

MEDIA ADVISORY

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE BY THIS THURSDAY FOR MEDIA ACCREDITATION 2020 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION September 22 to 24, 2020

Victoria, B.C. (September 16, 2020) – UBCM recommends all members of the news media wishing to cover the 117th annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention register at the link below by 4:00 P.M. PDT Thursday, September 17. This year's convention will be held over three days in a virtual, live-streaming format which be available only to UBCM delegates and pre-registered media.

Any applications received after the Thursday deadline will require 24 hours' notice to fulfill. Advance registration is recommended.

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE HERE BEFORE 4:00 P.M. PDT – Thursday, September 17

- A PDF of the convention resolutions book is now available for download from our MEDIA ROOM.
- All voting on resolutions will occur on the morning of Wednesday September 23 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon.
- Program details are available <u>here</u>.

Scheduled addresses include:

- Honourable John Horgan, premier, Province of British Columbia (Thursday, September 24)
- Sonia Furstenau, leader, BC Green Party (Thursday, September 24)
- Andrew Wilkinson, leader of the official opposition (Wednesday, September 23)
- Keynote speaker: Margaret Atwood, internationally renowned author (Thursday, September 24)

UBCM president Maja Tait, mayor of the District of Sooke will preside over the convention, bringing to a close her oneyear term. The incoming president, Councillor Brian Frenkel of the District of Vanderhoof, was acclaimed July 31, 2020 and will be installed on the final day of the convention.

ABOUT UBCM

Formed in 1905 to provide a common voice for local government, the UBCM continues to follow that mandate today. Through its resolution sessions, the annual convention provides a platform for local government leaders to establish policy directions for UBCM's engagement with the provincial and federal governments. More information at <u>ubcm.ca</u>.

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