

Media Advisory: 2024 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES HOUSING SUMMIT – Day 2 – Wednesday, February 14

Vancouver, B.C. (February 14, 2024) – The 2nd Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Housing Summit continues today in Vancouver at the Westin Bayshore.

Featuring **local government leaders**, including federal Minister **Sean Fraser** (Housing, Infrastructure and Communities), 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 2 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS – WEDNESDAY

8:30am - Session: Population Growth and Housing - Salon A

• **Brett Wilmer**, BC Data Service; **Braden Batch**, Lead Economist, Canada Mortgage and Housing; **Andy Yan**, Director, SFU Cities Program

11:15am - Session: Recent Housing Legislation and the Law - Salon A

• **Don Lidstone**, K.C., Lidstone & Company; **Peter Johnson**, Stewart McDannold Stuart; **Guy Patterson**, Young Anderson

1:30 pm - Breakout Sessions (concurrent)

- Transit-Oriented Development Under Bill 47 Salon D
- Transforming the Planning Framework with Limited Capacity Salon A

2:30 pm - A Conversation with Federal Housing Minister Sean Fraser - Salon A

3:15 pm – Next Steps with UBCM president Councillor Trish Mandewo – Salon A

MEDIA ROOM – SOURCE FOR PHOTOS AND INFORMATION UPDATES

Photos for use by media may be downloaded from the <u>UBCM photos link</u> (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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