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## UBCM 2023 BALANCING ACT

### **2023 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION - Opening Day Monday, September 18**

**Vancouver, B.C. (September 18, 2023)** – The 120<sup>th</sup> Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention begins today at the Vancouver Convention Centre and runs through Friday, September 22.

Over 2,000 registrants are expected to attend, coming together to explore opportunities to balance the priorities and craft plans that impact local communities.

### **RESOLUTIONS ON THE OPIOID CRISIS AND DECRIMINALIZATION**

UBCM's Executive has endorsed [two resolutions](#) (SR3 *Addressing BC's Toxic Drug Health Emergency* and SR4 *Decriminalization and Public Use*) addressing the opioid crisis and decriminalization that will come before delegates Wednesday morning for consideration

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION**

On arrival, please check in at the designated kiosk for media registration just past the welcome portal in the Vancouver Convention Centre entrance area. 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 2023 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**

Visit our online [Media Room](#) 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).

### **OPENING DAY AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – MONDAY**

#### **9:30am – Study Sessions (concurrent)**

- A Conversation on Decriminalization and Public Use: **Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer** – MacKenzie Room, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
- Shared Path of Reconciliation: Treaty Updates and Opportunities for Local Governments – Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

#### **10:30am**

- Implementing UNDRIP: Guidance for Local Governments – Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

#### **2:15pm – Study Sessions (concurrent)**

- Building Homes, Building Communities: **Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing** – Waterfront Ballroom, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

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- Fire Risk Reduction Initiatives and the Fire Safety Act – Room 12, VCC East

**UBCM president Jen Ford**, Whistler councillor, will preside over the convention.

## **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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