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After two years of virtual engagement, UBCM looks forward to bringing our members, government leaders and industry partners together in-person to convene in the Resort Municipality of Whistler, for the 2022 UBCM Convention. We're eager to once again gather face-to-face this fall, with this year's meeting taking place on the shared unceded territory of the Squamish Nation and Lil'wat Nation.

The 119th Annual UBCM Convention comes at an extraordinary and transformative time, as we hope to finally emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic that has impacted the livelihoods of millions of British Columbians and disrupted every local government ecosystem as we knew it.

2022 may continue to be disruptive, yet we must embrace and plan for a transitional year as we strive for recovery, whether economic, environmental or emotional. If there is one thing that the COVID era has made clear, our local governments have come to expect the unexpected, and must build resilience to be able to pivot and adapt to unforeseen change. The overall theme for this year's annual convention, "Value of One, Power of Many" centers on the avenues, areas and ways local governments can and must forge forward together to successfully align resources to deliver community needs.

Our Convention theme in 2022 was developed to drive the most relevant and timely discussions to the forefront, as UBCM gears up to return to in-person collaboration with our membership, and to work with provincial and federal governments to shape and boost recovery in our communities.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Registration, Name Badges and Session Access

Please pick up your delegate name badge upon arrival to Convention. For security and access reasons, name badges must be worn for entry to all Convention sessions. The reverse of your name badge contains admission information for events that require separate registration.

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please first pick up your delegate name badge and then visit the Delegate Services Desk in the Grand Foyer of the Whistler Conference Centre.

Please be prepared to show your name badge to be granted access.

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Thursday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Voting Cards

Voting delegates are reminded to carry their voting cards with them during all business sessions. These cards must be presented and initialled by a scrutineer before a ballot is issued, and must be shown when a vote is called for on the Convention floor.

Electronic Voting Devices

Each voting delegate will receive an Electronic Voting Device (EVD) at Registration upon pickup of their name badge. Delegates are responsible for their EVD during Convention and must bring their EVD to the resolution sessions on September 14, 15 and 16. There will be a \$60 fee plus tax for any unreturned EVDs.

Electronic Voting Devices are to be returned to:

- The UBCM Delegate Services Desk
- Designated drop-off boxes located at the entrance and exit of the plenary on Friday, September 16
- UBCM staff, who will be collecting keypads in the plenary following the final resolution session on Friday, September 16

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All Plenary Sessions

Held at the Whistler Conference Centre (WCC), Sea to Sky ballroom, unless otherwise indicated.

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For urgent or Convention-related matters, please use the on-site UBCM Convention office phone number 604.938.2375. All other matters should be directed to the permanent UBCM office number 604.270.8226, where voicemail will be checked regularly.

The on-site UBCM Convention Office is located in the Wedgemount Room of the Whistler Conference Centre.

Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

UBCM SPONSOR SHOWCASE EXHIBITS

Be sure to visit our Sponsor Showcase exhibits to network with fellow delegates and learn more about Convention sponsors. Meet with organizations specializing in the local government sector to learn about new products, solutions and effective practices, or explore potential new partnerships for your community.

Location

Grand Foyer, WCC

Hours

Tuesday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (during the Welcome Reception)

Wednesday 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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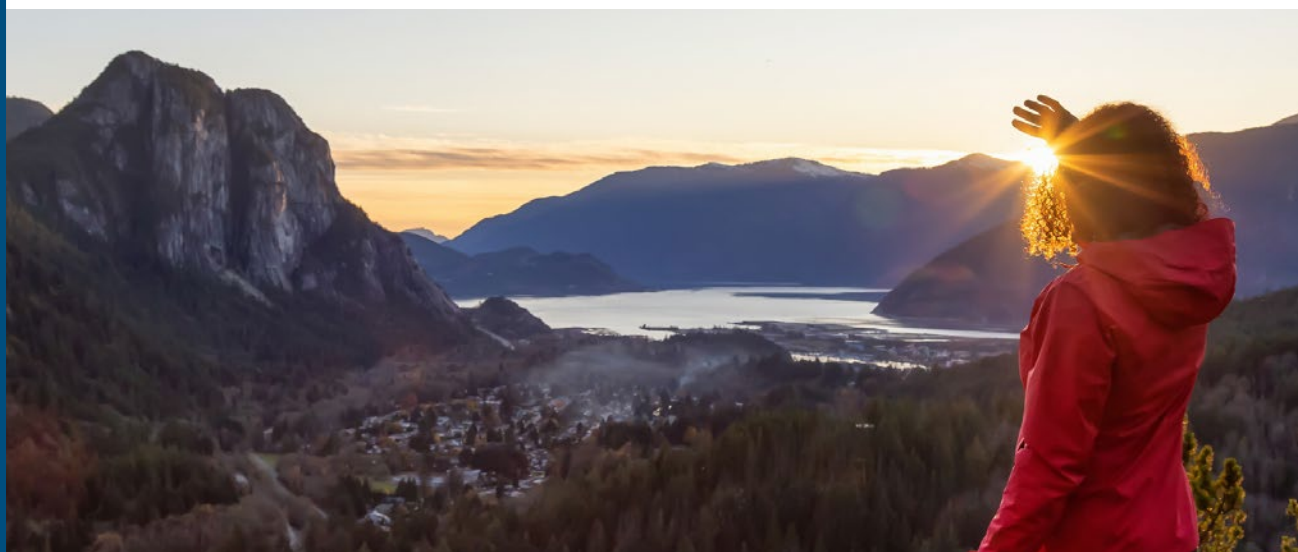
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Monday, September 12

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

8:00 AM – 4:15 PM

Agricultural Study Tour

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Study Sessions

Investigating Public Safety Reform

Housing Futures, Housing Solutions

Learnings from the Lytton Fire: Preventing Future Wildfire Disasters

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Study Sessions

Inclusive Local Governance = Diverse Voices at the Table

Decriminalization and Harm Reduction:
Key Considerations for Local Governments

Reconciliation in Action

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast for Clinic Attendees

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Clinics:

Strengthening Responsible Conduct

BC Public Libraries: To Infinity and Beyond

Development of B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector

BC's Economic Plan: A Plan for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow

Local Grown Solutions to Homelessness and Addiction

8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Forums:

Electoral Area Directors' Forum

Small Talk Forum

Mid-Sized Communities Forum

Large Urban Communities Forum

UBCM CONVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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Tuesday, September 13

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Forum Lunches:

Electoral Area Directors' Lunch

Small Talk Lunch

Mid-Sized Communities Lunch

Large Urban Communities Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Plenary Session:

Re-envisioning Health Care in BC

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Provincial Policy Sessions:

CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program

Developing an Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia

Connectivity Readiness for Communities

Reimagining Tourism in BC

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Member Orientation

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Municipal Insurance Association of BC AGM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Municipal Finance Authority of BC Semi-Annual Meeting

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

UBCM Welcome Reception

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

Clinics:

Local Government's Role in BC's Mental Health Crisis

Youth Climate Corps

Renewable Energy and Local Economic Development

Exploring Immigration Solutions for Community Economic Challenges

Advancing the TRC Calls to Action

Wednesday, September 14 (Continued)

8:30 AM

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION

O Canada

Welcome from the Lil'wat and Squamish Nations

Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Community (Resort Municipality of Whistler)

Address by the UBCM President

9:00 AM

ANNUAL MEETING

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2021 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

9:20 AM

First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

9:25 AM – 10:25 AM

Keynote Address: Althia Raj

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM

Address by the Leader of the Green Party

10:40 AM – 11:55 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM

Nominations from the Floor for Table Officer Positions

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Area Association Lunches:

AKBLG Lunch

AVICC Lunch

LMLGA Lunch

NCLGA Lunch

SILGA Lunch

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Address by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Candidate speeches (as necessary)

2:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Election of Table Officers (opens as necessary)

UBCM CONVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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Wednesday, September 14 (Continued)

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Cabinet Town Halls:

Housing

Emergency Preparedness

Stronger Public Services

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Presentation of 2022 Energy & Climate Action Awards

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

BC Government Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Paper Excellence of Canada Reception

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Canadian Union of Public Employees British Columbia Reception

Thursday, September 15

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:30 PM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

Clinics:

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Archaeological Resources Management and Available Tools

Airports – Critical Socio-Economic Drivers for Communities

The Predicting and Alerting for Coastal Flooding Project

Food Systems. Climate Action. Local Government

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Election of Table Officers

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions

8:35 AM – 8:55 AM

Address by the Leader of the Opposition

8:55 AM – 11:30 AM

Resolutions Session Continues

11:30 AM – 11:35 AM

Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions

11:35 AM – 12:00 PM

Candidate Speeches

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Delegates' Lunch

Presentation of Long-Service Awards

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Election of Remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)

Thursday, September 15 (Continued)

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Workshops:

Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency
– Update on the UBCM / Province MOU

Modernizing B.C.'s Emergency Management Legislation

Community Child Care Creation in BC

Role of Local Governments in Supporting Seniors

Lessons from an Atmospheric River: Insights for Local Governments

6:30 PM

UBCM Reception

7:30 PM

UBCM Annual Banquet

Presentation of Life Memberships

Friday, September 16

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' **Buffet** Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Election of Remaining Executive Positions (as necessary)

8:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline

Resolutions Session Continues

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Installation of President Elect

Port of Vancouver Alaska Cruise Prize Draw*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Address by the Premier

12:00 PM

Adjourn

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DELEGATE SERVICES

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Lidstone & Company Law Corporation is pleased to provide UBCM delegates with complimentary photocopying services during Convention week located in the Grand Foyer, Whistler Conference Centre.

Monday	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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Wi-Fi, Delegates' Lounge, and Charging Station

Complimentary Wi-Fi service is available throughout the Whistler Conference Centre, Hilton Hotel meeting space, and the Westin Hotel meeting space during Convention week.

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To download the Event App, search **UBCM 2022** on your (Apple or Google Play) app store. While this year's Event App has been designed for optimal viewing on mobile devices, if you are using a laptop you can also access the App's content through your web browser <https://eventmobi.com/ubcm2022/>

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Complimentary business card laminating service is available for delegates, courtesy of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association.

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Monday to Wednesday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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You're invited to test drive a variety of battery electric and plug-in electric vehicles. Sign up at the CleanBC Go Electric table Thursday morning to reserve your driving time, and to find out about EV programs and available rebates.

The CleanBC Go Electric table will be located in the **New Car Dealers Association** exhibit in the WCC, Grand Foyer from 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM and from 12:30 PM onwards outside of the Whistler Conference Centre's north side entrance, adjacent to the parking lot..

Thursday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Premier and Cabinet Minister Meetings

For local government and UBCM First Nation member elected officials or senior staff who wish to request a meeting with provincial government staff at Convention, visit the Provincial Appointment Desk at the locations listed below.

Monday

Grand Foyer, Whistler Conference Centre
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Lobby, Cheakamus Room, Hilton Hotel
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Premier and Cabinet Ministers Meetings

For meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers, including Minister Cullen, please check your meeting confirmation for room location.

BREAKFASTS

Tuesday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast for Clinic Attendees
Valley Foyer, WCC
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Wednesday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast
Grand & Valley Foyers, WCC
Sponsored by PwC Canada

Thursday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Continental Breakfast
Grand & Valley Foyers, WCC
Sponsored by Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Friday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Full Buffet Breakfast
Grand Foyer, WCC
Sponsored by BC Dairy & BC's supply managed commodities supporting communities with high quality poultry, egg, and dairy

NETWORKING EVENTS

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Monday, September 12

Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Valley Foyer, WCC

Tuesday, September 13

Forum Lunches

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Electoral Area Directors
Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel
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Small Talk
Sea to Sky Ballroom B&C, WCC
Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Mid-Sized Communities
Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel
Sponsored by BC Council of Forest Industries

Large Urban Communities
Garibaldi Room, WCC
Sponsored by TELUS

UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

**Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority of BC (Gold), Urban Systems (Gold),
and Joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (Silver)**

UBCM Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky Ballroom B&C, WCC

Wednesday, September 14

Area Association Lunches

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

AKBLG	Garibaldi Room, WCC
AVICC	Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel
LMLGA	Emerald Ballroom A, Westin Hotel
NCLGA	Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel
SILGA	Emerald Ballroom B, Westin Hotel

Wednesday, September 14 (Continued)

BC Government Reception

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel

Paper Excellence Canada Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

Canadian Union of Public Employees British Columbia Reception

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC

Thursday, September 15

Delegates' Lunch

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel

Sponsored by ICBC

UBCM Reception

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Grand Foyer, WCC

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UBCM Annual Banquet

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC

Sponsored by FortisBC (Platinum), Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (Gold), Coastal GasLink (Silver), and BC Recycles with the Stewardship Agencies of BC (Bronze)

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Annual Banquet

Platinum	FortisBC
Gold	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)
Silver	Coastal GasLink
Bronze	BC Recycles with the Stewardship Agencies of BC

Annual Banquet – Entertainment

IBM Canada

Annual Banquet – Wine

Simpcw Resources Group

Banquet Reception

FortisBC

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Gold	Urban Systems
Silver	Joint Provincial – UBCM Green Communities Committee

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Friday Buffet Breakfast

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MONDAY PRE-CONVENTION

Agricultural Study Tour

8:00 AM – 4:15 PM

Location: Whistler Way Loading Zone, Whistler Conference Centre

Details: Join the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food on a tour of the Squamish Valley to showcase a broad and diverse range of farm operations that help support the resiliency of the agricultural industry in the sea-to-sky corridor. By visiting several agricultural operations, you'll discover the opportunities and challenges related to planning for agriculture in the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, where increased development, limited commercial transportation options and high land prices have put pressure on farmers and farm operations. You'll hear about the intensification of agriculture and learn about logistical challenges and the way this is shaping the farming industry in the sea-to-sky corridor.

The tour will showcase traditional forms of agriculture such as soil-based vegetable production and raising livestock as well as highlight the changing face of agriculture in BC by including more contemporary types of farming operations. Stops at each farm will include a tour of the operation and the opportunity to connect with the farmers to gain a better understanding about their operation as well as more general information about the industry. Tour stops could include:

- A vertical farm that produces a variety of leafy greens;
- A livestock operation that finishes beef, lamb, pork and chicken;
- A bio-dynamic farm that showcases a diversity of crops and livestock; and
- A recently formed community farm focused on addressing food security in the region.

Breakfast is not included but lunch that highlights products grown in the sea-to-sky corridor will be provided and there may be an opportunity to purchase local farm products. Please dress for the weather and wear farm-appropriate footwear. Partners/spouses are welcome but must formally register for the tour as there is a fixed limit to the number of people that can attend.

Housing Futures, Housing Solutions

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby

Craig Hodge, Metro Vancouver / GVRD Representative, UBCM

Toni Boot, Mayor, District of Summerland

Ed Mayne, Mayor, City of Parksville

Chris Gardner, President, Independent Contractors and Businesses Association

Noha Sedky, Principal, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.

James Munro, Director of Real Estate and Development, Greater Victoria Housing Society

Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association

Marc Lee, Senior Economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Margaret Eberle, Principal, Eberle Planning and Research

Details: The continuing crisis in housing affordability threatens the foundations of local economies, the strength of community connections and the health of British Columbians, and is a matter of significant, ongoing concern for local governments across the Province. It also remains a hugely challenging issue involving many parties, each facing significant barriers, challenges and opportunities that might be addressed to advance affordability. This session will explore the critical housing issues facing communities and point towards effective solutions.

