

MEDIA ADVISORY



ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO THE 2026 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

September 14 to 18, 2025 – Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C. (September 10, 2026) – Members of the media are invited to cover the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, taking place September 14-18 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

All media representatives wishing to attend must register in advance to obtain accreditation. [Please register online here.](#)

KEY PLENARY SESSION: UNDERSTANDING DRIPA

As DRIPA continues to shape conversations in the province around reconciliation, governance, law-making and community relationships, UBCM will convene a special extended plenary session to understand the complexities of this Act and its implementation in B.C.

The plenary will be held **Tuesday, September 15**, 1:45-5:00 pm in VCC East, Exhibit Hall A. Speakers include:

- **Hon. Niki Sharma**, Deputy Premier and Attorney General **and Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- **Reece Harding**, Partner at Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors
- **Merle Alexander**, Principal Lawyer at Miller Titerle + Company; **Dr. Dwight Newman**, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair in Rights, Communities, and Constitutional Law, University of Saskatchewan; and **Karen Restoule**, Director of Indigenous Affairs, Macdonald-Laurier Institute.
- **Laura Jones**, President and CEO, Business Council of British Columbia; **Chief George Lampreau**, Simpcw First Nation; **Chief Aaron Pete**, Chawathil First Nation; and Councillor **Cori Ramsay**, UBCM President

PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERS

- **Emily Lowan**, Leader of the BC Green Party – Wednesday, Sept. 16, 11:45 am
- **Kerry-Lynn Findlay**, Leader of the Conservative Party of BC – Thursday, Sept. 17, 8:35 am
- **Premier David Eby**, Leader of the BC NDP Party – Friday, Sept. 18, 11:00 am

OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Address by UBCM president **Councillor Cori Ramsay** – September 16, 8:30 am
- Resolutions debate opens Wednesday morning after the annual meeting. The [resolutions book](#) Includes all 143 resolutions to be considered by delegates this year
- Full [program details](#) can be found on the Convention website

ABOUT UBCM

The Union of B.C. Municipalities has been the voice of local government in British Columbia since 1905. The annual Convention gives our members a forum to establish policy and engage with provincial leaders on matters of common concern.

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