



Nominating Committee Report

Presentation of the Results of
A Call for Nominations
for the UBCM Executive

August 2024

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

Please note the following Executive Policy related to campaigning during Convention:

9.2 Campaigning During Convention

Candidates for Executive positions will be permitted to distribute campaign materials on site but are not permitted to post material on the walls or on easels within the Convention venue. In the event of non-compliance, any damages will be the financial responsibility of the candidate. Candidates for Executive positions are not permitted to distribute campaign materials at meal functions during Convention.

Report of the UBCM Nominating Committee

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Chair UBCM Past President



The Nominating Committee was formed according to the bylaws and Executive procedures and is composed of myself and the following representatives:

- Director Judy Greenaway, North Central Local Government Association
- Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Southern Interior Local Government Association
- Councillor Keith Page, Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments
- Councillor Paul Albrecht, Lower Mainland Local Government Association
- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities

We authorized circulation of a Call for Nominations and preparation of associated material (see Appendix). The results of the call are summarized on the next page and full biographical materials submitted by the candidates begin on the page following.

It is important to recognize that the role of the Committee is to review credentials and prepare this report. It is not the role of the Committee to recommend any one nomination. We are to ensure nominations are complete and according to policies and procedures.

Further nominations can be received at the Convention following the procedures set out in the Appendix.

Please contact me if there is any aspect of the procedures that you would like clarified.

Summary of Nominations for UBCM Executive Positions

Received as of July 31, 2024

For Officer Positions (elect one each):

President	Director Art Kaehn	Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
First Vice-President	Councillor Wes Graham	City of Cranbrook
Second Vice-President	Councillor Jenna Stoner	District of Squamish
Third Vice-President	Councillor Lori Mindnich	Village of Lumby
Third Vice-President	Councillor Patricia Ross	City of Abbotsford
Third Vice-President	Mayor Sarah Storey	Village of Fraser Lake

For Directors at Large (elect five):

Councillor Sheila Boehm	City of Williams Lake
Director Penny Cote	Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Mayor Spencer Coyne	Town of Princeton
Councillor Cindy Elliott	City of Powell River
Councillor Scott Elliott	City of Quesnel
Councillor Aimee Grice	Town of Oliver
Director Travis Hall	Central Coast Regional District
Councillor Tasha Henderson	City of New Westminster
Councillor Gord Klassen	City of Fort St. John
Councillor Cori Ramsay	City of Prince George
Councillor Tony St-Pierre	District of Sooke
Councillor Marsh Stevens	Town of Ladysmith
Councillor Keith Thom	District of Peachland
Mayor David Wilks	District of Sparwood
Councillor Keith Yacucha	City of Langford

For Small Community Representative (elect one):

Note: Only elected representatives of a small community may run and vote for the Small Community Representative which is defined as a member of a council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500.

Mayor Denise O'Connor	Village of Lytton
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For Electoral Area Representative (elect one):

Note: Only Electoral Area Directors may run and vote for the Electoral Area Representative.

Director Jerrilyn Kirk	Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Director Mark Vonesch	Strathcona Regional District

For Vancouver Metro Area Representative (elect two):

Note: Only elected representatives from a GVRD member local government or a GVRD electoral area may run or vote for the (2) positions defined as Vancouver Metro Area Representative.

Councillor Pete Fry	City of Vancouver
Councillor Jenny Tan	City of Maple Ridge

Nominated for:

President



Director Art Kaehn
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

Electoral Area Director, Art Kaehn, represents the rural communities of Woodpecker and Hixon within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Regional District; is a member of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District; and is the Regional District Representative on the Municipal Finance Authority.

Previously over an eight-year period, he served as the Electoral Area Representative as well as the North Central Local Government Association Representative on the UBCM Executive. During this time, Art actively participated in many UBCM Executive Committees and Working Groups. After leaving the UBCM Executive for a brief time, he has rejoined the Executive as 1st Vice President.

This past year continues to present Local Governments with many challenges in the areas of Housing and Supportive Housing, Infrastructure, Poverty, Mental Health and Addiction, Community Safety and Climate Change.

Even with this, it is time to recognize every individual Local Government's significant contribution towards the socio-economic and environmental well-being of our Province.

The UBCM President represents and supports all Local Government's interests and provides leadership in advocating in collaborative and constructive ways to capture and maintain the attention of Senior Governments.

Art looks forward to the privilege of representing your interests as UBCM President in the coming year.

Leslie and Art raised two grown-up daughters, Sarah and Emily, and enjoy the ever-changing life experiences with their two teenage grandsons, Kevin and Jason.



First Vice-President

Councillor Wes Graham **City of Cranbrook**

Wes Graham would be honored to serve as your 1st Vice President. Wes is currently on the UBCM as 2nd Vice President, serving on the Presidents Committee, and is Vice Chair of the Community Economic Development Committee. Wes is working hard to make sure local government issues are top of mind with the Provincial Government. As a strong voice for communities across the province, Wes recognizes the critical importance of local governance. He's not afraid to ask tough questions, seek consensus on complex issues, and work with the Government to secure dedicated resources for local infrastructure needs.

The landscape of local government has evolved significantly since Wes was first elected, and the issues have become more complex. The conversations around the council table have expanded from paving, pipes, and treatment plants to affordable housing, mental health issues, and wildfire threats. Just to name a few. Currently serving his 6th term as a Councillor in Cranbrook, Wes has been actively involved in various local government boards and committees. He is a Past President of the AKBLG and served two terms on the RDEK as Cranbrook's representative.

At his day job, Wes is an operations manager for one of the larger cherry producers in BC. He oversees the farming of 200 acres of cherries and, at its peak, a staff of 220 people. Wes believes the skills he has developed and continues to expand on in this job complement his role at the UBCM table.

Wes is committed to being your voice and fostering solutions to propel our communities forward. He looks forward to meeting with you and working on your behalf as 1st Vice President, bringing his wealth of experience and dedication to the role. Thank you for your consideration.

Second Vice-President



Councillor Jenna Stoner
District of Squamish

Dear UBCM members and colleagues –

It has been a privilege and honour to serve as part of your Executive for the past two years – first as Director at Large and most recently as 3rd VP. Highlights of my time on Executive have included:

- advancing discussions with the Province on local government finance reform;
- advocating for and subsequently supporting local governments on the extensive housing legislation changes; and
- connecting with colleagues from across the Province, which continues to demonstrate just how unique each municipality and regional district truly is.

My time with UBCM has shown me that despite our unique contexts, many of our challenges are shared and the issues we face today extend beyond our individual boundaries. To me, UBCM holds a unique and important role in finding flexible solutions to our common challenges as a platform for networking, dialogue, collaboration and – most importantly – joint, non-partisan advocacy. I am passionate about advancing solutions on climate issues, local government financing, housing, removing barriers for diverse candidates running for local office, and ensuring a good working relationship with other orders of government no matter what end of the political spectrum they fall on.

I am a mother to two young kids, a second term Councillor with the District of Squamish, and a Director with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. I bring 15 years experience working with diverse stakeholders to improve natural resource management practices for improved environmental and social outcomes. I hold a Master of Marine Management (MMM) from Dalhousie University and a B. Sc. from the University of Victoria.

I look forward to building on my experiences and expertise to best serve the membership in the role of 2nd VP. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and I hope you'll consider voting for me.



Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

**Councillor Lori Mindnich
Village of Lumby**

Lori Mindnich, is a 5 term Councillor in the Village of Lumby and is extremely grateful to live, work, learn and play on the traditional unceded territory of the Syilx First Nation.

