



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

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From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Local Government Elected Officials Seminar 2023**

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BACKGROUND

Councillor Tasha Da Silva and Councillor Carol Zanon attended the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) Elected Officials Seminar held at the Delta Hotel in Kelowna from March 1 to March 3, 2023. The LGLA supports and promotes education and training for local governments and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators throughout the province. This program offered stimulating and interesting segments for both newly elected councillors and those re-elected. The focus of the sessions was on moving past the campaign mentality and into governance.

The sessions featured a star-studded cast of well-qualified and well-known speakers. On Wednesday, the immediate Past President of UBCM, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg welcomed the delegates to the series, followed by the UBCM Executive Director, Gary MacIsaac who gave advice on settling into council. Discussions on development of Codes of Conduct was informative and spirited. Frank Leonard, Past chair of the MFA, UBCM and other illustrious public offices led animated presentation on the roles and responsibilities of members of Council.

On Thursday, the focus was on Finance, specifically financial and asset management, decision-making, land use planning and climate action. A highlight for new councillors was a session on government law delivered by Don Lidstone, a recognized leader in the field. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs facilitated a session on building meaningful and functional relationships between local governments and Indigenous nations.

On Friday, the focus was on tourism and transportation followed by two very spirited sessions from MIABC (Loose Lips Sink Townships) and Jan Enns on leveraging the power of your local media to reach the community with clear, compelling, and consistent messages titled "Media Must-haves for Elected Officials." What a way to end this inspirational series!

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

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