



**Building Meaningful Relationships:**  
First Nations and Local Governments

# VILGMA FALL CONFERENCE

Vancouver Island Chapter Local Government Management Association

**Nov 2017**

# Langford VILGMA Fall Conference

## Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa

November 1st— 3rd, 2017

The Vancouver Island Chapter of the Local Government Management Association (VILGMA) is holding its annual conference in Langford on **November 1st, 2nd and 3rd**, hosted by Bear Mountain, a mountainside resort neighbourhood growing toward becoming a sustainable community. This year's conference is full of excellent speakers, relevant topics and great venues which will provide a relaxed environment and great opportunity to network with other local government professionals. This year's theme: **Building Meaningful Relationships: First Nations and Local Governments** will take you on a curated learning journey, where each participant will come away from the conference with a deeper understanding of the many facets and complexities of Reconciliation, developed a set of sharpened tools that local governments can use to authentically engage with neighbouring First Nations governments, and be given a glimpse of a pathway forward to become civic allies in support of Indigenous Reconnection, Restoration and Resurgence.



### Highlites

- Indigenous Led Discussion
- Half-day Cultural Training
- Update on Emergent Issues
- Overview of Indigenous Rights Jurisprudence
- Success Stories
- Practical Tips on Relationship Building

### Registration

Contact CivicInfo BC:

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2017/VILGMA>

### Accommodation

Contact Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa:

1. Make reservations by calling 1-888-533-2327
2. Or book online:

(copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1709274914&key=62E7AD2>

# Conference Features—Wednesday

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## PANEL

### The Great Land Swap—Reconciliation Through Joint Venture Partnerships

Wednesday 1:15pm —2:00pm 45min

A historic partnership between the Beecher Bay First Nation, the District of Metchosin and the City of Langford who came together with a shared vision for job growth, environmental stewardship and first nation prosperity. The multi-step journey required community consultation and approvals from various levels of government which resulted in longer term preservation of parks and economic enhancement of the entire region. This presentation will focus on the technical aspects of the deal, including the legal instruments used to make the business deal and land transfer work while mitigating the risks to First Nations, the two Local Governments and the private sector.

## SPEAKERS



**Chief Russell Chipps**  
Scia'new (Beecher Bay) First Nation



**Lisa Urlacher, CAO**  
Metchosin



**Bill Buholzer**  
Lawyer, Young Anderson

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## What is Reconciliation?

Wednesday 2:15pm —4:00pm 1hr 45min

Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples has suffered as a result of both the Residential School system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of these schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has established 94 Calls to Action for Canada to implement as critical steps to stopping the ongoing harm of colonial practices and healing the relationship with Indigenous Peoples to make way for their resurgence and reconnection to their lands, language and laws. Many of the Calls to Action fall within the purview of local government, and also call on individuals to step up to the challenge. How can civil servants foster an authentic culture of Reconciliation in a local government setting, and what are the critical factors for effecting the much needed change.

## SPEAKERS



**Patrick Kelly** is a member of the Leq:amel First Nation (Sto:lo Nation.) He operates a consulting business and was Advisor and Director of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. He has previously been an Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of BC and is a Life Bencher for the Law Society of BC. Patrick is an active volunteer on many community service Boards, most recently as the Chair of the Victoria Foundation.



**Monique Gray Smith** is an Indigenous woman of Cree, Lakota, and Scottish descent and is the proud mom of twelve year old twins. She is an award winning author and recently published "Speaking Our Truth – A Journey of Reconciliation" where she takes readers on a journey of education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and the impacts still being felt by survivors and their families.

# Conference Features—Thursday

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## Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) - For the Pathway to Canada Target 1

Thursday 9:30am—10:00am 30min

As a signatory to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, Canada has committed to achieving Aichi Target 11 by 2020 - Protecting 17% of terrestrial and inland waters plus 10% of marine & coastal areas. In this presentation, Eli will discuss the potential role for Tribal Parks, and other IPCA models in contributing to the target known domestically as Canada Target 1



**Eli Enns**, Co-chair  
Indigenous Circle of Experts

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## Everything You Want to Know about First Nations Taxation, but were afraid to ask

Thursday 10:15—11:15am 1hr



**Christina Clarke, ED**  
Songhees Nation

First Nations and Local Governments have many common interests – from land use planning, infrastructure projects, economic development strategies to treaty negotiations. Local and regional solutions can be advanced with strong government to government relationships – starting with an understanding of the laws First Nations operate under, and how they interact with local governments' regulatory tools.

Christina is Executive Director of the Songhees Nation. The Songhees Nation is a member of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority and the South Island Prosperity Project and is a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Social Procurement and Social Enterprise for the City of Victoria. Christina lead Songhees Nation's implementation of the First Nations Fiscal Management Act. Songhees passed the first local revenue laws, taxpayer representation law and financial administration law in Canada and was a member of the first debenture bond issue of the First Nations Finance Authority. She also serves as a Director of the Lekwungen Development Corp and Songhees Nation Investment Corporation.

