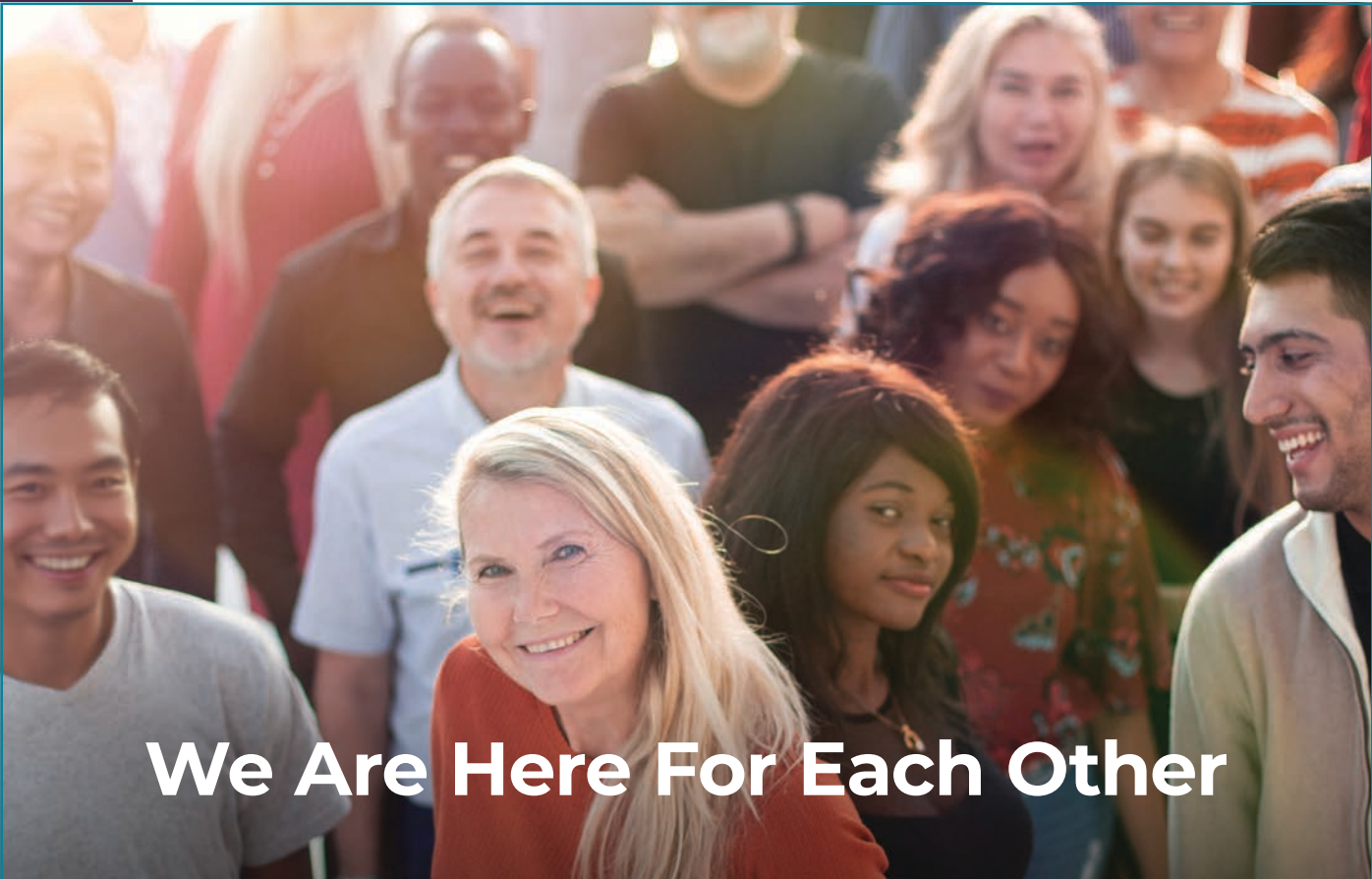


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But this is precisely why we come together each year, and what makes our membership thrive. We are on a varied, but collective journey. Our communities’ differences function to bring fresh perspectives to shared obstacles and goals. We generate a unique synergy that unifies and motivates us throughout the year.

This week will present opportunities for us to really make room for the complexity of the tasks at hand. We will fortify relationships to support this work, while collaborating across regions and orders of government. Our discussions will aim to illuminate innovative approaches to persistent issues, from housing affordability and attainability to climate and emergency preparedness. We will develop and advocate for policy positions that counter these pressing issues.

Our gathering in Vancouver presents an opportunity to lean into the challenges before us and foster collective growth and progress. Join us for the 2024 UBCM Convention, where we will amplify our voices and our impact across the province.

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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.

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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 Simply Voting.

Each voting delegate will receive an email directly from Simply Voting with login 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 iPhones 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:

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, please use the on-site UBCM Convention office phone number 604.647.7490. All other matters should be directed to the permanent UBCM office number 604.270.8226, where voicemail will be checked regularly.

The on-site UBCM Convention Office is located in Room 9, Vancouver Convention Centre East Building (VCC East).

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

UBCM Trade Show

Be sure to visit the UBCM Trade Show (Exhibition Hall B), directly beside the Plenary Sessions in Exhibition 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! Review exhibitor profiles using the Convention Event App, or if using a web browser, navigate to ubcm2024.events.whova.com.

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UBCM Bistro

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9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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EDMA in Action

What's Next for Housing?

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Study Sessions

Changing Climate, Rising Costs

Communities in Transition: Responding to Changes in BC's Resource Sector

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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Clinics

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Make the Money You Spend Matter

Youth Voices: Catalyzing Climate Action and Policy Reform

Strengthening Responsible Conduct

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Tuesday, September 17 (Continued)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Forums

Electoral Area Directors' Forum

Small Talk Forum

Mid-Sized Communities Forum

Large Urban Communities Forum

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Forum Lunches

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Plenary Session: Public Safety, Mental Health and Addictions

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Workshops

Advancing Reconciliation and Racial Equity in British Columbia

Building FireSmart Communities Through Post-Fire Learnings

Homelessness and Encampment Response

Strengthening Resilience in the Face of Drought

Tools to Implement New Housing Legislation

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 18

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast

Wednesday, September 18 (Continued)

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

Clinics

Cyber Crime Investigation, the Trends in Cyber Crime – A Case Study

Let's Go Surfin' Now....Everybody's Learning Meeting Etiquette

Pay Transparency Act Requirements Overview

Promising Opportunities: NG9-1-1 and Mental Health

Service Focus at the Residential Tenancy Branch

8:30 AM

CONVENTION OPENING SESSION

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Welcome from Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and Musqueam First Nation

Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Community

Address by the UBCM President

9:00 AM

ANNUAL MEETING

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2023 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

Appointment of Convention Committees

Welcome from Host Municipality

9:20 AM

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

9:25 AM – 10:25 AM

Keynote Address: George Stroumboulopoulos

10:25 AM – 10:30 AM

Nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Trade Show

UBCM CONVENTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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Wednesday, September 18 (Continued)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Area Association Lunches
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Candidate Speeches
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Address by the Minister of Municipal Affairs
2:30 PM	Election of Table Officers Opens
3:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Cabinet Town Halls Stronger Public Services Housing Emergency Preparedness
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Trade Show Reception
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Presentation of 2024 Climate & Energy Action Awards
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	BC Government Reception
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM	CUPE BC Reception

