

85th Annual AKBLG Convention and AGM - April 18 – 20, 2018



**Disasters can strike at
any time, are you
prepared for the
unexpected?**

**Is your community prepared, can you afford for it
not to be?**

It's not important until it is!

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AKBLG Mission Statement

To assist our members in providing effective, responsible and accountable local government through dialogue, education and advocacy.

Convention Theme

The City of Fernie is pleased to host the 2018 Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) Convention. The theme this year is “Emergency Preparedness in Local Governments: Response, Recovery and Reflection” Are you prepared? Can you afford not to be?

We hope to learn from one another’s experiences and return home with new information and tools to help protect our communities as well, reconnect with old acquaintances and make a few new ones.

Thank you for attending!

Welcome

Delegates, honored guests, and sponsors;



On behalf of the AKBLG Executive I want to welcome you to our Convention and Annual General Meeting.

From early season flooding to late season wildfires, 2017 presented many challenges and opportunities for local governments in the realm of emergency preparedness and management.

I am excited to welcome you to this year’s convention as we gather together to share our experiences, learn for one another, network and reconnect.

I want to thank the AKBLG Executive committee and the City of Fernie’s Convention planning team for their hard work in organizing this year convention. I trust you will use your time to learn, contribute, and have some fun. Many of our Kootenay Boundary towns have amazing history.

For those new to the Elk Valley don’t leave Fernie without a basic understanding of the legends and myths of the Fernie Curse, the Griz, The Three Sisters and the Ghost rider.

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your stay.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob C. Gay".

Rob C. Gay,
AKBLG President

Mayor's Welcome at AKBLG

It's a distinct pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2018 AKBLG Annual Convention hosted by our community.

Our Convention focus this year centers on "Emergency Preparedness, it's not important until it is."

Within this theme interesting panels and sessions will showcase the importance of communities being prepared for any crisis.

Together we will learn from past experience to gain new ideas to protect our communities and our people.

2017 was a year that will be remembered for warnings, evacuation alerts and orders and also for learning on how to deal with and recover from numerous fires that plagued much of our province including in our Kootenay and Boundary regions.

The organizing committee believes this is a perfect time to address issues that we face each year. We hope to also provide opportunity to meet new people, renew past contacts and discuss problems of mutual interest.

While in Fernie take some time to explore our City and the beautiful Elk Valley. There are unique shops and restaurants to leave each with a memorable experience that will encourage you to return. Our history is rich in fact and folklore with a strong Arts and Culture component that includes many different nationalities and our First Nations people.

Fernie is well known for world class skiing, fly fishing, trails and other outdoor sports. But most of all we're known as a friendly, inviting community.

So again, welcome, enjoy the convention, enjoy our city and have a wonderful time.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Giuliano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Giuliano - Mayor
City of Fernie



Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government – Convention 2018



Fires, floods, landslides, heavy snowfalls and ice storms are predicted to become more common as our climate continues to heat up, making Emergency Management plans and actions an even more important part of our future.

Over 800 people were evacuated from their homes locally last summer due to numerous fires, and smoke was prevalent for much of the summer. While the provincial and federal governments have important roles to play in emergency response, municipal governments truly have the leadership role.

That role is both short and long term.

Short-term it is critical to have good written plans in place, test out elements regularly and undertake continuous improvements. It also means ensuring that local First Nations are an integral part of Regional Plans, which also contributes to reconciliation.

Long-term, municipalities must continue to be leaders in reducing CO₂, conserving energy and building a green energy economy. It is at the local level that real progress can and must be made in combating climate change.

You are the leaders who make things happen on-the-ground every day! You are the ones who have the primary responsibility to keep us safe! You are the ones who will build a better future for Canada!

Thank you for who you are and what you do!!

Wayne Stetski
Member of Parliament
Kootenay Columbia
Wayne.Stetski@parl.gc.ca

Dear Delegates,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments 2018, hosted by Fernie, the heart of Kootenay East and home to world class recreation.

As a former Councillor and Director for the RDEK, I quickly learned the value of collaboration – collaboration with staff, with constituents, and of course, with local governments. Working together is paramount to crafting the best policies with regard to key issues such as the economy, the environment, and the social well-being of people living in our beautiful southeastern corner of this province.



AKBLG examines issues from a regional perspective. This ensures that we collectively brand ourselves to the world in the vision we all share. We are all in this together.

