

2025



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Presentation of the results of the call for
nominations of the UBCM Executive

August 2025

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Please note the following Executive Policy related to campaigning during Convention:

9.2 Campaigning During Convention

Candidates for Executive positions will be permitted to distribute campaign materials on site but are not permitted to post material on the walls or on easels within the Convention venue. In the event of non-compliance, any damages will be the financial responsibility of the candidate. Candidates for Executive positions are not permitted to distribute campaign materials at meal functions during Convention.

Report of the UBCM Nominating Committee

**Councillor Jen Ford, Chair
UBCM Past President**



The Nominating Committee was formed according to the bylaws and Executive procedures and is composed of myself and the following representatives:

- Director Judy Greenaway, North Central Local Government Association
- Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Southern Interior Local Government Association
- Councillor Kevin McIsaac, Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments
- Councillor Paul Albrecht, Lower Mainland Local Government Association
- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities

We authorized circulation of a Call for Nominations and preparation of associated material (see Appendix). The results of the call are summarized on the next page and full biographical materials submitted by the candidates begin on the page following.

It is important to recognize that the role of the Committee is to review credentials and prepare this report. It is not the role of the Committee to recommend any one nomination. We are to ensure nominations are complete and according to policies and procedures.

Further nominations can be received at the Convention following the procedures set out in the Appendix.

Please contact me if there is any aspect of the procedures that you would like clarified.

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Summary of Nominations for UBCM Executive Positions

Received as of July 31, 2025

For Table Officer Positions (elect one each):

President	Councillor Cori Ramsay	City of Prince George
First Vice-President	Councillor Jenna Stoner	District of Squamish
Second Vice-President	Mayor Sarrah Storey	Village of Fraser Lake
	Councillor Wesly Graham	City of Cranbrook
Third Vice-President	Councillor Aimee Grice	Town of Oliver
	Councillor Gord Klassen	City of Fort St. John
	Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton	City of Courtenay

For Small Community Representative (elect one):

Note: Only elected representatives of a small community may run and vote for the Small Community Representative which is defined as a member of a council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500.

Councillor Sarah Fowler	Village of Tahsis
Mayor Denise O'Connor	Village of Lytton
Councillor Aiden McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp

For Directors at Large (elect five):

Councillor Sheila Boehm	City of Williams Lake
Councillor Alison Evans	City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Roberta Schnider	Regional District of East Kootenay
Councillor Jeff Murl	Resort Municipality of Whistler
Councillor Patti MacAhonic	Fraser Valley Regional District
Director Penny Cote	Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Mayor Vickey Brown	Village of Cumberland
Councillor Tony St-Pierre	District of Sooke
Councillor Tanille Johnston	City of Campbell River

For Electoral Area Representative (elect one):

Note: Only Electoral Area Directors may run and vote for the Electoral Area Representative.

Director Jerrilyn Kirk	Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
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For Vancouver Metro Area Representative (elect two):

Note: Only elected representatives from a GVRD member local government or a GVRD electoral area may run or vote for the (2) positions defined as Vancouver Metro Area Representative

Councillor Tasha Henderson	City of New Westminster
Councillor Pete Fry	City of Vancouver

Nominated for:

President

**Councillor Cori Ramsay
City of Prince George**



Cori Ramsay is a UNBC alumni and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from UNBC and a graduate diploma in Public Relations from UVIC. She is a member of the Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS). She has worked in the finance sector for 15 years and works as the Marketing Manager for Integris Credit Union.

Ramsay grew up living in poverty and in 2017 gave a TEDx talk titled, "Poverty and the Power of the Living Wage." In 2018, the Prince George Chamber of Commerce named her a "Top 40 under 40", and again as one of twelve "Top Figures Under 40" in 2023. Ramsay is a Governor General of Canada Leadership Conference (GGCLC) Alumni.

In the 2022 Local General Election, Ramsay was elected to serve a second term on Prince George City Council. A proud advocate for north central BC, she is a Past President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and 1st Vice President for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). She is Chair of UBCM's Indigenous Relations and Vice Chair of Resolutions Committees. Additionally, Ramsay advises the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction as a member of the Province's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee.

In her spare time, she snuggles her corgi, tolerates her cat, plays board games/skis/cycles with family and friends, and attempts to hit her reading goal of 24 books a year.



Nominated for:

First Vice-President

Councillor Jenna Stoner **District of Squamish**

It has been an honour to serve on your Executive over the past three years—as Director at Large, 3rd VP, and currently as 2nd VP.

Through UBCM, I've seen firsthand the uniqueness of each local government—and the shared challenges that transcend our boundaries. UBCM plays a critical role in fostering collaboration, building relationships, and advancing non-partisan advocacy to address these shared issues.

In my role on the Executive, I strive to be a balanced voice for members and to maintain strong, respectful relationships with all orders of government, regardless of political affiliation.

Some highlights from my time on the Executive include:

- Advancing discussions with the Province on local government finance reform;
- Supporting the work of the Convention and Resolutions Committees—cornerstones of UBCM's role in connecting and empowering our members;
- Advocating on behalf of members to reinforce that local governments should be the go-to experts for their communities and that we are invaluable partners in delivering solutions to the many complex challenges we are all trying to solve together — climate change, infrastructure financing, economic innovation, good governance, and ensuring housing targets are matched with adequate investments into the things that make communities whole: schools, hospitals, transit, libraries, and more.

I am a mother of two young children, a second-term Councillor with the District of Squamish, and a Director with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. I bring 15 years' experience working across sectors to improve natural resource management for better environmental, social, and long-term economic outcomes. I hold a Master of Marine Management (Dalhousie University) and a B.Sc. from the University of Victoria.

I would be honoured to continue serving you as 1st VP and to build on my experience in support of our shared goals.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to earn your vote.

Nominated for:

Second Vice-President

Mayor Sarrah Storey
Village of Fraser Lake



I am proud to call Fraser Lake my home, located on the traditional territory of the Nadleh Whut'en and Stelat'en First Nations in beautiful northwest British Columbia.

Originally from North Vancouver, I have also lived in Squamish and Prince George before settling in Fraser Lake in 2006. My diverse experiences in both rural and urban environments give me a unique perspective on the challenges faced by communities of all sizes.