Lori was previously on UBCM for 4 years and participated in the Convention and Health & Social Development Committees. She also enjoyed sitting in on, and learning from, all the committee meetings.

She received her Lifetime Membership award after being on the Southern Interior Local Government Association for 12 years. Lori has completed her Level 3 Certificate of Excellence in Local Government Leadership, as well as: Ethics in Local Government; Indigenous Canada; Compassionate Integrity; & Reconciliation Education.

Lori is currently on the board of the Okanagan Regional Library as well as the Lumby & District Health Services Society.

She is the Office Manager of the Lumby Legion where she works to support her local Veterans, Seniors, and the Community. Lori also volunteers for the Lumby Curling Clubs' Saturday evening fun league, during the fall and winter months. She spends her free time with her partner of over 20 years, Rich, on the family farm in their gardens or playing darts at the Legion.

Lori is running for the Position of 3rd Vice President, where she hopes to add her voice as well as the voice of the Southern Interior to Presidents Committee. "When we focus on what we have in common, while acknowledging our differences, we then work better together, for All our communities."

Lori would be Honoured to Have Your Support & Your Vote, and looks forward to seeing everyone at this year's conference. Together we will Ride the Wave.

Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

**Councillor Patricia Ross
City of Abbotsford**



Patricia Ross has had a long and distinguished career of community leadership, with 2024 marking her 30th year as Councillor with the City of Abbotsford. Patricia is Vice Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District which oversees a unique mix of both rural and urban communities, is a current board member of the Union of BC Municipalities, is past president of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, and Chair of the Abbotsford Agriculture Advisory committee which has inspired in her a passion for raising awareness of the Food Security crisis.

As a small business owner and serving for 12 years as chair of GroYourBiz Fraser Valley, a mentoring and advisory board for business owners, she also possesses a solid understanding of the business sector. Additionally, having been an Abbotsford Police Victim Services volunteer and married to a retired firefighter, she understands well the challenges first responders face and has often advocated for adequate support for those experiencing PTSD.

Patricia is an occasional guest lecturer at the University of the Fraser Valley and has spoken at conferences all over the world. She represented Canada in the 5th Cohort of Leadership for Environment and Development International which works to foster economic growth worldwide in a sustainable way. She has been widely recognized for her community service, including receiving the Paul Harris award from the Abbotsford Rotary Club, the Queen's Jubilee Award, and being named Abbotsford's Woman of the Year in 2009, to name a few.

Patricia's passion for local government and her strong record of advocacy have cemented her understanding of the issues facing communities across the province, and have afforded her the opportunity of forging excellent relationships with municipal, provincial and federal leaders. She is a true community leader who would be proud to serve as 3rd Vice President of UBCM.



Nominated for:

Third Vice-President

**Mayor Sarrah Storey
Village of Fraser Lake**

I reside in the small municipality of Fraser Lake, located on the traditional territory of the Nadleh Whut'en and Stelat'en First Nations in northwest BC. Born in North Vancouver, I have lived in Squamish and Prince George before moving to Fraser Lake in 2006. My experiences in both rural and urban settings provide me with a unique perspective on the challenges our communities face, regardless of their size. I am an advocate for all voices.

Currently, I am in my third term on council and serving my second term as Mayor. I previously held the position of president of the North Central Local Government Association, where I have served for seven years. I have also been on the UBCM board for four years, working alongside dedicated individuals who inspire and advocate for our communities. The critical work done at UBCM and the importance of advocacy motivate me in this role.

I believe in the power of hard work and the difference a voice can make. Each of us is aware of the issues impacting our communities, and we all play a vital role in addressing and improving our regions, communities, and province. My mission is to unite people, mentor others, communicate effectively, and foster relationships. Advocacy is my favorite aspect of my role, and I often incorporate humor to lighten the mood, which is essential in our work.

There is much to accomplish, and with your support, I look forward to continuing our collaboration with UBCM to tackle the challenges and celebrate the successes in BC. Thank you for your consideration, and best of luck to all nominees. I also extend my gratitude to each elected official for their commitment and dedication making your community, region and province the best place to live.

Nominated for:

Director at Large



**Councillor Sheila Boehm
City of Williams Lake**

Hello Everyone,

I am writing to let everyone know I am applying for Director of the UBCM board. I am a current member of the UBCM board and would appreciate the opportunity to continue on as a Director.

I am a second term Councillor for the City of Williams Lake and the past President of North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA). For 23 years I have also worked full time as a self-employed Chiropractor.

My relevant experience includes

- Councillor for City of Williams Lake – second term
- School Trustee - 2 terms (6 years)
- BC Chiropractic Association Director– 6 years
- Ski Patrol volunteer for 8 years
- PAC volunteer on and off for years
- Prior President for Canadian Parents for French, local chapter

Given the number of prospective and well-qualified applicants running for the UBCM board, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and outline the experience I bring to the role. I am a passionate advocate for my community and for my province. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to support and to make a difference on the UBCM board in the coming year.

I look forward to connecting with you at the convention. Please reach out via e-mail, phone, or in person at convention if you would like to discuss anything with me.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sheila Boehm



Nominated for:

Director at Large

Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Penny Cote has had the support of membership to be elected to the Executive of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities over the last eight years, in addition to being elected as AVICC President for the past two terms through 2022 - 2024. Today, Ms. Cote is AVICC Past President presently sitting on the UBCM Executive Board of Directors since 2022 serving on the Health and Social Development, Indigenous, and the Environment Committees. Ms. Cote would be pleased to discuss any of the committee actions with UBCM delegates at the upcoming UBCM convention.

Ms. Cote has held a seat on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District consecutively for the past 19 years, representing the electoral area D - Sproat Lake, home of the historic Martin Mars flying tankers. Notably in that time, the ACRD Board of Directors welcomed the addition of four treaty First Nations to their Board. Presently, the ACRD is initiating inclusive governance for non-treaty nations at the Regional District.

Penny has gained considerable knowledge with local government services, operations, collaborations, and the challenges facing the urban, rural, and remote communities. Penny has participated in many negotiation contracts, including onboarding the new position of Executive Coordinator for AVICC, and takes pride in staying true to her integrity.

Family is important to her, as she helps to navigate an aging parent and her son's family childcare needs.

"Participating on the UBCM Executive Board of Directors over the past two years has been an opportunity to work with our diverse membership bringing forward our collective values and issues to UBCM membership and the Province as we stand strong together through these ever-challenging times for climate change, housing, improving social determinants of health, drug crisis, immigration, and so much more."

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Nominated for:

Director at Large

Mayor Spencer Coyne Town of Princeton



Spencer is a member of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band, and was born and raised in the Similkameen Valley where he currently resides with his family. Serving his second term as Mayor of the Town of Princeton, a small and resilient resource community, he understands the importance of economic development, partnerships with natural resource industry, community resiliency, and rebuilding from natural disasters. Since 2020, Spencer has been the Vice Chair of the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen and continues to be a staunch advocate for the principles of regional cooperation and collective strength.

