Welcome to the Union of BC Municipalities

UBCM is the collective voice of local government in British Columbia. For more than 120 years, UBCM has brought communities together to advocate for local government priorities, deliver programs and provide services that help local governments succeed. Governed by a board of local elected officials chosen by their peers, UBCM's membership includes every local government in British Columbia as well as 15 First Nations councils.

The services UBCM provides fall into three areas: **Advocacy**, **Program Delivery**, and **Member Services.**



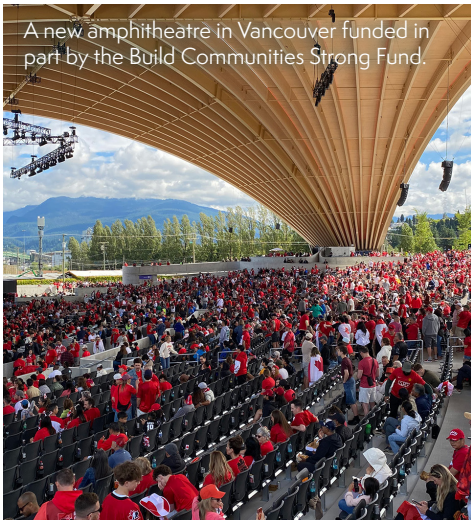
Executive board members met with Premier Eby to discuss local government priorities

Advocacy

Local governments operate within a legislative framework established by the Province. When change is needed, communities are strongest when they speak with a common voice.

UBCM provides the forum for local governments to identify shared priorities and advocate collectively to provincial and federal governments. Our policy is based upon resolutions brought forward, debated and endorsed by members at the annual UBCM Convention.

Throughout the year UBCM's board of local elected leaders advance priorities through advocacy, working groups and media engagement.



A new amphitheatre in Vancouver funded in part by the Build Communities Strong Fund.

Program Delivery

UBCM also administers federal and provincial funding programs that support local governments and eligible First Nations throughout B.C. These programs address a range of local government needs, including capacity building, infrastructure renewal, emergency preparedness and more.

Each year we deliver approximately $420 million to local government priorities through programs under our administration. The Build Communities Strong Fund – Communities Stream alone contributes to over 1,000 infrastructure projects in B.C. annually.

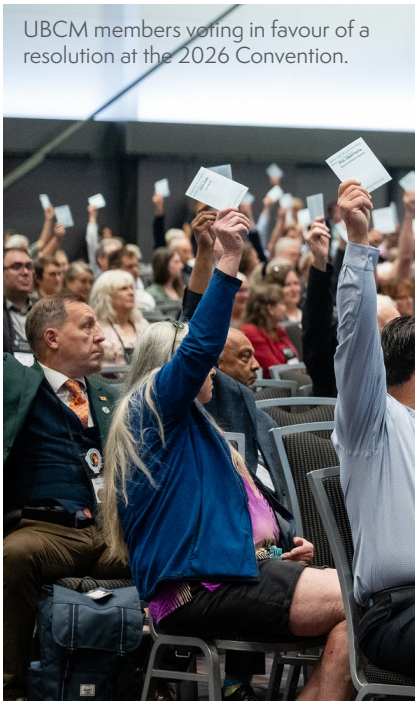
Our focus is to administer programs with transparency, keeping programs accessible and with low overhead costs to deliver the maximum benefit to recipients.

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THE COMPASS

Sign up to our weekly newsletter for information on funding intakes, relevant legislation, opportunities to give feedback, events and more.

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UBCM members voting in favour of a resolution at the 2026 Convention.

Member Services

The UBCM Convention is the largest annual political gathering in B.C. and provides invaluable opportunities for our members to connect with decision makers, colleagues, experts and provincial officials. It's a forum where local leaders identify, discuss and refine common issues and concerns. Endorsed resolutions provide a foundation for UBCM's policy positions and guide our advocacy priorities.

UBCM keeps members informed through our weekly newsletter, The Compass, with advocacy updates, funding information, consultation opportunities, event information and news relevant to local governments throughout B.C. Sign up here: **www.ubcm.ca/thecompass**

The UBCM Group Benefits Plan helps participating local governments access competitive employee benefits that leverages the buying power of 4,000 employees across 130 different plans.

New this year is a mental health toolkit for local elected officials that UBCM is developing in response to a request from our members. The toolkit will have online courses, resources and subsidized access to counselling. More details will be shared this fall and the full platform will be released in January 2027.

Stay connected

We encourage you to subscribe to The Compass, attend Convention, and explore the resources available at UBCM throughout your term in office.

Questions?

Contact us at ubcm@ubcm.ca or call 604-270-8226 and you will be directed to a member of our staff team.