



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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Background:

Formed collaboratively in 2005 by UBCM, MFA, LGMA, BCA, MIA, local governments of BC and the Province of BC, the LGLA provides comprehensive, timely and dedicated leadership development opportunities throughout each electoral term in the interests of improving governance at the local level. An original endowment from each of the founding organizations, plus subsequent contributions, has enabled the LGLA to provide quality programming since its establishment.

LGLA's main offerings are the Elected Officials Seminars in the winter immediately following local government elections and a province-wide annual Leadership Forum in between election years. In addition, we have held an annual Chief Executive Officer (Mayors/Chairs/Chiefs) Forum and periodic webinars with educational partners such as LGMA, the SFU Centre for Dialogue, and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training.

We have also succeeded in establishing a presence at both the UBCM Convention and the spring Area Association conferences.

Update:

At the April 2017 Annual General Meeting, the LGLA Board of Directors decided to move the AGM to the month of November in order to include fiscal year-end reports (which are completed in July of each year) in the AGM agenda. This report thus provides an update on activities undertaken since the April 2017 AGM.

2016/17 ACTIVITIES:

Overview of the Main Events

No major events have taken place in the seven months since the last AGM. The 2017 Chief Elected Officials Forum (Dec. 7-8) and the 2018 Leadership Forum (Jan 31-Feb 2) are on the immediate horizon and will be reported in the 2017-18 Annual Report next fall.

Other Events of Note

2017 UBCM CONVENTION

UBCM was once again kind enough to share the UBCM booth at the Convention tradeshow with LGLA. Program Manager Errin Morrison was able to meet delegates and advise them of LGLA's events and certification program. Attending and participating in the UBCM Convention is one of the key ways LGLA is able to interact first-hand with local government elected officials and staff and gather ideas and suggestions for future forums and events. This is also our main opportunity to promote the certification program as certificates are handed

out at the Tuesday Forums by the Minister and the UBCM President. This year was notable in that we handed out the LGLA's first three Level Three Certificates of Excellent in Local Government Leadership (see below).

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

The LGLA has been involved in the following strategic activities since the last AGM.

Partnerships

LGLA continues to work with a group of BC local government associations to produce a **joint information package for newly elected officials and incoming local government staff** in time for the 2018 local government elections – explaining how the various associations complement one another and work together to serve the local government sector. Other organizations currently involved in this initiative include CivicInfo, UBCM, LGMA, BC Assessment, GFOA, ICIS, MFA, MIA, and MAH.

LGLA is also involved in the **Prospective Candidates Working Group**, which is a collaboration between MCSCD, LGMA, UBCM and LGLA to produce information for those considering running for local government election in 2018 – informing them of the expectations, the time commitment, and other implications of holding elected office. Interviews with elected officials were conducted at the 2017 UBCM Convention, and these will be used as part of the prospective candidates resource materials.

CivicInfo Scholarship Committee

LGLA Program Manager Errin Morrison was invited to participate in the new **CivicInfo Society Scholarship Committee**. The CivicInfo Board of Directors has decided to dedicate a percentage of the profits from the CivicJobs posting service to the establishment of a Canada-wide scholarship program for people pursuing post-secondary education and/or certificate programs in the local government sector. So far the Committee has met three times by teleconference to establish a general outline for the scholarship program, which will be presented to the CivicInfo Board of Directors and hopefully put into action in time to award the first scholarship in late spring 2018.

BOARD/STAFF

Board of Directors

Councillor Arjun Singh, LGLA President, UBCM
joined Nov. 2014, re-appointed Nov. 2016 (two-year term – ends Nov. 2018)

Mayor Sharon Gaetz, LGLA Vice-President, UBCM
appointed Nov. 2017, (two-year term – ends Nov. 2019)

Gary Paget, LGLA Secretary-Treasurer, MAH
joined Aug. 2010, re-appointed Apr. 2014 (ongoing)

Nicola Marotz, MAH
joined Nov. 2012, reappointed Apr. 2014 (ongoing)

Bill Flitton, LGMA
Appointed Jun. 2017 (one-year term – ends Jun. 2018)

Charles Hamilton, MIABC
Joined Dec. 2016 (ongoing)

Peter Urbanc, MFABC
joined Jan. 2016 (ongoing)

Chair John Jack, LGLA Director-at-Large, Alberni-Clayoquot RD & Huu-ay-aht First Nation
joined Nov. 2015, re-appointed Nov. 2016 (two-year term – ends Nov. 2018)

Staff

Errin Morrison continues as LGLA Program Manager, and **Pamela Lewis** continues to assist with forum logistics.

LGLA CERTIFICATION

The following Certificates in Local Government Leadership were issued in 2017:

Level One

- 1) Director Elef Christensen, Okanagan-Similkameen RD
- 2) Councillor David Dubois, Village of Cache Creek
- 3) Mayor Cindy Fortin, Peachland
- 4) Councillor Nicholas Hodge, Lumby
- 5) Mayor Ron Hovanes, Oliver
- 6) Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm
- 7) Councillor Julie Pilon, Lumby
- 8) Councillor Sandy Salt, Village of Valemount
- 9) Councillor Arjun Singh, Kamloops
- 10) Councillor Stacey Tyers, Terrace
- 11) (*former*) Director Angelique Wood, Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Level Two

- 1) Councillor Hollie Blanchette, Valemount
- 2) Director Elef Christensen, Okanagan-Similkameen RD
- 3) Mayor Ron Hovanes, Oliver
- 4) Councillor Roger Kishi, Cumberland

- 5) Mayor Jessica Lunn, Slocan
- 6) Director Rodney Nichol, Comox Valley RD
- 7) Councillor Sandy Salt, Village of Valemount
- 8) Councillor Stacey Tyers, Terrace

Level Three

- 1) Mayor Kevin Acton, Lumby
- 2) Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
- 3) Director Lara Beckett, Fraser-Fort George RD

2016/17 FINANCES

LGLA's current assets include:

\$1,125,000 – restricted reserve funds (original endowment – in trust with UBCM)

\$301,523 – unrestricted reserve funds (surplus funds earned since incorporation)

2016/17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Other accomplishments and activities completed in 2016/17 include:

- Instituted Memorial Scholarship in memory of late LGLA Director Cathy Watson;
- Instituted a Level 3 Certificate in Local Government Leadership; and
- Conducted a full financial review of fiscal 2015 and 2016.

2016/17 GOALS

On the horizon for 2017/18 are the following non-event-related major projects/initiatives:

- Full LGLA website rebuild;
- Full review/update/transition of LGLA Bylaws to comply with new *Societies Act*;
- Full review/update of LGLA Policy Manual; and
- Full review/update of LGLA Roles & Responsibilities Manual.

SUMMARY

In closing, the past seven months have been dedicated mainly to work on updating the LGLA Bylaws and Policy Manual, as well as planning for the 2017 Chief Elected Officials Forum and the 2018 Leadership Forum. These events are now on the immediate horizon, and we also hope to participate in the 2018 Area Association spring conferences, attend the 2018 UBCM Convention, look for additional educational partnerships such as those with SFU and MJTST, and promote all three levels of our Local Government Leadership Certificate Program.