The main topics Spencer is vocal about include:

- Indigenous partnerships and environmental stewardship
- Forest and mineral practices
- Economic development
- Food security
- Inequities, health, & social development
- Emergency management

As the Mayor of Princeton, Spencer presides over the Vermilion Forks Community Forest Corporation, a collaborative initiative between the Town of Princeton, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. Additionally, he is a member of the Similkameen Valley Planning Society, an economic development coalition comprising the Town of Princeton, the Village of Keremeos, the Lower Similkameen Indian Band, and RDOS Electoral Areas B, G, and H. Since 2020, Spencer has served as a board member of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) representing the issues and challenges of the Regional Districts and Municipalities within the association. Spencer is also a board member of the Okanagan Film Commission and is actively involved in Climate Caucus.

Partnerships and collaboration are a priority for Spencer, and paramount in his success as Mayor. There isn't a time when he doesn't work with stakeholders, local businesses neighbouring Indigenous Bands, and residents to accomplish the goals of the community and broader region. Success comes from working together and bringing forward the voices that might be lost amongst the crowd.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

Councillor Cindy Elliott
City of Powell River

Welcome to the UBCM Convention 2024. Please consider me for the UBCM Executive Board, Director at Large. I currently reside in the Traditional and Treaty lands of the Tla'Amin Nation. I am originally from Kitwanga, within Gitksan territories and am indigenous of Gitksan and mixed European cultures. Family is my ground for all that I do. My life and background include experiences in BC and Alberta and has included:

- Regional Economic Development Officer for the Province of BC in the Northwest area of the province.
- Acting Aboriginal Relations Manager for the BC Ministry of Forests in the Prince Rupert Forest Region.
- Treaty Officer, Ministry of Forests, Prince Rupert Region.
- EMA-FA for BC Ambulance in Stewart, BC.
- Aboriginal Relations Manager for Alberta Environment, Central Region, in Red Deer, Alberta.
- Business & Financial Manager for family logging businesses from 1996 to 2007.
- Family Boat Yard Business from 2008-2024

I offer commitment to team building, democratic processes, and strive for consensus whenever I can. I value good governance which means economic, social, and environmental responsibility to me. Some of the roles I have taken on as City Councillor and Municipal Director include:

- Liaison to PR Community Futures
- Stillwater Western Forest Products Community Advisory Group
- qathet – Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee
- Social Housing Community Advisory Committee
- qathet Community Action Team
- Local Leaders United Community Action Initiative
- Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Climate Action Steering Committee
- Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy
- qathet Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy
- Chair of City of Powell River Select Committee – City Owned Properties
- C3 Social Action and Planning Committee
- Joint Working Group on the Potential Name Change for the City of Powell River
- Alternate Liaison to the PR Chamber of Commerce
- Housing Round Table – qathet region

Governance today is very much about team building and working together. UBCM fosters this throughout the province and I would love to help. My core interests include social cohesion, reconciliation and climate action.

Nominated for:

Director at Large

Councillor Scott Elliott
City of Quesnel



My name is Scott Elliott, and I am a 4 term Councillor for the City Of Quesnel. I'm honoured to live and work on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dene and Southern Dakelh Nations.

The work of the Union of B.C. Municipalities is so important and I'm excited to put my name forward for nomination as a Director At Large. I've been a member of many of the Quesnel Council's committees over my terms in office, including Finance, Executive, Policy and Bylaw, and our Rebranding Committee. I'm presently Chair of Council's Housing Solutions Committee.

There are significant issues and challenges in all our communities, and Quesnel is no different. Mental health and addictions, public safety, cost of living, housing, wildfires, and climate change are just a few that are at the forefront of local government concerns. Quesnel, like many rural communities is also undergoing a significant economic transition because of major changes in our natural resource economy.

In my experience, I've found that inclusivity and the ability to truly listen to all the views citizens have in our communities is key to transparent, proactive decision-making. And I would bring that spirit of inclusivity and an open ear to my role as Director at Large.

I grew up in Parksville, where I discovered a love for sport, the outdoors and volunteering. Whether it was coaching, working as Referee-in-Chief for minor hockey, facilitating restorative justice sessions, or mentoring at-risk youth, my desire has always been to give back to my community.

I would now like to serve my community and the province through public service and advocacy as a Director at Large for UBCM. I am passionate, positive and progressive and I would bring all of these attributes to this role.

Thank you for your consideration.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Aimee Grice
Town of Oliver**

Hello UBCM Delegates, my name is AIMEE GRICE, and I am seeking your support for the position of Director at Large for the 2024/2025 term. I was first elected as Councillor for the Town of Oliver in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. I am the Past President of SILGA and the SILGA Representative on the UBCM Board for the 2023/2024 Term. Driven by a passion for social justice, I aim to view all issues through an equitable lens. I am a wife, and mother of two wonderful children. My son Owen is entering grade 12 in the fall, and my daughter Therese will be starting grade 9. While raising my young children I owned and operated a licensed family daycare. I am currently the House Manager and Marketing and Promotions Coordinator at Venables Theatre, a community theatre in the Town of Oliver. I absolutely love the arts and feel grateful to be working in that field.

As a passionate advocate for local government and the residents of British Columbia, I have actively pursued opportunities to expand my knowledge in this field, earning my Level 1 Certificate in Local Government Leadership, and have just applied for my Advanced Certificate. My role in SILGA prepared me for advocacy on a regional level and led to my role as SILGA Representative on the UBCM Board. Working for you, my Local Government colleagues, as well as the residents of British Columbia is a commitment I very much wish to continue. I have had the opportunity to experience and participate in the work that UBCM plays beyond convention. I am not done yet and wish to continue as a strong champion for small, rural, and remote communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Director Travis Hall
Central Coast Regional District**



Yau, Gundaynuxv nugva.

Hello, my traditional name is the Hunter. This name was handed down to me in a traditional potlatch and was previously owned by my grandfather Phillip Hall. The responsibility of carrying this name is as an advisor and speaker to Yimas (himas) Qa'ait. My colonial name is Travis Hall.

I am currently on the Central Coast Regional District as a Director for Area B or Bella Bella reservation proper. I am a cultural leader and singer and I attend many of our Potlatches and cultural events. My passion at this table is to explore and, in many ways, support local government with many Indigenous footholds. Many issues are being dealt with in indigenous relations at all levels of colonial governance and Indigenous rights and title including recent dialogue around DRIPA, UNDRIP and MMIWG, to name a few.

I have also promoted relationship development between non-treaty nations seeking ways to find pathways to partnerships and other ways for all nations to have a voice at the local government.

I have been placed in a very unique position at all levels. I am seeking support from the members of UBCM to attain a seat as a Director at Large and in the future seek other positions on this executive team.

Please vote for Travis Hall, Director at Large for 2024-25.

Walas Gia'xsica
Gundaynuxv Nugva
Travis Hall



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Tasha Henderson
City of New Westminster**

Tasha is a city planner, policy analyst, and parent. She is serving her first term on City Council in New Westminster. Tasha has worked with communities across Canada tackling issues like poverty, housing, and equity through policy analysis and planning. A champion of public engagement, she has worked to amplify the voices of youth and improve civic engagement through a variety of projects. Tasha is passionate about transformative policy and believes that cities can have a huge impact at the local level.

Before completing her Masters in Planning degree, Tasha spent more than a decade working in direct-service with people with urgent needs and her approach to everything she does will always be fiercely people- and community-centered. Tasha is proud to be raising her young family in New West and wants all families to be able to thrive in the city.

On Council, Tasha is committed to ensuring that the City's services and amenities meet the needs of all families, working to help with housing affordability and childcare, and responding to the climate crisis in the way our kids need us to. This year, Tasha was appointed Chair of the New Westminster Police Board, Chair of the Accessibility Committee, and serves as the Council liaison for the New West-Burnaby Task Force on Sexual Exploitation.

