



2016 LGLA Leadership Forum

The annual, province-wide LGLA Leadership Forum is a unique opportunity for BC local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators to learn from fellow leaders, experienced practitioners and subject experts and to connect with one another. Read on for a taste of the 2016 program, and plan to join us in Richmond from February 3-5, 2016 for an inspiring and informative event!

Plenary Highlights

We kick things off with a keynote address delivered by **Dr. Beverley Busson**, Order of BC recipient, one of the first female members of the RCMP and the first woman to be appointed as Commissioner of the RCMP. Dr. Busson will share leadership lessons using stories and anecdotes from her own life and career. Later on opening day, the SFU Centre for Dialogue will deliver an interactive and engaging workshop on **Community Engagement**, followed by a **Networking Reception** where delegates will have an opportunity to continue the conversation one-on-one with colleagues from around the province. Thursday evening **Dr. Gordon McIntosh** will lead delegates through a personality analysis and a discussion of the impact of personality traits on leadership style and success. And Friday morning the **Honourable Peter Fassbender**, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, will say a few words.

Stream #1 – Respect for Yourself

Under the first stream of the Respectful Leadership theme, we welcome **Joyanne Landers** back to LGLA on Thursday morning to address the topic of achieving work-life balance – something that can be a real challenge for elected officials who are often juggling part-time or full-time jobs, public office, and personal responsibilities. Thursday afternoon **Dr. Jennifer Walinga**, Royal Roads instructor and former Olympic rower, will discuss how the sport performance metaphor can be applied to the practices of self leadership: goal setting, visioning, and planning.

Stream #2 – Respect for Others

Karen Joseph, Executive Director of Reconciliation Canada, will discuss local government-First Nations relations and reconciliation on Thursday morning, and **Reconciliation Canada** will follow this with a discussion of the Truth and Reconciliation Report's 94 calls to action on Friday morning. Also on Thursday, former Mayor of Golden, **Christina Bentley**, will lead a session on strategies for effective meetings and positive encounters with the public. And on Friday morning take some time to consider harassment and bullying in the local government context in a session presented by labour law experts **Harris & Company**.

Stream #3 – Respect for the Office

LGLA is proud to be partnering with the **Local Government Management Association** to offer two important sessions under this third stream on Thursday. In the morning a group of former mayors and CAOs will explore the need for respectful relations among elected officials and between elected officials and staff; and in the afternoon **Michael Shoop** and **Gerrie Waugh** will lead an interactive exploration of skills and tools for conflict engagement and constructive communications. On Friday, join Linda Blackman of the Office of the Ombudsperson to learn about **Open Meetings**, lawyer Reece Harding to consider whether or not there is a need for an **Integrity Commissioner** in BC, and Jay Fedorak of the Information & Privacy Commissioner's office to learn what every elected official needs to know about **FOIPPA**.

Forum Registration: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2016/LGLAForum.asp> (\$300+GST)

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About the Local Government Leadership Academy

The mission of the Local Government Leadership Academy is to provide local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators with comprehensive, timely and dedicated leadership development opportunities in the interest of improving governance at the local level. Visit our website to learn more about **LGLA certification** opportunities: <http://lgla.ca/programs/>.