

Fact Sheet
2011 UBCM Convention
Update for September 13, 2011 Premier's Meeting with UBCM Executive
(As at September 7, 2011)

Date: September 26 – 30, 2011 at the Vancouver Convention Centre (VCC)

Theme: The UBCM's theme, **Rethink, Replace & Rejuvenate: The New 3 R's**

The Provincial Government is involved in a large number of workshops and clinics scheduled at Convention. Highlights of Provincial Government involvement (as this date) include:

Monday, September 26: Pre-Convention Sessions and Study Tours

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Agriculture Study Tour (Ministry of Agriculture staff)
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Green Communities (UBCM, Green Communities Committee) Creating Age-Friendly Communities (MOH, UBCM, PHAC) Building Communities, Building the Future: Local Government-First Nation Relations
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Keeping Your Community Safe: Crime Prevention Programs That Work (PSSG) The Forest Economy: A Vital Economic Resource for all BC Communities
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Regional Hospital District Meeting

Tuesday, September 27:

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Forum Clinics; 6 concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rising Oceans and Rising Dikes (FLNRO, MOE)▪ Rethinking the Public Library▪ New Packaging and Printed Paper Responsibilities (MOE)▪ Firesmart Canada▪ BC Hydro's Smart Metering Program▪ ALR Report and Provincial Response
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Forums organized by size of municipality; 4 concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mid-Sized and Large Urban Communities Forum (combined) (population in the 5,000 – 20,000 range & larger communities with particular urban issue concerns)▪ Electoral Area Directors Forum (general issues of interest to EA directors)▪ Small Talk Forum (population under 5,000)
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	Plenary Session: Municipal Auditor General (MCSCD)
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Provincial Policy Sessions (4 concurrent): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ RCMP Contract and Negotiations Update (PSSG, UBCM)▪ Creating Resilient Communities (PSSG)▪ Management of Urban Deer Populations: From Policy to Practice (FLNRO, MOE)▪ BC's Jobs Plan (JTI)
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Municipal Insurance Association AGM
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Municipal Finance Authority AGM
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	UBCM Welcome Reception at new Vancouver Convention Centre (West)

Wednesday, September 28:

7:30 am – 8:15 am	Clinics; 5 concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Building Community Responses to Substance Abuse▪ Closed Meetings to the Public – Fairness and Best Practice▪ Infrastructure Sustainability▪ Medical Marijuana Licensing and Regulations▪ Community Energy and Emissions Modelling: Measuring/Visualizing Your Community (MOE, MCSCD)
8:30 am	Convention Opening
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Address by Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Address by FCM President
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Cabinet Panels (see page 2 for details)

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Presentation of 2011 Energy & Climate Action Awards
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	BC Government Reception (VCC – West Building)
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	CUPE Reception

Thursday, September 29:

7:30 am – 8:15 am	Clinics; 5 concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipal Social Media Policies – Preventing Liability ▪ Rethinking the Future of Agriculture ▪ Open Government: Citizen-Centric Services, Transparency and Engagement (LCTZ) ▪ Water Management and the New 3Rs ▪ The Role of Community Health Networks
8:35 am – 8:55 am	Address by Leader of the Official Opposition
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker: Professor David K. Foot, Demographics - Boom, Bust & Echo Expert
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Policy Workshops; 4 sessions concurrent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Affordable Market Housing (MCSCD, MEM) ▪ Small Water Systems (MCSCD, MOH, FLNRO, UBCM) ▪ Child Poverty (MCFD) ▪ Canada-European Trade Negotiations (JTI)
6:30 pm	UBCM Reception
7:30 pm	Annual Banquet: Presentation of Long-Service Awards and Life Memberships

Friday, September 30:

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Federal Address
8:30 am – 8:35 am	Address by Leader of the Green Party
11:00 am	Premier's Address
12:00 pm	Adjourn

Cabinet Panels: Wednesday, September 28 from 3:00 – 4:15 pm. Four Cabinet Panels: Business and Economy; Community and Intergovernmental Relations; Resource; and Education, Health and Social Development. Each Cabinet Minister speaks for 5 minutes followed by a Q and A session.

Premier/Cabinet/Staff Meetings with Delegates: Meetings with Cabinet Ministers and individual regional district boards and municipal councils take place Tuesday – Thursday (VCC and PVO).

