

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY *Update*

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BC LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP FORUM JUNE 13 - 15, 2007 - RICHMOND, BC

Be Among the First to Take Advantage of Local Government Leadership Training at the Inaugural LGLA Forum

The program for the BC Local Government Leadership Forum is packed full of skills-development training and information for local government and First Nations leaders. We encourage you to join your fellow elected officials and senior administrators in celebrating the official launch of the Local Government Leadership Academy at this unique event.

DAY ONE: Registrants can choose from hands-on training sessions focusing on leadership strategies for affordable housing, age-friendly communities, regional economic development and services, or sustainability. Community and professional leaders from across the province will lead each session, which will include information and case studies you can apply to your community.

DAY TWO: We begin the day with a keynote address from **Premier Gordon Campbell**. As a former Mayor and UBCM President, the Premier is no stranger to the leadership challenges of local government. He will offer the assembly his candid thoughts on leadership and community building.

Following Premier Campbell's address, we will hold two plenary sessions on leadership. The first of these will focus on leadership strategies for relationship building among provincial and local governments and First Nations. The second will offer advice on how to connect and work effectively with the community, business and cultural sectors. Leaders from each of these groups will share

their advice and thoughts on how to build productive working relationships.

Day two concludes with a second keynote address; this one from renowned political and social commentator **Rex Murphy**, who will join us to offer his thoughts on leadership, politics, and community. No shrinking violet, Rex is bound to make you laugh and think about the meaning of community leadership and your role as a local government leader.

DAY THREE: Registrants choose from a second set of intensive training sessions focusing on leadership strategies for effective communication, CAO/CEO relations, community engagement or conflict resolution. Each of these sessions will be led by exceptional community and professional leaders from across the province.

NETWORKING EVENTS: Forum delegates are also invited to attend the following social events: Wednesday evening Welcome Reception; Thursday afternoon Lunch; Thursday evening Leadership Networking Reception.

We hope you will join your fellow local government leaders at this exciting event and take advantage of the first round of programming offered through the Local Government Leadership Academy. The agenda is meant to give you a taste of what is to come as the LGLA rolls out its ongoing, three-year leadership training program for elected officials, First Nations leaders and senior administrators across the province.

REX MURPHY CONFIRMED AS SECOND KEYNOTE SPEAKER JUNE 14, 2007

We are delighted to announce that renowned political commentator and broadcaster Rex Murphy will offer a keynote address at the inaugural BC Local Government Leadership Forum this June. Known across the country for his wit and erudite insight into the political landscape, Rex blends his training as a Rhodes Scholar with his upbringing in Newfoundland to view leadership and community from a truly unique perspective. More than a sideline observer of politics, Rex also served for a time as a political advisor in Newfoundland and was twice a candidate for provincial political office. He will speak on the challenges of political leadership and community building.



Rex Murphy

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

For BC Local Government Leadership Forum registration information, a detailed session overview and further information on the LGLA initiative, please visit www.civiconet.bc.ca and look under Programs & Services/Local Government Leadership Academy.

Early bird registration deadline: **May 10, 2007**. Regular deadline: **May 31, 2007**.