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The 2026 UBCM Convention brings together local government leaders from across British Columbia to strengthen their capacity to deliver real solutions at home. This year's theme, Common Good, draws our focus to what unites us and invites delegates to explore solutions that strengthen social cohesion.

As the province's largest gathering of local elected officials and staff, UBCM Convention serves as a hub for problem solving, shared learning and collective advocacy. Delegates exchange best practices, examine emerging models in service delivery and explore innovative approaches. Through resolutions debates and direct engagement with the Province, local leaders articulate the needs of their communities and influence policies and solutions.

In 2026, we gather to equip ourselves with the knowledge, partnerships, and tools needed to benefit the common good.

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Important Notices

Registration, Name Badges and Session Access

Please pick up your delegate name badge upon arrival to Convention. For security and access reasons, name badges must be worn for entry to all Convention sessions. The reverse of your name badge contains admission information for events that require separate registration.

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please first pick up your delegate name badge and then visit the Delegate Services Desk in the Main Lobby of the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building (VCC East).

Please be prepared to show your name badge to be granted access.

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Monday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Speaker Ready Desk

The speaker ready desk is your on-site support hub for all presentation needs. Our team is here to help ensure your session runs smoothly by providing technical assistance and final preparation support.

Last minute changes to presentations can be brought to the Speaker Ready Desk at least one hour prior to presentation time. By checking in early, you'll have peace of mind knowing your presentation is ready to go, allowing you to focus on delivering an excellent session.

Location: Outside meeting room 9, VCC East

Monday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Voting Cards

Voting delegates are reminded to carry their voting cards with them during all business sessions. These cards must be shown when a vote is called for on the Convention floor.

Online Voting

Voting for the Executive Elections and Resolutions will take place online with Election Buddy.

Each voting delegate will receive an email directly from Election Buddy with details and links to the elections they are eligible to participate in.

Voting delegates will need to have a personal smart phone, tablet, or laptop during resolutions sessions and the election period to submit their votes. If you do not own your own smart phone or tablet, a small number of iPads will be available to borrow during each resolution session.

For further voting instructions and details please visit the Convention website or Event App. In addition, a help desk will be located in the main lobby of the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building during the hours below:

Monday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday	7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

For further online voting support please contact Reiko Tagami, Policy Analyst at rtagami@ubcm.ca.

All Plenary Sessions

Held at Vancouver Convention Centre East Building (VCC East) unless otherwise indicated.

UBCM Convention Office

For urgent or Convention-related matters, the on-site UBCM Convention Office is in Meeting Room 9 on the 2nd floor of VCC East.

Monday – Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM – 12:00 noon

All other matters should be directed to the permanent UBCM office number 604.270.8226, where voicemail will be checked regularly.

UBCM Trade Show

Be sure to visit the UBCM Trade Show (Exhibit Hall B), directly beside the Plenary Sessions in Exhibit Hall A, VCC East.

Wednesday	10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meet with exhibitors specializing in the local government sector to learn about new products, solutions and effective practices, or explore potential new partnerships for your community. See the Trade Show Guide for a detailed booth floor plan with exhibitor listings and look for the enlarged exhibitor location legend at the show entrances.

Drop by the UBCM Booth 500 directly in front of the Main Show Entrance to ask questions or learn more about UBCM programs.

Trade Show Reception

On Wednesday, from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, stop by Exhibition Hall B, VCC East for a prime networking opportunity at the always popular Trade Show Reception.

Engage with exhibitors while enjoying a cool beverage and a few nibbles. You'll find a complimentary drink ticket inside the back pocket of your delegate badge. Drink tickets are redeemable at this special reception only.

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UBCM Bistro

Hungry between sessions? Looking for a grab n' go snack? Missed lunch?

Head to the southeast corner of the show floor to the UBCM Bistro. Offering a small selection of sandwiches and snacks for purchase, this comfortable space features ample seating and is the perfect place to meet a colleague or take a quiet break to relax and recharge with a tasty treat or cool drink. New this year! You can pre-order your lunch at the Bistro.

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3. Pay securely online
4. Pick up your order at the Bistro when notified

Note: Pre-ordering is not an option. Please be ready to pick up your order within 10 minutes of ordering.

UBCM Convention Program

All times are listed in Pacific Time (PT).

Monday, September 14

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Agricultural Study Tour
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Study Sessions Accelerating Affordability Through Modern Methods of Construction Sustaining Local Watersheds: Building Community Prosperity Through Collaboration and Reconciliation • The Future of RCMP Policing in B.C.
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Monday Lunch
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Study Sessions Run For Office, Not From Online Harassment We Have an Evacuation Plan, But What If...? Regional Hospital Districts: Funding Health Care Beyond Local Means
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Eyes of the Beast Presentation
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Clinics Beyond Silos: Funding Flood Resilience Together Social Infrastructure: BC's Way Forward to Connected Communities Mental Health and Local Elected Officials: New Tools and Emerging Supports Preparing for the Proposed Responsible Conduct Legislation
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Forums Electoral Area Directors' Forum Small Talk Forum

UBCM Convention Program (Continued)

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Tuesday, September 15 (Continued)

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Workshops

Balanced Tenant Protection Policies that Work

The Good, Bad & Ugly: Governing Major Capital Projects from Cradle to Grave

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Workshops

Intelligent Planning Tools for Local Governments

The Continuum of Response in Our Communities

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunches

Small Talk Forum Lunch

Electoral Area Directors' Forum Lunch

Tuesday Lunch

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Plenary Session:

Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Municipal Insurance Association – Voting Member Orientation

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Municipal Insurance Association AGM

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Municipal Finance Authority Semi – Annual Meeting

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Wednesday, September 16 (Continued)

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

Clinics

UBCM Governance Review Update

Tourism Partnerships: Attracting Talent and Investment

Preventing Wildfire Ignitions: Regulation Across Jurisdictions

Overview of the Short-Term Rental Registration and Compliance Network

Navigating AI: Emerging Issues for Local Government

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION

Welcome from Squamish, Musqueam & Tsleil-Waututh Nations

O Canada

Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Community

UBCM President's Opening Address

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

Recognition for UBCM's Gary MacIsaac

9:10 AM – 9:30 AM

ANNUAL MEETING

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2025 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

Appointment of Convention Committee

9:30 AM – 9:35 AM

First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

9:35 AM – 10:35 AM

Keynote Address: Anna Maria Tremonti

10:35 AM – 10:40 AM

Nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions

10:40 AM – 11:45 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

UBCM Trade Show

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Address by the Leader of the BC Green Party

UBCM Convention Program (Continued)