Delegate meetings with Minister Chong take place on Monday through Thursday at VCC. Delegate meetings with provincial government, agency and commission staff take place Tuesday – Thursday at VCC. These meetings are coordinated by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Caucus Communications will provide MLAs with a copy of the meeting schedules for Cabinet Ministers as well as the relevant briefing notes. At Convention, MLAs may also check in at the Cabinet Ministers Appointment Desk staff to confirm individual Minister's meetings. The Appointment Desk will be located on the second floor of the VCC.

Resolutions: Pre-convention resolution responses to selected "hot" issues are coordinated by Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) MCSCD. Pre-convention resolution responses for all endorsed resolutions are coordinated by MCSCD.

Municipal Tradeshow: Wednesday and Thursday. Government will have a presence in the tradeshow and the focus will be on BC's Jobs Plan. GCPE Central manages this process.

Meeting with UBCM Executive
Tuesday, September 13, 4:30pm-5:30pm
Executive Boardroom at PVO

UBCM – Executive Members

Barbara Steele, President, Surrey

Heath Slee, First Vice-President,
East Kootenay Regional District

Mary Sjostrom, Second Vice
President, Quesnel

Rhona Martin, Third Vice President
Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Harry Nyce, Past President Kitimat-
Stikine Regional District

Tim Stevenson, Vancouver Rep

Greg Moore, MC Rep, Port
Coquitlam

Galina Durant, Small Community
Rep, Stewart

Al Richmond, Electoral Area Rep,
Cariboo Regional District

Wesly Graham, AKBLG, Creston

Ministry Staff

Minister Ida Chong

Don Fast, Deputy Minister

Sav Dhaliwa, LMLGA Burnaby

Mike Bernier, NCLGA Dawson
Creek

Kevin Flynn, SILGA Salmon Arm

Christopher Causton, AVICC Oak
Bay

James Atebe – Mission

Sharon Gaetz – Chilliwack

Barry Janyk – Gibsons

Jerrilyn Schembri – Tumbler Ridge

UBCM Staff

Gary MacIsaac – Executive Director

Brenda Gibson – General Manager,
Victoria Operations

Paul Taylor – Relationships and
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Gary Paget, Senior Executive
Director

Shauna Brouwer, Assistant Deputy
Minister

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Environment/Context

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- UBCM members are accustomed to this event being a major venue for the Province to lay out its policy directions and views on the provincial-local relationship.
- Expectations for the Premier's flagship speech will be high. It is the first opportunity for this Premier to address close to 1,400 local elected officials from every local government in the Province.
- For the past 10 years, infrastructure funding announcements have often been a feature of the Premier's address.

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Provincial Opportunities

The Convention provides considerable opportunities for Government to get its message out. Government and individual ministers will want to consider how to use these opportunities strategically. Key opportunities include:

- Premier's keynote address (Friday)
- MCSCD Minister's address (Wednesday)
- 4 Cabinet Panels on: Business and Economy; Community, and Intergovernmental Relations; Resource; and Education, Health and Social Development (Wednesday)
- Premier/Cabinet/Staff Meetings with Delegates
- Delegate meetings with provincial government, agency and commission staff
- Workshops, forums and clinics on a wide range of topics with provincial staff participation
- Municipal Tradeshow - Government focus will be on the Jobs Plan. GCPE Central manages this process

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Economic Development:

- Building the economy is key priority for the Province.
- Local governments have lead role in driving economic growth.
- Need to work together with the business community on creating an attractive investment climate.

Accountability:

- Accountability and open government are important commitments for Government.
- Engagement on Municipal Auditor General over summer - opportunity to hear views of local government and business partners.
- UBCM reaction has not been positive.
- Province will be moving forward with this initiative.

UBCM Priorities for the Convention

UBCM has confirmed the following policy discussions at the Convention and the relevant Ministry (see "Fact Sheet" for listing of Provincial involvement in clinics):

Tuesday, September 27 Plenary Session (1:45 pm – 2:45 pm)

- Municipal Auditor General (MCSCD)

Provincial Policy Sessions (3:15 pm – 4:45 pm)

- RCMP Contract and Negotiations Update (PSSG, UBCM)
- Creating Resilient Communities (PSSG)
- Management of Urban Deer Populations: From Policy to Practice (FLNRO, MOE)
- BC's Jobs Plan (JTI)

Thursday, September 29 Policy Workshops (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

- Affordable Market Housing: A Home Within Reach (MCSCD, MEM)
- Small Water Systems (MCSCD, MOH, FLNRO, UBCM)
- Child Poverty (MCFD)
- Canada-European Trade Negotiations (JTI)