



Media Advisory: 2024 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES HOUSING SUMMIT – Opening Day Tuesday, February 13

Vancouver, B.C. (February 13, 2024) – The 2nd Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Housing Summit begins today in Vancouver at the Westin Bayshore and runs through tomorrow, February 14.

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.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

On arrival, reporters who have been pre-accredited can pick up their event ID at the summit reception desk in the conference area of the Westin Bayshore. On-site accreditation will be provided for reporters with valid credentials. All media representatives must possess credentials issued by UBCM to access any housing summit events.

DAY 1 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – TUESDAY

8:30am – Opening Address by UBCM president Councillor Trish Mandewo – Salon A

8:45am – Session: Housing the Next Million British Columbians – Salon A

- 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)

1:00pm – A Conversation with Housing Minister Ravi Kahlon – Salon A

1:15pm – Media (only) Availability: Adam Olsen, B.C. Green MLA for Saanich North and the Islands – Main Ballroom Foyer, Westin Bayshore

3:15pm – Breakout Sessions (concurrent)

- Homeless Encampments and Bill 45 – *Salon A*
- Exploring the New Regulatory Framework for Short-Term Rentals – *Salon D*

WEDNESDAY AT-A-GLANCE:

- 8:30am – Session: Population Growth & Housing; **Brett Wilmer**, BC Data Service; **Braden Batch**, Lead Economist, Canada Mortgage and Housing; **Andy Yan**, Director, SFU Cities Program
- 2:30pm – Local government Q&A with **Sean Fraser**, federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

MEDIA ROOM – SOURCE FOR PHOTOS AND INFORMATION UPDATES

Photos for use by media may be downloaded from the [UBCM photos link](#) (photo credit: UBCM).

Hashtag: #HousingSummit24

Website: [Housing Summit 2024](#)

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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