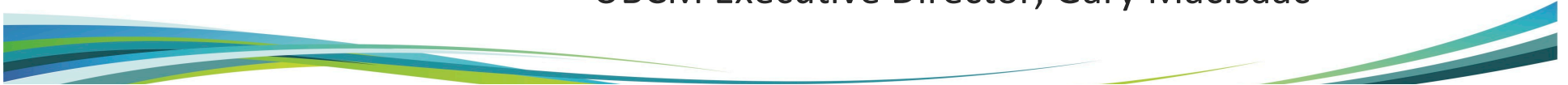




UBCM Action on Member Priorities

Local Government Leadership Academy
2014 Leadership Forum

UBCM President, Director Rhona Martin
UBCM Executive Director, Gary Maclsaac





Member Priorities

Additions to Reserve	Year of Reconciliation	Packaging and Printed Paper	Local Government Finance	Local Government Elections	Infrastructure	UBCM Communications
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Federal Additions to Reserve (ATR) Policy

ATR policy

Fills legislative gap

Outlines conditions for adding land to reserve

ATR policy review

Initiated in 2011 by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) and Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Additions to Reserve: Expediting the Process

Released by Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples in 2012



UBCM's Monitoring of ATR Policy

Monitoring/responding since 2010

Update at UBCM Convention session

Oct. 2013 – UBCM Submission on Proposed Revisions to ATR Policy submitted; available on ubcm.ca

Dec. 2013 – UBCM/Metro Vancouver testify to Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on ATR

Current Status of ATR Review

January 2014

First Nations Relations Committee hears update on ATR status

Federal representatives report on local government concerns

Current Federal Review

Local gov./UBCM issues and recommendations being considered/analyzed by staff

Recommendations to Minister will include UBCM's interest in further review/comment

Coming Fiscal

Implementation expected

UBCM will continue to respond and seek involvement in implementation



UBCM's Year of Reconciliation

- Reconciliation Week coincides with 2013 UBCM Convention
- UBCM assembly declares Year of Reconciliation
- UBCM offers Expression of Reconciliation at Truth and Reconciliation Commission National Event

UBCM Declares Year of Reconciliation with BC First Nations

Sep 18, 2013

UBCM delegates started UBCM convention by adopting a resolution to declare a year of Reconciliation with First Nations across British Columbia.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, with the support of Reconciliation Canada, have announced that its National Event for BC take place in the City of Vancouver from September 16 to 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Municipalities has actively engaged with First Nations communities and peoples through the work being done by its own First Nations Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver, the host community for this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention, and many other communities have declared this year to be their Year of Reconciliation with First Nations peoples and communities; and

WHEREAS making such a commitment is the first step in fostering a new relationship based in respect and honesty,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities also declare this year, 2013, as its year of Reconciliation with First Nations across British Columbia.

Full text available on ubcm.ca



Reconciliation in Action

UBCM First Nations Relations Committee work plan

UBCM involvement in Reconciliation Canada Provincial Advisory Team

Discussion with Reconciliation Canada and BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres on roll-out of 100 Reconciliation Dialogue Workshops



Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship Program

Membership ask for creation of industry led product stewardship program

The way the stewardship program was being implemented caused concerns

2013 Resolution called for: more time to consider MMBC offer; review and revision of stewardship plan; and creation of a negotiating committee



