

MEDIA ADVISORY

UBCM 2023 BALANCING ACT

2023 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION – VANCOUVER, B.C.

Day 2 – Tuesday, September 19

Vancouver, B.C. (September 19, 2023) – Over 2,000 delegates are participating in the 120th Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention that continues Tuesday at the Vancouver Convention Centre (East) and runs through Friday, September 22. It is the largest convention in the history of the UBCM.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

On arrival, please check in at the designated kiosk for media registration just past the welcome portal in the Vancouver Convention Centre (East) 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](#).

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DAY 2 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – TUESDAY

7:30am – Morning Clinics (concurrent)

- Strengthening Democracy: Balancing Partisanship: former B.C. Premier **Mike Harcourt** – *Room 11, VCC East*

1:45pm – Plenary Session: Exploring the Health Impacts of Wildfires – Exhibit Hall A, VCC East

Presenters:

- **Hon. Adrian Dix, Minister of Health**
- Jen Ford, UBCM President
- Armel Castellan, Warning Preparedness Meteorologist, Meteorological Service of Canada, Environment of Climate Change Canada
- Dr. Angela Yao, Senior Scientist, Environment Health Services, B.C. Centre for Disease Control

Details: The 2023 B.C. wildfire season has been declared the most destructive ever recorded based on square kilometers burned. This year's plenary session will explore these health impacts, both physical and mental, and discuss some of the ongoing research, as well as strategies to help protect our communities.

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3:15pm Provincial Policy Sessions (concurrent)

- Modernizing Emergency Management Regulations: **Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness** – Room 11, VCC East
- Preparing for Future Wildfires – Room 2/3, VCC East
- Climate Action, Forest Management and Your Community – Room 12, VCC East
- Policing and Public Safety Modernization Initiative Overview – Room 8/15, VCC East

5:30pm UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception – Ballroom A/B, VCC East

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY AT-A-GLANCE:

- *Wednesday, September 20:* Cabinet town halls on housing, emergency preparedness and stronger public services; keynote speech, former head coach, Canada men's national soccer team, **John Herdman**; Minister of Municipal Affairs, **Hon. Anne Kang**; B.C. Green Party leader **Sonia Furstenau**; policy resolutions debate
- *Thursday, September 21:* **Kevin Falcon**, leader of the official opposition; policy resolutions debate continues
- *Friday, September 22:* **Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson**, Minister of Energy & Natural Resource Canada; **Hon. David Eby**, Premier, Province of B.C.; installation of new UBCM president; policy resolutions session concludes

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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