

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
INFORMATION ITEMS

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- I- 12. Email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated September 24, 2024 re: Register for FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025!
- I- 13. Email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated September 25, 2024 re: EXCLUSIVE: AC2024 Digital Magazine
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- I- 18. Email from the Union of BC Municipalities dated October 2, 2024 re: 2024 UBCM Convention Bulletin #5
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- I- 20. Email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated October 8, 2024 re: Contribute to Reconciliation and Equity in Your Municipality
- I- 21. The Compass dated October 9, 2024
- I- 22. Email from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated October 15, 2024 re: New Funding for Community-Wide Climate Resilience



Chetwynd Public Library

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

May 28, 2024

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Present In-person: Wendy Fontaine, Eileen McPherson, Melissa Millsap (LD), Victoria Peterson (5:41pm), Dan Rose, Zach Sheridan-Carr, Kelly Wilson

Present Zoom: Krixia Padilla

Regrets: Tanya Harmacek, Julia Nelson

Agenda: MOVED by Wendy, SECONDED by Kelly That the agenda be adopted. – CARRIED

Minutes: MOVED by Eileen, SECONDED by Kelly That the minutes of the April 09, 2024, regular board meeting be adopted. – CARRIED

Treasurer Report: Reviewed the comparative income statement and budget fund spreadsheet for the end of March 2024, along with a summary for April 2024 month-end. The PRRD has approved our annual operating budget. In accordance with the tri-party agreement, we received 50% of the funds, and based on our annual financial report, the remaining amount will be disbursed on June 1st. Additionally, our annual charity report, GST, and financial statements are complete.

MOVED by Kelly, SECONDED by Victoria That the treasurer report be received for information. – CARRIED

Chair: Reving up to be busy with the move. Happy with the flexibility of the new space at the new library. We received two tenders, after the reviewing process and negotiations the contract has been awarded to Miranda Anderson with, I Glass Janitorial Ltd.

Library Director: Summary: Emailed PRRD our provincial report, financial report and annual stats survey as per the tri-party agreement. Site visit to the new library, there is still deficiency work to be done. The online swag store is only open for the first two weeks of every month. Replenished our library swag. Ordered items to put together some grab & go kits in support of the 72-hour emergency preparedness course put on by our CALP Coordinator and Fire Chief. Process of working with PRRD and the insurance company for our insurance during the transition to the new library. Discussion on sealing the floor for the new library, manufacture specifications state it does not need to be sealed. Donor wall is quite low, concern for viewing and damage. Moving dates have been approved by PRRD and library staff have been granted access. Measured shelving units to order storage bins, and workstations for the grommets. Fire Chief did preliminary walkthrough for occupancy. Site visit from our NELF Federation Director. Communication and sending pictures to PRRD on deficiency work to be done. Internal posting and filled the Events Coordinator position and the Youth Program Coordinator position. Summer Student Position through Young Canada Works and casual position are posted. Working on policy revisions, information sessions for Intellectual freedom and the responsibilities of libraries to protect them. Updated contractors on move to the new library. Met with the Linda Krystina House to see how the library can partner and support. Attended the Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth meeting. Letter in support of our Mayor and Council regarding the Baseline Project. Succeeded in getting our VR's back up and running.

Two staff attended the Decoda Conference in Vancouver, staff worked together to ensure programs ran smoothly during this time. Coding and guitar classes are up and running with rave reviews. Incident with a dog tied up at the entrance of the library, our local bylaw officer and RCMP responded quickly, and we have not yet experienced any further incidents of this nature. Our modem stopped working and we lost internet for a few days, and our printer needed repairs as well. Temperature in the library is either way too hot or way too cold, toilet in the lady's washroom is on its last leg. Participated in the annual Trad Show. We had 35 people utilize the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, thank you to Ramona! Class visits to the library, Don Titus Students will be visiting the library as part of their MALT (multi age learning time) program. Many upcoming events: Rec Centre Health and Wellness Week, Filipino Independence Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Multiculturalism Day, Canada Day, Sauteau First Nations Pemican Days, Summer Reading programming. Training, meetings, library on location, stats, staff notes, grants and funding were also included in the report.

(NELF) North East Library Federation: Melissa attended the emergency planning workshop and directors meeting on Saturday, May 4th, in Dawson Creek. Both Kelly and Melissa participated in the trustee development session with Babs Kelly on Sunday, May 5th. The session focused on the purpose and benefits of NELF, emphasizing its group purchasing power and the sharing of ideas and resources. NELF supports board members and library directors through its network. During the AGM, goals and strategies for the upcoming year were reviewed. BCLTA workshops for library board members are available, with the next session scheduled for June 4th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Kelly will ensure all board members receive BCLTA emails.

District of Chetwynd: Nil

Peace River Regional District: Staff are busy with the EOC.

Library Project Committee: Working through the deficiency list. Access has been granted to library staff so that is great and nice to see the janitorial contract secured.

New Items: Discussion on Policy Review: The library board will review the presented policies and any additional ones in the next agenda. The board aims to review approximately 10 policies per meeting to ensure thorough coverage. A link to the existing policies on the CPL website is included in the email. The policies attached to the agenda are the draft revisions.

Old Items: Melissa requested the library board's assistance with items left at the old library while staff set up the new location for its opening on Monday, June 24th. The board decided that all remaining items should be available by donation. They will help advertise, advocate, and assist with moving and finding new homes for these items. Library board and staff should not get priority to the items. There was also discussion on dumping fees and the District of Chetwynd's expectations regarding the condition of the old building and what items can be sold. Melissa will confirm details with Steve from the District of Chetwynd.

The plan is to focus on moving items to the new library during the week of June 10th and on clearing out the old library during the week of June 17th. All tasks need to be completed by June 23rd.

MOVED by Wendy, SECONDED by Zach That we approve the Pine Valley Seniors Association's request for the book racks, and they must have someone come to pick them up the week of June 17th. – CARRIED

Tentative date for the grand opening is Wednesday September 04th.

Adjournment: MOVED by Eileen, SECONDED by Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. – CARRIED

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 25th, at 5:30pm

Following the meeting the library board members had a tour of the new library.

MINUTES OF CIVIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION MEETING

DATE June 25, 2024
TIME: 4:00 pm
PLACE: Rec Centre – Aspen Room

PRESENT: Chair Dan Rose Area E Director PRRD
Comm. Andrea Smith
Comm. Walter MacFarlane (via zoom)
Comm. Larry Houley – Alternate Chair
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager (via zoom)
Robin Langille, Director of Recreation
Elaine Webb – Recreation Programs Manager
Kristina Phillips, Manager of Leisure Services
Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator, PRRD (via zoom)

ABSENT: Comm. Allen Courtoreille
Comm. Janet Wark
Steve McLean CAO – District of Chetwynd

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

2. DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF BUSINESS: NIL

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED by Comm. Houley, SECONDED by Comm. Smith

THAT the Agenda for June 25, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOVED by Comm. Houley, SECONDED by Comm. Smith

THAT the minutes from the meeting on May 28, 2024 be accepted.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. CORRESPONDANCE

MOVED by Comm Houley, SECONDED by Comm. Smith
THAT the Letter from Fortis BC, be approved for discussion.
CARRIED

7. OLD BUSINESS: NIL

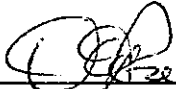
8. REPORTS

R-1 – R-4 MOVED by Comm Smith, SECONDED by Comm. Houley
THAT reports R-1 through R-4 are received for approval.
CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Ice arena, putting ice in early
Discussion on potential of putting the ice in early. Staff to bring back report
for 2025 season.
CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm
Next Meeting August 27th, 2024


Dan Rose,
Area E Director PRRD, Chair


Elaine Webb
Secretary

MINUTES OF CIVIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION MEETING

DATE August 27, 2024
TIME 4:00 pm
PLACE Rec Centre – Aspen Room

PRESENT: Chair Dan Rose Area E Director PRRD
Comm. Larry Houley – Alternate Chair
Comm. Allen Courtoreille
Comm. Janet Wark
Comm. Andrea Smith
Comm. Walter MacFarlane (via zoom)
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager (via zoom)
Steve McLean CAO – District of Chetwynd
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Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

2. DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF BUSINESS: NIL

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOVED by Comm. Smith, SECONDED by Comm. Wark
THAT the Agenda for August 27, 2024 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

4. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOVED by Comm. Smith, SECONDED by Comm. Wark
THAT the minutes from the meeting on June 25, 2024 be accepted.
CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: NIL

6. CORRESPONDANCE: NIL

7. OLD BUSINESS:

MOVED by Comm Wark, SECONDED by Comm. Courtoreille

THAT the Civic Properties Commission recommend the approval and to proceed with contract execution and Notice to Proceed with Duz Cho Construction Ltd for the Rec Centre Parking Lot Phase 1 with Duz Cho Construction Ltd. For the amount of \$1,499,839.95 (GST included)

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

R-1 – R-4

MOVED by Comm Courtoreille, SECONDED by Comm. Smith

THAT reports R-1 through R-4 are received for approval


CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 4:27pm

Next Meeting September 24, 2024


Dan Rose,
Area E Director PRRD, Chair


Elaine Webb
Secretary

Lenora

From: FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>
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Annual report: How GMF has empowered transformation across Canada

In Markham, ON, one neighbourhood is connecting all its houses to a geothermal energy system, the first of its kind in Canada. In Fort Saskatchewan, AB, an affordable housing complex is using an innovative construction model to provide dozens of new net-zero homes. In Ituna, SK, an arena is using new technologies to reduce emissions and better serve the community.

These are just some of the many projects supported by FCM's Green Municipal Fund. In 2023-2024, GMF invested nearly \$200 million in projects in our most impactful year yet. We're empowering Canadian municipalities to form meaningful partnerships and take bold steps to address climate change and foster resilience.

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NEWS

Canada Public Transit Fund deadline extension

Following years of advocacy, FCM welcomed the launch of the new Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF) earlier this summer, an important step forward for public transit infrastructure in Canada.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest for the CPTF's Baseline Funding stream has just been extended to September 30. The Baseline Funding stream provides predictable, long-term support to communities across the country with existing transit systems.

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RESOURCES

Factsheets: Municipal Energy Roadmap

Find targeted solutions and strategies to achieve your long-term sustainability goals through innovative energy projects.

Whether you want to discover financing options to adopt sustainable energy technologies or implement specific solutions like low-carbon water heating, these short guides will help.

» [TAKE A LOOK](#)

Accessible financing for home energy upgrades

The City of Saskatoon's new Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program is a prime example of how GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) is driving transformative change in energy efficiency. By offering flexible financing for energy retrofits, renewable energy installations and EV charging stations, the program addresses energy poverty and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Saskatoon's PACE program is making homes more comfortable, creating local jobs and fostering a more sustainable future. Explore how CEF can help your community reduce its carbon footprint.

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Affordable housing providers can lead the way with innovative GMF-funded pilot projects

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative funds pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious energy-efficiency solutions that aim to improve environmental outcomes. With available grants of up to \$500,000 to cover up to 80 percent of eligible expenses, this fund targets leading-edge pilot projects that generate significant GHG reductions for affordable housing providers and their communities.

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Transforming communities with Regional Energy Coaches: A success story in Valemount

Discover how the GMF's Regional Energy Coaches (REC) program catalyzed transformation at the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society in rural British Columbia, integrating cutting-edge sustainable technologies to dramatically reduce energy use. This project, delivered in partnership with the Canadian Housing Transformation Centre and the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, is a shining

example of how strategic REC support can lead to impactful environmental and social benefits. Inspired to see similar changes in your housing project?

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM](#)

Case study: How a small Quebec municipality significantly reduced its GHG emissions

Is your small municipality looking to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions? By developing an innovative climate action plan centering on green building retrofits and a transition to renewable energy, the City of Plessisville, QC, was able to reduce emissions by more than 80 tonnes while saving 30% on annual energy costs. Learn more about the actions small municipalities can take to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Sept 10: The current framework governing municipal funding hasn't been updated since the reign of Queen Victoria – yet [#CDNMuni](#) today are responsible for more infrastructure and services than ever before.

That's why FCM is pushing for a new Municipal Growth Framework to help address our most pressing national challenges.

