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2025 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION Opening Day Monday, September 22

Victoria, B.C. (September 22, 2025) – The 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention begins today at the Victoria Conference Centre (VCC) and runs through Friday, September 26.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

On arrival, please check in at the Media Registration desk in the Totem Atrium in Level 1 of the Victoria Conference Centre. All media representatives will need UBCM-issued credentials to attend any events during the convention.

UBCM CONVENTION APP

Information on all convention events is available through the [Event App](#) or by referring to the convention [program](#).

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OPENING DAY AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – MONDAY

9:30am – Study Sessions (concurrent)

- Local Government Engagement in Provincial-First Nations Negotiations – Fairmont Empress Hotel, Crystal Ballroom (Level 1)
- Climate Hazards & Housing: Risk, Resilience, and Local Action – VCC, Oak Bay Room (Level 1)
- Health Care – The Heart of the Community – VCC, Lecture Theatre (Level 1)

1:15pm – UBCM and BC Urban Mayors' Caucus news conference, VCC, outside Media Room (Level 2)

2:00pm – Study Sessions (concurrent)

- Disordered Downtown: Rethinking Care for Those in Need – Fairmont Empress Hotel, Crystal Ballroom (Level 1)
- Libraries on the Front Lines – VCC, Oak Bay Room (Level 1)
- Delivering Affordable Housing: Challenges & Opportunities – VCC, Lecture Theatre (Level 1)

Tuesday to Friday at-a-glance:

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- *Tuesday, September 23:* Plenary session on the provincial economy and deficit with **Hon. Brenda Bailey**, Minister of Finance; **Warren Lovely**, private sector strategist, National Bank; **Tamara Vrooman**, CEO, Vancouver International Airport; and **David Williams**, VP of Policy, BC Business Council
- *Wednesday, September 24:* Address by UBCM president **Trish Mandewo**, Councillor, City of Coquitlam; **Cabinet** town halls on tariffs and growing B.C.'s economy, strong communities, and emergency management and climate readiness; policy resolutions debate
- *Thursday, September 25:* **John Rustad**, Leader of the Opposition and Conservative Party of B.C.; workshops include the **Heritage Conservation Act** and **Cowichan Tribes Aboriginal Title court decision**: implications for local governments; policy resolutions debate continues
- *Friday, September 26:* **Hon. David Eby**, Premier of B.C.; **Hon. Gregor Robertson**, federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure; installation of new UBCM president; policy resolutions session concludes

UBCM president Trish Mandewo will preside over the convention.

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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