



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### REGISTER NOW IN ADVANCE FOR VIEWING ACCESS TO 2021 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION NEXT WEEK September 14 to 17, 2021

**Vancouver, B.C. (September 8, 2021)** – Registration is open for members of the news media wishing to cover the 118<sup>th</sup> annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention. This year’s convention will be held over four days in a virtual, live-streaming format available to UBCM delegates and media across the province. No media will be able to attend any of the sessions in person at this year’s convention.

*To view the virtual convention’s sessions proceedings online, reporters must register in advance so we may provide login details required to access the streaming program.*

**PLEASE ADVANCE REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#)**

- **The convention resolutions book** is now available in the convention [MEDIA ROOM](#).
- Voting on resolutions will occur Wednesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 16 from 9:00 A.M. to Noon.
- Full program details are available [here](#).
- Follow UBCM on Twitter: [@UBCM](#)
- Hashtag: **#UBCM21**

Scheduled highlights:

- **Pathways to Truth & Reconciliation** (Hon. Murray Sinclair) – Tuesday September 14
- **Housing Prospects: Trends & Key issues** (Jill Atkey, Dr. Alina Turner & Dr. Penelope Gurstein)  
Wednesday September 15
- **Global Warning: Lessons from the 2021 Heat Wave** (Adrian Dix, Minister of Health; Dr. Bonnie Henry)  
Wednesday September 15
- **Modernizing Forest Policy in BC** – Thursday September 16
- **Provincial Cabinet Townhall Meetings** – Friday September 17
  - **Planning for Building & Growth:** Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure; David Eby, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing; Adrian Dix, Minister of Health; Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
  - **Resilient Communities:** Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizen Services; Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations; Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General and Kelly Greene, Parliamentary Secretary for Environment
  - **A Stronger BC:** Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery & Innovation with Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care, George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Andrew Mercier, Parliamentary Secretary for Skills Training

**UBCM president Brian Frenkel**, Councillor of the District of Vanderhoof will preside over the convention, bringing to a close his one-year term. Incoming president, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg of the City of Quesnel, will be installed on the final day of the convention.

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**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 [ubcm.ca](http://ubcm.ca).

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