I am committed to advocating for all voices across BC. Currently, I am in my third term on council and serve my second term as Mayor. I previously held the position of president of the North Central Local Government Association and have been an active member of the UBCM board for five years.

Working alongside passionate individuals dedicated to community advocacy has been truly inspiring, and the vital work done at UBCM continues to motivate me. I believe in the power of hard work and the significant impact that each voice can have. It's essential to collaborate in addressing and improving our regions and province. My mission is to unite people, mentor others, communicate effectively, and build strong relationships. Advocacy is my passion, and I often use humour to create a positive atmosphere in our essential work.

As I run for the position of Second Vice President, I look forward to continuing to tackle challenges and celebrate our successes. I extend my gratitude to every elected official for your dedication to our province, the best places to live.



Nominated for:

Second Vice-President

**Councillor Wesly Graham
City of Cranbrook**

I am Wes Graham and I am running for 2nd Vice President because I believe in the power of local government's collective voice, and the real work we do building stronger communities across this Province.

After 20 years in elected office, I've seen firsthand what happens when we get it right. I've battled through countless board meetings, served on UBCM, and proudly led as President of the AKBLG. But here's what I've learned: regional representation isn't just nice to have, it's absolutely critical. Every corner of BC has a unique story, unique challenges, and cookie-cutter solutions just don't work.

We've moved far beyond pipes in the ground or barking dogs, today's challenges are complex, requiring us to work together to ensure our voices are heard and we see meaningful action from government. Our goal posts have changed, and that means we need strong leadership that can both advocate forcefully for our communities and build the collaborative relationships necessary to get results. I'm a straight shooter who listens first and communicates clearly.

I run operations for a cherry farm where I manage up to 200 employees and oversee harvesting 1.2 million pounds of cherries that ship worldwide. Leading this agricultural operation has taught me how to manage teams, and deliver results, skills I bring directly to local government leadership.

UBCM deserves representatives who understand both the ground-level realities and the bigger picture. That's exactly what I offer. Thank you.

Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

Councillor Aimee Grice
Town of Oliver



I'm Aimee Grice, and I'm asking for your support in my bid for 3rd Vice President of UBCM.

Since 2018, I've served as a Councillor for the Town of Oliver, advocating for social equity, economic development, and community well-being. I'm Past President of SILGA and currently serve as a Director at Large on the UBCM Board.

My commitment to public service is grounded in lived experience. I'm a wife and mother of two teens. I operated a licensed family daycare while raising my kids, which shaped my values around accessible care, inclusive policy, and practical problem-solving.

Today, I work as House Manager and Marketing & Volunteer Coordinator at Venables Theatre, supporting arts and community in rural BC.

I've built strong working relationships across jurisdictions. I believe in elevating rural and remote voices and ensuring our communities are part of provincial-level conversations.

Running for 3rd VP is about deepening that work and strengthening the bridge between local priorities and provincial decision-making. I'm committed to bringing forward the issues that matter to you: infrastructure, housing, health care, climate resilience, and vibrant communities.

Thank you for your support.

Vote Aimee Grice for 3rd Vice President – a dedicated, experienced, and equitable voice at the UBCM table.



Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

Councillor Gord Klassen
City of Fort St. John

I have a deep love for British Columbia. Born in Vernon and raised in Fort St. John, I spent a decade living and working in the Lower Mainland before returning to Fort St. John with my family, where I continue to enjoy life and service in my community. My commitment to leadership spans local, provincial, and national levels, including:

- School District #60 Board of Education (6 yrs)
- Councillor, City of Fort St. John (4th term)
- North Central Local Government Association (6 yrs, President 2018/19)
- Union of BC Municipalities (7 yrs)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (6 yrs)
- Municipal Insurance Association of BC (9 yrs)

I am passionate about UBCM's role as a strong, united voice with the Province—proactive, solution-focused, and impossible to ignore. I believe in leadership that listens, connects, and delivers. I value effective governance where every voice matters and every action serves our communities.

Each region brings unique perspectives, and when we embrace that diversity, we deepen our understanding and strengthen our decisions. I am convinced that we are more productive and more effective when we emphasize what we have in common rather than our differences; that we all benefit when we focus on solutions rather than the obstacles.

It's been an honour to serve on the UBCM Board for six years. I'm seeking your continued support to help strengthen BC's local governments and lead better—together.

Thank you for your commitment to our shared future!

Nominated for: Third Vice-President

Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton
City of Courtenay



Dear Colleagues,

As Mayors, Chairs, EA Directors and Councillors we are all facing a unique set of challenges today - how to deliver for our communities at a time when the federal and provincial governments are tightening belts and downloading responsibilities, costs are escalating, all amid a chaotic trade war with the U.S.

I believe that this moment calls for a unified and “elbows up” approach to ensure that the needs of all of our communities are front and centre as we work with the province to meet these challenges and seize new opportunities.

My experience in law and small business has equipped me with strong advocacy and collaboration skills. As your candidate for 3rd VP I also bring experience from roles including:

- Councillor, City of Courtenay
- Chair, Comox Valley Regional District
- Chair of BC Caucus, FCM
- Director, UBCM
- Director, AVICC
- Trustee, VI Regional Library

My family and I live in Courtenay, on the traditional territory of the K’ómoks First Nation. Outside of my local government roles, I have a long history of contributing to my community: soccer coach; “chess club guy” at Puntledge Elementary; and Director, Courtenay Downtown BIA.

As 3rd VP - I’ll be here for you, our members, to work together, advocate for change, and deliver results in these uncertain times.

Please do get in touch - I’m always happy to connect with colleagues:

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Your candidate for 3rd VP,
Will Cole-Hamilton



Nominated for:

Small Community Representative

Councillor Sarah Fowler Village of Tahsis

Sarah Fowler joined the Village of Tahsis Council in 2018 and has called the MMFN territory home since 2012. She became Deputy Mayor upon joining council, has served on the watershed society ever since and is the alternate for Mayor Davis on the Strathcona Regional District board.