Learn more:
<https://t.co/KOYu1CHvmT>

Sept 12: FCM is glad to see recognition of municipal elected officials in Quebec today. Local leaders are tireless – and often underrecognized – champions of their communities. A new Municipal Growth Framework would help capitalize on their expertise & dedication and unlock potential for the communities they serve, from adequate housing to resilient infrastructure to community safety and more. [#SemaineMunicipalites2024](#)

Sept 12: Local leaders in Quebec are dedicated to building strong communities amidst the evolving landscape of municipal politics. FCM is glad to participate in the Nouvelle Vague Municipale gathering today, discussing challenges and opportunities for concrete actions in municipal spaces across the province. [#CDNMuni](#)



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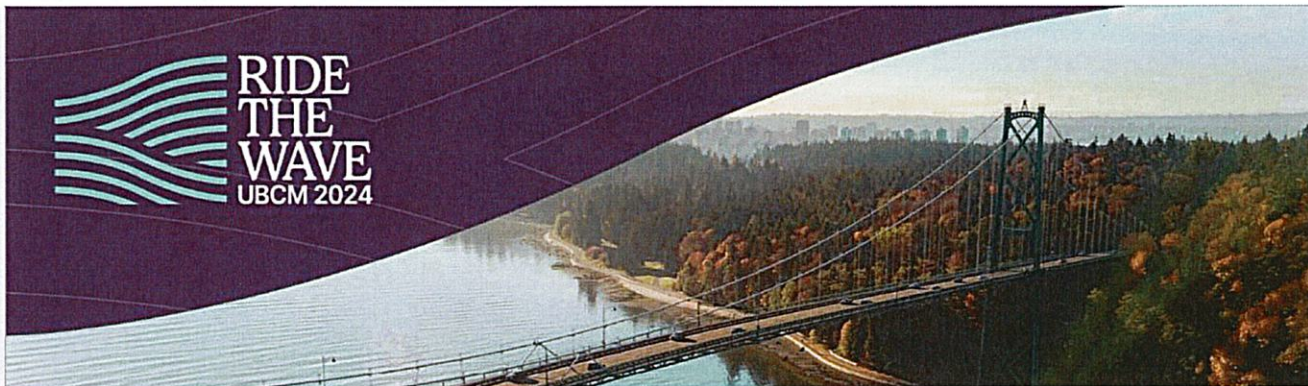
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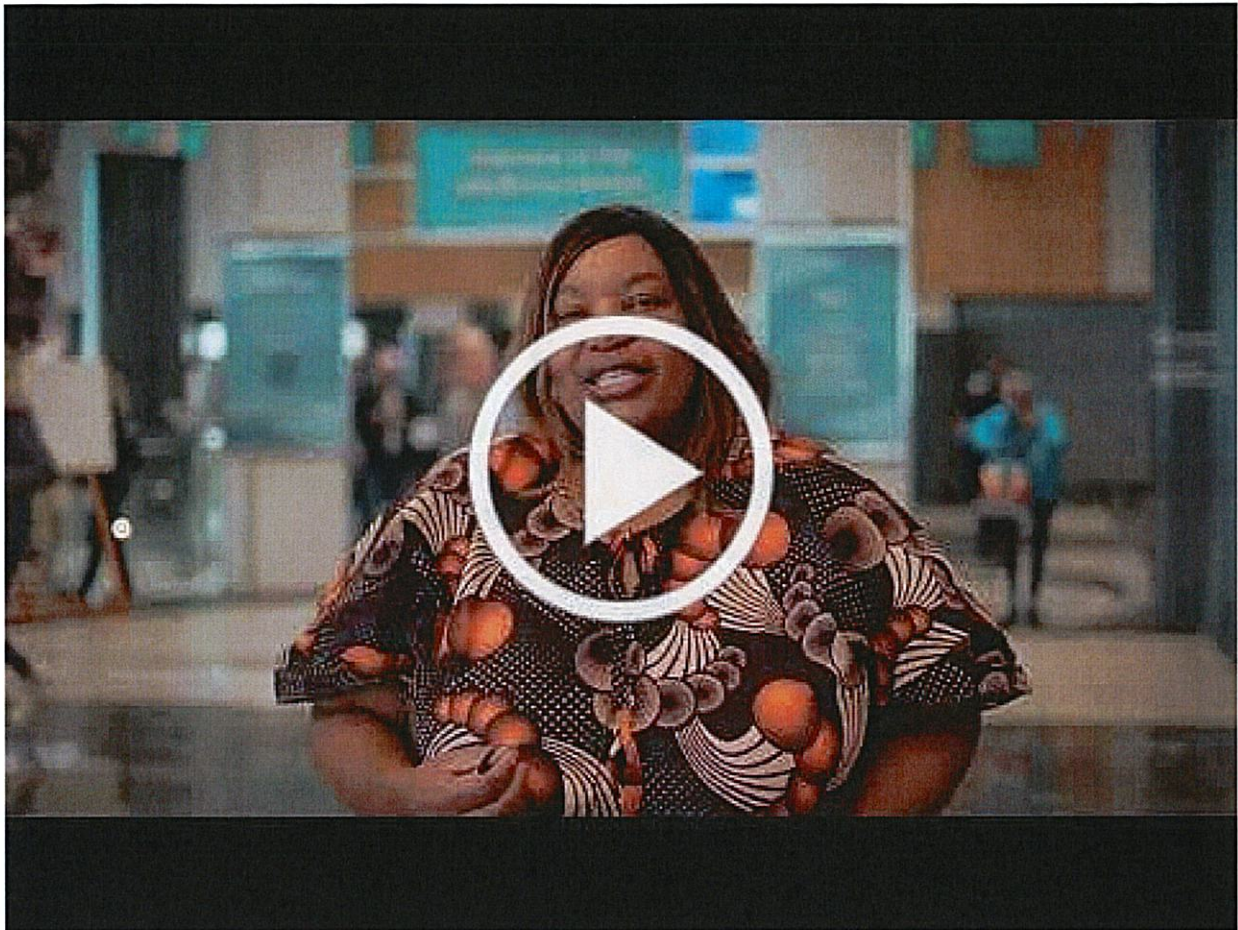
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Convention 2024: Monday, September 16

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Responding to extreme weather events, and planning ahead for climate change



Recent legislation has expanded the planning and consultation requirements for local governments as they prepare for weather-related emergencies. It's a topic that will be discussed throughout the week at Convention 2024 in sessions, panels – and over copious cups of coffee.

Ahead of the provincial election, UBCM is asking all parties to commit to transferring annually a percentage of the growth in the provincial carbon tax to support local climate action projects and emergency management planning and responses. Here UBCM President Trish Mandewo asks delegates what supports are needed to manage emergencies safely.



5 Minutes With: a local chief and mayor, Nasu?kin Heidi Gravelle and Mayor Nic Milligan

Building relationships between local governments and First Nations opens the door to all sorts of opportunities to benefit communities. "We all share the same issues, the same barriers, the same crises, the same celebrations. It's not an 'us' and 'them' anymore," said Chief Heidi Gravelle. "Whatever we can do to collaborate and help one another,

will only pay dividends for all of us," Mayor Nic Milligan added. UBCM spent 5 minutes with Heidi and Nic to hear about their experience working together.

[Read More](#)

New Relationship Protocol

UBCM and the First Nations Leadership Council signed a relationship protocol today, which will establish the parameters for collaborative work going forward.



Coming up on Tuesday September 17

The plenary session tomorrow will explore the intersection of mental health and addiction, and public safety. Panelists include the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth, local government officials and subject matter experts - 1:45pm in the main exhibit hall. Don't miss the Community Excellence Awards on Tuesday at 5:30pm.

In the news

Local leaders and UBCM 2nd VP Wes Graham speak with [Frances Bula](#) on the multiple crises impacting communities

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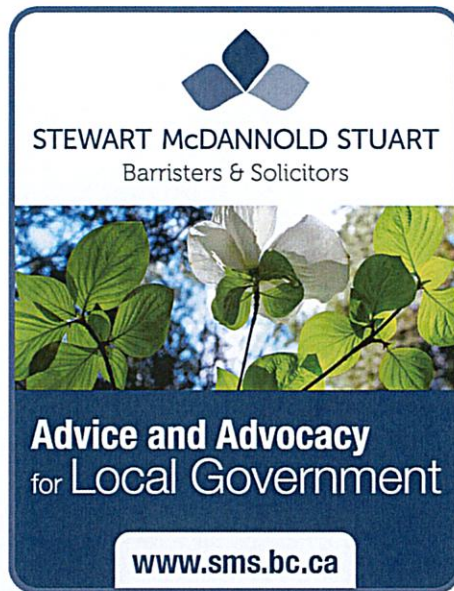
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UBCM president Trish Mandewo spoke with [Global News](#) about UBCM's election priorities

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Annual report: Empowering stories from a transformative year for Canadian communities

In 2023-2024, the Green Municipal Fund had its most impactful year yet as we continued to help Canadian municipalities transition to net zero by 2050.

In Fort Saskatchewan, AB, an affordable housing complex is using an innovative, replicable construction model to provide dozens of new net-zero homes. In Ituna, SK, a local arena is being retrofitted using new technologies to reduce emissions and better serve the community. And in Markham, ON, one neighbourhood is connecting all of its houses to a geothermal energy system, the first of its kind in the country. Last year, GMF invested nearly \$200 million in innovative projects like these as we empowered municipalities to deliver lasting, equitable and transformative impacts.

[Learn more from GMF's 2023-2024 Annual Report.](#)

FCM FUNDING



Call for proposals: Climate adaptation coaching services

Are you dedicated to helping municipalities strengthen their climate adaptation initiatives? The Green Municipal Fund is seeking organizations to provide coaching services that support municipalities in implementing equitable climate adaptation projects.

Eligible organizations can submit a proposal to provide tailored coaching across seven areas of expertise, including equity, project management, and technical guidance. Proposals must be submitted by **October 11, 2024**. Coaching services will be delivered between January 2025 and March 2026.

Learn more about the [Request for Proposal](#).



Lead the way in sustainable affordable housing with innovative GMF-funded pilot projects

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[Apply for a SAH pilot project grant](#)

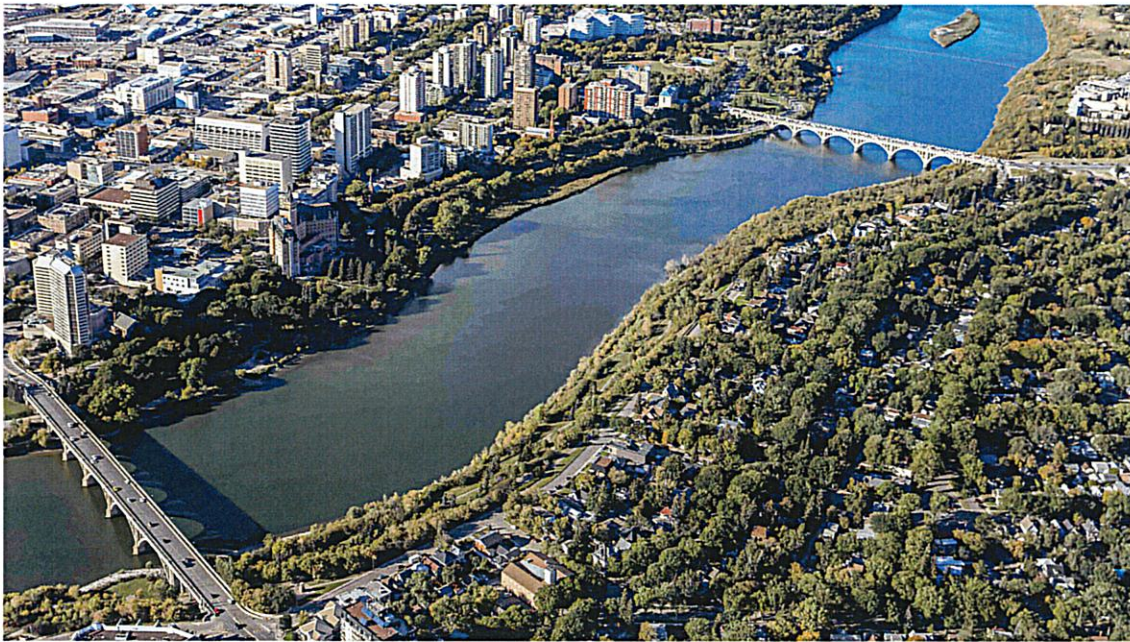


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[Learn more about the CEF initiative.](#)

FEATURED RESOURCES



Resources: Strengthening your municipality's circular economy initiatives

Is your municipality looking to embrace circularity and boost economic resilience? GMF offers comprehensive guides, case studies, and tools that can revolutionize the way your community manages resources, reduces waste, and fosters economic growth.

