

2024 SILG A AGM & CONFERENCE

Kamloops BC

Keep The Ball Rolling

Keynote Speaker Tkwenem7íple7 (Councillor) Nikki Fraser



Nikki Fraser is a councillor with Tkemlúps te Secwépemc. Her portfolio with TteS includes Natural Resources and Rights & Title, Housing and Lands, Leasing & Taxation.

She is currently pursuing a Sociology and Political Science degree from TRU, although she has taken some time off from her studies to serve her

community. Prior to serving on council, Nikki was the TteS Indigenous Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator and Indigenous Tourism Program Coordinator, an Indigenous Research Assistant with TRU and a Published Indigenous Researcher with TRU Knowledge Makers. Nikki has also been part of the United Nations Youth Envoys Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Nikki's volunteer advocating work centres on Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples Rights with a focus on Indigenous Women and Girls.

Tuesday, April 30th

Afternoon

Preconference Session

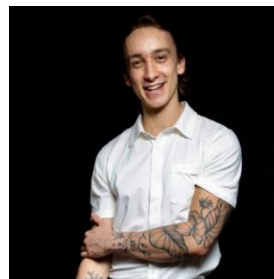
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Innovative Community Solutions for Public Safety & Substance Use

Noah Chalifoux, Project Manager, Community Development with Community Action Initiative, Dakota Fayant, Communications Coordinator, CAI and Andrea Derban, Senior Practice Lead, Episodic Overdose Prevention (e-OPS) with the BC CDC

This session is informed by engagement with over 55 local governments across BC through the provincial project, Local Leadership United (LLU). Meant to support local governments with challenges related to substance use and community

overdose response efforts, this session will equip elected officials with practical tools, examples from other communities and resources to support community health. It will also support them to address community concerns about complicated challenges like public consumption, new health services (i.e. overdose prevention sites, overdose deaths, etc.), as they relate to other crises (i.e. housing). It will also provide context on concerns specific to decriminalization and other aspects of the provincial response to the unregulated drug poisoning crisis.



Noah holds a bachelor's degree from Queen's University in Human Geography. He is passionate about community development and has worked on a diversity of community health projects, including research, community programming, outreach and engagement activities with

queer communities, Indigenous communities, and other oppressed groups.

He believes that change is a collective process and that it should be led by communities themselves. Grounded in queer ethics of solidarity, Noah is committed to supporting community-led harm reduction across BC. Outside of work, Noah enjoys hiking, camping and gardening.



Andrea is a seasoned Public Health Nurse with over 30 years of experience in 3 of BC's 5 Regional Health Authorities, BCCDC, FNHA and the Ministry of Health. Driven by a passion for social justice, Andrea is a dedicated team member striving for systemic

changes required to better serve people who use substances. Andrea is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a baccalaureate degree in nursing and has been working towards a master's degree in theology at Regent College. When not at home in Coal Harbour, Andrea walks the seawall with her partner or hiking with her puppy in the mountains.



Dakota is responsible for CAI's internal and external communications, including website and social media administration, identity systems and implementing administrative systems and policies. She also leads the Local Leadership United (LLU) network of elected officials. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, her home communities

are Peepeekisis First Nation and the Qu'Appelle Métis community. Dakota holds Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies and has over a decade of experience working and volunteering in community-based non-profits across Canada.

Preconference Session

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Playing by the Rules - Keeping Order in Council and Board Meetings

City of Kamloops Corporate Officer Maria Mazzotta and Sun Peaks CAO Deanna Campbell

This session will cover the who, what, why and when of Robert's Rules of Order for council, committee and board meetings.

- Who is Robert and why follow his rules?
- When to call on Robert's Rules (and when not to)
- Most commonly used motions simplified
- Meeting Etiquette best practices

This session will take a dry (and often boring!) subject and make it interesting and relevant for anyone wishing to gain a better understanding of meeting procedures.



Maria has lived in multiple communities - urban and rural - across the Southern Interior, nationally, and internationally. She currently serves as Corporate Officer for the City of Kamloops, where she grew up. Maria got her start in local government as Corporate Officer with the District of

Logan Lake, and she has previously worked in universities, with non-profits, and with a private consulting firm. Maria graduated with a master's in public administration with a concentration in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria. She is honoured to be serving as SILGA's Parliamentarian for the second year, and excited to have the SILGA Convention taking place on Secwepemc Territory this year.

Maria is the parent of a busy, enthusiastic toddler who fills her with joy and gratitude. In any spare moments Maria loves to read, dance, and be outdoors.



Deanna is a passionate local government leader with a legal background and training. She has worked in local government for 8 years with both municipalities and regional districts and has significant experience providing trusted guidance and advice to elected

officials on legislative and procedural matters. She is currently the Chief Administrative Officer for Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality.

