



## **MEDIA RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### ***Prince Rupert, BC – Local Government Representatives Gather at the Annual NCLGA AGM and Convention***

The North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) is holding its Annual General Meeting in Prince Rupert from May 12-15, 2025.

Local government representatives from across northern and central BC are coming together to collaborate on key regional and community issues and to work together on opportunities for shared advocacy to advance economic and community resilience. Participants are taking part in networking opportunities, visiting exhibitor tradeshow booths, and engaging in dialogue and discussions on key issues facing local governments.

Themes being discussed at the AGM include: local government impacts of the trade war, legislative reform for regional districts, regional economic investments, and healthcare and mental health supports. The co-host communities of the City of Prince Rupert, the District of Port Edward, and the North Coast Regional District provided engaging host community updates about their ongoing projects and recent initiatives, including how they are working to collaboratively address some of their key challenges they are facing.

Insightful panel presentations were held in plenary on Day 1, including a presentation by Gary MacIsaac, UBCM Executive Director, and Trish Mandewo, UBCM President, titled “Taking Stock of the Trade War: Local Government Impacts”, and a presentation titled “Gaayhlxid/Gíihlagalgang ‘Rising Tide’ Haida Title Lands Agreement”, with key themes regarding opportunities for collaboration on local matters, and fostering strong partnerships.

NCLGA President-Elect Gladys Atrill, Mayor with the Town of Smithers, First Vice President-Elect Tony Zabinsky, Councillor with the City of Fort St. John, and Second Vice President-Elect Kyle MacDonald, Councillor with the City of Dawson Creek, were acclaimed.

An election was held for the three vacant Director at Large positions with six nominations received, and results will be announced on Day 2, May 14, 2025.

### **About the Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)**

Established in 1955, the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) advocates for over 240 elected officials in 40+ local and First Nations governments across North Central British Columbia, covering a vast area from 100 Mile House to the Yukon border and from Haida Gwaii to Alberta.

As a non-partisan, non-profit organization, we prioritize the needs of our members, ensuring their voices are heard on provincial and federal levels. Through resolutions, outreach programs, and close relationships with government, media, and industry, we articulate and address the unique perspectives and priorities of our member communities, championing for their interests in decision-making processes.

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