Nominated for:

Director at Large



**Councillor Gord Klassen
City of Fort St. John**

Gord has a great love and appreciation for our beautiful province of BC. He was born in Vernon, grew up in Fort St. John, lived and worked in the Lower Mainland for 10 years, and then returned to Fort St. John with his family, where he continues to enjoy life and service in his community. He has demonstrated his commitment to community leadership, having served in many capacities locally, provincially, and nationally including:

- School District #60 (Peace River North) Board of Education (2005-2011)
- Councillor, City of Fort St. John (2011-Present)
- North Central Local Government Association (2015-2020)
- President of NCLGA (2018/2019)
- Union of BC Municipalities (2018-Present)
- Community Economic Development Committee (2018-2019)
- Community Safety Committee (2018-Present)
- Resolutions Committee (2020-Present)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (2018-2022)
- Municipal Insurance Association of BC (2016-Present)

"I am passionate about the value and work of UBCM on behalf of its members. My desire and goal is to add my (northern) voice and perspective as I engage in the work of UBCM to help strengthen all BC local governments, and make our communities better.

I am a person who likes to listen and learn before I speak. I enjoy the "big picture" perspective and seek to gain a broad understanding of the issues before drawing any conclusions.

I believe we are more productive and more effective when we emphasize what we have in common rather than our differences, and I am convinced that we all benefit when we focus on solutions rather than the obstacles.

It has been a profound honour to serve on the UBCM Board for the past five years, and I am now seeking your continued support for this coming year!

Thank you for your consideration".



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Cori Ramsay
City of Prince George**

Cori Ramsay has lived in Prince George for 20 years and is proud to call the region home. In 2010, she graduated from the University of Northern British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in English and completed her graduate diploma in Public Relations through the University of Victoria in 2022.

Upon graduation, Ramsay started work in the financial services industry and has spent over eight years working in marketing and communications. She currently works as the Lead Marketing Analyst for Integris Credit Union.

Ramsay grew up living in poverty and is passionate about making a difference in the lives of those she serves. In 2017, she gave a TEDx talk titled, “Poverty and the Power of the Living Wage,” and in 2018, the Prince George Chamber of Commerce named her a “Top 40 under 40” and as a “Top Figures Under 40” in 2023. Ramsay is a Governor General of Canada Leadership Conference (GGCLC) Alumni.

In 2022, Ramsay was re-elected to serve a second term on council and was also appointed as a Municipal Director for the RDFFG where she sits on several committees.

During her first term on council Ramsay was elected to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) as their 2nd Vice President (2019), 1st Vice President (2020), President (2021), and Past President (2022). Ramsay served on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Board as the NCLGA Representative from 2021-2022; Ramsay was elected to the UBCM board as a Director at Large for 2023-2024 serving on the Health and Social Development Committee and on the Resolutions Committee.

In addition to her UBCM work, Ramsay also sits on the Province’s Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee, the Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee.

To learn more or read the blog visit: www.coriramsay.ca

Nominated for:

Director at Large



**Councillor Tony St-Pierre
District of Sooke**

Tony was elected to the District of Sooke Council in 2018 and is currently serving his second term.

Tony is practical, dedicated, and understands the local government framework. Described as ethical, visionary and a strategic thinker, he understands the impact of provincial downloads on local governments.

He has a strong background and prior work experience in issues of poverty and homelessness, climate action and food security, and is trained as a Professional Planner. His strengths as a systems thinker and natural inclination to consider the long-term effects of decisions allow him to serve as a strong contributing member to guiding committees.

Tony has previously served on the executive of AVICC (the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities), CRD (Capital Regional District) Water Commission, the CRD Climate Action Task Force, and was an early member of the National Climate Caucus. He currently facilitates the Sooke Homelessness Coalition and supports the Sooke Region Food Systems Network.

When not serving in his role as an elected official, Tony can be found singing in Choral Evolution Choir, strumming his baritone ukulele, reading comic books, or working on projects on his co-operative farm homestead where he supports his family members in their own projects.



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Marsh Stevens
Town of Ladysmith**

I am a second term Councillor from Ladysmith, running for the position of Director at Large. I am the youngest of three children to a Black-Canadian/Swede perfectionist and a fiery Anglo-Saxon. I like to think of myself as a nice balance between the two. I live with the love of my life, Yvonne, and our 3 (usually) awesome children in a house that I designed and built for us. I hold a BA and MA in philosophy, a Certificate in Community Based Development, and a Diploma in Computer Assisted Drafting and Design. I am currently a student in the University of Washington's Masters of Sustainable Transportation program in the Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

For the past 4 years I have been the President of Go By Bike BC which works, across the Province, to encourage cycling as form of everyday transportation. By nature, I am a progressive pragmatist. I want the social, economic and physical environments to be the absolute best that they can be. My approach is always: What makes the most sense? What gets the absolute best result? What compromises can everyone involved make to get us as close to that result as possible?

I was probably 10 when my Dad took me to my first municipal council meeting. The political nut does not fall far from the tree, and I have been enamoured with the workings of civil society since. That's what draws me to this Director position - since my first UBCM, and at every one since, I come home energized by what I have learned, and the civil discourse among colleagues from across the Province. I would love to be part of the leadership team that makes that possible - each September, and throughout the year in supporting local governments in BC.

Nominated for:

Director at Large



**Councillor Keith Thom
District of Peachland**

Keith has served two terms as a Councillor and has been appointed as Deputy Mayor for this entire term. He has spent much of his time advocating not only for his residents but also with many Provincial and Federal Ministers.

He is also on his 4th term as a Director with the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA). He has travelled to many communities and made presentations to their Councils promoting the various aspects of membership with SILGA.

Keith is a gifted speaker and has used that gift to speak to all levels of government with a passion for fair and reasonable funding for various projects within his community.

In his spare time his wife and him run an Airbnb from their home and as well he is also a singer songwriter. To quote Keith "Music has kept me calm and focussed as a way of minimizing the stresses of local government".

I would be honoured to serve as a Director at Large and I commit to continuing the remarkable advocacy that UBCM has done in the past for all of us in local government. All municipalities whether we are a large city, small community, regional district or First nation, we all face the challenges of adapting to changes coming down from the province. So, let us come together and advocate collectively.

At September's UBCM Convention, I would appreciate your vote for Keith Thom, Director at Large.

Thank You
Keith Thom



Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Mayor David Wilks
District of Sparwood**

Who am I

Married for 42 years to Cindy, 3 children, 5 grandchildren. Since starting my journey in long term recovery in 1989 I have been honoured by the opportunity to work hard and give back to my community, province and country. I am results driven and believe that anything is possible if we find a way to work together.

Sitting as a Director at Large for UBCM from the Kootenays would give me the opportunity to provide context to the provincial government that legislation and policy must balance both rural and urban demands. One size does not fit all. Local Governments are the boots on the ground; we are the level of government that is most in tune with constituents. I believe we should work more closely with the provincial government prior to the introduction of new legislation so that the impact on both urban and rural communities is considered and addressed. Whether its infrastructure needs, health care, transportation, land use planning and so much more, I believe I can bring a voice and be part of a team that will create opportunities for our shared constituents to thrive.

I have demonstrated the success of this approach through my role on the Police Modernization Committee and on the Hwy 3 Mayors & Chairs Committee.