This year's theme of "Emergency Preparedness" seems very timely. With the worst wildfire season in the province's history barely behind us, we are still feeling the residual hardships of what a disaster can do to our livelihoods, to the places where we recreate, and to the livability of this region.

Disasters don't start and stop with wildfires, as there is a whole host of nasty things that Mother Nature can throw at us. Being prepared can mean the difference between life and death as well as profit and loss.

Take the time to enjoy each other's company, visit our surroundings, thank a volunteer, and please support those businesses that support this event because without them, we can't look after you.

A final thank you to Mayor Giuliano, CAO Norm McInnis, Fernie City Council and staff, and the countless volunteers for setting up what will truly be a successful event.

I trust you will love your stay, and please if you have any questions or concerns I would be more than happy to pass them off to Mayor Pratt (ha!).

Have a great event!
Sincerely,

Tom Shypitka, MLA
Kootenay East
Critic – Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Chief Joe Pierre Jr. | 7 Generations of Relationships and 7 Generations of Reconciliation.

Joe Pierre was raised in the Community of ʔaqʔam formerly known as the St. Mary's Indian Reserve and is a citizen of the Ktunaxa Nation. He attended the University of Calgary in the Fine Arts. At the U of C Joe met several other First Nations people interested in Theatre and they collaborated together to form the Crazy Horse Theatre Company. The company mounted several productions in Calgary all of which were written by Aboriginal writers.

Joe also worked for a season with the CBC production "North of Sixty". Joe was a storyteller at the very first Proctor Storytelling Festival and he has presented at several other festivals throughout the Kootenays. Currently he is employed by School District 5 Southeast Kootenay and is a member of the Board of Directors for the First Nations Education Steering Committee. Joe served as a Councillor for the St. Mary's Indian band for 8 years and was a member of the Board of Governors for the College of the Rockies for 6 years. In the Fall of 2016 Joe was elected back to the ʔaqʔam council, this time in the capacity of Chief Councillor. He is a husband to wife Jennifer and a father to eleven-year-old Jude. Together they are known as "Triple J".



Robert W. Gray, Fire Ecologist | President of R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd. Robert has over 30 years' experience in the research and application of many facets of fire science, including fire regime reconstruction, behavior and effects analysis, national and international fire management policy, and hazardous fuel management.

Most recently he has focused efforts on gaining a better understanding of fire behavior in mountain pine beetle impacted stands, the impact on past fires on future fire spread and severity, and fuel treatment effectiveness.



**Daniel J. Derby, Chief Fire Officer |
Regional Fire Chief, Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue**

Dan has spent the last 32 Years in the Fire Service with a mix of Municipal, Regional, Paid-on-call and Career experience. He was awarded Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs – Chief Fire Officer Designation in 2014. The last 14 years with a focus on Emergency Management. In 2017 was appointed Regional Fire Chief for Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue/Regional District Kootenay Boundary.

Free time is spent traveling with his family as well he's a member of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club and the Alpine Club of Canada, noting he enjoys the mental and physical challenges of mountaineering.



Our Speakers

Alan Westhaver, ForestWise Environmental Consulting Ltd.



During his career with Parks Canada, Alan Westhaver worked as a senior manager in the wildland fire program for nearly 25 years, including 17 in Jasper National Park. His responsibilities included fire suppression, prescribed burning, community wildfire protection and serving as fire behavior analyst on incident command teams. His national involvement in preventing wildland/urban interface fire disasters and finding ecologically-based solutions for reducing forest fuels now spans three decades.

Alan served on the Executive and Board of Directors of the Partners in Protection Association from 1992 – 2012. In retirement he continues that work as a consultant and has published two reports for the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction on aspects of wildfire risk mitigation. His home and business (ForestWise Environmental Consulting Ltd.) are located in Fernie, British Columbia.



Brian Simpson, Wildfire Management Services, retired with over 37 years from the Provincial Government in 2015. Brian began his career working as a fire fighter moving up through the organizational ranks in a wide variety of positions. He then spent over 20 years as a senior manager in increasingly more challenging roles including 10 years as a District Manager within the forest ministry. The last 10 years of his career he was the Executive Director of the BC Wildfire Management organization in charge of arguably the largest wildfire management organization in Canada, with over 1400 employees and budget expenditures of \$100-\$325 million annually.