Thursday, September 19

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration
6:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Delegates' Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM – 7:45 AM	Clinics First Nations Property Taxation & Assessment Measuring Social Impact of Public Libraries
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Resolutions Session Continues
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions
8:35 AM – 11:15 AM	Resolutions Session Continues
9:00 AM	Election of Table Officers Closes
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Trade Show
11:15 AM – 12:00 noon	Address by the Premier
12:00 PM – 12:05 PM	Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions

Thursday, September 21 (Continued)

12:05 PM – 12:30 PM	Candidates' Speeches
12:30 PM – 2:00 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
	Anticipating Emerging Challenges
	Floods! Droughts! Watershed Security! Working Together Towards Resilient Communities
	Mental Health and Local Elected Leaders
	Planning for Local Food Supply and Security
	Shocking Realities: Trends in Electrifying Transportation
6:30 PM	UBCM Annual Banquet Reception
7:30 PM	Annual Banquet
	Presentation of Long-Service Awards and Life Memberships

Friday, September 22

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Delegates' Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline
	Resolutions Session Continues
8:30 AM	Election for Executive Positions Closes
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Address by The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Address by the Leader of the Conservative Party
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Installation of President Elect
9:40 AM - 10:10 AM	Address by the Leader of the Green Party
10:10 AM - 11:55 AM	Resolutions Session Continues
11:55 AM - 12:00 PM	Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Cruise Prize Draw
12:00 noon	Adjourn

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

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To download the Event App, search **Whova** on your (Apple or Google Play) app store and enter the invitation code: **ridethewave**. While this year's Event App has been designed for optimal viewing on mobile devices, if you are using a laptop or tablet, you can also access the app's content through your web browser ubcm2024.events.whova.com.

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Monday to Wednesday 7:00AM – 4:00PM
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Test drives will take place at Vancouver Convention Centre West Building near the parkade entrance (across from the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel).

Thursday, Sept 19th 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Located in the center of the Trade Show floor (Exhibition Hall B) this is the perfect spot for delegates and exhibitors to meet-up and network while grabbing a drink to rehydrate and refresh. Be sure to stop by the sponsor booths that surround the Hydration Lounge to see the wonderful programs and resources these champion UBCM Convention supporters make available to local governments.

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For local government and UBCM First Nation member elected officials or senior staff who wish to request a meeting with provincial government staff at Convention, visit the Provincial Appointment Desk at the locations listed below.

Monday
 Main Lobby, VCC East
 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday
 MacKenzie Ballroom Foyer, Concourse Level, Fairmont Waterfront
 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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CONTINENTAL BREAKFASTS

Tuesday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast South Foyer, VCC East

Clinic Attendees' Continental Breakfast East Foyer, VCC East

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Wednesday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast South Foyer, VCC East

Clinic Attendees' Continental Breakfast East Foyer, VCC East

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast Ballroom B & C, VCC East

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Thursday

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Clinic Attendees' Continental Breakfast East Foyer, VCC East

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast Ballroom B & C, VCC East

Sponsored by Trans Mountain

Friday

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Delegates' Continental Breakfast Ballroom B & C, VCC East

Sponsored by E-Comm 9-1-1

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 16

BCLC / BCGIA Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The Victor, Parq Hotel (39 Smithe Street)

Shuttles will run from the Pan Pacific Hotel to Parq continuously from 6:00 – 7:30 pm / Return continuously from Parq to the Pan Pacific Hotel 8:00- 9:30 pm.

Space is limited and will be first come, first served.

Electoral Area Directors' Meet & Greet

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Malaspina Room, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Tuesday, September 17

Forum Lunches (ticket purchase required)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Electoral Area Directors
Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

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Small Talk
Ballroom C, VCC East

Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Mid-Sized Communities
Crystal
Crystal Pavilion, Pan Pacific Hotel

Sponsored by BC Council of Forest Industries

Large Urban Communities
Room 8/15, VCC East

Sponsored by TELUS Living

Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Ballroom A/B, VCC East

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

Tuesday, September 17 (Continued)

Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Ballroom C/D, VCC West*

Sponsored by Lidstone & Company

**please note the Welcome Reception will take place in the WEST building of VCC*

Wednesday, September 18

Area Association Lunches *(ticket purchase required)*

12:00 noon – 1:30 PM

AKBLG Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

AVICC Ballroom A, VCC East

LMLGA Ballroom B, VCC East

NCLGA Ballroom C, VCC East

SILGA Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Trade Show Reception

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Exhibition Hall B, VCC East

Sponsored by Canadian National Railway

BC Government Reception

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ballroom A/B/C, VCC East

CUPE BC Reception

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Atrium Lobby, Pan Pacific Hotel

Thursday, September 19

Delegates' Lunch *(ticket purchase required)*

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Ballroom A, VCC East

Sponsored by ICBC

UBCM Annual Banquet Reception *(ticket purchase required)*

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Ballroom A, VCC East

Sponsored by FortisBC

UBCM Annual Banquet *(ticket purchase required)*

7:30 PM – 11:30 PM Exhibition Hall A, VCC East

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MONDAY PRE-CONVENTION

EDMA in Action

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Room: Room 1/2/3, VCC East

Details: Last November, the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA) received royal assent. Although the Province is taking a phased approach to implementation, the 2024 hazard season still presented an early test for the new Act. This session will look at how the provisions in the new legislation are impacting local governments and First Nations, who are on the front lines of emergency management, facing disasters and emergencies that in recent years have increased in scope and frequency. Presenters representing local governments and First Nations will discuss their experiences, challenges and expectations related to emergency management in B.C.

What's Next for Housing

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Room: Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Details: Implementation of ambitious federal and provincial housing agendas over the past year has seen far reaching consequences for local planning and development. Even as local governments respond to significant legislative changes brought into effect to-date, further changes are on the horizon: policy development at all orders of government and across sectors continues to evolve in response to the crisis in affordability. This session will bring together diverse voices to consider trends and policy shifts that are likely to shape housing dynamics going forward.

Changing Climate, Rising Costs

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Details: As the impacts of climate change come into focus, many local governments are grappling with the costs of adaptation and disaster risk reduction. Unchecked, these impacts are likely to command an increasingly larger share of the limited resources available to maintain valued services, operate critical infrastructure, and advance community priorities. This session will explore the financial costs of climate change for local governments, emerging and innovative approaches to adaptation, and key considerations to effectively and efficiently build resilience to current and future climate change.

Communities in Transition: Responding to Changes in BC's Resource Sector

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Room: Room 11/12, VCC East

Details: BC's natural resource sector is in a state of transition and transformation. The impacts of climate change, volatile international markets, evolving land use policies and provincial planning processes have all contributed to the uncertainty facing this sector. As provincial, First Nation, local government and industry leaders search for certainty and solutions; coordination, collaboration and communication are paramount.

This session will examine the state of BC's natural resource sector, reflect on the economic impact that industries, such as forestry, have on communities and discuss what actions are needed to keep the resource sector and communities alive and vibrant as this transformational shift continues.

W.E. Talk: Women Electeds Finding Solutions Together

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Room: Room 1/2/3, VCC East

Details: Last year's Convention, UBCM held a Women in Politics session where participants identified the barriers that women face in the political arena. We are excited to continue the transformative dialogue by identifying actionable solutions at this year's Women Elected Talk (W.E. Talk) session.

Using the World Café style of facilitation, this session will be dynamic, collaborative, and inclusive. The World Café format is designed to foster open and creative conversations where every voice is heard. Through small group discussions, participants will have the opportunity to explore innovative ideas and practical strategies that address the challenges that were identified last year.

Why attend? Because your insights, experiences, and perspectives are vital to driving change. This is more than just a discussion—it's a chance to shape the future of women's leadership in politics. Let's work together to dismantle barriers and create pathways to success for current and future generations of women leaders.