Please vote for me, David Wilks for Director at Large

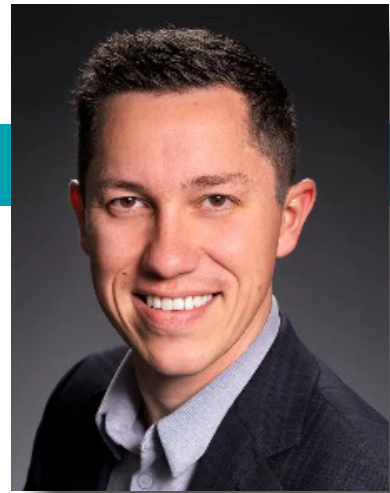
Work Experience

- 1980 - 2000 RCMP officer. Stationed in Terrace, New Aiyansh, Golden, Penticton and Sparwood.
- Provided expert testimony in both Provincial and Supreme Court with the regards to Cannabis.
- Owned and Operated Sparwood Bowl and Billiards 1999 - 2014.
- Political Experience
- 2002-2005 Councillor District of Sparwood
- 2005-2011 Director Southern Interior Development initiative Trust
- 2005-2011, 2018-Present Mayor District of Sparwood
- 2005-2010, 2018-Present Director Regional District of East Kootenay
- 2010-2011 Chair Regional District of East Kootenay
- 2011-2015 Member of Parliament (Kootenay-Columbia)

Nominated for:

Director at Large

**Councillor Keith Yacucha
City of Langford**



My name is Keith Yacucha, and I hold an MA and BA in Economics. My professional background is in teaching economics, statistics, and public policy at the post-secondary level, which has deepened my understanding of the economic and social dynamics that shape our communities.

I am a first-term councillor in Langford, one of British Columbia's fastest-growing municipalities. This has given me firsthand experience in managing rapid development in a city peripheral to a major urban center. Personally, I am a father of two and a community volunteer in youth sports. I enjoy mountain biking, camping, hiking, and exploring our province's natural beauty.

We know that local governments are on the front lines of addressing the poly-crisis of infrastructure deficits, housing shortages, climate change, healthcare challenges, public safety concerns, fiscal pressures, and demographic shifts. I support provincial initiatives to resolve the housing crisis and promote sustainable growth. Recognizing that local governments need new tools and must collaborate with senior levels of government to tackle these issues and ensure appropriate infrastructure, like healthcare and education, is provided to keep pace with growth.

Like many local governments, Langford faces challenges as a rapidly growing municipality near Victoria. We struggle to have our voice heard amid a larger urban center. I can relate to similar challenges faced by many local governments close to larger urban cores and aim to be a voice at UBCM to ensure these peripheral cities that face much of the growth are not overlooked.

As a UBCM Director and Langford councillor, I aim to represent all local governments in advocating and partnering with the province, ensuring growth is fair, equitable, and purposeful.

I ask for your support and vote for me, Keith Yacucha, as your Director at Large. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient future for our communities.



Nominated for:

Small Community Representative

Mayor Denise O'Connor Village of Lytton

Denise O'Connor was elected as the Mayor of the Village of Lytton in November 2022. Her role has been to lead the recovery and rebuild for the Village of Lytton, literally from the ground up.

Born and raised in the BC Interior, small community is in her blood. She is an active community volunteer and understands the level of commitment required to build and maintain a strong community.

Denise is a retired educator, having worked in small communities her entire career. Prior to her retirement from School District 74 in 2018, she was a representative on the BC Principal & Vice-Principal's Association. Aside from her role as Mayor, she currently sits on the Thompson Nicola Regional District Board, and the Two River's Community Services Society in Lytton.

Over the past two years, Denise has developed an understanding of the challenges that face her community and others, including issues relating to services, corporate infrastructure, and building relationships. She believes that challenges and issues in small communities are no less important than in larger centres.

Nominated for:

Electoral Area Representative

**Director Jerrilyn Kirk
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George**



I'm thrilled to be running for re-election as your Electoral Area Representative for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Serving in this position has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my political career to date, and I am eager to continue this journey with all of you.

As a proud mother of five and a grandmother to sixteen, I've learned a thing or two about juggling responsibilities and finding joy in every moment. My family is my rock, and their support has been instrumental in my commitment to public service. They remind me daily of the importance of community, connection, and compassion.

This past year as your EA Rep for UBCM has been a testament to the power of collaboration and the importance of inclusivity, community engagement, and sustainable development. Whether it's tackling land, water and housing issues or working on Firesmart/emergency management, MOTI issues, or OCP rewrites, we've all worked to ensure our rural residents' voices are heard and valued.

The most rewarding part of this role has been getting to know so many of you through our updates, Discord discussions, and Zoom calls. Your support and encouragement have been invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you've placed in me.

As we look to the future, I am more passionate than ever about continuing our work together. I am committed to fostering strong relationships, advocating for policies that benefit all residents, and promoting the well-being of our communities. With your continued support, I believe we can continue to move forward.

Thank you for believing in me and for being such an integral part of this journey. Let's continue to make positive impacts together.



Nominated for:

Electoral Area Representative

**Director Mark Vonesch
Strathcona Regional District**

I grew up on a dairy farm outside Olds, Alberta. As the oldest of six children, I learned the value of hard work in a family business. Growing up in a big family on the farm gave me the values and ethic that shaped who I am today.

I graduated from the University of Alberta earning a degree in business with a major in finance and a minor in marketing. I tree-planted in the summers to pay for school, continuing for 10 years, planting over 2 million trees in Alberta and BC. During this time I discovered the west coast, my love of film making, and passion for community work.

I was elected in 2022 to the Strathcona Regional District Board as Area B Director for Cortes Island, and made housing affordability one of my priorities. Previous to being elected, I worked on the Cortes Housing Society survey committee to support the development and distribution of the regional housing survey.

In addition to my work with the Regional District, I lead Reel Youth, a nonprofit organization based on Cortes that facilitates film production programs across Canada and around the world. Participants come together, identify issues they care about, and take action through film making.

My long-time community involvement as a volunteer, committee member, and board member with a variety of grassroots organizations means that I have relationships and deep understanding of local issues, and can serve my constituents well on the Strathcona Regional District board.

I hope to take these values of hard work, relationships, and electoral area representation to the role of Electoral Area Representative on the UBCM executive.

Nominated for:

Vancouver Metro Area Representative

Councillor Pete Fry City of Vancouver



Pete Fry is a Vancouver City Councillor, UBCM Director, and a familiar voice as chair of the Resolutions Committee. He seeks support to return as an at-large Vancouver Metro Area Representative.

“Thanks for considering me for the Metro area at-large Director position. As a UBCM Director, it has been my honour to represent local governments across Metro Vancouver and BC. I deeply appreciate the responsibility and work involved.

Local governments face complex challenges, from creating livable communities, housing, and infrastructure to addressing public safety, healthcare, and climate change. These issues, while not always our direct responsibility, highlight the strength and importance of our union. We are stronger together, learning from each other and advancing our collective interests through collaboration and advocacy.

Another significant challenge is the rise of populist and often toxic politics. In facing these pressures, our integrity must be beyond reproach. I remain committed to good governance, accountability, transparency, and conduct befitting our office.”

Elected to Vancouver City Council in 2018, Pete chairs Vancouver’s Auditor General Committee and serves on various citizen advisory committees, including the Vancouver City Planning Commission, Arts and Culture, Renters, and Racial-Ethno Equity Committees. He also holds leadership roles on the National Zero Waste Council and UBCM.