In 2020, Sarah joined the UBCM's executive board, a Small Community representative, and held that position until July 2024. During this term she became the chair of the community Economic Development committee and served the Environment, Community safety and Convention committees. During spring of 2022 is when Sarah became a director at large for the association of Vancouver Island Coastal communities. She hosted and convened a panel called "it's easy to think Big when you're Small" which featured mayors showcasing challenges and success from remote communities of the north and west island. At this current time, she serves that board as third vice president.

Please reach out to sfowler@villageoftahsis.com with any questions you may have about how best to represent your community on the UBCM executive board.

Nominated for:

Small Community Representative

Mayor Denise O'Connor Village of Lytton



Denise O'Connor is the Mayor of the Village of Lytton, in the heart of the Nlaka'pamux Nation.

In June 2021, Denise and her husband lost their family home of 31 years in the Lytton Fire. Recently, the house was rebuilt on the same property; Denise is elated to be finally "home" again.

The Lytton Fire changed Denise's life, as never in her wildest dreams did she imagine being involved in Municipal Government.

Denise spent 37 years as an educator. She earned her BEd in 1981, and her MEd in 2004. Denise worked in Mackenzie, Lillooet, Cache Creek and Lytton; she spent the final 12 years of her career as Principal in Lytton.

Denise was elected Mayor in November 2022; she sits on the Thompson Nicola Regional District and the Thompson Regional Hospital District Boards.

She is a community volunteer, previously sitting on the Lytton Rec Commission, the Swimming Pool Committee and the Lytton River Festival Society. Currently, she's a member of the Two Rivers Community Services Society.

Denise has served this past year on the UBCM Board as the Small Communities Rep, and also sat on the Indigenous Relations and Economic Development Committees.

Although Denise has not been involved in Local Government for long, these past three years she has worked her way through many challenges, incredible learning, and has shown leadership by literally rebuilding her Village from the ground up.

Denise has great respect for small communities and truly believes that they are the lifeblood of the Province.



Nominated for:

Small Community Representative

Councillor Aiden McLaren-Caux Village of Nakusp

It is my honour to be nominated as the Small Community Representative for UBCM. Nearing the end of my second term as a councillor with the Village of Nakusp, and now the Vice-Chair of the Regional District of Central Kootenay and Vice President of AKBLG, I know small communities and the challenges we face all too well—from how we will pay for our aging infrastructure with small tax bases to how to facilitate housing the families and workers that want to live in our communities but can't afford it.

Working with region-wide initiatives, such as the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee, the Regional Innovation Chair at Selkirk College, and the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior, I have had the pleasure of getting to know elected officials and community-builders from across the province and learning about their challenges and opportunities. Chairing the board of our community forest, NACFOR, for several years also gave me valuable insights into the local resource sector and its value to small communities.

We need strong and vocal representation to let the people at the Province know that we need solutions that fit our communities, that are not simply watered-down answers to urban problems.

I have been advocating for our region as the chair of both resolutions and the advocacy committee for AKBLG for the past two years, and I intend to bring that passion and experience to this role and fight for you, my small community colleagues from across the province.

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Sheila Boehm
City of Williams Lake**



I am a second term Councillor for the City of Williams Lake, I have served two terms on UBCM executive, this last year as a Director at Large and the year prior as President of NCLGA.

Prior to being in local government I served two terms as a School Trustee.

I am local to Williams Lake and have three children who support me in my elected roles. I have also been serving on my provincial organization for my profession as a Chiropractor.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Alison Evans
City of Pitt Meadows**

Alison Evans is a first-term Councillor in Pitt Meadows, where 80% of the land is in the ALR. Alison is committed to enhancing food security in BC by advocating for protecting farmland. She's presented two successful agriculture resolutions and will present a third at UBCM 2025.

Pitt Meadows is where nature meets everyday livability. Framed by rivers and farmland, it offers a rare blend of rural charm and urban connection. Rooted in agriculture, Pitt Meadows still feels like a small town, even as it grows within Metro Vancouver. This means navigating both the opportunities and challenges of urban life: housing, affordability, transit, and infrastructure. That balance shapes its identity and keeps the community strong.

With over 19 years as a 911 dispatcher, Alison brings calm under pressure, and strong team coordination. She's also an entrepreneur, having founded two businesses, and brings private-sector experience as BC Manager for a global company.

She values good governance and professional development, earning her LGLA Level 1 Certificate (2025) and working toward a Civic Governance and Innovation Certificate. She also holds a Bachelor of Kinesiology (UFV 2004) and a Certificate in Public Relations (UFV 2021).

Alison has delivered on key priorities in Pitt Meadows, including expanding active transportation, promoting tourism, and helping secure 24-hour fire staffing.

As Director at Large, Alison offers a collaborative, pragmatic voice.

Nominated for:

Director at Large

Director Roberta Schnider Regional District of East Kootenay



Elected in 2022, Roberta Schnider represents the people of Area G in the Regional District East Kootenay. No stranger to community leadership she began her leadership career by leading the District's Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and served 10 years on School District 6 Board, ultimately as Chair.

In addition to her responsibilities as Area G's representative she currently serves as Vice Chair of the Columbia Valley Economic Development Commission and holds board positions with Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners and the Economic Trust of South Interior (ETSI-BC). She previously served on the Columbia Valley Community Foundation board (chair), Steamboat Mountain Music Society, and Edgewater Recreation Society.

Roberta served 12 years with Kootenay Saving Credit Union, 4 years as Vice Chair, and chaired three committees and took a leadership role in regional credit union planning, successfully enhancing collaboration among credit unions throughout southeastern BC.

Schnider brings a valuable regional perspective to her work. Her commitment to community service emphasizes broad, regional thinking and collaborative development. As a small business owner and highly respected community leader Roberta Schnider's experience and broad set of skills and knowledge will benefit the UBCM board and the membership at large in the coming years.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Jeff Murl
Resort Municipality of Whistler**

Jeff's professional career started with a degree in Finance from UBC, leading to work in the investment industry. That evolved into owning restaurants in North Vancouver, and after receiving his Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation, into opening his accounting practice. His teaching career started as a ski instructor and has evolved into teaching accounting courses at the college level.

