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## **AKBLG Mission Statement**

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

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## 2021 - 2022 AKBLG Executive

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Director	Keith Page - Councillor, City of Nelson
Director	Ron Popoff - Councillor Cranbrook

## 2022 Convention Planning Committee

Ron Popoff	Committee Co-Chair, Councillor, City of Cranbrook
Rob Lang	Committee Co-Chair, Councillor, Village of Kaslo
Colleen Jones	Councillor, City of Trail
Keith Page	Councillor, City of Nelson
Linda Tynan	AKBLG Executive Director
Andrea Tubbs	Convention Coordinator

## City of Nelson

Keith Page	Councillor
Sonya Martineau	Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
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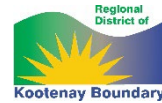
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## AKBLG President's Welcome



It is so exciting to be welcoming you to the AKBLG convention in Nelson after the last 2 years of cancellations and virtual events! We have been elected to the honor and responsibility of leadership, but I think it is fair to say that the Pandemic has tested us all in one form or another. Thank you for your service.

This time in Nelson is our opportunity to enjoy reconnecting with each other, sharing experiences and appreciate some of the sessions provided. The topics are intended to be timely, educational, and sometimes at the request of other levels of government! It is hoped that you will find some benefit for either yourselves or your community during the convention.

This weekend may also be a time of saying farewell as some of us will not be here next year after the election in October. After 14 years in Local Government both as Councillor and Mayor of Radium Hot Springs and as a Director and President of AKBLG, I will not be running again in October. I have loved every moment of my elected years, and am leaving with great memories, as well as a wealth of knowledge and countless new friends.

Thanks to all of you, thank you Nelson our amazing Host Community, have a great Convention!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clara Reinhardt". The script is fluid and cursive.

Clara Reinhardt, AKBLG President

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## City of Nelson Mayor's Welcome



Welcome to the City of Nelson!

On behalf of Nelson City Council, staff and our community, I want to roll out the red carpet and officially welcome you to our amazing city. We are extremely excited to host the 2022 AKBLG Convention & AGM and hope your experience is one to remember! The theme of this year's convention is 'Future Ready'.

Nelson hosted the AKBLG Convention back in 2008, and we have had a lot of growth and development since that time. We look forward to showcasing some of this new development and sharing with you what makes our city a 'destination' community. We hope you take time to take in the sights and local attractions, including walking historic Baker Street and our recently developed Hall Street 'Stores To Shores' corridor linking our downtown and waterfront.

Nelson is celebrating 125 years as an incorporated municipality this year, making this year even more special. We have a remarkable few days planned for you, but we also encourage you to check out the local restaurants and businesses.

After two years of virtual meetings, we are all looking forward to an in-person convention.

Welcome!

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Mayor John Dooley

A banner with a green border and a background image of a landscape with a river and mountains. The text is in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

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## Friday April 22, 2022

### Pulpit Rock Hike (optional)

**Departure: 6:30am**

*Sebastien Arcand, Director of Development Services (City of Nelson)* has offered to meet at the Pulpit parking lot at 6:00 am to hike Pulpit Rock with those participants that would like to get some exercise before a full day of conference. Please note this is not a tour so much as a chance to get some exercise and fresh air. Participants can go at their own pace, keeping in mind the average time for the hike is an hour.

Pulpit Rock is the most popular Nelson hike; be prepared for a steep hiking trail on the north shore of Nelson. You gain 300m of elevation over a distance of 1.8km. At the top, you get great views of Nelson, the lake and surrounding mountains.

**Participants are encouraged to carpool as there is limited parking at the trailhead.**

Participants must be in good physical condition and accustomed to hiking on rough paths. Good footwear is required (trail runners or light hiking shoes are good).

### Tour A: Baker Street Historical Walk:

**Tour Length 10:00 – 11:00 am**

(meet at *Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History* lobby: 502 Vernon Street)

Tour Guide: Jean-Philippe Stienne

Downtown Nelson, BC, is known for its heritage buildings, incredible contemporary art scene, and intriguing blend of the two. On this Tour, we invite you to witness this art and history convergence first hand while you explore the many beautiful historical buildings, from 1895 onward, that make up Nelson's iconic Baker Street. Jean-Philippe Stienne, the Nelson Museum Archivist, will take you for a leisurely stroll down Baker Street while bringing the past to life.

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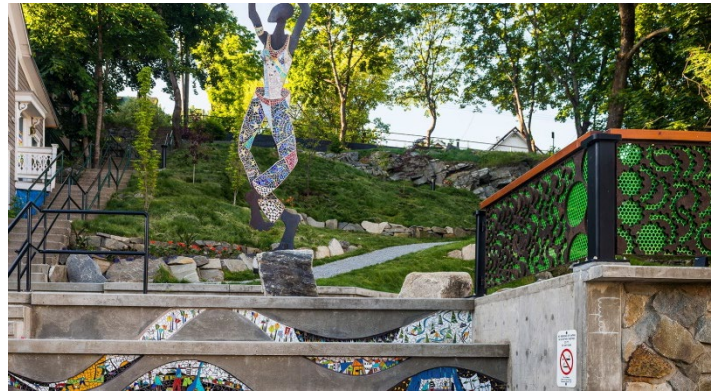
## **Tour B: Public Art**

**Tour Length 10:00 – 11:00 am**

*(meet in front of City Hall: 310 Ward Street)*

Tour Guide: Gillian Wiley

Venture on this guided Tour curated by Nelson & District Arts Council (NDAC) and the City of Nelson's Cultural Development Officer. You will have the opportunity to discover Nelson's incredible public art gallery that features regional, national and international artists. The Murals showcased are a part of NDAC's Nelson International Mural Festival, a celebration of public art and community entering its fifth year. The festival seeks to increase the region's cultural climate by creating world-class murals. The sculptures you will take in are an initiative of the City of Nelson's Cultural Development Committee, in partnership with Castlegar Sculpturewalk, and feature a rotating gallery of works from artists across the continent.



## **Tour C: Cold War Bunker**

Add this Tour to either the Mural Walk or the Baker Street Historical walk, or enjoy it on its own!

**Tour Length 8:30 – 9:45 am**

*(meet at Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History lobby: 502 Vernon Street)*

Nelson's Cold War Bunker is a unique site in all of BC and well worth the visit for those interested in history, politics, war and peace, and the current human condition. The Nelson Museum has revitalized this once top-secret site to become an exhibition, educational site, and heritage destination where people can not only learn about the effects of the Cold War in Nelson but of the 1950s and 1960s, the entire cold war era, and of the inherent problems within the Bunker space itself. Jean-Philippe Stienne, Museum Archivist, and Tressa Ford, Assistant Archivist, will offer a tour of the space with interactive film and educational components, alongside sneak peeks of Nelson's history collection stored in the former bunk-rooms of the Bunker. *This is a site not to be missed!*

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**Tour D: Bonnington Falls Generating Station; Solar Array**

**Tour Length 8:45 - 11:15 am** (including a 1/2 hour drive each way)  
(meet at the Prestige Lakefront Resort lobby for the shuttle)

Facilitators: Scott Spencer, General Manager, Nelson Hydro

Tour guide: Kevin Johnson, Millwright, Nelson Hydro

2021 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hydroelectric power generation in Nelson. *One of the few municipally-owned power generating facilities in Canada.*

The City of Nelson, located on the Kootenay River, started producing power in 1907 and still operates today. The plant, which saw expansions in 1910, 1929, 1949 and 1995 currently houses five turbines with a combined capacity of approximately 16 megawatts. Take a moment to view the [video](#) recently created.