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Wednesday, September 16 (Continued)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Area Association Lunches
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Address by the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Candidate Speeches (as necessary)
2:30 PM	Election of Table Officers Opens Online (as necessary)
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Cabinet Town Halls Look West: Growing BC's Economy Strong Communities Emergency Management
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Trade Show Reception
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Presentation of 2026 Climate & Energy Action Awards
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM	CUPE BC Reception <i>All attendees must be UBCM delegates (or UBCM-registered guests) and must present their UBCM badge to gain entry. Please also note that this event is not open to Trade Show Exhibitors nor any non-registered UBCM guests.</i>

Thursday, September 17

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	UBCM Run / Walk Club
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	Clinics Interregional Transit and Rural Passenger Transportation Municipal Approaches to Addressing Indigenous-Specific Racism Resilient Infrastructure for the Common Good
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions
8:35 AM – 8:55 AM	Address by the Leader of the Conservative Party of BC
8:55 AM – 11:15 AM	Resolutions Session Continues
9:00 AM	Election of Table Officers Closes Online

Thursday, September 17 (Continued)

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	UBCM Trade Show
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Address by the FCM President
11:30 PM – 11:35 PM	Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions
11:35 PM – 12:00 PM	Candidates' Speeches
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Delegates' Lunch Recognition of Life Members; Presentation of LGLA Certificates
2:00 PM	Election of Remaining Executive Positions Opens (as necessary)
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshops Emergency Management Together Active Transportation: Shared Challenges, Practical Solutions How Modern Treaties Support Common Good Powering British Columbia's Future
6:30 PM	UBCM Annual Banquet Reception
7:30 PM	Annual Banquet Presentation of Long-Service Awards and Life Memberships

Friday, September 18

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM – 11:05 AM	Reolutions Session Continues, Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline (Late Resolutions)
8:30 AM	Election for Executive Positions Closes Online
11:05 AM – 11:15 AM	Installation of President Elect
11:15 AM – 11:20 AM	Port of Vancouver Prize Draw
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	Address by the Premier
12:00 PM	Adjourn

Delegate Services

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Tuesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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Thursday	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Continental Breakfasts

Tuesday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

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7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

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Ballroom BC, VCC East

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Thursday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

South Foyer & East Foyer VCC East

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Ballroom BC, VCC East

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Friday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Ballroom BC, VCC East

Networking Events

Please note all UBCM networking events require a delegate badge for access and/or a purchased ticket. The UBCM Code of Conduct is in effect for all networking events. Staff have the right to refuse entry to anyone without a delegate badge.

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Monday, September 14

Monday Lunch *(additional registration required)*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Crystal Pavillion Ballroom, Pan Pacific Hotel

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Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Princess Louisa Suite, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday, September 15

Lunches *(additional registration required)*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Electoral Area Directors' Forum Lunch

Waterfront Ballroom AB, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Small Talk Forum Lunch

Ballroom C, VCC East

Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Tuesday Lunch

Crystal Pavillion Ballroom, Pan Pacific Hotel

Sponsored by BC Council of Forest Industries

Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Meeting Room 1-3, VCC East

Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority of BC (Gold), Urban Systems Ltd. (Gold), and Joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (Silver)

Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

West Level 2 & 3 Foyer, VCC West Building

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Wednesday, September 16

Area Association Lunches *(additional registration required)*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

AKBLG	Waterfront Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
AVICC	Ballroom B, VCC East
LMLGA	Ballroom C, VCC East
NCLGA	Ballroom A, VCC East
SILGA	Waterfront Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

CUPE BC Reception

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Atrium, Pan Pacific Hotel

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Thursday, September 17

Delegates' Lunch *(additional registration required)*

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Ballroom A/B/C, VCC East

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UBCM Annual Banquet Reception *(additional registration, for the Annual Banquet, required)*

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Ballroom A/B/C, VCC East

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UBCM Annual Banquet *(additional registration required)*

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM Exhibit Hall A, VCC

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Annual Banquet Reception

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Eyes of the Beast: Climate Disaster Survivor Stories (Public Reading)

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Thursday Continental Breakfast

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Tuesday Continental Breakfast

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Tuesday Lunch

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Monday Pre-Convention

Agricultural Study Tour (*pre-registration required*)

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Room: Meet in the Sechelt Foyer, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel at 7:45 AM

Details: Please join the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food on a scenic and educational tour of the City of Delta to showcase a diverse range of farm operations that support the strength of the agricultural industry in the Lower Mainland. With a specific focus on water, you'll learn how farmers have adopted innovative technologies to improve water use efficiencies in an area that is increasingly affected by seasonal drought. You'll hear from several multi-generational farm families to learn more about both the successes and challenges of farming in a low-lying region with high-quality soils that is prone to flooding.

The tour will showcase various forms of agriculture such as greenhouse-based vegetable production, dairy and beef cattle farming as well as an operation growing six different varieties of berries. Another stop will highlight a local pump station where Delta city staff will provide an overview of the intricate and expansive water network that simultaneously provides farms with fresh water while preventing the intrusion of salt water. Stops at each farm will include a tour of the operation and provide an opportunity to connect with the farmers to gain a better understanding about their operation and the water related challenges they face.

Lunch is provided and will highlight products grown and raised in B.C. Some stops may provide an opportunity to purchase local farm products. Please dress for the weather and wear farm-appropriate footwear. Partners/spouses are welcome but must formally register for the tour as space is limited. Breakfast is not included, though snacks and water will be available on the bus throughout the day.

Accelerating Affordability Through Modern Methods of Construction

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Room: Waterfront Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Presenters:

Alex Boston, Consulting Lead, Local Government Offsite Housing Construction Accelerator, Zero Emissions Innovation Centre

Lisa Helps, Executive Lead, Project Acceleration, BC Housing

Mike Hurley, Mayor, City of Burnaby

Paul Binotto, Director, Modular BC

Annabelle Hamilton, Executive Director, WoodWorks BC

Details: This session will explore how local governments can use modern methods of construction (MMC)—including prefabricated components and modular housing—to support housing affordability. It will provide an overview of available technologies, key government programs, and practical examples of communities already advancing MMC. Attendees will learn from emerging implementation experience and leave with a clearer understanding of the local government role in enabling MMC, as well as opportunities for participation and partnership.

Sustaining Local Watersheds: Building Community Prosperity Through Collaboration and Reconciliation

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Room: MR 1, 2, 3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Coree Tull, Chair, BC Watershed Security Coalition

Lydia Hwitsum, First Nations Water Caucus, Watershed Security Fund

Tricia Brett, Councillor, District of Lake Country, Co-Chair, Okanagan-Similkameen Collaborative Leadership Table

Randene Neill, Minister, Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Paris Marshall Smith, Sustainability & Resilience Supervisor, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Details: Across British Columbia, watersheds are under increasing pressure from drought, flooding, wildfire impacts, development, and ecosystem decline. As communities confront growing challenges related to watershed security, climate resilience, and sustainable growth, there is an urgent need for stronger collaboration and innovative governance approaches to protect local watersheds – critical infrastructure that sustains people, communities, and economies.