Jeff is serving his first term as a Councillor in Whistler, where he's bringing his skillset and perspective as a CPA. Accountants are highly valued on boards for their expertise with numbers, as well as their professional skepticism and problem-solving acumen, which lead to robust discussions and comprehensive solutions. Jeff serves on several committees as councillor: Audit and Finance, Housing and Strategy, and the Advisory Design Panel. He also currently sits on the boards of the Whistler Development Corp. and the Whistler Museum.

Before joining council, Jeff volunteered on boards across a wide spectrum of activities: Lower Mainland Local Government Association, The Beaumont, Vancouver Urban Farming Society, Arts Whistler, Whistler Public Library, and the Whistler Board of Variance. His first experience with local politics was sitting on a Citizens committee of North Shore residents.

Jeff's spare time is spent with his wife and two young boys, who are always entertained by his stories of council meetings, policy work, and advocacy to other levels of government.

Nominated for:

Director at Large



**Director Patti MacAhonic
Fraser Valley Regional District**

As elected Director for FVRD Area E, I bring a rare blend of grassroots experience, executive leadership, and formal policy training to the UBCM Board. With an MBA and decades of board governance, I've led major organizations including: BC Wildlife Federation, BC Brain Injury Association, Chamber of Commerce, First Nations organizations and non-profits—building coalitions that span sectors and regions.

I'm grounded in community. I raised my children in the BC Interior and have lived the realities of rural life—gaps in services, isolation, and resilience. After being widowed, I moved to the Fraser Valley and turned grief into action, lobbying successfully for four pieces of legislation that protect and empower survivors of workplace fatalities.

My leadership is rooted in action. I've supported wildfire and flood survivors, advocated for emergency readiness and mental health supports, and consistently elevated the voices of those left out of traditional policy tables. I don't just understand governance—I live the impact of its outcomes.

Recognition includes the BC Award of Distinction for Community Safety and Crime Prevention, UFV's Distinguished Alumni Award, and a Top 40 Leader Award. Each reflects a lifetime of impact in public service, equity, and system change.

At UBCM, I will be a strategic, experienced, and collaborative voice, with the proven ability to bridge urban-rural divides, a clear understanding of intergovernmental dynamics, and a fierce commitment to inclusive, responsive leadership.

With your support, I will work to ensure UBCM reflects all communities—not just the loudest or largest—and continues to deliver strong, unified advocacy for local governments across BC.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Alberni-Clayoquot RD, EA Director, Sproat Lake (2005 – present)
AVICC Executive (2016 – 2024); Past President (2024 – present)
UBCM – AVICC Representative (2022 – 2024).

Ms. Cote is currently the AVICC Past President and has served on the UBCM Board as AVICC Representative. In her time on the UBCM Executive she has served on the Health and Social Development, Indigenous, and Environment Committees.

AVICC has been well-represented at the UBCM Executive table in some years, but in 2024-25 AVICC had only one representative, emphasizing the importance of having representation from all regions at UBCM and on the various UBCM Committees. Ms. Cote supports a letter to UBCM, requesting a governance review of the UBCM Executive to ensure more equitable representation in the future for all local governments.

For the past 20 years, Ms. Cote has represented Sproat Lake. Notably in that time, the ACRD welcomed four treaty First Nations to their Board. Presently, the ACRD has initiated inclusive governance for non-treaty nations at the Regional District and is a supporting local government for the regional district legislative reform initiative.

"I continue to advocate broadly for climate change, housing opportunities, improving social determinants of health, drug crisis and immigration. I would be honoured to represent this membership as your 2025 UBCM Director at Large."

Nominated for:

Director at Large

Mayor Vickey Brown Village of Cumberland



Hi I'm Vickey Brown, Mayor of the Village of Cumberland, serving on the unceded territory of the K'ómoks Nation. I'm honoured to put my name forward for director at large and look forward to the opportunity to serve and support my fellow local elected officials.

I grew up in the Lower Mainland, spending my vacation time in the Comox Valley and feel lucky to have experienced the best of both worlds. After raising my boys in Cumberland I'm keen to give back. Since 2014 I have served as School Trustee, Councillor, Mayor and Regional District Director. I currently sit on UBCM's Local Government Police Modernization Roundtable and the Island Coastal Economic Trust Board. My background includes governance roles in non-profits and social enterprise including six years on my Credit Union Board and four years as President of BC Association of Farmers' Markets.

Cumberland has seen the pressures of growth firsthand; skyrocketing housing costs on failing infrastructure and complex transitional needs in bylaw and policing piled on top of catching up from decades of slow growth and minimal tax base. My background and experience in non profits and local government has made me a strong advocate for sustainable predictable funding that allows our communities thrive not just survive.

My Education in Environmental Studies and Political Science - UVic, Community Economic Development - SFU and Public Leadership - Harvard Kennedy School informs my work and compels me to be a lifelong learner. I balance my work life with time in the forest with my 2 giant golden retrievers.

I bring both a rural and urban lens, a collaborative and innovative spirit, and a strong voice for resilience and advocacy and I'd be honoured to offer that to the UBCM Board. Thank you for your consideration.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

Councillor Tony St-Pierre District of Sooke

Tony was elected to the District of Sooke Council in 2018 and is currently completing his second term.

Tony is practical, dedicated, and understands the local government framework. Described as ethical, visionary and a strategic thinker, he understands the impacts of provincial decisions and policies on local governments.

He has experience in the trenches of the DTES that informs his understanding of poverty and homelessness, climate action and food security. He hopes to contribute degrees in both rural planning and community development from the University of Guelph, a natural inclination towards systems thinking and nearly two terms of experience in local gov to the UBCM committees that help our Province shape its policies.

Tony has previously served on the executive of AVICC (the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities), CRD (Capital Regional District) Water Commission, the CRD Climate Action Task Force, and was an early member of the National Climate Caucus. He supports the Sooke Region Food Systems Network and is a director of Cast Iron Farm Co-op and Quiet Day Co-operative.

When not serving in his role as an elected official, Tony can be found singing in the Choral Evolution Choir, strumming his guitar, reading manga or working on projects on the co-operative farm homestead where he supports his family members in their own projects.

Cheerfully yours!
Tony St-Pierre (he/him)
M.Sc. Rural Planning & Development
Councillor District of Sooke

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Tanille Johnston
City of Campbell River**



Yo, nugwa'am Laqwalaogwa. Gya yu tlan lax TsaKwaLuten, Liq'itdaǰ', Dick ʔiləʔola.

