



2024 LGLA LEADERSHIP FORUM
Empowering Communities...Leading Change Together
Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel – January 31-February 2

Wednesday, January 31, 2024		
12:30-1:30pm	Foyer	Registration Sponsored by CN
1:30-2:00pm	Salon B&C	Opening Ceremonies/Welcome <i>LGLA President, City of Quesnel Councillor, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg; Chief of the Musqueam Nation, Wayne Sparrow; UBCM President, Trish Mandewo; and City of Richmond Mayor, Malcolm Brodie</i>
2:00-3:00pm	Salon B&C	Keynote Address and Q&A - <i>Frank Leonard</i>: The Governance- Management Divide "Embrace It, Don't Fight It"
3:00-3:30pm	Foyer	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Lidstone & Company Law Corporation
3:30-5:00pm	Salon B&C	Plenary Workshop- Identity and Power Dynamics Workshop: <i>Bakau Consulting</i> A session with a focus on psychological safety and inclusive leadership, touching on identity, power dynamics, and what this means to council, staff, and the public (both in-person and over social media).
5:00-6:00pm	Salon B&C	Indigenous Realities – “More Than Halfway, More Than Half of the Time” Perspectives on Leading and Living in Both Indigenous and Settler Governments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Director John Jack/Sayaačath, Chief Councillor for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations;</i> • <i>MLA Adam Olsen/SʔHENEP;</i> • <i>Eric Nyce, Director of Capital, Housing & Facility Operations at Nisga'a Lisims Government</i>
6:00-6:05pm	Salon B&C	BC Lottery Corporation Presents
6:00-7:30 pm	Foyer	Networking Reception Sponsored by BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC)

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Thursday, February 1, 2024		
7:30-8:30am	Foyer	Breakfast Sponsored by Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors
8:30-8:50am	Salon B&C	MFA – Municipal Finance Authority Update – <i>Peter Urbanc, CEO, Municipal Finance Authority of BC</i>
8:50-9:30am	Salon B&C	BC Assessment – Part 1 of 2 <i>Graham Held, P.APP AACI Manager – Local Government Relations</i> Overview of the 2024 Completed BC Assessment Roll. Provincial and Regional statistics for a variety of property types. The 2024 roll includes some significant growth from non-market change, NMC, which will be highlighted in this session. There will be limited time for Q&A, however BC Assessment will have a booth in the concourse area, and will be happy to answer specific questions from delegates.
9:30-9:45am	Salon B&C	Opposition Address, <i>Shirley Bond, MLA</i>
9:45 –10:45am	Salon B&C	Plenary and Q&A - Planning “On The Ground”; Making Sense of Current Provincial Legislation - <i>Bill Buholzer: Young Anderson</i> The fall 2023 sitting of the B.C. Legislative Assembly produced a flurry of Bills dealing with planning for housing. This session takes a look at some key aspects of this legislative program, puts them in context and considers some of the principal impacts on the administrative and legislative agendas of local governments for 2024 and beyond.
10:45-11:00am	Salon B&C	Leader of the Green Party Address, <i>Sonia Furstenu, MLA</i>
11:00-11:15am	Foyer	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority of BC
11:15-12:15pm	Salon B&C	Local Crisis, Global Attention: Political and Fire Department Perspectives on Spokesperson Survival from the 2023 Wildfire in West Kelowna. Join <i>West Kelowna Mayor Gord Milsom</i> and <i>Fire Chief Jason Brolund</i> as they share their pivotal roles as spokespersons for the McDougall Creek wildfire, one of the most devastating wildfires in BC’s history. Balancing local information needs with international media attention requires a game plan with clear guidelines on who speaks and when, to ensure a clear and consistent message that fosters trust and confidence in a time of crisis. Host <i>Jan Enns of Jan Enns Communications</i> will lead the panel discussion and audience Q&A as our seasoned spokespersons share their first-hand insights on navigating the challenges, opportunities, and outcomes for the City of West Kelowna.
12:15-12:20pm	Salon B&C	Fortis BC Presents
12:20-1:30pm	Foyer	Lunch Sponsored by FortisBC
1:30-2:45 pm	Salon B&C Salon A	Concurrent Session Block 1 – Finance Budget 101 – <i>Linda Tynan</i> Fair Value Accounting Concepts – <i>Christopher Paine</i>
2:30-2:45pm	Foyer	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC)



2:45-3:45pm	Salon B&C	<p>Concurrent Session Block 2 - Planning/Environment/Asset Management</p> <p>BC Assessment – Part 2 of 2 <i>Graham Held, P.APP AACI Manager – Local Government Relations</i> Highest and Best Use. The government introduced Bill 28 in 2022, giving municipal councils the authority to, by bylaw, apply a reduced tax rate to the assessed value of certain occupied commercial and industrial properties with development potential. Development potential is really a function of “Highest and Best Use”, a concept that is even challenging for professional real estate appraisers (so potentially confusing for elected officials) This session will introduce a case study to illustrate how “Highest and Best Use” is reflected in the market values on the assessment roll. <i>Roy Brooke – NAI – Natural Assets Initiative Presents: Natural Assets Management for Local Governments</i> - Natural Asset Infrastructure in BC: Barriers and Opportunities</p>
	Salon A	
4pm-5pm	Salon B&C	<p>Mental Health In Your Term In Office- Accentuating the Positive, Eliminating the Negative <i>Christina Benty, Strategic Leadership Solutions</i></p>
5:00pm		<p>End of Day 2-Dinner on Your Own</p>

Friday, February 2, 2024		
7:30-8:30am	Foyer	Breakfast Sponsored by Destination BC
8:30-9:15am	Salon B&C	Kim Fowler, Manager, Long Range Planning, Sustainability and Energy with the Regional District of Nanaimo Integration of Land Use Planning, Climate Action & Asset Management
9:15-9:30 am	Salon B&C	Destination BC Presents
9:30-10:45am	Salon B&C	Don Lidstone, Lidstone and Company Law Corporation and Maryam Sherkat, General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer, Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) Climate Damage & Risks of Local Government Liability Negligence, nuisance, contractual claims; Infrastructure – actions and omissions; Spectrum of governmental duties and standards; Proactive preventive measures
10:45-11:00am	Foyer	Refreshment Break Sponsored by BC Assessment
11:00-12:pm	Salon B&C	Jan Enns, Jan Enns Communications – Building Credibility in Local Government: After the Election Promise Delve into strategies for building and maintaining credibility, particularly when fulfilling election promises gets tough. Join local government communications specialist Jan Enns in this interactive workshop to gain five essential steps to boost your credibility and trustworthiness in the eyes of your constituents and colleagues, creating a more constructive community legacy.
12:00- 12:15pm	Salon B&C	Minister's Remarks-The Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs Forum Closing Remarks-President of LGLA, Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg Cathy Watson Memorial Award, & Grand Prize Draw
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