This session will explore the changing landscape of watershed management in British Columbia through First Nation, provincial, and local government perspectives. Through panel discussions, participant knowledge sharing, and community case studies, attendees will examine emerging challenges, identify opportunities for action, and explore what is needed to build healthier, more resilient watersheds.

Participants will gain practical insights into collaborative governance models, partnership-building, and community-led solutions that are advancing reconciliation, strengthening local economies, and improving watershed health. Attendees will leave with new ideas, real-world examples, and a deeper understanding of how collective action can help secure a more resilient and prosperous future for communities across British Columbia.

The Future of RCMP Policing in B.C.

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Room: MR 11, 12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Jamie Lipp, Deputy Director, Indigenous, Core Policing and Contract Management, Policing and Security Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Elijah Rain, Assistant Commissioner & LMD District Commander, B.C. RCMP

Craig Hodge, Metro Vancouver/GVRD Representative, Union of B.C. Municipalities

Dr. Joshua Murphy, Professor, Department of Criminology, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Details: The federal government has informally signaled its intention to negotiate new RCMP police service agreements (PSAs) with willing jurisdictions, but what does that mean for B.C. local governments? British Columbia is the only contract jurisdiction where PSAs are between the Province and local governments (as opposed to direct agreements with the federal government). How will this arrangement impact contract negotiations, which are expected to begin imminently? What will be the role of local governments, who pay the largest share of policing costs in B.C., as part of this process? This session will explore how policing has evolved since 2012, when the last PSAs were finalized, and what the future of RCMP policing looks like in British Columbia. This includes key issues for local governments, and what the role of local governments could be as part of upcoming negotiations.

Monday Pre-Convention (Continued)

Monday Lunch (*additional registration required*)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Crystal Pavillion Ballroom, Pan Pacific Hotel

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Regional Hospital Districts: Funding Health Care Beyond Local Means

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: MR 1,2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health

Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District

Kyle Sampson, Chair, Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District

Sylvia Weir, President & CEO, Interior Health

Janice Perrino, Chair, Nanaimo Regional Hospital District

James Hanson, Vice President Community Clinical Operations and Support Program, Island Health

Details: Though health care is a responsibility, local governments are contributing more and more of their budgets towards this essential public service in BC. This is taking place at a time when local governments are already facing significant financial pressures due to the expansion of services from senior governments on many issues including housing, community safety and climate change.

This session will examine the unsustainability of local government contributions towards health care infrastructure through their Regional Hospital Districts, and explore changes needed to provide for equitable health care in BC communities.

Run For Office, Not From Online Harassment

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: MR 11,12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Brian Frenkel, Councillor, District of Vanderhoof

Eunhye Lee, Program Manager, Canada, Strong Cities Network

Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater

Garth Frizzell, Councillor, City of Prince George

Maja Tait, Mayor, District of Sooke

Kyle Hamilton, Councillor, City of Fernie

Cathy Canil, Director, Digital, Kirk & Co.

Sam Oliphant, Senior Vice President, Kirk & Co.

Details: The rise in online harassment of elected officials in recent years has been noticeable, and is a significant concern as we approach this year's local government elections. Social media remains ground zero for online harassment, and is now becoming more problematic due to the increased use of artificial intelligence.

This session will explore the rise of online harassment of local government elected officials, including the use of AI, impact on local politicians, and available supports. What is the current landscape, and what is being done to address these issues? We will hear from a panel of elected officials about their experiences, and will learn about strategies for the use of social media.

We Have an Evacuation Plan, But What If ...?s

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: Waterfront Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Presenters:

Christina Carbrejy, Protective Services Manager /Regional EOC Director, Regional District of East Kootenay
Ken Nickel, Food Security Emergency Planning and Preparedness Project Coordinator, BC Agriculture Council
Ty Helgason, Emergency Program Manager, City of Kamloops
Jaylene MacIver, Deputy CAO, Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Details: Evacuations are complex, emotional and often require input from multiple agencies. Even when an evacuation plan is in place, local governments may have questions about how they can best serve their communities during emergencies.

This session will focus on key questions that local government staff and elected officials may have in relation to safe and efficient evacuations. Community leaders may ask:

- What if there are vulnerable populations that need more support?
- What if livestock must be left behind?
- What if evacuees must leave town for support?
- What if our primary evacuation route is compromised?

Join speakers from local governments and the BC Agriculture Council as we consider the 'what-ifs' of managing local evacuations.

Eyes of the Beast Presentation

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Room: Ballroom A/B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Details: The heat and fires we experienced this summer echo the extreme weather of 2021: a heat wave that killed 619 people, followed by a fire that levelled Lytton and floods that cut the province in two. Eyes of the Beast brings the voices of survivors Co-created by the University of Victoria's Climate Disaster Project and Vancouver's Newworld Theatre, this original documentary play is drawn from the testimonies of 33 survivors, who share their experiences and hopes for change that will keep their loved ones and communities safe.

During Convention, a public performance of the play will be presented, sponsored by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. The performance will be followed by a forum where delegates can discuss their own experiences and wisdom from the frontlines of our warming world. That forum will happen in front of an invited "policy listener," Minister Kelly Greene, Emergency Management & Climate Readiness, who will be charged with responding to what she heard.

Playwrights: Sebastien Archibald, Gavan Cheema, and Kelsey Kanatan Wavey

Performers: Sarah Conway, Vuk Prodanovic, Jessica Wong, Kaitlyn Yott

Directors: Chelsea Haberlin and Kelsey Kanatan Wavey

Stage Manager: Jasmin Sandhu

Projection Design: Candelario Andrade

Sound Design: Mary Jane Coomber

Technical Director: Brianna Bernard

Original Concept: Alen Dominguez and Sean Holman

Sponsored by Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Princess Louisa Suite, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday sessions

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Clinics

Beyond Silos: Funding Flood Resilience Together

Room: MR 1, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Tyrone McNeill, Stolo Tribal Council President / Councillor, Seabird Island / Chair, Emergency Planning Secretariat

Jason Lum, Director, Fraser Valley Regional District

Jen Ford, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law

Details: Flood risk is rising across British Columbia, and no community can face it alone. In the Lower Fraser, local governments and First Nations are showing what's possible: building relationships, facing shared risks together, and catalyzing joint action across jurisdictional lines. Join leaders turning shared vision into momentum: mapping cascading impacts that spread across regions, advancing options to reduce risk, and championing long-term stable funding programs.