Investigating Public Safety Reform

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room: Garibaldi Room, WCC

Presenters:

Doug Routley, MLA & Chair, Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, Nanaimo-North Cowichan

Dan Davies, MLA & Deputy Chair, Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act, Peace River North

Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, Surrey-Green Timbers

Craig Hodge, Metro/GVRD Representative, UBCM

Wayne Rideout, ADM & Director of Police Services, PSSG

Dwayne McDonald, Commanding Officer, B.C. RCMP

Details: Policing is the most expensive budget item for many local governments, with costs increasing at an unsustainable rate. In addition to financial concerns, there are growing calls for police reform, which have only increased following the events of 2020. That same year, the Province announced a review of the Police Act, appointing a Special Committee to consider matters such as complex social issues, systemic racism and broader public safety modernization. This session will examine public safety reform in B.C., including the work of the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable, a committee tasked with analyzing the Special Committee's recommendations and other related issues.

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MONDAY PRE-CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

Learnings from the Lytton Fire: Preventing Future Wildfire Disasters

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Dr. Jack Cohen, Research Scientist (Retired), US Forest Service

Alan Westhaver, Consultant/Researcher, ForestWise Environmental Consulting Ltd.

Kelsey Winter, FireSmart Program Lead, BC Wildfire Service

Tom Hansen, Emergency Program Coordinator, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Terry Balan, Protective Services Supervisor, Regional District of East Kootenay

Ted Ruiter, Director of Fire and Emergency Services, District of Sooke

Details: Dr. Jack Cohen and Alan Westhaver, leading researchers in the field of wildfire-urban disasters, will present on post-fire examinations and recommendations. The presentation will discuss their analysis and findings from the wildland-urban fire that devastated Lytton in the summer of 2021. This session will include descriptions of the fire in the Lytton communities, how the communities ignited and burned, and the science-based ignition resistance opportunities for preventing WU fire disasters. Following this, a panel of local government representatives will discuss how to make recommendations from the reports a reality in supporting more FireSmart communities.

Decriminalization and Harm Reduction: Key Considerations for Local Governments

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Ally Butler, Executive Director, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Chris Van Veen, Senior Director, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Mike Serr, Chief Constable, Abbotsford Police Department

MaryClare Zak, Managing Director of Social Policy, City of Vancouver

Brad Davie, Assistant Deputy Chief, Fire and Rescue Services, City of New Westminster

Mark Lysyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health

John Stark, Supervisor, Community Planning, City of New Westminster

Maggie Hathaway, Councillor, City of Powell River

Sarah Potts, Councillor, City of Victoria

Noah Chalifoux, Project Coordinator, Municipal Harm Reduction, Community Action Initiative

Details: This session will address both decriminalization and harm reduction. On decriminalization, attendees will learn about the Health Canada exemption, which will allow adults in B.C. to possess a small amount of certain illicit substances for personal use, without being at risk for criminal charges for simple possession or having their substances confiscated. Presenters will also address the public use of illicit substances and concerns regarding public safety. For the harm reduction portion of the session, presenters will explore the role of local governments, how local governments have overcome challenges, and highlight positive examples in BC.

Inclusive Local Governance = Diverse Voices at the Table

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Room: Garibaldi Room, WCC

Presenters:

Grace Lore, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, Province of BC

Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Stephanie Hoey, Project Manager, Canadian Women in Local Leadership, FCM

Casda Thomas, Councillor, Town of Smithers

Lani Gibson, Councillor, District of Kitimat

Kathy Moore, Mayor, City of Rossland

Kayla Mitchell, Councillor, Witsset First Nation

Details: Does your council/board reflect the diverse voices within your community? What actions are being taken, and by whom, to encourage under-represented groups to run for local elected office? How can local governments support governance that is inclusive and representative of the constituents you serve?

Focus will be on actions local governments can take to increase underrepresented groups' participation around the governance table, including but not limited to: women; BIPOC; 2SLGBTQIA+ and youth. Delegates will learn about funding programs, initiatives, and success stories that can assist BC communities in fostering local governance that is more inclusive.

This session will build on the 2019 UBCM workshop Toward Parity: Breaking Down Barriers, Building Momentum that highlighted work by FCM, the Province and local governments to remove barriers and support women leaders to run, win, and stay in elected office. Thanks to our partners at FCM, an informal networking reception will take place following the session presentations.

Reconciliation in Action

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Dianna Porter, Senior Program Analyst, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association

Tom McCarthy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Kristen Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services, Capital Regional District

Linda Glenday, CAO, District of Squamish

Jessie Williams, Director of Business Development and Communications, New Relationship Trust

Details: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and Federal and Provincial legislation to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have brought the need for meaningful action on reconciliation into increasingly sharp focus. This session will explore how local governments can advance their journey towards reconciliation, through concrete examples of reconciliation in action, updates on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and more.

Electoral Area Directors' Meet and Greet

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Room: Valley Foyer, WCC

TUESDAY PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM CLINICS

B.C.'s Economic Plan: A Plan for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow

Room: Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

Local Government Representatives

Details: Join Minister Ravi Kahlon and leading local government representatives as they discuss the many ways communities across British Columbia are taking the lead in making StrongerBC, the Province's economic plan, a reality in their communities. StrongerBC was released in February 2022 as a long term vision for economic growth that addresses the core issues of inequality and climate change. Local governments are the front line in the fight to address climate change and the first in line to feel the effects of inequality, racism and economic uncertainty. Hear from three local governments about the ways they are tackling these issues of our time, and the solutions the provincial government is developing to make the solutions a part of our province's long term economic growth.

BC Public Libraries: To Infinity and Beyond

Room: Garibaldi Room B, WCC

Presenters:

Kevin Millsip, Executive Director, BC Libraries Co-op

Jerrilyn (Schembri) Kirk, Executive Director, BC Library Trustees Association

Rina Hadziev, Executive Director, BC Library Association

Leigh Anne Palmer, Executive Director, Association of BC Public Library Directors

Details: Infinity often seems like an impossibility, just an illusion. Recognizing the illusion and changing the perspective, takes the work of many. The past 2 years have demonstrated the importance of having a social safety net to support our most vulnerable populations and to keep our businesses and communities thriving. Public libraries are a key component of our community social safety network.

In addition to 10 years of frozen annual provincial funding to public libraries in BC, the intense demands stemming from the pandemic have driven public libraries to seek out creative sustainability solutions. Imagine what would be possible if all 71 public libraries across British Columbia received additional funding to help support their communities where they need it most? "To Infinity and Beyond" will paint a picture of sustainable libraries!

Development of B.C.'s Hydrogen Sector

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Ester Di Maio da Cunha, Policy Analyst, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Rebecca Luedtke, Policy Analyst, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

David McKay, Policy Analyst, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Details: In July 2021, the B.C. Hydrogen Strategy was released to outline government's actions on the development of B.C.'s hydrogen economy. Hydrogen can play a key role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions across sectors such as transportation and industry, or replacing diesel used for electricity generation in Indigenous and remote communities. This clinic intends to cover: First, an overview of Hydrogen Strategies' four main near-term priorities (hub development, carbon intensity threshold, carbon capture storage atlas, and hydrogen regulatory mapping). Second, B.C. Hydrogen Office's role for hydrogen projects. Third, Centre for Innovation and Clean Energy's partnership with the Ministry. Finally, an overview of the Ministry's hydrogen station network planning and related CleanBC Go Electric Programs. The Ministry looks forward to hosting this clinic to explain hydrogen's role and its support in B.C.