UBCM Recycling Negotiating Committee

October 2013

UBCM Recycling
Negotiating
Committee struck

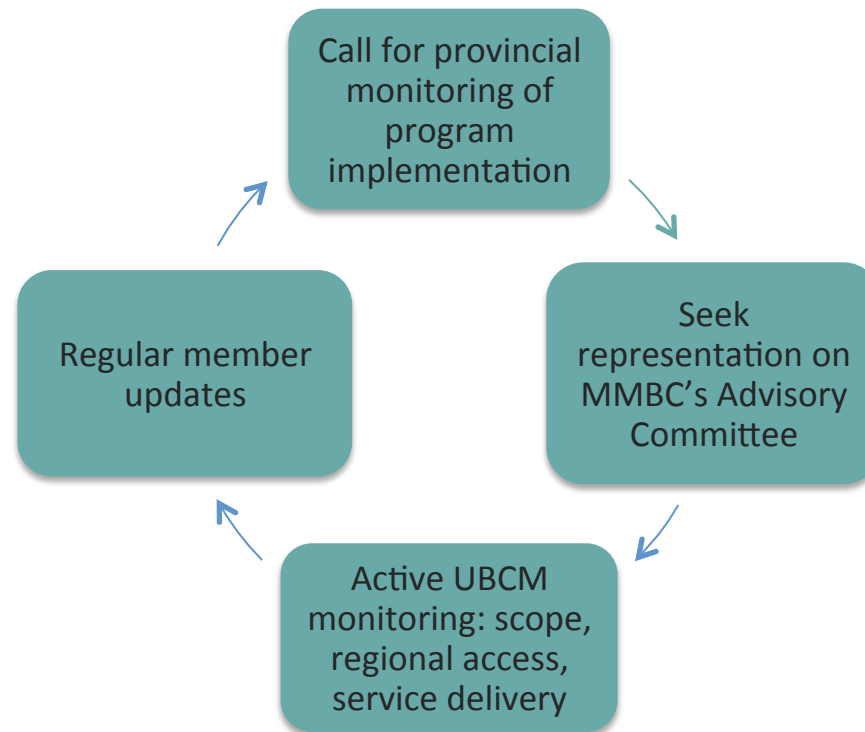
Oct/Nov 2013

Extensive
engagement with
the Province and
MMBC on
contract,
implementation
and approach

November 2014

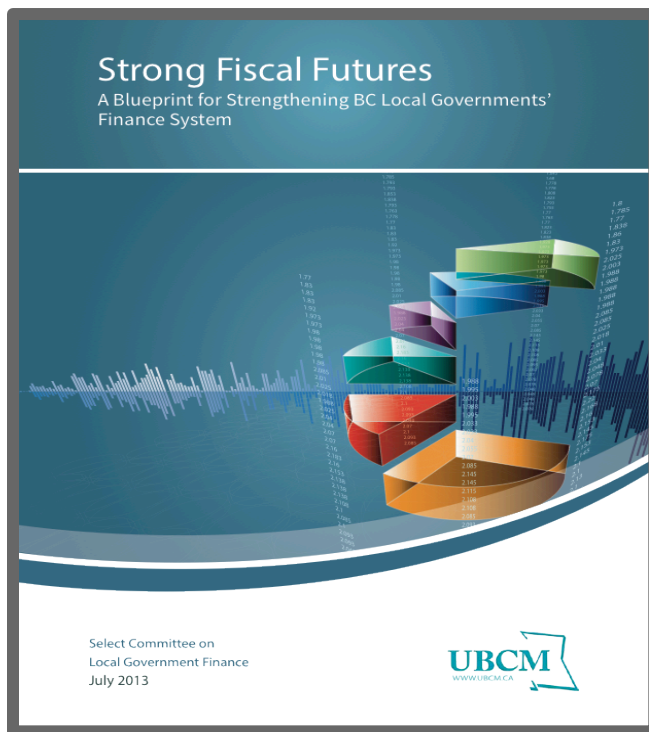
Committee
provided clarifying
information to
assist in individual
local government
decision-making

Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Program: Next Steps





Local Government Finance



Strong Fiscal Futures: Blueprint for strengthening local government finance system

Endorsed at Convention 2013

Key priority and major focus of advocacy program





Local Government Finance: Advocacy

Wrote to, and met with, both the Premier and the Minister

Positive initial response about growing the economy and working together

Initial contact with MLA Reimer, the lead within Government

Primary focus of 'Advocacy Days' in April



Local Government Finance: Further Development Work

Select Committee reinstated for 2014

Undertake further policy development

Participate in advocacy initiatives



Potential areas of focus

Economic growth and infrastructure bank

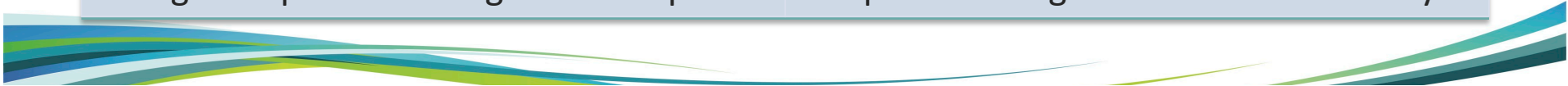
Elected Officials Level Committee



Updates to the membership

Regular updates through the Compass

Update during 2014 Convention likely



Local Government Elections





Local Government Elections

Phase 1

- Accountability, transparency, compliance and enforcement
- Everything but expense limits
- If passed by Legislative Assembly, would take effect for November 2014 local elections

Phase 2

- Expense limits
- Legislation perhaps introduced soon after 2014, well in advance of next local elections