Since immigrating to Canada as a child, Pete has lived in Metro Vancouver. Before politics, he ran successful small businesses in the creative and communications sector. In his spare time, Pete is an illustrator and amateur chef. He lives in East Vancouver with his wife of 25 years, two cats, and a dog.



Nominated for:

Vancouver Metro Area Representative

**Councillor Jenny Tan
City of Maple Ridge**

Jenny Tan is a city councillor for the City of Maple Ridge, where she passionately advocates for affordable housing, local economic development, and climate change initiatives. Jenny's approach is rooted in collaboration and a deep commitment to community well-being.

Before embarking on her political journey, Jenny amassed extensive experience in business development and journalism. She served as the Director of Business Development for an advertising agency and worked with clients such as the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, Save-On-Foods, and the Pembina Institute. Jenny also served as the Director of Events and Partnerships for HUB Cycling. In these capacities, she leveraged her skills to foster community engagement and drive strategic growth for organizations.

Jenny's tenure as a journalist was equally impactful; an award-winning journalist, her work includes the podcast, "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" which delved into the housing crisis and its effects on local communities. This work, created in partnership with the urban-planning organization Urbanarium, showcased her ability to communicate complex issues effectively and engage with a broad audience.

Her multifaceted career has equipped Jenny with a broad skill set and a deep understanding of the issues facing municipalities today. As a candidate for the UBCM Executive, she brings a wealth of experience, a commitment to sustainability, and a proven track record of effective leadership. Jenny is dedicated to working collaboratively with fellow municipal leaders across British Columbia to build resilient, inclusive, and vibrant communities.

2024 Nominating Committee Report

Appendix

- Call for Nominations, June 2024
- Background Information for Candidates to the UBCM Executive
- Nominations and Elections Procedures
- Nominations and Consent Form for the 2024/2025 UBCM Executive
- Background Information on UBCM Nominations and Elections: Extracts from the Bylaws



June 5, 2024

TO: UBCM Members
ATTN: ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM: Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Past President
Chair, UBCM Nominating Committee

RE: Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive

UBCM is the collective voice for local government in BC. The membership signals the directions it wants to pursue during the Annual Convention. The members elect an Executive during the Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to UBCM between Conventions.

This circular is notice of the UBCM Executive nomination process, including information about the positions open for nomination and the procedures for nomination. The deadline for advance nominations is **Wednesday July 31, 2024 at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)**.

1. Positions Open to Nomination

The following Executive positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Director at Large (5 positions)
- Small Community Representative
- Electoral Area Representative
- Vancouver Metro Area Representative (2 positions)

The Nomination and Consent Form is attached as Appendix A. Information on the responsibilities and commitments of UBCM Executive members is attached as Appendix B. Information on nominations and elections procedures is attached as Appendix C. The relevant extract from the UBCM Bylaws is attached as Appendix D.

2. Qualifications for Office

Each candidate must be an elected official from a UBCM member local government or First Nation.

A candidate for Small Community Representative must be from the council of a village, or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500.

A candidate for Electoral Area Representative must be an Electoral Area Director on a regional district board.

A candidate for Vancouver Metro Area Representative must be an elected official from either or both a member municipality of the GVRD, or the GVRD Board.

3. Nomination Process

A candidate must be nominated by two elected officials from a UBCM member local government/First Nation, using the attached nomination and consent form. Candidates do not need to be nominated by their own council or board members.

The Nominating Committee reviews the qualifications of each candidate. The members of the 2024 Nominating Committee are:

- Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, UBCM Past President, Chair, Nominating Committee
- Director Judy Greenaway, North Central Local Government Association
- Councillor Louise Wallace-Richmond, Southern Interior Local Government Association
- Councillor Keith Page, Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments
- Councillor Paul Albrecht, Lower Mainland Local Government Association
- Councillor Ben Geselbracht Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities

4. Advance Nominations / Nominating Committee Report / Candidate Video Messages

The Nominating Committee will prepare a Report on Nominations including, at the candidates option, a photo and 300-word biography. The Report on Nominations will be distributed to all UBCM members for their consideration, in mid-August.

To be included in this report, nominations must be received by **Wednesday July 31st at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)**.

Nominations submitted for inclusion in the Report on Nominations are deemed advance nominations. It is to a candidates advantage to submit an advance nomination, since the candidates name, photo and biography will appear in the Report on Nominations distributed to every UBCM member elected official prior to Convention.

As well, candidates will have the opportunity to submit a pre-recorded 2-minute video message that will be uploaded to the Convention website for viewing by Convention delegates. The parameters for video messages are as follows:

- ✓ Maximum length 2 minutes (time limit strictly adhered to)
- ✓ Shot in landscape format (versus portrait)
- ✓ No testimonials, only the candidate can speak in the video message
- ✓ Shot indoors or outdoors, props permitted
- ✓ The file size needs to be less than 100mb

Deadline for submission of Candidate Videos is August 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm (Pacific Time).

5. Nominations Off the Floor

Any qualified candidate may be nominated “off the floor” at the Convention.

Nominations from the floor will be solicited at specific times during the Convention. Please refer to the Convention Program for these times.

As with advance nominations, a candidate must be nominated by two elected officials from a UBCM member local government/First Nation. Candidates do not need to be nominated by their own council or board members.

Those candidates coming 'off the floor' will have an opportunity to have a 2-minute video message uploaded to the Convention website once they have been duly nominated on-site at Convention. Video messages must follow the parameters as outlined above under section 4.

6. Further Information

The Call for Nominations, Nomination & Consent Form, and related background information are available on the UBCM website under Convention and Resolutions > Nominations & Elections.

Inquiries about the UBCM Executive nominations process should be directed to:

Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg
Chair, Nominating Committee
60-10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, BC V6X 2W9

Chair email: I_roodenburg@yahoo.ca
Chair cell: 250-255-5394

UBCM Contact:

Marie Crawford
General Manager, Richmond Operations

Email: mcrawford@ubcm.ca
Tel: 604-270-8226 ext. 104

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES TO THE UBCM EXECUTIVE

1. RESPONSIBILITY OF UBCM EXECUTIVE

Under s.10(a) of the UBCM Bylaws:

The Executive shall have the power and it shall be their duty to put into effect the will of the Union as expressed by resolutions at any of its meetings. Between meetings they shall manage the affairs of the Union and shall report all the transactions of the year to the Annual Convention.

2. UBCM EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

Executive

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Director at Large (5 positions)
- Small Community Representative
- Electoral Area Representative
- Vancouver Representative
- GVRD (Metro Vancouver) Representative
- Immediate Past President
- Area Association Rep. (5 positions)
- Vancouver Metro Area Rep. (2 positions)

Committees

The President appoints Executive members to Committees – of which the following are currently active:

- Presidents
- Community Economic Development
- Community Safety
- Convention
- Environment
- Health and Social Development
- Indigenous Relations
- Resolutions

Each Executive member generally serves on two committees.

3. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The full Executive meets six times a year, over 2-3 days, following this general pattern:

- Friday, the last day of the Annual Convention (1 hour)
- 2nd or 3rd week of November (2 days)
- 2nd or 3rd week of February (3 days)
- 2nd or 3rd week of May (2 days)
- 3rd full week of July (2-3 days)
- Sunday afternoon preceding the Annual Convention (half day)

Executive meetings, other than the two coinciding with Convention, usually take place over a Thursday and Friday. Committee meetings are held Thursday and the full Executive meets on Friday.

