

MEDIA ADVISORY



2025 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

Day 2 – Tuesday, September 23

Victoria, B.C. (September 23, 2025) – The 2025 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is underway at the Victoria Conference Centre (VCC) and runs through Friday, September 26.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Please check in at the Media Registration desk in the Totem Atrium on 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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DAY 2 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – TUESDAY

7:30am – Morning Clinics (concurrent)

- A Path Forward for Responsible Conduct – VCC, Saanich Room (Level 1)
- Outdoor Recreation for Community and Economic Development – VCC, Oak Bay Room 1 (Level 1)
- Tiny Homes for Rural Housing – VCC, Lecture Theatre (Level 1)
- Compassionate Municipal Actions Amidst Community Crisis – VCC, Oak Bay Room 2 (Level 1)
- FIFA World Cup 2026 – Community Opportunities – VCC, Esquimalt Room (Level 1)

1:45pm – Plenary Session: Modest Growth and Big Challenges: The Road Ahead for BC's Economy – VCC, Carson Hall (Level 2)

Presenters:

- Hon. Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
- Warren Lovely, Managing Director Economics and Strategy, National Bank of Canada
- David Williams, VP of Policy, Business Council of BC
- Tamara Vrooman, President and CEO, Vancouver International Airport

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Details: Recent figures from the provincial government reveal BC's finances are entering stormy waters with headlines about record deficits, spiraling debt, shrinking GDP, and credit downgrades in the news. This session will go beneath the surface to assess how serious the situation really is, and look at what the challenges are to getting the economy – and provincial finances – back on course.

3:15pm – Address by Rebecca Bligh, FCM President and City of Vancouver Councillor – VCC, Carson Hall (Level 2)

5:30pm – UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception – Fairmont Empress Hotel, Crystal Ballroom & Palm Court (Level 1)

Wednesday to Friday at-a-glance:

- *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 preparedness; 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

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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