Following this tour, we will take you to see Canada's first Community Solar Garden, in operation since June 2017, located just a short distance from the power plant.

Attendees will need to be dressed for the weather (e.g. jacket) as it might be raining or snowing. The tour will allow for an hour inside the power plant and an hour outside.

Please wear sturdy footwear as we will be traversing uneven ground and long stairways.

- Hiking boots are ideal
- Good winter boots are OK
- *Dress shoes, sandals and high heels are not acceptable*

Hard hats, earplugs and safety glasses will be provided.

Please bring your own water bottles if needed. There is an office building onsite with one washroom.

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**Tour E: Development Services**

*The Past 5 Years in Nelson – A Story of Infill and Urban Renewal*

**Tour Length 9:00 - 11:15 am**

*(meet at the Prestige Lakefront Resort lobby)*

Facilitator: Sebastien Arcand, City of Nelson, Director of Development Services

Nelson has had record-breaking construction values over the last five years. This walking tour will show how this small city is growing and some of the pressure points. The walking tour will help see how planning, policies and bylaws translate into built form.

Naturally, the walking tour will require going up steep hills. Bring comfortable footwear and dress appropriately for the weather.

**Tour F: Sweetgrass Cannabis, Ymir, BC  
Kootenay Cannabis Actev**

Departure: 8:30 – 11:00 am

*(meet at the Prestige Lakefront Resort lobby for the shuttle)*

Tour participants will have an opportunity to explore the ins and outs of cannabis production at Sweetgrass Cannabis, located in Ymir, 20 minutes south of Nelson. Sweetgrass is a collective of Kootenay growers who apply their expertise and enthusiasm to producing quality craft cannabis in their licensed micro facility.

They use energy-efficient LED lighting, adhere to organic farming practices in living soils, and hand tend the plants, from seed to final product.

From day one, sweetgrass tapped their local community and assembled a solid team of dedicated and passionate professionals to help build and run the business. In turn, they give back to the community through employment opportunities, investment initiatives, and town improvement projects. See why cannabis has long been such an important part of many Kootenay communities and what can be achieved in the legal recreational cannabis market.



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**Welcome Reception**

**6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

**Spiritbar at Hume Hotel (422 Vernon St, Nelson)**

*Approximately 10 minutes' walk from the Prestige Lakeside Hotel*

**Shuttle: from 6:00 – 7:00 pm (Glacier Cab Company) vouchers provided**

Join us at the Spirit Bar in Nelson's historic Hume Hotel, for this year's welcome reception. Enjoy ambient music, performed by soloist pianist, Greg Walter, and some delicious appetizers while mingling with old friends and colleagues. After two long years, this will be a great opportunity to re-connect.

The Spirit Bar is located on the lower level of the Hume Hotel, entry to the venue will be through the outside entrance on the right side of the hotel and down the stairs.

For those who may require it, there is an elevator in the lobby, please ask the front desk attendant to assist you.

Ongoing shuttle service will be provided by Glacier Cab Company from the Prestige between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. Taxi vouchers will be provided for those who need a ride back to the Prestige anytime that evening. The Hume hotel is a short 10-minute walk those who prefer walking.



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**Saturday April 23, 2022**

**AKBLG Banquet - Grand Ballroom, Prestige Lakeside Resort (701 Lakeside Dr)**

**6:00 pm Cocktails**

**7:00 pm Buffet Dinner**

**8:30 pm – late Nelson Night Life – see below / pocket guide for more information**

**NELSON NIGHT LIFE** (*transportation to night life options is on your own*)

## **PUBS**

Finley's Irish Pub: offers a lively pub experience, including multiple pool tables, live music, and enough big screen TVs for every game. 17 beers on tap, including local features from Nelson Brewing Company and Torchlight, there's bound to be a pint up your alley.

Mike's Place Pub: Classic style pub located in the historic Hume Hotel, pool tables, darts and foosball.

Adventure Hotel's Uptown Tavern: Nelson's true sports bar, pub atmosphere, watch a game with dozens of flat screens!

The Royal: 12 constantly rotating beers on tap, masterfully crafted eats, a bar with an inspired cocktail program and a vibrant setting! Live music!

## **LOUNGES**

Black Cauldron: A magical lounge & apothecary bar in Nelson, BC, specializing in charcuterie-share plates & bewitching cocktails. Intimate setting.

Cantina Del Centro: Upbeat lounge atmosphere. Offers authentic Mexican street food; they host the largest selection of Tequila and Mezcal in The Kootenays and one of the largest in all of BC!

The Library Lounge, Hume Hotel: Sit back and enjoy live jazz music in an intimate setting, fireplace, parlour-like atmosphere. Wide array of wines, local craft beer & crafted cocktails.

## **CRAFT BREWERIES**

Torchlight Brewing: A microbrewery, restaurant, and pub located a short walk from the Prestige Nelson. Expect a variety of different craft beers, sodas & excellent pub food classics.

Backroads Brewing Company: Upbeat lively atmosphere. Cozy, backcountry cabin feel; the beer is brewed in the back and flows directly to the taproom upfront.

Broken Hill: Upbeat lively atmosphere. Focus on Beer, Whiskey and the Smoker; the room is designed with an antique modern funk.

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## SPEAKER INFORMATION

*Thank you to all of this year's speakers!*

Abra Brynne  
Amber Streukens  
Andree Patenaude  
Carolyn MacEachern  
Cecilia Jacques  
Chris Johnson  
Clara Reinhardt  
Dan Battistella  
Don Lidstone, Q.C.  
Emily Mask  
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Rob Gay  
Rob Lang  
Ron Popoff  
Ryall Giuliano  
Sam Ellison  
Sarah Breen  
Shannon Ross  
Tim Ryan  
Velvet Kavanagh

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## Masters of Ceremonies

### Ron Popoff, Conference Co-Chair, AKBLG Director, Councillor City of Cranbrook



Ron is a retired public health inspector and environmental health team leader with BC Health Authority where he was involved in land-use development, drinking water quality, community health and emergency management.

Currently Ron is on his second term with the AKBLG executive. He is also involved with Cranbrook History Centre Board, Cranbrook Tourism Society Board, Cranbrook Age-Friendly Committee and is an alternate for the RDEK and Kootenay East Hospital District Board.

