

UBCM 2023 BALANCING ACT

UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES ELECTS 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP AS 120TH CONVENTION ENDS

*City of Coquitlam Councillor Trish Mandewo acclaimed
new UBCM president*

Vancouver, B.C. (September 22, 2023): The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) membership has selected its Table Officers for the 2023-2024 Executive Board at the close of its annual convention, the largest gathering in its history. UBCM's Executive is made up of 22 local elected leaders from around the province.

Councillor Trish Mandewo of the City of Coquitlam has been acclaimed UBCM president and was officially installed this morning after serving the past year as first vice president.

Director Art Kaehn, Regional District of Fraser Fort George has been acclaimed first vice president.

Councillor Wesly Graham of the City of Cranbrook has been elected second vice president.

Councillor Jenna Stoner of the District of Squamish has been elected third vice president.

Councillor Jen Ford of the Resort Municipality of Whistler steps into the role of past-president.

Trish Mandewo, new UBCM president:

"B.C. communities are facing overlapping crises. Local governments have sent a clear message this week about the need for improved treatment options for substance users, more action from the federal and provincial governments on purpose-built rental housing, and stronger measures to protect communities from the increasing threat of wildfire due to climate change."

"The energy and passion of our members throughout this past week is inspiring our Executive team to strongly advocate on their behalf. If provided the powers, responsibility, and tools necessary to face these challenges, local governments will deliver."

List of at-large members elected at this year's convention is [available online](#).

Images of the new UBCM Executive Board may be downloaded from [Flickr](#) for media publication.

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ABOUT UBCM

The Union of B.C. Municipalities has been the voice of local government in British Columbia since 1905. The annual Convention provides a forum for our members to establish policy and engage with provincial leaders on matters of common concern.

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