My english name is Tanille Johnston. My background is in Social Work and Health Leadership. I have a Masters in Social Work with an Indigenous Specialization from the University of Victoria.

I currently serve as the Kwakwaka'wakw Director with First Nations Health Authority alongside my role as a City Councillor with the City of Campbell River.

I had the privilege of sitting on the Board for the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities last term and also had the recent honour of being selected as a candidate for my riding of North Island--Powell River (Qathet) in the last Federal Election.

I had amazing opportunities historically to represent on Provincial and Federal Executives with the Canadian Federation of Students as well as at the University level at the Uvic Student Society Board of Directors, the Native Student Union Council, the Equity Advisory Committee for the UVic School of Social Work, and the University of Victoria's Senate.

I am a daughter, granddaughter, cousin, sister, chosen-auntie, mother, colleague and friend. I want to bring my energy, my experience, my drive and my dedication to equity to the UBCM Executive table and not only ensure equity voices are heard in these spaces but that we're leveraging all perspectives from our communities to improve policy and programs in our Province and for our Country.

Vote Tanille.



Nominated for:

Electoral Area Representative

Director Jerrilyn Kirk Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

With a deep love for rural British Columbia and a lifelong commitment to community service, I'm honoured to once again put my name forward to serve as your Electoral Area Representative on the UBCM Board.

I currently serve as the Electoral Area Director for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and bring experience from past roles with UBCM, NCLGA, and FCM. I've proudly represented northern, rural, and remote voices across the province and at the national table, always advocating for fairness, access, and the recognition that small communities matter.

Over the past year, I've worked hard to keep EA Directors informed—sending newsletters, hosting Zooms, seeking input for the EA Forum, and championing emerging issues. I've brought forward concerns around small water systems, rural healthcare, housing, consultation under EDMA, and the need for consistent provincial engagement with regional districts. I've also pushed for funding that fits the unique realities of unincorporated areas.

Outside of local government, I've always with a focus on collaboration, relationships, and practical problem-solving. I believe in the power of listening, laughing, and learning from each other, and I'm proud to bring my boots-on-the-ground experience, northern perspective, and a whole lot of heart to this role. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I'd be honoured to continue advocating for the people and places that make rural BC so remarkable.

Nominated for:

Vancouver Metro Area Representative

Councillor Tasha Henderson City of New Westminster



Tasha is a city planner, policy analyst, and parent. She is serving her first term on City Council in New Westminster and was elected to the UBCM Executive Committee as the Vancouver Metro Area Representative for 2024-2025.

With a Masters Degree in Planning, Tasha has worked with communities across Canada tackling issues like poverty, housing, and equity through policy analysis and planning. A champion of public engagement, she has worked to amplify the voices of youth and improve civic engagement through a variety of projects. Tasha is passionate about transformative policy and believes that cities can have a huge impact at the local level.

On Council, Tasha is committed to ensuring that the City's services and amenities meet the needs of all families, working to help with housing affordability and childcare, and responding to the climate crisis in the way our kids need us to. This year, Tasha was appointed Chair of the New Westminster Police Board, Acting Chair of the Accessibility Committee, and serves as the Council liaison for the New West-Burnaby Task Force on Sexual Exploitation.

Tasha has contributed valuable and critical feedback as a member of the UBCM Executive Committee. She brings the urban lens is applied to the advocacy and practical work underway, particularly via her role on both the Community Economic Development and the Environment Committee. She looks forward to continuing this important work for another year.



Nominated for:

Vancouver Metro Area Representative

**Councillor Pete Fry
City of Vancouver**

Pete Fry, Vancouver City Councillor, UBCM Director, and familiar voice as chair of the Resolutions Committee is seeking your support to return as an at-large representative for the Metro Vancouver area.

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve as one of your Metro Vancouver at-large Directors on the UBCM Board. It’s been an honour to represent local governments across our region and province. I value the trust placed in me and the responsibility that comes with this role.

Local governments continue to face major challenges—especially around provincial policies that affect our autonomy and ability to deliver essential services. I’m proud of the work we’ve done at UBCM to advocate for communities of all sizes, and to bring forward the perspectives of our urban centres.

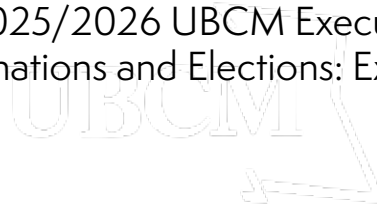
As Chair of the Resolutions Committee, I’ve helped support one of the most vital parts of our convention. While these sessions are always engaging, we continue to face challenges with volume and complexity. I’m eager to keep working with members to improve the process for 2025/26.”

Elected to Vancouver City Council in 2018, Pete has championed good governance, planning, housing, health, and environmental resilience. A longtime Metro Vancouver resident, he previously ran small businesses in the creative sector. Pete lives in East Vancouver with his wife, two cats, and a dog.

2025 Nominating Committee Report

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June 4, 2025

TO: UBCM Members
ATTN: ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM: Councillor Jen Ford, UBCM Past President
Chair, UBCM Nominating Committee

RE: **Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive**

UBCM is the collective voice for local government in BC. The membership signals the directions it wants to pursue during the Annual Convention. The members elect an Executive during the Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to UBCM between Conventions.

This circular is notice of the UBCM Executive nomination process, including information about the positions open for nomination and the procedures for nomination. The deadline for advance nominations is **July 31, 2025 at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)**.

1. Positions Open to Nomination

The following Executive positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Director at Large (5 positions)
- Small Community Representative
- Electoral Area Representative
- Vancouver Metro Area Representative (2 positions)

The Nomination and Consent Form is attached as Appendix A. Information on the responsibilities and commitments of UBCM Executive members is attached as Appendix B. Information on nominations and elections procedures is attached as Appendix C. The relevant extract from the UBCM Bylaws is attached as Appendix D.

2. Qualifications for Office

Each candidate must be an elected official from a UBCM member local government or First Nation.

A candidate for Small Community Representative must be from the council of a village, or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500.

A candidate for Electoral Area Representative must be an Electoral Area Director on a regional district board.