Local Grown Solutions to Homelessness and Addiction

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Lisa Helps, Mayor, City of Victoria

Shari Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni

Michelle Staples, Mayor, City of Duncan

Details: Join three Mayors leading the way finding creative options to house people in their communities. Under the guidance of peers, working together with local leaders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous service organizations, health authorities and community to meet people where they are, providing shelter, wrapping them in support, creating connection and stability with onsite supports, services, and strong community integration. These mayors will provide stats, stories and inspiration on the positive transformations happening in and around these tiny home villages.

Hear from 3 diverse regions, their journeys to success in housing those deemed "hard to house" and how these models can be replicated in communities of any size and offer an immediate response to address the concurrent crisis we are facing.

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM CLINICS (CONTINUED)

Strengthening Responsible Conduct

Room: Garibaldi A, WCC

Speakers:

Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM

Michelle Dann, Executive Director: Governance and Structure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Karen Elliott, Mayor, District of Squamish

Linda Glenday, CAO, District of Squamish

Details: In recent years local governments have increasingly called for resources to support responsible conduct by elected officials. This session will provide updates on legislative changes in response to a 2021 UBCM resolution, and highlight a new educational resource from the Working Group on Responsible Conduct that will provide new supports for Councils and Boards. In addition to a scan on the scope of integrity commissioner offices in other provincial jurisdictions, clinic participants will also hear from the District of Squamish on their approach to responsible conduct including the process followed for developing a Code of Conduct that is integrated with its remuneration bylaw.

8:45 AM - 1:15 PM FORUMS & LUNCHES

Forums

8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Electoral Area Directors

Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Small Talk

Sea to Sky Ballroom A, WCC

Mid-Sized Communities

Emerald Ballroom AB, Westin Hotel

Large Urban Communities

Harmony Room, WCC

Forum Lunches

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Electoral Area Directors

Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

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Small Talk

Sea to Sky Ballroom B & C, WCC

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Mid-Sized Communities

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1:30 PM - 3:15 PM PLENARY

Re-envisioning Health Care in BC

1:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Room: Sea to Sky Ballroom A, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister, Ministry of Health

Gaby Wickstrom, Mayor, Town of Port McNeill

Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater

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

Details: 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 BC.



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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM PROVINCIAL POLICY SESSIONS

CleanBC Local Government Climate Action Program

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Ben Finkelstein, Director - Partnerships, Climate Action Secretariat

Kenneth Porter, Manager - Communities, Climate Action Secretariat

Lee Johnson, Manager - Climate Infrastructure, Climate Action Secretariat

Jessica Brooks, Executive Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Tina Neale, Director - Climate Risk Management, Climate Action Secretariat

Toni Boot, Mayor, District of Summerland

Jeremy Hewitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Action Secretariat

Details: Local governments have an important role in meeting the Province's legislated climate targets and are at the forefront of mitigation, adaptation and resilience measures. This session will consist of presentations from the Province and an opportunity for small group discussion including:

- Jeremy Hewitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Action Secretariat – overview of the CleanBC, Local Government Climate Action program (LG-CAP) and Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (CPAS).
- Mayor Toni Boot, District of Summerland & Member of BC's Climate Solutions Council – response to the Province
- Climate Action Secretariat staff leading small group discussions on:
 - an overview of the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (CPAS) including updates on EMBC funding for hazard mitigation;
 - updates on climate infrastructure and climate lens application;
 - updates on the work that supports the third commitment of the Climate Action Charter, the creation of complete, compact and energy efficient communities; and
 - Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) and efficiency-first model



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3:30 PM - 5:00 PM PROVINCIAL POLICY SESSIONS

Connectivity Readiness for Communities

Room: Garibaldi Room, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services

Jeanne Holliss, Executive Director, Connected Communities, Ministry of Citizens' Services

Howard Randell, Special Advisor, Connectivity Division, Ministry of Citizens' Services

Ben Bejaj, Senior Strategy Manager, TELUS

Kiersten Enemark, Government Relations Director, Shaw Communications

Paul McLean, Tough Country Communications

Mark Tatchell, CAO, Village of Tahsis

Details: The Province is partnering with the federal government to invest \$830M to support the expansion of high-speed internet services to underserved rural communities in B.C.

To achieve the goal of connecting all households by 2027 and build the complex infrastructure required in remote and challenging areas of the province, all levels of government and industry will need to work together.

This panel session will focus on what steps you can take to prepare your support for connectivity infrastructure projects and how you might remove any barriers that would cause delays. Hear directly from service providers on what steps you can take to effectively work together, and practical solutions that can help align your connectivity goals and achieve greater results for your community.

Developing an Old Growth Strategy for British Columbia

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Julie MacDougall, Executive Director, Ministry of Forests

Vera Sit, Executive Director, Ministry of Forests

Eamon O'Donoghue, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests

Brian Bawtinheimer, Executive Director, Provincial Resource Stewardship Strategies & Planning, Ministry of Land, Water, and Resource Stewardship

Details: The government announced that they would accept all of the 14 recommendations from the Old Growth Strategic Review during their election campaign in 2020. Since that time government has also announced the deferrals of harvesting in many areas across the province, which is the focus of one of the recommendations. This session will provide an update on the deferrals as well as the process and status of moving forward on all 14 of the recommendations. As noted in recommendation # 4 "Adopt a more inclusive and stable governance model that gives local communities and stakeholders a greater role in forest management decisions that affect them." It is critical that we engage communities in the dialogue around old growth management.

Reimagining Tourism in BC

Room: Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

Presenters:

Amber Mattock, Senior Director, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Valerie Darkke, Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Nick Grant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism Sector Strategy Division, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport

Rhonda Schell, Community Services Manager / Chief Election Officer, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Jon Wilsford, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Golden

Derek Edstrom, Divisional Director, Partnerships & Investments, City of Kelowna

Clint Abbott, Contractor, Province of BC

Liz Fenje, Contractor, Province of BC

Details: Tourism trends and traveller behaviours have changed over the years. These changes, coupled with recent weather events and the pandemic, have created a desire among industry leaders and the Province to reimagine what B.C.'s visitor economy can look like.

A well-managed tourism system can bring many benefits to communities, where residents and visitors exist in harmony. To realize this vision, governments must ensure systems are aligned with residents' values - protecting the environment, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and creating sustainable economic opportunities.

This session is an opportunity for local governments to share perspectives on the future of tourism in B.C. – what mechanisms and structures are working well, what tax-payers and residents desire from their visitor economy and how stakeholders can better align their efforts towards a sustainable, resilient, and innovative tourism industry in communities across the province for generations to come.

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Member Orientation

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: Emerald Ballroom A/B, Westin Hotel

Municipal Insurance Association of BC AGM

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: Emerald Ballroom A/B, Westin Hotel

