



2025 Advocacy Mission

Meeting with the Attorney General and Deputy Premier, the Honourable Niki Sharma

- The Lower Mainland Local Government Association is one of the five areas associations of UBCM.
- We represent the Lower Mainland of British Columbia including Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and Sea to Sky.
- We represent 30 local governments and 3 regional districts and almost 70% of the population of BC.

Topics Important to our Membership

Bylaw Enforcement Notice Penalty Increase for Development Violations

Current Situation: The *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* provides for an efficient ticket and adjudication process that local governments have successfully implemented through the issuance of bylaw notices to obtain compliance with a variety of bylaw violations. Currently, the administrative burden and cost of the Municipal Ticket information system prevents the practical use of municipal ticketing to obtain compliance with local government bylaws. The development industry may not be in compliance with local government bylaws related to the well-being of the neighborhoods adjacent to their developments, and the current penalty amounts of bylaw notices are not significant enough to bring the development community into compliance with local government bylaws.

REQUEST

That the province increases the maximum allowable penalty provided in Section 6 of the *Local Government Bylaw Enforcement Act* from \$500 to \$3,000.

Safe Welcome Communities

Current Situation: The Province of BC along with UBCM and its members has advocated for, and implemented programs, projects, and investments to support a just, equitable, safe and welcoming society. Political extremism that proposes isolation, exclusion, and division is attempting to gain a foothold globally, threatening the values we hold dearly.

REQUEST

That the province reiterate their unwavering commitment to a just, equitable, safe and welcoming society.

Equitable Court Access

Current Situation: Gaps in service within the Provincial Courts continues to deny timely and equitable access to justice services for all British Columbians and will only be exacerbated by rapid population growth; thus, resulting in harms by prolonging closure for individuals awaiting court judgements, inefficient use of police time for travel, and greater challenges for those with limited access to public transit or transportation.

Although recent investments made by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General have increased capacity at specific courthouses, the investments have not facilitated equitable access for all British Columbians or met service level requirements.

REQUEST

That the province identify and address current gaps in service in the Provincial Courts; and further, release an updated Courthouse Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP) which reflects new growth projections and future service level needs.