From strategic planning to practical implementation, GMF's resources offer actionable insights and best practices that can guide your community towards a circular economy.

Explore our resources today and take the next step towards a greener, more prosperous future for your municipality.

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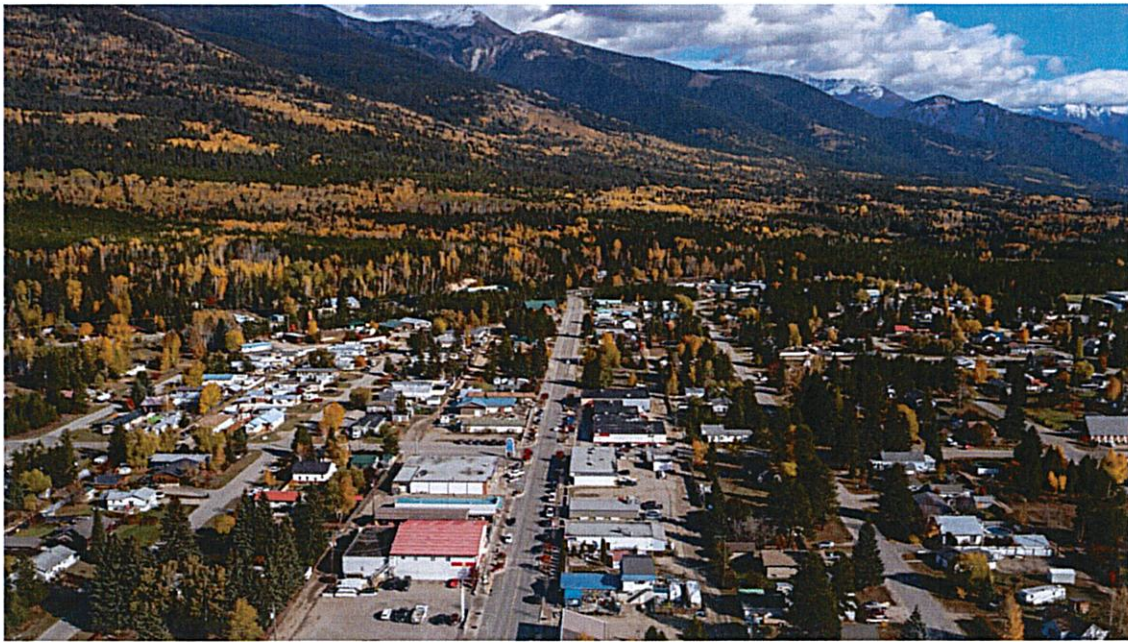
Revisit the energy systems in your community

Our free, online course will walk you through two low-carbon energy solutions that can be used in your community: district energy systems and renewable energy generation systems (focusing on wind and solar power). You can register for this course through the *Tackling energy use in municipal and community buildings* series—which has three other courses to explore as well—and complete it in your own time.

What you learn can then be applied to community projects that are eligible for support via our Community Energy Systems funding offers.

[Learn more and sign up for the course.](#)

SMALL & RURAL COMMUNITIES



Transforming communities with GMF's Regional Energy Coaches: A success story in Valemount

The Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society's expansion project in British Columbia is a testament to the effective support offered by the Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Regional Energy Coaches (REC) program. With REC guidance, the project incorporated sustainable technologies such as solar panels and geothermal heating, which significantly reduced the building's energy consumption. This initiative not only improved the living conditions for seniors but also set a benchmark for energy efficiency in rural housing developments, showcasing the tangible benefits of REC involvement in transforming community housing.

Inspired to see similar changes in your housing project?

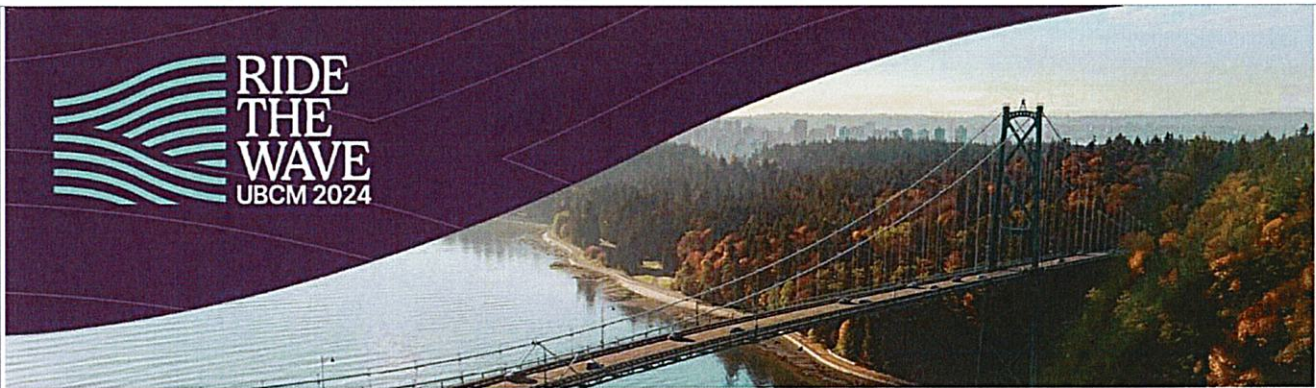
[Reach out to learn how a REC can help elevate your project's sustainability and efficiency.](#)

Upcoming learning opportunities
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Lenora

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Convention 2024: Tuesday, September 17

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Addressing homelessness & supportive housing needs



Local governments across BC increasingly find themselves funding provincial services to enable supportive housing and address homelessness. UBCM is calling on the Province to provide a percentage of the property transfer tax to offset the costs for local governments. Today we spoke to local government leaders about the impact of homelessness on their community.

5 Minutes With: a northern community CAO, Milo MacDonald

The plenary session at Convention 2024 focused on the complex intersection of the toxic drug crisis, public use concerns and the impacts on communities. We spent 5 minutes with Milo MacDonald, CAO of Fort St. John, who was one of the panelists, a current CAO and former police officer.

“There’s a perspective in the provincial government that addiction is a medical problem that doesn’t require any police assistance, which I see as very short-sighted,” he said. “We operate in an environment that is so complex that not one single participant understands all of the implications of the policies they’re proposing. What’s required is humility and cautiousness, and an approach to evaluate the



results relative to our goals at regular intervals and make course corrections if required. That's the only way you can get anywhere in public policy.”

[Read More](#)



High cost, slow pace of archaeological work impeding recovery in Lytton

The Village of Lytton was nearly completely destroyed in the 2021 Lytton Creek Fire, and residents are still struggling to rebuild. The high cost and slow pace of archaeological work required before rebuilding can begin is prohibitive to the village's recovery. Individual quotes for archaeological work range from \$26,000 to \$48,000, with at least one as high as \$86,000. The costs, not covered by insurance, are causing some to choose not to rebuild.

Lytton has asked the Province for help to streamline the work and cover these costs, but have had no response.

[Read More](#)

Pilot funding program for regional district wildfire response organizations

UBCM will be administering a new pilot funding stream for cooperative community wildfire response organizations that are located outside of fire protection areas.



Regional districts will be eligible to apply for funding for personal protective equipment and training, with the goal of supporting community members in rural areas to participate in wildfire response under BC Wildfire Service supervision. The program guide is [now available](#) and the application intake will open on October 1, 2024.

BC Wildfire Service's Provincial Operations Manager of Preparedness, Kaitlin Baskerville attended a forum for electoral area directors where she announced this pilot funding program.

Coming up on Wednesday, September 18

Wednesday morning is the official start of Convention 2024 and we will launch right into UBCM board nominations and resolutions after a conversation with our keynote speaker, George Stroumboulopoulos. Review the [Resolutions Book](#) and [late resolutions](#) (in Policy Book 1). Delegates, get ready to [vote online](#) for your new Board. The Trade Show also opens Wednesday morning, in the hall adjacent to the main Convention meeting hall.

In the news

[CBC's Chad Pawson](#) spoke with president Trish Mandewo about UBCM's election priorities

[The Vancouver Sun's Dan Fumano](#) looks at the infrastructure costs facing communities due to new density mandates

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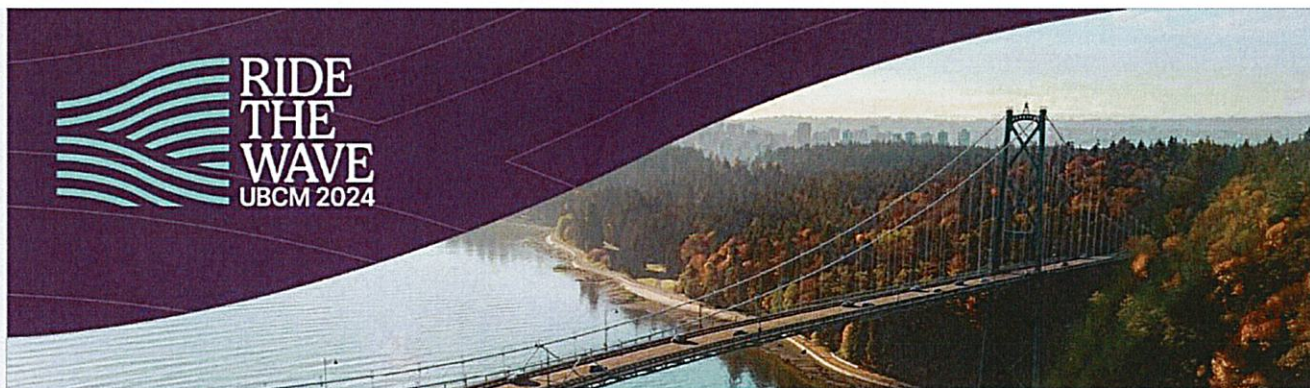


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Funding needed for infrastructure



Over \$24 billion in community infrastructure will need to be replaced in British Columbia over the next 10 years. Local government leaders shared comments on the challenges facing communities and UBCM's call for a \$650 million annual transfer program to address the infrastructure deficit.

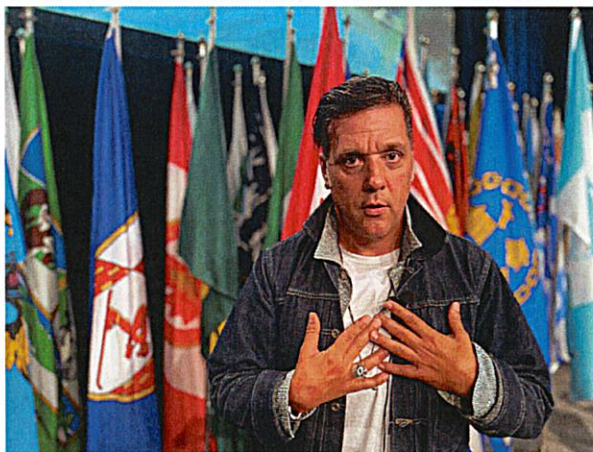
UBCM President Trish Mandewo speaks to the need for additional infrastructure funding



Climate change is a game changer for local infrastructure. Massive improvements are needed to ensure our communities are resilient and able to cope with our changing weather. And provincial legislation aimed at housing supply has cost local governments the ability to direct growth into areas where necessary services are already in place.

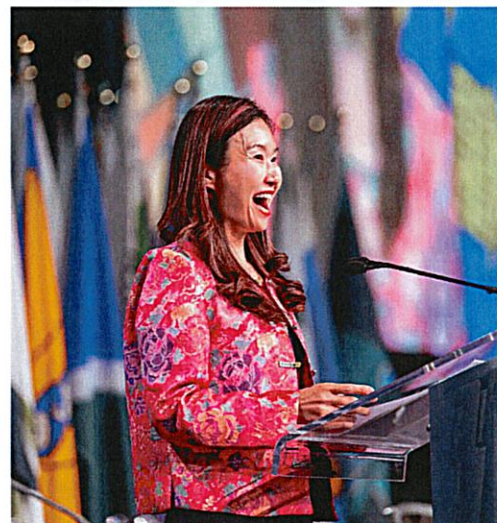
Considering all the issues facing local government, the ability to pay for needed infrastructure upgrades and expansion is the most significant. Which is why UBCM is calling on all provincial parties to commit to **an annual transfer of \$650 million** for local infrastructure renewal. This reliable funding will help transform BC communities, supporting growth, speed our adaption to climate change and accelerate the replacement of aging assets.