Since retiring from the public service Brian is now the President of “Brian Simpson Wildfire Management Services” 1041469 BC Ltd. providing consulting services in all aspects of wildfire management and forest management activities. Brian brings a wealth of knowledge and experience including a unique combination of strategic management skills and operational response in wildfire management including previous operational experience which includes the equivalent certification of a Type 1 Incident Commander.



Lisa Anderson, Executive Director, Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat

Lisa Anderson is the Executive Director of the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat (the Secretariat), within the Policing and Security Branch in the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. The Secretariat is conducting policy work to support the development of the provincial regulatory framework for non-medical cannabis and is guided by the priorities of protecting children and youth, promoting health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping our roads safe, and supporting economic development. Lisa has been with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General for over 28 years and has extensive experience leading the implementation of large operational and infrastructure projects.

In 2013, Lisa joined the Policing and Security Branch as Executive Director and Deputy Director of Police Services with responsibility for crime reduction, police standards, police training, and other key initiatives including the early work related to the 2015 federal decision to legalize non-medical cannabis. Lisa has been the provincial project lead for the safe implementation of legalized cannabis since the Secretariat was created in April 2017.

Gordon Ruth, FCPA, FCGA was previously the Executive Vice President of Certification and Operations for the Chartered Professional Accountants of BC.

Mr. Ruth was also the Chief Executive Officer for the Certified General Accountants of BC for almost five years. He has held several positions in the public sector, ranging from the federal government to BC Hydro.

He spent 15 years with the Greater Vancouver Regional District (now Metro Vancouver) where he became the Chief Financial Officer and helped steward the financial affairs of this regional federation of municipalities.



**Sanford Brown, Building & Protective Services Manager –
(Implementing the Plan in Emergencies)**

More than 15 years ago, the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) implemented - and regularly practiced - an emergency management program. Over the years, the RDEK has activated its program and Emergency Operations Centre numerous times in response to a wide range of events including: mudslides, debris flows, flooding, wildfire, ice storms and hazardous materials events.

Sanford Brown is the RDEK's Building & Protective Services Manager and has a background in construction management. He was the Regional Emergency Operations Centre Director during the wildfires of 2017.



Loree Ducek is the RDEK's Communications Manager and the lead Information Officer for the East Kootenay Emergency Management Program

Working hand in hand with the rest of the EOC team, Loree lead the public information / communication throughout the wildfire season. The RDEK has learned a number of valuable lessons over the years about the operational side of emergency management and the importance of not only having a plan, but continuously evaluating it.

During this plenary session, Brown and Ducek will provide an overview of their pre-season preparedness for elected officials, provide a detailed glimpse into this summer's wildfire EOC activation and share lessons learned.

Our Speakers

Mike LoVecchio Director Government Affairs Canadian Pacific is a public relations professional with two decades experience providing communications solutions and advice to industry and government. He is Director, Government Affairs at Canadian Pacific, a transcontinental freight railroad with revenues of more than \$6.5 billion in 2017 and operations in six Canadian provinces and 11 American states. Mike has taken advanced dangerous goods training at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado and is a qualified train conductor.



Previously, Mike was spokesperson for Canadian Pacific. He has also been a Communications Manager and spokesperson for the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation, an entrepreneur, an aide to federal Cabinet Ministers, a public affairs consultant, a campaign manager, a media coach and a scuba diving instructor. Mike's strengths include crisis communications, media relations, public relations, event management, issue management, branding, positioning and presentations in a results-oriented environment. He has produced conventions, documentaries, events, marketing tools and scripts for industry and government. Mike earned a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) from Trent University. He has also earned several recognition awards for public communications. In 2007, his team won a Telly Award for a government of British Columbia video production promoting the Pacific Gateway.



Cathy Peters, BC's Anti-Human Trafficking educator, speaker and advocate is a former inner city secondary school teacher and volunteer for 2 Members of Parliament (John Weston- West Vancouver, Sea to Sky and Canada's human trafficking expert Joy Smith-Manitoba).

For the last 5 years, she has been working to raise awareness about the issue of Human Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation/Youth and Child Exploitation to every City Council, police agency, MLA and MP in BC.

Over the last 2 years Cathy has made over 120 presentations to the public, police and politicians (all 3 levels of government) about this rapidly growing pandemic that is now aggressively targeting our youth, children, and those who are vulnerable.

Cathy has been awarded 3 RCMP Challenge Coins: from Coquitlam, Surrey, and Richmond for her advocacy. Cathy is married to Allan, an architect, and they have 3 amazing (grown) children.



