

MEDIA ADVISORY



2026 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

Day 2 – Tuesday, September 15

Vancouver, B.C. (September 15, 2026) – The 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is underway at the Vancouver Convention Centre East and runs through Friday, September 18.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Please check in at the designated kiosk for media registration in the main lobby of the **Vancouver Convention Centre East**. All media representatives will need UBCM-issued credentials to attend any events during 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)

- Social Infrastructure: BC's way forward to connected communities – Room 8/15, VCC East
- Mental Health for Elected Officials: New Tools and Emerging Supports – Room 11, VCC East
- Preparing for the Proposed Responsible Conduct Legislation – Room 12, VCC East
- Beyond Silos: Funding Flood Resilience Together – Room 1, VCC East

1:45pm – Extended Plenary Session: Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities – Exhibit Hall A, VCC East with **Hon. Niki Sharma**, Deputy Premier and Attorney General and **Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert**, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Details: DRIPA continues to shape conversations about reconciliation, governance, law-making and community relationships across BC. This plenary session will provide an overview of DRIPA including how the legislation was developed, and what it means for provincial laws, Indigenous rights and public decision-making.

5:30pm – UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception – Room 1/2/3, VCC East

Wednesday to Friday at-a-glance:

- *Wednesday, September 16:* Address by UBCM president **Councillor Cori Ramsay**; address by **Emily Lowan**, Leader of the BC Green Party; address by **Hon. Brittny Anderson**, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities; Cabinet town halls on emergency management, AI, and growing BC's economy; policy resolutions debate
- *Thursday, September 17:* Address by **Kerry-Lynn Findlay**, Leader of the Conservative Party of BC; workshops include How Modern Treaties Support Common Good, Active Transportation, and Powering BC's Future; policy resolutions debate continues
- *Friday, September 18:* Address by **Premier David Eby**, Leader of the BC NDP; 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 gives our members a forum to establish policy and engage with provincial leaders on matters of common concern.

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