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Local Government Leadership Academy Certificates Awarded

Five municipalities and six regional districts are benefitting from educational opportunities provided by the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA), as individual elected officials from these local governments recently earned LGLA certification in recognition of their educational experience. The LGLA Board awarded the following certificates at the LGLA Leadership Forum in Richmond, BC in February 2011:

Level 1 – Certificate in Local Government Leadership

- Director Bill Baird, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Councillor Joe Bratkowski, District of Lantzville
- Councillor Debbie Cannon, City of Salmon Arm
- Director Ronaye Elliott, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Councillor Donna Fraser, District of Tofino
- Chair Susan Gimse, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Councillor Tom Grant, Town of Comox
- Councillor Ivan Idzan, City of Salmon Arm
- Mayor Paul Ives, Town of Comox
- Director Brenda Leigh, Strathcona Regional District
- Director Max Lentz, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Director Lorne Lewis, Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Director Tim Pennell, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Director Irene Perepolkin, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
- Director Walter Popoff, Regional District of Central Kootenay
- Director Barry Tait, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Director John Taylor, Thompson-Nicola Regional District
- Councillor Christine Thompson, City of Grand Forks
- Director Sally Watson, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Level 2 – Advanced Certificate in Local Government Leadership

- Chair Susan Gimse, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

The LGLA was created in 2006 to foster the development of skills, knowledge and leadership in local government elected officials and senior administrators—essential competencies for building and sustaining BC communities. The LGLA Board is comprised of representatives from the Union of BC Municipalities; Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development; Local Government Management Association; Municipal Finance Authority; and Municipal Insurance Association.