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Annual TOLGMA Conference

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April 15-17, 2026

Sicamous, BC



Registration Information

Important Dates

Registration deadline: April 7, 2026
Conference Sessions: April 15-17
TOLGMA Annual GM: April 17

Where to Stay

Reduced Hotel Rate at:
The Best Western Sicamous Inn

806 Trans Canada Hwy, Sicamous BC V0E 2V0

Don't forget to ask for the TOLGMA rate, which is only available until **April 7, 2026**

Phone: 250-836-4117

Online Booking Link: [2026 Annual TOLGMA Conference Online Booking](#)

How to Register

Visit the CivicInfo site: www.civicinfo.bc.ca and search TOLGMA under Events & Training, or use this link below: [REGISTER](#)

Registration Fees

TOLGMA Members: \$275
Non-Members: \$400

Registration includes (No refunds after April 7, 2026):

- *Dinner on Wednesday, April 15th*
- *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Thursday, April 16th*
- *Breakfast on Friday, April 17th*
- *All nutrition breaks*

Registration Payment Methods

Visa & Mastercard: Accepted with online registration.

Cheque: Make payable to Thompson Okanagan Standing Committee - LGMA, c/o Randee Plantz Suite 710A - 880 Douglas Street Victoria, BC V8W 2B7

Please note on cheque that the payment is for TOLGMA 2026 Conference.

**The 2026 TOLGMA Conference is being held at the Sicamous Community Health Centre
200 Main St #160, Sicamous, BC V0E 2V0**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

12:30 - 1:30 pm: Registration - Sicamous Community Health Centre

1:30 - 1:45 pm: Welcome to the Conference

1:45 - 2:45 pm: AI in Local Government

Daphne Thomson, Digital Transformation & AI Consultant



Helping local governments go from paper piles to digital power—with just the right dose of AI.



2:45 - 3:00 pm: Nutrition break by Anvil Coffee Collective

3:00 - 4:15 pm: AI in Local Government cont'd

Daphne Thomson - Catch the Beat

4:15 - 4:30 pm: Election Communications

Campton Hancock, Crystal Cut Communications



This session highlights five messages that every local government can activate to improve clarity, strengthen trust and support effective communication during the election period

4:30- 5:30 pm: Free time - remember to bring your jackets for the boat

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Dinner at Community Health Centre by The Cahoots Kitchen

6:30 - 10:00 pm: Shuttle provided to and from houseboat - from the Health Centre

7:00 - 10:00 pm: Networking on the Twin Anchors Houseboat

Note: The boat will remain on the dock



Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:30 - 8:30 am: Registration & Delegates Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 am: Welcome Message: Kupki7 Edna Felix, Mayor Anderson, CAO Dean Strachan

9:00 - 9:15 am: Local Government Management Association

Candace Witkowskyj - Executive Director



9:15 - 9:45 am: Young Anderson Barrister and Solicitors

Latest and greatest local government legal updates

YOUNG ANDERSON
BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

9:45 - 10:15 am: Colliers Project Leaders

Trevor Jarvis, Collaborative Contract Delivery



Join Trevor Jarvis, Director, in this session as we unpack how “people-first, project-first” mindsets build stronger teams, reduce risk, and improve value outcomes for communities.

10:15 - 10:30 am: Nutrition break by Anvil Coffee Collective

10:30 - 11:00 am: Municipal Finance Authority

Peter Urbank - MFA Updates and Services for Local Governments

11:00 - 12:00 pm: Brain Health and Beating Burnout in Local Government

Faith Wood

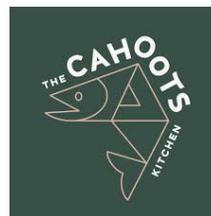


This session explores how to sustain clarity, composure, and resilience in demanding environments.

Faith Wood is a communication and conflict specialist with over two decades of experience working with municipal leaders, health authorities, and public agencies across Canada.

Thursday, April 16, 2026

12:00 - 1:30 pm: Lunch by The Cahoots Kitchen



1:30 - 2:30 Faith Wood Cont'd

2:30 - 3:00 pm: Civic Info - Importance of Elections Reporting

Todd Pugh, Executive Director



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3:00 - 3:15 pm: Nutrition break by Anvil Coffee Collective

3:15- 3:45 pm: Lidstone & Company

Chris Groves - First Nations Legal Update

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4:00 - 5:00 pm: Free time

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Cocktail Hour - Community Health Centre

Join us for a relaxing drink before dinner!

6:00 - 7:30 pm: Dinner by the Cahoots Kitchen

7:30 - 10:30 pm: Entertainment & Networking

Faith Wood: Mind Over Matter Experience

Faith
Wood

The Mind Over Matter experience will illustrate:

- How attention shapes perception
- How belief influences behaviour
- How quickly psychology shifts
- How mindset alters performance



Friday, April 17, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 am: Continental Breakfast by The Cahoots Kitchen

9:00 - 9:15 am: Board Elections & Annual Report

9:15 - 11:15 am: Christina Benty

Beyond the Code: Operationalizing Responsible Conduct in Local Governments



Christina Benty, MA is a recovering politician who still loves local government. She works with leaders and organizations committed to building a culture of excellence in an environment that is kinder, wiser, and more conscious.



11:15 - 11:30 am : Closing the Conference

2026 Conference Sponsors

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support. Their commitment and contributions have been instrumental in making the TOLGMA Conference a success. We deeply appreciate their dedication to helping us achieve our goals. Thank you for your unwavering support.

See You Next Year!