5 Minutes With: George Stroumboulopoulos



As someone who listens for a living, we wanted to talk with the 2024 Convention keynote speaker George Stroumboulopoulos about how

Minister of Municipal Affairs Anne Kang



to hold helpful public discourse in a divided world.

Minister Anne Kang addressed delegates and spoke to the priorities of the provincial government.

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Vote for the 2024-25 UBCM Executive

Earlier this month Director Art Kaehn made the difficult decision to withdraw his nomination for UBCM President due to health reasons. UBCM's current President, Councillor Trish Mandewo (Coquitlam), was nominated to renew her role as President, and will be acclaimed as no other candidates were nominated.

- Two candidates are running for 1st Vice President: Councillor Wes Graham (Cranbrook) and Councillor Cori Ramsay (Prince George).
- Councillor Jenna Stoner (Squamish) will be acclaimed as 2nd Vice President.
- Three candidates are nominated for 3rd Vice President: Councillor Lori Mindich (Lumby), Councillor Patricia Ross (Abbotsford) and Mayor Sarrah Storey (Fraser Lake).

Delegates are invited to [vote online](#) for these positions until 9:00 am on Thursday, September 19. Elections for the remaining executive positions of the UBCM Executive will begin Thursday.

109 resolutions endorsed so far

UBCM delegates voted to endorse [109 resolutions](#) on Wednesday, including the three Special Resolutions related to regional hospital district funding, infrastructure funding to support provincially-mandated housing growth, and temporary shelters for asylum seekers. The 104 resolutions in the Endorse Block (those that are consistent with existing UBCM policy) were endorsed with one amendment. One resolution from the Not Endorse Block (those with no precedent or contrary to existing UBCM policy) about vacancy control was endorsed. Resolutions will continue at 8:00 am on Thursday, September 19. Refer to the [2024 Resolutions Book](#) for the full list of resolutions, plus one late resolution in [Policy Book 1](#).

2024 Community Excellence Awards winners



UBCM presented the 2024 Community Excellence Awards on Tuesday evening. These awards have been offered since 2004 with a goal of celebrating excellence in local governments and providing a forum for our members to learn from one another's successes. We would like to congratulate all winners who are leading the way with vision, creativity and innovation.

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Coming up on Thursday, September 19

Premier David Eby will sit down with UBCM President Trish Mandewo (11:15 am in the main hall) for a conversation about issues facing local governments. Resolutions debate will continue, and a full slate of workshops and clinics finish out the day.

In the news

[Dan Fumano from the Vancouver Sun / Province](#) on the challenges posed by public disorder

UBCM president Trish Mandewo spoke with [Jody Vance on CKNW](#) about UBCM's election priorities

[Radio NL](#): Lytton mayor decries slow pace, high costs of rebuild

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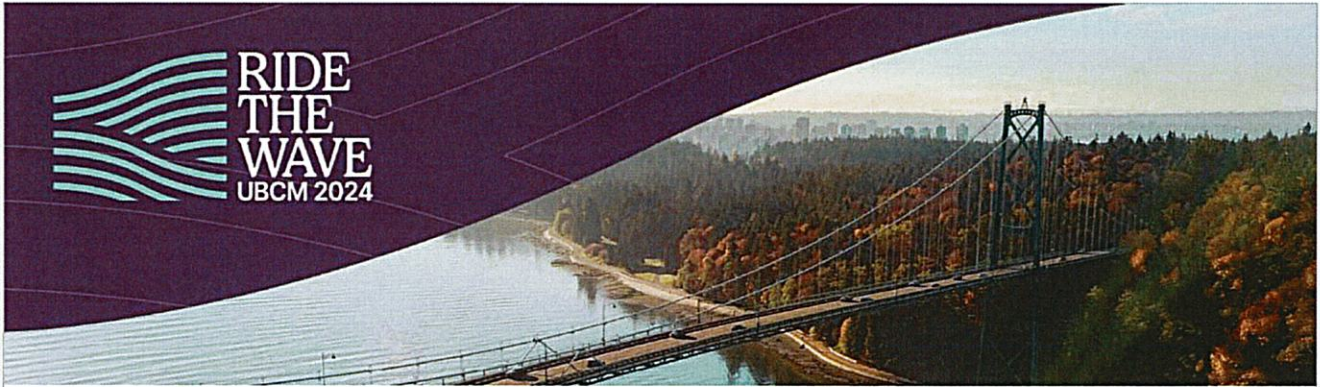


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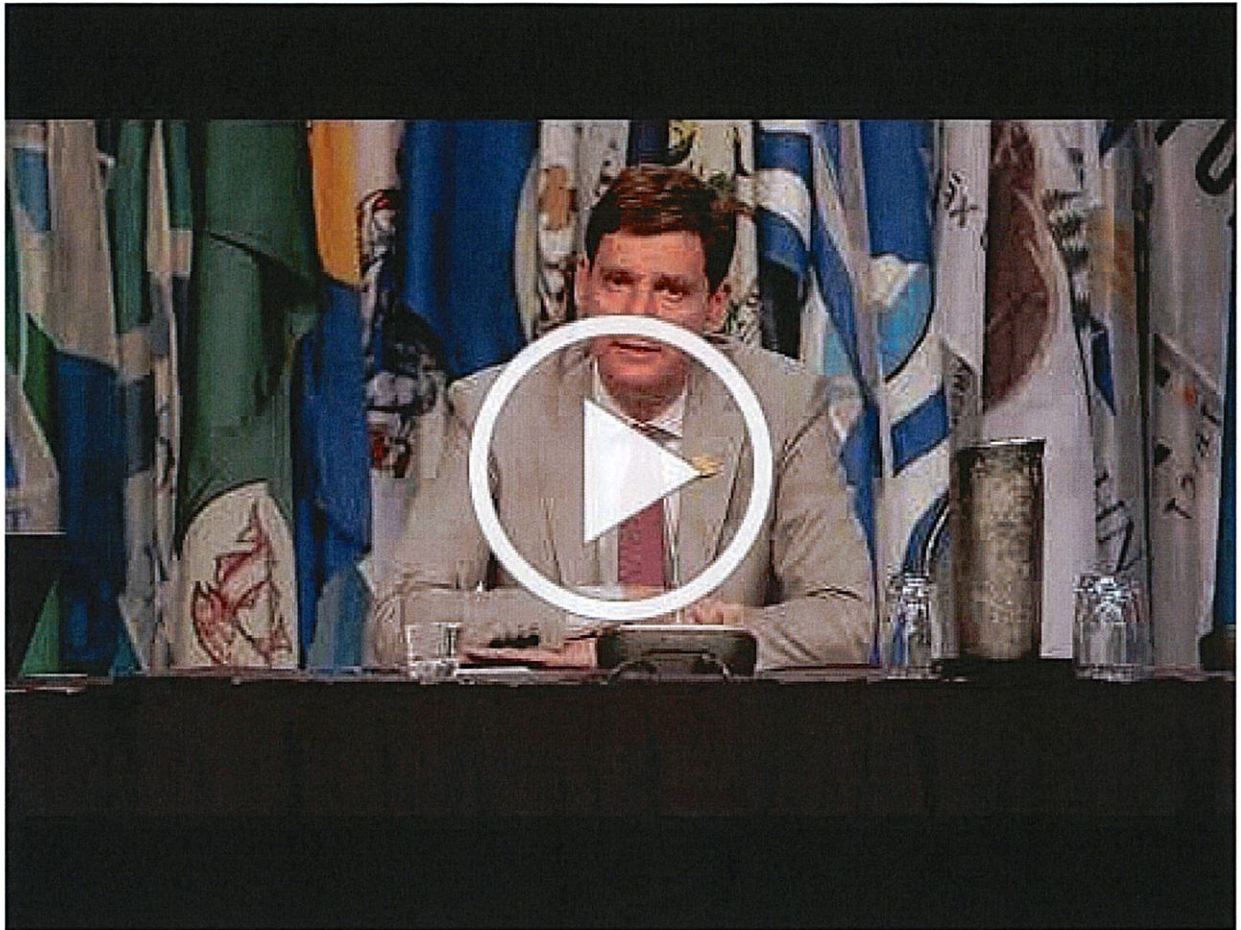
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Convention 2024: Thursday, September 19

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Premier David Eby answers questions from UBCM delegates



Premier David Eby spoke at the UBCM convention Thursday, answering questions from President Trish Mandewo and delegates regarding public safety, housing and infrastructure funding. UBCM is calling on the Province to commit to an annual transfer of a percentage of the Provincial Property Transfer Tax to support local efforts in subsidizing affordable housing supply and homelessness responses, and \$650 million annually to be delivered directly to communities for local infrastructure.

5 Minutes With: the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia



Politicians expect public scrutiny as a regular part of the job, but personal attacks, especially on social media, have increased noticeably. One workshop at Convention 2024 focused on mental health of elected leaders. UBCM spent five minutes with one panelist, the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

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UBCM elects a slate of all-women table officers Remaining Executive positions to be concluded Friday

UBCM's president, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice presidents are all women for the 2024-2025 year. Current President, Councillor Trish Mandewo was acclaimed as president for a second year after the original candidate for president withdrew for health reasons. Councillor Cori Ramsay, Councillor Jenna Stoner, and Mayor Sarrah Storey will serve as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice presidents respectively.

Voting for the rest of the executive positions will conclude Friday morning at 8:30 am.

Renewed MOU with Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation



UBCM signed a renewed [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation (MIRR) during the 2024 Convention. Prior to signing, UBCM asked the Province for a strengthened commitment in the form of an implementation plan, and proposed a draft workplan to be collaborated on by MIRR and UBCM.

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37 resolutions endorsed Thursday

UBCM delegates voted to endorse another [37 resolutions](#) on Thursday, including a call for free public transit for students in Grade 12 and younger. UBCM delegates have endorsed 146 resolutions this year so far. Resolutions debate will continue during the policy session on Friday, September 20 beginning at 8:00 am beginning with the one resolution received after the deadline, followed by the remainder of the No Recommendation resolutions block, starting with NR37. Refer to the [2024 Resolutions Book](#) for the full list of resolutions, plus one late resolution in [Policy Book 1](#).



Last day!

Friday might be a half day, but it will be full of resolutions debate (starting at 8:00 am). Leaders of the BC Conservative and BC Greens parties will address delegates at 9:00 am and 9:40 am.

In the news

Jeremy Hainsworth of Glacier Media highlighted [key themes](#) from our plenary session exploring public safety, mental health and addictions

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CBC's Chad Pawson profiled the UBCM/LGMA discussion paper on [responsible conduct](#), *Options for Change*

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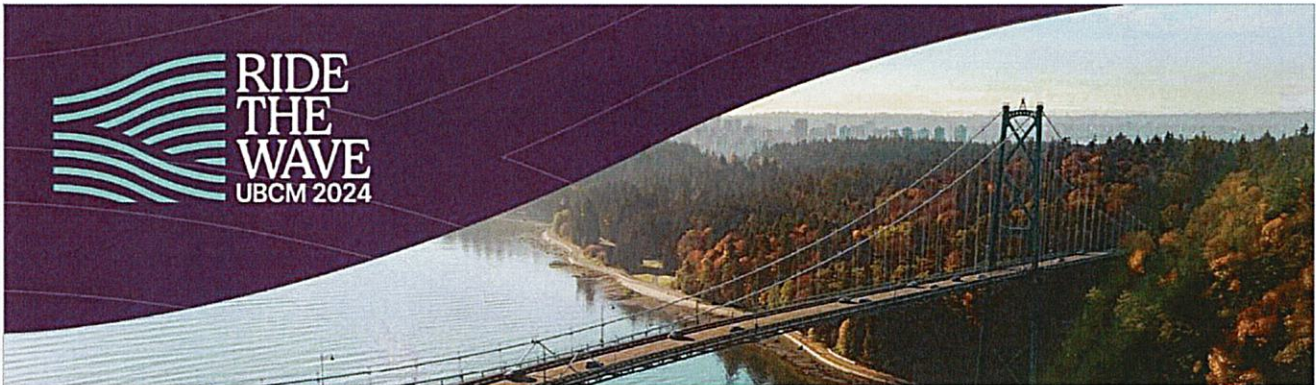