A candidate for Vancouver Metro Area Representative must be an elected official from either or both a member municipality of the GVRD, or the GVRD Board.

3. Nomination Process

A candidate must be nominated by two elected officials from a UBCM member local government/First Nation, using the attached nomination and consent form. Candidates do not need to be nominated by their own council or board members.

The Nominating Committee reviews the qualifications of each candidate. The members of the 2025 Nominating Committee are:

- Councillor Jen Ford, UBCM Past President, Chair, Nominating Committee
- Director Judy Greenaway, North Central Local Government Association
- Councillor Louise Wallace-Richmond, Southern Interior Local Government Association
- Councillor Kevin McIsaac, Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments
- Councillor Paul Albrecht, Lower Mainland Local Government Association
- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities

4. Advance Nominations / Nominating Committee Report / Candidate Video Messages

The Nominating Committee will prepare a Report on Nominations including, at the candidates option, a photo and 300 word/1500 character biography. The Report on Nominations will be distributed to all UBCM members for their consideration, in mid-August.

To be included in this report, nominations must be received by **July 31st at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)**.

Nominations submitted for inclusion in the Report on Nominations are deemed advance nominations. It is to a candidate's advantage to submit an advance nomination, since the candidates name, photo and biography will appear in the Report on Nominations distributed to every UBCM member elected official prior to Convention.

As well, candidates will have the opportunity to submit a pre-recorded 2-minute video message that will be uploaded to the Convention website for viewing by Convention delegates. The parameters for video messages are as follows:

- ✓ Maximum length 2 minutes (time limit strictly adhered to)
- ✓ Shot in landscape format (versus portrait)
- ✓ No testimonials, only the candidate can speak in the video message
- ✓ Shot indoors or outdoors, props permitted
- ✓ The file size needs to be less than 100mb

New for 2025: Candidates will upload, to the Nominating Committee Chair:

- 1) **Nominations and Consent form**
- 2) **Photo**
- 3) **Biography**
- 4) **Video**

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Wxy9xUw2x4>

Deadline for submission of all documents (including videos) is July 31st at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time).

5. Nominations Off the Floor

Any qualified candidate may be nominated “off the floor” at the Convention.

Nominations from the floor will be solicited at specific times during the Convention. Please refer to the Convention Program for these times.

As with advance nominations, a candidate must be nominated by two elected officials from a UBCM member local government/First Nation. Candidates do not need to be nominated by their own council or board members.

Those candidates coming ‘off the floor’ will have an opportunity to have a 2-minute video message uploaded to the Convention website once they have been duly nominated on-site at Convention. Video messages must follow the parameters as outlined above under section 4.

6. Further Information

The Call for Nominations, Nomination & Consent Form, and related background information are available on the UBCM website under Convention and Resolutions > Nominations & Elections.

Inquiries about the UBCM Executive nominations process should be directed to:

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Chair, Nominating Committee
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Richmond, BC V6X 2W9

Chair email: jford@whistler.ca
Chair cell: 604-935-9560

UBCM Contact:

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¹NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 UBCM EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the UBCM Bylaws to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

CANDIDATE:

Name: _____

Elected Position (Mayor/Chief/Councillor/Director): _____

Mun/RD/First Nation: _____

Nominated for: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Elected Position: _____ Elected Position: _____

Mun/RD/First Nation: _____ Mun/RD/First Nation: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

CONSENT FORM – TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE CANDIDATE

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office. I have been nominated pursuant to the UBCM Bylaws². I will also upload by **July 31, 2025 by 4:00 pm** to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, the following documentation:

1. **Nomination & Consent Form.** Please ensure the form is completed and signed.
2. **Photo***. Resolution: 300 ppi; size: 600x400 px; format: TIFF or JPEG.
3. **Biographical information***. The maximum length for the bio is of the 300 words or 1500 characters.
4. **Video message (OPTIONAL)**. The parameters for video messages are as follows:
 - Maximum length 2 minutes (time limit strictly adhered to)
 - Shot in landscape format (versus portrait)
 - No testimonials, only the candidate can speak in the video message
 - Shot indoors or outdoors, props permitted
 - The file size needs to be less than 100mb

* Photo and bio will be published in the Report on Nominations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Link to upload the above documents: <https://forms.office.com/r/Wxy9xUw2x4>

Submission Deadline: July 31, 2025 by 4:00 pm

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of members of the Union [Bylaw 4(b)].

² All nominees to the Executive shall be elected representatives of a member of the Union [Bylaw 3(c)].
Nominees for Electoral Area Representative, Small Community Representative and Vancouver Metro Area Representative must hold the appropriate office.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES TO THE UBCM EXECUTIVE

1. RESPONSIBILITY OF UBCM EXECUTIVE

Under s.10(a) of the UBCM Bylaws:

The Executive shall have the power and it shall be their duty to put into effect the will of the Union as expressed by resolutions at any of its meetings. Between meetings they shall manage the affairs of the Union and shall report all the transactions of the year to the Annual Convention.

2. UBCM EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

Executive

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Director at Large (5 positions)
- Small Community Representative
- Electoral Area Representative
- Vancouver Representative
- GVRD (Metro Vancouver) Representative
- Immediate Past President
- Area Association Rep. (5 positions)
- Vancouver Metro Area Rep. (2 positions)

Committees

The President appoints Executive members to Committees – of which the following are currently active:

- Presidents
- Community Economic Development
- Community Safety
- Convention
- Environment
- Health and Social Development
- Indigenous Relations
- Resolutions

Each Executive member generally serves on two committees.

3. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The full Executive meets six times a year, over 2-3 days, following this general pattern:

- Friday, the last day of the Annual Convention (1 hour)
- 2nd or 3rd week of November (2 days)
- 2nd or 3rd week of February (3 days)
- 2nd or 3rd week of May (2 days)
- 3rd full week of July (2-3 days)
- Sunday afternoon preceding the Annual Convention (half day)

Executive meetings, other than the two coinciding with Convention, usually take place over a Thursday and Friday. Committee meetings are held Thursday and the full Executive meets on Friday.

Committee Chairs or Table Officers may be called on for more frequent representation. In addition, certain Committees' activities require attendance at meetings or conferences throughout the year.

