MEDIA ADVISORY



ADVANCE REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO 2024 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION September 16 to 20, 2024 – Vancouver, B.C.

MEDIA: PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE HERE

Vancouver, B.C. (September 11, 2024) – Media are invited to cover the 121st annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver B.C., the largest annual gathering of elected officials in the province, taking place primarily at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

All media representatives wishing to attend the convention must register in advance to obtain accreditation. Please register online here by Friday, September 13 at 4:00pm. Afterward, all media representatives will need to be accredited on-site.

Convention program details are available on the convention website.

Monday to Friday at-a-glance:

- Monday, September 16: Sessions include what's next for housing policy; what we learned about
 the Emergency and Disaster Management Act during the 2024 hazard season; responding to
 changes in B.C.'s resource sector; changing climate, rising costs; the Province-wide Community
 to Community Forum (not open to media)
- Tuesday, September 17: Sessions include public safety, mental health and addictions with **Hon.**Mike Farnworth, deputy premier, Province of B.C.; innovative solutions for rural healthcare access; strengthening resilience in the face of drought; homelessness and encampment response; addressing systemic racism and advancing reconciliation
- Wednesday, September 18: address by UBCM president Councillor Trish Mandewo; Cabinet town halls on housing, emergency preparedness and stronger public services; Hon. Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs; policy resolutions debate
- Thursday, September 19: Hon. David Eby, premier, Province of B.C.; policy resolutions debate continues
- Friday, September 20: Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; John Rustad, leader of the Conservative Party of B.C.; Sonia Furstenau, leader of the B.C. Green Party; installation of new UBCM president; policy resolutions session concludes

UBCM president Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam councillor, will preside over the convention.

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ABOUT UBCM

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

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