



MEDIA ADVISORY

ADVANCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO 2022 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION September 12 to 16, 2022 – Whistler, B.C.

RESOLUTIONS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Victoria, B.C. (August 12, 2022) - Online registration is now open for members of accredited news media wishing to cover the 119th annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in Whistler B.C.

***All media representatives wishing to attend the convention
must register in advance to obtain accreditation.***

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Early convention [program details](#) are available on the convention website. Scheduled presenters include:

- **Honourable John Horgan**, premier, Province of British Columbia (Friday, September 16)
- **Kevin Falcon**, leader of the official opposition (Thursday, September 15)
- **Sonia Furstenu**, leader of the BC Green Party (Wednesday, September 14)
- **Keynote speaker: Althia Raj**, national columnist, Toronto Star; host/producer of the podcast *It's Political* (Wednesday, September 14)
- **UBCM president Laurey-Anne Roodenburg**, councillor of the City of Quesnel, will preside over the convention, bringing to a close her one-year term. The incoming president will be installed on the final day of the convention.

Resolutions Book

The convention [resolutions book](#) is now available. Delegates will consider 206 resolutions on a wide range of issues affecting local communities, including:

- Special Resolution SR1 on the critical need for additional family physicians, emergency room doctors, specialists, paramedics, and nurses across the province, calls on the provincial government to take urgent steps to ensure hospitals, emergency rooms, and ambulance services are open and available 24 hours a day, and to increase funding and training opportunities for health care professionals.
- Special Resolution SR2 asks the provincial and federal government for funding to cover additional security and cleanup costs related to overdose prevention sites and safe injection sites. The provincial government is also asked to share with local governments a \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma (Canada) for healthcare costs related to the sale and marketing of opioid-based pain medicines.
- Special resolution SR3 on flood protection urges the Province of British Columbia to significantly increase funding, and assume greater responsibility for flood preparedness and mitigation, as local governments do not have the financial or human resources to effectively address flood risks.
- A request for the BC Wildfire Service to reduce fuel loading around the perimeters of communities to augment other initiatives aimed at wildfire protection. (EB 36)
- Request that BC Emergency Health Services increase funding to local governments that provide First Responder Program to assist the BC Ambulance Service. (EB 1)

- Provincial funding support for an integrated Car 40 Program in more B.C. communities, to help divert those suffering from mental health issues from being dealt with by the justice system. (EB 8)
- Asking the province to consider alternative physician compensation models to replace the fee-for-service model and encourage doctors to practice family medicine. (EB 16)
- Asking BC Housing to develop strategies and create building incentives for more housing in rural, remote and northern communities. (EB 25)

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.

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