This session will showcase relationship building, knowledge mobilization, and early successes in moving past the persistent downloading of responsibilities for flood management to local governments. Discuss practical strategies for aligning priorities across jurisdictions and advocating for dedicated funding and coordinated flood management programs. Leave with practical ways your community can strengthen climate resilience, support thriving local economies, and advance solutions that serve the common good.

Mental Health for Elected Officials: New Tools and Emerging Supports

Room: MR 11, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Brian Frenkel, Councillor, District of Vanderhoof

Richard Stewart, Mayor, City of Coquitlam

Rebecca Williams, Manager, Member Services & HR, Union of BC Municipalities

Details: Local elected officials are increasingly facing complex responsibilities, public pressures, and challenges that can impact their mental health and well-being. Recognizing the importance of mental health supports for those serving in local government, we invite you to join the Local Leaders for Mental Health Peer Group and UBCM staff for an update on current initiatives including an overview of the recently approved UBCM Mental Health Toolkit for Elected Officials, to launch following the upcoming election.

Preparing for the Proposed Responsible Conduct Legislation

Room: MR 12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Michelle Dann, Executive Director, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Nadine Nakagawa, Councillor, City of New Westminster

Lisa Southern, Founding Partner, Southern Law

Details: This clinic provides an educational overview of the responsible conduct legislation introduced in the Spring 2026 legislative session. The session will outline the purpose and intent of the proposed legislative framework, outline key expectations and responsibilities, and plans for future guidance, tools, and support materials. It is intended to help elected officials and senior staff understand the proposed changes and where to access ongoing guidance.

Social Infrastructure: BC's Way Forward to Connected Communities

Room: MR 8 & 15, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Katie Fenn, CEO, BC Recreation and Parks Association

Mary Morrison-Clark, GM, Parks, Recreation and Culture, City of Burnaby

Carmut Me, Head of Cultural Space Programs, 221A

Andrew Price, CEO, viaSport

John Hawkings, Executive Lead, BC Ministry of Environment and Parks

Details: Liveability is the cornerstone of sustainable, resilient communities. This session brings together essential partners who collectively build the thriving fabric and infrastructure that support complete communities. This group will address social infrastructure economic mechanisms to help curb skyrocketing unaffordability, while also advancing prevention-focused solutions aligned with BC's housing legislation. Using clear examples of how to apply DCC and ACC mechanisms under the new legislation for impactful and essential community amenities. They will share their collective lessons learned as we rethink the way forward for what it takes to build resilient communities nested within a hopeful and thriving future.

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Forums, Workshops & Lunches

Forums

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Electoral Area Directors Waterfront Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
Small Talk Ballroom A/B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Workshops

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Forums, Workshops & Lunches (Continued)

Balanced Tenant Protection Policies That Work

Room: MR 2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Matthew Thiesen, Managing Partner, Sommerville Community Relations

Dea Knight, Senior Director, Development, Bosa Properties

Wendy Tse, Director, Community Planning, City of Burnaby

Richard Zussman, Vice President of Public Affairs, Burson Global

Details: New provincial tenant protection legislation gives municipalities powerful new tools, but a copy-paste policy approach risks impacting vital housing development or leaving residents without support. How do local governments protect tenants without freezing the housing supply we desperately need? Housing redevelopment shouldn't mean community displacement. Local governments do not have to choose between housing growth and tenant protection.

In this interactive workshop, join relocation experts and municipal leaders to dissect real-world BC success stories. Learn how to design a balanced, low-friction framework tailored to your community's unique realities. We will explore collaborative liaison models that diffuse tension between developers and tenants, ensuring smooth transitions and preserved relationships. You'll walk away with a practical blueprint to draft politically durable, functionally sound tenant policies that foster growth without sacrificing community stability.

The Good, Bad & Ugly: Governing Major Capital Projects from Cradle to Grave

Room: MR 11,12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Chris Paine, Principal, FIT Consulting

Brian Bedford, Executive Director, Housing and Municipal Affairs

Wendy Morin, Director, Comox Valley Regional District

Alan Harrison, Mayor, City of Salmon Arm

Nyla Attiana, CAO, District of Tofino

Charlie Gore, Capital Projects Manager, Comox Valley Regional District

Details: Major capital projects can define a community's future, but they can also create financial pressure, public scrutiny, and unintended consequences. From public consultation, funding and financing through procurement, construction, operations, maintenance, and renewal, elected officials play a critical role in ensuring projects deliver lasting value.

This practical panel discussion will explore the key questions local government leaders should ask at every stage of a project's lifecycle. Participants will gain a better understanding of how financial planning, borrowing strategies, procurement, project management, asset management, and sustainable service delivery work together to support successful outcomes.

Through real-world examples, panelists will share lessons from projects that succeeded, projects that struggled, and the governance decisions that made the difference. The discussion will highlight how councils and boards can balance affordability, risk, service expectations, intergenerational equity, and value for money while making informed decisions on behalf of their communities.

Attendees will leave with practical insights and questions they can take back to the council or board table to strengthen oversight, improve decision-making, and help ensure major investments deliver long-term community benefits.

Workshops

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Intelligent Planning Tools for Local Governments

Room: MR 2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Raymond Kan, Director of Policy & Research, Planning Institute of British Columbia

Craig Jones, Associate Director, Housing Assessment Resource Tools, UBC

Sarah Sibbett, Manager, Land Information Solutions, Esri Canada

Taylor McInnes, Manager, Geodata Services, Land Title and Survey Authority (LTSA) of BC

Details: This session will explore how local governments can strengthen land use planning, service delivery, and community outcomes, through presentations on:

- An AI tool that helps planners, elected officials, professionals, and the public search, compare, and analyze OCPs and zoning bylaws across British Columbia.
- Approaches to integrating parcel data to enable faster decision-making, improved public service delivery, and stronger outcomes for communities.
- A BC Public Lands Map that can help communities identify publicly owned parcels with development potential, flag co-development opportunities, and assess factors such as servicing, slope, natural disaster risk, and proximity to amenities to support housing and land use decisions.

The Continuum of Response in Our Communities

Room: MR 11,12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Anthony Haddad, City Manager, City of Penticton

Julie Czeck, General Manager, Public Safety & Partnerships, City of Penticton

Dena Kae Beno, Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Social Planning, City of Langley

Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Langley

Milo MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fort St. John

Details: Local governments are increasingly being left to respond to issues that fall outside their core responsibilities. The continuum of response to social issues (e.g., homelessness, addictions, mental health) is one such example. In 2021, the all-party Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act recommended that the provincial government “create and appropriately fund a continuum of response to mental health, addictions and other complex social issues.” This recommendation has not been fulfilled, which has left local governments dealing with a plethora of social issues in their communities.