TUESDAY PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM CLINICS

Bridging the Gap: Innovative Solutions for Rural Healthcare Access

Room: Room 8/15, VCC East

Presenters:

Paul Adams, Executive Director, BC Rural Health Network
Jude Kornelsen, Co-Director, Centre for Rural Health Research
Mark Rubinstein, Chief Hope Officer, Hope Air
Jacqueline Podewils, Co-Chair, Lung Transplant Support
Christina Derksen Unrau, Lung Transplant Patient
Lynette Luca, Director, Helicopters without Borders

Details: This panel explores the significant challenges faced by rural and remote communities in accessing essential healthcare services. Experts will delve into key issues such as travel assistance, housing for medical patients in urban areas, and ensuring equitable healthcare under the Canada Health Act. Our distinguished panelists, including leaders from BCRHN, Hope Air, UBC, Lung Transplant Housing Support, and Helicopters Without Borders, will share innovative approaches and suggestions for policy changes. This session aims to foster collaboration across regions and government levels, ensuring no one is left behind due to geographic barriers. Note that this conversation builds on the special resolution “Health Equity for Rural and Remote Communities,” passed at last year’s UBCM. Don’t miss this opportunity to engage with thought leaders and shape the future of rural healthcare in BC.

Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention and Response

Room: Room 2/3, VCC East

Presenter:

Cam Schley, Chief Conservation Officer, Conservation Officer Service
Bob Hansen, Wildsafe BC Tofino
Caitlin Beaudin, WildsafeBC Tofino
Joel Kline, Conservation Officer, BC Conservation Officer Service
Kevin Van Damme, Inspector, BC Conservation Officer Service
Luisa Burhenne, Manager, Climate and Environment, Resort Municipality of Whistler
Dr. Adam Ford, Associate Professor, UBC Okanagan

Details: An overview of the ongoing efforts by the Province to address human-wildlife conflict and orphaned bear cub response will be provided. Discussions are planned on successful strategies municipalities have used to help reduce human-wildlife conflict in their communities and improve public understanding and education. Updates will be provided on provincial work underway aimed at improving policies and procedures around conflict between people and bears, and reducing the number of bear deaths caused by human conflict. This session is intended to be a collaborative discussion with municipal representatives.

Join the Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Human-Wildlife Conflict experts and representatives from municipalities in discussing updates regarding human-wildlife conflict prevention and response.

Make the Money You Spend Matter

Room: Room 11, VCC East

Presenters:

Tori Williamson, Chief Operations Officer - Buy Social Canada

Rory Kulmala, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Island Construction Association

Scott Hainsworth, Manager of Procurement and Risk, Financial Services, City of Courtenay

Details: For local governments, inflationary pressures, tightening budgets, and complex community needs illustrate growing waves of uncertainty in our current times. Local governments spend millions of dollars annually while our communities continue to face eroding decision-making power, community well-being, and economic strength. Local governments are exhausted, and how far a dollar can go matters more than ever.

The conventional way of spending public dollars is a weathered dock against crashing waves - the old method slowly eroding away. Riding the waves of uncertainty means spending less energy resisting and, instead, building a boat to economic resiliency.

Join this session to explore how local governments can use their existing purchasing as a significant lever to support Indigenous communities, local employment, and economic and community benefits.

Youth Voices: Catalyzing Climate Action and Policy Reform

Room: Room 1, VCC East

Presenters:

Miley Leong, Engagement Consulting Manager, CityHive

Patrice Tai-Claire, Vancouver City Manager, Youthful Cities

Ben Simoni, Executive Director, Youth Climate Corps

Rik Lotenberg, Councillor, City of Nelson

Ian Picketts, Manager of Sustainability, District of Squamish

Details: Youth are on the front lines of today's most complex issues, including climate change, the housing and affordability crisis, and the opioid poisoning crisis. Unfortunately, they are also a demographic frequently left out of decision-making and long-term planning.

This session will explore how local governments can harness the creativity and energy of young people to enhance solutions for these "wicked problems."

The conversation will include perspectives from local government staff, elected officials, and the young leaders working to mobilize and engage youth to tackle these pressing challenges. Panelists will discuss pathways to developing and implementing local solutions that minimize the financial and capacity burden for local governments, and ensure youth voices are heard and acted upon in shaping effective local policies and scaling up climate action.

TUESDAY PRE-CONVENTION

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM CLINICS (CONTINUED)

Strengthening Responsible Conduct

Room: Room 12, VCC East

Presenters:

Paul Taylor, UBCM

Candace Witkowskyj, Local Government Management Association

Allan Neilsen, Neilsen Strategies

Details: Recent years have seen several calls by local governments for new tools and resources to strengthen responsible conduct among local elected officials. This session will explore the potential risks and rewards of new approaches to Codes of Conduct and their enforcement in British Columbia. The content for this session will draw from a recently published discussion paper authored by UBCM and the Local Government Management Association.

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM FORUMS & LUNCHES

Forums

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Electoral Area Directors

Ballroom C, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Small Talk

Ballroom A/B, VCC East

Mid-Sized Communities

Room 1/2/3, VCC East

Large Urban Communities

Room 11/12, VCC East

Forum Lunches

12:00 noon – 1:30 PM

Electoral Area Directors

Ballroom A/B, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

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Small Talk

Ballroom C, VCC East

Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Mid-Sized Communities

Crystal Pavilion, Pan Pacific Hotel

Sponsored by BC Council of Forest Industries

Large Urban Communities

Room 8, VCC East

Sponsored by TELUS Living

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM PLENARY

Public Safety, Mental Health and Addictions

Presenters:

Mike Farnworth, Minister, Public Safety and Solicitor General

Deb Haggard, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

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

Tom Dyas, Mayor, City of Kelowna

Phil Heard, on behalf of Deputy Fiona Wilson, Chair, BC Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Advisory Committee

Mark Lysyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health

Details: Local governments play a crucial role in maintaining public safety and addressing mental health and addiction issues in BC communities. This session will explore the complex intersection of the toxic drug crisis, public use concerns and the impacts on communities, and their police, fire departments, and other local first responders. Panelists will discuss how best to improve coordination and integration among stakeholders, and solutions to create safe and compassionate communities for all.

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM WORKSHOPS

Addressing Systemic Racism and Advancing Reconciliation in BC

Room: Room 11, VCC East

Presenters:

Charlene Belleau, First Nations Liaison - BC Provincial Residential School Response, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Ken Watts, Chief, Tseshah First Nation

Willie Sellars, Chief, Williams Lake First Nation

Surinderpal Rathor, Mayor, City of Williams Lake

Haiqa Cheema, Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Ministry of the Attorney General

Mariam Okwengu, Executive Director, BC Ministry of the Attorney General

Hasan Alam, Executive Board Members, BC Civil Liberties Association

Navpreet Dua, A/Director, Programs and Grant, BC Ministry of the Attorney General

Details: This session invites leaders from the Province, local governments, First Nations and Indian Residential School survivors to come together for an interactive dialogue, to discuss and share strategies on how to address racism and advance reconciliation within local governments and communities. The first part of the session will provide a better understanding of the history and legacy of Indian Residential Schools and through the courage of residential school survivors, their families and their communities that are advancing reconciliation. The second part of the session will be a discussion on the BC government's efforts to advance reconciliation and address racial equity by introducing the Anti-Racism Act and the Racist Incident Helpline. This clinic will empower local governments to take concrete steps towards understanding the impacts of the residential school experience, to build a future which embraces reconciliation, and to prepare local governments to address racism.

