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ADVANCE REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO THE 2025 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION September 22 to 26, 2025 – Victoria, B.C.

Victoria, B.C. (August 21, 2025) – Members of the media are invited to attend the 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, taking place September 22 to 26 at the Victoria Conference Centre.

The event is the largest annual gathering of elected officials in the province, featuring five days of collaboration and decision-making. This year's theme, *Charting the Course*, emphasizes a shared commitment to tackle the province's most urgent issues, including housing affordability, climate resilience and economic development.

Early convention <u>program details</u> can be found on the convention website. Some agenda highlights include:

- Speeches from all B.C. party leaders including:
 - John Rustad, Leader of the Opposition and Conservative Party of B.C. on Thursday, September 25
 - o The Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, on Friday, September 26.
- Address by UBCM president Trish Mandewo on Wednesday, September 24.
- Keynote address by <u>Marcy Grossman</u>, a trailblazing Canadian diplomat renowned for advancing peace, empowering women, and driving global innovation, on September 24.
- Study sessions on *Delivering Affordable Housing: Challenges and Opportunities* and *Disordered Downtown: Rethinking Care for Those in Need on September 22.*

The convention resolutions book is now <u>available</u>. Delegates will consider over 200 resolutions on a wide range of issues affecting local communities.

All media representatives wishing to attend must register in advance to obtain accreditation. **Please register online** here.

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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