Child Care program provides the following resources:

- Community Child Care Space Creation Program
- Community Child Care Planning Program

For more information visit the Child Care program [webpage](#) or contact:

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Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (Table 10)

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding streams intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations and communities in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by UBCM.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund provides the following resources:

- Structural Flood Mitigation - Application deadline: October 25, 2019
- Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training - Application deadline: November 15, 2019
- Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility Training - Application deadline: December 13, 2019
- Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning - Application

deadline: January 24, 2020

- Emergency Support Services - Application deadline: February 14, 2020
- Emergency Operations Centres & Training - Application deadline: March 13, 2020
- Evacuation Route Planning - Application deadline: April 17, 2020

For more information visit the CEPF [webpage](#) or contact:

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Community Resiliency Investment Program (Table 7)

The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program is intended to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire to communities in BC through community funding, supports and priority fuel management activities on provincial Crown land. The program was launched in 2018 and 128 First Nations and local governments have received funding.

The UBCM, First Nations' Emergency Services Society and the Forest Enhancement Society of BC are working with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, represented by the BC Wildfire Service, to administer the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports portion of the program for local government and First Nation applicants.

The CRI provides the following resources:

- 2020 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports – Application Deadline October 18, 2019

The 2020 program is structured to fund FireSmart activities in all eligible communities throughout BC. Funding is scaled to offer eligible applicants with lower risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$25,000 and applicants with a demonstrated higher risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$150,000 per year.

For more information visit the CRI [webpage](#) or contact:

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Gas Tax Management (Table 8)

The federal Gas Tax Agreement (2014-2024) is a tri-partied agreement between the federal government, the province, and UBCM. UBCM administers the Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia and, over the term of the Agreement, will oversee the transfer of more than \$3 billion of federal funding to local governments and eligible recipients for infrastructure and capacity building projects.

Eligible investment categories include:

- Local Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation
- Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- Public Transit
- Drinking Water
- Sport and Recreation
- Culture and Tourism

- Community Energy Systems
- Short-sea Shipping and Short- line Rail
- Regional and Local Airports
- Disaster Mitigation
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Broadband Connectivity
- Asset Management Planning
- Long-term Infrastructure Planning
- Integrated Community Sustainability Planning

The Gas Tax Fund in BC is delivered to local government through the following programs:

- Community Works Fund - \$1.2 billion
- Strategic Priorities Fund - \$334 million
- Greater Vancouver Regional Fund - \$1.5 billion

During the term of the Gas Tax Agreement, local governments are required to work to strengthen their asset management practices, in accordance with the Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery: A BC Framework. As part of this requirement, local governments are required to commit to asset management practices, and report on those activities to remain eligible for Community Works Funds.

For more information visit the Gas Tax [webpage](#) or contact:

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Housing Needs Report Program (Table 9)

The Housing Needs Reports program supports local governments in undertaking housing needs reports in order to meet the provincial requirements. The reports will strengthen the ability of local governments to understand what kinds of housing are most needed in their communities, and help inform local plans, policies, and development decisions. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has confirmed \$5 million over three years for this program.

The Housing Needs Report program provides the following resources:

- 2019 Housing Needs Report Program – Application Deadline November 29, 2019

For more information visit the Housing Needs Report [webpage](#) or contact:

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Regional Community to Community Forums (Table 9)

The goal of a Regional Community to Community (C2C) Forum is increased understanding and improved overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Forum events are intended to provide a time and place for dialogue to build on opportunities, support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility, interest or concern, and/or to advance tangible outcomes.

Funding permitting, the C2C program provides the following resources:

- 2019 Community to Community Forum – Application Deadline December 6, 2019 for

events taking place between January 1 and March 31, 2020

- 2019 Guide to Community to Community Forums in BC

For more information visit the Community to Community Forum [webpage](#) or contact:

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