Preconference Session

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Creating balance from a busy, 24/7

Schedule

Cindy Piva and Anna Harrison with Thrive Business Strategies

Are you running 24/7 and too busy to attend this session? Then this session is a must! Come and find ways to balance work and life, do more with less, and calm the storm of activity into a well-oiled machine!



Cindy Piva is the owner and founder of Thrive Business Strategies (established in 2009). She works with business owners, CEOs, and leaders to help them define their purposes, align their core values, streamline their operations, proactively plan their

organizations strategically, grow as leaders, and implement focused best business practices customized to their unique needs. For non-profits, she is mindful of helping organizations thrive through purpose, involving volunteers, teams, and improving fundraising, while ensuring all stakeholders are included in the process.

She has a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC, a Certified Professional Master Business Coach designation, is a founding member of the Global Alliance for Professional Leadership Development (GAPLD) and is a Certified Professional for Leadership Development (CPLD). She has trained over 2500 presidents-elect in leadership through her service as a President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Training Leader and Coach and is the current District Trainer for Rotary District 5060. Cindy has received "Coach of the Year – Western Region," an esteemed award from her peers at the North American PBCA, as well

as the “Hall of Fame” award. She has also been a finalist twice for Kamloops Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards as “Service Provider 1-10.”

She loves giving back to her community. Currently Cindy is the President of the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce and a Director on the Kamloops Hospice board. She has been honoured with the Rotarian of the Year and President’s Award from her Rotary club as well as the District Governor’s Citation for Distinguished Service Award from the district. She is past president of the Business and Professional Women’s Association and Kamloops West Rotary.

Cindy enjoys travelling, curling, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, and spending time with her husband, three daughters, and their families.



Anna is a member of the Professional Business Coaches Association (PBCA) and a founding member of the Global Alliance for Professional Leadership Development (GAPLD). She is a Certified Professional Business Coach and a Certified Professional in Leadership Development.

She partners with business owners, individuals, and non-profit organizations to help them recognize and achieve their potential by seeing possibilities, setting goals, and executing game plans. Anna has a focus on business and leadership development, strategic planning, implementation, sales and marketing strategies, and team building.

Anna believes in giving back to her community and the organizations that she is passionate about. She has held many volunteer positions, including President of the Chamber of Commerce, Board Member with the Kamloops Central Business Improvement Association, Marketplace Leaders leadership team, Motion Church leadership team, and many positions with Rotary, including President, District Public Image Chair, and Assistant District Governor. She has also helped facilitate leadership training for over 2000 Presidents-Elect.

Anna has been recognized in the community and has won a number of awards, both personally and professionally, some of which are Chamber of Commerce – Business of the Year, Chamber of Commerce finalist – Business Person of the Year, Business and Professional Women’s Club – Woman of the Year, RBC finalist – Women Entrepreneur of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, and KTW Reader’s Choice awards for coaching and consulting.

Tuesday, April 30th
Afternoon

Preconference Tours and Activities

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Golf at Mount Paul Golf Course 1:00 pm

Executive Course (9 holes) Cost \$30

Equipment and transportation NOT provided. Prizes awarded.



BC Wildlife Park

1:00 pm BUSING NOT PROVIDED Cost \$16/person

9077 Dallas Drive



The BC Wildlife Park is a non-profit organization and registered charity located in Kamloops, British Columbia since 1965. The BC Wildlife

Park is home to nearly 200 animals and 65 different species that are native to British Columbia including cougars, bears, wolves, reptiles, birds of prey, and the only Kermode bear in human care in the world.

Many of the animals at the Park have been rescued or were orphaned and are unable to survive on their own in the wild. The BC Wildlife Park is an accredited facility in Canada, by Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA).

In partnership with the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society, The BC Wildlife Park has been working towards saving the burrowing owls from extirpation since 1992. Together we are proud to be the largest and most successful breeders in the world.

The BC Wildlife Park also operates the Fawcett Family Wildlife Health Centre which is dedicated to the rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife. As the only full-service wildlife rehabilitation centre in the Southern Interior, our health centre accepts over 500 animals annually from all over British Columbia.

Rocky Mountaineer 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**Busing provided, wear walking shoes, no charge**

Visit Rocky Mountaineer's tourist train and learn more about its luxury rail service at the company's Kamloops rail yard. You

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will preview a luxury rail car, have a taste of the snacks, guests enjoy while onboard, and tour a working rail yard. Rocky Mountaineer is a major anchor tourism attraction in Western Canada that welcomes more than 90,000 travellers annually and delivers numerous social and economic benefits to communities like Kamloops. This tour will share how, for the past 33 years, this BC based company has offered unparalleled train journeys, lasting social impact, and meaningful career opportunities.