Matthew Colling, British Columbia and Yukon Emergency Management, Senior Manager for the Canadian Red Cross.

He has deployed in both domestic and international responses and is an advocate for better and more practical disaster preparedness that promotes individual, family, and community resilience programs. Before working at the Red Cross, Matthew was an Executive Director at HELP International, a non-profit based in the US that focused on public health, education, and business projects in 12 countries.

He has been a board chairman for Sowers of Hope, a non-profit that supports education in the war-torn region of eastern DR Congo. He worked as a consultant for Empower Playgrounds, a non-profit that promotes education through electricity-generating playground equipment in Africa. Matthew has also worked in Belgium for a non-profit whose mission was to protect victims of human trafficking. Matthew holds a BA from Simon Fraser University and a MS from Brigham Young University, as well as certificates in Catastrophic Technical Shelter Coordination, and Humanitarian Shelter Coordination through Oxford Brooks University of England. He currently lives in New Westminster BC with his wife, and 2 young daughters and enjoys triathlons, chess, rock and ice climbing.



Ryan Kuhn, Emergency Coordinator - East and West Kootenays Interior Health

Ryan Kuhn has been an Emergency Coordinator for the East and West Kootenay regions of Interior Health for the past 10 years. Prior to his current role, he was a Communications Officer for Interior Health and the editor of newspapers in Golden and Kamloops. He resides in Rossland, BC.

James Maynard, President & CEO, Wavefront Canada's Centre of Excellence for Wireless Communication and Research

As President and CEO of Wavefront, Canada's Centre of Excellence for Wireless Commercialization and Research, James has brought together a team of experienced wireless industry and business professionals to help achieve the company's mandate of engaging wireless companies and innovators with critical resources, partners and opportunities, to drive economic and social benefits for Canada.

James is an accomplished business development strategist with a proven track record of creating innovative business practices and partnerships for the technology sector. As Founder of VST Canada, James helped grow the company to be Canada's largest digital narrowcasting network and was part of the team that closed VST's joint venture with Daktronics to form Fuelcast Media Network. Prior to VST, James established Sapient Technologies Group, a successful business strategy consulting firm for early to mid-stage technology companies.

James has held several Board positions and is the past Chair of the Okanagan Research Innovation Council (ORIC). James was awarded the 2013 IEEE R.H. Tanner Industry Leadership award for his contributions and accomplishments in engaging government and industry in the wireless ecosystem. James holds a Bachelor of Administration with Distinction from the University of Regina and completed the Executive Marketing program at Queen's University Graduate Studies.



Our Speakers

Andrew Brooke, Director of Smart Communities and Clean Technology, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

Andrew Brooke is a strategic policy, planning and public affairs leader with demonstrated success building partnerships and delivering key initiatives with government, business, academia, and not-for-profit sectors at the regional, provincial and federal levels. He has 15 years of stakeholder relations, partnership building, program management and government relations experience. In his current role as Director of Smart Communities and Clean Technology at the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, he interacts with leaders in government and across BC's Technology sector to continue the growth of the cleantech sector and support the growth of technology across the province.



Andrew has worked in the provincial government supporting the growth of BC's technology sector, he managed TransLink's Public Consultation and Community Engagement department in Vancouver, was the Director of Policy for the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association in Calgary and was a political advisor to the federal Minister of Transportation and a political advisor to a Senator from the Okanagan-Similkameen. Andrew earned his BA in English Literature and Political Science from the University of British Columbia and his MSc in Environment and Sustainable Development from University College London in London, England.



Christina Moore, Communications Manager, District of Squamish

A resident of Squamish since 2003, Christina Moore has spent 20 years working in the field of communications with leading organizations in the Sea to Sky Corridor. Christina joined the District of Squamish as Communications Manager in 2012 at a time when the organization was embracing a more open and transparent communication style and philosophy. She has driven the development of the District's social media platforms, facilitated strong working relationships with local media, and helped lay the foundation for the District's adoption of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) framework.

Christina takes an active role in the Emergency Operations Centre as Information Officer and has led communications for such local emergencies as the 2015 dock fire.

Christina previously led Whistler Blackcomb's PR/communications team through which she played a key role in crisis communications management, managed a PR consultancy with clients such as the Sea to Sky Gondola and Quest University, and was a contract instructor in tourism marketing at Capilano University. She holds a BA in Political Science from Western University, and a Public Relations Certificate from Humber College.