Executive members' travel expenses and a per diem for meals and incidentals are reimbursed for all activities on behalf of UBCM.

However, for Executive members attending the Annual Convention, UBCM provides reimbursement only for the added expenses that would not normally be incurred by attending as a delegate from a local government.

UBCM EXECUTIVE NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCEDURES

UBCM EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

The ongoing administration and policy work of the UBCM is governed by an Executive Board that is elected and appointed at the Annual Convention. The Board is comprised of 21 members, with the following structure:

13 Elected Positions

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Third Vice-President
Director at Large (5 positions)
Small Community Representative
Electoral Area Representative
Vancouver Metro Area Representative (2 positions)

8 Appointed Positions

Immediate Past President
Vancouver Representative
GVRD (Metro Vancouver) Representative
Area Association Representatives: AKBLG, AVICC, LMLGA, NCLGA & SILGA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the UBCM Bylaws, a **Nominating Committee** is appointed to oversee the nomination and election process. The Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past President and representatives of the five Area Associations.

The **Nominating Committee** reviews all nomination documents to verify that nominees meet the qualifications for office. It is not the role of the Nominating Committee to recommend any one candidate. The Committee's mandate is to ensure that nominations are complete and in accordance with policies and procedures.

NOMINATION PROCESS

May/June

Nominating Committee will circulate a Call for Nominations notice that will contain the following information:

- positions open for nomination
- process for nomination
- qualifications for office
- role of Nominating Committee
- closing date for nominations to be included in the Report on Nominations
- general duties of an Executive member

The Call for Nominations will include instructions on how to access additional information on UBCM Executive responsibilities and how to submit a nomination.

July 31, 2025, at 4pm Pacific Standard Time

Advance nominations close.

Following the advance nominations deadline, the Nominating Committee will review nominees' qualifications and prepare a Report on Nominations. For all qualifying nominees, photos and biographical information received by the advance nominations deadline will be included in the Report on Nominations. Candidates will also have the option of submitting a 2-minute candidate video message that will be posted on the UBCM website.

Mid-August

The Report on Nominations will be distributed to all UBCM members and will include the following information for each candidate:

- name and the position for which the candidate has been nominated
- portrait photograph
- biographical information

On-Site at Convention

Any qualified candidate may be nominated off the floor of the Convention. The specific times when nominations will be accepted from the floor are given below. 'Off the floor' candidates will also have the opportunity to upload a 2-minute candidate video message to the UBCM website once they have been duly nominated on-site at Convention.

ELECTION PROCESS

Step 1 – Election of Table Officers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:20 am Nominating Committee presents the list of advance nominees for Table Officer positions: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President.
- 10:25-10:30 am Nominations from the floor for Table Officer (President) positions.
- 2:30-5:00 pm Elections for Table Officer (President) positions *(if there is an election)*.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:00-9:00 am Elections continue for Table Officer (President) positions *(if there is an election)*.

Step 2 – Election of Remaining Executive Positions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 am Nominating Committee presents the list of advance nominees for the remaining Executive positions: Director at Large, Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and Vancouver Metro Area Representative.
- 11:40-11:45 am Nominations from the floor for the remaining Executive positions.
- 2:00-5:00 pm Elections for the remaining Executive positions *(if there is an election)*.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:30-8:30 am Elections continue for the remaining Executive positions *(if there is an election)*.

For further information on the nomination and election process, please contact the Chair of the UBCM Nominating Committee. Please review the Convention Program for final timing of events.

EXTRACT FROM THE UBCM BYLAWS: EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

UBCM BYLAWS SECTIONS 2 TO 5

2. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Union shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice President.

3. EXECUTIVE:

(a) There shall be an Executive which shall be composed of:

- the Officers of the Union;
- the Immediate Past President, who shall be the last president to have completed the term of office as President;
- a Vancouver Representative, who shall be a member of the Vancouver City Council;
- a Small Community Representative, who shall be a member of a Council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500;
- an Electoral Area Representative, who shall be an Electoral Area Director of a Regional Board;
- a GVRD Representative who must be a member of the GVRD Board;
- five Directors representing the five Area Associations as defined in Section 21;
- five Directors at Large; and
- two representatives ("Vancouver Metro Area Representatives") who must be elected members of either or both a council of a member municipality of the GVRD or of the GVRD Board.

The members of the Executive shall be the Directors of the Union.

- (b) The Officers, the Directors at Large, the Small Community Representative, the Electoral Area Representative and the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, shall be elected annually at the Annual Convention, and except as herein otherwise provided, shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Convention. The Vancouver Representative shall be appointed annually by the Vancouver City Council, the GVRD Representative shall be appointed annually by the Board of the GVRD, and the five Area Association Directors shall each be appointed by their respective Area Associations as identified in Section 21. All such appointments shall be communicated to the Nominating Committee by the appointing body pursuant to Section 4(b).
- (c) Except for the Immediate Past President, all members of the Executive, including Officers of the Union, shall hold office only so long as they remain elected representatives of a member of the Union. If a person holding the office of Immediate Past President ceases to be an elected representative of a member of the Union while holding the office such person shall only hold the office for the remainder of the then current term.

- (d) No person shall hold a position as Officer of the Union unless elected as an Officer by the membership of the Union and no person shall be elected more than twice, whether consecutively or otherwise, as President of the Union.

In the event of a vacancy occurring amongst the Officers, the next ranking Officer willing to serve shall fill the vacancy, provided that if the office of President cannot for any reason be filled as aforesaid, the Executive shall call a special election for the office of President and such election may be held by mail or electronic ballot pursuant to the rules and procedures established and determined by the Executive.