Municipal Finance Authority of BC Semi-Annual Meeting

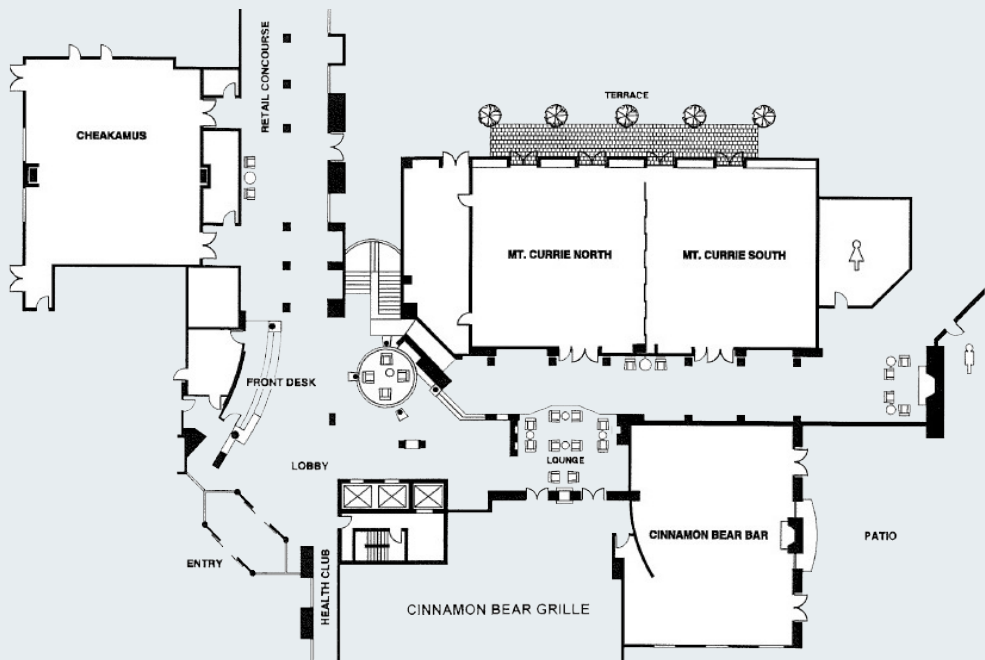
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Room: Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel

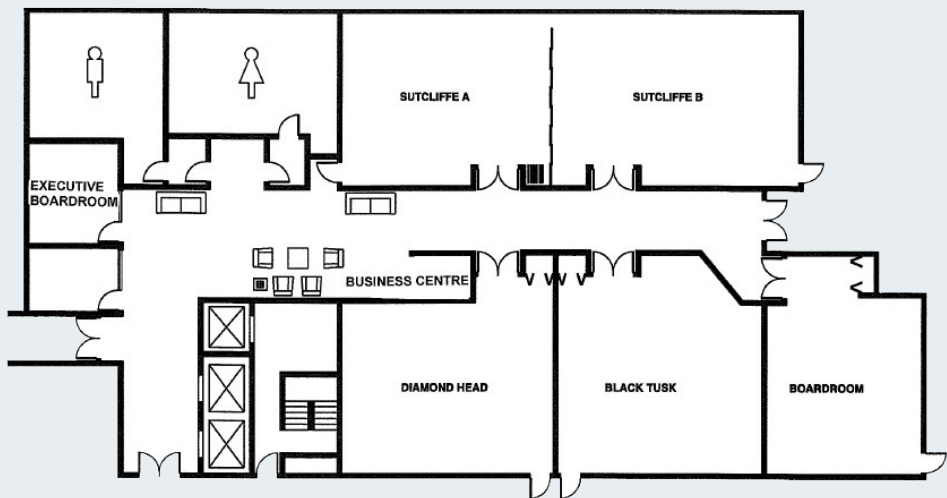
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- 4. EMERALD FOYER

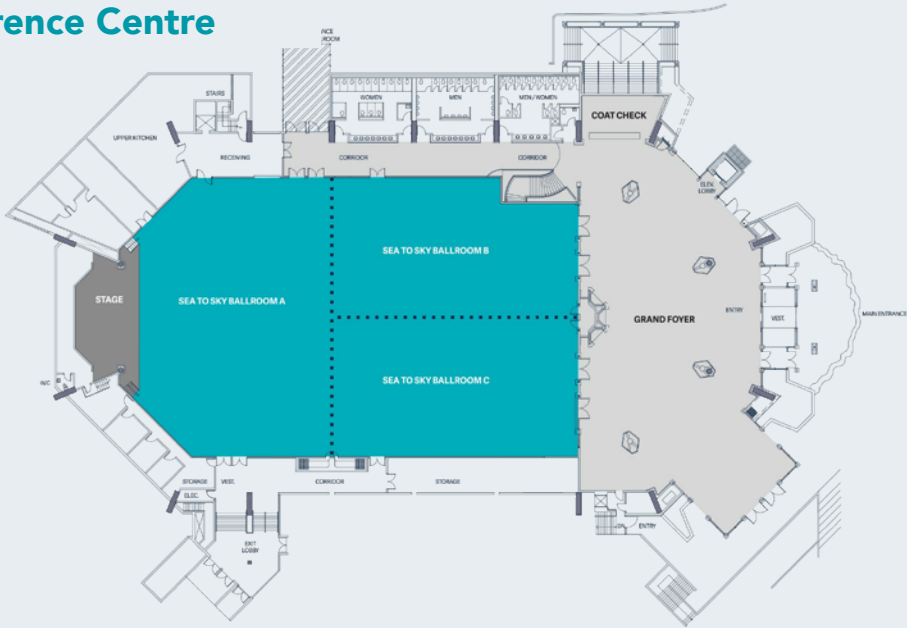
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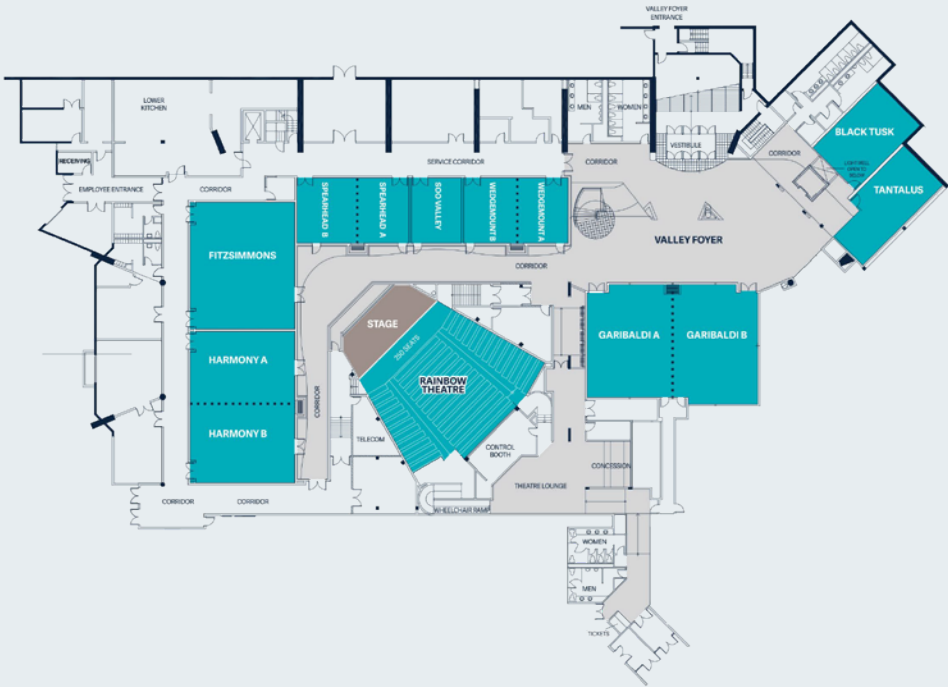
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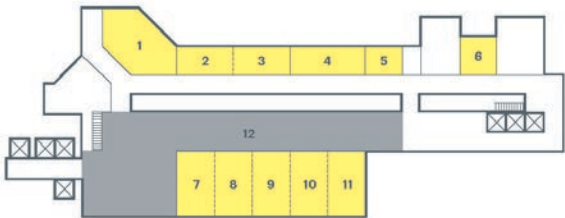
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TUESDAY PRE-CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Room: Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

Details: The Community Excellence Awards recognize and celebrate UBCM members that have implemented projects and programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government in BC. The awards are designed to profile promising practices and to create successful pathways and incentives for others to follow. Delegates are invited to come to enjoy refreshments and congratulate the award winners.

