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Local Government 201: Working with Other Levels of Government

LOWER MAINLAND LGA AGM & CONVENTION, MAY 8-10, 2019, HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Speaker Highlights

Darryl Plecas



Speaker of the
Legislative Assembly

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE
SPEAKER

The Honourable Darryl Plecas was first elected MLA for Abbotsford South in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. He was appointed Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on September 8, 2017.

Prior to his election as MLA, Dr. Plecas was the RCMP Senior University Research Chair and Director for the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Research at the University of the Fraser Valley, where he was a professor of criminology for 34 years. He is the author or co-author of more than 200 books, international journal articles, and research reports addressing a broad range of public safety issues. As professor emeritus he also continues to write and teach; he recently co-authored a book on effective leadership in government.

A champion and volunteer for many local organizations, he is the recipient of numerous recognitions including the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Award for Public Safety, the CCSA Award of Excellence, the University of the Fraser Valley's Teaching Excellent Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the Order of Abbotsford.

There will be a Question and Answer Period to follow. Come with your questions!

Doctor Stephen R.J. Sheppard



Stephen Sheppard, PhD., ASLA, is a Professor in Forest Resources Management at the University of British Columbia, teaching in landscape and climate change planning, community engagement, and visualization. He has served as Director of UBC's Bachelor of Urban

Forestry program and directs the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning (CALP), an interdisciplinary research group which works with communities on developing climate change and energy solutions.

COMMUNITY ENERGY EXPLORER: AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE ENERGY LITERACY TOOL

There is a pressing need to transform our communities to meet municipal and provincial targets for greenhouse gas reduction, building climate resilience, and choosing 'greener' alternatives to transportation, energy, waste management and food sourcing. In this context, the Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning (CALP) at the Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia has developed a unique highly visual web-resource – Community Energy Explorer (www.energyexplorer.ca) that is designed to build energy literacy and capacity among citizens, decision-makers, and local government staff on community energy and related land use issues. The Community Energy Explorer (CEE) provides integrated and interactive information that allows users to explore key concepts of climate change related issues & see their implications through possible alternative scenarios. They have been co-developed with energy/sustainability managers across Metro Vancouver and are intended to develop a more informed citizenry, motivate interest and civic engagement, and encourage social learning. These applications will be demonstrated interactively with the latest updates & provide hands-on exploration opportunities.



President's Message

I have immensely enjoyed my first year as President of the Lower Mainland LGA and I have been privileged to have worked along side an extremely forward-thinking and talented executive. I would like to thank all of my fellow members of the Lower Mainland LGA Executive for serving with me this past year.

We are excited to be back in Harrison Hot Springs this year for our 2019 Annual AGM and Conference. Our theme this year is Local Government 201: Working with Other Levels of Government. The program will include a robust resolutions session, a public debate and some engaging panels and presentations on the future of the region. We also have some stimulating speakers that we know that you are going to enjoy!

In February of this year, we moved away from UBCM administering our association and welcomed our new Executive Director. We have big things coming this year including an exciting CivX event to be held on November 28th, advocacy days to the Provincial Legislature and the launch of a new and improved website.

I look forward to chatting with you at this year's Conference!

Mayor Jack Crompton

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2019 Banquet Dinner Entertainment - The Rockwell Band

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Rockwell is a 4-piece band who specialize in putting people on the dance floor all night long. The group is local to Harrison Hot Springs, our 2019 Host Community. The Rockwell band members are all seasoned veterans who have been part of the local music scene for many years. They love to get out, entertain and play music that we all grew up listening to including classic rock and country & blues.

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



Jack Crompton

Jack has deep roots in Whistler and is passionate about the future of his community. His grandparents were original shareholders in the Garibaldi

Lift Company and the Cromptons have been engaged in business and community organizations since the beginning. Jack's professional life has focused mainly on transportation and software. He founded Whistler Resort Cabs and operated the company until selling the company in 2008. He then founded and served as CEO for Ridebooker, a Whistler based transportation software company. In October 2018, Jack resigned his position with Ridebooker to serve full-time as Mayor of Whistler. Jack likes to talk politics of any description. He is fascinated by political history, local government and international affairs. Jack and his wife Carolyn have four children; Georgia, Margaret, Van and Harriet. They enjoy "the beautiful game", mountain biking, skiing and being in the mountains.

CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Laura Dupont

Laura is keenly aware how important nature is for our mental and physical well being and is committed to protecting the ecosystem services that allow our species

to survive. She advocates for increasing the tree canopy within the City of Port Coquitlam and has a laser focus on a 'Healthy Community'. Laura has for years been active with the Burke Mountain Naturalists, Riverview Horticultural Centre Society, and is a founding member of a Tree and Nature Advocacy group in Port Coquitlam. She is a member of the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance and proudly supports the youth climate strikes. Laura is constantly working towards increasing the food we grow locally and protect our vital pollinator species. Laura and her family are active in minor hockey and enjoy cycling Port Coquitlam's numerous parks and trails.

CANDIDATE FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Patrick Johnstone

Patrick has been a City Councillor in New Westminster since 2014, and has been on the Lower Mainland LGA executive for two years. Patrick is a professional

geoscientist who works in environmental protection and contaminated sites. He has been a volunteer, a community builder, a blogger, and a leader of conversations in New Westminster. In New Westminster, Patrick is the Chair of the Access Ability Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee for transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians. He also works on the Mayor's Task force on transportation and the Canada Games Pool Task Force. He previously served on the boards of the New Westminster Environmental Partners, the Royal City Curling Club, and is the past president of the Environmental Managers Association of BC. He is currently the UBCM representative on the Board of the Society of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals of BC, and is the Chair of the Community Energy Association. Patrick is passionate about sustainable transportation and communities taking action on Climate Change. He wants to see the Lower Mainland LGA continue to advocate for more integrated transportation and planning at a scale that engages the entire region.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE



Dennis Adamson

Dennis has been elected 4 times to the position of Electoral Director Area "B" for the Fraser Valley Region District.

Over the last 10 years he has served on numerous committees including 5 years as the FVRD appointee to Lower Mainland LGA.



Samantha Piper

Samantha was first elected to Council for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs in 2014 and is excited to be serving in her second term. As Councillor,

Samantha proudly represents the Village on a range of committees including the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce; Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee; Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee; Tourism Harrison; and is the Chair for the Resort Development Strategy Committee. In addition to Samantha's public service as a Councillor, she also has proudly served on the LMLGA as Director at Large since 2017; and holds 25 years of municipal experience from working in a local government setting as a Public Safety Specialist. Ms. Piper's unique experience has enabled a deeper understanding for relationship building as well as challenges that both a village and small city face in these modern times.



Patricia Ross

Patricia has 24 years of leadership experience as a Councillor for the City of Abbotsford and 20 years as a Fraser Valley Regional District Board

member, serving on a wide variety of committees. Her experience provides her with a good knowledge base representing all sectors. Patricia is a Fellow of Leadership for Environment and Development International, a research and training institute committed to fostering leadership in sustainability worldwide. She graduated from the program in 1996 and has gone on to help train subsequent cohorts. With this training, she has presented to audiences all of the world on the topic of sustainability, including presenting on the rewards and challenges of environmental work in local government at the 2004 International Climate Change conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Patricia ran her own business for 14 years and is currently the chair of GrowYourBiz Abbotsford, an advisory and mentoring board for women in business.

Lower Mainland LGA Election Procedures:

An eleven person Executive Board that is determined at the Annual Convention governs the ongoing operations and policy direction of the Lower Mainland LGA.

SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS

President

First Vice-President

Second Vice-President

Third Vice-President

Director at Large (3 positions)

NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

Appointed representatives from:

Fraser Valley Regional District

Metro Vancouver

Squamish Lillooet Regional District

ELEVENTH POSITION

Past President

The Nominations and Elections Process

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2019 (DURING AGM)

- Nominating Committee, Chaired by the Past President Jason Lum presents the nominations received.
- Nominations from the floor for Officer positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President) and three Director at Large positions.
- Candidates speeches, if necessary to follow.
- Elections for positions (if necessary). Voting is scheduled from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on May 9th.

Nominations Received for 2019/20 Lower Mainland LGA Executive

As a result of the call for nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration:

PRESIDENT:

Jack Crompton, Resort Municipality of Whistler

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

Laura Dupont, City of Port Coquitlam

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

Patrick Johnstone, City of New Westminster

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

No Nominations Received

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (three to be elected):

Dennis Adamson, Fraser Valley Regional District

Samantha Piper, Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Patricia Ross, City of Abbotsford

2019 Conference Charity

THE SUCCESSFUL 2019 CONFERENCE CHARITY IS HONOUR HOUSE.

Honour House is a "home away from home" for members of our Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, Emergency Service Personnel and their families to stay, completely free of charge, while they are receiving medical care and treatment in the Lower Mainland area.

These brave individuals, along with their families, sacrifice so much on a daily basis to protect our freedom and our everyday way of life. Honour House allows us the opportunity to show them that we care and how much we appreciate all that they do for us.



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