



Bulletin #3
CONVENTION UPDATE

Union of BC Municipalities
Annual Convention September 28 - October 2 2009 • Vancouver

SPECIAL EVENT FOR UBCM DELEGATES AT ROBSON SQUARE

In addition to the Olympic Oval Tour on Monday morning and the Community Champions Prepare for 2010 Study Session on Monday afternoon, the BC Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Secretariat is inviting UBCM delegates to attend a Monday evening event at Robson Square. The event will run from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and includes the following:

- Refreshments and beverages in the BC Showcase
- A sledge hockey demonstration from Paralympic athletes, with a few short sledge hockey games involving selected UBCM delegates and government MLAs
- Tours of Robson Square highlighting the facilities and the opportunities that exist for communities during the Games

This event will be held at Robson Square from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm on Monday September 28. If you will be attending, please RSVP to Joel Palmer at Joel.Palmer@gov.bc.ca before 4:30 pm on September 21.

2009 SPEAKERS AND CABINET PANELS CONFIRMED

This year's Federal and Provincial speakers have been confirmed. Delegates can expect to hear a federal address from the Honourable Stockwell Day, as well as addresses from Minister Bill Bennett, Premier Gordon Campbell, Carole James, Leader of the Opposition and Jane Sterk, Leader of the Green Party.

In addition, four Cabinet Panels

have been confirmed, and will be held on Wednesday afternoon. They will be focused on the topics of Resources, Community, Safety and Intergovernmental Relations, Business and Economy, and Education, Health and Social Development. Please check your program for location and time details.

UBCM COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS BREAKFAST RECEPTION

All communities that applied for a Community Excellence Award are invited to a special breakfast reception on Thursday, October 1st where the winners will be announced. Invitations were faxed out at the beginning of September. If you have not received your invitation, please call Angela Elliott at 604-270-8226, Ext. 103. As this is an invitation-only event, entrance to the awards presentation is only available to those that have R.S.V.P.'d.

CONVENTION REFUND POLICY

To receive a full refund on part or all of a convention registration, UBCM must be notified in writing by September 11th at 4:30 p.m. Refunds will NOT be processed until after Convention. After this day, the refund policy is as follows:

- Written notice received between Sept. 11 (after 4:30 p.m.) & Sept. 18 = 50% refund
- Written notice received after Sept. 18 = No refund

PROGRAM CHANGES

The **BC Government Reception** has been moved to Thursday evening, from 5:00-6:00 pm, and the **BC Libraries Reception** has been moved to Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 pm.

A plenary session on **Industrial Taxation** has been added to the program, taking the place of the forum wrap-up session on Tuesday afternoon.

Go to www.civicnet.bc.ca under Convention 2009 the week of September 14th for a full updated program schedule.

Please note that the Fraser Basin Breakfast has been cancelled.

For convention info, visit the ubcm web site: <http://www.civicnet.bc.ca>