The categories are:

- Excellence in Governance
- Excellence in Service Delivery
- Excellence in Asset Management
- Excellence in Sustainability

There will be a special award for the winner of the:

- Presidents Committee Choice

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UBCM Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Room: Grand Foyer, Sea to Sky B / C, WCC



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WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM CLINICS

Advancing the TRC Calls to Action

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Clara Prager, Action Research Lead, Women Transforming Cities
Ash Peplow Ball, Executive Director, Women Transforming Cities
Barclay Pitkethly, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, City of Mission
Janet Wark, Councillor, District of Chetwynd

Details: “We want to progress the Calls to Action, we just don’t know where to start”. This was a common response Women Transforming Cities heard in our province-wide research into the progress local governments are making towards implementing the Truth & Reconciliation Commission’s (TRC) Calls to Action.

This clinic will equip local governments of all sizes to make tangible progress on the Calls to Action (C2A). We’ll explore:

- What the C2A are and how they were developed.
- Which C2A are most applicable to municipalities.
- Examples of implementation from across the province.
- Common challenges that arise and tools to address them.

Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of their role in implementing the C2A and next steps they can take back to their communities. The clinic is relevant for elected officials and staff.

Exploring Immigration Solutions for Community Economic Challenges

Room: Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

Presenters:

Deb Zehr, Executive Director, Immigration Programs Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Rose Klukas, Economic Development Manager, City of Campbell River
Diane Naugler, Director of Future Students and Community Engagement, North Island College
Audra Fediurek, Vice-President, HR Strategy and Services, Health Employers Association of BC

Details: Learn from a panel of speakers who will share their experiences with an immigration initiative or program:

Hear how communities in the regions have been able to attract entrepreneurs to establish new businesses and help to grow priority sectors.

Listen to how a Health Authority is using immigration as a tool to recruit international candidates.

Learn how a regional college is helping to attract and retain international students in a small community.

Join the discussion about how we can increase collaborations across all government partners, economic development leaders, non-government organizations, and industry associations to attract, welcome and support new immigrants and leverage their much needed skills and expertise to benefit all regions of the province.

Local Government's Role in BC's Mental Health Crisis

Room: Garibaldi A, WCC

Presenters:

Richard Stewart, Mayor, City of Coquitlam

Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor, Province of British Columbia

Details: BC's mental health crisis is evident in communities throughout the province. While federal and provincial governments fund and manage public healthcare, local governments are on the front lines dealing with issues of public safety, addiction and homelessness that often result from a lack of mental health supports. In this session, Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart and other local government leaders will be joined by the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, to discuss and seek input from session participants on a new initiative to leverage the perspectives and resources of local governments to effect change on mental health. A representative of the Canadian Mental Health Association – BC Division will provide an update on the most pressing mental health priorities and response strategies in the non-profit sector.

Renewable Energy and Local Economic Development

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Laureen Whyte, Executive Director, Clean Energy Association of British Columbia

Christina Hoicka, Canada Research Chair in Urban Planning for Climate Change and Associate Professor in Geography and Civil Engineering, University of Victoria

Details: Achieving a 'just transition' to a zero-emission economy, in which the social, economic, and environmental benefits of the shift to renewable energy can be realized, relies upon the agency, leadership and stewardship of local government and First Nation communities. This session will explore the following considerations:

- What are the pathways for community-controlled energy that help address the challenges of meeting future energy needs, reducing carbon emissions and ensuring a just transition?
- What are the socio-economic and environmental benefits of different electricity supply options to First Nation and local government communities?
- What community- and regional-level resources can be leveraged for decision-making and building institutional capacity?
- How does local economic development strategy inform public policy and increase market opportunities for clean growth and recovery? Can we better inform and improve decisions?
- What are the barriers?

Youth Climate Corps

Room: Garibaldi B, WCC

Presenters:

Ben Simoni, Executive Director, Youth Climate Corps

Toni Mendel, Outreach Coordinator, Youth Climate Corps

Details: Youth Climate Corps (YCC) is an innovative program that tackles workforce readiness, youth civic engagement, climate action, and community resilience. YCC focuses on designing and implementing community-led climate action projects that provide young people (aged 17- 30) with four to six months of meaningful work and training while paying a living wage. YCC prepares youth for a low-carbon career while increasing local climate leadership capacity and providing dignified, meaningful jobs to local and non-local youth. YCC works with local governments, funders, organizations and Indigenous rights holders to complete climate action projects prioritized by the community while seeing co-benefits of youth engagement, leadership training, youth retention and attracting talented youth to communities. Past and current projects include energy retrofits, wildfire mitigation, stream enhancement, city climate ambassadors, nature-based solutions, and food security. Youth are key stakeholders in the future of our communities, and YCC engages young people substantially and equitably.

8:30 AM – 10:40 AM

Convention Opening Session

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Room: Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC

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Welcome from Lil'wat and Squamish Nations

Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Community (Resort Municipality of Whistler)

Address by the UBCM President

Annual Meeting

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2021 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

9:20 AM – 9:25 AM

First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

Keynote Address: Althia Raj



9:25 AM – 10:25 AM

Althia Raj is a national columnist with the Toronto Star, the host/producer of the bi-monthly podcast, It's Political, and a regular weekly panellist on CBC's At Issue panel.

Before joining the Toronto Star, Raj served as HuffPost Canada's senior editorial manager and Ottawa bureau chief for a decade. She set up the Ottawa bureau and later ran its bilingual newsroom, overseeing its political coverage of Parliament Hill and the National Assembly in Quebec City. In 2017, Raj launched Follow-Up, a politics podcast that she hosted and produced.

Raj was a co-moderator of the 2022 Ontario election and 2019 federal election debates. She also organized and moderated the federal NDP leaders debate in 2017 and the Ontario PC leadership debate in 2018.

Since 2015, Raj has been ranked in The Hill Times list of the top 100 most influential people in Canadian politics. She has won several digital media awards for her multi-media election coverage in both English and French. In 2022, Raj was awarded the National Newspaper Awards' John Wesley Dafoe Award for Politics for her work covering the Liberal's 2021 election campaign and the internal dynamics of the Conservative caucus, which led to Erin O'Toole's removal as leader.

Prior to joining HuffPost, Raj was a national political reporter for Postmedia News and an Ottawa bureau reporter for QMI/Sun Media. She also worked as a network producer for CTV and as an associate producer for the CBC Radio program, The House.

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Address by the Leader of the Green Party

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM

Address by Sonia Furstenau

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10:40 AM – 2:45 PM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

10:40 AM – 11:55 AM

Nominations from the Floor for Table Officer Positions

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM

Area Association Lunches

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

AKBLG	Garibaldi Room, WCC
AVICC	Mount Currie Ballroom, Hilton Hotel
LMLGA	Emerald Ballroom A, Westin Hotel
NCLGA	Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel
SILGA	Emerald Ballroom C, Westin Hotel

Address by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Address by the Honourable Nathan Cullen

Candidate Speeches

As necessary

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Election of Table Officers

As necessary

2:45 PM – 5:00 PM

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

PROVINCIAL CABINET TOWN HALLS

Housing

Room: Sea to Sky A, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing

Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance

Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Emergency Preparedness

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests

Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure

Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for TransLink

Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness, Province of B.C.

Stronger Public Service

Room: Garibaldi Room, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts, and Culture

Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care

Presentation of 2022 Energy & Climate Action Awards

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

THURSDAY SESSIONS

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM CLINICS

Airports – Critical Socio-Economic Drivers for Communities

Room: Garibaldi A, WCC

Presenters:

Dave Frank, Executive Director, BC Aviation Council

Rob Beynon, Founder, Operation Economics

Walt Judas, CEO, Tourism Association of BC

Rose Klukas, Board Member, Economic Development Association of BC

Details: Airports are a community's most powerful socio-economic development infrastructure. However, maximizing this potential requires a coordinated approach between your tourism, economic development and Council initiatives.

