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2020 Vision: Embrace the
Past to Build the Future



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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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2019-2020 AKBLG Executive

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Village of Radium Hot Springs

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Extra Mentions

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AKBLG President's Welcome



Delegates, sponsors, and special guests;

This year's convention theme is "2020 Vision: Embrace the Past to Build the Future". We're thrilled to bring together some great minds and fresh ideas to explore together how we can learn from our past to build a more effective and efficient future in our world of local government. This 2020 Vision theme will include a focus on key past, current, and future issues including Climate Change response, Forest management strategies, Finance for Local Government, and Indigenous relations and UNDRIP implementation.

We have included some new elements in our program for 2020 Convention, and look forward to challenging attendees with a new forum to facilitate some (hopefully!) lively debate on issues such as carbon tax and electrification of local government fleet vehicles. This should be both entertaining and informative!

Of course, we hope that everyone has a fun experience as well—we've planned for some 'extra-curricular' golf and a canoe paddle to help warm everyone up for a few great days together. Do plan to spend some extra time in Radium before and after the convention to take full advantage of this spectacular community.

Finally, and most importantly, the AKBLG AGM & Convention is the annual culmination of a huge amount of work on behalf of our convention committee and our host community (Radium Hot Springs), and I want to express sincere gratitude to all those people who put their energy into making this convention the success that I know it's destined to be.

Looking forward to it!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roly Russell".

Roly Russell, AKBLG President

Village of Radium Hot Springs Mayor's Welcome



On behalf of the Village of Radium Hot Springs Council, staff and residents, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to our corner of paradise here in the Village of Radium Hot Springs! The idea that our small Village could manage this conference became a reality with the completion of our award winning Radium Hot Springs Centre which will be the main venue for the convention.

The convention committee has endeavored to create a focused program around our theme '*2020 Vision: Embrace the Past to Build the Future*' balanced with allowing you time to explore and savor some of the joys of village life.

You will also find many great establishments and activities ready to serve and delight you - please be sure to discover the village and enjoy yourselves.

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

I look forward to welcoming you in person.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clara Reinhardt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Clara Reinhardt

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Friday April 24, 2020

Tour A: Canfor Mill tour

Departure 1 - 8:30 – 9:15am

Departure 2 - 10:00 - 10:45 am

Departure 3 - 11:00 – 11:45am

Transportation: You can catch the shuttle from the Radium Hot Springs Centre or meet at the Canfor Mill. Your shuttle must be pre-booked at the time of registration.

Safety: Must wear closed toe shoes and no dresses, PPE provided including ear plugs.

About the Tour: On this tour you will observe cut to length logs in 14', 16' and 20' lengths of various diameters going through Canfor's three primary breakdown lines in the sawmill being turned into rough green lumber.

The breakdown lines are comprised of scanners to optimize the lumber produced from each log as well as round saws, band saws, chipping heads, chains and conveying systems. Canfor's main line (the Canter) has all of these.



You will then observe the automated lumber sorting process by length and dimension at the back end of the sawmill. From there we will head into the planer where rough dry lumber is turned into smooth, visually appealing as well as strength rated lumber that most are familiar with seeing in hardware stores. You will then observe the automated grading and sorting process that takes place in the core of the planer building. From there we will work our way to the back end of the planer where the final processes of automated stacking and manual wrapping take place in preparation for shipment.

**Please be at the Radium Hot Springs Centre
approximately 15 minutes prior to the departure of
your tour.**

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**Tour B: Infrastructure tour
“From Glacier to Groundwater: The Radium water cycle”**

Departure time 1 - 7:30 – 9:30am Departure time 2 - 9:30 – 11:30am

Transportation: This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre by shuttle bus. Your shuttle must be pre-booked at the time of registration.

Safety: Must wear closed toe shoes.

About the Tour: Join Village of Radium Hot Springs staff on a guided tour of our drinking water and sewage treatment plants.

Originating from six glaciers high in the Purcell mountains, our water flows through wilderness to an intake located 10 kilometers west. From there, our system is gravity fed to the treatment plant where sand filtration beds, ultraviolet light, and chlorination create pristine potable water fully compliant with Interior Health standards. Departing the plant, gravity assumes control again, to pressurize the taps and water closets of the good citizens of Radium.



After careful consumption, wastewater is collected to resume its downhill journey to a different kind of treatment plant, where encounters with muffin monsters, high efficiency blowers and moving bed biofilm reactors process and polish the wastewater anew. After resting in the happy duck pond, virtually pure water seeps into the earth to rejoin the ground waters there. Please join us for the journey!

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Tour C: Mayor's Village Walk

9:00 – 11:15am

Please be sure to dress for the weather!

Transportation: This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre (4863 Stanley St) and will be on foot.

