



## Media Advisory: UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES to host 2<sup>nd</sup> Housing Summit

**Vancouver, B.C. (February 9, 2024)** - Media are invited to attend a local government housing summit hosted by the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) taking place **February 13-14, 2024** in **Vancouver** at the Westin Bayshore.

The summit will feature **local government leaders**, federal Minister **Sean Fraser** (Housing, Infrastructure and Communities) and provincial Minister **Ravi Kahlon** (Housing). The event is being held in response to British Columbia's continuing crisis in housing affordability and attainability; surging population growth; and recent housing legislation.

Journalists accredited by UBCM may attend the event. **Advance media accreditation** is [available here](#).

[Program](#) highlights include:

- Opening Address: UBCM president Councillor **Trish Mandewo**, Feb. 13, 8:30 am
- Session: *Housing the next Million British Columbians*; Mayor **Leonard Krog** (Nanaimo); Mayor **Mike Hurley** (Burnaby); Mayor **Nathan Pachal** (Langley City); Mayor **Janice Morrison** (Nelson); Mayor **Marianne Alto** (Victoria); Mayor **Malcolm Brodie** (Richmond); Feb. 13, 8:45 am
- Local government Q&A with **Ravi Kahlon**, Minister of Housing; Feb. 13, 1:00 pm
- Session: *Population Growth & Housing*; **Brett Wilmer**, BC Data Service; **Braden Batch**, Lead Economist, Canada Mortgage and Housing; **Andy Yan**, Director, SFU Cities Program, Feb. 14, 8:30 am
- Local government Q&A with **Sean Fraser**, federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; Feb. 14, 2:30 pm
- Other sessions include *Homeless Encampments & Bill 45*; *Recent Housing Legislation & The Law*; *Transit Oriented Development and Bill 47*

Summit photos for download: [Flickr](#)

Hashtag: #HousingSummit24

### ABOUT UBCM

The Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) has been the voice of local government in British Columbia since 1905. UBCM is recognized under a provincial statute. Local governments and eligible First Nations may become members of UBCM. 100% of B.C.'s local governments have chosen membership annually for the past 44 years.

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