



MEDIA ADVISORY
UNION of BC MUNICIPALITIES VIRTUAL CONVENTION
Day 3 - Thursday, September 16

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](#).

THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTS

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – RESOLUTIONS SESSION (second and final session)

1:00 P.M. – KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Fireside chat with Rick Mercer, comedian, political satirist and author

2:30 P.M. – ADDRESS: Sonia Furstenuau, leader of the BC Green Party

WORKSHOPS (CONCURRENT)

2:45 P.M – Modernizing Forest Policy in BC

Led by provincial government staff, this interactive workshop will focus on modernizing forest policy. Topic areas will include providing fibre to higher value wood product manufacturers, phasing out slash burning, revising pricing policy for area-based tenures like Community Forest Agreements, and enabling shared decision-making and enhanced engagement of communities and stakeholders. The workshop will also hear the latest on the ongoing development of a new provincial old growth strategy addressing the recommendations in the Old Growth Strategic Review Report released last year.

2:45 P.M – Is Your Local Government Safe from a Cybersecurity Attack?

- **Maryam Z. Sherkat, Chief Risk Officer & Legal Counsel, MIABC**
- **Gareth Lewis, Vice-President, Claims, Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada**
- **Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC**
- **Danny Francisco, Information Services Manager, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen**

With local governments storing unprecedented amounts of data on computers, servers and other devices, are they dedicating an appropriate level of attention and resources to this evolving threat? Hear from one local government that has experienced a cyberattack. Panelists will also discuss steps for local governments to minimize risk.

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TOMORROW

BC Cabinet Town Halls

Installation of new UBCM president

ADDRESS: Honourable John Horgan, premier, Province of British Columbia

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