



**VALUE OF ONE** UBCM  
**POWER OF MANY** 2022

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**UNION of BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION – WHISTLER, B.C.**  
**Day Two - Tuesday, September 13**

**Whistler, B.C.** – The 2022 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention continues Tuesday at the **Whistler Conference Centre** (WCC) and runs through Friday, September 16.

**NOTE: After streaming our annual conference with a reduced program for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we return this year to our familiar live and in-person format (only <https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/bc-criminal-justice-broken>) with a full agenda running the entire week.**

**MEDIA ACCREDITATION** - Please register [ONLINE HERE in advance](#)

On arrival, please check in at the UBCM media workroom in the Soo Valley Room, downstairs in the Whistler Convention Centre. All media representatives must possess credentials issued by UBCM to access any event during the convention.

**UBCM CONVENTION APP**

Information on all convention events is available from the **UBCM 2022 App** (download from the App Store or the Play Store) or by referring to the convention [program](#).

**MEDIA ROOM – SOURCE FOR PHOTOS, VOTE RESULTS AND INFORMATION UPDATES FOR MEDIA**

Visit our online [Media Room](#) frequently during the week for same-day vote results, media releases, the full convention program and the convention [resolutions book](#). Photos for use by media may be also downloaded from the [UBCM photos link](#) (photo credit: UBCM).

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**DAY 2 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – TUESDAY\***

(\*Full details and participants for all sessions are listed in convention [program](#) and on UBCM convention app)

**7:30am – Morning Clinics (concurrent)**

B.C.'s Economic Plan: A Plan for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow Room - *Fitzsimmons Room, WCC*

BC Public Libraries: To Infinity and Beyond – *Garibaldi Room B, WCC*

Development of B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector – *Rainbow Theatre, WCC*

Local Grown Solutions to Homelessness and Addiction – *Harmony Room, WCC*

Strengthening Responsible Conduct – *Garibaldi Room A, WCC*

**1:30pm - Plenary Session**

**PANEL: Re-envisioning Health Care in BC-** *Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC*

**Presenters:**

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister, Ministry of Health

Gaby Wickstrom, Mayor, Town of Port McNeill

Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater

(more)

Pete Fry, Councillor, City of Vancouver

Troy Clifford, President, Ambulance Paramedics and Emergency Dispatchers of BC

George Abbott, President, Circle Square Solutions Inc.

Dr. Kerry Jang, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia

Dr. Ray Markham, Rural Family Physician

BC communities and their residents are experiencing unprecedented challenges with the health care system, which includes the closure of emergency rooms, long wait times for surgery, difficulties in finding a family physician, problems with the recruitment and retention of health care professionals, and inconsistent access to ambulance service. This session will explore how these issues are affecting communities in all areas of the province, and in both urban and rural contexts; and discuss ideas for transforming the health care system in B.C.

**3:30pm - Provincial Policy Sessions (concurrent)** – see [program](#) for full details

CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program – *Rainbow Theatre, WCC*

Connectivity Readiness for Communities – *Garibaldi Room, WCC*

Developing an Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia – *Harmony Room, WCC*

Reimagining Tourism in B.C. - *Fitzsimmons Room, WCC*

## **LATER IN THE WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Sonia Furstenau**, leader, BC Green Party

**Resolutions session #1**

**Hon. Nathan Cullen**, minister of municipal affairs

**Provincial Cabinet Town Halls**

### **THURSDAY**

**Kevin Falcon**, leader of the official opposition

**Resolutions session #2**

**Afternoon workshops**

### **FRIDAY**

**Resolutions Session #3**

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

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