This workshop will explore some of the partnerships that have been developed as a measure of last resort, when local governments are left to manage issues beyond their scope of duties. It will also examine the role of other orders of government in addressing these social issues.

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Forums, Workshops & Lunches (Continued)

Forum Lunches

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Electoral Area Directors' Lunch

Waterfront Ballroom AB, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Small Talk Lunch

Ballroom C, VCC East

Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Tuesday Lunch

Crystal Pavillion Ballroom, Pan Pacific Hotel

Sponsored by BC Council of Forest Industries

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM Plenary

Understanding DRIPA: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications for BC Communities

1:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: Exhibit Hall A, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Reece Harding, Partner, Young Anderson Barrister and Solicitors

Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair in Right, Communities and Constitutional Law, University of Saskatchewan

Merle Alexander, KC, Principal Lawyer, Miller Titerle + Company

Karen Restoule, Director of Indigenous Affairs, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Laura Jones, President and CEO, Business Council of British Columbia

George Lampreau, Chief, Simpcw First Nation

Aaron Pete, Chief, Chawathil First Nation

Cori Ramsay, President, UBCM

Details: The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) continues to shape conversations about reconciliation, governance, law-making and community relationships across BC. This plenary session will provide UBCM members with an overview of DRIPA including how the legislation was developed, and what it means for provincial laws, Indigenous rights and public decision-making. This session will bring together legal, Indigenous, local government, business and provincial perspectives to examine the opportunities and challenges associated with implementing DRIPA. Through presentations and moderated discussion, delegates will have an opportunity to consider what DRIPA means for communities throughout BC, where clearer engagement and information-sharing is needed, and how relationships among First Nations, local governments and the Province can support better policy outcomes.

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Voting Member Orientation

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Room: Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Municipal Insurance Association of BC AGM

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Room: Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Municipal Finance Authority Semi – Annual Meeting

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Room: Malaspina, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Room: Meeting Room 1-3, VCC East

Details: The Community Excellence Awards recognize and celebrate UBCM members that have implemented projects and programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government in BC. The awards are designed to profile promising practices and to create successful pathways and incentives for others to follow.

The categories are:

- Excellence in Governance
- Excellence in Service Delivery
- Excellence in Asset Management
- Excellence in Sustainability
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UBCM Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

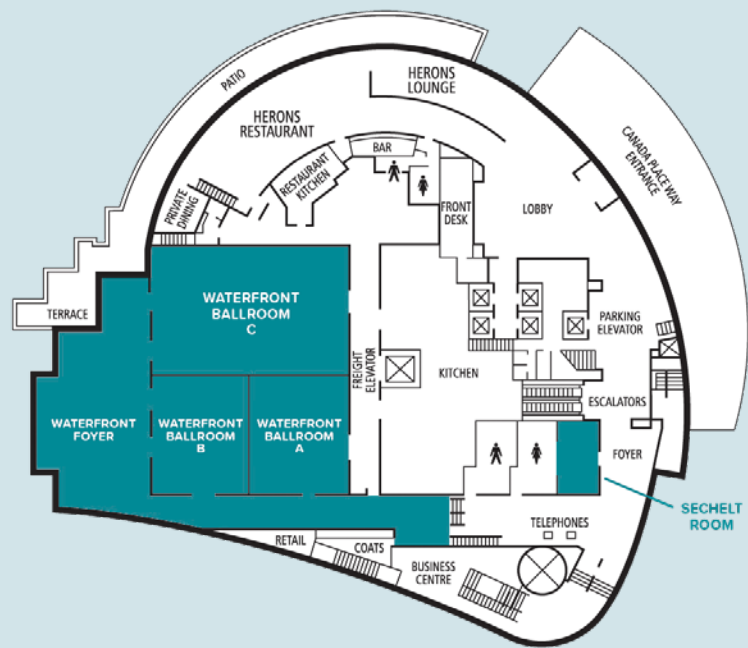
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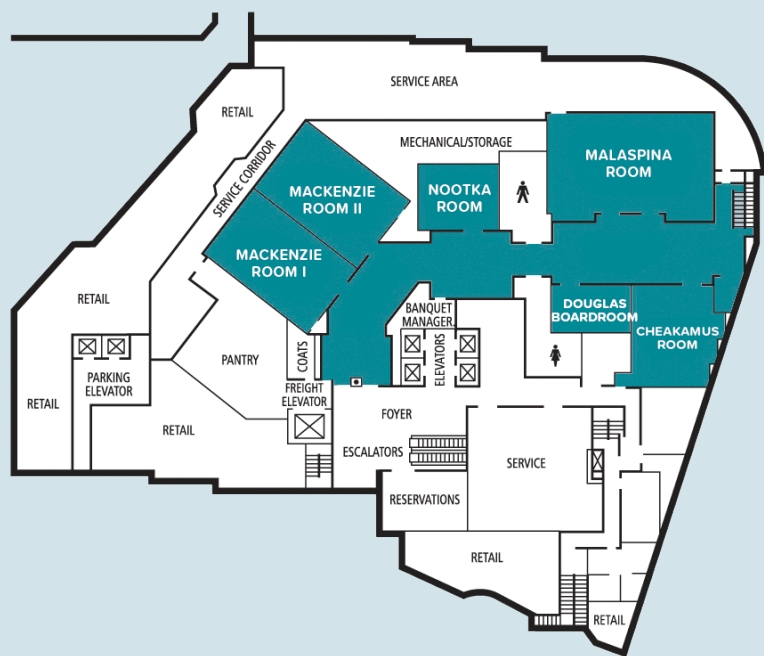
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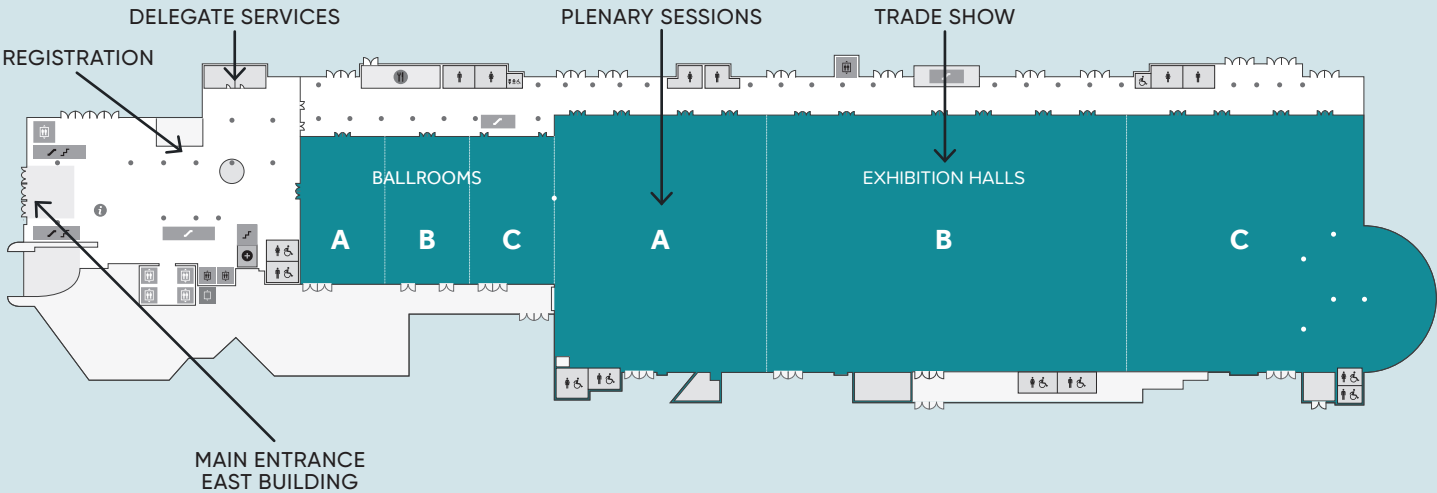


