

2026 UBCM Electoral Area Directors' Forum

March 10 (afternoon) – March 11 (morning), 2026
Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel
8181 Cambie Road,
Richmond, BC

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 10

- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Light Lunch** – *Sponsored by Lidstone & Company*
- 1:00 pm - 1:05 pm **Introduction and Welcome**
Director Jerrilyn Kirk, UBCM Electoral Area Representative
- 1:05 pm - 2:30 pm **Heritage Conservation Act Modernization**
Jessica Ruskin, Executive Director, Ministry of Forests
Elizabeth Scambler, Director, Ministry of Forests
- 2:30 pm – 2:50 pm **Open Microphone**
- 2:50 pm - 3:00 pm **BREAK**
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Body Worn Cameras**
Sgt. Marc Desautels, BWC Advisory NCO
Jay Kohut, BWC Project Manager
- 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm **Emergency and Disaster Management Act and First Nations Consultation**
Matt Chritchley, Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Community Relations and Partnership Engagement, EMCR
Deidra Aleck, Emergency Management and Safety Response Coordinator, Tsawwassen First Nation
Kenna Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services, RD Fraser Fort George
- 4:30 pm **Closing of the Day & Reception** *Sponsored by Young Anderson*
Director Jerrilyn Kirk, UBCM Electoral Area Representative

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Wednesday, March 11

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Hot breakfast**
- 8:30 am – 8:35 am **Welcome to Day 2**
Director Jerrilyn Kirk, UBCM Electoral Area Representative
- 8:35 am – 8:45am **UBCM President**
Councillor Cori Ramsay, UBCM President
- Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities**
Honourable Brittany Anderson (Video Recording)
- 8:45 am – 9:30 am **Electoral Area Advocacy and Awareness: Communications and Media for EA Directors**
Patti MacAhonic, Area E Fraser Valley RD
Tricia Thorpe, Area I, Thompson Nicola RD
Donna McMahon, Area E, Sunshine Coast RD
Jay Simpson, Director Area F, Columbia Shuswap RD
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **Social Media, Trust, and Representation in Electoral Areas**
Sam Oliphant, Senior Vice President, Kirk and Co.
Cathy Canil, Director, Digital, Kirk and Co.
- 10:30 am – 10:40 am **BREAK**
- 10:40 am – 11:10 am **Code of Conduct Policy Development**
Michelle Dann, Executive Director, Governance and Structure, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
- 11:10 am – 11:25 am **Service Disputes**
Michelle Dann, Executive Director, Governance and Structure, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
- 11:30 am – 11:55 am **Service Area Reviews by Local Governments**
Usoff Tsao, Director, Area A, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Jay Simpson, Director Area F, Columbia Shuswap RD
- 11:55 am – 12:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Director Jerrilyn Kirk, UBCM Electoral Area Representative