Cranbrook and region.

Ron has lived in Cranbrook since 1989, is a long time Rotarian and greatly enjoys the recreation and lifestyle opportunities in

### Rob Lang, Conference Co-Chair, AKBLG Director, Councillor Village of Kaslo



Rob is a councillor with the Village of Kaslo, where he has served for ten years. Prior to being elected to council Rob worked for both the Village of Kaslo and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. He has been on the AKBLG board for three years and is in his second term.

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## ***No time to waste: Decision-making for climate action and the critical years ahead for the AKBLG Region***

**Sarah-Patricia Breen PhD, Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College**



Sarah-Patricia's goal is to inform and support our rural region to thrive under conditions of rapid change. She works at every level, from tiny micro-projects to national scale policy information projects. Her work is based on regional priorities and partnerships with local and regional governments, organizations and businesses, and aims to improve the economic climate of rural regions and communities.

Sarah holds a PhD in Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University, a Masters in Geography from Memorial University, and a Bachelor's degree in Geography from Lakehead University. She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Saskatchewan, with over 10 years of experience in research, policy, and project management. Her research interests include economic development, infrastructure, natural resource management, resilience, governance, and policy - all with a specific focus on rural.

**Jayme Jones, Faculty Researcher, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College**



Jayme has a passion for collaborating to co-create resilient communities. She works on and researches a variety of complex issues facing us today, such as climate change, poverty, homelessness, and polarization, recognizing the importance of balancing environmental, economic, social, and cultural considerations. Jayme holds a master's degree in environment and management. She has previously worked in government, industry, and non-profit sectors. She is a participatory leadership practitioner who brings diverse people together to co-sense and co-create solutions for the regenerative, emerging future we need.

**Lauren Rethoret, Faculty Researcher, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College**



Lauren helps community-based partners implement applied research projects that draw on student and faculty expertise. Her research portfolio centers on the policy and planning dimensions of environmental issues, with a particular focus on climate change in rural communities. She has worked with several Kootenay Boundary local governments to understand their climate risks and build capacity to address them. Lauren holds a Bachelors degree in Geography and a Masters degree in Resource and Environmental Management. She is very happy to call the Kootenays home.

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## ***Best Practices for Responding to Complaints of Bullying and Harassment***

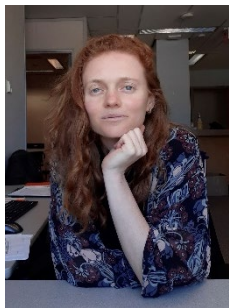
Carolyn MacEachern, Partner, Young Anderson



Carolyn MacEachern is a partner with Young Anderson, where she advises local government clients on all areas of workplace law, including human rights, labour, employment, investigations, and freedom of information matters. Carolyn takes a practical and long-term approach in providing advice and tries to find cost-effective solutions to legal problems.

## ***Moving Beyond just Energy Efficiency***

Natalie Douglas, Climate Resilience Planner



As the Embodied Carbon Pilot Coordinator at the City of Nelson, Natalie Douglas has been working to highlight the importance of reducing material carbon emissions in buildings (also referred to as embodied carbon and embodied emissions), and bridge this with existing programming to reduce operational emissions. Natalie's educational background in environmental science and urban planning, graduate research on the topic of consumption-based emissions, project management experience, and passion for data visualization and science communication has provided a strong foundation for her work at the City of Nelson.

Sam Ellison, Senior Building Official, Development Services Department

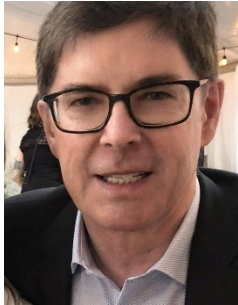


Sam Ellison has been working in the position of Senior Building Official for the City of Nelson since 2018. He has been working as a Building Official for the past 15 years and the construction industry since the early 1990's after he graduated with a degree in architectural and civil drafting and design. As someone who was part of the push for early adoption of the BC Energy Step Code, Sam also recognized the need to integrate the consideration of emissions associated with building materials. Not seeing enough work being done on the topic, he initiated work to study and address this significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions within the building sector. Sam feels strongly that it is clearer now than ever that we must confront the risks associated with climate change and act quickly to reduce our emissions.

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## ***Future ready: emergency response and recovery***

Don Lidstone, Q. C., Managing Partner, Lidstone & Company



Don Lidstone practices municipal law in the areas of governance, finance, land use, Indigenous law and bylaws. He has chaired numerous boards and commissions. Don has published numerous papers and manuals and consulted on the creation of the Columbia Basin Trust and the development of the BC *Community Charter* as well as other municipal statutes in several provinces and territories. He was designated Queen's Counsel in 2008.

## ***Nelson Next: Implementing the City of Nelson's Visionary Climate Action Plan***

Cecilia Jaques, Climate and Energy Advisor, City of Nelson



Cecilia works at the intersection between strategy, engagement, and sustainability and is driven by her mission to inspire community-based climate action. She holds a Masters in Sustainability Science from Lund University in Sweden, has published in the Journal of Sustainability MDPI, and was the founder of a Sustainability Consultancy in Vancouver before joining the City of Nelson as Climate and Energy Advisor. In her current role, Cecilia is responsible for supporting the implementation of Nelson Next, the City of Nelson's Visionary Climate Plan.

Emily Mask, Organics Diversion Coordinator, City of Nelson



Emily is a big picture thinker passionate about Food Systems and local agriculture. She has spent most of her time in the Kootenays supporting and developing sustainability-based programming from ground-level farming to advocacy work. As the City of Nelson's Organic Waste Coordinator, Emily is responsible for developing Canada's first city-wide pre-treated organics diversion program. Emily graduated from Trent University with Honours in Indigenous Environmental Studies, specializing in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

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## ***Fibre Infection (Remote Broadband)***

Tim Ryan, Treasurer, Kaslo InfoNet Society



Tim has been involved in the graphics, photographic industry, and information technology industries for most of his working career.

Tim and his wife Anne bought property in Kaslo in 2001 and became permanent residents in 2003. Tim's role as CTO of Technicare who were leaders in the digital conversion process. By 2003 Technicare operated with close to a third of its staff on line connected to four fibre equipped sites and were very early Cloud Software and Systems operators. To remain a Kaslo resident, fibre connectivity was essential.

From 2012 to the present Tim has participated in the design, development, funding, and implementation of the fibre network system in Kaslo and Area D. Tim retired from Technicare in 2016 but continued to contribute as KiN's Treasurer, board member and founder of the KiN Technical Services group.

Tim is also a board member of BC Broadband Association, and a member of the BCBA Fibre Committee.

As the KiN Kaslo and Area D fibre project is largely complete and has the resources required for KiN to carry this to completion, Tim has recommitted his time and resources to the BCBA and in 2022, a consulting and technical service for planning and support of further community fibre projects.