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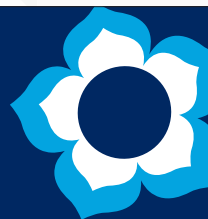


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Wednesday Sessions

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM Clinics

Navigating AI: Emerging Issues for Local Government

Room: MR 12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Shauna Sylvester, Lead Convenor, Urban Climate Leadership

Ryan Smith, Director of Planning and Development Services, City of Kelowna

Details: As artificial intelligence becomes more integrated into society, local governments are encountering new questions related to infrastructure development, energy demand, service delivery, and governance. Understanding these issues will be essential as communities seek to balance innovation with community interests and public accountability.

This session brings together perspectives from local government and civic leadership to discuss two key dimensions of AI for local governments: the local implications of AI infrastructure development and the responsible use of AI tools in government operations. Attendees will gain practical insights into emerging trends, potential risks, and considerations for local decision-makers as AI continues to evolve.

Overview of the Short-Term Rental Registration and Compliance Framework

Room: MR 11, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Trevor Lammie, Registrar Short-Term Rental Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Hilary Wheeler, Executive Director, Short-Term Rental Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Details: Participants will get an overview of the provincial Short-Term Rental (STR) registration requirement, with a specific focus on how local governments can access STR listing information through the provincial STR Data Portal, and how to work with the Office of the STR Registrar and the Compliance and Enforcement Unit on suspected non-compliance of STRs.

Preventing Wildfire Ignitions: Regulation Across Jurisdictions

Room: MR 8 & 15, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenter:

Briana Hill, Director Strategic Engagement & Partnerships, BC Ministry of Forests, BC Wildfire Service

Angela Brothchie, Deputy Manager Wildfire Risk, BC Ministry of Forests, BC Wildfire Service

Adele Lay, Senior Policy Analyst, BC Ministry of Forests, BC Wildfire Service

Details: As population growth and development extend into forested landscapes, wildfire risk is rising at the interface between communities and wildlands. Fire spreads according to terrain and weather, not jurisdictional lines—yet these are the lines that define prevention authorities and financial consequences. This session outlines how human activities that cause wildfires are regulated at provincial and local levels, and why that matters for community safety. BC Wildfire Service's legislation and policy team will share findings from research and engagement on how responsibilities are divided, where challenges are emerging, and what effective coordination looks like. Using data and local examples, the session will show how effective regulatory tools can reduce human-ignitions and the need for costly emergency response.

Attracting Investment: Working With Tourism Organizations

Room: MR 2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Alison McKay, VP, Destination Management, Destination BC

Gabe Seder, VP Global Development, Destinations International

Gladys Atrill, Mayor, Town of Smithers

Jocelyn Jenkyns, City Manager, City of Victoria

Laura Mercer, GM, Corporate Services, City of Nanaimo

Paul Nursey, CEO, Destination Greater Victoria

Katie Neustaeter, Councillor, City of Kamloops

Details: Every community has hidden assets. The strongest local governments know how to activate them. Economic resilience isn't built by waiting for the next major employer, grant, or infrastructure project. It's built by recognizing and leveraging the partnerships, networks, and assets already shaping your community's future. Hear from rural, mid-sized, and urban local government leaders who have redefined how they approach economic development by unlocking an often-overlooked strategic partner. Through real-world examples, discover how these collaborations are strengthening local businesses, attracting investment and talent, activating downtowns, supporting community vibrancy, and building resilience during economic change. Leave with practical ideas, proven approaches, and a fresh perspective on a partnership your community likely already has, but may not yet be fully leveraging.



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UBCM Governance Review Update

Room: MR 1, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies

Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, Union of BC Municipalities

Details: Update and engagement on the UBCM governance review process, which responds to recent requests from the membership through resolutions and direct correspondence. The governance review focuses on representation of the range of UBCM members as reflected in the composition of the UBCM Executive board and the name of the organization.

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8:30 AM – 10:25 AM

Convention Opening Session

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Room: Exhibit Hall A, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Welcome from Squamish, Musqueam & Tsleil-Waututh Nations

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Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Municipality

UBCM President Address

Recognition for UBCM's Gary MacIsaac

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

Annual Meeting

9:10 AM – 9:30 AM

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2025 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

Appointment of Convention Committee

First Report of the Nominating Committee for the Positions of Table Officers

9:30 AM – 9:35 AM



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Keynote Address: Anna Maria Tremonti



9:35 AM – 10:35 AM

Anna Maria Tremonti is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster who captivated listeners around the world for nearly two decades as the host of CBC Radio's The Current, one of Canada's most popular radio programs.

Known for her thoughtful, compelling interviews, Tremonti has explored everything from the politics of the day and the forces shaping our society to the deeply personal stories of individuals whose experiences and journeys resonate with us all. Her trademark approach, curious, empathetic and deeply human, has earned her a devoted audience and inspired countless listeners.

Through her work, Tremonti has demonstrated the power of a good question and the importance of listening with genuine curiosity and compassion.