About the Tour: Get your walking shoes on and join Mayor Clara Reinhardt for a walk around the Village of Radium. The tour will begin and finish at the Radium Hot Springs Centre and along the way will visit:

- Stations of the Cross
- Columbarium
- Sinclair Canyon from the Juniper Trailhead (optional hike down to falls)
- Rotary Park
- Rotary Gardens
- Legend's Park

Throughout this walking tour Mayor Reinhardt will highlight unique partnerships, land uses, visitor attractions, history of the area and more!



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Tour D: Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund Tour

8:00 – 11:45am

Please be sure to dress for the weather & be ready to walk about!

Transportation: This tour departs from the Radium Hot Springs Centre by shuttle bus. Your shuttle must be pre-booked at the time of registration. Must be able to climb stairs onto and off the bus.

About the Tour: The first of its kind in Canada, the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) is a taxpayer-funded local government service established by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK). It supports environmental conservation projects within the area that funds are collected, which includes the municipalities of Invermere, Radium and Canal Flats, and RDEK Areas F and G.

Join the Kootenay Conservation Program a scenic and informative tour to learn about the CVLCF and see some of the projects that have been funded, including community-based water quality monitoring, a new ecologically significant conservation property, and wildlife habitat projects.



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Welcome Reception: Radium Hot Springs Pools

Networking with appetizers served in a stand-up cocktail reception at the iconic Radium Hot Springs pools.

Time: 5:55 pm first bus departure to the Radium Hot Springs Pools or take your own transportation.

Leaving from:

Radium Hot Springs Centre front door: to ARRIVE at the iconic hot springs pools!
See Bus Schedule on-site for evening return to the Radium Hot Springs Centre.

Visit the Radium hot spring pools for a standing and mingling, casual appetizer reception, while networking with new colleagues. Bring your bathing suit and towel for a relaxing dip in the hot springs before returning to the Village.



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Saturday April 25, 2020

**AKBLG Banquet: Radium Golf Course
8100 Golf Course Rd, Radium Hot Springs, BC**

**Shuttle service picks up from Bighorn Meadows Resort (lobby building) &
Radium Hot Springs Centre, please meet at either location (5:30 - 6:30pm)**

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

8:30 pm – late Entertainment in the Village of Radium & return shuttles to
all Radium accommodations.

**Evening entertainment in the Village of
Radium options:**

1. Pub shuttle & only stop - Horsethief Pub

– It's karaoke night! Join us for a drink, a song or two
and a dance. The pub's shuttle is available all evening
from the pub to all Radium accommodations.



2. General shuttle stop #1 – Prestige Hotel

– Whether it be a family friendly brunch at Conrad's
Kitchen and Grill, or a night out with friends at Don
Agave Cantina, Prestige Radium Hot Springs has the
perfect spot for you to continue networking.



3. General shuttle stop #2 – Old Salzburg

Restaurant - Offers a warm, inviting and quiet
spot to have a drink with your friends and colleagues.
Featuring: Austrian Stiegl beer and Stiegl Radler on
tap for \$9 for "a halbe" (0.5l).



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Keynote - BC Politics: A Commentary on the Not so Distant Past and Near Future

Keith Baldrey
Legislative Bureau Chief, GlobalTV (BC)

Keith is Global BC's legislative bureau chief based in Victoria, and one of B.C.'s best known political commentators.

He joined the Vancouver Sun in 1984, and moved to its legislature bureau in 1986, becoming its legislature bureau chief in 1989.

He has covered nine premiers and the 2017 election will be the ninth BC election campaign he covered (along with numerous federal campaigns and party leadership races). He also writes a weekly syndicated column on provincial politics for a variety of Lower Mainland papers, including the North Shore News and the Now newspapers, and appears regularly on News Talk 980 CKNW. His work has also appeared in the Dawson Creek Mirror.



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BC Transit

Tim Croyle, COO

Tim joined BC Transit in February 2020 and is responsible for leading the operations team to deliver safe and reliable transit solutions. The role encompasses the operation of Victoria and all the regional transit systems in the province and providing the safety, security and training to support the operations.

Tim brings 17 years of operational and commercial experience in the transportation and tourism industry from WestJet. He was the Vice President of WestJet Vacations responsible for leading all aspects of the Tour Operator division, providing Vacations packages to over 50 destinations in 15 countries. He brings with him tremendous experience in the areas of operations, strategy and leadership. He also served a two year term as the Chair of the Canadian Association of Tour Operators.



Tragedy of the Commons

Corky Evans

Corky Evans was the Minister Responsible for the Columbia Basin Trust 1996 to 2000; he was also a logger for 20 years, a Regional Director for 5 years, an MLA for 14 years, and was the Minister of Agriculture, Transportation & Health for 4 years. Corky now leads 'Grow food now' which is based in Winlaw, BC, where he has called home for the past 50 years.