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## Training Session: Indigenous Awareness

Thursday 1pm—4pm 3hr

Learn how to get everyone working effectively with Indigenous Peoples in their day-to-day jobs and lives in this course from Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. (ICT). In this session, learners will acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to be effective. This course was introduced in 1994 by Bob Joseph who founded ICT in 2002.

Flavio Caron is a trainer and instructional designer with ICT and conducts most of the Indigenous Awareness training. Being the son of an Anishnabe mother and Italian-Canadian father, Flavio has grown up in two worlds, and is honoured for what both have brought him. Flavio's life has been immersed in all aspects of entrepreneurship, through the operation of many businesses to the training of others to succeed in their ventures and believes that the ability to communicate - whether between individuals or between cultures - will always provide the foundation for success.



**Flavio Caron**  
Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.



# Conference Features—Friday

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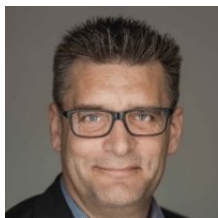
## PANEL

### Indigenous Relations: How NOT to Tick a Box

Friday 10:15am—11:15 1hr

Learn how to make a culturally sensitive introduction to First Nations leadership and start a business relationship off on the right foot. A respectful and authentic approach acknowledges Traditional Territories, cultural practices and leads with face-to-face introductions. This session explores ways to help build meaningful relationships with First Nations that can lead to authentic successful partnerships.

## SPEAKERS



**Kevin Albers**  
M'akola  
Housing Society



**Charla Huber**  
M'akola Housing  
Society



**Chief Russell Chipps**  
Scia'new (Beecher  
Bay) First Nation



**Lisa Urlacher, CAO**  
District of Metchosin.

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### Next Steps: Taking Action in our Organizations

Friday 11:15am—12:00pm 45min

Wrap up summary of the key “take-aways” from the conference, and a discussion on how VILGMA can support its members in actioning Reconciliation in our home communities.

## FACILITATORS



**Ed Thomas**, Esquimalt  
Nation CRD Liaison



**Sue Hallatt, Manager**  
CRD First Nations Relations



**Florence Dick**, Songhees  
Nation CRD Liaison

# Schedule

## DAY 1

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1:00—1:15 pm	Territorial Welcome & Mayor's Welcome	Chief Ron Sam, Songhees Nation, Chief Russ Chipps, Scia'new First Nations, Langford Mayor Stewart Young
1:15—2:00pm	The Great Land Swap Reconciliation through Joint Venture Partnership	Chief Russ Chipps, Developer Jim Hartshorne, CAO Lisa Urlacher, Mayor John Ranns
2:00—2:15 pm	BREAK	
2:15—4:00 pm	What is Reconciliation?	Patrick Kelly—Leq:amel First Nation Monique Gray Smith, author, educator
4:00—5:00 pm	FREE TIME	
5:00—6:00 pm	Social Hour	Mingle over cocktails
6:00 pm	Beer, Burgers, and Bowling	Bus leaves for City Centre Park

## DAY 2

8.30—9.30 am	Breakfast Opening Prayer and Song - Gracie Blackwood	Gracie Blackwell( 8 yrs.) - Pauquachin Nation
9:00—9:30 am	Resurgence, Language and Youth	Mavis Underwood, Councillor Tsawout First Nation
9:30—10:00 am	Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) - For the Pathway to Canada Target 1	Eli Enns, Co-chair, Indigenous Circle of Experts
10:00—10:15 am	BREAK	
10:15-11:15 am	Everything You Wanted to Know about First Nations Taxation	Christina Clarke, Executive Director, Songhees Nation
11:15am—12:00 pm	Legal Update—First Nations Issues	Don Lidstone
12:00—1:00 pm	LUNCH	Welcome from LGMA, Civic Info
1:00—4:00 pm	Working with Indigenous Peoples	Flavio Caron, Indigenous Corporate Training Inc.
4:00—5:00 pm	FREE TIME	
5:00—6:00 pm	Social Hour	Mingle over cocktails
6:00—7:00pm	Performance by A.N.S.W.E.R. Drum Group	Indigenous Performers
7:00 pm	DINNER	

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## DAY 3

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8:00—8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30—9:30 am	Updates from Sponsors	MIA, MFA, BCA
9:30—10:00 am	Indigenous Rights What the Courts are Saying and What Local Governments Need to Know	Robert Janes, Q.C.
10:00—10:15 am	BREAK	
10:15—11:15	Indigenous Relations: How NOT to tick a box	Kevin Albers and Charla Huber – M’akola Housing Society Chief Russell Chipps – Scia’new (Beecher Bay) First Nation Lisa Urlacher, CAO, District of Metchosin.
11:15—12:00 pm	Next Steps: Taking Action in our Organizations	Sue Hallatt, CRD First Nations Relations & FN Liaison, Ed Thomas (Esquimalt Nation) & Florence Dick (Songhees Nation)
12:00—12:15 pm	Annual General Meeting Followed by Adjournment	

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