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10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Trade Show

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Exhibit Hall B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Nominations From the Floor for Table Officer Positions

10:35 AM – 10:40 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

10:40 AM – 11:45 AM

Address by the Leader of the BC Green Party

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Emily Lowan

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10:30 AM – 2:30 PM (Continued)

Area Association Lunches

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

AKBLG	Waterfront Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
AVICC	Ballroom B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East
LMLGA	Ballroom C, Vancouver Convention Centre – East
NCLGA	Ballroom A, Vancouver Convention Centre – East
SILGA	Waterfront Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Address by the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Honourable Brittany Anderson

Candidate Speeches (as necessary)

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Election of Table Officers Opens (as necessary)

2:30 PM

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3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Provincial Cabinet Town Halls

Look West: Growing BC's Economy

Room: MR 2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Finance

Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs

Strong Communities

Room: MR 8 & 15, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Health

Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

Emergency Management

Room: MR 11, 12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests

Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Honourable Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship

Trade Show Reception

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: Exhibition Hall B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Details: Engage with exhibitors while enjoying a cool beverage and a few nibbles. You'll find a complimentary drink ticket inside the back pocket of your delegate badge. Drink tickets are redeemable at this special reception only.

Sponsored by Justice Institute of British Columbia (Booth 501)

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Presentation of 2026 Climate & Energy Action Awards

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: MR 1, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Details: Join communities across British Columbia to celebrate the 2026 Climate & Energy Action Awards, hosted by the Community Energy Association. The awards recognize municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous communities for outstanding climate and energy initiatives that have made significant, measurable impacts.

New this year, the Climate and Energy Champion Award will recognize local government and Indigenous community staff who demonstrate a strong personal commitment to advancing climate action and resilience.

Be inspired by a diverse array of innovative policies, projects, and community-led initiatives, and celebrate local climate leadership across BC.

Thursday Sessions

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

UBCM Run / Walk Club

Room: Please meet in the Sechelt Foyer, Waterfront Hotel at 6:30 AM

Join us Thursday morning for a fun 5 km run or 3 km walk! This energizing morning activity is a great way to get your blood pumping, connect with delegates from across the province, and start your day feeling refreshed and ready to go. Light refreshments will be served in the Sechelt room post-run / walk.

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM Clinics

Interregional Transit and Rural Passenger Transportation

Room: MR 1, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenter:

David Retzer, Project Director, Ministry of Transportation and Transit

Details: This session builds on UBCM resolutions from 2025 to improve transit in rural and underserved areas of the province, including to enhance “the frequency, coverage and reliability of rural transit” and provide “support for a comprehensive regional transit system tailored to the unique needs of rural communities, including inter-community transit links.” The Ministry of Transportation and Transit is interested in hearing more from UBCM members about their communities’ experiences with existing transportation services, how they propose being involved in interregional transit and rural transportation services in the future, and the types of services they would like to see expanded to support the needs of community members to increase mobility and access to services, economic opportunities, and social connectivity.

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM Clinics (Continued)

Municipal Approaches to Addressing Indigenous-Specific Racism

Room: MR 2,3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Katie Skelton, Senior Director, Indigenous Learning Programs, Cultural Safety Transformation, San'yas Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism Training

Gail (T7ikw) Higginbottom, Senior Director, San'yas Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism Training

Hayley Cocar, Project Lead, San'yas Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism Training

Caiden Edwards, Corporate Officer, North Coast Regional District

Details: This clinic explores how San'yas Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism Training partnered with the North Coast Regional District, Port Edward, and Prince Rupert to develop region-specific training on Indigenous-specific anti-racism, settler-colonialism, and culturally safe emergency response. Funded through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, the training provides practical, community-guided education for safer services and emergency response.

Participants will explore how Indigenous-specific racism affects emergency outcomes and what cultural safety requires in practice. Presenters will also explain the collaborative process, including the creation of an advisory group to ensure the training reflected the perspectives, priorities, and rights of local First Nations and Indigenous peoples.

The session offers adaptable tools and approaches for municipalities seeking to strengthen safety, cultural responsiveness, and reconciliation through rights and distinctions-based practices.

Resilient Infrastructure for the Common Good

Room: MR 8 & 15, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Meghan Lee, Director of Engineering and Operations, District of Sechelt

Kiera Tsakonias, Portfolio Manager, Canadian Urban Institute

LouAnn Birkett, Senior Supply Chain Advisor – Contracting, Kinetic GPO Inc.

Michael Walker, Manager – Regional Infrastructure, Associated Engineering

Details: Municipalities are under increasing pressure to deliver infrastructure projects quickly, responsibly, and with greater resilience to future conditions. This session will provide delegates with a practical model for accelerating project initiation, strengthening decision-making, improving readiness, and accessing funding options to mitigate the limited resources that we have. Attendees will gain insight and tools on how streamlined procurement approaches can reduce delays in accessing technical support, how early and proactive engineering input can clarify priorities and de-risk projects, and how climate-informed planning can both strengthen access to funding, enable long-term asset management, and reduce lifecycle costs. This session is designed for local government leaders seeking practical, transferable approaches to improve infrastructure delivery, resilience, and value for their communities.

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Plenary

Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Address by Leader of the Conservative Party of BC

8:35 AM – 8:55 AM

Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay, PC, DSJ, KC

Resolutions Session Continues

8:55 AM – 11:15 AM

Election of Table Officers Closes

9:00 AM

Trade Show

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Exhibit Hall B, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Address by FCM

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Past President, FCM

Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions

11:30 AM – 11:35 AM

Candidate Speeches

11:35 AM – 12:00 PM

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Delegates' Lunch (additional registration required)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

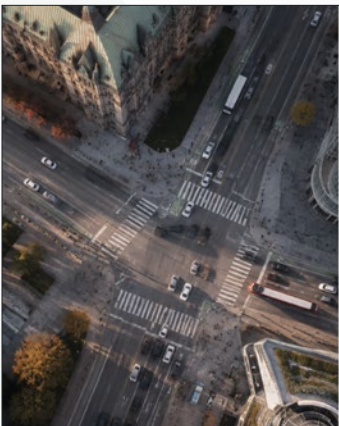
Location: Ballroom A/B/C, VCC East

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Election of Remaining Executive Positions Opens (as necessary)

2:00 PM



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2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Workshops

Emergency Management Together

Room: MR 1, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Keith Preston, Executive Director, Policy, Appeals & Legislation, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Details: Under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act, local governments, First Nations and the Province work together to keep communities safe and resilient. With updated local government preparedness requirements taking effect in 2027, it's a great time to review the legislative framework, our respective roles, and explore methodologies that can advance our shared commitment to protecting people and property.

Participants will learn about local authority requirements for risk assessments, emergency management plans, and business continuity plans, along with relevant concepts introduced with the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, including Indigenous and local knowledge, consultation and cooperation with Indigenous governing bodies, vulnerability, and intersectional disadvantage. Ministry staff will also provide an update on work to modernize B.C.'s regulations for disaster financial assistance.