Dan Erikson, Chief Operating Officer, Lightship Works Inc.

Dan is the co-founder and Head of Operations (COO) at Lightship, a BC-based software company that specializes in field operations and critical event response. Dan has extensive experience applying technology to emergency response, and has provided operational support to wildfire, floods, extreme weather events, and search and rescue.

Before starting Lightship, Dan spent more than 10 years managing large-scale data analysis projects that informed government policy and commercial resource extraction in North America and overseas. At Lightship, Dan combines his real-world experience with technology to create powerful operational tools that are intuitive and easy-to-use in day-to-day or emergency situations.

Lightship partnered with Emergency Management BC to use their common operating software in several different emergency response situations.



Virginia Holden, Director of Housing Policy in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

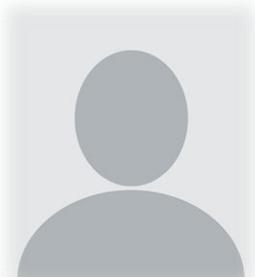
Virginia has led projects related to responding to tent cities and homelessness, creating affordable market housing in communities and improving social policy outcomes for Indigenous peoples.

Connecting the Dots on Affordable Housing

PowerPoint presentation followed by a feedback engagement segment.

**Facilitators: Virginia Holden, Housing Policy Branch, |
Danna Locke, BC Housing Regional Development Director for the BC Interior.**

‘Connecting the Dots on Affordable Housing’ is an interactive engagement session. Access to affordable housing is a crucial issue across British Columbia. No one level of government can solve this alone. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff will present an overview of the 30-point housing plan in Budget 2018 and share information on the HousingHub – a new office at BC Housing that will partner with all levels of government, developer, community and Indigenous partners to actively create more affordable housing.



Tours & Events

Wednesday, April 18th

Tour A

Mine Tour – Sparwood, Elkview Mine

Time: 9:30am – 12:00noon

Leaving from **Fernie Community Centre**

Tours take around two hours depending on weather and including travel time. The actual tour is likely to be approximately one hour.

Mining was an integral part of the Elk Valley history and still is today. Delegates will have the opportunity to experience a mine tour and get a glimpse of our coal mining past as well, how technology has changed over the years to today's current open pit mining.



Tour B

Heritage Walking Tour of Fernie – Rum Running and Whiskey Six

Time: 10:00 – 11:00am

Leaving from **Fernie Heritage Museum** – 491-2nd Avenue

Approx. 45 minutes

On the surface, Fernie might seem like any mountain town: beautiful vistas, interesting shops and over 90 accessible hiking and biking trails. But if you dig a little deeper, you will discover a rich and dramatic history.

Explore the story of Rum Running and Whiskey Six and discover how these people and events have helped to shape Fernie as we see it today. Discover the story of the three larger-than-life king-pin Rum Runners – Emilio Picariello, Jack Wilson and Mark Rogers – who ruled the illicit liquor trade from Lethbridge to Fernie down as far as Spokane, Washington. (Fernie Museum)



Wednesday, April 18th

Welcome Reception

Time: 7:00 – 9:30pm

Place: [Fernie Heritage Library](#) – 492-3rd Avenue

Sponsored: Canadian Pacific Railway



The staff at the Fernie Heritage Library are proud to host the Welcome Reception at 492-3rd Avenue. Bring your Reception ticket to receive a complimentary beverage, sample an array of sweets and try some of the finest Canadian artisanal cheese and specialty cheeses from around the world from Fernie’s very own [Le Grand Fromage](#).

The up and coming Fernie born & raised musician Linden Gigliotti will impress everyone with his own unique style. Linden first picked up a guitar about 6 years ago, and he’s never looked back.



Thursday, April 19th

Evening Begins Here!

Time 5:15 – 6:30pm

Place: [Fernie Heritage Museum](#) – 491-2nd Avenue

The Fernie Heritage Museum will be the place to be to begin the evening. Follow the steady stream of AKBLG participants entering the museum and wonder no more. There might not be a 1920’s style peep hole, to look through, but guaranteed you’ll enjoy yourself once in. Bring your Museum ticket to be allowed in!



