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**ATTN: Local Government and First Nation Elected Officials and Senior Staff**

**RE: Register Now for the 2026 LGLA Leadership Forum**

Dear Elected Officials and Senior Staff,

I am very pleased to invite you to the **2026 LGLA Leadership Forum**, taking place in Richmond from **March 11–13, 2026**. Registration is now open at [lgla.ca](https://lgla.ca).

This annual gathering offers a unique opportunity for elected officials and senior staff from local governments and First Nations to come together, learn from one another, and strengthen the leadership practices that support healthy, resilient communities.

This year's theme, **Finishing Strong: Legacy, Leadership & What Comes Next**, invites participants to reflect on the culmination of their term, honour their accomplishments, and prepare for the transitions ahead. "Finishing Strong" is about more than closing a chapter—it is about stewarding resources wisely, strengthening relationships, capturing the stories that define your leadership, and shaping a legacy that endures.

We are preparing an ambitious and thoughtful [program](#) for this year's forum. Here's a preview of what's in store:

- **Lead with a Story: Turning Your Journey into Impact**  
Renowned speaker Bill Baker guides participants through the power of storytelling in leadership—helping leaders craft messages that inspire, persuade, and reflect the journey they've taken and the impact they're shaping.
- **Stewarding the Finish Line: Legacy, Leadership, and Lasting Value**  
A reflective panel session exploring how financial stewardship, asset management decisions, and long-term planning become part of an enduring legacy.
- **It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time...**  
This session is not your average PowerPoint panel. We've lined up a lively set of stories from elected officials who know first-hand that best laid plans don't always work out as imagined. In the fourth year of your term, we'll take some time to learn from the mistakes, failures and flops along the way, with levity and fun.
- **After the Storm: The Enduring Legacy of Local Leadership in Disasters**  
An exploration of how crisis leadership shapes community resilience, trust, and long-term recovery—and how these defining moments become part of a leader's lasting impact.

- **Additional sessions** include sessions exploring **truth and reconciliation in practice**, lessons for **approaching elections with integrity and optimism**, and a **sneak-peek at LGLA's upcoming online course offerings**. Follow LGLA on LinkedIn and Facebook for more details and speaker announcements.

The 2026 Forum promises to be a reflective, energizing, and forward-looking experience—one that supports leaders in finishing their term with clarity, confidence, and purpose. Participants will also benefit from meaningful opportunities for collaboration and connection with colleagues from across the province.

Accommodations for the 2026 LGLA Leadership Forum are limited and the room block will close on **February 9**, so we encourage you to register and book your stay as soon as possible. Please also check [lgl.ca](http://lgl.ca) for information on **airline discounts** for forum travel provided by **Air Canada**, **WestJet**, and **Helijet**. Any related questions can be directed to [Angela Turner](#).

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

Warm regards,



**Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg**  
President, Local Government Leadership Academy