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2024 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION Opening Day Monday, September 16

Vancouver, B.C. (September 16, 2024) – The 121st Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention begins today at the Vancouver Convention Centre and runs through Friday, September 20.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

On arrival, please check in at the designated kiosk for media registration in the main lobby of the Vancouver Convention Centre East. All media representatives must possess credentials issued by UBCM to access any event during the convention.

UBCM CONVENTION APP

Information on all convention events is available from the event app (browser version available [here](#)) or by referring to the convention [program](#).

MEDIA ROOM – SOURCE FOR PHOTOS, VOTE RESULTS AND INFORMATION UPDATES

Visit our online [Media Room](#) during the week for same-day vote results, media releases, the full convention program and the convention [resolutions book](#). Photos for use by media may be downloaded from the [UBCM photos link](#) (photo credit: UBCM).

OPENING DAY AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – MONDAY

9:30am – Study Sessions (concurrent)

- What's Next for Housing? – Ballroom A/B, VCC
- Emergency and Disaster Management Act in Action – Room 1/2/3, VCC

2:00pm – Study Sessions (concurrent)

- Communities in Transition: Responding to Changes in BC's Resource Sector – Room 1/2/3, VCC
- Changing Climate, Rising Costs – Ballroom A/B, VCC

All day – Province-wide Community to Community Forum, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel (not open to media)

Tuesday to Friday at-a-glance:

- *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

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- *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.

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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