In the event of a vacancy:

- amongst the Officers, other than President, the Executive may appoint, from amongst persons qualified to be elected to the Executive, Acting Directors at Large equal to the number of vacancies;
 - amongst the Directors at Large, the Small Community Representative, the Electoral Area Representative, or the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, the Executive may appoint a person qualified to hold the office to fill the position for the term remaining;
 - in the position of Vancouver Representative, GVRD Representative or amongst the five Directors appointed by the Area Associations such vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.
- (e) The Union shall pay the expenses of the Executive incurred on authorized business of the Union, except for attendance at the Annual Convention. For attendance at the Executive meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention such expenses shall be limited to the per diem rates and extra hotel accommodation costs incurred for the period of that Executive meeting only. No travelling expenses nor any part of other expenses ordinarily incurred by Executive members in attending the Annual Convention will be borne by the Union. In the event that the Immediate Past President no longer holds local elected office, while still remaining a member of the Executive, their expenses incurred in attending the Annual Convention and the Executive meeting immediately prior to it shall be paid by the Union.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) There is constituted a committee of the Executive to be known as the Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past President (if any) and the five appointed Area Association Directors provided that where any of the five appointed Area Association Directors declares an interest in seeking election to the Executive of the Union, the Area Association that appointed such Area Association Director may name another elected official of a member of the Union to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst the members of the Committee and shall prior to the Annual Convention:
- issue a call for nominations for each of the positions of Officer of the Union and for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five Directors at Large, and the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives;

- encourage potential nominees to come forward as candidates for office and as requested provide information to such person relating to duties, responsibilities and roles pertaining to the various offices;
 - review the credentials of nominees to ensure that each nominee is qualified to hold office pursuant to Section 4(j);
 - accept qualified nominees nominated by two elected officials of members of the Union;
 - obtain the name of a qualified person who has been appointed by the City of Vancouver to assume office as the Vancouver Representative, the name of the GVRD Representative and the names of the five Area Association Directors who have each been appointed to assume the office of Area Association Director by the respective Area Association;
 - at least 30 days prior to the Annual Convention, prepare and provide to all members of the Union a report on nominations accepted for each office that have been received by the close of business on the last business day of July and on the persons appointed by the City of Vancouver, by the GVRD and the five Area Associations. Such report shall be neutral and the Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.
- (c) In making its report the Nominating Committee, taking into consideration the names of appointees submitted by the City of Vancouver, the GVRD and the five Area Associations, shall ensure they are balanced and representative nominations including:
- that sufficient nominations are received;
 - that each general area of the Province is represented on the Executive nominated or appointed.

The Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.

- (d) The Chair of the Nominating Committee, during the morning session of the first day of the Annual Convention, shall present the nominations for the positions of Officers on the UBCM Executive, i.e. President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President. After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Officers, in addition to the names presented by the Nominating Committee.
- (e) If, at the close of nominations, only one candidate for each position of Officer stands validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith proclaim the candidate elected.
- (f) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for any of the positions of Officers, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall cause an election to be held.
- (g) On the second day of the Annual Convention at the time after the results of the election of Officers have been announced, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the nominations for the positions of:
- Small Community Representative;
 - Electoral Area Representative;
 - for the five positions of Director at Large; and
 - the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives.

After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, for the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives.

- (h) If, at the close of nominations: only one person stands validly nominated for the position of Small Community Representative, or only one person stands validly nominated for the position of Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Directors at Large, only five persons stand validly nominated; or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, only two persons stand validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith declare the only candidates in each of the categories to be elected.
- (i) If, at the close of nominations, more than one person stands validly nominated for the positions of Small Communities Representative, Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Director at Large, more than five persons stand validly nominated, or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives more than two persons stand validly nominated, the Chair shall cause an election to be held.
- (j) Where a nomination is made from the floor, the nominators must advise the Chair that the nominee is qualified pursuant to Section 3 to hold the office and they have consented to be nominated. The Chair shall forthwith ask the nominee to confirm such consent from the floor and if the nominee is not present on the floor at the time of nomination, the nominators may either withdraw the nomination or immediately provide the Chair with the written and signed consent of the nominee.
- (k) Nominations shall require two nominators. The nomination shall state only the candidate's name, elected office, municipality, regional district, First Nation or other membership affiliation, and Area Association, and that the consent of the person nominated has been received.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for each position of the Officers, and for the position of Small Community Representative, and for the position of Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Director at Large, more than five such candidates stand, or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, more than two candidates stand, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall cause elections to be held as may be required.
- (b) The election of Officers shall be held on the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day of the Annual Convention.
- (c) The election of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five positions of Director at Large, and the two positions of Vancouver Metro Area Representative shall be held on the afternoon of the second day and the morning of the third day of the Annual Convention.
- (d) If any election is to be held, ballots shall be prepared and distributed. In the case of an election for Officer positions, one ballot shall be used. In the case of elections for Small

Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, individual ballots shall be used for each category. The names of the candidates shall be listed alphabetically in order of surnames on the ballots, and shall show only the candidates' names, official positions, municipality, regional district or other member affiliation and Area Association. Before any ballot is taken, any person nominated may decline or withdraw their name by giving two hours' notice thereof prior to the start of the election.

- (e) Scrutineers shall be appointed by the President and it shall be among the duties of such Scrutineers to count the votes, or verify the votes, or both, on such ballots and declare the result of such elections to the Chair of the Nominating Committee who shall report the results of the elections to the Convention. In the case of a ballot vote being held for the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, all ballots marked for more than the number to be elected shall be counted as spoiled ballots.
- (f) All elected representatives from members who are present at the Convention shall be entitled to vote for Directors at Large. Only representatives from Small Communities members who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Small Community Representative, only representatives from Electoral Areas who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Electoral Area Representative, and only representatives of the GVRD and the delegates from its member Municipalities may vote for Vancouver Metro Area Representatives. No vote by proxy shall be recognized or allowed.
- (g) In the event that the result of election for the position of any Officer of the Union, Small Community Representative or Electoral Area Representative cannot be declared because of an equality of votes between two or more persons receiving the greatest number of votes, then the Chair shall hold a runoff election amongst those persons who received equal votes.

In the case of an election for the position of Vancouver Metro Area Representative, the Chair shall declare elected the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. If a candidate cannot be elected because of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Chair shall hold a run-off election for the positions remaining undeclared in which the only candidates shall be the unsuccessful candidates in the original election who do not withdraw.

In the case of an election for office as Director at Large, the Chair shall declare elected the five candidates who received the highest number of votes, provided that if a candidate cannot be declared elected because of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Chair shall hold a run-off election for the positions remaining undeclared in which the only candidates shall be the unsuccessful candidates in the original election who do not withdraw.