

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Update

March 23, 2007



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

(BCAA, LGMA, MFA, MIA) and UBCM members, we are now in a position to formally launch the Academy. It is my pleasure to advise that the LGLA Board held its inaugural meeting on January 18, 2007, where a plan of action for the coming year was determined.

At the January 18 meeting, the Board finalized the LGLA Charter and Terms of Reference, discussed investment and use of financial reserves in the LGLA trust fund, reviewed the core competencies focus for program development and settled on an immediate work plan for 2007 and the framework for an ongoing, three-year program cycle to begin in 2008. It was determined that the LGLA curriculum should provide learning opportunities for newly elected officials through to elected officials with many years of experience, and should include a significant council/board – staff relations element, as well as First Nations training.

Programming will endeavour to address individual and group needs, the needs of communities of varying sizes and will include both a regional delivery element and an online presence. The Board also committed to making training opportunities both affordable and accessible to all local governments.

The official launch of the Academy will take place June 13–15, 2007 with a Provincial Leadership Forum, where the Premier will speak as the keynote. Sessions will focus both on “Big Picture Leadership” and leadership within specific local government contexts (e.g., affordable housing). Stay tuned for a formal conference announcement providing session details and registration information.

After the June Forum, our next step will be the official roll-out of a three-year LGLA program cycle at the 2007 UBCM Convention, with course offerings to begin in 2008. Preliminary LGLA sessions may also be offered as part of Monday, pre-Convention programming in 2007.

It is my sincere pleasure to be a part of this worthy initiative and to report to you on our progress to date. I look forward to launching the Academy in the coming months and to developing an ongoing program cycle that will take us well into the future. I extend my sincere thanks to those members who have helped to make the LGLA a possibility through their generous contributions and I invite all of you to watch our progress and be ready to take advantage of LGLA training and educational opportunities beginning in June 2007!

Please see the second page of this Update for additional information on your Local Government Leadership Academy:

- Accomplishments to Date
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- LGLA Board Members

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Binnie".

UBCM President
LGLA Chair

In 2005, UBCM conducted an analysis of training and educational resources available to local elected officials and senior administrators in British Columbia. We determined what we had long suspected – that there was a lack of ongoing, coordinated and comprehensive support in this area. The Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) is a response to this need, and is envisioned as a leadership development initiative that will serve the needs of elected officials and senior administrators by improving the competencies needed to effectively manage and lead the corporations that provide services and local government to BC's communities. With an initial \$1 million contribution from the Province, the support of our association partners



2006/2007 LGLA BOARD MEMBERS

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Susan Gimse (UBCM), Richard Taylor (UBCM staff support), Gary Paget (Ministry of Community Services), Brenda Binnie (UBCM), Steve Berna (Municipal Finance Authority), Isabell Hadford (Local Gov't Management Association), Dale Wall (Ministry of Community Services).

LGLA CONTRIBUTORS



- PROVINCE OF BC
- UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES
- BC ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
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- VALEMOUNT
- VICTORIA
- VIEW ROYAL
- WILLIAMS LAKE
- WHITE ROCK



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

The following is an overview of accomplishments to date in the foundation and development of the Local Government Leadership Academy:

- Over \$1,115,000 in core foundational funding raised;
- Investment strategy for core funding determined – original contributions to be preserved as an endowment and interest earnings used to fund LGLA fixed costs;
- Development of LGLA core competencies for local government leadership at February 2006 workshop;
- Validation of core competencies at May 2006 Chief Elected Official Forum and through June 2006 UBCM member survey;
- Solicited appointments to the LGLA Board;
- LGLA Board established for 2006/2007;
- Inaugural meeting of the LGLA Board held January 18, 2007;
- LGLA Charter and Terms of Reference finalized;
- One-year work program determined for 2007 – featuring official Academy launch at June 2007 Provincial Leadership Forum;
- Ongoing, three-year programming cycle planned for 2008 and beyond – to be rolled out at 2007 UBCM Convention;
- LGLA status updates communicated to UBCM members through various media, including: UBCM News articles, President's messages in UBCM News, President's addresses and a dedicated LGLA page on CivicNet.

PLEASE VISIT THE CIVICNET WEBSITE TO VIEW THE LGLA CHARTER AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (WWW.CIVICNET.BC.CA – PROGRAMS & SERVICES/ LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY). CHECK BACK OFTEN FOR PROGRAM UPDATES, MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.