## ***Rob Gay, Board Chair & Director Electoral Area C, Regional District of East Kootenay***



Rob C. Gay is serving his fifth term (17 years) as Electoral Area C Director with the Regional District of East Kootenay, representing the 6536 citizens residing in the rural areas surrounding the City of Cranbrook. He is serving his eleventh year as Board Chair. Rob has always lived in the Kootenay Boundary region of BC. His work experience includes 28 years of professional forestry and 12 years of community economic development operations and management. Rob is a Trustee with the Municipal Finance Authority of BC, a Director on the Board of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC, Chair of the Southeastern BC Regional Connectivity Committee, and a past member on the Union of BC Municipalities Select Committee on Local Government Finance. Rob is one of two elected representatives on Recycle BC's Provincial Advisory Committee. Rob is married with two grown children and two grandchildren and lives near Cranbrook, BC.

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## **Nelson Committee on Homelessness (Nelson HUB)**

**Andree Patenaude, Program Manager, Reaching Home Program Manager, NCARES**

Andree Patenaude, Reaching Home manager of the Nelson Committee on Homelessness'



Coordinated Access Hub, comes to the community with visionary leadership and advocacy skills. With experience in frontline service provision for unhoused people in Edmonton, AB, and a degree in Human Geography focused on homelessness and disaster management, she was poised to respond when the COVID-19 pandemic began in March of 2020. In her fourth year working for Nelson CARES Society, she switched gears to initiate the Civic encampment, hoping to meet the needs of Nelson's most vulnerable population during a time when restrictions left unhoused and marginalized people without access to essential services. Working with the Nelson

Committee on Homelessness, Andree and a team of community agencies secured federal and municipal funding to open the Coordinated Access Hub, a pilot project operating multiple frontline services out of one centralized location. In her free time, Andree is a student of somatic therapy and a singer-songwriter, currently recording her first album.

**Ryall Giuliano, Program Manager, Support Recovery Program, ANKORS**



Over the past five years, Ryall Giuliano has played a lead role initiating local projects and programs designed to support vulnerable members of West Kootenay communities. His most recent research project, Rural Social Service Adaptation in the Context of a Global Pandemic, led to the completion of a Master of Arts in Environmental Education and Communication at Royal Roads University. Ryall is employed with Nelson Street Outreach (Nelson Community Services) and manages the Kootenay Boundary Supported Recovery Program (ANKORS). Ryall is also a volunteer firefighter with the Ymir Fire Department.

**Amber Streukens, Street College Coordinator, ANKORS**

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## *UBCM Resolutions Process Review*

*Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM*



Gary is the Executive Director of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities – a position he has held since 2007.

Gary has spent his entire career in local government. He started his career as Clerk-Treasurer of a small town in Nova Scotia, spent five years in the City Clerks Department with the City of Vancouver in the mid-1990s, and spent 9 years as the CAO for a county government in Nova Scotia.

Gary has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Dalhousie University. He and his wife Marion live in Saanich. They have three children.

*Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM*



Laurey-Anne is pleased to be serving as UBCM President for the current year. She is a proud Quesnel citizen, where she and her husband Herb raised their two children.

Inspired by her community and driven to further support economic growth, inclusion and communication, her passionate voice has been recognized by her colleagues and is appreciated by her constituents.

Throughout her time as an elected official Councillor Roodenburg has held positions of leadership on various committees and is an experienced City Council Member with 12+ years of service. She is also a board member with the Business Improvement Areas of British Columbia (BIABC), President of the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA), and the past-president of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA).

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## ***Unlocking the Potential of Local Government Reserves: MFA's options for Socially Responsible and Long-Term Investing***

Peter Urbanc, CEO or Shelley Hahn, CSO, Municipal Finance Authority



Mr. Urbanc has 30 years of experience in global banking and the public sector, having worked as an investment banker, treasurer and executive officer. From 1990 to 2009, he was an investment banker in New York and London with a specialty focus on the debt capital markets. In 2009, Peter joined the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Finance in Halifax as Executive Director and Treasurer. Mr. Urbanc also served as a Director of the Nova Scotia Pension Services Corporation and Trustee of both the Nova Scotia Teachers' Pension Plan and the Nova Scotia Public Service Long Term Disability Plan Trust. In January 2016, Mr. Urbanc took on the role of

Chief Executive Officer at the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. Mr. Urbanc holds a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University and an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management.

## ***Bringing Collaborative Economic Development to the Basin/Boundary***

Hugh Moore, CEO, Ka-kin Resource Centre



Over the course of a twenty-plus year career in First Nation business, not-for-profit, business and post-secondary education sectors across the prairie provinces Hugh has been involved in initiatives and projects from the ground floor to the executive suite which have brought benefit to the communities and the people he has worked with.

Hugh is currently the CEO of Ka-kin Resource Corporation, the wholly owned business arm of Yaqit ʔa·knuq̓i 'it (the Tobacco Plains Indian Band , owner of HuMAN Consulting Group, a partner in Red Sun Consortium, a Director with the East Kootenay-Columbia Community Investment Co-op, and Chair of the

Economic Development Practitioners Network.

## ***Rebecca Richards, Director, Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation***



Rebecca Richards grew up in Castlegar and is very happy to have returned home to the West Kootenays after spending time away at university. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and in Economics from the University of Calgary, and a Master of Arts in Political Studies from Queen's University. She is excited to be starting a career in her field where she can make a positive impact in the local West Kootenay communities and help bring sustainability to industry and the economy.

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## *How to be a Good Neighbour*

Sophie Pierre, former Chief of ʔaq'am, former Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission, Recipient of the Order of Canada



Sophie Pierre served on the council of the St. Mary's Indian Band, now known as ʔaq'am, of the Ktunaxa Nation for 30 years, 26 as elected chief. She was also the administrator of the Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council and served as the tribal chair of the Ktunaxa Nation Council for 25 years. During that time, she also served as chairperson of the First Nations Finance Authority, president of St. Eugene Mission Holdings Ltd., and co-chair of the International Advisory Committee to the Indigenous Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy of the University of Arizona. Sophie Pierre was appointed chief commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission from April 2009 to 2015, by agreement of the Governments of Canada and British Columbia and the First Nations Summit. She has also served on numerous boards and committees, local, regional, provincial, national and international.

Sophie Pierre was recognized with the Order of Canada in 2016. She also received the Order of British Columbia in 2002 and the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the business category in 2003. During her tenure as chief commissioner, Sophie Pierre was awarded three honorary doctorates of law: in 2010 from the University of Canada West, in 2012 from the University of British Columbia and in 2020 from Simon Fraser University.

Since her retirement in 2015, Ms. Pierre was recognized in BC Business Magazine as one of the top 50 most influential women in B C.

As the mother of three children and grandmother of five, Ms. Pierre, a fluent Ktunaxa speaker, has always been an active member of ʔaq'am (St. Mary's Band) and a key volunteer in community projects ranging from school trips and sports and recreation events to fundraising efforts.