Evening

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Pub Night at Match Restaurant at Cascades Casino

Take this opportunity to kick off the convention and mingle with your peers in this relaxed



environment. Jeremy Kneeshaw will provide easy listening music while you renew old acquaintances and make new ones

Entertainment by guitarist Jeremy Kneeshaw

Sponsored by BCLC and Gateway Casino

Wednesday, May 1st**Morning**

T'kemplúps te Secwépemc (individual cars) (345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops)

1. Residential School Tour

Guests will follow our guide through the Kamloops Indian Residential School (1923-1976) listening to the history of the school, its students,

and the Chief Louis Complex. We will see rooms like the chapel, dining room, kitchen, boys' dormitory, and gymnasium. Questions are encouraged!

2. Sacred Site

Join TteS members as you pay your respects to the children and learn how TteS has honored the missing.

**3. Canoeing / History of Kamloops**

Join the Thompson Rivers Interior Paddling Club guides as they provide canoe instruction along with a history lesson of how the canoe allowed exploration of

the area. All equipment is provided.

4. Lahal – traditional First Nations stick and bone game

Lahal is a traditional Indigenous game featuring sticks and bones. The game is accompanied by singing and drumming. In the past, these games were played with serious attention to winning but were also joyous affairs associated with celebration.

**Afternoon**

BC Housing – BC's Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act

Jade Ashbourne, Executive Director, and Hannah Rabinovitch, Director with the BC Housing Policy Branch

Short-term rentals are diverting thousands of long-term rentals onto the short-term market in BC, taking away homes people need, and adding to the challenge of finding an affordable place to rent. Like many jurisdictions around the world, BC is responding to this growing challenge by taking action to regulate

short-term rentals and return homes back to the long-term rental market.

This presentation will provide an overview of the objectives and execution of the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act, with a particular focus on key considerations and implications for local governments. The legislation aims to give local governments stronger tools to enforce short-term rental regulations, return short-term rental units to the long-term rental market, and establish a new provincial role in the regulation of short-term rentals.

Wednesday, May 1st**Evening****5:30pm to 7:30 pm****Welcome Reception**

Kamloops Coast Hotel and Convention Centre (1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops)

Enjoy this opportunity to network with your peers, industry representatives and presenters while exploring the trade show. Appetizers and drinks provided.

Join us in charity mini golf, with the winner raising funds for their favourite charity.

Sponsored by TNRD

Thursday, May 2nd

Morning Breakfast session

Corix and Association of Mineral Exploration

The Corix representative will speak on what are Thermal Energy options that support municipalities, builders and developers to meet the required climate action plans/strategies in your communities?

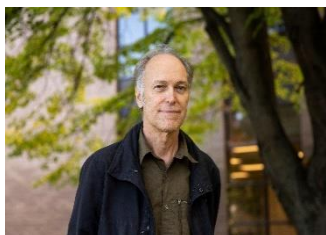
The AME presentation will centre on the transition to a low-carbon economy requiring increased exploration for, and production of, metals ranging from critical minerals such as copper to precious metals such as gold. This talk will explore opportunities in the SILGA area along with the evolving policy framework in 2024.

Morning sessions

The Future of Wildfires in BC

Dr Mike Flannigan, TRU Professor and Murray Wilson, Registered Forest Professional

Wildfires are a frequent occurrence in many regions of the world. These fires are the result of interactions between climate/weather, fuels (vegetation) and people. Our climate and associated day-to-day weather are changing rapidly due to human activities that may have dramatic and unexpected impacts on regional and global fire activity. A warmer world means a longer fire season, more lightning activity, and most importantly drier fuels. Drier fuels mean it is easier for a fire to start, to spread and it means more fuel is available to burn that leads to higher intensity fires that are difficult to impossible to extinguish. Our fire regime is driven by extremes, and we expect an increase in frequency and intensity of extreme fire weather episodes. We have seen a sudden increase in fire activity since 2017 – what will the future hold?



Mike Flannigan is the Research Chair for Predictive Services, Emergency Management and Fire Science at Thompson Rivers University and the Scientific Director of the Canadian Partnership for Wildland Fire

Science. He received his BSc (Physics) from the University of Manitoba, his MS (Atmospheric Science) from Colorado State University and his PhD (Plant Sciences) from Cambridge University. Dr. Flannigan has been studying fire and weather/climate interactions including the potential impact of climatic change and lightning-ignited forest fires for over 40 years. primary objectives are to help facilitate Initiative.

Murray Wilson is a retired Registered Professional Forester who completed his working career as the BC and Manitoba Stewardship Manager for Tolko Industries. He started his forestry career on a wildfire suppression crew in 1977. Over the following decades he worked in a variety of forestry positions ranging from Operations Forester to Woodlands Manager and was active in post fire recovery efforts resulting from the 2017 and 2018 wildfires.



