

MEDIA ADVISORY

UBCM 2023 BALANCING ACT

REMINDER

ADVANCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO 2023 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION – *taking place next week* – September 18 to 22, 2023 – Vancouver, B.C.

MEDIA: PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#)

Vancouver, B.C. (September 14, 2023) – Media are invited to attend the 120th annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver B.C., the largest annual gathering of elected officials in the province, taking place primarily at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

The deadline for advance accreditation is **Friday, September 15 at 4:00pm**. Afterward, all media representatives will need to be accredited on-site.

Convention [program details](#) are available on the convention website.

Monday highlights include:

- **Dr. Bonnie Henry**, Provincial Health Officer: A Conversation on Decriminalization and Public Use
- **Hon. Ravi Kahlon**, Minister of Housing: Building Homes, Building Communities
- Shared Path of Reconciliation: Treaty Updates and Opportunities for Local Governments
- Implementing UNDRIP: Guidance for Local Governments
- Building Economic Resilience
- Fire Risk Reduction Initiatives and the Fire Safety Act

Tuesday to Friday at-a-glance:

- *Tuesday, September 19:* Sessions include health impacts of wildfires with Minister of Health, **Adrian Dix**; climate action, forest management and your community; modernizing emergency management regulations; preparing for future wildfires with Minister of Forests, **Bruce Ralston**; former B.C. Premier **Mike Harcourt** will discuss strengthening democracy
- *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, **Anne Kang**; B.C. Green Party leader **Sonia Furstenu**; policy resolutions debate
- *Thursday, September 21:* **Kevin Falcon**, leader of the official opposition; policy resolutions debate continues
- *Friday, September 22:* **Minister 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

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

RESOLUTIONS BOOK IS AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

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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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