She now spends her time as an elder adviser to her community and to the Ktunaxa Nation.

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## *Collaborating on a 'Future Ready' Columbia River Treaty*

### Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests



Katrine Conroy has represented the West Kootenays as MLA since 2005. She is British Columbia's Minister of Forests and previously served as Minister of Children and Family Development. She has been Minister Responsible for the Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Power Corporation and Columbia River Treaty since 2017.

While in opposition Katrine was the critic for "all things Columbia", in addition to being the caucus whip, and spokesperson for Seniors, Interior Economic Development, Labour, and Freedom of Information (FOI).

Katrine had a varied career before becoming an MLA and was one of B.C.'s first female power engineers, an early childhood educator, executive director of a multi service non-profit agency, a college instructor, and a small businessperson.

Katrine lives in Pass Creek, where she and her late husband, Ed Conroy, have run a successful ranch breeding prize-winning Polled Hereford cattle. Katrine has four children and nine grandchildren

### Linda Worley, Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee



Linda has lived in the Basin since 1967. For the past 43 years she has lived and worked along the Lower Columbia River at Genelle B.C. Geological studies as well as the related earth mysteries and sciences of the origins of water, plants and wildlife have been a major interest of hers since childhood and stay with her today, going forward into our everchanging climates and the effects of those changes.

After 28 years working with the RCMP on Crime Prevention, while serving as RDKB Area B Alternate Director for the last 7 years of that time, Linda retired from that position to take on the role as Director for Lower Columbia/Old Glory Area B. She has been the Director for the last 14 years and this year has begun serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for RDKB.

Linda was appointed as Chair of the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee in 2019, after being a member since its inception in 2011. This group of dedicated local government leaders continues to work toward a healthier Basin for all its inhabitants through the Committee's Recommendations for a modernized Columbia River Treaty and resolution of domestic issues we can solve here in B.C.

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## *Getting Ready: Indigenous Engagement and Ethical Space*

Gwen Bridge, Gwen Bridge Consulting and Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative



Gwen Bridge has worked with and for Indigenous peoples in Canada and the U.S. for over two decades. Gwen is a member of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation, and grew up near Nelson, B.C. She supports organizations with strategic planning, governance, negotiations and consultation, policy analysis and creation, relationship building, and other advisory services (See [GwenBridge.com](http://GwenBridge.com)). Gwen is a leading expert on concepts and implementation of ethical space. She believes that utilizing both science and indigenous knowledge to protect and manage the landscape will result in the best outcome for biodiversity, cultural sustainability, and the ecological and societal resiliency needed for climate change adaptation.

This presentation is sponsored by the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative's (Y2Y) "Exploring Ethical Space" program (see [y2y.net/ethicalspace](http://y2y.net/ethicalspace)).

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## Update from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities



### Leah Main, Silverton Councillor & RDCK Director

I have been a Councillor for the Village of Silverton since 2009; a Regional District of Central Kootenay Municipal Director since 2011; and am serving my 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year on the FCM Board, where I am also the BC Caucus Chair.

My particular interests include Transit and inter-community passenger bus and train Transportation; Natural Capital Assets (including both as infrastructure and as recreational assets); Environmental issues; and Community Sustainability.

## Building Rural Economic Resiliency Through Cannabis Business Development

### Abra Brynne, Coordinator, Kootenay Cannabis Development Council (KCDC)



Abra has been deeply involved in farming and food systems her entire life, from her childhood on a farm in BC's Okanagan Valley, where her family belonged to a local tree fruit marketing cooperative. She has worked closely with farmers and on food systems for thirty years, with a priority on value chains and the regulatory regimes that impede or support them. She has worked on policy advocacy and transitions in the fisheries, meat, cannabis, and organic sectors. Abra is a founding member of many organizations, including Kootenay Local Agricultural Society, the Canadian Association of Food Law & Policy and, most recently, the Kootenay Cannabis Economic

Development Council. Abra is the Executive Director of the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council and also serves as a policy advisor to a range of clients and organizations across the province and Canada.

### Shannon Ross, CEO, Antidote Processing Inc.



Shannon Ross was a cannabis advisor at Community Futures Central Kootenay, in the heart of Canada's legacy cannabis culture in Nelson, BC. With over twenty years of experience working with cannabis and managing commercial organic farms she is knowledgeable and passionate about sustainable agriculture and helping cannabis growers plan a thriving business from the ground up.

In 2020, Shannon co-founded the Kootenay Cannabis Economic Development Council comprised of local government and the legacy cannabis community. Councils are split into Provincial and Federal Policy committees and an Appalachian committee for the future of small cannabis farms and canna-tourism opportunities. The council's goal is to create a unified voice to support economic growth of the sector in the Kootenay region.

Shannon is the CEO of Antidote Processing Inc. The first grower-owned standard processing facility in Canada. Antidotes' goal is to provide growers with processing services and to widely market premium-

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quality cannabis flower, pre-rolls and a vast array of value-added products. Full-spectrum extracts, edibles, oils, concentrates, and live rosin will be processed at the facility. Antidote is committed to social and environmental stewardship with a focus on regenerative agriculture.



**Velvet Kavanaugh, Director, Kootenay Cannabis Economic Development Council**

Velvet's background is in running niche businesses in emerging agricultural and retail industries, she helps cannabis companies build a prosperous business they can be proud of. To support progressive government policy, Velvet sits on the Kootenay Cannabis Economic Development Council and the C45 Regulatory Committee.

**Jason Taylor, Christina Lake Cannabis Corporation**



Jason currently oversees Christina Lake Cannabis Corporation's regulatory affairs and onsite operations. Jason earned his law degree from the University of Dundee Law School in the U.K. and was called to the Canadian Bar in 2002. Jason previously worked for the Competition Bureau for over 5 years working in the Mergers Branch, and subsequently returned to private practice in 2013 to focus on corporate law.

## ***Forestry Future – Are we Ready to be Modernized?***

**Dan Battistella, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association (ILMA)**



Dan Battistella is a Registered Forest Professional with over 35 years' experience in BC forestry.

Having worked for small independents as well as large multinational companies and as a consultant Dan Battistella has a unique view of the challenges and opportunities in BC forestry from many perspectives. He is a standing member of many industry/government policy engagement groups and a member of two resource based advisory boards.

As President of the ILMA, who represents some of the last remaining small/medium sized independent family-owned forest companies who focus mainly on specialty forest products, he works closely with a very diverse group of companies that continually adapt to this ever-changing industry.

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## **BC Politics: A Commentary on the Not so Distant Past and Near Future**

Keith Baldrey, Chief Political Correspondent, Global TV (BC)



Keith Baldrey is Global BC's chief political correspondent and legislature bureau chief and one of B.C.'s best-known political commentators. He joined The Vancouver Sun in 1984, and moved to The Sun's legislature bureau in 1986, becoming The Sun's legislature bureau chief in 1989. He joined BCTV (now Global TV) in 1995.