Murray received a Forest Technology Diploma from Selkirk College (1981) and a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Alberta (1988).

Address by the President of UBCM

Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam Councillor



Trish Mandewo was elected to the Coquitlam City Council in 2018 and is currently serving her second term. She has an extensive background in policy and governance, coupled with a solid track record of effective leadership. She ardently supports initiatives aimed at fostering sustainable development and improving the quality of life for British

Columbians. Trish is unwavering in her commitment to encourage cooperation across all tiers of government, advocate for the diverse needs and interests of local communities, and pioneer innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by both urban and rural areas.

With her diverse background encompassing education in Microbiology, Embryology, and experience as an entrepreneur, Trish finds fulfillment in sharing her knowledge through mentoring, public speaking, writing, and serving as a business consultant through her company.

In her spare time, she relishes quality time with her husband, Alex, and their daughter, Alexandra. In addition, Trish indulges her passion for tennis and takes pleasure in exploring the local scenic trails.

The Pendulum: Tools for Successful Dialogue in Local Government

**Jamie McEwan, MA, MCIP, RPP Chair & Instructor,
School of Public Administration, Capilano College**

Successful dialogue – actual conversation – filled with curiosity, vulnerability, and listening is becoming increasingly rare in an age of insecurity. But the issue is not that we have too much change, or too much conflict. Rather, we are lacking the tools to embrace change, and work through conflict in a collegial way. Join Jamie McEwan for an interactive, scenario-filled session on local government discourse.



Jamie McEwan is the Chair of Local Government Programs and an Instructor with Capilano University's School of Public Administration, and Lead Advisor with Broadwater Governance & Strategy. He is a Registered Professional Planner, as well as a

Prosci Change Practitioner.

Throughout his career, Jamie has served over 150 local governments and Indigenous communities across Western Canada. He has also worked with local governments in Jordan, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Belize.

Jamie has previously run his own planning and development consulting business and has served a term on his hometown's municipal council. Following these roles, he contributed in a variety of executive leadership positions for the District of Lake Country, one of BC's fastest growing communities during a period of record growth and change.

Jamie has a Bachelor of Arts in history and geography, and a Master of Arts in urban geography from UBC Okanagan. When he's not reading or learning in self-guided ways, he continues to take courses to learn new skills and gain broader worldviews. He has actively contributed on board positions for over a decade, including involvement as a director with Habitat for Humanity Kelowna-Okanagan; President of the Lake Country Lions Club; Senator for UBC's Okanagan campus; and now, director with Community Futures of Central Okanagan.

Thursday, May 2nd

Morning Breakout Sessions

Kamloops Clean Team: Service, Collaboration, and Funding Innovations

Jeremy Heighton, Executive Director, Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Association

As our cities grapple with persistent social issues, it's evident that innovative approaches to fostering relationships, seeking joint solutions, and ensuring programs cater to the entire community are vital for positive community development. The Clean Team, spearheaded by Kamloops North Shore BIA, aims to achieve a broad spectrum of objectives: enhancing health outcomes for marginalized individuals, fostering collaboration and accountability among agency partners, and serving the community in a way that minimizes stigma while boosting community involvement. Collaborative efforts aren't without challenges, they also, however, prove to be more effective in the long term. During this presentation, Jeremy Heighton, Executive Director of the Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Area Association, will delve into the principles, realities, and significant impacts of the Kamloops Clean Team Project. He'll offer a pragmatic view of achievable goals while inspiring you with the potential of collaborative partnerships.

Jeremy has served as the Executive Director of the Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Association since January 2018.

Having relocated to Kamloops in 2000, Jeremy dedicated six years to the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce Board. In 2002, he established "WOW Leadership Training," a Leadership Development company that operated successfully for 12 years across four continents. In this capacity, he provided leadership training to the US Department of Defense and various multinational corporations. His company received nominations for the Business Excellence Award in 2009, 2010, and 2011, securing the title of home-based business of the year in 2011.

Jeremy actively contributed to the transition to a fully functional governance board during his tenure as a Kamloops Chamber Director. Additionally, he collaborated with the NSBIA Board to implement effective governance management structures.

Over his six years with the NSBIA, Jeremy has transformed the organization from the brink of failure into a thriving, respected, and financially stable entity. Under Jeremy's leadership at the North Shore BIA, significant progress has been made in revitalizing the North Shore. He has spearheaded community-based collaborative projects, guided the business community in addressing social issues, and persistently pursued innovative solutions for fostering healthy community outcomes for all.