AKBLG Gala Banquet

Fernie Family Centre

Place: Fernie Family Centre – 521-4th Avenue

Time: 7:00 – 11:00pm

6:30 – 7:00 Hors d’oeuvre & Cocktails

7:00 – 8:30 Prime Rib Buffet Dinner

9:00 – 11:00 Entertainment: Brian Brons and his Band of Brothers

Time to relax and enjoy “Good Food, Good Company, Good Conversation”, a Great Time to be had by all. Catch up with old acquaintances or kick off your shoes and dance the night away with Brian Brons and his Band of Brothers.

2018 AKBLG Convention Agenda

Venue's: Fernie Community Centre & Park Place Lodge

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

Amended as of 18-04-15

10:00 - 4:00pm

Pre-Convention Workshop – Interior Health Association –



Drinking Water Workshop

Park Place Lodge

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8:00 - 5:00pm

Registration Open – No Breakfast provided “Complimentary Snacks and Beverages”

Fernie Community Centre

8:00 - 10:00am

Set up for Trade Show. **Trade Show opens at 10:00am**

Fernie Community Centre

9:00 - 1:00pm

CP Rail Emergency Equipment & Electric vehicle demonstration

(Outside the Fernie Community Centre)

9:30 - 12:00pm

Tour A: Mine Tour – Sparwood, Elkview Mine

Fernie Community Centre

10:00 - 11:00pm

Tour B: Historical Walking Tour - Rum Running and Whiskey Six

Fernie Heritage Museum

Inclément weather alternative educational program - (Fernie and Morrissey Internment Camps)

12:00 - 1:00pm

Buffet Lunch

Fernie Community Centre

1:00 - 1:45pm

Welcome Delegates

Fernie Community Centre

- ❖ Opening Remarks by MC – Intro to Convention Theme, format and schedule
- ❖ Mary Giuliano, Mayor, City of Fernie
- ❖ Rob Gay, AKBLG President - Welcome to Delegates
- ❖ Wendy Booth, UBCM President - Welcome and Update
- ❖ Leah Main, FCM Director - Welcome and Update

Sponsor Presentation: Columbia Basin Trust - Johnny Strilaeff President and CEO

1:45 - 2:45pm

Keynote Speaker: Chief Joe Pierre, ʔaq'am Community, St Mary's Band –

7 Generations of Relationships and 7 Generations of Reconciliation

Fernie Community Centre

2:45 – 2:55pm

Refreshment Break & Trade Show

2:57 – 3:00pm

Sponsor Presentation – Jim Hackett, BC Council of Forest Industries | and Lynn Embury-Williams of Wood Works! BC

3:00 - 4:05pm

Plenary Panel Discussion:

Robert Gray | Brian Simpson | Alan Westhaver & Dan Derby | Wildfire Threat – Facing New Reality – Learning from Fort McMurray and other Fire Disasters

Fernie Community Centre

4:15 - 5:00pm

Concurrent Sessions:

Session A – Virginia Holden | Danna Locke “Connecting the Dots on Housing Affordability”

Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority of BC

Park Place Lodge

Session B – Lisa Anderson | Wendy Booth, Cannabis Regulation in BC

Fernie Community Centre

5:30 - 7:00pm

Dinner Around Town - Shuttle Service – Every half hour – see schedule at registration

7:00 - 9:30pm

Welcome Reception - Fernie Heritage Library (“Just Desserts” | Wine & Cheese)

Sponsored by: Canadian Pacific Railway

Entertainment: Linden Gigliotti

Fernie Heritage Library

5:30 – 9:30pm

Shuttle Service – *see schedule*

Thursday, April 19, 2018

7:00 - 8:15am

Breakfast Buffet – Sponsored by ICBC

Park Place Lodge

8:00 – 4:30pm

Trade Show

Fernie Community Centre

8:30 - 9:00am

Opening Ceremonies

Fernie Community Centre

- ❖ MC calls the room to order – beginning of the procession of Dignitaries
- ❖ Officials Marched in by Piper David Ekskog & CST. Debra Katerenchuk, RCMP
- ❖ National Anthem – Fernie Academy
- ❖ First Nations Welcome, Chief Mary Mahseelah, Tobacco Plains Band

Official Welcome

- ❖ Mary Giuliano - Mayor of Fernie
- ❖ Rob Gay – President, AKBLG

Delegate Welcoming Address

- ❖ Wayne Stetski, MP
- ❖ Tom Shypitka, MLA

9:00 – 10:30am

AKBLG Business Meeting, Rob Gay, President
Introduction of Executive | AGM Business Meeting |
Nominations Accepted | Resolutions Begin