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM WORKSHOPS (CONTINUED)

Building FireSmart Communities Through Post-Fire Learnings

Room: Room 12, VCC East

Presenters:

Hannah Swift, FireSmart Program Lead, BC Wildfire Service / FireSmart BC

Joel Hamilton, Wildfire Interface Specialist, Fire Chiefs' Association of BC / FireSmart BC

Jason Brolund, Fire Chief, City of West Kelowna

Greg Baxter, Senior Researcher, FPIInnovations

Details: This clinic will highlight the findings from the wildland-urban fire that devastated West Kelowna in the summer of 2023 with a focus on urban planning considerations and recommendations. The post-fire learnings provide a review and analysis of key development bylaws of the local governments affected by the Grouse Complex Fire. The clinic will include discussions around Local government land use and development regulations, including Official Community Plans (OCP), Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Servicing (SDS) Bylaws, and Building Bylaws. Discussions will focus on how to make recommendations from the post-fire report a reality in supporting more FireSmart communities.

Homelessness and Encampment Response

Room: Room 2/3, VCC East

Presenters:

Erin Oscienny, Executive Director, Engagement and Encampment Response Branch, Ministry of Housing

Allison Dunnet, Executive Director, BC Housing

Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager, City of Vancouver

Gladys Atrill, Mayor, Town of Smithers

Mike Sikora, Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Specialist, City of Abbotsford

Details: Local governments are facing increased homelessness and encampments in their communities, along with an increasing strain on financial resources, staffing and expertise to address the issue. This session will explore collaboration between the Ministry of Housing, BC Housing and local governments to understand local needs and options for shelter and housing development, and to remove barriers to stable housing through integrated health and social supports. Delegates will also hear more about the Ministry of Housing's Encampment Response Partner Guide, which is intended to equip partners that respond to encampments with tools for better coordination and results; and the HEART and HEARTH programs to address larger, entrenched encampments of unhoused people in BC.

Strengthening Resilience in the Face of Drought

Room: Room 1, VCC East

Presenters:

James Mack, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship

Kevin Boon, General Manager, BC Cattlemen's Association

Naomi Woodland, Regional Community Impact & Investment Co-ordinator, United Way BC

Kevin Henderson, Chief Administrative Officer, Dawson Creek

Details: Communities across British Columbia have faced successive years of drought conditions which impact food and watershed security, ecosystem health, and local economies. This session will critically explore tools, roles, and approaches for preparing for and responding to drought, as well as opportunities for strengthening the resilience of communities. Through presentations by the Province, local governments, the agriculture and NGO sectors, it will foster a better understanding of what communities can do to help mitigate and prepare for drought at the local level.

Tools to Implement New Housing Legislation

Room: Room 8/15, VCC East

Presenters:

Jessica Brooks, Executive Director, Ministry of Housing

Theresa O'Donnell, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Eric Nicholls, Director, Ministry of Housing

Hollie McKeil, Manager, Ministry of Housing

Shannon Lambie, Manager, Ministry of Housing

Details: In the fall of 2023 and the spring of 2024, the B.C. government passed several pieces of legislation that changed the local government land use planning framework to enable local governments to build more affordable and livable communities. Collectively, these amendments promote a shift to proactive planning, enable small-scale multi-unit housing, increase density and integrated development near transit hubs, provide new and updated development finance tools, and provide new authorities to secure affordable housing, works and services, and community amenities. This session will provide an overview of the tools available to support local government implementation of Bills 16, 44, 46, and 47, including policy manuals, funding supports, the Peer Learning Network, Secondary Suites Incentive Program, and standardized housing designs.

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3:30 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 Room, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Community Excellence Awards Ceremony & Reception

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Room: Ballroom A/B, 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:

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- Excellence in Asset Management
- Excellence in Sustainability
- Presidents Committee Choice

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UBCM Welcome Reception

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Room: Ballroom C/D, VCC West*

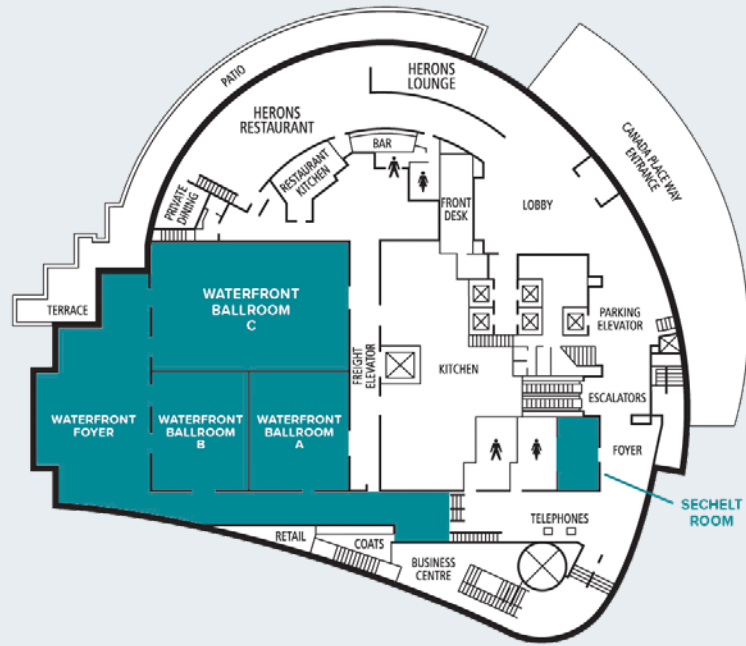
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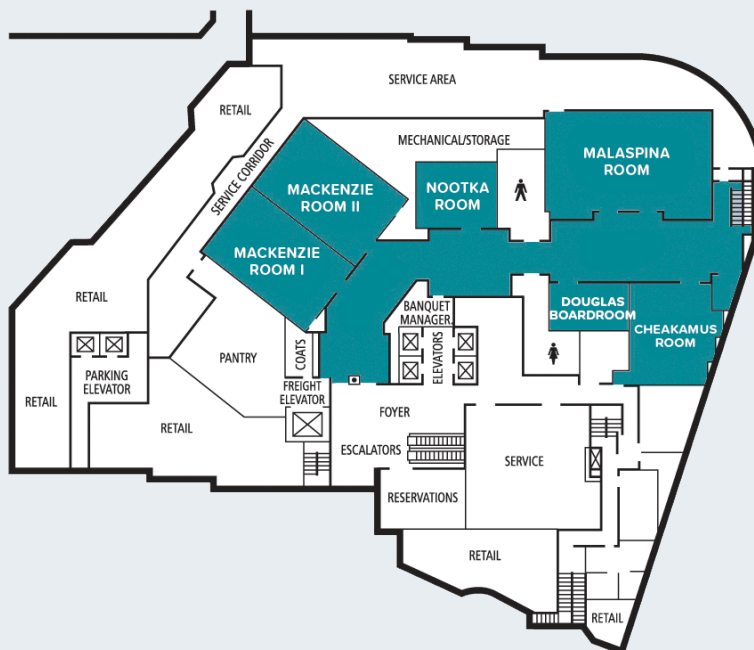
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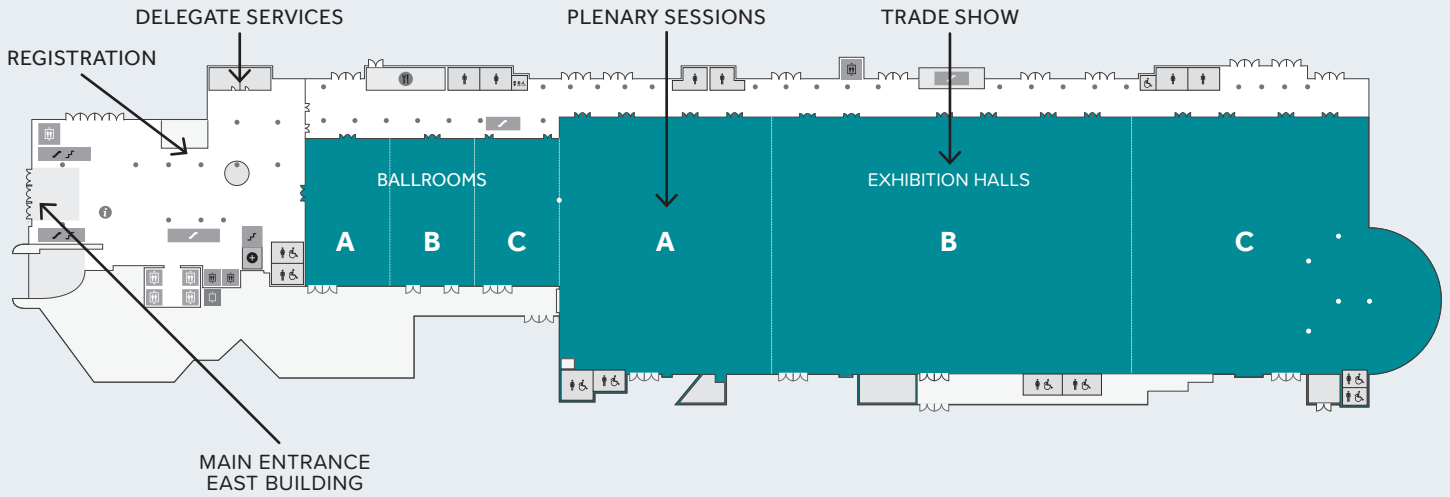


