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ATTN: Local Government and First Nation Elected Officials and Senior Staff
RE: Register Now for the 2025 LGLA Leadership Forum

Dear Elected Officials and Senior Staff,

I am very pleased to invite you to the **2025 LGLA Leadership Forum**, taking place in **Richmond** from **March 12-14, 2025**. **Registration is currently open at lgl.ca.**

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for elected officials and senior staff from local governments and First Nations to come together and explore innovative ways to drive positive transformation in their communities.

This year's theme, ***Effective Engagement for Inclusive and Transparent Governance***, is particularly timely as we navigate new relationships with the provincial government, engage in critical discussions across our meeting tables and throughout our communities, and continue to build relationships and understanding with neighbouring communities. Through all of this work, effective engagement, inclusivity and transparency are paramount.

We are planning an ambitious program for this year's forum with an exciting line-up of topics. Here's a sneak-peek:

- ***Engaging with the Province: Observations from the Balcony***: in this session, we will turn to former cabinet ministers **Terry Lake, Carole James and Mike Bernier**, seeking their guidance and opinions on what makes an effective post-election provincial engagement strategy.

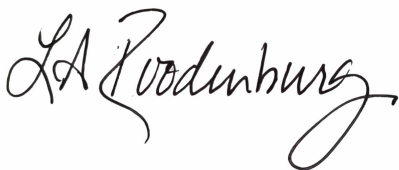
- **Signals in the Noise:** community engagement and communications specialists identify obstacles that impede engagement—from misinformation and polarization to information fatigue—and the principles, tools, and practices that help local governments recognize and respond to residents' signals.
- **Beyond the Term: Local Leaders Reflect:** join us as we engage with seasoned local government officials who have come out on the other side, including **former mayor Henry Braun and others**, and glean wisdom from their journeys.
- **Empowering Your CAO: Key Strategies for Effective Leadership in Local Government:** this expertly-moderated panel will bring together **former CAOs Ron Poole and Al Siebring**, and **former mayor Karen Elliott** to provide practical insights and proven approaches to building a more resilient and effective leadership team.
- **Building Trust Around the Board Table:** this session will provide a case study from City of Castlegar **Mayor Maria McFaddin and CAO Chris Barlow**, outlining the challenge of documenting and funding their infrastructure gap, and the process developed to assist Council with its decision-making and sustainable service delivery.
- Additional in-depth and thoughtful sessions are underway, covering **effective engagement with neighbouring First Nation communities, critical and immersive emergency planning, coordinated OCP, planning and budgeting processes**, and more.

The forum promises to be a motivating experience, filled with sessions that will empower participants to enhance their leadership skills and foster inclusive governance practices. Attendees will also benefit from ample collaboration and networking opportunities.

Registration and accommodations are limited—please visit lgla.ca for more information and to secure your spot. Please also note that applications are currently being accepted for registration and travel cost assistance through the [Cathy Watson Memorial Award](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Angela Turner](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to Richmond for what promises to be an impactful and inspiring local leadership event!

Warm regards,



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