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Prince George, BC – Local Government Representatives Come Together at the Annual NCLGA AGM and Convention

The North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) is holding its Annual General Meeting in Prince George from May 20-22, 2026.

Local government representatives from across northern and central BC are gathering to learn from one another and collaborate on shared regional and community issues, under the convention theme “Walking Together: Honouring Relationships, Leading Change.” This highly regarded annual event presents opportunities to engage in dialogue and discussions on key issues facing local governments, and to work together on shared advocacy to advance economic and community resilience.

Participants are taking part in networking opportunities and visiting exhibitor tradeshow booths. Regional tours were offered, showcasing the innovation in the region, including a tour of the Public Safety Operations Building (PSOB) with Emergency Support Services, a tour of the almost completed Ancient Forests Interpretive Centre, and a Prince George Energy Leadership tour highlighting local energy leadership initiatives.

Themes being discussed at the AGM include emergency services, recreation and sport in Northern BC, agriculture, tourism, regional economic investments, energy stewardship, and healthcare and mental health supports.

UBCM President, Cori Ramsay provided a welcome on behalf of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) on Day 2. Panel presentations were held in plenary, including a presentation by Gary MacIsaac, UBCM Executive Director, and Allan Neilson, Principal, Neilson Strategies, which provided an update and engagement on the UBCM governance review process.

On Day 3, May 22, 2026, The Honourable Brittney Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, will take part in a Minister’s Panel, to be followed by a speech by the Official Opposition, Trevor Halford, Interim Leader of the Conservative Caucus of BC.

Kyle MacDonald, Councillor with the City of Dawson Creek, was elected as President. NCLGA First Vice President-Elect Tony Zabinsky, Councillor with the City of Fort St. John and Second Vice President-Elect Jesse Wright, Councillor with the District of Mackenzie were acclaimed.

Three Director at Large positions for Julia Nelson, Ron Polillo, and Melanie Woods were also acclaimed.

Day 3 will include remaining sessions on resolutions for membership to vote on, and will also include a presentation from the Co-host communities on their ongoing projects, latest developments and recent initiatives, and how they are working to address some of their unique challenges.

About the Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)

Established in 1955, the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) advocates for over 240 elected officials in 40+ local and First Nations governments across North Central British Columbia, covering a vast area from 100 Mile House to the Yukon border and from Haida Gwaii to Alberta.

As a non-partisan, non-profit organization, we prioritize the needs of our members, ensuring their voices are heard on provincial and federal levels. Through resolutions, outreach programs, and close relationships with government, media, and industry, we articulate and address the unique perspectives and priorities of our member communities, championing for their interests in decision-making processes.

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