

November 20, 2025

To my fellow small community colleagues,

It my pleasure to be reaching out to you from the UBCM Executive as your Small Community Representative.

We had our first executive meeting in Richmond last week, and I wanted to touch base with you for a few reasons:

- First of all, I would like all of you to know that I am here for you: if you would like to discuss what's going on in your community, if there is work that UBCM can assist you with, or if you just need someone to talk to about the challenges of local government. My cell phone number and email are below. Please feel free to reach out anytime.
- Second, I want to share what we your executive is doing; please see my notes below.
- Lastly, I would like to set up regular virtual check-ins for us small community folks throughout the year. If you would be interested in joining for an hour or so in the near future, *please RSVP to my email to say so and include a few topics of interest*, so I can facilitate a loose agenda.

Thank you for your support in taking on this important role at UBCM, and please know that I am here to support you in the important work you are doing in your own community.

Here is some of what we covered at the November UBCM Executive Meeting:

- analysis of our 2024 and 2025 resolutions from convention
- UBCM's response to the proposed changes to the Heritage Conservation Act: <https://conta.cc/4hWb0v3>
- received a delegation from Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Christine Boyle and Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, Brittney Anderson,
- endorsed the creation of a new committee to support local government engagement in the development of a comprehensive emergency management plan
- endorsed an extension of the end date of the Local Government Advisory Committee on Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Regulations until June 30, 2026
- approved the Gitaanmax Band for membership, and
- arranged a workshop with legal counsel on the Cowichan Tribes Supreme Court decision at the February executive meeting.

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