This clinic presents the importance of airports as one of the two key infrastructures supporting this century's high-value, sustainable development plans. The key players that are required to drive your airport forward and how to pull them together are outlined. Possible governance models are examined. Finally, provincial and federal programs that are available to support your airport's efforts are described.

This clinic applies to all airport communities - gigantic to embryonic.

Archaeological Resource Management and Available Tools

Room: Garibaldi B, WCC

Presenter:

Paula Thorogood, Director, Operations, Ministry of Forests

Details: Land use in BC is more complex than ever, with increasing pressures and competing interests. The Archaeology Branch will provide an introduction to the Heritage Conservation Act, outline the permitting process, make recommendations to support Indigenous engagement, and discuss the benefits (and limitations) of provincial tools such as the Remote Access to Archaeological Data (RAAD) application, GISbased Archaeological Overview Assessments, and Multi-Assessment Permits. These tools may all contribute to enhancing local government's ability to provide good advice, make well-informed choices as developers and proponents, and support good relationships with Indigenous governments.

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Room: Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

Presenters:

Krystle tenBrink, Executive Director, Squamish Food Policy Council
Michelle Koski, Executive Director, Investment Agriculture Foundation
Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director, FarmFolk CityFolk

Details: The stresses on households and on our communities are becoming more acute with climate change. Related social, economic and political disruptions are undermining food security for all, regardless of financial resources. Local governments have limited but creative options for addressing the current and long term food needs of citizens. Water, soil fertility, transportation, zoning, and business licences are some of the means that can all be leveraged to bolster a community's food security and resilience.

Join us for this interactive session that will highlight creative actions and some unlikely partners for advancing long term solutions to our collective food security.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Jennifer Melles, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Matthew Kinch, Executive Director, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Lisa Bhopalsingh, Director, Community Development, City of Nanaimo
Kate Good, Councillor, Snuneymuxw First Nation

Details: Learn about different approaches for observing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th and the important role that local governments can play in creating opportunities for Indigenous and non- Indigenous communities to come together. This session will explore the ways in which local governments can work with Indigenous communities to co-create safe, supportive and meaningful spaces that promote dialogue and reflection on the history and legacy of the residential school system.

The Predicting and Alerting for Coastal Flooding Project

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Devon Telford, Senior Meteorologist, Meteorological Service of Canada
Matt Loney, Senior Meteorologist, Meteorological Service of Canada
Glenda Saulnier, Meteorologist, Meteorological Service of Canada

Details: This clinic targets BC coastal local governments and First Nations communities to understand requirements and vulnerabilities to better predict, prepare for, and respond to coastal flooding events. The Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) is incorporating a new ocean level forecast program out to 5 days ahead into Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) routine weather forecast services by the spring of 2024, monitored by MSC meteorologists 24-7-365. Proactive alerting and decision support will occur when critical water level thresholds are reached. The project therefore requires collaboration across jurisdictions about the elevation of infrastructure in each BC coastal community so that ECCC can provide appropriate alerts to protect life, infrastructure, and property. In addition, how would you like to receive coastal flooding alerts and the daily Coastal Flooding Risk Index?

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM PLENARY

Election of Table Officers

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Address by the Leader of the Opposition

8:35 AM – 8:55 AM

Address by Kevin Falcon

Resolutions Session Continues

8:55 AM – 11:30 AM

Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions

11:30 AM – 11:35 AM

Candidates' Speeches

11:35 AM – 12:00 PM

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Delegates' Lunch

12:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Emerald Ballroom, Westin Hotel

Entry to the UBCM Delegates' Lunch requires a ticket. If you have already paid for the Delegates' Lunch, please bring your delegate name badge for entry. To purchase tickets, please inquire regarding availability at the Delegate Services Desk.

Presentation of Long Service Awards

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2:30 PM – 4:30 PM WORKSHOPS

Community Child Care Creation in BC

Room: Garibaldi A, WCC

Presenters:

Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care, Ministry of Education and Child Care

Amanda Alexander, CEO, YMCA of Northern British Columbia

Chris Duggan, Program Manager, Child Care and Youth, City of Richmond

Sheri Brattston, Managing Director, Community Education, Burnaby School District

Gerry Thiessen, Mayor, District of Vanderhoof

Viva Swanson, NE Advisor, Leadership Development, Northern Health

Jonathan Barry, Executive Director Child Care Capital, Community and ECE Registry Services, Ministry of Education and Child Care

Michelle Kirby, Manager Partnerships and Engagement, Ministry of Education and Child Care

Details: We are at a unique moment in BC. Affordable early learning and child care is a recognized economic and social priority, and we are seeing significant funding and commitments at the federal, provincial, and local levels. Child care spaces are growing rapidly to serve families, promote child development, and bolster local economies. But no one sector can do this enormous job alone. Panellists will provide valuable information for local governments and showcase innovative, successful child care partnerships that keep employees and families in the communities where they live, work, and play. The session will discuss the Childcare BC Plan and the New Spaces Fund, inviting local governments to be involved in the creation, delivery and operation of child care.

Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency – Update on the UBCM / Province MOU

Room: Harmony Room, WCC

Presenters:

Glen Brown, General Manager, Victoria Operations, Union of BC Municipalities

Brian Bedford, Executive Director, Infrastructure & Finance Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Chad Vandermolen, A/Executive Director, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations, Ministry of Finance

Jessica Brooks, Executive Director, Planning and Land Use Policy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Details: Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency ~ Today's Recovery and Tomorrow's New Economy (the Report) was presented to and endorsed by the UBCM membership on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. On January 25, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding on Local Government Financial Resiliency (MOU) was signed by the President of UBCM and the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs.

Implementation of the MOU includes: the establishment of a Local Government Financial Review Working Group (Working Group) comprised of senior staff members; development of a Working Group Terms of Reference; and development of a 3-year work plan that addresses the 20 recommendations from the Report. This will be an interactive session that will provide a status update from the Local Government Financial Working Group and will include discussion on a number of key elements (recommendations) from the Working Group's Short-Term (6 month) Work Plan.

Modernizing B.C.'s Emergency Management Legislation

Room: Fitzsimmons Room, WCC

Presenters:

Grant Holly, Executive Lead, Policy, Legislation & Engagement, EMBC

Jesse Baltutis, Manager, Policy & Legislation, EMBC

Julia Iwama, Executive Lead, Provincial Recovery, EMBC

Quinn Yu, Executive Director, Recovery Policy & Funding, EMBC

Details: The Province is committed to introducing modernized emergency management legislation prior to the 2023 hazard season. This legislation will be informed by a broad public engagement process, including UBCM's Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee. The workshop will occur as government begins legislative drafting and its focus turns increasingly to implementation. The workshop provides an opportunity to:

- Provide an update on the legislative framework, including the lessons learned during policy co-development with Indigenous partners over 2022
- Overview some of the recent changes to Compensation & Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation (CDFAR)
- Seek input on regulatory development, including further changes to the CDFAR
- Hear from local governments about their specific needs to support implementation of modernized legislation and regulation

Role of Local Government in Supporting Seniors

Room: Garibaldi B, WCC

Presenters:

Isobel Mackenzie, BC Seniors Advocate, Office of the Seniors Advocate

Ross Hayward, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health

Kahir Lalji, Provincial Director, United Way

Bob Lapham, CAO, Capital Regional District

Details: The rising needs of seniors will put increasing pressure on local governments. This workshop will highlight how local governments can leverage their assets and work with partners at the provincial level to better support seniors aging in their own communities.

BC Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will bring 25+ years' experience in seniors care to an interactive workshop featuring provincial and local government leaders who will share their experiences in supporting seniors at the local level. The panel will discuss innovative projects that build on existing community resources to better leverage provincial investments and optimize benefits to seniors.