Local Economic Development -

A Program-Based Approach

Jim Anderson, Executive Director with Venture Kamloops

In order to generate local economic growth, economic development agencies must provide opportunity at the local level. A strategic system of locally focused programs is essential to provide the grassroots support that promotes a thriving local economy. Venture Kamloops runs seven core programs that are available free of charge to local businesses. These programs combine to form a comprehensive support framework for new and expanding businesses.



Jim Anderson has been the Executive Director of Venture Kamloops, the economic Development Agency for the City of Kamloops since 2013. As Executive Director, Jim is responsible for developing and

maintaining economic development programs and initiatives to drive economic growth in Kamloops. He fosters excellent working relationships with all levels of government, community and business leaders and maintains a strategic involvement with senior staff of key partner organizations. Jim is also responsible for the financial and administrative service delivery of the organization and provides direction and support to Venture Kamloops staff in order to achieve organizational goals and objectives.

Venture Kamloops programs have been recognized provincially and nationally for their innovative approach to local economic development. Jim was awarded the 2023 BC Economic Development Association Chair's Award. This award is presented annually to recognize a member of BCEDA who has made a significant contribution to the economic development profession.

Jim has lived in Kamloops for 26 years. He and his wife Tanja have 2 children who both currently attend TRU.

Intergovernmental Relations and Advocacy for Local Government

Corbin Kelley, TNRD External Relations & Advocacy Advisor and Axelle Bazett, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, City of Kelowna

Effectively engage with senior governments to advance local interests. Working together and communicating effectively with other levels of government can help local governments influence up-stream policy changes or secure funding support for their local communities' needs and interests. IGR and advocacy are both valuable skills for local

government leaders and staff to pursue their strategic goals and to improve service delivery to their communities.

This presentation will explore the possibilities for effective intergovernmental relations and advocacy for local governments. The panelists will share their insights and experiences from working in a municipality and a regional district to offer best-practice tips and strategic approaches

for success in engaging with the Provincial and Federal governments as well as local indigenous nations. The panel will also discuss the power of collective voice, importance of a pointed ask, and value of repetition. How to manage advocacy during senior government elections, the importance of partnerships, and how to maintain positive and respectful relationships with different political parties and stakeholders will also be shared.



As the Intergovernmental Relations Manager for the City of Kelowna since 2021, Axelle Bazett oversees the City's advocacy and collaboration with other levels of government. She has led successful advocacy campaigns to promote Council and Corporate priorities including criminal justice reform, complex care, decriminalization, homelessness, infrastructure and transit funding, and the

Kelowna International Airport. She also supported the inaugural BC Urban Mayor's Caucus with strategic intergovernmental relations advice and coordination. Axelle brings over 12 years of expertise in government relations, public affairs and corporate communications to her role. Previously she worked in communications for the City of Kelowna. She has experience in both public and private sectors, including a national public relations agency in Vancouver where she worked with leading national brands on corporate communication, executive thought leadership building, marketing and media strategies. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours, English) from the University of British Columbia and a post-graduate certificate in public relations from Simon Fraser University. Born in France, Axelle is fluent in French. She resides in Kelowna and is a proud mom to two sons.

Passionate about reconciliation and advocacy, Corbin joined the TNRD in July of 2023. Prior to that, Corbin worked for Simpcw, a First Nation community in the North Thompson Valley, as their



government-to-government Coordinator. As G2G Coordinator, it was his responsibility to advance the interest of Simpcw at the negotiating table with the province. As well, he was the main representative at the collective table of seven other Secwepemc communities as they negotiated with the

province on forestry related matters. Prior to this, Corbin worked extensively in politics both for an MLA and a leadership campaign.

Now, his mandate is to build and foster relationships with all levels of government, including First Nations. This includes aligning his work with the strategic plan for the Boards term and finding best practices to move the organization forward. Main areas of focus include drafting protocol agreements with indigenous communities that advance mutual cooperation, as well as helping guide the organization towards reconciliation. Further, Corbin works closely with the Board of Directors to help advocate for key priorities. With a focus on provincial government, Corbin works to build a bridge between the TNRD and the province both at a political and operational level.

Born in Kamloops and raised in Vernon, he returned to Kamloops to attend Thompson Rivers University for a degree in Economics and Political Science (which he tells his grandparents he'll finish one day).

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake



Anne Kang was elected as the MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake in 2017 and re-elected in 2020. Anne serves as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and previously served as the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training and as Minister of Citizens' Services as well as the Parliamentary Secretary for

Seniors.

Anne was a three-term Burnaby City Councillor before becoming an MLA and has been a leader in many organizations that build community and support those who are vulnerable. Anne's commitment to community was recognized when she was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 for her contribution to Canada.

