



# Media Release

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## **Incorporation of a New Society**

The Local Government Leadership Academy Society (LGLA) is pleased to announce its incorporation as a society in the Province of British Columbia as of August 23, 2010. The society held its first Annual General Meeting on January 19, 2011. This is a pivotal time for the LGLA, which will continue to provide high quality educational opportunities for elected officials at the local government level. The LGLA recently produced a successful Leadership Forum with keynote speakers the Honourable Stephanie Cadieux, then Minister of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, and Mayor Naheed Nenshi from the City of Calgary. In January and February 2012, the LGLA will reprise its popular Seminars for Newly Elected Officials around the province.

Created in 2006 to foster the development of skills, knowledge and leadership in local government elected officials and senior administrators, the LGLA is supported in part by an endowment founded by key stakeholders. Principal contributors to the endowment included the Government of British Columbia, Union of BC Municipalities, BC Assessment Authority, Municipal Finance Authority, Local Government Management Association, and the Municipal Insurance Association. In addition, seventy local governments from around the province showed their support for the education of elected officials by contributing to the endowment.

The LGLA is governed by a Board whose members represent:

- Union of BC Municipalities
- Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development
- Local Government Management Association
- Municipal Finance Authority
- First Nations

The Municipal Insurance Association and BC Assessment Authority may also choose to nominate candidates for the LGLA Board in the position of Director at Large.

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