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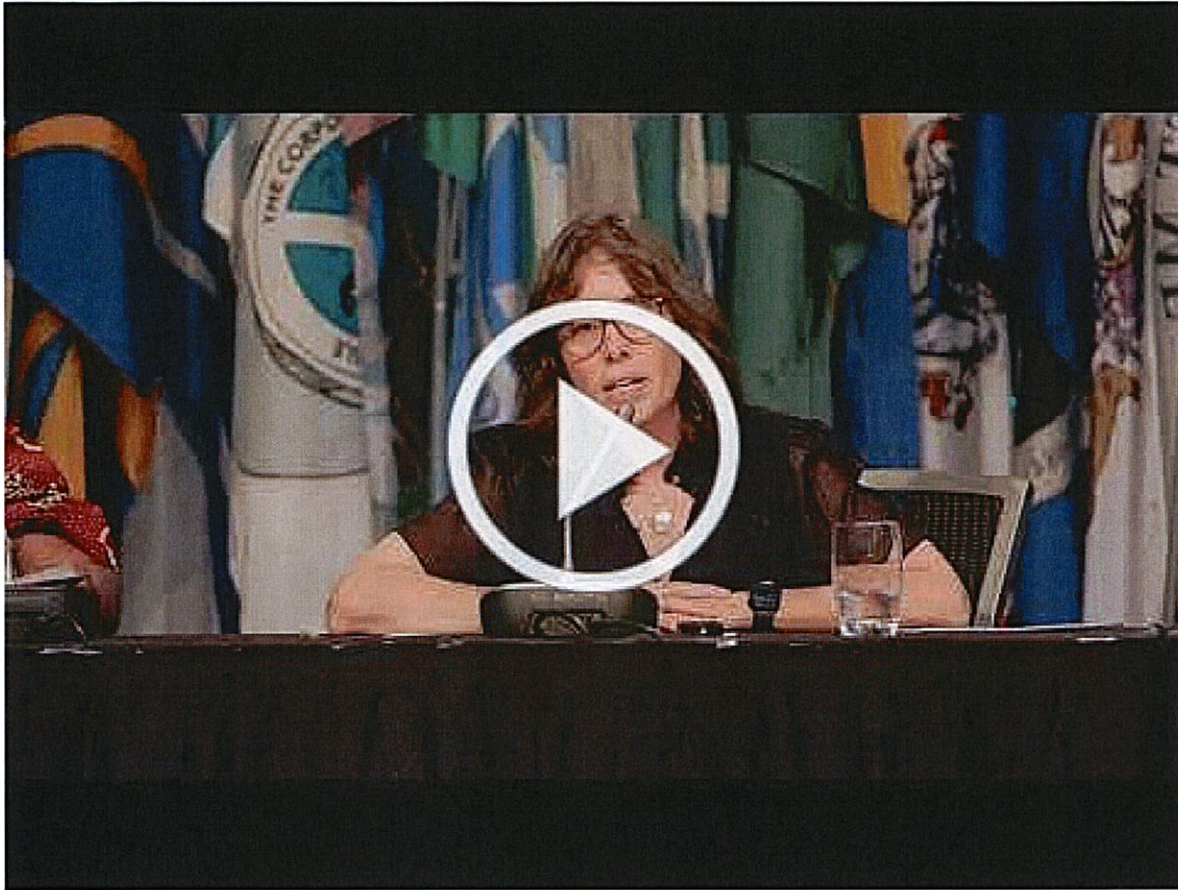
John Rustad promises infrastructure program for local governments



When speaking to UBCM delegates, BC Conservative leader John Rustad committed his party to implementing a program that will deliver \$1 billion in provincial funding to local governments each year for a decade. Rustad also said his government would seek a federal matching component to the program.

He committed to work with BC governments to accelerate housing delivery through pre-zoning and said he would rollback Bill 44, which empowers the provincial oversight for local housing decisions. The Conservative leader also indicated his government would work with the federal government to address repeat offenders.

Sonia Furstenuau lays out vision for next Provincial government



Sonia Furstenu, leader of the BC Green Party, outlined her vision for B.C.'s next government. Furstenu highlighted the need for a long-term, stable infrastructure funding for communities. She also called for an approach to provincial policy aimed at inspiring hope in young people.

Introducing the 2024-2025 UBCM Executive!

With thanks to all the nominees, UBCM is pleased to present your 2024 Executive team:

- President: Councillor Trish Mandewo, City of Coquitlam
- First Vice-President: Councillor Cori Ramsay, City of Prince George
- Second Vice-President: Councillor Jenna Stoner, District of Squamish
- Third Vice President: Mayor Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake
- Past President: *vacant*
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- Metro/GVRD Representative: Councillor Craig Hodge, City of Coquitlam
- Small Community Representative: Mayor Denise O'Connor, Village of Lytton
- Electoral Area Representative: Director Jerrilyn Kirk, RD of Fraser-Fort George
- Vancouver Metro Area Representatives: Councillor Pete Fry, City of Vancouver and Councillor Tasha Henderson, City of New Westminster
- AKBLG: Councillor Keith Page, City of Nelson
- LMLGA: Councillor Paul Albrecht, City of Langley
- NCLGA: Director Judy Greenaway, Bulkley-Nechako RD
- SILGA: Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, City of Salmon Arm
- AVICC: Councillor Ben Geselbrecht, City of Nanaimo

· Directors at Large: Councillor Sheila Boehm, City of Williams Lake; Mayor Spencer Coyne, Town of Princeton; Councillor Aimee Grice, Town of Oliver; Councillor Gord Klassen, City of Fort St. John; Mayor David Wilks, District of Sparwood

2024 Resolutions Results



UBCM members voted to endorse several dozen resolutions, which will be conveyed to the relevant bodies for work. Most often they are related to the provincial government. Endorsed resolutions form UBCM policy and inform advocacy priorities for the next year. View the full list of [resolution results](#). There wasn't time to get through all the resolutions; any that were missed will be referred to Executive for their consideration.


Participant survey

Thank you to all attendees at UBCM's 2024 Convention! We'd love to hear your thoughts. What went well, what could be better? Please take a moment to fill out an [evaluation survey](#). You could win an Apple watch!


Photos of Convention 2024



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NEWS

FCM Members Survey: Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from you! FCM has commissioned Abacus Data to conduct an FCM Members Survey to hear how we can better support you and shape our future priorities.

If you haven't received the survey sent out on September 18, please first check your spam folder, and if you cannot locate it, then contact fcm@abacusdata.ca. By completing the survey, you could win a free registration for our 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show. Fill in the survey now, your opinion is vital.

New! Collective webinar on maximizing the impact of tourism

Our Collective webinars are back! Destination Canada will start off this series, with a new webinar called *Designing Destinations: Maximizing the Social, Cultural and Economic Impact of Tourism*. During the session, three communities that have strategically shaped the type of visitation they seek will share how they measure the social ROI to match their community's values.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Making sustainable land use decisions in your municipality

Looking to enhance sustainable land-use decisions in your community? Don't miss our webinar on October 10, from 2-3p.m. (ET), to explore practical tools and strategies that benefit your municipality's future. Discover how to use the Land-Use Impact Calculator to assess financial and climate effects and delve into the Land-Use Guide for actionable strategies. Join us to gain insights from experts and case studies to boost climate resilience and fiscal sustainability.

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RESOURCES

Celebrate National Tree Day: access up to \$10M in funding

Do you want to boost your urban and rural green spaces with improved air quality? For National Tree Day on September 25, plan to plant seeds for a greener tomorrow. Apply for up to \$10M in funding for local government tree planting projects from GMF's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative. This funding will enable your community to fight climate change, increase naturally built shades to reduce temperatures, mitigate flooding, increase biodiversity and support health and well-being by planting trees. Apply by October 15.

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Improve your municipality's long-term financial planning

Municipalities manage several long-term financial expenses related to infrastructure and asset management, including maintenance, community growth and risks exacerbated by climate change. By embracing long-term financial planning, your municipality can reduce operating and maintenance costs, more effectively fund community infrastructure, prolong the active lifespan of assets, and more.

In our suite of long-term financial planning resources, you'll find a video, guides and tools that can help you ensure the sustainability of essential services and infrastructure for years to come.

» [EXPLORE THESE RESOURCES TODAY](#)

Invest in your community's future with sustainable energy projects

The City of Calgary is leading the way in sustainable home improvements through its innovative Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP). Funded in part by the Green Municipal Fund's Community Efficiency Financing initiative, Calgary's CEIP is making energy-efficient and renewable energy upgrades more accessible than ever for homeowners. This program offers attractive financing options, including competitive interest rates, flexible repayment terms, and a generous rebate of up to 10% on total project costs. Calgary is empowering homeowners to reduce their carbon footprint, improve home comfort, and increase property values.

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LOCAL DATA

Small area estimates of employment and unemployment rate for self-contained labour areas

Statistics Canada released new data employing small area estimation methods to enhance the availability of labour force characteristics for sub-provincial areas, including census metropolitan areas (CMAs), census agglomerations (CAs), and a complementary geography called self-contained labour areas (SLAs). SLAs are functional areas composed

of census subdivisions outside of CMAs and CAs, grouped according to commuting patterns derived from data on place of work from the Census Program.

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Sept 18: UMNB just released an important report on the need for a new fiscal framework for New Brunswick municipalities.

There's a significant funding gap in [#CDNMuni](#) in New Brunswick and across the country. As local governments take on the responsibility for more services than ever before, their fiscal reality simply isn't sustainable.

FCM echoes [@MunicipalNB](#)'s call for adequate funding for municipalities, so we can all continue building sustainable, strong communities with the quality of life that Canadians deserve.

Sept 19: Thanks to [@LeslynLewis](#), Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Communities and [@FraserTolmie](#) for meeting with FCM President [@stewart_geoff](#) and CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) this morning to discuss pressing issues for [#CDNMuni](#).





Sept 19: The next year will be critical for Canadian communities, and [#CDNMuni](#) are on the frontlines of today's most pressing issues. The FCM Board of Directors just wrapped their September meeting, with key discussions on the path forward on affordability, housing and infrastructure, Reconciliation and ensuring Canada's growth is a success. [#cdnpoli](#)

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With workshops, panel discussions and networking events, the SCC program has something for everyone.

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FEATURED RESOURCES



Resources: Long-term financial planning for sustainable service delivery

Is your municipality looking to improve its long-term financial planning processes? A proactive approach to financial planning can help you lower ongoing maintenance costs and make informed asset management decisions. Explore our suite of financial planning resources to find:

- A video exploring the benefits of long-term financial planning, including examples of projects you can undertake in your community.
- Guides explaining how to write long-term plans and how levels of service lifecycle costing inform planning.
- Customizable templates to help you write your own financial plans.
- And more.

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Case study: How a small Quebec municipality significantly reduced its GHG emissions

Is your small municipality looking to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions? By developing an innovative climate action plan centring on green building retrofits and a transition to renewable energy, the City of Plessisville, QC, was able to reduce emissions by more than 80 tonnes while saving 30% on annual energy costs. Learn more about the actions small municipalities can take to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

[Read the case study.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEBINAR | OCTOBER 10 AT 2 P.M. ET



Webinar: Making sustainable land use decisions in your municipality

Is your community looking for ways to improve sustainable land-use decisions? Join us on Thursday, October 10, from 2-3 p.m. ET for an insightful webinar that will explore two new practical tools and strategies for land use decision-making that will benefit your municipality's future.

Learn how to apply the [*Land Use Impact Calculator*](#) to evaluate the financial and climate effects of future projects and explore the [*Land Use Guide*](#) for actionable strategies. Gain insights from experts and case studies to promote climate resilience and fiscal sustainability in your municipality.

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Today, we're thrilled to announce the release of a special digital publication highlighting the incredible moments from *Redefining our Future*, FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2024) that was held this summer in Calgary. This issue, developed in partnership with Municipal World as the publisher, includes conference highlights, exclusive interviews with municipal leaders and inspiring member stories that showcase the important work happening across the country. You'll also find insights into the successes of our members and how FCM's work is driving positive change in communities across the country.

As an FCM member, you're receiving exclusive first access to this bilingual magazine before its public

release. It encapsulates the essence of FCM's annual conference,

Canada's largest gathering of elected officials. It showcases the energy, new ideas and innovative solutions that were shared, highlighting the powerful impact of our efforts in driving change for Canadians, including a special section on the urgent need for a new Municipal Growth Framework in Canada.

We hope you'll enjoy this look back at the conference's most memorable moments and that they will perhaps inspire you to join us next year for [FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show](#) in Ottawa from May 29-June 1, 2025. Registration will open early next year. We can't wait to see you there!

