



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### 2023 Conference Program

#### *Commitment to Excellence & Innovation in Local Government*

**Harrison Hot Springs Resort**  
**100 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC**

### Wednesday, May 3

Time	Item	Location
1:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b> <i>Registration &amp; Delegate Kit sponsored by BC Hydro</i> <i>Lanyards sponsored by BCLC</i> <i>Conference App sponsored by ICBC</i>	Upper Lobby
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>Pre-Conference Tours</b> <b>Tour of the Revitalization of Chilliwack's Downtown Core (District 1881)</b> Join us for a walking tour of Chilliwack's revitalized downtown core and learn how it came to fruition. In 2010, the City's Downtown Core Task Force started the task of determining the best way to revitalize downtown. After research and community consultation, this group of residents, business owners, city staff and councillors published the Downtown Core Task Force Final Report in 2011. The report contained 20 recommendations, including the recommendation that the City assemble land and make it development ready for when market conditions were right. In 2011, the City and the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation (CEPCO) began purchasing properties on Yale Road, Young Road, Princess Avenue, and Empress Lane. The City of Chilliwack and CEPCO assembled a 3.75-acre development site. By 2017, with improved market conditions, the Downtown Plan Implementation Committee issued an RFP for the redevelopment of the land. Both partners carefully reviewed and evaluated the RFP proposals, selecting Algra Bros. as the winning proponent. The rest is history...	Meet shuttle outside of hotel front doors.
4:00-5:30 p.m.	<b>Robotic Dairy Farm Tour</b> Experience the fresh air, expansive fields, and sights of an active dairy farm in the Fraser Valley. During a walk-through tour you will learn about the crops grown right on the farm, interact with a herd of Holstein milking cows, and view the farm's state of the art robotic milking barn. Holger Schwichtenberg, of Holberg Farms currently milks 160 cows in a new three robot barn completed in June of 2019. They own 168 acres and lease another 37. Holger's parents started dairy farming in Agassiz BC in June 1960, after immigrating from Germany. Holger and his sons have carried on the family legacy and continue to farm on the same land today. Holger and his family	Meet shuttle outside of hotel front doors.

	<p>have a strong focus on sustainable growth, environmental stewardship and giving back to their community.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: The BC Dairy Association &amp; BC Transit</i></p>	
<p>7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Official Opening</b></p> <p>Welcome – Councillor Patricia Ross, Lower Mainland LGA President  National Anthem –Councillor Leo Facio, Harrison Hot Springs  First Nations Welcome-Chief Ralph Leon, Sts’ailes First Nation  Host Community Welcome – Councillor Michie Vidal, Harrison Hot Springs</p> <p><b>Opening Keynote:</b></p> <p><b>Naheed Nenshi, Former Mayor of the City of Calgary</b></p> <p>During his 11-year tenure as mayor, Naheed Nenshi led Calgary through one of its most prosperous and tumultuous decades. Alongside unprecedented investment in quality of life, Calgary also saw four states of emergency called that included a devastating flood and a worldwide pandemic. Nenshi’s leadership earned him both national and international recognition, with him being ranked #2 on <i>Maclean’s</i> 2013 Power List and awarded the 2014 World Mayor Prize. Drawing on his extensive experience, Nenshi shares insights into Canada’s political landscape and shows leaders how to empower their teams for success no matter the circumstances.</p> <p>Nenshi served as Calgary’s mayor for three terms between 2010 and 2021, during which Calgary was named one of the best cities to live in the Western Hemisphere. In recognition of his leadership, Nenshi was awarded the World Mayor Prize in 2014 by the City Mayors Foundation. He is also the recipient of the President’s Award from the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Humanitarian Award from the Canadian Psychological Association for his contribution to community mental health.</p> <p>Prior to his election, Nenshi served as Canada’s first tenured professor of non-profit management at the Bissett School of Business at Mount Royal University. Before entering academia, he was a management consultant for global consulting firm McKinsey &amp; Company, and ran his own firm, Ascend Group. His client list included the United Nations, where he explored how corporations can help the world’s poorest people, and the Gap. Today, Nenshi is an intentionally known voice on urban issues. He has presented to audiences across Canada and the world, including the World Economic Forum.</p> <p>Nenshi is a graduate of the University of Calgary, where he served as president of the students’ union, and holds a master’s in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he studied as a Kennedy Fellow. He is a proud first-generation Canadian of Indian ancestry, whose parents immigrated from Tanzania. His family and his Ismaili Muslim faith instilled in him the ethic of <i>sewa</i>, or service to the community, something he tries to live every day.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: CUPE BC</i></p>	<p>Forum Ballroom</p>

To Follow	<b>Welcome Reception &amp; Networking Event</b> <i>Sponsored by: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</i>	Cascade Room
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## Thursday, May 4

