



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Local Government Leadership Academy is a leadership development initiative that serves local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators throughout the Province of British Columbia by improving the competencies needed to effectively lead BC's communities.

Certificate Program

The LGLA Certificate Program is designed to support and encourage elected officials who want to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge. To qualify for a certificate, elected officials are required to document their leadership development activities and to submit a record of the learning events they have attended. Course work can be a mix of LGLA and other partner agency programming, such as UBCM and Area Association conferences and seminars. Three levels of certification are offered: Level 1 Certificate in Local Government Leadership, Level 2 Advanced Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Level 3 Certificate of Excellence in Local Government Leadership. Please visit lgl.ca/programs for application forms and full details.

Elected Officials Seminar Series

Following local government elections, the LGLA holds a series of seminars around the province for newly elected and returning elected officials. The program covers the basics of local governance (e.g., meeting procedures, law, planning, finance, etc.) as well as current topics of importance (e.g., local government-First Nations relations, citizen engagement, media relations, etc.). Our 2019 EOS series will be held from January to March 2019 in Richmond, Jan 15-18 (2 events); Kelowna, Jan 23-25; Prince George, Jan 30-Feb 1; Parksville, Feb 12-15 (2 events); and Kimberley, Feb 26-Mar 1 (2 events). Our last round of seminars took place in 2015 and were a great success, with a total of 721 elected officials and staff participating. Visit lgl.ca/events for all the details – we hope to see you there!

Leadership Forum

LGLA offers an annual Leadership Forum in between election years. This is a three-day learning and networking event held in the Lower Mainland, which brings together local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators from around the province. Our last Leadership Forum – Leading to the Finish: Reflections on a Term in Office – was held Jan 31-Feb 2, 2018 in Richmond and all available materials, resources, photos, and audio recordings are posted online at lgl.ca/events.

Chief Elected Officials Forum

The LGLA's Chief Elected Officials Forum is a professionally facilitated session held specifically for Mayors, Chairs and Chiefs. It is an interactive learning opportunity that provides a time and place for local government and First Nations community leaders to discuss their leadership needs and challenges, and to learn from subject experts. Topics include strategic planning, council/board alignment, positive CAO relations, public engagement, effective decision making, current legal developments, and more. The CEO Forum is held annually in the Lower Mainland over a two-day span. More information on the event, including resources from past forums, can be found at lgla.ca/events.

Cathy Watson Memorial Award

Cathy Watson was a long-serving employee of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and was one of the original, founding members of the LGLA. She was a dedicated proponent of local government and First Nations relations, education and leadership training and made many lasting contributions in this area. Sadly, Cathy passed away in May of 2015. The Cathy Watson Memorial Award was established in her honour to enable participation in the annual LGLA Leadership Forum and Elected Officials Seminar Series by local government or First Nations elected officials who might otherwise be unable to attend.

The award is available to one applicant per Leadership Forum or Elected Officials Seminar who demonstrates financial need and an interest in developing leadership capacity. It includes complimentary registration, accommodation and reimbursement of up to \$1,000 in related travel expenses. Application information is available at lgla.ca/programs.

LGLA Board & Staff

The LGLA is governed by a seven to nine-member board of directors drawn from the Union of BC Municipalities, the provincial Ministry responsible for local government, the Local Government Management Association, and the Municipal Finance Authority, with representation from the First Nations sector and up to two directors at large appointed by the Board. The Municipal Insurance Association and BC Assessment also have the opportunity to appoint a representative to the LGLA Board. A list of current board members can be found at lgla.ca/about. LGLA staff members include a part-time Program Manager and a part-time Board & Seminar Coordinator. Staff contact information is available at lgla.ca/contact-us.

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