

March 1, 2025

Council Members  
District of Mackenzie  
Bag 340  
Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0



Dear Council Members,

I am pleased to invite District of Mackenzie to renew its annual membership in the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM).

UBCM was founded in 1905 because local government leaders at the time recognized a need for a common voice when working with other levels of government. The same mission drives UBCM today. Our advocacy is rooted in the voices of our members to ensure your priorities and concerns are heard.

One of the overarching challenges facing local governments today is the cost of service delivery and the growing pressure on property taxes. In many the communities, the financial challenges we face are exacerbated by gaps in provincial and federal responsibilities.

During the fall provincial election, UBCM highlighted the impact of provincial funding gaps on local governments, specifically in housing and homelessness, infrastructure, climate action and emergency management. Our campaign, *Stretched to the Limit*, was launched prior to our annual convention, and provided a frame for media coverage leading into the election.

Last year, UBCM successfully challenged the government to hold back on implementing Bill 45, which would have limited the ability of local governments to seek court-ordered decampments. Had the province not pulled back the cost implications for local governments would have been considerable.

UBCM also continued our advocacy during the past year for better guidelines to support the province's decriminalization trial. Local governments quickly recognized that the exemption granted by Health Canada went too far in permitting the consumption of illicit drugs in public places. UBCM advocated to prohibit use in more public spaces, and we were glad to see the change made to the Health Canada exemption last spring.

We also know the cost pressures facing communities as you manage growth and replace aging infrastructure. A key achievement in the past year was completing negotiations with the federal and provincial governments to renew the Canada Community-Building Fund for another 10 years. This program will deliver over \$3.7 billion to B.C. communities over the next decade to provide predictable, flexible funding for infrastructure needs.

The new Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA), introduced in fall 2023 with the aim of strengthening emergency management across the province, also added considerable responsibilities for local governments. During the past year, UBCM initiated a joint advisory committee to inform the development of EDMA regulations, emphasizing the need for less prescriptive regulations that will minimize the burden on local governments and account for local circumstances.

Responsible conduct is a priority for local government, and UBCM continues to work with the Local Government Management Association and Provincial staff to support it. Over the past year, UBCM joined with LGMA to release a discussion paper that explores options for additional code of conduct legislation. The province is drawing on this paper as it undertakes policy development as it explores legislative options. We expect to hear more from the province on these options in the coming months.

Reconciliation is a long-term matter of importance to our members. We were pleased to co-host a province-wide community-to-community forum in September with the First Nations Leadership Council. The full day event brought together dozens of First Nations and local governments for a day of dialogue around building relations, advancing reconciliation, and exploring ways to work together. We will continue to support local governments and First Nations to work together for the benefit of their communities, collaborating on areas of mutual interest, and setting an example for organizational reconciliation.

As we prepare this letter, we find ourselves on the eve of the 2025 provincial budget and the threat of tariffs targeting Canada's economy. The coming year will be a time of uncertainty and dramatic adaptation to new circumstances. As local governments navigate these changes, UBCM will redouble our efforts to represent your interests with the provincial government.

Our effectiveness as an organization is directly tied to the support and participation of our members. I sincerely thank you for District of Mackenzie's renewal of its membership last year and look forward to continuing our work on your behalf with the rest of the UBCM Executive.

If you have any questions or feedback about our work, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,  
Councillor Trish Mandewo  
UBCM President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandewo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' at the beginning.



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# INVOICE

**TO:** District of Mackenzie  
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**Invoice Date:** Mar 1, 2025  
**Invoice No:** D-5991  
**Due:** Upon Receipt  
**Reference:** 2025 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<p><b>Population:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">3,346</span></p> <p><i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2024 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.</i></p>	
<b>Annual Dues:</b>	
First 5,000 population at 0.7636	\$2,555.01
Next 10,000 at 0.5546	\$0.00
Next 15,000 at 0.3490	\$0.00
Balance at 0.0714	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	\$2,555.01
5% GST: (10815 0541)	\$127.75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,682.76</b>



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## REMITTANCE PORTION

**District of Mackenzie**  
 2025 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Mar 1, 2025  
 Invoice # D-5991

TOTAL DUE: \$2,682.76

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

*Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.*