He has covered 10 premiers, 10 provincial elections and 12 federal elections (along with numerous federal campaigns and party leadership races). He also writes a weekly syndicated column on B.C. politics for a variety of B.C. papers and websites, including the North Shore News and the Burnaby Now, and is a daily commentator on CKNW Radio.

He has written numerous magazine articles, and co-authored (with now-Globe and Mail columnist Gary Mason) a book on former premier Bill Vander Zalm and his Social Credit government. In 2021, he was named Broadcast Performer of the Year by the B.C. Association of Broadcasters for his ongoing coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## ***Adapting to Uncertainty – Building a Resilient Future***

**Fiona Dercole, RDEK Protective Services Manager, RDEK**



Fiona Dercole is the Protective Services Manager for the Regional District of East Kootenay. Fiona leads and administers the Emergency Management, Rural Fire Services and Wildfire Resilience programs in the region. Before moving to the Kootenays, Fiona worked for 13 years for the District of North Vancouver and achieved a Master of Arts degree in Public Safety Leadership. Fiona is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys skiing, hiking and river rafting with her family.

**Chris Johnson, Manager of Community Sustainability, Regional District of Central Kootenay**



Chris began his career with the BC Wildfire Service here in the Kootenays before completing his master's degree in disaster and emergency management and moving into local government with the City of Calgary. During his years in Calgary he was fortunate to work as an emergency management planner for the water utility, an executive advisor for environmental management, and finally, as the lead for stormwater operations.

In 2017 Chris moved back to the Kootenays and after a short stint with Emergency Management BC he joined the RDCK to run the emergency management program. Chris' role has grown into what is now the RDCK Community Sustainability department and includes emergency management, wildfire mitigation, sustainability, and climate action.

Chris' diversity of experiences has resulted in a good understanding of the many services offered by local governments and a deep appreciation for how emergencies impact them.

**Mark Stephens, Manager of Emergency Programs, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary**



Mark Stephens has been working in local government for over a decade, coming to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) in 2019. He started as Interim Manager of Emergency Programs before becoming permanent Manager in 2020.

Since arriving at the RDKB, Mark has led the department through critical projects such as the development of the Regional Flood Response plan and Regional Evacuation Route plan. He has also led the EOC through numerous activations including the 2020 Boundary Freshet which saw over four km of TigerDam and earth berms deployed to protect the City of Grand Forks from floodwaters. When not responding to emergencies in his capacity with the RDKB, Mark serves his community as a paid-on-call Firefighter and enjoys spending time with his wife and three kids camping, skiing, and hunting.

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## FUTURE READY

Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 am	<b>Pulpit Rock Hike</b> (see page 6 of this document)
7:00 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Registration Open - Breakfast on your own</b>
7:30 - 10:00 am	Set-up for Trade Show <b>Grand Ballroom/ Hallway</b>
11:00 am – 5:30 pm	Trade Show <b>Grand Ballroom/ Hallway</b>
	<b>Field Tours</b> (for details see pages 6 - 9 of this document)
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Trade Show <b>Grand Ballroom/ Hallway</b>
12:30 – 1:00 pm	<b><u>Welcomes</u></b> <b>Grand Ballroom</b> Opening Welcomes from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters of Ceremonies – Convention Committee Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ron Popoff, Councillor, City of Cranbrook</li> <li>Rob Lang, Councillor, Village of Kaslo</li> </ul> </li> <li>Clara Reinhardt, AKBLG President</li> </ul>
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Refreshment/ Tradeshow
1:20 – 2:20 pm	<b><u>Plenary Presentation</u></b> <b>No time to waste: Decision-making for climate action and the critical years ahead for the AKBLG Region</b> <i>Sarah-Patricia Breen PhD, Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College</i> <i>Jayme Jones, Faculty Researcher, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College</i> <i>Lauren Rethoret, Faculty Researcher, Selkirk Innovates at Selkirk College</i>  <b>Climate change and our region</b> Starting with an overview of our region and climate change focusing on the latest projections for key climate variables specific to our region and the direct impacts on the day to day business of local government, this part of the session will discuss key vulnerabilities and risks.  <b>What can we do about it?</b> While climate change can be a daunting topic, communities have many opportunities when it comes to tangible actions. This

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	<p>part of the session will focus on concrete activities – including decision-making, policy, and planning. Actions and ideas covered will be broad, demonstrating how multiple, incremental actions can work together to create change. Examples will include not only mitigation and adaptation, but also economic resilience and equity.</p>
<p><b>2:20 – 2:35 pm</b></p> <p><b>2:20 – 2:25 pm</b></p>	<p>Refreshment Break &amp; Trade Show</p> <p><b>ROOM TRANSITION for concurrent sessions</b></p>
<p><b>2:35 – 3:15 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Best Practices for Responding to Complaints of Bullying and Harassment</b>  <b>Robson-Monashee room</b>  <i>Carolyn MacEachern, Partner, Young Anderson</i>          Your local government receives a complaint of bullying and harassment by a staff member against an elected official – now what? In this session, we will outline best practices for responding to a bullying and harassment complaint and ensuring a fair process for all parties. The benefits of a procedurally fair process include the opportunity for an early and effective resolution of workplace conflict and less likelihood of litigation.</p> <p><b>2. Moving Beyond just Energy Efficiency</b>  <b>Selkirk-Kootenay room</b>  <i>Natalie Douglas, Climate Resilience Planner, City of Nelson</i>  <i>Sam Ellison, Senior Building Official, Development Services Department City of Nelson</i>          One increasingly important way of reducing emissions associated with buildings is by targeting material carbon emissions. As a major contributor to overall greenhouse gas emissions, buildings have been and continue to be a focal point for climate action in cities. This presentation will explain what material carbon emissions are, why they need to be addressed, what barriers exist to integrating their consideration into municipal processes, and what actions elected officials can take to help reduce them.</p> <p>This presentation will be based on the City of Nelson’s experience running the Low Carbon Homes Pilot and highlight recently developed educational resources that can be used by municipalities across the region. As a rural municipality doing leading work on a timely and consequential topic, the City of Nelson offers insight into one of the many ways a Kootenay municipality can tackle the overwhelming task of bringing down greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
<p><b>3:15 – 3:25 pm</b></p>	<p><b>ROOM TRANSITION</b></p>