Anne has a passion for life-long learning. She completed her post-secondary education at UBC, receiving a Bachelor of Music, a Bachelor of Education – Elementary, a Diploma in Special Education – Learning Disability, and a Masters degree in Special Education – Gifted and Creative Learner, and completed two levels of Montessori Certification. Before being elected MLA of Burnaby-Deer Lake, Anne was a music teacher in the Burnaby school system.

Anne lives and works in Burnaby and has two young children, who attend school in Burnaby.

Thursday, May 2nd

Lunch Session

The Future of Energy in BC

Diana Stephenson, BC Hydro's Senior Vice-President of Customer and Corporate Affairs and Doug Slater, FortisBC Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Regulatory Affairs

As BC local governments grapple with the challenges of rapid population growth, critical economic development, and ambitious climate targets, the need for reliable decarbonized energy has never been greater. Join this session where executives from BC's largest energy utilities will discuss their shared commitments to delivering low-carbon affordable energy to achieve the province's CleanBC Roadmap to 2030.

Thursday, May 2nd Afternoon Sessions

Navigating Conflicts: A Guide to Identifying and Addressing Conflicts of Interest

Denise McCabe and Jessica Vliegenthart, Fulton & Co.

Elected officials are often deeply involved in their communities: they sit on boards, own property and businesses, and volunteer with local organizations. While an elected official's connection to their community is a necessary aspect of their role, it can lead to conflicts of interest that vary in complexity.

In this session, Denise and Jessica will provide a refresher on the basics of conflicts of interest, followed by an in-depth review of more advanced conflict topics. This session will be interactive, giving attendees the opportunity to engage with real-world conflict of interest examples.

The goal of this presentation is to have attendees leave with the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and properly address complex conflicts of interest.

Having practiced in the area of local government law for over two decades, Denise offers comprehensive legal services to local governments. She regularly provides advice and assistance on all aspects of municipal law including governance and operations, inter-governmental negotiations, conflicts of interest, municipal liability and risk management, planning, development and building issues, public procurement issues, regulatory authority, freedom of information and privacy issues and commercial transactions.





In her comprehensive municipal law practice involving both litigation and solicitor work, Jessica comes armed with the determination of an Olympian and the affable

people skills that made her a leader on Team Canada, both on and off the basketball court. Regularly advising clients on a wide range of topics, Jessica handles local government matters including governance and operations, conflicts of interest, council codes of conduct, municipal liability and risk management, freedom of information and privacy issues, regulatory authority, and judicial review.

Thursday Afternoon Tours

2:45 pm leaving from Coast Hotel NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED. Please carpool.

1. Tournament Capital Centre (tours at 3:15 pm and 3:50 pm) 910 McGill Road

Andrew Smeaton, City of Kamloops with Dylan Armstrong, Olympic Bronze medalist (shotput) and Ethan Katzberg, 2023 World Champion (hammer throw)

The world class Tournament Capital Centre is an outstanding facility in Kamloops and is a big part of the city's Tournament Capital Program. This world class facility includes a Fieldhouse, well equipped gymnastics centre, Canada Games Aquatic Centre (Olympic length pool), indoor throws room, work-out facilities, outdoor FIFA-certified artificial turf soccer field, and several banquet rooms and retail space. There are 16 change rooms in total and a media press room. Join Andrew along with Dylan and Ethan as they outline the impact this facility has had on their athletic careers as well as to the general public.

2. Kenna Cartwright Park Nature Walk and Invasive Weed presentation (Parking lot is across from 1390 Pacific Way)

Kirsten Wourms, City of Kamloops Natural Resources Crew Leader and Coleen Hougan, TNRD Invasive Plant Management Coordinator

Join Coleen and Kirsten in an information walk and talk when they take the group on a tour through the largest municipal park in the province. Established in 1996, the park encompasses almost 800 hectares of Mount Dufferin and is named in honour of Kenna Cartwright, former Councillor and Mayor of Kamloops, and longtime supporter of parkland preservation.

During the walk Coleen will show the participants invasive plants which are a widespread problem in communities throughout British Columbia. These plants reduce native biodiversity and forage quality, damage infrastructure and can affect human health. The TNRD has been working to manage invasive plants

in the region since 1976, when its Noxious Weed service was first implemented. Over the past 48 years, the service has evolved into a successful and diverse Invasive Plant program that is designed to support private landowners protect their land values from the impacts of invasive plants. She will provide an overview of the evolution of the program, and highlight key successes and challenges encountered.



Coleen is the Invasive Plant Management Coordinator at the Thompson Nicola Regional District based in Kamloops. Coleen's work involves coordinating invasive plant management activities within the Thompson-Nicola Region. This includes administering education and outreach programs and operational

management activities. Coleen has been working in the field of invasive species for 18 years and has been with the TNRD since 2019.

Coleen has a BSC with Specialization in Environmental Biology from the University of Alberta. She is also a BCIA professional Agrologist.

