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NCLGA to hold 2026 Annual General Meeting and Convention in Prince George

The North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention from May 20-22, 2026, in Prince George, BC. This event is being co-hosted with the [City of Prince George](#), the [Lheidli T'enneh First Nation](#), and the [Regional District of Fraser-Fort George](#).

The theme of the 2026 NCLGA AGM and Convention is “Walking Together: Honouring Relationships, Leading Change”. The AGM will bring together local government leaders, First Nations, government partners and sector collaborators from across North Central British Columbia to address pressing local and regional issues, foster collaboration, and explore solutions for shared advocacy and community development.

Delegates can look forward to an engaging program, a variety of exhibitor tradeshow booths, and various opportunities for delegate networking.

Plenary and Concurrent Panel Sessions:

Plenary Sessions will include updates from the Northern Development Initiative Trust, the Municipal Insurance Association of BC, and Northern Medical Programs Trust, along with presentations on the following topics:

- UBCM Board Governance Review
- Minister’s Panel with The Honourable Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities
- Official Opposition: Trevor Halford, Interim Leader of the Opposition, MLA for Surrey-White Rock
- Host Community Updates on Projects, Initiatives, and Challenges

Several Concurrent Sessions will be presented by distinguished panelists, on topics including mental health supports for youth, agriculture, the Indigenous Diversion Centre, tourism, stream and river corridor restoration, and recreation and sport in Northern BC.

Keynote Speaker Bio:

Dr. Daniel Sims, University of Northern British Columbia

Dr. Daniel Sims will provide a keynote address on May 20, 2026, during the evening banquet.

Dr. Sims is a member of the Tsay Keh Dene First Nation, an associate professor of First Nations Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia, and an adjunct professor in the School of Education at the University of Northern British Columbia.

His current research examines economic development and concepts of wilderness in the Finlay-Parsnip watershed, with a particular focus on homesteading, land speculation, and reserve creation. He is also working on two books on the impacts of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam on Kwadacha, McLeod Lake, and Tsay Keh Dene.

Event Details:

- **Location:** Prince George Conference and Civic Centre, Prince George, BC
- **Dates:** May 20-22, 2026

For further event details, registration, tradeshow booth, and sponsorship information please visit: [2026 NCLGA AGM \(nclga.ca\)](https://2026.nclga.ca) or email admin@nclga.ca

Please [register here](#).

About the North 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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Quotes from Area and NCLGA Representatives:

“We look forward to welcoming community leaders and elected local government representatives from across Northern and Central British Columbia to the 2026 NCLGA AGM in Prince George. The annual AGM is an important opportunity for local government leaders to work in partnership to strengthen local governance, to advocate for our communities, and to make meaningful progress on shared priorities.”

– *Gladys Atrill, NCLGA President*

“Prince George is pleased to welcome local government leaders and partners from across Northern and Central BC. Hosting the 2026 NCLGA AGM provides an important opportunity to strengthen regional collaboration and highlight the innovation and leadership occurring across our communities. We look forward to showcasing the Canada Games Plaza for the Thursday evening Party in the Plaza event.”

- *Mayor Simon Yu, City of Prince George*

“The Lheidli T’enneh First Nation is pleased to welcome delegates, sponsors, and partners from across Northern British Columbia to experience our traditional, unceded, and ancestral land. While we know there is a tremendous amount of content to consume, we hope that visitors will have the opportunity to explore our region and learn about the strong relationships we have built with local and regional governments right here in Prince George.”

- *Chief Dolleen Logan, Lheidli T’enneh First Nation*

“The NCLGA AGM provides an important forum for local governments and regional partners to come together, exchange ideas, and advance collaborative solutions to shared opportunities and challenges across Northern and Central BC.”

- *Chair Lara Beckett, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George*

“People want to see their governments working together to address needs and pursue opportunities. I’m looking forward to connecting with leaders from throughout the North Central region at the NCLGA AGM so we can continue to build the strong, thriving relationships that support strong communities.”

- *The Honourable Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities*

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