



86th Annual

AKBLG Convention and AGM

April 26-28, 2019

**Strengthening the Capacity for Local Government
Performance**

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AKBLG Mission Statement

To assist our members in providing effective, responsible and accountable local government through dialogue, education and advocacy.

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AKBLG President's Welcome



Delegates, honored guests and sponsors;

On behalf of the AKBLG Executive I would like to welcome you to our 2019 Convention and Annual General Meeting. Our 86th annual event! Thank you for coming!

The theme this year is ***Strengthening the Capacity for Local Government Performance***. All elected officials have a critical responsibility to provide effective and efficient services to those who elected us. I believe this convention will provide you some tools, resources, and contacts to help you enhance your performance. We also encourage you to have some fun.

Our convention organizing committee has worked extremely hard to develop a comprehensive program and I am eagerly anticipating a great Convention and AGM. I would like to thank the Castlegar Mayor and Council for hosting our 2019 Convention.

Prepare yourself to be challenged, inspired, and excited to put your new knowledge into practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob C. Gay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob C. Gay, AKBLG President
RDEK Chair, Regional Director Electoral Area C

Castlegar Mayor's Welcome



It is an honour to welcome everyone to the 2019 AKBLG Annual Convention & AGM hosted in our community, a hidden gem in the West Kootenays. On behalf of myself and the Council, it's always our pleasure in welcoming new faces into our City. We hope all delegates, presenters and sponsors will enjoy their stay.

It is my experience that when communities come together and collaborate - great change is inevitable.

I am hopeful and eager to see what evolves out of the 2019 AKBLG Convention & AGM because the Kootenay & Boundary Region and its surrounding Cities and Towns deserve to have strong leadership, leading them into a healthy, environmentally friendly and economically safe and stable future.

So, let the theme ***Strengthening the Capacity for Local Government Performance*** inspire growth and relationships among members. I believe change happens when hardworking, dedicated individuals, network together - this builds strength among elected officials and ultimately, our communities.

We are pleased to offer you our City and encourage you to explore our historical sites that share stories of our City's history and evolution. The Doukhobor Discovery Centre Museum, Zuckerberg Island, and the Station Museum are a must. If you have the time, check out our scenic views at the Millennium Walkway and Ponds that overlook the Columbia River, and the Castlegar Sculpturewalk with sculptures placed across downtown Castlegar, you won't be disappointed.

You will also find many great establishments ready to serve all of you - please enjoy yourselves.

Thank you again for being here and enjoy our AKBLG Convention & AGM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruno Tassone".

Mayor Bruno Tassone
City of Castlegar

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Chris Fields – Rynic Communications
5 Ways to Make Community-Building Exceptional



Chris Fields, Rynic Communications is an informative, entertaining, and insightful strategic humorist with a serious message: dare to be different and reach your highest aspiration or join the burgeoning ranks of the unnoticed. Chris' 27 years of award-winning community economic development experience has been dedicated to reconnecting people to the power of community-building. His dry sense of humour and no nonsense, cut-through-clutter style challenges convention delegates and leaves people with inspiration to “make community-building exceptional.”

Kootenay Rockies Tourism



Kathy Cooper has been a key member of the Kootenay Rockies Team over the last 31 years, assisting the region in becoming a leader in the marketing of British Columbia as a premier tourism destination.

Kathy has been involved in many roles with the organization including project management, consumer advertising, travel trade, media relations, governance and HR. Kathy has been the leader of a talented team of destination management and marketing specialists as CEO of the organization since 2012.

Kathy also sits on the Destination BC’s Tourism Marketing Committee for British Columbia and is a Director on the Go2HR Board.

BC Assessment



Rod Ravenstein serves as both the Assessor, Kootenay Columbia Region and the Director, Local Government and First Nations Customers.

The Kootenay Columbia Region, with offices in Cranbrook and Nelson, covers the entire southeast portion of BC. In his capacity as Assessor, Rod is responsible for the creation and defense of the assessment roll for all properties within the Region. Rod is a UBC alum and is an accredited appraiser with the Appraisal Institute of Canada. He has been with BC Assessment for over 23 years and calls Cranbrook home.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)



Paul Taylor is the Director of Communications for the Union of BC Municipalities. Paul joined UBCM in 2006 to support the delivery of the Federal Gas Tax Fund in B.C. and has worked on a range of special projects including a defense of local government fiscal management; a review of the office of the Auditor General for Local Government; and the impact of Employers Health Tax on local government finances. Paul lives in Victoria and has hiked nearly every trail in the Capital Region with his family.