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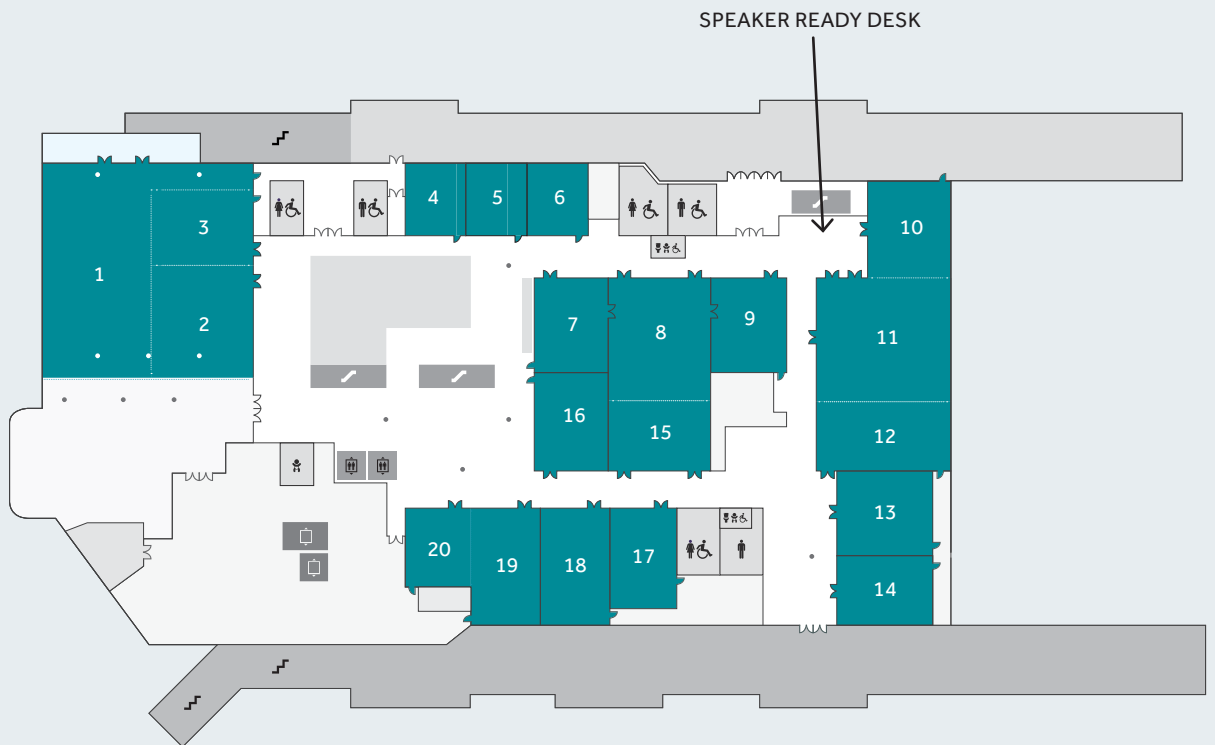


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WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM CLINICS

Closing the Gender Pay Gap: Understanding Pay Transparency Act Requirements for Local Government Employees

Room: Room 2/3, VCC East

Presenters:

Jessica Hodge, Director of Operations, Pay Transparency Unit, Gender Equity Office, Ministry of Finance

Alison Dudley, Executive Director, Gender Equity Office, Ministry of Finance

Details: At 17 percent, B.C. has one of the highest gender pay gaps in Canada. That is why B.C. introduced the Pay Transparency Act in 2023 to help close the gap by continuing to address systemic discrimination in the workplace and moving closer to equal pay for equal work. The Act places new requirements on employers in B.C.:

- Pay History: employers cannot ask job applicants what they have been previously paid.
- Employer Reprisal: employers cannot punish employees who reveal their pay to others.
- Pay Secrecy: employers must include the expected pay or pay range in public job postings.
- Pay Transparency Reports: employers above certain sizes must post pay transparency reports by

November 1 each year through a phased approach based on number of employees:

- 2024: employers with 1000+ employees
- 2025: employers with 300+ employees
- 2026: employers with 50+ employees

This session will provide participants the opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the Act's requirements and how it applies to local government as employers. It will also include a demonstration of the online pay transparency reporting tool that was developed to support employers in producing pay transparency reports.

Cyber Crime Investigation, the Trends in Cyber Crime – A Case Study

Room: Room 11, VCC East

Presenters:

Vinh NGO, Prevention and Engagement - Financial Crime - CPL, RCMP Federal Policing Prevention and Engagement

Warren Krahenbil, Cyber Crime Investigator - SGT, RCMP Federal Policing's Cyber Investigative Team

Details: RCMP Federal Prevention and Engagement (FPPE) will introduce the topic of prevention initiatives on cybersecurity awareness including our previous work with UBCM. In support of this objective, the second speaker from the RCMP Federal Policing's Cyber Investigative Team will speak about cybersecurity trends and advices to harden their cybersecurity protocols. Additionally, the RCMP will highlight a case study involving an investigation on a cybersecurity incident in one of BC's municipality. Cybersecurity or "cyber-insecurity" is an evolving and increasing challenge that all government organizations face - large or small. Having the resources or prioritizing the resources are key elements that could determine the level of damage to a cyber incident. This event is a great opportunity to reach UBCM members and can provide a launching pad for future collaboration.

Service Focus at the Residential Tenancy Branch

Room: Room 12, VCC East

Presenter:

Jess Gunnarson, Executive Director, Residential Tenancy Branch, Ministry of Housing

Details: The Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) exists to assist tenants and landlords in resolving their disputes. In the past, the RTB faced significant backlogs and service delays. This session will describe the process and service improvements that the RTB has undertaken since 2022 to reduce service delays and provide a better citizen experience.

