

2018 LGLA Leadership Forum
**“Leading to the Finish: Reflections
on a Term in Office”**

January 31-February 2, 2018
Radisson Hotel, Richmond, BC



Join us this January 31-February 1 for the Annual LGLA Leadership Forum – one of very few opportunities to gather with elected officials and senior staff from all over the province to discuss issues and learn about timely topics of importance in local governance. This year our theme is:

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This year’s LGLA Forum is chock full of excellent speakers, panels and sessions on topics you won’t want to miss. We open with an engaging keynote from Shachi Kurl, Executive Director of the Angus Reid Institute, who will give an overview of the current state of the province and public perceptions on some of the key issues facing BC local governments: respectful conduct, civic engagement, indigenous issues and reconciliation, cannabis legalization, climate change, social media engagement, etc. Come with your questions as Shachi will leave ample time for Q&A after her talk.

As Executive Director of the Angus Reid Institute, **SHACHI KURL** can be found offering analysis on CBC’s “At Issue,” Canada’s most-watched political panel, as well as in *The Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, and other influential forums. At the Institute—one of North America’s premier nonpartisan, not-for-profit research and public opinion polling organizations—she works to further public knowledge, debunk myths, and contribute to debate and discussion in meaningful ways, enhancing the understanding of issues that matter to Canada and the world. She brings nearly two decades of public policy expertise to her role, spending the first part of her career as political reporter. Kurl is a recipient of the prestigious Jack Webster Award for Best TV Reporting. Along with former Australian and UK Prime Ministers Julia Gillard and Margaret Thatcher, she is an Alumnus of the US State Department’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Her expertise has been sought by policymakers who have invited her to testify before parliamentary committees at the House of Commons. She holds a degree in Journalism and Political Science from Carleton University.



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After the keynote we move into a plenary session on Responsible Conduct and wrap the first day with an address from the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing followed by our evening Networking Reception.

On our main day of the forum you'll have a chance to attend 4 of 6 concurrent sessions under the streams *Overcoming Challenges* (Summer 2017 Forest Fires, Surviving Social Media), *Moving Forward* (Women in Local Government, Channeling Negative Pressure into Positive Change) and *Celebrating Achievements* (Community Economic Development, LG-FNs Partnership Stories). And back by popular demand is our evening Open Discussion Forum where you'll have a chance to talk, share stories and advice and do a little problem-solving in an informal setting with your colleagues from around the province.

Day 3 features sessions on cannabis legalization, preparing for the 2018 local government elections, local government finance, new economic development opportunities and revenue sources. We'll also have special early-morning clinics put on by UBCM, MIA and BC Assessment; and you'll have ample networking opportunities over our two hot breakfasts, our Thursday buffet lunch, and regular refreshment breaks each day.

Don't delay – secure your spot before it's too late! Register online at <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2018/LGLA-LeadershipForum>. Cost is **\$350+GST**. See the 2018 Leadership Forum webpage (<http://lgla.ca/2017/12/07/2018-lgla-leadership-forum/>) for all details. **And remember – the Forum is open to both elected officials and senior staff from local governments and First Nations.** Don't miss this opportunity to join your colleagues from around the province to ring in this last year of the current electoral term together!

Please contact Errin Morrison, LGLA Program Manager (emorrison@lgla.ca) with your questions.