Committee Chairs or Table Officers may be called on for more frequent representation. In addition, certain Committees' activities require attendance at meetings or conferences throughout the year.

Executive members' travel expenses and a per diem for meals and incidentals are reimbursed for all activities on behalf of UBCM.

However, for Executive members attending the Annual Convention, UBCM provides reimbursement only for the added expenses that would not normally be incurred by attending as a delegate from a local government.

UBCM EXECUTIVE NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCEDURES

UBCM EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE

The ongoing administration and policy work of the UBCM is governed by an Executive Board that is elected and appointed at the Annual Convention. The Board is comprised of 21 members, with the following structure:

13 Elected Positions

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Third Vice-President
Director at Large (5 positions)
Small Community Representative
Electoral Area Representative
Vancouver Metro Area Representative (2 positions)

8 Appointed Positions

Immediate Past President
Vancouver Representative
GVRD (Metro Vancouver) Representative
Area Association Representatives: AKBLG, AVICC, LMLGA, NCLGA & SILGA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the UBCM Bylaws, a **Nominating Committee** is appointed to oversee the nomination and election process. The Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past President and representatives of the five Area Associations.

The **Nominating Committee** reviews all nomination documents to verify that nominees meet the qualifications for office. It is not the role of the Nominating Committee to recommend any one candidate. The Committee's mandate is to ensure that nominations are complete and in accordance with policies and procedures.

NOMINATION PROCESS

May/June

Nominating Committee will circulate a Call for Nominations notice that will contain the following information:

- positions open for nomination
- process for nomination
- qualifications for office
- role of Nominating Committee
- closing date for nominations to be included in the Report on Nominations
- general duties of an Executive member

The Call for Nominations will include instructions on how to access additional information on UBCM Executive responsibilities and how to submit a nomination.

July 31, 2024, at 4pm Pacific Standard Time

Advance nominations close.

Following the advance nominations deadline, the Nominating Committee will review nominees' qualifications and prepare a Report on Nominations. For all qualifying nominees, photos and biographical information received by the advance nominations deadline will be included in the Report on Nominations. Candidates will also have the option of submitting a 2-minute candidate video message that will be posted on the UBCM website.

Mid-August

The Report on Nominations will be distributed to all UBCM members and will include the following information for each candidate:

- name and the position for which the candidate has been nominated
- portrait photograph
- biographical information

On-Site at Convention

Any qualified candidate may be nominated off the floor of the Convention. The specific times when nominations will be accepted from the floor are given below. 'Off the floor' candidates will also have the opportunity to upload a 2-minute candidate video message to the UBCM website once they have been duly nominated on-site at Convention.

ELECTION PROCESS [Note: *Elections will be conducted via electronic voting]

Step 1 – Election of Table Officers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:20 am Nominating Committee presents the list of advance nominees for Table Officer positions: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President.
- 10:25-10:30 am Nominations from the floor for Table Officer (President) positions.
- 2:00-2:15pm Candidate speeches
- *2:30-11:59 pm Elections for Table Officer (President) positions (*if there is an election*).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- *12:01-9:00 am Elections continue for Table Officer (President) positions (*if there is an election*).

Step 2 – Election of Remaining Executive Positions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:30 am Nominating Committee presents the list of advance nominees for the remaining Executive positions: Director at Large, Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative and Vancouver Metro Area Representative.
- 12:00-12:05 pm Nominations from the floor for the remaining Executive positions.
- 12:05-12:30 pm Candidate speeches .
- *2:00-11:59 pm Elections for the remaining Executive positions (if there is an election)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- *12:01-8:30 am Elections continue for the remaining Executive positions (*if there is an election*).

For further information on the nomination and election process, please contact the Chair of the UBCM Nominating Committee. Please review the Convention Program for final timing of events.

¹NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 UBCM EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the UBCM Bylaws to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

Name: _____

Elected Position (Mayor/Chief/Councillor/Director): _____

Mun/RD/First Nation: _____

Nominated for: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Elected Position: _____ Elected Position: _____

Mun/RD/First Nation: _____ Mun/RD/First Nation: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

CONSENT FORM

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I have been nominated to pursuant to the UBCM Bylaws². I will also forward by **July 31, 2024 by 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)** to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, the following documentation:

- Nomination & Consent Form, completed and signed;
- Portrait photograph* (resolution: 300 ppi; size: 600x400 px; format: TIFF or JPEG); and
- Biographical information*. The maximum length of such information shall be 300 words. If the information provided is in excess, the Nominating Committee Chair shall return it once for editing; if it still exceeds 300 words the Nominating Committee Chair shall edit as required.

OPTIONAL - 2 minute video candidate message – **DUE AUGUST 9** (see Call for Nominations memo for detailed instructions related to acceptable video formats)

* Photo and bio will be published in the Report on Nominations.

CANDIDATE:

Name: _____ Elected Position: _____

Mun/RD/First Nation: _____

Nominated for: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photograph, biographical information, and completed Nomination & Consent Form should be submitted to the attention of the Chair, Nominating Committee, via email: mcrawford@ubcm.ca .

Submission Deadline: July 31, 2024 by 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of members of the Union [Bylaw 4(b)].

² All nominees to the Executive shall be elected representatives of a member of the Union [Bylaw 3(c)].
Nominees for Electoral Area Representative, Small Community Representative and Vancouver Metro Area Representative must hold the appropriate office.

EXTRACT FROM THE UBCM BYLAWS: EXECUTIVE COMPOSITION, NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

UBCM BYLAWS SECTIONS 2 TO 5

2. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Union shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice President.

3. EXECUTIVE:

(a) There shall be an Executive which shall be composed of:

- the Officers of the Union;
- the Immediate Past President, who shall be the last president to have completed the term of office as President;
- a Vancouver Representative, who shall be a member of the Vancouver City Council;
- a Small Community Representative, who shall be a member of a Council of a Village or a municipality with a population not greater than 2,500;
- an Electoral Area Representative, who shall be an Electoral Area Director of a Regional Board;
- a GVRD Representative who must be a member of the GVRD Board;
- five Directors representing the five Area Associations as defined in Section 21;
- five Directors at Large; and
- two representatives (“Vancouver Metro Area Representatives”) who must be elected members of either or both a council of a member municipality of the GVRD or of the GVRD Board.

The members of the Executive shall be the Directors of the Union.

- (b) The Officers, the Directors at Large, the Small Community Representative, the Electoral Area Representative and the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, shall be elected annually at the Annual Convention, and except as herein otherwise provided, shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual Convention. The Vancouver Representative shall be appointed annually by the Vancouver City Council, the GVRD Representative shall be appointed annually by the Board of the GVRD, and the five Area Association Directors shall each be appointed by their respective Area Associations as identified in Section 21. All such appointments shall be communicated to the Nominating Committee by the appointing body pursuant to Section 4(b).
- (c) Except for the Immediate Past President, all members of the Executive, including Officers of the Union, shall hold office only so long as they remain elected representatives of a member of the Union. If a person holding the office of Immediate Past President ceases to be an elected representative of a member of the Union while holding the office such person shall only hold the office for the remainder of the then current term.

- (d) No person shall hold a position as Officer of the Union unless elected as an Officer by the membership of the Union and no person shall be elected more than twice, whether consecutively or otherwise, as President of the Union.