Local Government Elections

Next Election November 2014; move to third week in October after 2014

Request for 4 year terms

Other Elections
Related Matters

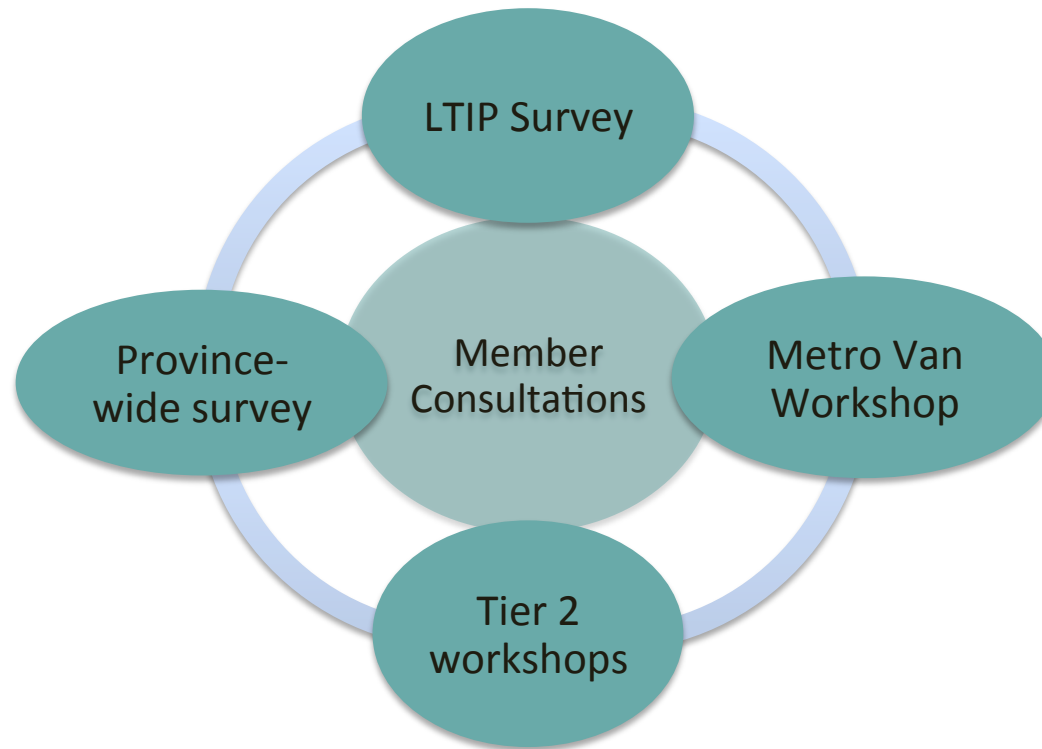
Contribution limits

Education and information

www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/LocalGovtElectionReform



Renewed Gas Tax Member Consultations





Renewed Gas Tax Agreement Negotiations

Negotiations proceeding well

Consensus on most issues of importance to local governments

Expect to conclude in time to ensure no interruption in flow of payments



Building Canada Fund

Program Details Unknown

- FCM meeting with Federal Ministers, but still no answers
- UBCM less directly involved in discussions

Local Government Access a Priority

- Allocation of funding to local governments (e.g. through Communities Component) will be key and is not yet assured

May know more by Budget Date

- FCM anticipates more detail will be announced before federal budget day (Feb 11)



Communications



Executive Meeting Highlights

UBCM Executive members met January 23-24, 2014 for their second full board meeting of the year. A full complement of eight committee meetings were held and the Executive received a delegation from Richard Bullock, Chair and Brian Underhill, Executive Director, Agricultural Land Commission. [Read More](#)

Call for Local Government Resolutions

It's time for UBCM members to submit resolutions to Area Associations for consideration. Guidelines for top-notch resolution writing along with the deadlines for submissions are now available. [Read More](#)

Environment Canada Recovery Strategies

Environment Canada is inviting public comment on proposed recovery strategies for two species at risk: the [Marbled Murrelet](#) (a coastal ocean bird) and the [Woodland Caribou](#), Southern Mountain population. Both species are at risk due to habitat loss and human activity. [Read More](#)

January 29, 2014



Quick Links

[Register](#) for UBCM's Electoral Area Directors' Meeting - February 4-5, 2014.

[Submit](#) your session proposals for the 2014 Regional District CEO/CAO Forum, March 25-26, 2014.



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Questions and Answers

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