Let's Go Surfin' Now...Everybody's Learning Meeting Etiquette

Room: Room 8/15, VCC East

Presenters:

Shari-Anne Doolaeye, MPA, Governance Consultant, SAGE Analytics Inc.

Cameron Fani, MPA, Engagement Associate, SAGE Analytics Inc.

Details: Imagine a council meeting where diverse opinions are expected and respected.

This engaging meeting simulation workshop teaches strong council meeting etiquette with respectful dialogue among officials while deliberating contentious agenda items. Participants and observers learn how diverse opinions add value to the decision-making process. Officials gain increased confidence to participate in council deliberations.

This is an interactive workshop with volunteer participation.

It has a simple but very important message to reinforce respectful council conduct during meeting deliberations. For example: "I hear what you are saying. I understand your opinion and your perspective. And I see the issue differently, like seeing a diamond from a different angle. Here is my perspective..."

Promising Opportunities: NG9-1-1 and Mental Health

Room: Room 1, VCC East

Presenters:

Jonny Morris, CEO, CMHA BC

Kim Mackenzie, Director of Policy, CMHA BC

Tracy Lim, Executive Director, Operations Transformation and Enablement, E-Comm 911

Craig Hodge, Co-Chair, Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable

Stacy Ashton, Executive Director, Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Centre of BC

Details: The UBCM Executive and the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable have advocated for a coordinated continuum of responses to mental health crises, including the addition of a mental health option within 9-1-1. This is also a key recommendation from the 2022 Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act. E-Comm has indicated that the advancement of NG9-1-1 creates a future opportunity to do so.

Integrating a mental health response pathway into 9-1-1 has been shown to generate enhancements and cost savings to the whole crisis care system, supporting both those in crisis and first responders, including the opportunity to enhance mobile crisis response and alternatives to expensive emergency department use. In this clinic we discuss how this has been achieved in other jurisdictions and the immense potential to strengthen BC's crisis care continuum.

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8:30 AM – 10:25 AM

Convention Opening Session

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Room: Exhibit Hall A, VCC East

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Welcome from Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh First Nation, and Musqueam First Nation

Welcome from the Lieutenant Governor of BC

Welcome from the Host Community

Address by the UBCM President

Annual Meeting

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2023 Convention

Annual Report

Question-and-Answer Period

Adoption of Financial Statements

Appointment of Auditors

Appointment of Convention Committees

Welcome Host Municipality

9:20 AM – 9:25 AM

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

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Keynote Address: George Stroumboulopoulos Canadian Media Personality



9:25 AM – 10:25 AM

George Stroumboulopoulos is an influential broadcaster who was recently awarded the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian media and journalism. The longtime media personality has interviewed the who's who of entertainment icons, star athletes, world leaders, and respected thinkers over his career. His interviews offer informative and entertaining explorations of the topic at hand. George will bring his wit and insight to UBCM delegates as our keynote speaker on the opening morning of Convention.

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10:25 AM – 2:30 PM

Nominations From the Floor for Table Officer Positions

10:25 AM – 10:30 AM

Principal Policy Session: Resolutions

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Trade Show

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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10:25 AM – 2:30 PM (CONTINUED)

Area Association Lunches

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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

Candidate Speeches

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Address by the Minister of Municipal Affairs

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Address by Honourable Anne Kang

Election of Table Officers Opens

2:30 PM



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3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

PROVINCIAL CABINET TOWN HALLS

Stronger Public Services

Room: Room 11/12, VCC East

Presenters:

Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

Honourable George Chow, Minister of Citizens' Services

Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Childcare

Details: People in B.C. depend on the Province and their local governments to provide reliable public services that they can count on, from helping young working families find childcare for the first time to making sure that seniors have access to the health supports they need. The ministers participating in this session will speak about the Province's work to improve health services to meet the demands of a growing and aging population, and create more inclusive, affordable universal childcare. This session provides an opportunity to share what you think will help your communities thrive.

Housing

Room: Room 1, VCC East

Presenters:

Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing

Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Details: Together with the help of local governments, the Government of B.C. is taking strong action through its Homes for People plan to tackle housing challenges head-on, and deliver more homes for people, faster, in communities across B.C. By introducing new laws aimed at speeding up the delivery of middle-class homes, more homes near transit hubs and reining in the out-of-control short-term rental market, the Province is helping to support more livable communities and create hundreds of thousands of more homes over the next decade. During the session, you will have a chance to learn more about what the Province is doing to support housing in all B.C. communities from the Ministers directly responsible. Bring your questions and suggestions on how we can all work together to better grow our communities.



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3:00 PM – 4:15 PM (CONTINUED)

Emergency Preparedness

Room: Room 2/3, VCC East

Presenters:

Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests

Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship

Details: The challenges we're facing in B.C. as a result of climate change are as vast as they are complex, but we know that we are stronger when we work together. That's why the Province of B.C. collaborates closely with local governments and First Nations to build stronger, more resilient communities, and to keep people safe. As we recover from last year's record-breaking wildfire season, we are committed to applying the lessons learned to enhance the safety of our people and communities. In this session, the participating ministers will outline the measures being taken to protect against a range of hazards – from wildfires and earthquakes to floods and landslides, the latter of which captured our attention this summer. Climate change demands that we adapt to new realities and heightened risks. Local governments are best positioned to understand their unique needs to mitigate, prepare for and respond to emergencies, so the ministers are eager to hear your insights.

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Trade Show Reception

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: Exhibit Hall B, VCC 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! Review exhibitor profiles using the Convention Event App, or if using a web browser, navigate to ubcm2024.events.whoova.com.

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Presentation of 2024 Energy & Climate Action Awards

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Room: Room 1, VCC East

Details: Join communities across British Columbia for a presentation of the 2024 Climate & Energy Action Awards. These awards honour municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous communities for their outstanding initiatives that have made significant, measurable impacts. This presentation will not only announce the winners but also celebrate all the remarkable nominees of 2024. Each nominee has showcased exceptional achievements and a commitment to advancing climate action within their communities.

Be inspired by a diverse array of community climate action initiatives, ranging from innovative policies to groundbreaking projects. Whether from bustling cities or wide open districts, this event highlights the incredible work being done to improve our communities. The presentation will be an opportunity to recognize and learn from the leaders in climate action.

THURSDAY SESSIONS

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM CLINICS

First Nations Property Taxation & Assessment

Room: Room 8/15, VCC East

Presenters:

Bill Dawson, Manager, Indigenous Relations, BC Assessment

Trenton Paul, Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission

Jesse James, Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission

Details: For forty-five years, First Nations in Canada have been developing property tax jurisdiction on their lands and has witnessed remarkable growth.

This growth is largely attributable to the work of First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC), which has provided leadership and regulatory support, and the involvement of key regional assessment service providers such as BC Assessment (BCA), who support assessment solutions and services for 100 taxing First Nations.

This joint FNTC/BCA presentation is designed to provide information on assessment solutions for services agreements between local governments and neighbouring Indigenous communities, building a regional economy that works for all, exciting real estate development occurring on First Nation Land and the regulatory frameworks that support First Nation taxation.

Measuring Social Impact of Public Libraries

Room: Room 11, VCC East

Presenters:

Alison Gu, Board Trustee, Burnaby Public Library (and Councillor, City of Burnaby)

Cari Lynn Gawletz, Chair, Association of BC Public Library Directors)

Sarah Felkar, Executive Director, BC Libraries Cooperative

Rob Bennie, Director, BC Library Trustees Association

Jessica Aldred, Co-Chair, BC Public Library Partners

Heather Evans-Cullen, Vice-Chair, Association of BC Public Library Directors

Details: Everyone loves libraries – but how do we ensure they're funded to keep pace with the demand for their services? How do we measure the impact of this investment? And with shared governance of these valuable community resources, how do we make sure that the key funding partners (local government and provincial government) realize shared benefit?