After an overview presentation, participants and ministry staff will move into a world café-style dialogue to move deeper into the subject matter.

How Modern Treaties Support Common Good

Room: MR 1, 2, 3, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Angela Wesley, Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission

Carolyn Kamper, ADM, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Spencer Chandra Herbert, Minister, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

George Abbott, Chief Commissioner, BC Treaty Commission

John Jack, Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations & ACRD Chair

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Angela Bate, Director General, Negotiations West, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Mat Sargent, Senior Director, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Nedinska Donaldson, Executive Director, Treaty Relations & Implementation, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Details: Join the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, BC Treaty Commission, Modern Treaty Nation leaders and local government representatives to talk modern treaties. In this session, speakers will discuss what modern treaties are, how they are developed, and how treaty relationships can support regional economies, collaborative stewardship, coordinated service delivery, and enduring relationships between neighbouring governments. Following the presentations, delegates will be invited to submit questions for a moderated Q&A with speakers and subject matter experts.

Active Transportation: Shared Challenges, Practical Solutions

Room: MR 11, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Adam Krupper, Manager, Active Transportation, Ministry of Transportation & Transit

Brian Patterson, Senior Planner, Urban Systems

Details: Elected officials must make tough decisions on any road project – balancing the needs of drivers, transit, cyclists, pedestrians, parking, and goods movement within limited finances and road space. This workshop introduces BC's recently updated Active Transportation Planning and Design Guide to support local government decision-making on the safety, accessibility, and livability of our streets.

Using real-world scenarios, participants will explore how the Guide helps address shared challenges, including building walking and cycling facilities with limited resources, improving safety in school zones, and expanding street access for people with disabilities. The session will demonstrate how communities can use the Guide to support consistent design practices, clearer decision-making, effective communication, and achieve broadly supported outcomes in both rural and urban communities.

Powering British Columbia's Future: What Local Leaders Need to Know

Room: MR 12, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Presenters:

Keith Anderson, Senior Vice President, Customer and Corporate Affairs, BC Hydro

Brandon Young, Director, Power Smart, BC Hydro

Melissa Holland, Senior Vice President, Capital Infrastructure Project Delivery, BC Hydro

Ajay Kumar, Senior Vice President, Integrated Planning, BC Hydro

Brian Knoke, Executive Vice President, Operations, BC Hydro

Jacqueline Spray, Senior Manager, Local Government Partnerships, BC Hydro

Details: Electricity underpins the prosperity and resilience of every community across British Columbia—and its importance is growing. As communities navigate population growth, climate pressures, and rapid economic change, local governments are at the forefront of planning for an energy-secure future.

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6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

UBCM Annual Banquet Reception (additional registration required)

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Ballroom A/B/C, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Entry to the UBCM Reception and Banquet requires additional registration. If you have already paid for the UBCM Banquet, please bring your delegate name badge for entry. To purchase registration, please inquire regarding availability at the Delegate Services Desk.

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UBCM Annual Banquet (additional registration required)

7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Room: Exhibit Hall A, Vancouver Convention Centre – East

Awards

Life Memberships, Long Service, and Special Long Service awards will be presented at the Banquet.

Entertainment

This year's banquet entertainment will be an evening with music performed for dinner and an evening of dancing by The Famous Players Band.

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Wine sponsored by Pattison Food Group

Friday Sessions

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Resolutions Session Continues

8:00 AM – 11:05 AM

Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline (Late Resolutions)

Election of Table Officers Closes Online

8:30 AM

Installation of President Elect

11:05 AM – 11:15 AM

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Alaska Cruise Prize Draw *

11:15 AM – 11:20 AM

Roundtrip Alaska cruise for two departing the Canada Place Cruise Ship Terminal at the Port of Vancouver. Provided by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Expedia Cruises.

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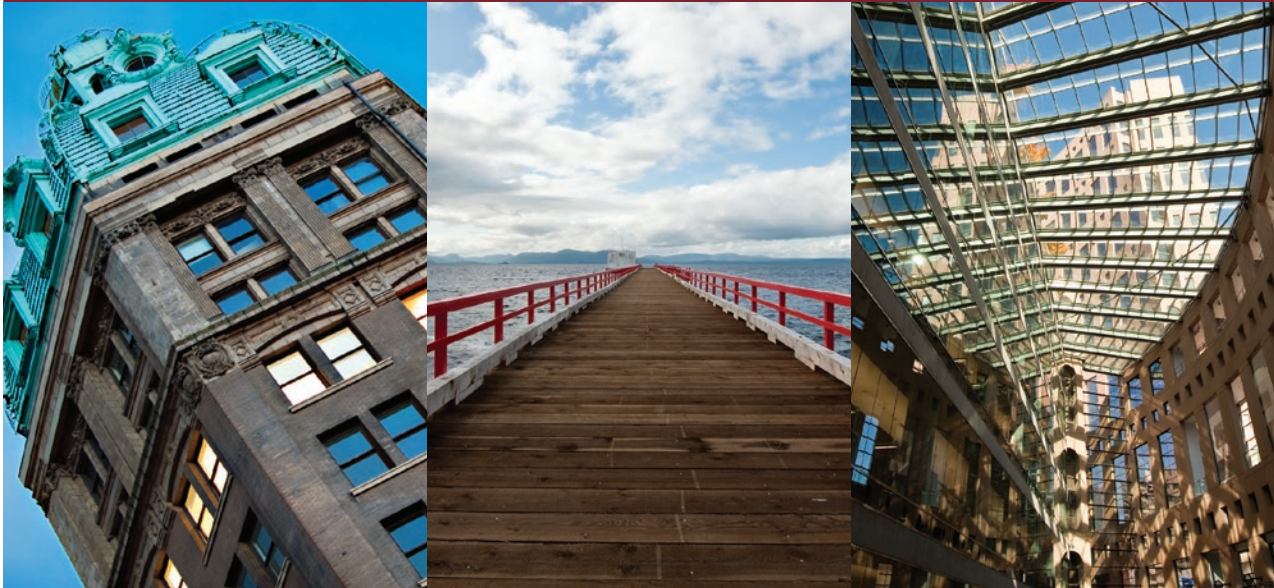
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Honourable David Eby

Adjourn

12:00 PM

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Congratulations to the 2025 Community Excellence Award winners!

PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE CHOICE

Winner
District of Saanich
Asset Management Strategy and Implementation Plan

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE

Winner
Village of Cache Creek
Transparent Recovery Initiative

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE DELIVERY

Winner
Township of Esquimalt
Youth Aquatic Safety & Leadership Program

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Cycle 16 Trail Project

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