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Collaboration and Reconciliation between First Nations and Local Governments

Young Anderson

Reece Harding, Partner

Reece, a partner in Young, Anderson, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Simon Fraser University and graduated from the UBC Faculty of Law in 1992. He articulated with the Attorney-General of British Columbia. His practice is primarily focused on local government law litigation, but includes significant components of aboriginal law, assessment and taxation law, natural hazard risk avoidance, mediation and police law.

Reece has appeared routinely in the British Columbia Provincial Court, Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada and recently appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada. He also appears before several administrative tribunals including the Property Assessment Appeal Board and Coroner's Court and routinely conducts hearings before local government Councils.



Amy O'Connor, Associate

Amy joined Young Anderson as an associate in June of 2019. She maintains a broad municipal law practice, with particular interests in environmental and aboriginal law.

Amy obtained her Juris Doctor from Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law in 2018 and was called to the bar of British Columbia in May 2019. Before joining the firm, Amy spent two summers working at a boutique corporate securities firm and articulated with a national firm in Vancouver, where she gained experience in a range of practice areas.



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Ktunaxa Nation

Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Nation Chair & Chief Negotiator
for Treaty Negotiations with Canada and British Columbia



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No time to waste: Climate change, adaptation, and the critical years ahead for the Kootenay-Boundary region

Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College

Lauren Rethoret, Lead Researcher

As the lead researcher for the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College, Lauren works with Kootenay and Boundary organizations to help them answer important questions about well-being in their rural communities. She brings a planning and policy focus to her projects, which specialize in local-level adaptation to climate change but touch on diverse issues related to the environment, the economy, and social systems.

Lauren has a Masters degree in Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University.



Jayne Jones, Faculty/Research Assistant

Jayne is a Faculty/Research Assistant in the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College where she is doing applied research and supporting capacity building for local governments on a variety of projects, including a project on climate adaptation.

Jayne has a passion for sustainability and engaging others to build resilient communities and loves being in roles bringing people together to address complex issues. She has experience in government, industry, academia, and non-profit sectors. Jayne has a Masters degree in Environment and Management where her thesis examined community action on climate change.



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Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Gary Maclsaac, Executive Director

Gary is the Executive Director of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities—a position he has held since 2007.

Gary has spent his entire career in local government. He started his career as Clerk-Treasurer of a small town in Nova Scotia, spent five years in the City Clerk's Department with the City of Vancouver in the mid-1990s, and spent 9 years as the CAO for a county government in Nova Scotia.

Gary has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Dalhousie University.

Gary and his wife Marion have three children. They live in Saanich.



Municipal Finance Authority (MFA)

Peter Urbanc, Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Urbanc has 25 years of experience in global banking and the public sector, having worked as an investment banker, treasurer and executive officer.

From 1990 to 2009, he was an investment banker with Merrill Lynch, Lehman Brothers and Barclays Capital in Canada, New York and London with a specialty focus on the debt capital markets. In 2009, Peter joined the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Finance in Halifax as Executive Director and Treasurer.

In January 2016, Mr. Urbanc took on the role of Chief Executive Officer at the MFA. Mr. Urbanc holds a Bachelor of Commerce Magna Cum Laude from McGill University and an MBA with Distinction from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management.



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Future-proofing the Rural Economy

Kootenay Association for Science & Technology

Cam Whitehead, Executive Director



Columbia Lake Technology Centre

Lorri Fehr, Chief Executive Officer



Blending tradition with future skills and mindsets to re-create a relevant economic and social bridge between rural and urban B.C. is Lorri's forte.

As the CEO of the Columbia Lake Technology Center (CLTC), she leads a team bringing together advanced manufacturing and tech companies, developers, investors and multiple levels of government to build a strong and sustainable economic future for rural communities.

With 20+ years as a senior educator in the preK-12+ system, Lorri has been deeply involved in sustainable community development. Her work on systemic innovation has contributed to a positive future for our students both locally and provincially. She is well known for her ability to create a shared vision and bring together the strengths of individuals.

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Debate: Should local governments be actively looking at replacing their fleet with electric vehicles?

Suzan Hewat, Mayor Village of Kaslo

I was first elected as a councillor in January 2005 and I served in that capacity until the 2014 elections when I was elected Mayor. During my time on council I have served on many committees as part of my work and I am currently the Village Council representative on the RDCK board as well as the West Kootenay Hospital Board Chair.

I have been a proud EV owner since September of 2017.



David Wilks, Mayor District of Sparwood

David Wilks is presently Mayor District of Sparwood; he began his career as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from which he retired in November 2000. Since 2000, David has held a variety of notable positions serving as Councillor District of Sparwood, Mayor District of Sparwood (twice), Director and Chair (2010) Regional District of East Kootenay and from 2011 to 2015 Member of Parliament Kootenay-Columbia.

David has been married to his wife Cindy for 38 years, together they have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He enjoys politics at any level as well as camping, kayaking and life in general.