Lessons from an Atmospheric River: Insights for Local Governments

Room: Rainbow Theatre, WCC

Presenters:

Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford

Linda Brown, Mayor, City of Merritt

Spencer Coyne, Mayor, Town of Princeton

Jason Lum, Chair, Fraser Valley Regional District

Details: As communities across BC continue to manage the unprecedented impacts of the atmospheric river event of November 2021, local governments are seeking ways to apply lessons learned, increase preparedness, and mitigate future impacts of climate change in an uncertain world.

Join our panel of local government leaders and representatives from the provincial government and the insurance sector for a thoughtful and dynamic discussion on what was learned, next steps forward, and working together to build resilience.

6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

UBCM Reception

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Grand Foyer, WCC

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UBCM Annual Banquet

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Room: Sea to Sky Ballroom, WCC

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7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Election for Executive Positions Continued

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Resolutions Session Continued

8:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline
Resolutions Session Continues

Installation of President Elect

10:45 AM – 10:55 AM

Port of Vancouver Alaska Cruise Prize Draw*

10:55 AM – 11:00 AM

Port of Vancouver Alaska Cruise Prize Draw: Roundtrip Alaska cruise for two departing the Canada Place Cruise Ship Terminal at the Port of Vancouver.

**Only UBCM voting delegates are eligible to enter the draw for the Port of Vancouver Cruise. Voting delegates will be automatically entered. Must be present to win.*

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Address by the Premier

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Address by the Honourable John Horgan

Adjourn

12:00 PM

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Local governments that lead the way with vision, creativity and innovation were honoured at the 2021 UBCM Convention with a Community Excellence Award.

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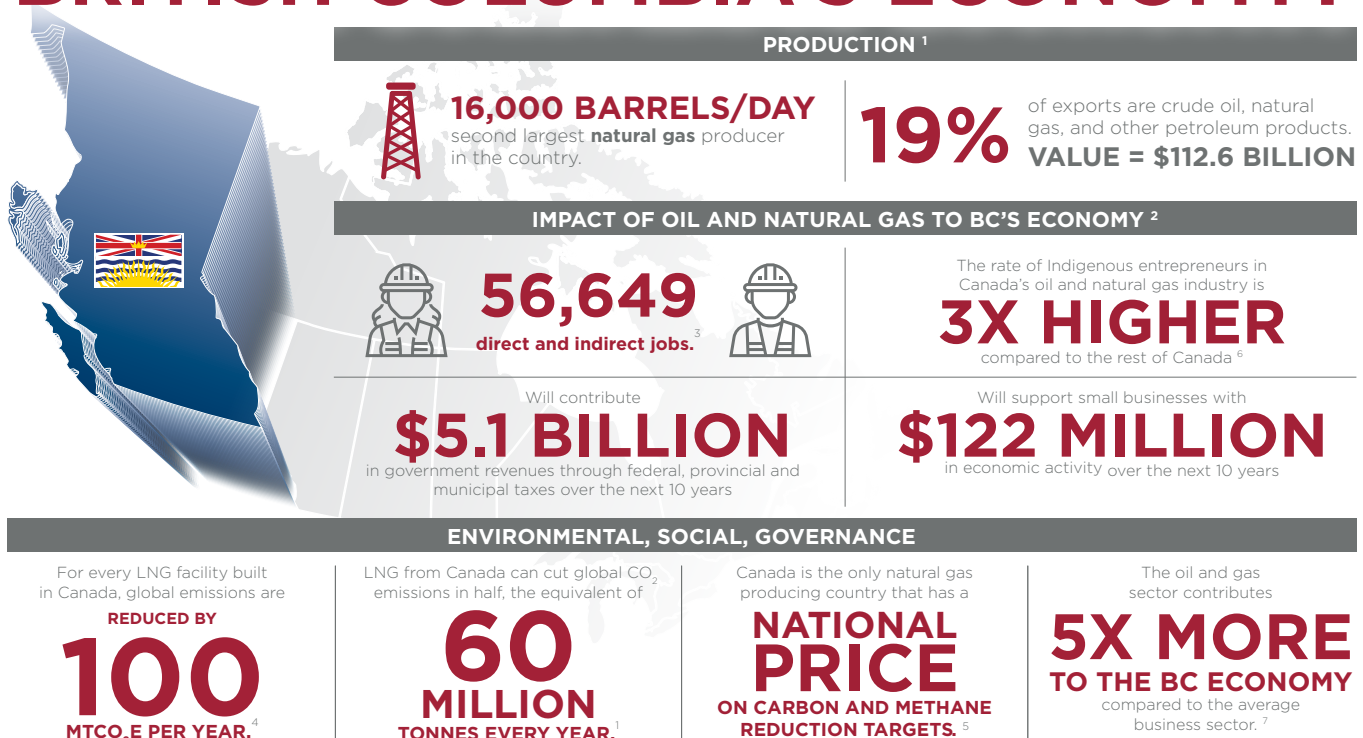


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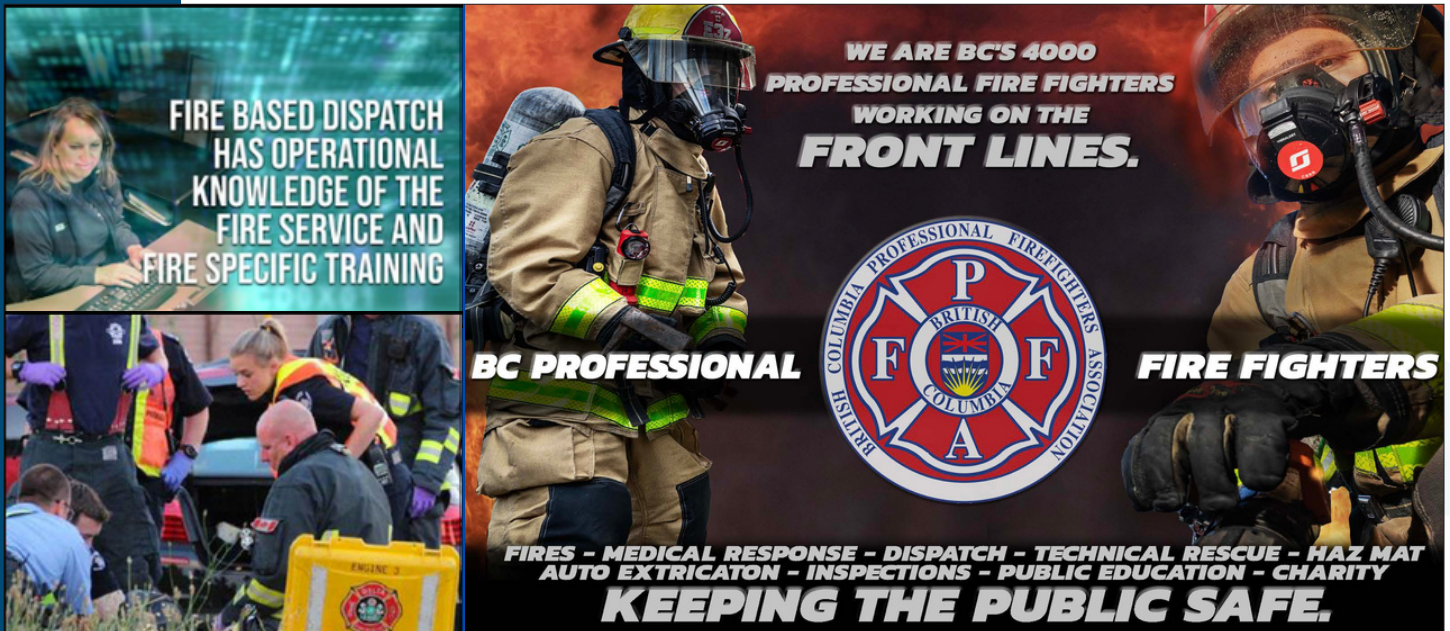


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