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## 2024 UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION Day 2 – Tuesday, September 17

**Vancouver, B.C. (September 17, 2024)** – The 121<sup>st</sup> Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is underway at the Vancouver Convention Centre and runs through Friday, September 20.

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### **DAY 2 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS – TUESDAY**

#### **7:30am – Morning Clinics (concurrent)**

- Make the Money You Spend Matter – *Room 11, VCC East*
- Bridging the Gap: Innovative Solutions for Rural Healthcare Access – *Room 8/15, VCC East*
- Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention and Response – *Room 2/3, VCC East*
- Youth Voices: Catalyzing Climate Action and Policy Reform – *Room 1, VCC East*
- Strengthening Responsible Conduct – *Room 12, VCC East*

#### **11:15am – Village of Lytton Mayor to provide remarks and call for provincial action on rebuilding delays – *UBCM backdrop outside Rooms 2/3, VCC East***

- Mayor Denise O'Connor and Chief Administrative Officer Diane Mombourquette will be available for interviews following remarks.

#### **1:45pm – Plenary Session: Public Safety, Mental Health and Addictions – *Exhibit Hall A, VCC East*** **Presenters:**

- **Hon. Mike Farnworth, deputy premier, Province of B.C.**
- Tom Dyas, Mayor, City of Kelowna
- Deb Haggard, Councillor, City of Port Alberni
- Inspector Phil Heard, on behalf of Deputy Fiona Wilson, Chair, B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Advisory Committee

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- Dr. Mark Lysyshyn, Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer, VCH
- Milo Macdonald, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fort St. John

**Details:** Local governments play a crucial role in maintaining public safety and addressing mental health and addiction issues in B.C. 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.

## 3:15pm Provincial Policy Sessions (concurrent)

- Strengthening Resilience in the Face of Drought – *Room 1, VCC East*
- Homelessness and Encampment Response – *Room 2/3, VCC East*
- Building FireSmart Communities Through Post-Fire Learnings – *Room 12, VCC East*
- Addressing Systemic Racism and Advancing Reconciliation in B.C. – *Room 11, VCC East*
- Tools to Implement New Housing Legislation – *Room 8/15*

## 5:30pm UBCM Community Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception – Ballroom A/B, VCC East

### Wednesday to Friday at-a-glance:

- *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

### 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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