In the event of a vacancy occurring amongst the Officers, the next ranking Officer willing to serve shall fill the vacancy, provided that if the office of President cannot for any reason be filled as aforesaid, the Executive shall call a special election for the office of President and such election may be held by mail or electronic ballot pursuant to the rules and procedures established and determined by the Executive.

In the event of a vacancy:

- amongst the Officers, other than President, the Executive may appoint, from amongst persons qualified to be elected to the Executive, Acting Directors at Large equal to the number of vacancies;
 - amongst the Directors at Large, the Small Community Representative, the Electoral Area Representative, or the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, the Executive may appoint a person qualified to hold the office to fill the position for the term remaining;
 - in the position of Vancouver Representative, GVRD Representative or amongst the five Directors appointed by the Area Associations such vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.
- (e) The Union shall pay the expenses of the Executive incurred on authorized business of the Union, except for attendance at the Annual Convention. For attendance at the Executive meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention such expenses shall be limited to the per diem rates and extra hotel accommodation costs incurred for the period of that Executive meeting only. No travelling expenses nor any part of other expenses ordinarily incurred by Executive members in attending the Annual Convention will be borne by the Union. In the event that the Immediate Past President no longer holds local elected office, while still remaining a member of the Executive, their expenses incurred in attending the Annual Convention and the Executive meeting immediately prior to it shall be paid by the Union.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) There is constituted a committee of the Executive to be known as the Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past President (if any) and the five appointed Area Association Directors provided that where any of the five appointed Area Association Directors declares an interest in seeking election to the Executive of the Union, the Area Association that appointed such Area Association Director may name another elected official of a member of the Union to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst the members of the Committee and shall prior to the Annual Convention:
- issue a call for nominations for each of the positions of Officer of the Union and for the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five Directors at Large, and the Vancouver Metro Area Representatives;

- encourage potential nominees to come forward as candidates for office and as requested provide information to such person relating to duties, responsibilities and roles pertaining to the various offices;
 - review the credentials of nominees to ensure that each nominee is qualified to hold office pursuant to Section 4(j);
 - accept qualified nominees nominated by two elected officials of members of the Union;
 - obtain the name of a qualified person who has been appointed by the City of Vancouver to assume office as the Vancouver Representative, the name of the GVRD Representative and the names of the five Area Association Directors who have each been appointed to assume the office of Area Association Director by the respective Area Association;
 - at least 30 days prior to the Annual Convention, prepare and provide to all members of the Union a report on nominations accepted for each office that have been received by the close of business on the last business day of July and on the persons appointed by the City of Vancouver, by the GVRD and the five Area Associations. Such report shall be neutral and the Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.
- (c) In making its report the Nominating Committee, taking into consideration the names of appointees submitted by the City of Vancouver, the GVRD and the five Area Associations, shall ensure they are balanced and representative nominations including:
- that sufficient nominations are received;
 - that each general area of the Province is represented on the Executive nominated or appointed.

The Nominating Committee shall not recommend any nominee or group of nominees.

- (d) The Chair of the Nominating Committee, during the morning session of the first day of the Annual Convention, shall present the nominations for the positions of Officers on the UBCM Executive, i.e. President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President. After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Officers, in addition to the names presented by the Nominating Committee.
- (e) If, at the close of nominations, only one candidate for each position of Officer stands validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith proclaim the candidate elected.
- (f) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for any of the positions of Officers, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall cause an election to be held.
- (g) On the second day of the Annual Convention at the time after the results of the election of Officers have been announced, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the nominations for the positions of:
- Small Community Representative;
 - Electoral Area Representative;
 - for the five positions of Director at Large; and
 - the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives.

After the Chair's report on these positions has been read, the Chair shall call for nominations from the floor for each of the positions of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, for the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives.

- (h) If, at the close of nominations: only one person stands validly nominated for the position of Small Community Representative, or only one person stands validly nominated for the position of Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Directors at Large, only five persons stand validly nominated; or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, only two persons stand validly nominated, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall forthwith declare the only candidates in each of the categories to be elected.
- (i) If, at the close of nominations, more than one person stands validly nominated for the positions of Small Communities Representative, Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Director at Large, more than five persons stand validly nominated, or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives more than two persons stand validly nominated, the Chair shall cause an election to be held.
- (j) Where a nomination is made from the floor, the nominators must advise the Chair that the nominee is qualified pursuant to Section 3 to hold the office and they have consented to be nominated. The Chair shall forthwith ask the nominee to confirm such consent from the floor and if the nominee is not present on the floor at the time of nomination, the nominators may either withdraw the nomination or immediately provide the Chair with the written and signed consent of the nominee.
- (k) Nominations shall require two nominators. The nomination shall state only the candidate's name, elected office, municipality, regional district, First Nation or other membership affiliation, and Area Association, and that the consent of the person nominated has been received.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE:

- (a) If, at the close of nominations, more than one candidate stands validly nominated for each position of the Officers, and for the position of Small Community Representative, and for the position of Electoral Area Representative, or in the case of the five positions of Director at Large, more than five such candidates stand, or in the case of the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, more than two candidates stand, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall cause elections to be held as may be required.
- (b) The election of Officers shall be held on the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day of the Annual Convention.
- (c) The election of Small Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five positions of Director at Large, and the two positions of Vancouver Metro Area Representative shall be held on the afternoon of the second day and the morning of the third day of the Annual Convention.
- (d) If any election is to be held, ballots shall be prepared and distributed. In the case of an election for Officer positions, one ballot shall be used. In the case of elections for Small

Community Representative, Electoral Area Representative, the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, individual ballots shall be used for each category. The names of the candidates shall be listed alphabetically in order of surnames on the ballots, and shall show only the candidates' names, official positions, municipality, regional district or other member affiliation and Area Association. Before any ballot is taken, any person nominated may decline or withdraw their name by giving two hours' notice thereof prior to the start of the election.

- (e) Scrutineers shall be appointed by the President and it shall be among the duties of such Scrutineers to count the votes, or verify the votes, or both, on such ballots and declare the result of such elections to the Chair of the Nominating Committee who shall report the results of the elections to the Convention. In the case of a ballot vote being held for the five positions of Director at Large, and the two Vancouver Metro Area Representatives, all ballots marked for more than the number to be elected shall be counted as spoiled ballots.
- (f) All elected representatives from members who are present at the Convention shall be entitled to vote for Directors at Large. Only representatives from Small Communities members who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Small Community Representative, only representatives from Electoral Areas who are present at the Convention shall vote for the Electoral Area Representative, and only representatives of the GVRD and the delegates from its member Municipalities may vote for Vancouver Metro Area Representatives. No vote by proxy shall be recognized or allowed.
- (g) In the event that the result of election for the position of any Officer of the Union, Small Community Representative or Electoral Area Representative cannot be declared because of an equality of votes between two or more persons receiving the greatest number of votes, then the Chair shall hold a runoff election amongst those persons who received equal votes.

In the case of an election for the position of Vancouver Metro Area Representative, the Chair shall declare elected the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. If a candidate cannot be elected because of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Chair shall hold a run-off election for the positions remaining undeclared in which the only candidates shall be the unsuccessful candidates in the original election who do not withdraw.

In the case of an election for office as Director at Large, the Chair shall declare elected the five candidates who received the highest number of votes, provided that if a candidate cannot be declared elected because of an equality of votes between two or more candidates, the Chair shall hold a run-off election for the positions remaining undeclared in which the only candidates shall be the unsuccessful candidates in the original election who do not withdraw.