



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**UNION of BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION**  
**Day 1 - Tuesday, September 14**

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** – The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Virtual Convention begins Tuesday. Details on the following scheduled events are listed in the [convention program](#).

**TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS**

**9:00 A.M. - CONVENTION OPENING SESSION**

- **Welcome from First Nations**
- **Welcome from lieutenant governor of British Columbia**
- **President's Address: Interview with councillor Brian Frenkel**

**9:30 A.M. – ANNUAL MEETING**

**10:30 A.M. – ADDRESS:** Hon. Josie Osborne, minister of municipal affairs, Province of British Columbia

**11:00 A.M. – ADDRESS:** Federation of Canadian Municipalities president Joanne Vanderheyden, mayor of Strathroy-Caradoc, Ontario

**11:15 A.M. - Community Excellence Awards presentation**

**1:00 P.M. – PLENARY SESSION: Pathways to Truth and Reconciliation**

- **Honourable Murray Sinclair, Former Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**
- **Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation**
- **Andrea Reimer, Founder & Principal, Tawâw Strategies**
- **John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

Of the TRC's 94 Calls to Action, 16 explicitly address local government or all orders of government. Panelists will consider the implications of these Calls to Action for local government and point towards priority areas for action. The session will conclude with the renewal of UBCM's MOU with the Province on Engagement on First Nations Negotiations and other Indigenous Initiatives.

**WORKSHOPS (CONCURRENT)**

**2:45 P.M – Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency**

- **Maja Tait, UBCM Past President / Member, UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance**
- **Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George / Co-Chair, UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance**
- **Mike Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation / Member, UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance**
- **Al Richmond, Director, Cariboo Regional District / Co-Chair, UBCM Select Committee on Local Government Finance**

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A UBCM policy paper that identifies three objectives (addressing local government cost drivers in housing, community safety and climate change; addressing the impacts the 'New Economy' will have on the local government financial system; and establishing an effective partnership with the province) to improve the local government financial system.

#### **2:45 P.M – Primer on Climate Action and Municipal Pension Plan**

- **Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM**
- **Trevor Davies, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE BC**
- **Judy Payne, Executive Director, Municipal Pension Plan**
- **David Morhart, Executive Vice-President, BC Investment Management Corporation**

This workshop is an opportunity to learn more about Fossil Fuel Divestment by the Municipal Pension Plan, document actions taken over the past five years to respond to climate change, and an assessment of current fossil fuel holdings.

#### **LATER IN THE WEEK**

##### **WEDNESDAY**

**Resolutions session, 9:00 A.M. to Noon**

**Shirley Bond, leader, BC Liberal Party**

**Afternoon workshops**

##### **THURSDAY**

**Resolutions session, 9:00 A.M. to Noon**

**Keynote Address: A fireside chat with Rick Mercer**

**Sonia Furstenu, leader, BC Green Party**

**Afternoon workshops**

##### **FRIDAY**

**BC Cabinet Town Halls**

**Honourable John Horgan, premier, Province of British Columbia**

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