

2020 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) Convention and AGM

2020 Vision: Embrace the Past to Build the Future

Agenda is subject to on-site amendments

Friday, April 24th

**All events at the Radium Hot Springs Centre,
4863 Stanley St, Radium Hot Springs, BC unless otherwise noted.**

7:00 - 4:30pm Registration Open - Breakfast on your own

7:30 - 10:00am	Set-up for Trade Show	Library/Multi-Purpose Room
11:00am – 5:00pm	Trade Show	Library/Multi-Purpose Room
8:30 – 9:15am, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 – 11:45am	Tour A: Canfor Mill tour *Shuttle from the Radium Hot Springs Centre or meet at the Mill. *Shuttle must be pre-booked on your registration.	
7:30 – 9:30am or 9:30 – 11:30am	Tour B: Infrastructure tour “From Glacier to Groundwater: The Radium water cycle” This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre by shuttle bus.	
9:00 – 11:15am	Tour C: Mayor’s Village walk - dress for the weather! This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre and will be on foot.	
8:00 – 11:45am	Tour D: Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Tour This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre by shuttle bus.	
11:45 – 12:30pm	Lunch & Trade Show	Library/Multi-Purpose Room
12:30 – 1:20pm	<u>Welcome Delegates</u>	
	Radium Hot Springs Centre	
	Opening Remarks made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters of Ceremonies – Convention Committee Co-Chairs: Diane Langman, Mayor, Village of Warfield Ron Popoff, Councillor, City of Cranbrook • Clara Reinhardt, Mayor, Village of Radium Hot Springs • Indigenous Welcome • Roly Russell, AKBLG President 	

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- Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (video)
- Maja Tait, UBCM President
- Leah Main, FCM Director

1:20 - 1:25pm

Bio Break

1:25 – 1:45pm

Shuswap Nation – Welcome Ceremony

1:45 – 2:45 pm

Plenary Presentations:

Part 1: Ktunaxa Nation, Kathryn Teneese, Chair of the Ktunaxa Nation Council

To provide some forward-looking perspectives on what our neighbour to neighbour relations could be and how do we get there.

Part 2: Collaboration and Reconciliation between First Nations and Local Governments

**Reece Harding, Partner & Amy O'Connor, Associate Lawyer
Young Anderson**

As we transition into the era of reconciliation, it is important for local governments to understand the legal principles at work between local governments and First Nations, particularly as British Columbia recently became the first province to begin implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (“UNDRIP”) through legislation.

This session will briefly summarize the laws and court decisions that have impacted First Nations to date, then discuss the potential implications of aligning provincial laws with UNDRIP, including a requirement for greater involvement of Indigenous nations in all decision-making that may impact First Nations rights.

2:45 – 3:15pm

Sponsor Message: FortisBC

Refreshment Break & Trade Show

3:15 – 4:15pm

Plenary Presentation: No time to waste: Climate change, adaptation, and the critical years ahead for the Kootenay-Boundary region

Lauren Rethoret, Lead Researcher & Jayme Jones, Faculty/Research Assistant
Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned that the world must take drastic action by 2030 to avoid catastrophic climate change impacts. Governments around the globe are declaring climate emergencies. It is clear

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that climate change is a defining issue of our time, and local governments are at the front line due to their jurisdictional responsibilities. So what does this mean for our region? How are we most vulnerable? What can we do to ensure the best chance of future well-being for our communities? Are we doomed? If not, what gives us hope? Learn the answers to these questions (and more) and come away with some inspiration from near and far to help you lead your communities through the critical years ahead.

4:15 – 4:30pm

Refreshment Break & Trade Show

4:30 – 5:15pm

Concurrent Sessions:

Session A - Understanding the Municipal Reserve Investment Process: Risk vs Reward, Time Horizons, Environmental Factors and Socially Responsible Investing

Peter Urbanc, CEO, Municipal Finance Authority of BC

In an era of ultra low interest rates and pressures to incorporate Environmental Social and Governance factors into investment portfolios, local government reserves managers must navigate an increasingly complex investment environment that is compounded by pressures from their senior managers and councillors. The session outlines the growth of socially responsible investing and the introduction of new longer term investment opportunities that have been permitted via “Prudent Investor” approaches in some jurisdictions. In this context, we will discuss new pooled fund options developed by MFABC (including fossil fuel free and options for longer term investing) tailor made for BC local governments, as well as new potential products being contemplated for the future.

Session B – Future-proofing the Rural Economy

Cam Whitehead, Executive Director, KAST & Lorri Fehr, CEO, Columbia Lake Technology Centre

More info to come!