Michelle Dann is Director of Governance Services, with the Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Her team is responsible for administering local government bylaws and providing education and advice to the public, elected officials and local government clients on the local government legislation.

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) - The Story of the Trust



Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO of CBT was born and raised in Castlegar. He joined the Trust in 2005 after working for several years with CIBC. Johnny has been involved in every aspect of Trust business in a senior leadership role. He became Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer in 2012. The Board of Directors appointed him President and CEO in November 2016. He is also the Acting President and Chief Executive Officer for Columbia Power Corporation. Johnny is a graduate of Selkirk College (Diploma in Liberal Arts & Sciences) and the University of Calgary (Bachelor of Commerce degree with a concentration in Finance). He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter holder.

Columbia Basin Trust was created in 1995 to support efforts by the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being in the Canadian portion of the Columbia River Basin - the region most affected by the Columbia River Treaty. Learn about the Trust's creation, accountabilities, how and who we work with, how we set our priorities and what progress we've made so far. Get a preview on what 2020 will bring for the region and the Trust.

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Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology: Indigenous Business and Investment Council (IBIC)

The Indigenous Business and Investment Council (IBIC) is a 24-member advisory Council to the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology. The mandate of the Council is to increase Indigenous participation in the economy, promote Indigenous entrepreneurship and businesses, inspire Indigenous and industry partnership and create sustainable pathways for all British Columbians.

IBIC often collaborates with various organizations to curate and support relationship building opportunities to engage and promote greater awareness on how to realize economic reconciliation in British Columbia.



**Indigenous Business and
Investment Council**

Sharing Success

**Ministry of Forests, Lands
And
Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD)**



Garth Wiggill is the Regional Executive Director for the Kootenay Boundary Region with the Ministry of Forests Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and provides oversight to all forestry and resource management operations within the Region.

Garth studied and worked in the forest industry in South Africa for 10 years before immigrating to Canada in 1993. Since 1994 Garth has worked for the BC Government in the Southern Interior of BC in the forestry and resource sector and he supports a number of key Provincial initiatives including hazard management, fibre utilization, reconciliation with Indigenous Communities, and supporting economic resilience in rural BC.



Tara DeCourcy is the District Manager of the Selkirk Resource District. The district stretches from Golden to Midway and includes the communities of Revelstoke, Nakusp, Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and Grand Forks. District staff oversee forestry authorizations and forest stewardship. Tara has worked and lived in Castlegar and Nelson with the BC government for 25 years and is a Registered Professional Forester with a passion for stewardship and sustainability. This year Tara is leading projects to improve communications and social license in forestry, increase fiber utilization and improve community wildfire resilience.

Municipal Insurance Association of B.C. (MIABC)

Tom Barnes has been the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia since 2005. He sits on the Boards of the Association of Governmental Risk Pools and the Canadian Association of Insurance Reciprocal. Mr. Barnes is a B.C. native, who was educated at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George as well as the University of British Columbia, from where he graduated with a law degree in 1978. He then



spent more than ten years at one of British Columbia’s leading insurance law firms. His practice focused on the field of civil litigation concentrating primarily in the defence of municipalities and construction design consultants. In 1991 he founded Barnes Craig & Associates, a liability adjusting, claims management and litigation management consulting firm. In that role, he provided many local governments with advice on litigation services. In 1997 he sold his interest in the firm to the minority shareholders in its Vancouver and Toronto offices and returned to the practice of law. From that point until his appointment with the MIABC, Mr. Barnes practiced as a partner in the Vancouver firm of Barnes, Twining & Short.

The firm’s practice concentrated on the field of insurance litigation. Areas of expertise included construction disputes, municipal liability, professional negligence, environmental law, and insurance coverage advice.