This clinic will explore learnings from other provinces and municipalities and how they can be applied to BC's public libraries to support stronger partnership between local governments and the Province.

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM PLENARY

Resolutions Session Continues

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Second Report of the Nominating Committee for Executive Positions

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

Resolutions Session Continues

8:35 AM – 11:15 AM

Election of Table Officers Closes

9:00 AM

Trade Show

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Address by the Premier

11:15 AM – 12:00 noon

Address by Honourable David Eby

Nominations from the Floor for Executive Positions

12:00 noon – 12:05 PM

Candidates' Speeches

12:05 PM – 12:30 PM

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Delegates' Lunch

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Ballroom A/B/C, VCC East

Entry to the UBCM Delegates' Lunch requires a ticket. If you have already paid for the Delegates' Lunch, please bring your delegate name badge for entry. To purchase tickets, please inquire regarding availability at the Delegate Services Desk.

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Coffee & Refreshments

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Location: Exhibit Hall B, VCC East

Stop by for a coffee break. Light refreshments and specialty coffees will be served in the Delegates' Lounge to provide you with an afternoon energy boost!

Election of Remaining Executive Positions Opens

2:00 PM

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2:30 PM – 4:30 PM WORKSHOPS

Mental Health and Local Elected Leaders

Room: Room 1/2/3, VCC East

Presenters:

Lt. Governor Janet Austin, Lt. Governor

Kim MacKenzie, Director of Policy, Canadian Mental Health Association

Maja Tait, Mayor, District of Sooke

Brian Frenkel, Councillor, District of Vanderhoof

Richard Stewart, Mayor, City of Coquitlam

Details: The mental health of local elected leaders is a steadily rising concern that is riding the wave of a frustrated and sometimes indignant society. If we are to change what politics looks like for the 21st century, we can't do that without addressing how we create safe, healthy, productive, sustainable work environments for political leaders. The current stresses and environment are resulting in many elected officials facing burn out and/or mental health struggles. Being in a locally elected position can make it very difficult to get support.

By coming together and sharing experiences, solutions, and building a network of peer support, we can help each other.

Shocking Realities: Trends in Electrifying Transportation

Room: Room 12, VCC East

Presenters:

Ralf Nielsen, Director, Enterprise Sustainability, TransLink

Chad Berndt, Director, Electrification, BC Transit

Lon LaClaire, General Manager of Engineering, City of Vancouver

Details: As B.C. continues to electrify its transportation sector, the financial and logistical pressure is mounting on B.C. municipalities. This session examines the financial and logistical hurdles in the shift to electric vehicles (EVs), public transportation, and the necessary infrastructure. Experts will address the economic impact, technological barriers, and policy issues surrounding transportation electrification. Learn about the significant investments required, the complexities of developing extensive charging networks, and the difficulties in scaling production and adoption. Explore case studies of cities and regions navigating these challenges and uncover strategies for balancing costs with environmental and economic benefits.

Anticipating Emerging Challenges

Room: Room 11, VCC East

Presenters:

Farhad Moghimehfar, PhD, BC Regional Innovation Chair in Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development, Professor, Department of Recreation and Tourism Management, Vancouver Island University

Sarah Sinclair, Executive Director, BC Rural Centre Society

Grace McGregor, Chair, BC Rural Centre

Jeffrey Anderson, M.Sc., Principal Fluvial Geomorphologist, Geomorphic Consulting Ltd.

Judy Wilson, Consultant/VP, Independent First Nations Consultant and BC Rural Centre VP

Troy Dungate, Chair, Community Futures BC

Details: Discover the “crystal ball approach” to anticipate and address emerging challenges before they strain resources and resilience. Our panelists, featuring diverse perspectives, will share strategies for proactive leadership across critical areas like environmental management, Indigenous engagement, sustainable tourism, regional economies, and rural capacity. This session aims to inspire local officials, indigenous leaders, and community stakeholders to embrace strategic planning for sustainable development and resilience. Learn how proactive measures can empower communities to shape their futures and navigate opportunities effectively. Join us to chart a course toward a resilient and prosperous landscape.

Floods! Droughts! Watershed Security! Working Together Towards Resilient Communities

Room: Room 8/15, VCC East

Presenters:

Coree Tull, Chair, BC Watershed Security Coalition

Oliver Brandes, Co-Director, POLIS Project on Ecological Governance

Deborah Carlson, Staff Lawyer, West Coast Environmental Law/ Lower Fraser Floodplains Coalition

Jason Lum, Chair, Fraser Valley Regional District

Blair Ireland, Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan

Aaron Stone, Chair, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Details: The climate crisis is a water crisis, impacting local economies, food security, and quality of life. Local governments are on the front lines of increasing climate disasters, working to keep their communities safe and secure. B.C. has two key strategies to transform freshwater management: the BC Flood Strategy and the forthcoming Watershed Security Strategy. What do these strategies mean for local governments tackling climate-driven emergencies and disasters? How can better-watershed governance advance the health, security and resilience of your community?

Join water policy experts, legal advisors, and local government leaders to explore the future of watershed governance in your community. Learn from three local examples of local/regional governments and First Nations working together to keep communities safe. Learn about efforts between communities working to enhance watershed planning and management while recognizing First Nations authority, empowering local voices, improving conservation efforts, reducing water conflicts, and mitigating economic impacts from climate disasters.

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Planning for Local Food Supply and Security

Room: Room 15, VCC East

Presenters:

Jeff Weightman, Director of Land Use and Geospatial Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Dylan Sherlock, Director of Food Security and Strategic Climate Initiatives, Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Jennifer Woike, President, BC Council of Agriculture

Rebekah Erickson, Project Management Office and Quality Assurance Manager, Public Health Association of BC

Details: Supporting agriculture in local communities can be a complex task that requires input and collaboration from many sectors. This session will focus on the tools that enable local governments to support farming and local farmers while also contributing to increased food supply and security. The intent of this session is to blend panel presentations from relevant Ministry staff and agriculture agencies with dialogue and input from delegates in relation to the primary issues they are facing in supporting farmers and food security.

6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

UBCM Annual Banquet Reception

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Ballroom A/B, VCC East

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

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UBCM Annual Banquet

7:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Room: Exhibition Hall A, VCC

Awards

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Entertainment

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FRIDAY SESSIONS

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Resolutions Session Continues

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline

Election for of Table Officers Closes

8:30 AM

Address by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM
Address by The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson

Address by the Leader of the Conservative Party

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Address by John Rustad

Installation of President Elect

9:30 AM - 9:40 AM

Address by the Leader of the Green Party

9:40 AM - 10:10 AM
Address by Sonia Furstenau

Resolutions Session Continues

10:10 AM - 11:55 AM

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Alaska Cruise Prize Draw *

11:55 AM - 12:00 PM

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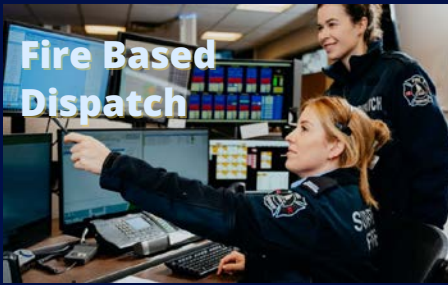
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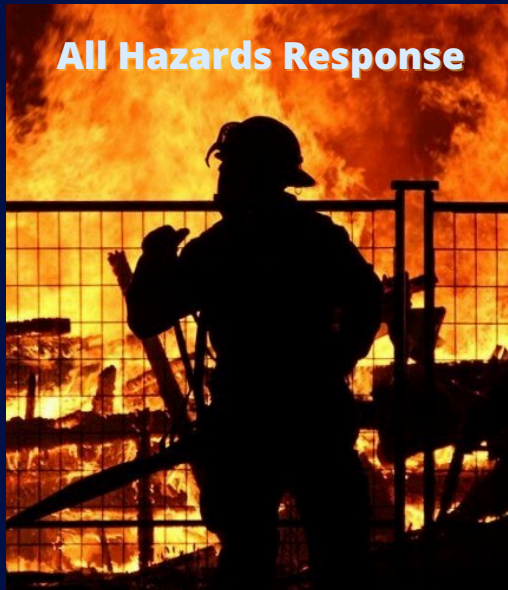
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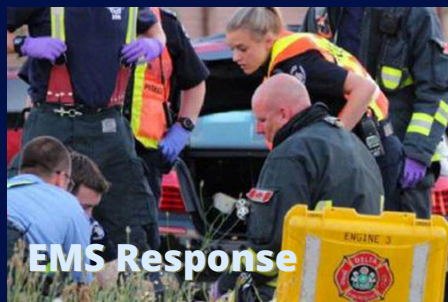
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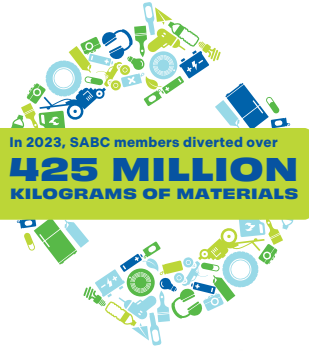
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**Councillor Jen Ford, Past President, Councillor Sarah Fowler, Small Communities Representative and Michael Moses, Director at Large, each took a leave of absence from the Executive so those positions became vacant.*

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Vancouver Metro Area Representative	Councillor Pete Fry Nomination by Councillor Jenny Tan has been withdrawn	City of Vancouver

5 positions open for Director At Large

2 positions open for Vancouver Metro Area Rep.

1 position open for: President, VPs, Small Community and Electoral Area Representative

2023 COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS

Local governments that lead the way with vision, creativity and innovation were honoured at the 2023 UBCM Convention with a Community Excellence Award. These awards showcase UBCM members that have implemented projects and programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local governments in BC. Award winners offer a path for other local governments to follow, not only in British Columbia but around the world, making communities more efficient, healthier and ultimately more livable.

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 District of Sparwood
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Excellence in Service Delivery

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 City of Surrey
Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment Program ("SAFE")

Honourable Mention
 Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Ashcroft Library Service Extender

Excellence in Sustainability

Winner
 Metro Vancouver
Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant Renewable Natural Gas Facility

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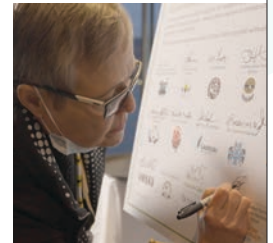
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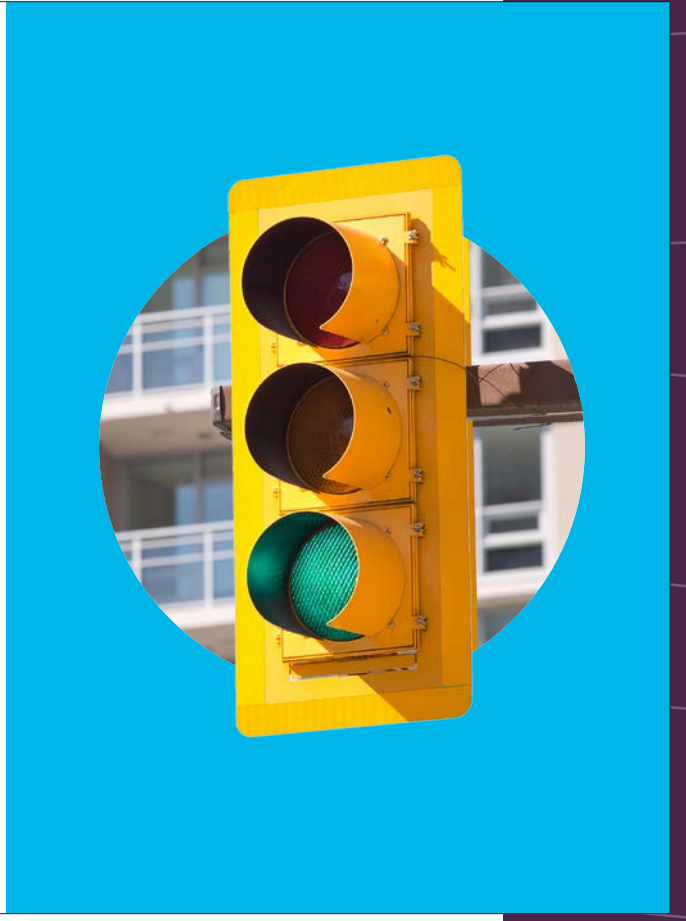


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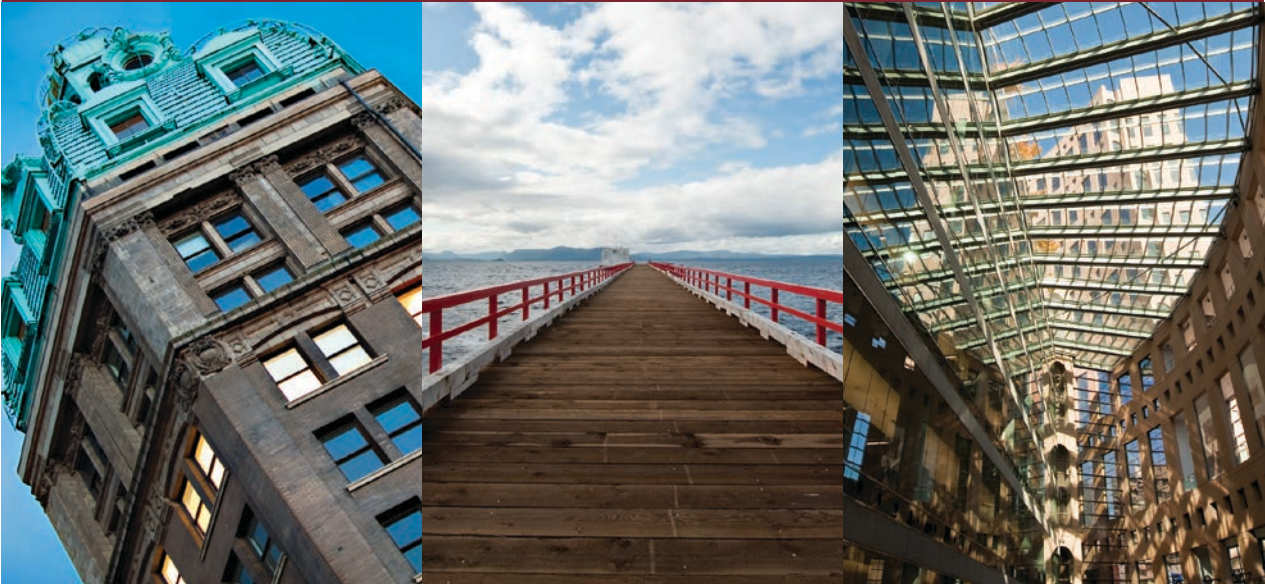
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