5:15 - 6:00pm

Networking Time

6:00pm

Shuttle service from Radium Hot Springs Centre to reception begins

6:30 - 9:30pm

Welcome Reception - Radium Hot Springs Pools

7:00 – 9:30pm

Shuttle Service from reception to Radium Hot Springs Centre

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10:45 – 11:45am	<p><u>Plenary Presentation</u> - UBCM Review of Resolutions Process</p> <p>The UBCM Executive has identified a review of the resolutions process as a priority for the coming year. As part of this review, UBCM seeks feedback from members about improving our resolutions process. After several years of streamlining the policies and procedures for resolutions, it is time to consider the overall role that resolutions play in UBCM's advocacy on behalf of local governments in BC. Consultation with area associations will inform the UBCM Executive's further work on this review of the resolutions process. UBCM will then report out at our Annual Convention in September.</p>
11:45 – 11:48am	Sponsor Presentation – to be announced
11:50 - 12:50pm	Trade Show Library/Multi-Purpose Room
11:50 – 12:50pm	Buffet lunch
12:50 – 1:45pm	<p><u>Keynote Presentation</u></p> <p>BC Politics: a Commentary on the Not so Distant Past and Near Future Keith Baldrey, Legislature Bureau Chief, Global TV (BC)</p> <p>Working on a daily basis from inside the legislature in Victoria since 1986 has given Keith a unique perspective on our provincial politics. In this keynote Keith will share insight and political commentary on BC's provincial politics - past and future.</p>
1:45 – 2:45pm	<p><u>Plenary Presentation</u> Why the Columbia River Treaty REALLY Matters to Columbia Basin Local Governments</p> <p>The Columbia River Treaty was signed by Canada and the United States in the early 1960s to provide flood control and power generation in BC and the US. This was done without consultation with Basin residents. The network of dams and reservoirs flooded 110,000 hectares of productive forests, agriculture lands, wetlands, lakes and rivers, displacing almost 30 townsites as well as many rural homes and farms. The fluctuating water levels within the reservoirs and below the dams have ongoing negative impacts on the economy and quality of life in adjacent communities. Some</p> <p>Basin communities benefit from the employment and government transfers from BC Hydro operations and CRT related dams provide 50% of the province's hydropower capacity. In 1995 the Columbia Basin Trust was created to recognize the negative impacts to the Basin. Negotiations to modernize the Treaty began in 2018. This session will include a visual historical presentation, an engaging dialogue about why the Treaty matters to local governments now and even more so in the future, and a Q and A panel.</p>
2:45 – 3:05pm	Refreshment Break & Tradeshow

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3:05 – 4:05pm

Plenary Presentations

Part 1: Tragedy of the Commons, Corky Evans

This session will explore the idea that human nature is naturally selfish and wasteful and that if a resource is collectively owned or managed it will inevitably be degraded by some unscrupulous individual and then, eventually, by everyone.

Part 2: Kootenay Timber Supply Alliance

More info to come!

4:05 – 4:10pm

Last Call for Nominations to the AKBLG Executive

4:10 – 5:10pm

Trade Show

Library/Multi-Purpose Room

6:00 - 8:30pm

AKBLG Banquet Radium Course, 8100 Golf Course Rd, Radium Hot Springs

Shuttle service from Bighorn Meadows Resort & Radium Hot Springs Centre (5:45 - 6:45pm)

6:00 - 7:00pm

Cocktails at Radium Course

7:00 – 8:30pm

Buffet Dinner

8:30 – 12:00 am

Evening Entertainment in the Village of Radium begins:

- **Pub shuttle & only stop - Horsethief Pub**
- **General shuttle stop #1 – Prestige Hotel Radium**
- **General shuttle stop #2 – Old Salzburg Restaurant**

Shuttle service from all three locations available until 12:00pm. Pub shuttle will run longer.

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Sunday, April 26th

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7:00am seating
Or
7:45am seating

Breakfast Buffet

****Please note this meal is OFF SITE and is an accessible location with lots of parking**

Springs Golf Course, 4714 Springs Drive, Radium Hot Springs
850m or 10 min walk from convention

9:00 – 9:30am

Plenary Presentation

Transforming Your Journey- BC Transit's Corporate Strategic Plan
Tim Croyle, Chief Operations Officer

The transportation industry is changing quickly. With emerging technologies, evolving demands and significant funding opportunities, the next decade will likely change the transportation landscape for years to come. As communities across the province continue to face increasingly complex challenges, including climate change, affordability and congestion, it is important that transit remains part of the solution.

In 2020, BC Transit is excited to launch its new Strategic Plan where it will continue to work in partnership with communities across the province to be part of the solution for these challenges. The key strategic objectives over the next five years include growing ridership, improving our sustainability with the low carbon fleet strategy, adapting to changing customer expectations with the electronic fare options and creating scalable transit systems with investments in transit infrastructure.

9:30 – 10:00am

Plenary Presentation - Debates

1. The Value of Carbon Tax

To be announced

2. Should local governments be actively looking at replacing their fleet with electric vehicles?

Suzan Hewat, Mayor Village of Kaslo & David Wilks, Mayor District of Sparwood

10:00 - 10:15am

Refreshment Break

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12:00pm

AKBLG Business meeting continued

Speeches – TWO minutes each / Nominees for Executive positions

- AKBLG Elections
- AKBLG Resolutions continued

12:00 - 12:05pm

Election Results

12:05 - 12:30pm

Convention Closing

- Evaluations with clickers
- 2021 Host Community Invite & Showcase – NELSON
 - Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25, 2021
- Roly Russell, President AKBLG Closing Remarks
- Help yourself to a bagged lunch
- Conclusion of Convention