



MEDIA ADVISORY
UNION of BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION
Day 2 - Wednesday, September 23

VICTORIA, B.C. – The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Virtual Convention continues Wednesday and includes voting on resolutions. Details on the following scheduled events are listed in the [convention program](#).

WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - RESOLUTIONS

(Note: a summary of all vote results will be posted Wednesday afternoon in our online [Media Room](#))

1:00 P.M. - ADDRESS: Andrew Wilkinson, leader, BC Liberal Party

1:20 P.M. - Community Excellence Awards

2:30 P.M. - Concurrent Workshops

Confronting Systemic Racism in Canada

Chief Robert Joseph, Ambassador, Reconciliation Canada

Dr. Akwasi Osusu-Bempah, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

Harsha Walla, Executive Director, BC Civil Liberties Association

This session will bring together diverse voices to explore how racism continues to manifest itself in Canadian society. Panelists will look beyond the headlines to shed light on the challenges faced by black and Indigenous peoples and others, and to point towards concrete approaches to confronting systemic racism.

Economic Recovery: Building Back Better and Stronger

Dale Wheeldon, President and CEO, BC Economic Development Association

Amy Reid, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, City of Quesnel

Greg Lawrence, General Manager, Community Futures North Cariboo

Stephen Wu, Manger, Economic Development, City of Surrey

Mike Gilbert, Regional Economic Development Officer, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Rose Klukas, Economic Development Officer, City of Campbell River

How have BC communities responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and what actions have been taken to support local economic recovery efforts? This workshop will share success stories and lessons learned to assist communities as B.C. restarts its economy.

TOMORROW – FINAL DAY

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, federal minister of the environment and climate change – 9:00 A.M.

Sonia Furstenu, leader, BC Green Party – 10:45 A.M.

John Horgan, leader, BC NDP – 1:15 P.M.

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MEDIA MATERIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE - Visit our online [Media Room](#) for **media advisories, releases, the convention resolutions book and voting results**. Photos for use by media may be downloaded from the [UBCM photos link](#) (photo credit: UBCM).

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