



BRIGHT IDEAS, BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES

PRE-CONFERENCE TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

11:00 AM-6:30PM
REGISTRATION
MERRITT CIVIC CENTRE

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

11:00AM-4:00PM BEES, BISON, AND BEER TOUR 1:00PM-4:00PM
GOLF TOURNAMENT

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1:00PM-3:00PM Bridging Climate & Economic resilience 1:00PM-1:45PM
TOURISM TRANSFORMED
2:00PM-3:00PM

INTERIOR HEALTH'S HUMAN RESOURCE STRATEGY

3:15PM-4:15PM
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LIBRARIES

PUB NIGHT

5:30PM-7:30PM
THE EMPTY KEG
GRAND PUB
MERRITT LEGION

CONFERENCE DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH

8:00AM-4:00PM REGISTRATION CONTINUES

8:00AM-9:00AM

BREAKFAST TALK

MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES FOR RESILIENCE

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:15AM-10:10AM

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR

COMMUNITY FORESTS

EXPLORING DATA ON STATISTICS CANADA WEBSITE

10:10-10:25
NUTRITION BREAK

10:30AM-11:00AM OPENING CEREMONIES

11:00AM-12:00PM
REGIONAL DISTRICTS - LEGISLATIVE REFORM

12:00PM-5:00PM Trade show begins

12:00PM-1:00PM LUNCH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

1:00PM-2:00PM Norm van eeden Petersman

2:00PM-2:05PM FCM UPDATES

2:05PM-3:00PM
RESOLUTIONS SESSION BEGINS

3:00PM-3:15PM NUTRITION BREAK

3:15PM-3:20PM COFI SPONSOR TALK

3:20PM-5:00PM
RESOLUTIONS SESSION CONTINUES

WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30-7:30

AT NICOLA VALLEY INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CONFERENCE DAY 2 THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

MORNING

7:00AM-8:15AM BREAKFAST

8:00AM-3:00PM
TRADE SHOW CONTINUES

8:15AM-8:40AM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OPENS
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ADOPTION OF 2024 MINUTES
FINANCIAL REPORT
5-YEAR PLAN

8:40AM-8:45AM ETSI-BC SPONSOR TALK

8:45AM-8:50AM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONTINUES NOMINATION REPORT TABLE OFFICER CANDIDACY SPEECHES

8:50AM-9:35AM
TAKING STOCK OF THE TRADE WAR

9:35AM-9:50AM
UBCM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

9:50AM-10:05AM
NUTRITION BREAK

10:05AM-11:00AM
CULTURE COUNTS! STORIES, STATS, AND
SECRETS TO THRIVING COMMUNITIES

11:00AM-11:15AM
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS
SHOWCASE

11:15AM-11:55AM
THE FUTURE OF RURAL BC: ENVISIONING COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT

11:55AM-12:45PM LUNCH



CONFERENCE DAY 2 THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

AFTERNOON

12:45PM-1:15PM
AUTHENTICITY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1:15PM-1:20PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONTINUES
TABLE OFFICER RESULTS
DIRECTOR AT LARGE NOMINATIONS FROM
THE FLOOR

1:20PM-1:25PM
TRANS MOUNTAIN SPONSOR TALK

1:25PM-1:35PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONTINUES DIRECTOR AT LARGE CANDIDACY SPEECHES

1:35PM-1:45PM BCLC SPONSORED TRIVIA

1:45PM-2:35PM

RULING THE UNRULY: BALANCING THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH WITH WORKPLACE SAFETY

2:35PM-2:50PM
NUTRITION BREAK

2:50PM-3:30PM

BEYOND THE BASICS: HOW CAPITAL PLANNING CAN HELP SHAPE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

MERRITT TOURS

3:30PM-4:30PM
EA DIRECTORS' ROUND TABLE

BARKMAN CONCRETE TOUR

NVIT CULTURAL AWARENESS TOUR

MERRITT RESILIENCY TOUR

BANQUET

6:30PM-7:30PM

CASH BAR OPENS AT 6:00 ENTERTAINMENT BY THE COQUIHALLA COYOTES TO FOLLOW



CONFERENCE DAY 3 FRIDAY, MAY 2ND

7:00AM-8:20AM BREAKFAST

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:30AM-9:15AM

WHAT IS A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA?

AGRICULTURAL
PERSPECTIVES: EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE

UNLOCKING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

9:20AM-9:50AM TBA

9:50AM-9:55AM
ICBC SPONSOR TALK

9:55AM-10:10AM NUTRITION BREAK

10:10AM-10:20AM
BC CONSERVATIVE PARTY ADDRESS

10:20AM-10:30AM ENBRIDGE SPONSORED PANEL

10:30AM-11:15AM
DEVELOPMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

11:15AM-11:55AM
MINING IN THE SOUTHERN INTERIOR

11:55AM-12:05PM
INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT ELECT

12:05PM-12:10PM
CITY OF REVELSTOKE ADDRESS - SILGA 2026

12:10PM-12:15PM Grand Prize Draw

SILGA 2025 CLOSES

12:15PM

SEE YOU IN REVELSTOKE FOR SILGA 2026!