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<p><b>3:25 - 4:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Future ready: emergency response and recovery</b>  <b>Robson-Monashee room</b>  <i>Don Lidstone, Q. C., Managing Partner, Lidstone &amp; Company</i>  The Kootenay Boundary region has recently suffered from increasing incidences of wildfires and flooding. What powers and authority do local governments have to deal with emergency response and recovery in British Columbia? What are the best practices? What happened in Lytton, Princeton and Fort McMurray and how can we learn from these experiences? What emergencies are on the horizon?</p> <p><b>2. Nelson Next: Implementing the City of Nelson's Visionary Climate Action Plan</b>  <b>Selkirk-Kootenay room</b>  <i>Cecilia Jaques, Climate and Energy Advisor, City of Nelson</i>  <i>Emily Mask, Organics Diversion Coordinator, City of Nelson</i>  The City of Nelson has a long history of leadership in enhancing resiliency to a changing climate. To ensure initiatives are coordinated and implemented collaboratively, the City of Nelson has recently approved a comprehensive climate action plan entitled Nelson Next (NN). This Plan builds on Nelson's strong foundation, offering a range of evidence-based and community-grounded strategies and tactics that will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and vulnerability to climate change impacts (adaptation).</p> <p>This presentation will outline the approach to implementing NN, which prioritizes our largest emissions sources and preparedness for our highest climate risks. The City aims to increase active and electric transportation, support efficient and more resilient buildings, improve our waste systems, and ensure that Nelson adapts to a changing climate.</p>
<p><b>4:00 – 4:20 pm</b></p>	<p>Refreshment Break &amp; Trade Show</p>
<p><b>4:20 – 5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Fibre Infection (Remote Broadband)</b>  <b>Robson-Monashee room</b>  <i>Tim Ryan, Treasurer, Kaslo InfoNet Society</i>  <i>Rob Gay, Board Chair &amp; Director Electoral Area C, Regional District of East Kootenay</i></p> <p>Hear insights and learn from two fibre optic projects in the Region. The first is the Southeastern BC Regional Connectivity Committee which is a partnership proposing to bring fibre to 6650 rural homes - find out what their goals are and how will they get there. The second project is in Area D where most of the key fibre infrastructure in place and they have 850 subscribers - but how do they scale up and where do they go from here?</p>

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	<p>2. <b>Nelson Committee on Homelessness (Nelson HUB)</b>  <b>Selkirk-Kootenay room</b>  <i>Andree Patenaude, Program Manager, Reaching Home Program Manager, NCARES</i>  <i>Ryall Giuliano, Program Manager, Support Recovery Program, ANKORS</i>  <i>Amber Streukens, Street College Coordinator, ANKORS</i></p> <p>During the COVID19 pandemic, the Nelson Committee on Homelessness hit the ground running to support our most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. Within a network of support and collaboration, the presenters worked together on the frontlines - integrating a decade of community partnership a to develop a sanctioned encampment, hygiene services, and a winter Warming Centre to meet the basic needs of those who could not just 'stay home.' The partnerships solidified during the pandemic created an ideal platform for our Coordinated Access Hub – a frontline service centre and drop-in space offering health and harm reduction services, outreach, and systems navigation. The Hub gives unhoused and vulnerable people a place to go, a sense of belonging and a place to call their own. The presenters' combined experience and education in disaster response for vulnerable populations, emergency services, harm reduction, peer engagement, frontline work, and city planning have offered them a unique lens through which to advocate and work alongside people experiencing homelessness, addictions, and stigma.</p> <p>Elected officials receive a variety of concerns from the community around homelessness including from emergency services, business owners, and concerned citizens. Having knowledge of the innovative work currently being done to address the housing crisis and opioid emergency during the pandemic will give elected officials an idea of how innovative practices are coming into our region to effectively address these issues. They will learn the strides made over the last two years in community collaboration around homelessness and glean our best practices and theory of change towards supportive housing. They will learn of the network of support currently being strengthened to address the needs of the community, and how the Coordinated Access system can help to unburden our social services, emergency services and reduce chaos in the community during public health emergencies.</p>
5:00 – 5:30 pm	<b>Networking &amp; Tradeshow Time</b>
6:00 pm	Shuttle service from Lakeside Resort to reception
6:30 - 9:30 pm	<b><u>Welcome Reception</u></b> (for details see page 10 of this document)
7:00 - 9:30 pm	Shuttle Service from reception to Lakeside Resort

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Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Grand Ballroom
8:00 – 5:30 pm	Trade Show	Grand Ballroom / Hallway
8:00 – 8:30 am	<b><u>AKBLG AGM</u></b> Officials March (piper: David Hogg) National Anthem by Juliana Kopp AKBLG Official Opening by Clara Reinhardt, President of AKBLG Dignitaries Welcoming Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Brittny Anderson, MLA Nelson-Creston</li> <li>• Hon. Roly Russell, MLA Boundary-Similkameen</li> <li>• Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom
8:30 – 10:10 am	<b><u>AKBLG Business Meeting</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Executive   AGM Business Meeting   Life Membership Inductees</li> <li>• Nominations for Executive accepted</li> <li>• Resolutions begin</li> </ul>	Clara Reinhardt, President
10:10 – 10:13 am	<b>Fortis BC</b> <i>Sponsor Presentation</i>	
10:15 – 10:35 am	Refreshment Break & Trade Show	
10:35 – 11:20 am	<b><u>Plenary Presentation</u></b>  <b>UBCM Resolutions Process Review</b> <i>Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM</i> <i>Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, UBCM</i> UBCM is conducting a review of our resolutions process. An important part of the review is engaging with our members to hear what you have to say.  We invite you to bring your ideas and join us for a discussion on how the resolutions process can be improved.	
11:20 – 11:23 am	<b>ETSI BC</b> <i>Sponsor Presentation</i>	
11:23 - 11:30 am	Refreshment Break & Tradeshow  <b>ROOM TRANSITION for concurrent sessions</b>	

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<p><b>11:30 am – 12:05 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Unlocking the Potential of Local Government Reserves: MFA's options for Socially Responsible and Long-Term Investing</b>  <b>Robson-Monashee room</b>  <i>Peter Urbanc, CEO, Municipal Finance Authority</i>            This session will discuss some innovative new investment options the MFA has launched to support BC's Local Governments in achieving their investment goals.</p> <p>We will review the MFA's newly-launched long-term investment product: the Diversified Multi-Asset Class Fund (DMAC). This low-carbon footprint investment pool introduces new asset classes never before available to BC's local governments. As such, Councils and Boards will require education on the special nature of the fund to approve updated investment policies prior to investing in the Fund. The fund is only suitable for local government reserves that are earmarked for future infrastructure projects with a time horizon of 10 years or longer.</p> <p>This presentation will also discuss “socially responsible investing” and ESG considerations, both a growing topic of interest for many local government boards and councils - particularly as it pertains to investments that align with climate change risks. We will discuss the challenges and opportunities related to this emerging consideration.</p> <p><b>2. Bringing Collaborative Economic Development to the Basin/Boundary</b>  <b>Selkirk-Kootenay room</b>  <i>Hugh Moore, CEO, Ka-kin Resource Centre</i>  <i>Rebecca Richards, Director, Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation</i>            We are an active and engaged network of about 40 economic development practitioners in the Columbia Basin/Boundary region. Our mission is to build a strong network of community economic development professionals to share wise practices, collaborate, and contribute significantly to the prosperity of the Basin Boundary region</p>
<p><b>12:05 – 1:05 pm</b></p>	<p>Trade Show</p>
<p><b>12:05 – 1:05 pm</b></p>	<p>Buffet lunch  <b>Sponsored by CUPE</b></p>
<p><b>1:05 – 1:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b><u>Plenary Presentation</u></b>  <b>How to be Good Neighbours</b></p> <p><i>Sophie Pierre, former Chief of ?aq'am, former Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission, Recipient of the Order of Canada</i></p>
<p><b>1:45 – 2:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Columbia Basin Trust</b>  <i>Sponsor Presentation</i></p>