Kirsten is the City of Kamloops Natural Resources Crew Leader.



3. TRU Chappell Family Building for Nursing (840 College Drive – park in front)

The Chappell Family Building for Nursing and Population Health celebrates innovation and excellence in health-care education. Take a tour of the building that has 44,000 square feet of multi-disciplinary labs, classrooms, research and collaborative study spaces.

4. TRU School of Trades and Technology (park at 1025 University Dr. N)

Take a tour of Thompson Rivers University Trades and Technology building where the highest quality instruction using the best equipment and facilities, and programming are used. Trade workers are in high demand and TRU's programs gives state-of-the-art training.

5. TRU General Campus Tour (max 25)

(park at 1025 University Dr. N)

Thompson Rivers University is set on 250 acres with stunning views of the North and South Thompson Rivers. Come see TRU's campus, amenities, facilities and more on this campus wide tour.

Banquet

Kamloops Coast Hotel and Convention Centre (1250

Rogers Way, Kamloops)

Dancing to Shattered Blue

Sponsored by FortisBC, Lidstone and Doug Haughton

Friday, May 3rd

Morning sessions

Hon. Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests and Minister Responsible for the Consular Corps

Bruce Ralston, K.C., was appointed as B.C.'s Minister of Forests and Minister Responsible for the Consular Corps on Dec. 7, 2022. A member of the Cabinet since July 2017, he has served as Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology.



An advocate for innovation in the province's technology sector, Ralston brings his experience and knowledge of the sector to his current cabinet portfolio, where he is focused on the revitalization and modernization of the forest sector leading to expanded diversification in manufacturing. His priorities include the sustainable management and conservation of B.C.'s old-growth forests in the face of climate change, while ensuring a competitive and sustainable future for communities, First Nations, workers and companies.

Ralston was born in Victoria, raised in Vancouver and spent his childhood summers in his mother's hometown of Smithers. He completed his undergraduate studies in history at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and earned a master of arts at the University of Cambridge in England, before returning to UBC to earn a law degree. He ran a successful law practice in Vancouver and Surrey for 23 years until his election to the B.C. legislative building. While running his practice, he served as city councillor in Surrey, chair of Vancity Credit Union, Canada's largest credit union, and president of BC NDP. Ralston and his partner raised their three children in Surrey.

First elected as the MLA for Surrey-Whalley in 2005, voters have re-elected him four consecutive times since then, in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2020 general elections.

Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Jennifer Whiteside was elected as the MLA for New Westminster in October 2020, and served as the minister of Education.

Jennifer was the chief spokesperson and lead negotiator for the



Hospital Employees' Union, where she fought for strong public healthcare and health-care workers' rights. She has dedicated her career to advocating for working people. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked tirelessly to protect seniors and workers in nursing homes throughout the province.

While leading B.C.'s first campaign for a living wage, she fought to ensure that work lifts people out of poverty and allows them to support their families and fully participate in their communities.

Jennifer has championed a wide range of social justice issues, from accessible post-secondary education and affordable public child care, to medicare and health equity. She has worked for community organizations and labour unions at the provincial and national levels.

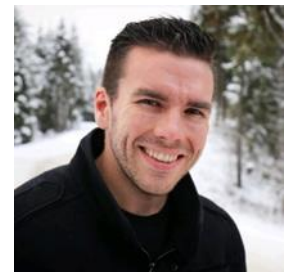
Jennifer was born and raised in New Westminster, holds a degree in history from Simon Fraser University, and is passionate about making life better for people in her city and throughout B.C.

Rushing in to Fill a Void: Ethical Role Clarity for Elected Officials

Jamie McEwan, MA, MCIP, RPP Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College

Ethical issues and pitfalls abound in local government. Some of them are well-intentioned, and others... not so. Ethics are at the core of everything we do. The job of an elected official is already challenging; and that's before understanding the job description and the ethical challenges along the way! Join Jamie McEwan for a session filled with case studies, tools, and a call to action on ethical local government conduct.

Jamie McEwan is the Chair of Local Government Programs and an Instructor with Capilano University's School of Public Administration, and Lead Advisor with Broadwater Governance & Strategy. He is a Registered Professional Planner, as well as a Prosci Change Practitioner.



Throughout his career, Jamie has served over 150 local governments and Indigenous communities across Western Canada. He has also worked with local governments in Jordan, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Belize.

Jamie has previously run his own planning and development consulting business and has served a term on his hometown's municipal council. Following these roles, he contributed in a variety of executive leadership positions for the District of Lake Country, one of BC's fastest growing communities during a period of record growth and change.