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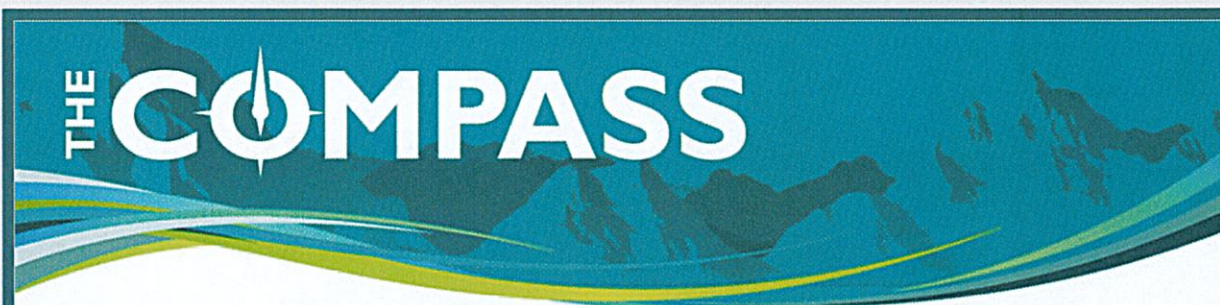
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News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

Convention 2024 Wrap-Up

UBCM's annual convention was held last week in Vancouver with more than 2,000 participants from local governments, related organizations and the provincial government. The provincial election provided a focal point for three common issues facing BC local governments: infrastructure, housing and homelessness, and the need for climate action. Additionally, local governments endorsed 188 resolutions that addressed health care, economic development, transportation, community safety and more.

In case you missed it:

- We spoke with members about key priorities, and have provided summaries of addresses from David Eby, John Rustad and Sonia Furstenau, all available on UBCM's [YouTube](#) page.
- We spent [5 minutes with](#) a handful of members and presenters.
- [Photos](#) are available to peruse and use, with credit to UBCM.
- Review the [outcome](#) of resolutions debate.



Best practices for local governments to set remuneration policies

One of the more difficult decisions that must be made by local officials involves setting their own remuneration. UBCM has developed a [best practices guide](#) to support local governments to develop an approach to remuneration that reflect local needs and circumstances. The guide offers practical advice, based on research findings and the experiences of municipalities and regional districts, for local governments to consider.

Opportunities for input

RCMP cyber security survey

In advance of Cyber Security Awareness Month in October, BC RCMP is inviting local governments to complete a [short survey](#). It was presented at last week's UBCM Convention and is now being circulated to the broader membership. Local governments are asked to complete the survey by October 11, 2024.

Salary increases for RCMP Commissioned Officers

RCMP Commissioned Officers (rank of Inspector and above) have received a salary increase from the federal government that is structured similarly to the compensation framework recently awarded to unionized Members (below the rank of Inspector and Reservists).

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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Goetz, City of Merritt, regarding burden of delinquent taxes.

Kind regards,

Aislinn Gush
Committee Clerk
City of Merritt
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I respectfully acknowledge that the City of Merritt is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx people.

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Dear Deputy Minister Wood,

RE: Burden of Delinquent Taxes

On behalf of the City of Merritt Council I am writing to highlight the impact of the *Community Charter* allowance for taxpayers to become delinquent on their property taxes over a period of three years.

Property tax arrears significantly impact the operating capability of small municipalities, which are then forced to significantly increase taxes or limit essential services.

During our meeting with the Minister and staff at UBCM, it was expressed that the ministry was unaware that property owners use the strategy of paying off one year of arrears to remove the property from the tax sale and that they do this year after year to avoid paying the total outstanding amount. To help broaden the ministries understanding of this issue and the impact it has on communities, we have polled other communities and heard from over 20 municipalities across the province including, Burnaby, Prince Rupert, Township of Langley, Hope, Metchosin, Comox, Mission, Golden and Rossland. These communities all report a similar systemic issue of repeat offenders who carry balances owing on their property taxes to the detriment of the greater community. Small municipalities like the City of Merritt cannot continue to subsidize non-payment of property taxes. At year end 2023, the City of Merritt was owed \$893,711 in outstanding taxes and penalties, this equates to 8% on our tax levy. The cost to a community is compounded when you factor in the 100's of hours of staff time required to contact property owners, conduct follow up calls and serve notice of the tax sale by small Finance departments that are often operating with minimal staff and limited resources. This impact will increase significantly with the upcoming implementation of enhanced requirements for notice of tax sales that will require municipalities to bare the cost of bailiff services without the ability to recover full costs.

We request that the Provincial government review and revise the *Community Charter* to relieve this unfair burden. Following are three potential tactics:

1. Reduce the number of years a property can be in arrears on their property tax or allow municipalities to run a deficit.



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2. Assign a dedicated contact for municipalities to assist in dealing with properties that have escheated to the Crown and help remove them from property tax rolls expeditiously. Currently they linger on the rolls, accumulating tax levies that will ultimately have to be written off by the Ministry.
3. Implement a province-wide, cost-effective solution for municipalities to recover taxes owed by mobile homes. While we place liens through the registry, the property still needs to be sold or moved legally. Uncertain timing and the costs of legal action make future net recovery uncertain and challenging

Kind regards,



Michael Goetz
Mayor



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Read: AC2024 Digital Magazine

Have you heard? FCM members get an exclusive first look at our special digital publication, developed in partnership with Municipal World as the publisher, highlighting incredible moments, important conversations and key insights from FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary this summer.

This bilingual magazine encapsulates the essence of FCM's annual conference, Canada's largest gathering of elected officials. It showcases the energy, new ideas and innovative solutions that were shared, highlighting the powerful impact of our efforts in driving change for Canadians, including a special section on the urgent need for a new Municipal Growth Framework in Canada.

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EVENTS

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025: Registration is now open!

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) brings together municipal sustainability practitioners and local leaders from across the country to learn from each other and share actionable solutions towards a more resilient and sustainable future.

Join us in Fredericton, NB, on February 10-13, 2025, and discover proven best practices in local sustainability, affordable housing and climate adaptation that centers around Reconciliation and Anti Racism, Equity and Inclusion. Early-bird pricing available until December 13.

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RESOURCES

Guide: Climate action in small and rural communities

Ready to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your small or rural community? Check out the *Small and Rural Communities Climate Action Guidebook*, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program, delivered by FCM and ICLEI Canada. Developed specifically with the needs of small and rural communities in mind, this guidebook can help your community overcome challenges related to finances or staffing, reduce emissions and improve resident health.

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Case study: Sudbury water festival highlights value of traditional Indigenous knowledge

In Greater Sudbury, Ontario, a member of Partners for Climate Protection, the annual Children's Water Festival teaches children foundational water topics including conservation, protection, science and technology. Through a partnership with neighbouring First Nations, the festival aims to build an appreciation and understanding of the value of water that includes a greater awareness of Indigenous teachings and a new cultural perspective on water's role in our lives.

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Register for the Canadian Urban Forest Conference, Oct. 15-18 in Winnipeg

The 2024 Canadian Urban Forest Conference is just two weeks away! Join us in Winnipeg for engaging discussions on the theme of "Equity in Canada's Urban Forests". Explore how we can ensure fair access to and care for our urban green spaces. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of urban forestry!

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Sept 26: That's a wrap on Collaboration Week 2024!

As CEO [@carolesaab](#) said to staff on Tuesday: "What binds us all together is the shared opportunity we have—the opportunity to enrich the lives of people across the country."

The year ahead is a pivotal one, and the FCM team is ready to tackle it head on.

Sept 30: FCM remains committed to the vital work of Reconciliation and to better understand the collective history of Indigenous communities across the country. Together, we can build a more inclusive future for everyone. [#NDTR](#)

Oct 1: This October, we recognize and celebrate women, girls and non-binary people who have paved the way for future generations, and made their communities better, more inclusive places to live. Happy [#WomensHistoryMonth!](#)



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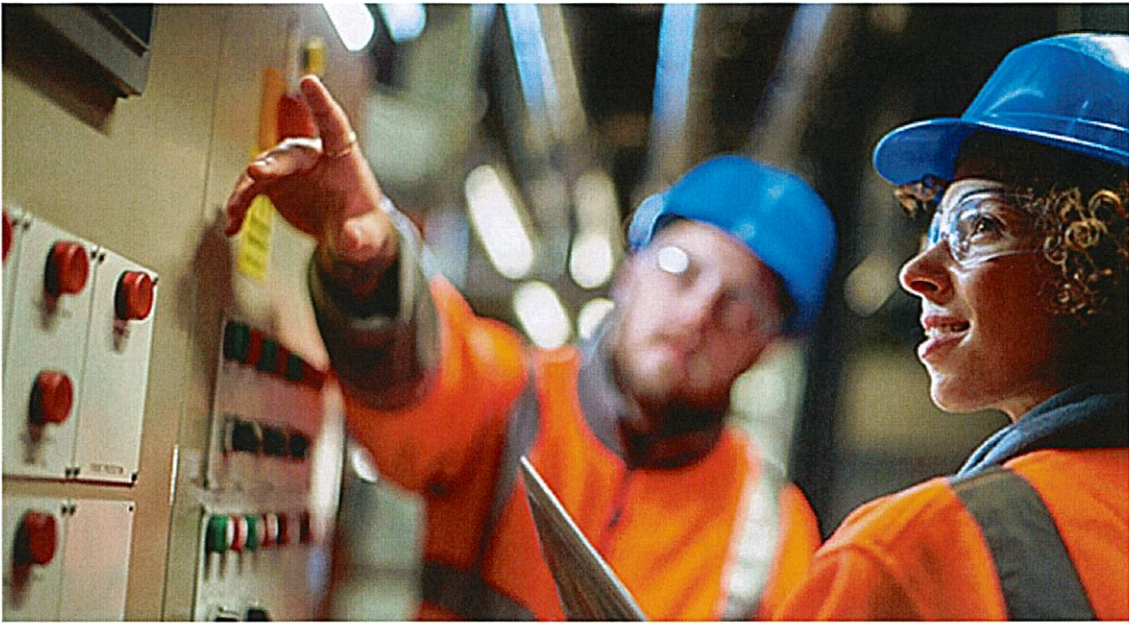
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- explore proven best practices in local sustainability
- embrace actionable solutions that work
- gain the tools to start building a more resilient and sustainable future for your community

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Funding to improve your community energy systems

Our funding can help you launch community energy systems that reduce heating and cooling costs, improve services and cut GHG emissions.

Among renewable electricity, thermal energy, and district heating and cooling projects, we also fund:

- Business cases that help municipalities identify the right technologies, best practices, potential partners, financial rates of return, and more.
- Feasibility studies that further identify and design the ideal energy system while maximizing community benefits.
- Capital projects that demonstrate significant environmental and social benefits.

[Explore our Community Energy Systems funding offers.](#)

SMALL & RURAL COMMUNITIES



Guide: Climate action in small and rural communities

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- develop realistic climate action policies
- generate local economic and wellbeing benefits through climate action
- identify sector-specific climate challenges and solutions to overcome them

[Read the guide.](#)



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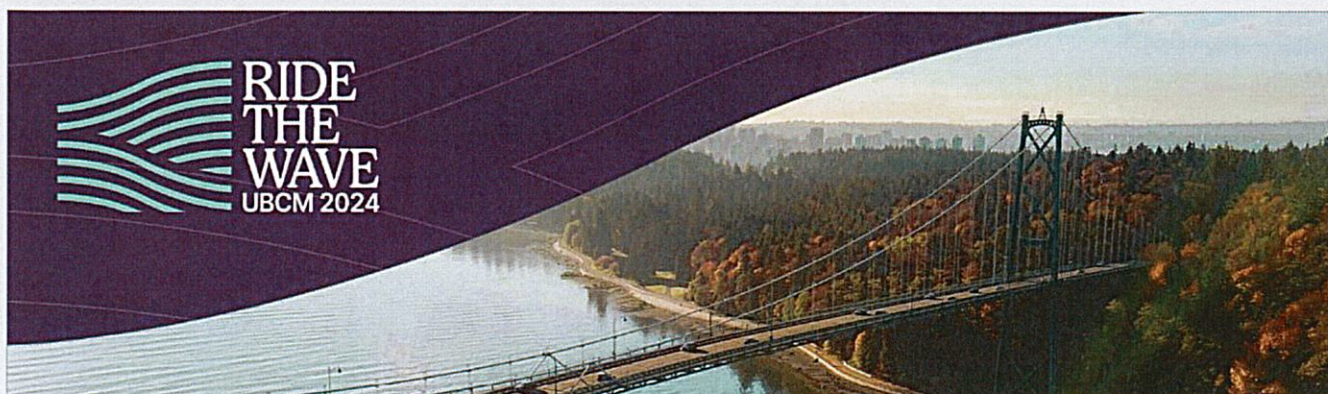
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**Bulletin #5**

Thank you for joining the UBCM Convention

Thank you for attending the UBCM Convention in Vancouver. On behalf of the UBCM Executive and Staff, we hope you found the Convention informative and valuable. We look forward to seeing you next year in Victoria from September 22-26, 2024.