Time	Item	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Sponsored by: E-Comm 9-1-1</i>	Cascade Room
8:30-8:35 a.m.	<b>Start of Day Announcements</b> <i>Morning Sponsored by: Pattison Outdoor Advertising LP</i>	Forum Ballroom
8:35-10:00 a.m.	<p><b>Session: Local Government Partnerships &amp; Innovation</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Many municipalities in British Columbia have been able to complete innovative and positive projects within their communities by partnering with private corporations. This panel will include presentations about the success of the Abbotsford Airport, the revitalization of the Chilliwack Downtown Core and the Whistler Sessions Project which included the goal of bringing community stakeholders together to re-imagine tourism in a post-Covid tourism-based economy.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parm Sidhu, Airport General Manager, Abbotsford International Airport</li> <li>- Jason Lum, Councillor at the City of Chilliwack and Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District</li> <li>- Councillor Jen Ford, Councillor at the Resort Municipality of Whistler</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b> Councillor Patricia Ross, President of the Lower Mainland LGA, Councillor at the City of Abbotsford and Vice Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District</p>	Forum Ballroom
10:00-10:20 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Forum Ballroom Foyer
10:20-11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Session: Everyone's Responsibility: Codes of Conduct &amp; Ethics in City Hall</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> Responsible conduct amongst municipal elected officials is central to good governance. Issues can lead to a toxic work environment amongst elected officials and municipal staff and if left unresolved, can result in the erosion of public trust.</p> <p>This panel will discuss the issue of ethics and responsible conduct amongst elected officials and how Councils can foster responsible conduct by establishing a Code of Conduct and internal policies. A discussion will also be held regarding exploring third-party oversight should the code and policies be breached.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reece Harding, Lawyer at Young Anderson and former Ethics Commissioner at the City of Surrey</li> </ul>	Forum Ballroom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michelle Dann, Executive Director Governance and Structure Branch – Ministry of Municipal Affairs</li> <li>- Deanna Lennox, Associate, Code of Conduct Investigations, Strategic Steps Inc.</li> <li>- Councillor Jenna Stoner, Councillor at the District of Squamish</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b> Councillor Paul Albrecht, First Vice President of the Lower Mainland LGA, Councillor at Langley City</p>	
11:30-12:30 p.m.	<p><b>Session: Running a Positive Election Campaign: Reflections and Lessons Learned from the 2022 BC General Municipal Election</b></p> <p><b>Description:</b> This panel will discuss the highs and lows of the 2022 BC General Municipal Election and the importance of running a positive election campaign.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillor Alison Gu, City of Burnaby</li> <li>- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, City of Vancouver</li> <li>- Mayor Nathan Pachal, Langley City</li> <li>- Justin McElroy, Municipal Affairs Reporter for CBC Vancouver</li> </ul> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b> Mayor Armand Hurford, SLRD rep at the Lower Mainland LGA and Mayor of the District of Squamish</p>	Forum Ballroom
12:30-1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Delegates Lunch</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Rogers together with Shaw</i></p>	Cascade Room
1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-President’s Report</li> <li>-Minutes of the 2022 AGM</li> <li>-Nominating Report</li> <li>-2022 Financial Statements</li> <li>-2023 Budget</li> </ul>	Forum Ballroom
To follow until 4:00 pm	<p><b>Resolutions Session</b></p>	Forum Ballroom
2:00-4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Afternoon Coffee Station</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: BC Dairy Association</i></p>	Forum Ballroom Foyer
4:00-5:00 p.m.	<p><b>Elections</b> (if necessary)</p>	Upper Lobby
6:30-7:30 p.m.	<p><b>Pre-Banquet Reception</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: TELUS</i></p>	Cascade Room
7:30-8:45 p.m.	<p><b>Annual Banquet</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Fortis BC</i></p> <p><i>Wine Co-Sponsored by: Municipal Insurance Association of BC and Young Anderson</i></p>	Cooper Room

8:45-10:30 p.m.	<p><b>Entertainment: Rockwell Band</b></p> <p>The Rockwell is a 4-piece band who is local to Harrison Hot Springs, our 2023 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, country &amp; blues.</p>	Cooper Room
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## Friday, May 5

Time	Item	Location
7:30-8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	Cascade Room
8:30-8:40 a.m.	<p><b>Start of Day Announcements</b></p> <p><i>Friday Morning Sessions sponsored by the Municipal Finance Authority</i></p>	Forum Ballroom
8:40-8:55 a.m.	<p><b>Leader of the Official Opposition Address</b></p> <p>Kevin Falcon</p>	Forum Ballroom
8:55-9:10 a.m.	<p><b>BC Green Party Address</b></p> <p>Sonia Furstenau</p>	Forum Ballroom
9:10-9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Minister of Municipal Affairs</b></p> <p>Honourable Anne Kang</p>	Forum Ballroom
9:30-9:45 a.m.	<p><b>UBCM Address</b></p> <p>Councillor Jen Ford, UBCM President</p>	Forum Ballroom
9:45-10:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Coffee Station</b>	Foyer of Forum Ballroom
10:00-10:50 a.m.	<p><b>Closing Keynote:</b></p> <p><b>Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness</b></p> <p><b>Description: Community Resilience in a Time of Climate Disruption</b></p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Lidstone &amp; Company</i></p>	Forum Ballroom
10:50 -11:00 a.m.	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Door Prizes Announced</b>	Forum Ballroom

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