



MEDIA ADVISORY
UNION of BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION
Day 2 - Wednesday, September 15

VANCOUVER, B.C. – The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Virtual Convention continues through Friday. More details on today’s scheduled events are listed in the [convention program](#).

WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – RESOLUTIONS SESSION (first of two sessions during the convention)

1:00 P.M. – ADDRESS: Shirley Bond, leader of the official opposition, Province of British Columbia

WORKSHOPS (CONCURRENT)

1:20 P.M – Housing Prospects, Trends & Key Issues

- Jill Atkey, CEO, BC Non-Profit Housing Association
- Dr. Penny Gurstein, Professor, University of British Columbia
- Dr. Alina Turner, Co-President & Co-Founder, HelpSeeker Technologies

Responses to the pandemic over the past year prompted an increased demand for homeownership, a flight from urban cores to suburbs and rural areas, and significant investments towards tackling homelessness. Our diverse panel will explore some of the major trends and key issues impacting housing and affordability in British Columbia in coming years.

3:00 P.M – Global Warning: Lessons from the 2021 Heat Wave

- Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, Province of BC
- Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer, Province of BC
- Patrick Johnstone, Councillor, City of New Westminster
- Barbara Roden, Mayor, Village of Ashcroft
- Dr. Sarah Henderson, Scientific Director, Environmental Health, BC Centre for Disease Control
- Johanna Wagstaffe, Meteorologist / Science Reporter, CBC News Vancouver

This year’s extreme heat wave led to more than 570 heat-related fatalities. All orders of government were left scrambling to address the immediate impacts, while long-standing systemic vulnerabilities (e.g. emergency response, communication) and a lack of preparedness became even more evident. This session will discuss what can be done to adequately prepare for future extreme weather events in the face of worsening climate change and global warming.

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS (details [here](#))

1:20 P.M – Meeting the Need: Shared Regional District Services

3:00 P.M – Tourism Recovery Through Collaboration

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LATER THIS WEEK

THURSDAY

Resolutions session #2, 9:00 A.M. to Noon

Keynote Address: A fireside chat with Rick Mercer

Sonia Furstenuau, leader, BC Green Party

Afternoon workshops

FRIDAY

BC Cabinet Town Halls

Honourable John Horgan, premier, Province of British Columbia

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