Win an Apple Watch: Complete a 5-minute Evaluation

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas about the 2024 UBCM Convention through this [5-minute evaluation](#). UBCM hopes to improve the Convention and associated activities to better reflect your needs and requirements.

All delegates who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win an Apple Watch SE valued at \$329.

2025 Convention Hotels

The UBCM room blocks for the 2025 Convention in Victoria, BC will open on Wednesday, **November 6th at 9:00 AM**. Please note, the hotels will not accept reservations before this date and time and will not create waitlists. The hotels will also not be able to transfer reservations made before the release date into the UBCM group block at the UBCM rates.

Room blocks will be available for UBCM delegates at the following hotels: The Fairmont Empress, The Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites, Double Tree by Hilton, Hotel Grand Pacific, The Inn at Laurel Point, The Magnolia Hotel, The Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour, and The Parkside Hotel.

Further details regarding the room rates, cancellation policies, and reservation instructions will be added to the website closer to November 6th.

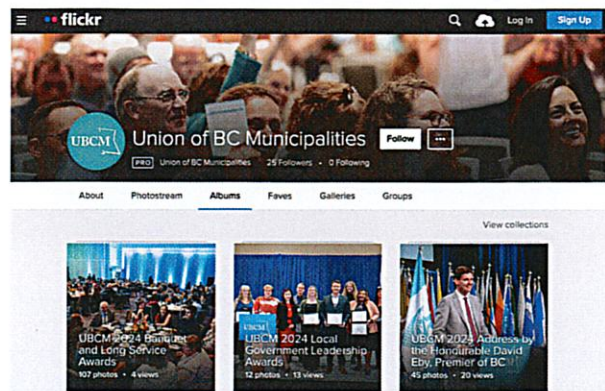
Don't miss UBCM Interview Footage



Between workshops and resolution sessions, we spoke with UBCM members about core issues facing local governments. Hear what they had to say about [infrastructure](#), [climate action needs](#), and the [impacts of homelessness](#). Addresses from provincial party leaders were especially salient this year with the provincial election a few weeks away. Hear what David Eby, John Rustad, and Sonia Furstenuau had to [say to UBCM delegates](#).

Photos from UBCM Convention Week

You can now view photos taken during Convention week through the [UBCM Flickr account](#).



2024-2025 Executive List

Elections were held at Convention where candidates were asked to make a candidate speech during the designated times within the Convention program. The [list of the new Executive members](#) can now be found on the UBCM website.

Session Presentations

Presentation files have now been uploaded to the Convention webpage. You can visit the [Presentations page](#) to see all available files posted. If a session does not have the presentation posted, it is not available post-Convention.

Compass Newsletter

We covered a lot of ground at the 2024 Convention, and you can expect to see policy developments, responses to resolutions, and sharpened advocacy from UBCM. Sign up for [The Compass newsletter](#) to stay informed.

We're not urban developers. Developing systems for used oil recycling is more our jam.



UBCM Convention Sponsorship

UBCM would like to recognize and thank the 2024 [sponsors](#) for their continued support. Sponsorships help reduce the cost to deliver the convention, thereby reducing the registration costs and lowering barriers for local governments to attend.

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All 13 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements renewed

The new 10-year Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) agreements between the federal government and all 13 provinces/territories have now been signed.

FCM has been firmly advocating for the renewed CCBF agreements to continue to provide direct, predictable and long-term funding for municipalities. We are pleased to see these core principles of the fund maintained and we look forward to reviewing further information on individual agreements as they become available.

The CCBF provides funding directly to municipalities, which allows local governments of all sizes to build and renew core public infrastructure like water and wastewater systems, roads, public transit and community facilities.

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NEWS

FCM Members Survey: Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from you! FCM has commissioned Abacus Data to conduct an FCM Members Survey to hear how we can better support you and shape our future priorities.

A reminder email with your unique survey link was sent to you from Abacus Data on October 2. If it's not in your inbox, please check your spam folder. By completing it, you could win free registration for our 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show. Fill in the survey now!

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RESOURCES

Reconciliation and equity in municipal governance

Every Canadian municipality is unique, each with residents and community members who have their own diverse needs. Incorporating Reconciliation, anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion considerations into your municipal service delivery approaches and governance is essential to ensuring your local government can meet the needs of all residents. In our trio of factsheets, you'll find introductory definitions, tips and more to help you:

- [Contribute to Reconciliation and foster government-to-Nation relationships](#)
- [Incorporate anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal planning](#)
- [Integrate Indigenous inclusion into planning for sustainable, culturally respectful solutions](#)

CCRI—Leading Municipal Circular Economy

The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) has recently launched five new resources showcasing the progress Canadian communities are making in advancing circular economy initiatives. Since 2021, CCRI has supported over 25 Canadian communities and engaged more than 600 local government representatives through CCRI's Peer-to-Peer Network. Explore these resources to discover innovative strategies and successes across the country.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Webinar on the business case for planting trees

Are you curious about the benefits of tree planting and how communities can make the case for planting and protecting trees? Watch *The business case for planting trees* webinar to learn from experts about the vast benefits of trees in urban settings. Discover the long-term benefits of tree planting, which include improving public health, lowering municipal infrastructure costs and reducing climate-related risks.

» [WATCH TODAY](#)

How CEF can support energy retrofits in your community

The Better Homes Loan Program in Ottawa is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships in driving energy efficiency. With initial seed funding from GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative, the program partnered with Vancity Community Investment Bank (VCIB) to offer long-term financing to homeowners for energy-efficient retrofits. The success of this model led to a \$30-million investment from VCIB for program expansion, demonstrating the ability of CEF to leverage private capital for greater impact. CEF is fostering innovative financing models to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Net zero indoor ice rinks using low-carbon measures

Transitioning an indoor ice rink to net zero can improve energy efficiency, lower GHGs and reduce operating costs. Our guidebook, *Taking your indoor ice rink to net zero*, builds on the results and lessons learned from successful transitions and provides an actionable roadmap for municipalities. Find helpful information to get started on your net-zero retrofit plan.

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Destination Canada Announces Four New Tourism Corridors

The **Tourism Corridor Strategy Program** aims to contribute to a more resilient tourism industry through accelerated destination development of multiple corridors across Canada. This program crosses provincial and territorial boundaries, bringing together tourism organizations to develop iconic new journeys for travellers to explore.

This program is a key initiative of **Destination Canada's 2030 Tourism Strategy** with its bold goal to propel Canada back into the Top 7 global tourism destinations.

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Oct 4: FCM joins Indigenous communities in mourning the mothers, sisters, daughters and friends whose lives have been taken too soon amidst the **#MMIWG** crisis in Canada. We commit to advocating for safety for all Indigenous women and girls.

Oct 4: NEW WEBINAR | On October 22, join [@DestinationCAN](#) and a panel of experts to dig into the social, cultural and economic effects of tourism, and how to maximize that impact.

Register now:
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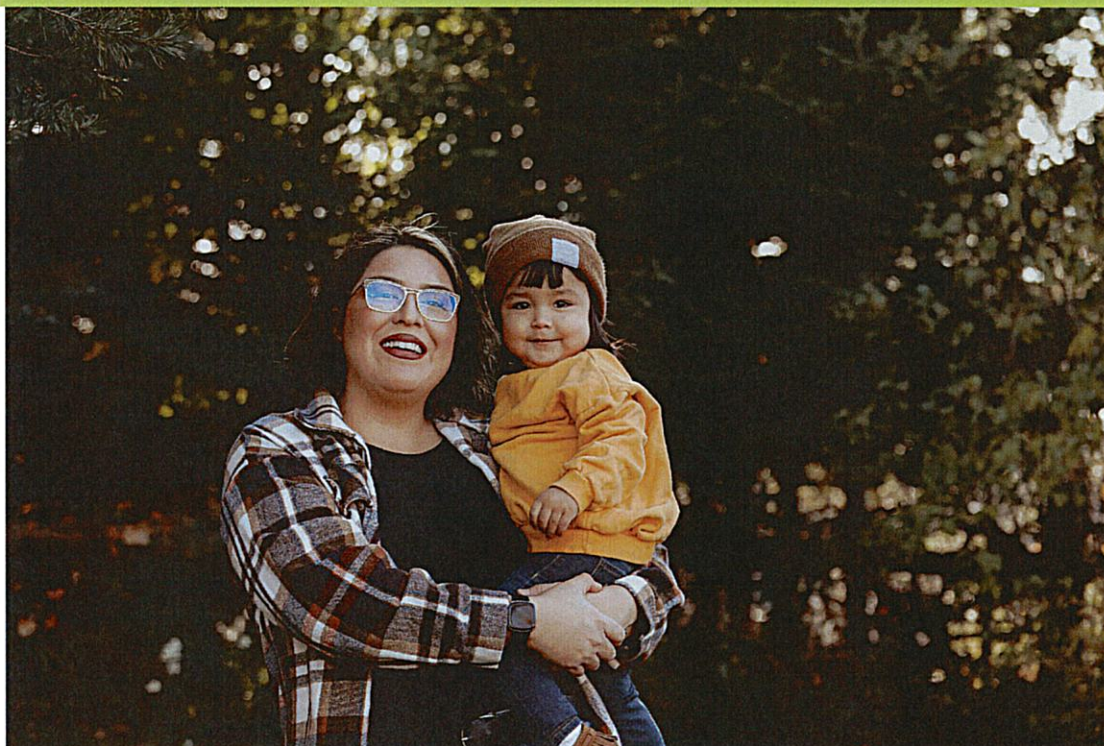
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FCM FUNDING





Call for proposals: Climate adaptation coaching services

Are you dedicated to helping municipalities strengthen their climate adaptation initiatives? GMF is seeking organizations to provide coaching services that support municipalities in implementing equitable climate adaptation projects.

Eligible organizations can submit a proposal to provide tailored coaching across seven areas of expertise, including equity, project management and technical guidance. Proposals must be submitted by October 11, 2024. Coaching services will be delivered between January 2025 and March 2026.

[Learn more about the request for proposals.](#)



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Codes Acceleration Fund

Canadian municipalities are invited to apply to the Codes Acceleration Fund.

There is approximately \$30 million in funding opportunities for projects geared towards accelerating the adoption and implementation of the highest feasible tiers of the national model energy codes or other high performance building codes.

