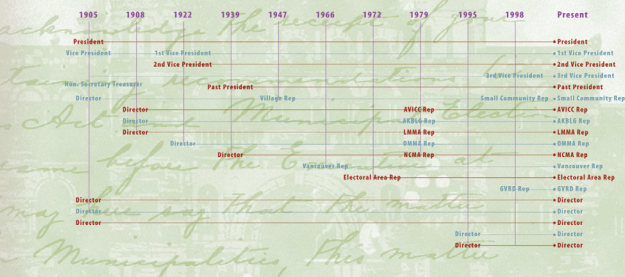


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EXECUTIVE COMES FROM THE

The first order of business at the inaugural UBCM Convention was to elect an Executive Committee. At that time there were seven members. Over the years the Executive has grown and now has 19 members. The Executive is responsible for setting the direction of the UBCM in policy and in operations.



## SOLICITORS/

In the early years of the UBCM, day-to-day operations were carried out by the elected Secretary-Treasurers. The UBCM was fortunate to have four capable individuals who served voluntarily for the organization's first half century. When the last of these four, R.R.F. Sewell, retired and the first Executive Director was hired, the Secretary-Treasurer began serving only his or her one-year term. In 1995 the position was renamed Third Vice President.



## SECRETARIAT

In 1951 the decision was made to hire an Executive Director to take over the duties which had been done by the Secretary-Treasurer and Parliamentary Agent. After a lengthy search, Theo Adams began in the position in 1954. Executive Directors work closely with the Executive to carry out the directions of the members.



Solicitors worked with the Executive, and later the Executive Director, to handle resolutions and their outcomes. They also monitored legislation for impacts on local governments. The first Solicitors were also Parliamentary Agents, responsible for dealing directly with the provincial government, a task taken over by the Executive Director in 1954. With the retirement of Ted Pearce in 1993, the decision was made to discontinue the Solicitor position.



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F. A. McNameid	1972-1973
George Martin	1973-1975
Harry Sullivan	1975-1987

**U**BCM's first part-time staff member was hired in 1957 to provide secretarial support to Theo Adams. The number of staff has grown slowly since then in response to the increasing number of services provided to members and work in new policy and program areas. The first UBCM office was located in donated space in New Westminster City Hall, which UBCM quickly outgrew. In 1967, the organization moved to its own office in New Westminster and in 1986 the UBCM office moved to Richmond.



UBCM moves to Richmond



## A photograph of a two-story Victorian-style house with a prominent front porch and a gabled roof. The house has a light-colored exterior, possibly white or cream, with dark trim around the windows and roofline. The front porch is covered by a small gabled roof supported by columns. The house is set on a green lawn, and a tree is visible to the right.

**M**unicipal House was opened in 1991 to provide local governments with meeting space and office services in Victoria. It also provides a base for UBCM staff members located in the Capital city.