



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

August 13, 2025

Dear Mayors/Chairs,

Subject: Invitation to UBCM Events – Strengthening Resource Communities Together

As a follow-up to my recent letter, I'm pleased to extend a personal invitation to join me at two key events during the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria. These gatherings will spotlight the essential contributions of both rural and urban resource communities to British Columbia's economy and provide valuable opportunities for dialogue and connection.

Resource Works Panel Discussion: Get It Done B.C.

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 7:30AM to 4PM followed by a reception at 5PM
Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria

I will be participating in a panel hosted by Resource Works alongside other leaders and industry experts. We will be discussing the challenges and opportunities facing resource communities and the importance of ensuring our voices are included in provincial decision making.

Networking Reception – Hosted by the City of Campbell River

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 4:30PM to 6:30PM
Marriott, Victoria

This will be a great opportunity to connect with Mayors and community leaders from across the province. Enjoy local refreshments, good conversation, and enter to win a *Campbell River Experience* door prize valued at \$2500 – including flights, golf, whale watching, and accommodation in our beautiful city.

This invitation builds on the UBCM motion the City of Campbell River is bringing forward this year.

I hope we can count on seeing you at both events. Together, we can strengthen our advocacy for policies that recognize the realities and contributions of all BC Communities. I have met with many of you already, but feel free to reach out if you would like to connect.

Please RSVP to Lisa.Sanders@campbellriver.ca by September 12, 2025.

I look forward to seeing you in Victoria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K Dahl", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kermit Dahl
Mayor

Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.