Jamie has a Bachelor of Arts in history and geography, and a Master of Arts in urban geography from UBC Okanagan. When he's not reading or learning in self-guided ways, he continues to take courses to learn new skills and gain broader worldviews. He has actively contributed on board positions for over a decade, including involvement as a director with Habitat for Humanity Kelowna-Okanagan; President of the Lake Country Lions Club; Senator for UBC's Okanagan campus; and now, director with Community Futures of Central Okanagan.

Jamie lives in the Okanagan Valley with his family, and is known to always be the dad behind the camera at family gatherings.

Better Than Tinder

Terry Lake, Former Kamloops Mayor and BC Minister of Health and Environment and Ken Christian, Former Kamloops Mayor and Chair of the Kamloops School District

Local government meetings with provincial cabinet ministers at UBCM are often compared to speed dating with very little time to make an impression but they are an opportunity to create a lasting relationship. Former Cabinet Minister Terry Lake and former Kamloops Mayor Ken Christian share their insights into how to maximize these meetings so that (consensual) mutual objectives can be realized.



Terry Lake is the CEO of the BC Care Providers Association which represents operators of long-term care services, retirement communities and home health in British Columbia. Terry trained and practiced as a veterinarian and taught animal health technology before entering public life as an elected representative. He served as councillor and then Mayor of the City of Kamloops

and then was elected Member of the Legislature for the riding of Kamloops North Thompson in 2009. He served as Minister of the Environment from 2011-2013 and Minister of Health from 2013-2017. He was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association Public Health Hero Award in 2017 for his groundbreaking work on the opioid overdose crisis. He is a recipient of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Achievement Award and the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association Award of Merit. Terry was VP of Corporate Social Responsibility for Hexo Corporation, one of Canada's

largest cannabis producers from 2017-2019. He is a board member of the Big Little Science Centre in Kamloops and a member of the Management Committee of Simpcw Resources Group. Terry and his spouse Lisa have three grown daughters and live in Kamloops, British Columbia.



Ken Christian is the former Mayor of Kamloops. Ken ran successfully in ten consecutive local elections in Kamloops from 1993 to 2018. During that time, he spent 18 years as a School Trustee (8 as Board Chair). Two terms as a City Councillor and two terms as Mayor. Ken was active with the Hospital District and Airport Authority as well as many local

business associations. His career at city hall was influenced by a strong passion for infrastructure improvements, adoption of a Climate Action Plan and a focus on the social determinants of health. His final years in politics were punctuated by responding to the COVID 19 pandemic and leading through a myriad of climate crises from heat domes to flood and fire. Ken is a Life Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and has received numerous awards for his public and professional contributions to the region. Ken and his wife Brenda have three adult children, Nic, Jon and Taryn and three adorable grandsons Jack, Rhys and Henry.

Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Climate Readiness



Bowinn Ma is British Columbia's Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. She is a licensed professional engineer with a degree in civil engineering, a master's degree from the UBC Sauder School of Business, and a certified project-management professional.

Bowinn previously served as minister of state for Infrastructure, Bowinn Ma is British Columbia's Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Bowinn previously served as minister of state for Infrastructure, delivering major capital transportation infrastructure projects and supporting highway recovery efforts following the atmospheric river events of November 2021. An advocate for environmentally and socially responsible transportation, Bowinn brought a strong focus on climate resiliency and low-carbon transportation systems to her work as minister of state.

In 2018, Bowinn led the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project, which set the stage for a rapid transit concept for the North Shore and continues to guide regional transportation planning for all levels of government in the area.

She has also served as parliamentary secretary for TransLink and chair of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, where she led an all-party committee to develop recommendations for Transportation Network Services in British Columbia.

Before being elected MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale in 2017, Bowinn managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport. She is the Canadian-born daughter of Taiwanese immigrants and lives in North Vancouver with her partner and two cats.

Hon. Nathan Cullen, Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Nathan Cullen was elected MLA for Stikine in the 2020 provincial election. He previously served as minister of Municipal Affairs, minister of state for Lands and Natural Resource Operations, as chair of the Environment and Land Use Committee and a member of the Cabinet Committee on Economy.



Nathan proudly served as Member of Parliament for the riding of Skeena-Bulkley Valley for 15 years, from 2004 to 2019. He is a strong advocate for the residents of Northern BC and has worked throughout his career to promote sustainable development.

During his time in Ottawa, Nathan was recognized multiple times by his peers at the Maclean's Parliamentarian of the Year Awards. He also served as Official Opposition House Leader and held critic roles for Finance, Natural Resources, Environment, Ethics, and Democratic Reform.

Nathan has worked to encourage the participation of young people in politics and public policy and has supported young entrepreneurs in the Northwest in starting and growing their businesses.

Nathan has run a consulting business specializing in strategic planning and conflict resolution. He has previously worked in international development in Africa and South America. He lives with his wife and twin sons in Smithers.