



LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2024 Conference Program *Tackling the Big Issues*

The Westin Resort & Spa Whistler
4090 Whistler Way, Whistler, BC

Wednesday, May 1

Time	Item	Location
1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Registration Opens <i>Registration & Delegate Kit sponsored by BC Hydro</i> <i>Name badges sponsored by BCLC</i> <i>Conference App sponsored by ICBC</i>	Emerald Foyer in front of Ballroom (lower floor of Westin)
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Tours Tour of Whistler's Tourism Facilities Join us for a walking tour through Whistler Village for a Whistler Tourism Facilities Tour to see the attractions that help make Whistler an award-winning all-season resort. <i>Sponsored by: CN</i>	Meet outside front entrance of Westin Whistler by valet station at 2:45 pm
7:00 p.m.	Official Opening Welcome – Councillor Patricia Ross, Lower Mainland LGA President National Anthem –Whistler Children's Choir First Nations Welcome-Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Cultural Ambassadors Host Community Welcome – Mayor Jack Crompton, Resort Municipality of Whistler Opening Keynote: Khelsilem, Council Chairperson of Squamish Nation <i>Sponsored by: CUPE BC</i>	Emerald A/B
To Follow	Welcome Reception & Networking Event <i>Sponsored by: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority</i>	Emerald C

Thursday, May 2

Time	Item	Location
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: E-Comm 9-1-1</i>	Emerald A/B/C
8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.	Start of Day Announcements <i>Morning Sponsored by: Pattison Outdoor Advertising LP</i>	Emerald A/B
8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Session: Public Safety Challenges in Public Spaces Description: This session is informed by engagement with over 61 local governments across BC through the provincial project, Local Leadership United (LLU). Delivered through partnership between the Community Action Initiative (CAI) and the BC Centre for Disease Control, LLU supports local governments with challenges related to substance use and community overdose response. With a focus on public consumption and public safety, this session will equip elected officials with practical tools, examples from other communities and resources to support community health as it relates to these complex issues. Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Nadine Nakagawa, City of New Westminster - Mayor Nathan Pachal, Langley City - Fire Chief Larry Thomas, City of Surrey - Inspector Kevin Murray, Abbotsford Police Department - Michael Grandia, Safe & Healthy Community Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session Moderator: Andrea Derban, Clinical Lead, Episodic Overdose Prevention, Community Action Initiative 	Emerald A/B
10:05 a.m.-10:25 a.m.	Coffee Break	Emerald Foyer
10:25 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.	Q & A Session with the Leader of the BC Green Party, Sonia Furstenau	Emerald A/B
10:55 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Session: The Future of Transportation in the Lower Mainland Description: This panel will discuss what the future of transportation looks like in the Lower Mainland. Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink - Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division, Ministry of Transportation - Chris Fudge, Director, Government Relations, BC Transit Session Moderator: Mayor Armand Hurford, SLRD rep on the Lower Mainland LGA Board and Mayor of the District of Squamish	Emerald A/B

12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<p>The Power of Partnerships: BC Builds Program</p> <p>Description: Rising to meet the challenge of building homes that middle-income households can afford requires a collaborative effort. The province’s new BC Builds program works in partnership with non-profits, local governments, First Nations, and the construction sector to identify available underused land, provide low-cost financing and funding, and quickly deliver projects that create more rental homes and help bring rents more in line with what middle income households earn. Lisa Helps will unpack how this initiative is designed to deliver through current obstacles to developing rental housing – inflation, the cost of land, the cost of construction, and high interest rates – through the power of partnerships across the sector. Work is already underway to build thousands of rental homes quickly so middle-income households and families can have access to rental housing and the housing stability required for communities and economies across B.C. to flourish.</p> <p>Presenter: Lisa Helps, Executive Lead BC Builds Project Origination</p>	Emerald A/B
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	<p>Delegates Lunch</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: National Police Federation</i></p>	Emerald A/B/C
1:30 p.m.	<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -President’s Report -Minutes of the 2023 AGM -Nominating Report -2023 Financial Statements -2024 Budget <p><i>Thursday Afternoon Sessions sponsored by the BC Council of Forest Industries</i></p>	Emerald A/B
To follow until 4:30 p.m.	<p>Resolutions Session</p>	Emerald A/B
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Coffee Station</p>	Emerald Foyer
4:00-p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<p>Elections (if necessary)</p>	Emerald Foyer
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	<p>Pre-Banquet Reception</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Rogers Communications</i></p>	Emerald C
7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.	<p>Annual Banquet</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>	Emerald A/B

8:45 p.m. -10:30 p.m.	<p>Entertainment: Ruckus Deluxe Band</p> <p>Ruckus Deluxe is based in Whistler and features Cirque du Soleil lead singer Chad Oliver on acoustic guitar and GRAMMY nominated violinist Ian Cameron on fiddle, electric guitar and mandolin. They perform over 200 dates a year and cover a massive range of rock, pop and country hits along with their award-winning originals.</p>	Emerald A/B
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Friday, May 3

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7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	<p>Breakfast</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Enbridge</i></p>	Emerald A, B ,C
8:30 a.m.	<p>Start of Day Announcements</p> <p><i>Friday Morning Sessions sponsored by the Municipal Finance Authority</i></p>	Emerald A/B
8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	<p>Q & A Session with the Leader of the Opposition, BC United, Kevin Falcon</p>	Emerald A/B
9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.	<p>Indigenous Insights into UNDRIP Implementation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jordan Point, Councillor Musqueam Indian Band - Wilson Williams: Squamish Nation General Councillor and Spokesperson - Rena Soutar, Manager of Decolonization, Arts and Culture at Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation <p>Session Moderator: Theresa Fresco, Senior Manager, Indigenous Partnerships and Initiatives, Fraser Basin Council</p>	Emerald A/B
10:00 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.	<p>Morning Coffee Station</p>	Emerald Foyer
10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	<p>UBCM Address</p> <p>Councillor Trish Mandewo, UBCM President</p>	Emerald A/B
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	<p>Q & A Session with Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Anne Kang</p>	Emerald A/B
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Keynote:</p> <p>Keith Baldry and Vaughn Palmer</p> <p>Keith Baldrey is highly regarded as one of BC's best known political commentators. He currently serves as the chief political correspondent and legislative bureau chief for Global BC where he provides insightful coverage and analysis on the latest developments in BC's political landscape.</p>	Emerald A/B

	<p>Vaughn Palmer’s hard-hitting columns have seen him cover the feats and follies of BC’s premiers for almost 40 years. An award-winning journalist, Palmer is the Vancouver Sun’s provincial political columnist, based in Victoria. Palmer is a regular commentator on radio station CKNW in Vancouver.</p> <p><i>Sponsored by: Lidstone & Company</i></p>	
12:00 p.m. -12:15 p.m.	<p>Address from the Incoming President</p> <p>Wrap Up & Door Prizes Announced</p> <p>Address from the Outgoing President</p>	Emerald A/B

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