



Agenda at a glance

June 9		Pre-Conference Day	
7:45-8:30am		<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:30am-5pm		Communications and Engagement Professionals Forum (R, E)	
12-1:15pm		<i>Lunch</i>	
1-4:30pm		Beyond the Code: Operationalizing Responsible Conduct in Local Government (R)	
2-4:30pm		Field Trip: Watercourses Revitalized (R, L)	
4:15-5pm		First Time Attendees Meet and Greet	
5-7:30pm		President’s Welcome Reception & Trade Show Kick-Off <i>(Sponsored by Lidstone & Company)</i>	
June 10		Conference Day 1	
7:45am-3:30pm		<i>Trade Show hours</i>	
7:30-8:30am		<i>Breakfast</i>	
8am-3:30pm		<i>Professional Headshots with Stuart Bish – by appointment</i> <i>(Sponsored by Civic Legal LLP)</i>	
8:30am-4:30pm		<i>Wellness Lounge</i>	
8:45am-5:30pm		<i>Pension Consulting with Jerry Woytack – by appointment</i>	
8:30-9:45am		Welcome, blessing & opening keynote "Knowledge means nothing if you don't share it with someone" (A, L) Anona Kampe	
9:45-10:15am		<i>Networking Break / Meet the Exhibitors</i>	
10:15-11:15am		Joint Task Force: Government Cooperation for Enforcement (L) Troy DeSouza, Dominion GovLaw and Avtar Sundher, Agricultural Land Commission	
		Winning the Talent Game: Building Strategies for Attraction, Development & Retention (R) Nikki Caulfield and Graham Stuart, City of Coquitlam	
		Building a System of Collaborating with Local Governments (A) Ned Taylor, WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council	
11:30am-12:30pm		Human + Machine: The Legal Side of AI at Work <i>(Sponsored by Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark)</i> (E) Paul Mc Lean and Kaelyn Burns, Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark	
		Engaging Through the Noise: Building Trust in Challenging Times (R) Julie Rogers	
		Legal Update 2026 (L) Ryan Bortolin, SMS Law	
12:30-1:15pm		<i>Volunteer Recognition Lunch</i>	
1:15-1:30pm		<i>Stretch Break</i>	
1:30-2:45pm		Neutralizing Attacks on Local Governments: New Proactive Tools and Support (R) Don Lidstone, Ale Henao and Mary Nguyen, Lidstone & Company	
		Meet Your New Co-Worker: AI in Local Government <i>(Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority)</i> (E) Daphne Thomson, Catch the Beat	
		Rethinking Community: Diverse Community Voices <i>(Sponsored by BC Assessment)</i> (A) Nicole Barker and Celina Deneault, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, Michelle Amaral and Sarah Candido, City of Kamloops	
2:45-3:15pm		<i>Coffee Break / Meet the Exhibitors</i>	
3:15-4:30pm		Pathways to Partnership: One Region integrating Indigenous Engagement into Emergency Management (A, L) District of Saanich and members of the regional Indigenous Engagement Working Group	

	<p>Hot Topics: Navigating Post-Election Changes (R) James Ridge, James Ridge Consulting Inc. and Kevin Ramsay, Innova Strategy Group</p> <p>Beyond Compliance: A Dynamic Data Governance Strategy for the Modern Era (E) Ja'elle Leite, Ultralogix Inc.</p>
June 11	Conference Day 2
7:45-8:45am	<i>Breakfast (Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association)</i>
8am-4:30pm	<i>Professional Headshots with Stuart Bish – by appointment (Sponsored by Civic Legal LLP)</i>
8am-5pm	<i>Pension Consulting with Jerry Woytack – by appointment</i>
8:30am-4:30pm	<i>Wellness Lounge</i>
8-9am	2026 LGMA Annual General Meeting
9:15-10:05am	Building the Relationship: Lessons from Renewing a City–First Nation Relationship Agreement (R, A) Representatives from snpink'tn Indian Band and City of Penticton – speakers to be confirmed
	Tales from the Trenches: Strategies for Successful Major Capital Project Delivery (L) JoAnne Kleb and Jim Bauer, City of Delta
	Managing Risk and Maximizing Benefits with Local Government Land Assets (L) Pam Jefcoat, Civic Legal
10:05-10:20am	<i>Stretch Break</i>
10:20-11:45am	Indigenous Title: What the Cowichan Tribes Decision means for BC Local Governments (A) Reece Harding and Nick Falzon, Young Anderson
	People First: Reimagining Employee Mental Health Support for Local Governments (R) Marcy Boyd, BC Association of Clinical Counsellors
11:45am-12:45pm	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
12:45-1:55pm	Beyond the Storm: Lessons in Extreme Weather Events (L) Peter Cohen, District of North Vancouver
	From Pilot to Practice: Responsible AI Adoption in Local Government (E) Duncan Malkinson, Village of Pouce Coupe and Jessica Bagnall, Muniworth
	Resilient by Design: Making Strategy Stick during Change (R) Dyra Pridham, Crossroads Consulting
2-3pm	Solving Wicked Problems: A Community Ecosystem Toolkit (L) Dan Olivieri, System 2 Consulting and Karyn Zuidinga, NextWAVE Innovation
	ELEVATE: Flipping the Script on Annual Performance Evaluations (R) Sophie Knowles, Town of Gibsons
	Creating Safe Spaces for Meaningful Dialogue (R, L) Dr. Clint Abbott, MNP LLP
3-3:30pm	<i>Ice Cream Break</i>
3:30-4:30pm	Closing Keynote "Your Organization's Future" (Sponsored by Municipal Finance Authority) (R, L) Dr. Roslyn Kunin
6-6:30pm	Awards Reception
6:30-11:30pm	Awards & Gala Dinner (Sponsored by Young Anderson)