10:30 – 10:45am

Refreshment Break & Trade Show

10:50 – 11:00 am

Debra Kozak, Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee

11:00 – 12:10pm

Plenary Panel Discussion: Gordon Ruth | Loree Duczek | Sanford Brown |

- Exercising Emergency Powers for Community Evacuation
- Implementing the Plan in Emergencies

Fernie Community Centre

12:15 - 1:15pm

Buffet Lunch

Fernie Community Centre

12:40 – 12:50 pm

Sponsor Presentation during lunch: Blair Weston, Fortis – Interior in-line Inspection Project

1:15 – 2:30pm

Plenary Panel Discussion – Andrew Brooke | Christina Moore | Dan Erickson | James Maynard
BC Ideas Showcase – The Possibilities of Tech & Innovation in Emergency Management

Presented by the Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology, this session explores opportunities for communities of all sizes to use technology differently through the Smart Communities movement and in emergency preparedness and recovery.

Fernie Community Centre

2:30 – 2:40pm

Sponsor Presentation: Rob Gay, Trustee Municipal Finance Authority

Fernie Community Centre

2:40 – 2:50pm



Sponsor Presentation: Jean-Marc Lacasse, CEO Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT)

Fernie Community Centre

2:50 – 3:15pm

Refreshment Break & Trade show

3:15 – 4:00pm	Concurrent Sessions:	
	Session A – Loree Ducek Mike LoVecchio, Crisis Management	Fernie Community Centre
	Session B – Cathy Peters, Prevention of Youth and Children Sexual Exploitation	Park Place Lodge
4:10 – 4:20pm	Last call for AKBLG Nominations	Fernie Community Centre
	Trade Show (<i>Last chance for trade show closes at 5:00pm</i>)	Fernie Community Centre
5:00 – 11:00pm	Shuttle Service – see schedule	
5:15 - 6:30pm	Evening of Fun Begins Here!	Fernie Heritage Museum
6:30 – 7:00pm	Hors d'oeuvre & Cocktails	Fernie Family Centre
7:00 – 11:00pm	Gala Banquet	Fernie Family Centre
7:00 - 8:30pm	Prime Rib Buffet	
9:00 - 11:00pm	Entertainment: Brian Brons and his Band of Brothers	

Friday, April 20, 2018

7:00 - 8:45am	Breakfast Buffet	Park Place Lodge
9:00 - 10:15am	Sponsored by LGLA Plenary Panel Discussion: Mike LoVecchio Ryan Kuhn Matthew Colling In your community – Building Interconnected teams	
		Fernie Community Centre
10:15 – 10:30am	Committee Co-Chairs Deb Kozak, Past President AKBLG Clara Reinhardt, Director AKBLG	
10:30 -10:45am	Celebrating the Kootenays and Boundary Areas	Fernie Community Centre
	Refreshment Break	Fernie Community Centre
10:45 - 12:00am	AKBLG Elections (If Required) AKBLG Resolutions	
12:00 - 12:30pm	Convention Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Evaluations with clickers ❖ 2019 Host Community – Castlegar- Friday, April 26 – Sunday April, 28 New Dates ❖ Rob Gay, President AKBLG Closing Remarks ❖ Grand Prize Draw (<i>must be present to win!</i>) ❖ Buffet Style travel food ❖ End of Convention 	

We hope you enjoyed your time in Fernie, thanks for joining us, travel safe!

1:30 – 4:00pm	Post-Convention Workshop – High Impact Leadership on Climate Action”	
	Hosted by BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council	April 20
	Onsite after the AKBLG Convention	Park Place Lodge
	To register visit www.clicfernie.eventbrite.ca	
	The workshop is free but registration is limited. For information about the event, or BCMCLC, please contact Janice Keyes with Community Energy Association at	
	604-561-0646 or jkeyes@communityenergy.bc.ca	

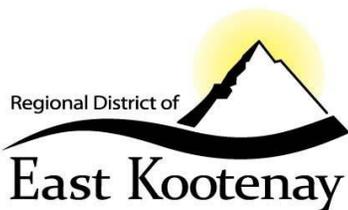
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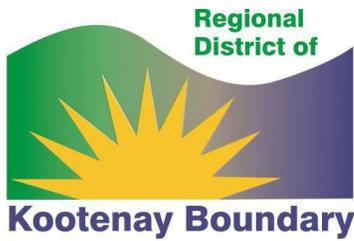
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