



Important Invitation to all BC First Nations and Local Governments

To: Local Government Mayors, Chairs, and Administrators
BC First Nations Chiefs and Administrators

From: UBCM Executive and First Nations Summit

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RE: 2009/10 Regional Community to Community Forum Program

Funding permitting, the Union of BC Municipalities and First Nations Summit are pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2009/10 Regional Community to Community (C2C) Forum program. **This is an exciting opportunity to build relationship between local government and neighbouring First Nations and we invite you to respond by organizing an event in your area.**

To qualify for funding, a C2C Forum must include dialogue between neighbouring First Nation and local government elected officials and must work toward one or more of the objectives:

- Educating and informing the participating governments about current issues in relationships between the First Nations and local governments.
- Providing a forum for dialogue on a specific concern or topical issue.
- Strengthening relationships and fostering future co-operative action by building stronger links between First Nation and local government elected officials and staff.
- Determining opportunities for future collaboration and joint action.

The **Program & Application Guide** and **Application Form** are now available on online. Please visit www.civicnet.bc.ca (under 'Programs and Services' – 'Cmty to Cmty Forum Program') or www.fns.bc.ca.

The application deadline is April 24, 2009 for events up to March 31, 2010. For more information contact Danyta Welch at UBCM at (250) 356-5134 or dwelch@civicnet.bc.ca.

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