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LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2016 LEADERSHIP FORUM



Left to Right: Alec Dan of the Musqueam Indian Band welcomes LGLA delegates; the Honourable Peter Fassbender addresses the crowd; Dr. Beverley Busson delivers the keynote speech

Delegates Explore “Respectful Leadership” at 2016 LGLA Leadership Forum

Delegates attending the 2016 LGLA Leadership Forum enjoyed an excellent line-up of speakers and presenters at one of the highest-rated LGLA events to date. The Forum began with Dr. Bev Busson, former RCMP Commissioner, delivering a keynote address on the topic of 3-Dimensional Leadership. Up next was a session on Community Engagement led by the SFU Civic Engage team, followed by some time to relax and connect with colleagues old and new at the annual LGLA Welcome Reception. The next day of the forum featured a partnership between LGLA and the Local Government Management Association to offer a session on Elected-Elected-Staff Relations and Conflict Engagement and Communication. Also on the agenda were sessions on Self Leadership, Managing Work-Life Balance, Effective Meetings and Encounters with the Public, and Reconciliation for Local Governments and First Nations. Dr. Gordon McIntosh brought the whole crowd back on our jam-packed second day for an evening session on civility and understanding the impact your personality has on those around you. Early morning clinics were offered by the Union of BC Municipalities, Municipal Insurance Association and BC Assessment. And our final day included sessions brought to our delegates by the Office of the Ombudsperson, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Reconciliation Canada and local law firms Harris & Co. and Young Anderson. The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development brought greetings from the province, and Forum Rapporteur Ken Cameron provided some perspective on the overall proceedings in our closing session.

Forum Evaluation

The forum received a 4.5 out of 5 star rating, with 92.1% of responding delegates rating the experience good to excellent. Some of the comments that were provided in the evaluations included:

Wonderful conference. Well organized. Great speakers. Top-notch skill building and information.

Very useful seminar especially for a newly elected councillor. Majority of the speakers were high energy, which made engagement more exciting. All speakers were excellent giving information.

Very well organized and stimulating sessions. Experiential sessions particularly good.

Excellent forum. Nice size for networking. Love the interactive components of each session.

Suggestions for improvement were also gathered, as were future session and speaker ideas. These will be used to inform our planning for 2017.

Resources Available Online

Presentations, resources, photos and audio files from the 2016 Forum are now available online at <http://lgla.ca/events/past/2016-lgla-leadership-forum/>. Also useful is our “Resources” page, available at <http://lgla.ca/resources/>, where you’ll find a host of materials from all our events organized by subject.

LGLA Certification

And don’t forget, LGLA offers a Level 1 Certificate in Local Government Leadership and a Level 2 Advanced Certificate in Local Government Leadership. If you attended the 2015 Elected Officials Seminars and the 2016 Leadership Forum, you are already well on your way to earning your certification! See <http://lgla.ca/programs/> for application forms and further details.

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In closing, we would like to thank our sponsors, once again, for their generous support of our local government and First Nations leaders.