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<b>2:00 – 2:45 pm</b>	<p><b><u>Plenary Presentation</u></b>  <b>Collaborating on a 'Future Ready' Columbia River Treaty</b></p> <p><i>Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests</i>  <i>Linda Worley, Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee</i></p> <p>When the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) was originally negotiated in the 1960s, there was no engagement with local communities. Impacted communities endure ecosystem and economic losses and uneven distribution of benefits. However, rather than dwelling on the past, Basin communities now focus on 'acknowledging what was lost while enhancing what remains'.</p> <p>Local governments formed the BC CRT Local Governments' Committee in 2011 to meaningfully engage in decisions related to the future of the Treaty. Negotiations between Canada and the U.S. have been underway since 2018 to modernize the Treaty, including discussions to address ecosystem function, along with flood risk management and power generation, with an eye to the changing climate. In 2019, regional Indigenous Nations joined the Canadian Negotiating Team as observers with full participation. The Committee is working closely with the BC CRT Team, federal negotiators and Indigenous Nations to ensure the voices of Basin residents are heard, to seek refinements to the Treaty and to address existing domestic issues to improve the quality of life for Basin residents.</p> <p>This session will describe the historical impacts of the CRT, provide an update on negotiations from Minister Conroy and take questions about the Committee's work. This is an example of how local governments can work together, with other orders of governments to be 'Future Ready'.</p>
<b>2:45 – 3:00 pm</b>	Refreshment Break & Tradeshow
<b>3:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	<p><b><u>Plenary Presentation</u></b>  <b>Getting Ready: Indigenous Engagement and Ethical Space</b></p> <p><i>Gwen Bridge, Gwen Bridge Consulting and Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative</i></p> <p>This session will help local governments increase understanding and create readiness for appropriate and authentic engagement with Indigenous people and governments. The presentation will include a review of the key articles of the United Nations Declaration and B.C.'s Act on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP and DRIPA) as it relates to local communities. It will include an overview of Indigenous worldview and law, and the concept and practice of working in "ethical space". The session will offer tools for best practice and practical next steps for local governments to be positive participants of reconciliation in the Kootenay-Boundary.</p>
<b>4:00 – 4:10 pm</b>	<b>Update from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Leah Main</b>
<b>4:15 – 4:25 pm</b>	<p>Refreshment Break &amp; Tradeshow</p> <p><b>ROOM TRANSITION</b></p>

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4:25 – 5:00 pm	<p><b><u>Concurrent Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Building Rural Economic Resiliency Through Cannabis Business Development</b>  <b>Robson-Monashee room</b>  <i>Abra Brynne, Coordinator, Kootenay Cannabis Development Council</i>  <i>Shannon Ross, CEO, Antidote Processing Inc</i>  <i>Velvet Kavanagh, Director, Kootenay Cannabis Economic Development Council</i>  <i>Jason Taylor, Christina Lake Cannabis Corporation</i></p> <p>Recreational cannabis has only been legal in Canada since October 2018 and as a result cannabis producers are experiencing challenges common to new sectors. Despite this, the sector has a long and rich history throughout the Kootenays that positions both the sector and our region for a resilient, home-grown economic driver. Presenters will share how cannabis has had a positive impact on our region’s economy, culture, and employment over the past half century. We will discuss how the sector has adapted to legalization and its resilience in the face of the pandemic and the new policy landscape. We will also demonstrate how the plant and the many craft cultivators in our region offer genuine solutions to the increasingly harmful impacts of climate change – both as a means for environmental and economic adaptation but also as a true contributor to storing carbon and improving soil health.</p> <p><b>2. Forestry Future – Are we Ready to be Modernized?</b>  <b>Selkirk-Kootenay room</b>  <i>Dan Battistella, President, Interior Lumber Manufacturers’ Association</i>  BC has recently experienced the most significant legislation changes in decades, that effect the forest industry. Dubbed as “Modernizing Forest Policy” - from tenure redistribution to a new FRPA framework to old growth deferrals. What does this all mean to the local forest sector, communities, and the industry at large?</p>
5:00 pm	<b>Last Call for Nominations to the AKBLG Executive</b>
4:55 – 5:30 pm	<b>Trade Show</b>
6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>AKBLG Banquet</b> (for details see page 11 of this document) <b>Grand Ballroom</b>
8:30 – 12:00 am	<b>Evening Entertainment in the City of Nelson</b>

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## FUTURE READY

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

7:30 – 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <b>Address from the Honourable John Horgan, MLA, Premier of British Columbia</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
8:30 – 9:15 am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>BC Politics: a Commentary on the Not so Distant Past and Near Future</b> <i>Keith Baldrey, Chief Political Correspondent, Global TV (BC)</i>  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.	
9:15 – 10:00 am	<b>Plenary Presentation</b> <b>Adapting to Uncertainty – Building a Resilient Future</b> <i>Fiona Dercole, RDEK Protective Services Manager, RDEK</i> <i>Chris Johnson, Manager of Community Sustainability, RDCK</i> <i>Mark Stephens, Manager of Emergency Programs, RDKB</i>  We are seeing an increase in the frequency, severity and duration of extreme weather events across the province, and here in the Kootenays. These events negatively impact residents and businesses in our communities and also affect local governments' ability to deliver services, retain emergency management personnel and manage budgets.  There is a great deal of uncertainty in the field of emergency management at the moment – changing hazards, increased expectations from residents, development pressures in hazardous areas, and the anticipation of new provincial legislation with the modernization of the Emergency Program Act (for the first time in 35 years).  Emergency management professionals from the three regional districts in the Kootenays will present current challenges for local governments, and discuss opportunities for a more resilient future.	
10:00 – 10:20 am	Refreshment Break	
10:20 am – 12:05 pm	<b>AKBLG Business meeting continued</b> Speeches – TWO minutes each / Nominees for Executive positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKBLG Elections</li> <li>• AKBLG Resolutions continued</li> </ul>	



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12:05 - 12:10 pm

**Election Results**

12:10 - 12:30 pm

**Convention Closing**

- 2023 Host Community Invite & Showcase
- Clara Reinhardt, President AKBLG Closing Remarks
- Conclusion of Convention

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