Megan Chorlton is the Director of Member Services and Assistant General Counsel at the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (the MIABC). Megan graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta in 2005. Following law school,



Megan clerked for the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench and the Alberta Court of Appeal. She was called to the bar in 2007 and worked for a regional law firm in Vancouver, specializing in municipal and insurance defence litigation, where the MIABC was one of her clients. Megan joined the MIABC as a staff lawyer in 2013. Prior to her legal career, Megan taught elementary school from 1996 to 2002 upon having received a B.Ed. from McGill University and a M.Ed. from the University of Alberta.

Megan was appointed the MIABC’s Director of Member Services in the spring of 2014 and Assistant General Counsel in January 2016. She is responsible for overseeing the provision of risk management services, property appraisals, the Casual Legal Advice Program, the MIABC's publications and other member service initiatives as well as assisting the MIABC’s General Counsel in overseeing the MIABC’s in-house legal department.

Lidstone & Company



Donald Lidstone, Q.C. has practiced municipal law since 1980. His focus is in the areas of local government governance, finance, land use and bylaws. He has chaired numerous boards and commissions. Don has published numerous papers and manuals and consulted on the development of the BC *Community Charter* as well as other municipal statutes in several provinces and territories. He was designated Queen's Counsel in 2008.

Hon. Katrine Conroy, Ministry of Children and Family Development

Katrine Conroy was elected as the MLA for Kootenay West in 2009 and re-elected in 2013 and 2017. She served as MLA for West Kootenay-Boundary from 2005 until the riding boundaries were re-drawn. She is the Minister of Children and Family Development.

Katrine served as the Official Opposition spokesperson for Interior Economic Development, Columbia Power and Columbia River Treaty.



Successful in both community and career endeavors, Katrine has enjoyed careers as one of B.C.'s first female power engineers, as an early childhood educator, administrator and college instructor, and as a small business person.

Katrine has worked and volunteered in her community as the Executive Director of Kootenay Family Place, instructor at Selkirk College; co-chair of the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council, Treasurer of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Community Futures Board and founding board member of the Community Social Services Employers Association.

With her husband, Ed, Katrine lives in Pass Creek where they run a successful ranch breeding prize-winning Polled Hereford cattle. Together they have raised four children and have nine grandchildren.

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Panel Presentation: Small business opportunities in the emerging cannabis sector



Tracey Harvey is a Selkirk College instructor and PhD Student at the University of Guelph, currently working to uncover best practices for transitioning to the new legalized cannabis regime, which includes identifying implications resulting from the introduction of this new policy, and opportunities that our region can leverage.

Mayor Don McCormick is serving his second term as Mayor, third on Council in the city of Kimberley. Don's first community commitment was the Kimberley Rotary Club, of which he is a Past-President; Don is also a Past-President of the Kimberley Chamber of Commerce, a founding Director of Tourism Kimberley and a past Chair of the Community Futures East Kootenay Board of Directors.



Brett Pope is a Director for the newly formed Kootenay United Cannabis Association, a grass roots group aiming to educate decision makers in order to facilitate a transition to the legal cannabis market.

Andy Richards is CEO of Spire Global Strategy, a due diligence and risk management service company. Andy is a seasoned leader in both police services and international private security for high-risk regulated industries. After a diverse thirty-four-year career in three separate police agencies, Andy retired in June 2015 as a Deputy Chief Constable in the Greater Vancouver area.



Tours and Events

Friday, April 26th

Tour A – Brilliant Dam and Hugh Keenleyside Dam – Combo Tour

****These tours require that you wear closed toe shoes!**

Two buses will depart by the Front Door of the Complex spaced 45 minutes apart. Please arrive to fill seats on the first bus, or the second bus will not have capacity to take everyone! These walking tours start at opposite ends and cross within the tour. You will be transported back to the Complex in the other bus – take all your belongings with you.

Time:

- 8:00 am First Departure
- 8:45 am Second Departure

Leaving from:

Castlegar Recreation Complex – Front Door

At the time of purchase in 1996, the **Brilliant Generating Station** was capable of producing 125 megawatts of electricity. Since the acquisition, a series of capital improvements to both the dam and the powerhouse have been undertaken. These projects include concrete rehabilitation, switch-yard replacement, spillway gate refurbishment, seismic stabilization, and a generation re-powering life extension program.