[For more details on the funding program, including the Application Guide, please visit the Codes Acceleration Fund website.](#)

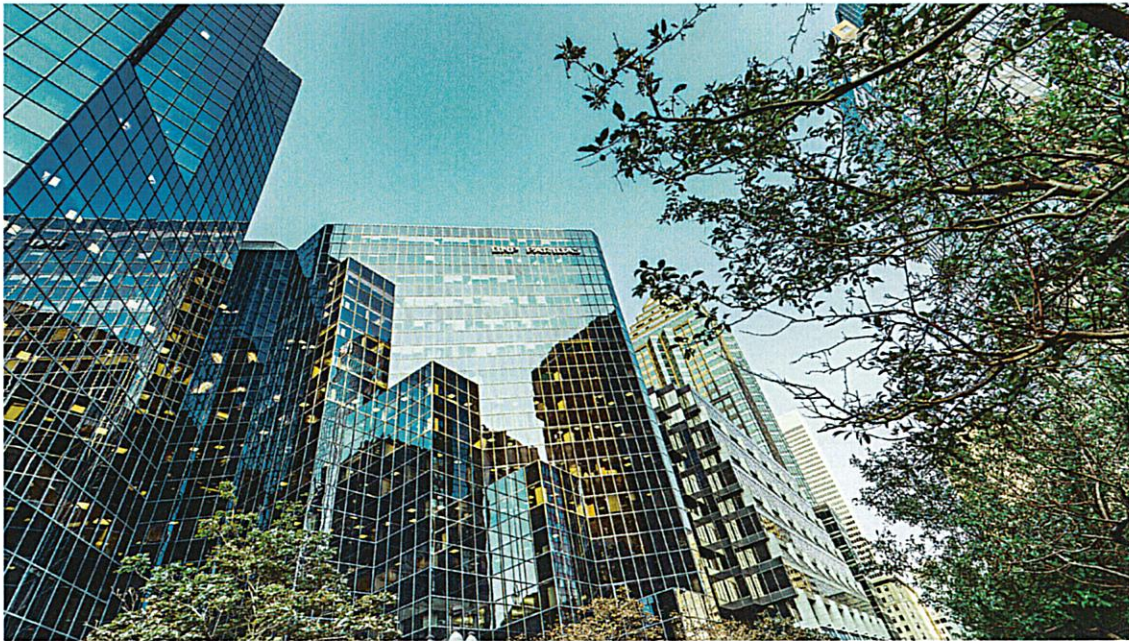
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UPCOMING EVENTS



WEBINAR | OCTOBER 10 AT 2 P.M. ET

Webinar: Making sustainable land use decisions in your municipality

Is your community looking for ways to improve sustainable land-use decisions? Join us on Thursday, October 10, from 2-3 p.m. ET for an insightful webinar that will explore two new practical tools and strategies for land use decision-making that will benefit your municipality's future.

Learn how to apply the [Land Use Impact Calculator](#) to evaluate the financial and climate effects of future projects and explore the [Land Use Guide](#) for actionable strategies. Gain insights from experts and case studies to promote climate resilience and fiscal sustainability in your municipality.

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WEBINAR | OCTOBER 22 AT 12 P.M. ET

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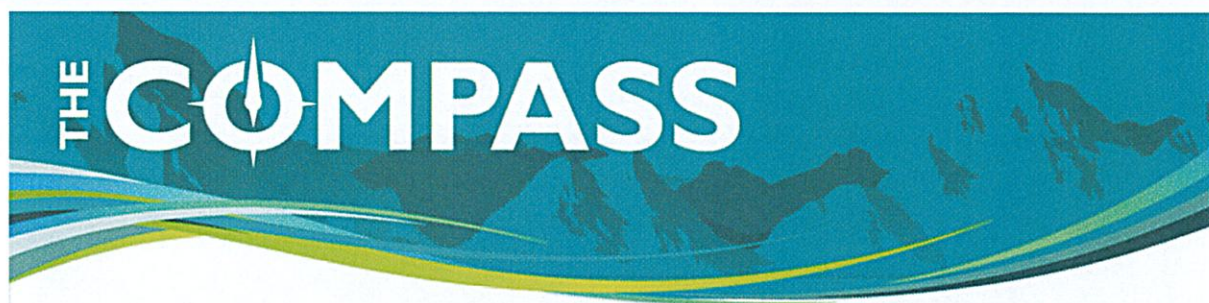
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News and information from the Union of BC Municipalities

Funding and resources update: October 2024

Each month, we provide an update on UBCM funding programs and information on other programs, events, and resources that may be of interest to local governments and First Nations.

[More Funding](#)

UBCIC Calling on local governments to stand with survivors

At the Province-wide Community to Community Forum on September 16, UBCM members learned about the facts and findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the impacts of residential schools and the missing children and unmarked burials. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) is urging local governments to uphold the experiences of survivors and the TRC's findings, to implement the TRC's Calls to Action and support survivors. To learn more about UBCIC's resolution, please find [their letter](#) to municipalities and resolution. The resolution can also be found on the [UBCIC website](#).

Opportunities for input

Webinar: Cyber security & local governments

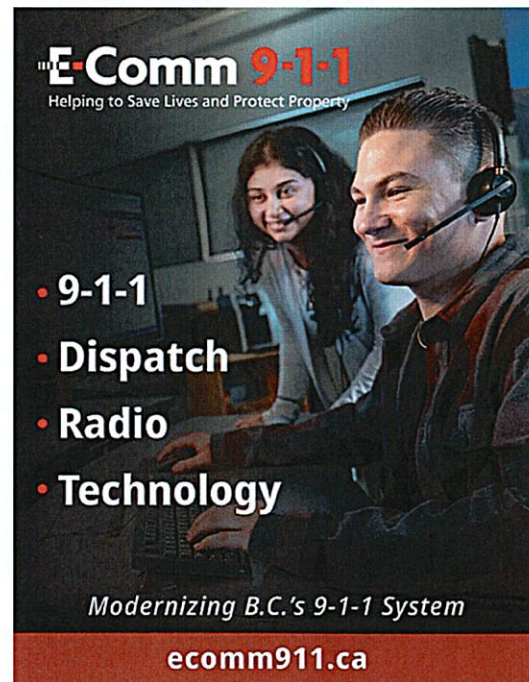
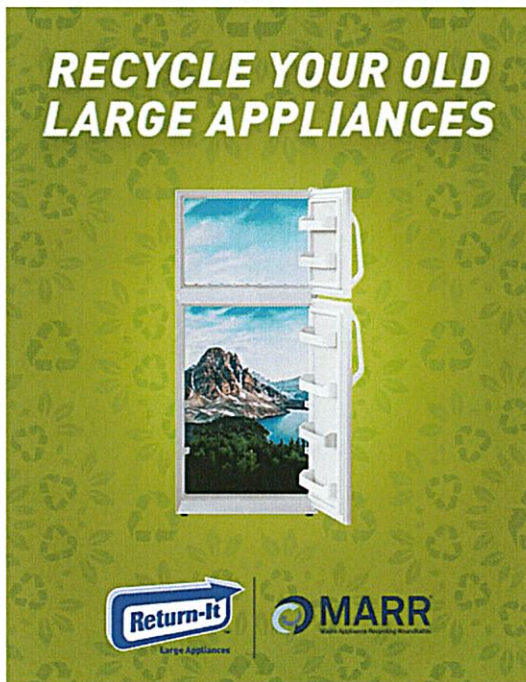
As part of Cyber Security Awareness Month, the RCMP Federal Policing Prevention and Engagement team will hold a cyber security webinar for BC local governments. Elected officials and staff members are welcome and encouraged to register for this webinar: Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 8:30am – noon.

[Read More & Register](#)

New outdoor recreation toolkit available

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC has released a new comprehensive guide and toolkit designed to help local governments, First Nations and recreation groups gather, analyze and apply data on recreational users and visitors.

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Announcement: New funding prioritizes localized solutions for resilient communities

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is offering new funding to support municipalities in developing climate risk assessments and climate adaptation plans. With up to \$140,000 available per project, Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding can help lay the foundation for long-term, community-wide climate resilience.

Planning for savings

GMF understands the unprecedented climate challenges communities across Canada are facing. Extreme weather events and changes in seasonal patterns are profoundly impacting infrastructure resilience, growth and development, and community well-being. Municipalities are working to meet the unique needs of their communities, but it's hard to find space in already stretched budgets to tackle climate change.

Addressing local climate challenges is key to protecting infrastructure, promoting community-wide security and ensuring sustainable growth, however, the task can feel daunting when you don't know where to start. This is where GMF comes in: [Climate-Ready Plans and Processes](#) can help your municipality take proactive steps to integrate climate resilience into its planning, ensuring you are prepared to protect both infrastructure and equity-deserving community members. By investing in a solid plan today, your municipality can avoid future recovery costs and promote sustainable growth.

Planning for action

With funding available to kick start your plans, your community can invest in a climate risk assessment to identify and evaluate how climate hazards, such as flooding or heatwaves, could impact your community. By understanding these risks, you can then develop a targeted climate adaptation plan that outlines strategic actions to address these hazards head-on. Investing in a solid plan provides

significant potential cost savings by preventing damage before it occurs and by ensuring effective allocation of resources.

Having a plan also opens the door to other GMF climate adaptation funding, creating a comprehensive approach for your municipality to move from planning through to implementation.

Climate-ready Plans and Processes funding is more than just financial support; it's a practical investment into your community's future.

Take a step towards climate resilience. [Apply for funding today.](#)

Submit your application by **November 29, 2024.**

FEATURED RESOURCES



Tools: Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool

Are you ready to start your community's journey to climate resilience? Evaluate and enhance your community's climate adaptation strategies with the [Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool](#). Work through a comprehensive community self-assessment designed to help you identify critical areas for improvement and determine practical, actionable steps forward.

Discover how your community can become more resilient, pinpoint areas for progress, and learn how you can implement practical, real-world climate adaptation strategies into your existing municipal processes.



Insights: Contribute to Reconciliation and equity in your municipality

Enhancing your community's climate planning and municipal service delivery with policies that promote Reconciliation, inclusivity, equity and cultural respect will enrich both overall well-being and long-term

resilience. Our trio of introductory factsheets offer valuable insights, including key definitions, practical tips and successful real-world examples. These resources provide strategies to:

- Contribute meaningfully to Reconciliation and foster government-to-Nation relationships.
- Incorporate anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal planning.
- Integrate Indigenous inclusion into planning for sustainable, culturally respectful solutions.

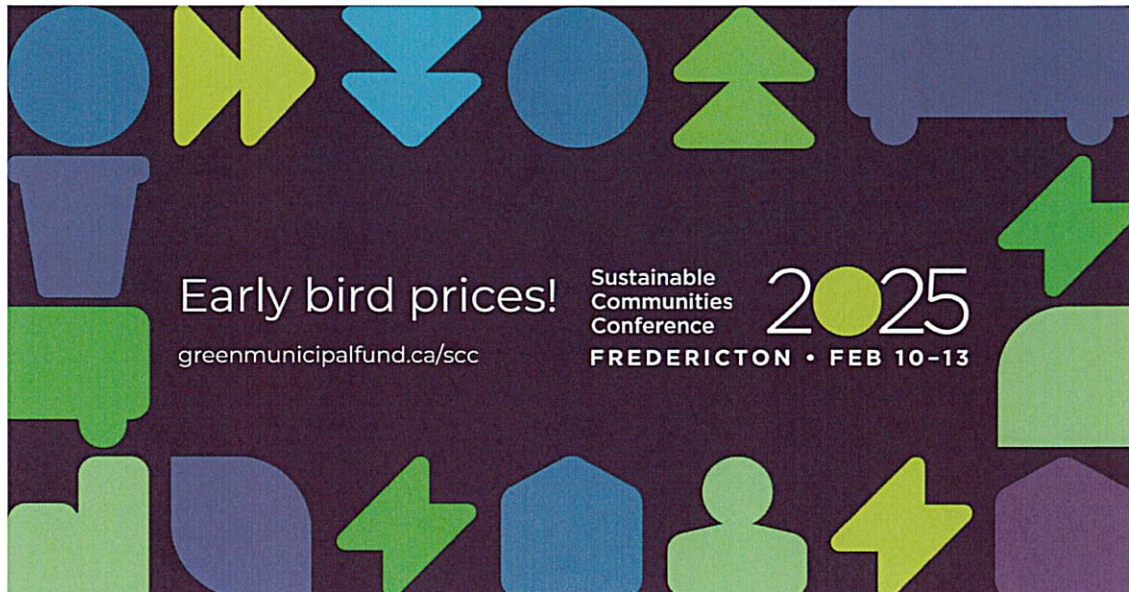


Learning journey: Climate resilience and asset management

Are you interested in ways to better manage the risks climate change poses to infrastructure and services in your municipality? [Take this learning journey](#) through four resources created specifically to help you integrate climate considerations into your municipality's asset management policies, plans and practices:

- Watch a short video to learn about the risks, the opportunities and how to get started.
- Explore two factsheets on factoring climate change into asset management: one on risk management and one on levels of service.
- Dive deeper into our guide and tailor its framework to meet your community's needs.

[Start your climate change and asset management learning journey today.](#)



Climate adaptation at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference

Municipalities across Canada are taking action to protect their residents from persistent and intensifying climate changes. Learn from local leaders and experts about the latest in support, resources and best practices for integrating climate resilience into your community planning and operations at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference on February 10-13, 2025, in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The conference's workshops, panel discussions and Industry Showcase will explore key topics such as where to find funding for climate adaptation, risk assessments and local tree planting programs.

Early bird rates are still available. [Register now](#).

Reduced rates offered to students and members of small (<10,000), rural, Northern and Indigenous communities. To inquire about availability, please [contact us](#).

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