Hugh Keenleyside Dam: The earth fill and concrete structure was declared operational on October 10, 1968, nearly six months ahead of schedule. The dam is about 52 m (171 feet) high, with a crest length of 853.4 m (2,800 ft.). 366 m (1,200 ft.) of the crest length is concrete dam and the rest is earth fill dam.

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Friday, April 26th

Tour B – Doukhobor Discovery Centre

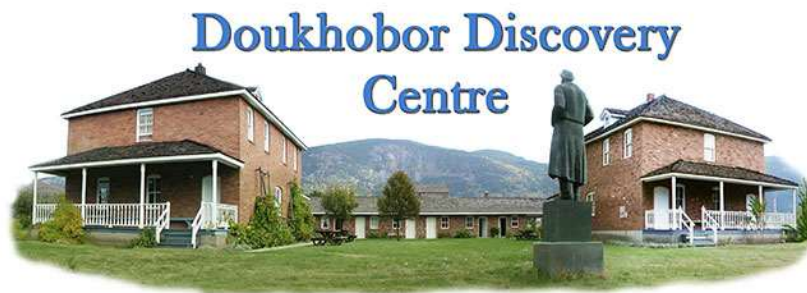
*****Indoor and outdoor walk-about – dress accordingly!***

Time:

9:05 am – 11:10 am

Leaving from:

Castlegar Recreation Complex – Front Door



Come experience the sights and sounds of Doukhobor life in the southern interior of British Columbia. Located just off Highway 3 in Castlegar, BC, the **Doukhobor Discovery Centre** is home to ten historical buildings across ten acres of land where visitors can enjoy indoor and outdoor displays and educational exhibits.

Officially opened in 1971 as a Castlegar-Kinnaird BC Centennial project, the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society has continued to maintain and expand the Doukhobor Discovery Centre for more than 45 years with numerous fundraising efforts, countless volunteer hours, membership support and restoration projects moving it forward from the modest initial establishment to the world class heritage museum it is today.

Tours and Events

Friday, April 26th

Tour C – Zellstoff Celgar Mill

*****This tour requires that you wear closed toe shoes!***

Time:

8:00 am – 10:50 am

Leaving from:

Castlegar Recreation Complex – Front Door



Zellstoff Celgar Mill is situated near Castlegar in British Columbia, Canada, approximately 600 kilometers east of the port city of Vancouver and produces approximately 520,000 ADMTs annually.

It is one of the largest and most modern single line kraft pulp mills in North America. The mill is well-situated with respect to fiber supply and the growing Asian and North American markets. Celgar is a modern, efficient ISO 9001 certified NBSK pulp mill.

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Welcome Reception: Castlegar City Hall and Portuguese Social Centre

Networking appetizer, stand-up dinner, followed by dessert at the Portuguese Social Centre.

Time:

5:55 pm *first* bus departure to City Hall or take your own transportation.

Leaving from:

Castlegar Recreation Complex front door: to ARRIVE at the beautiful Castlegar City Hall!

See Bus Schedule on-site for evening return to the Recreation Complex / Hotels

Visit **City Hall** for a standing and mingling, casual appetizer dinner, while networking with new colleagues. When you are ready to sit, walk a block to the Portuguese Social Centre.



Enjoy dinner appetizers with light music by Jason Thomas at City Hall.

Ready for dessert? Walk over to the Portuguese Social Centre for some delectable cultural dessert. Rest your feet with a sit down and a night cap.



The Portuguese Social Centre Association was incorporated as a society in 1978. Its purpose is to establish, maintain, operate and carry on activities of a cultural, social and educational nature for its members.

As a community organization interested in supporting local students, a bursary fund was established and is available to qualifying high school graduates.

The association organizes several events throughout the year that are open to the public. Anyone is welcome to attend these events and experience a bit of Portuguese culture.

Tours and Events

Saturday, April 27th

AKBLG Gala Banquet: Sandman Hotel Castlegar

Time:

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

8:30 pm – 10:30 pm Altitude Entertainment Program
followed by dance music until midnight!

**Entertainment with a purpose.
Be Prepared to Enjoy the Show!**



Sandman Hotel Castlegar
1944 Columbia Avenue



