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Councillor Claire Moglove appointed to UBCM executive

Councillor Claire Moglove has been appointed to the executive board of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

Last November's local government election results created vacancies on the 21-member board, and Moglove put her name forward for the one opening among the directors at large.

Moglove's candidacy was supported by a letter from Mayor Walter Jakeway, who endorsed her ability to *"provide balanced and solid representation"* for both Vancouver Island and all of BC. *"Your professional career and experience within local government are invaluable,"* the Mayor's letter added.

"The issues we face in local government are complex, and some of the broader issues need the input of this larger organization," Moglove says.

"UBCM deals with issues of concern to all local governments at a policy level, and it will be great to have Campbell River's interests considered among opinions voiced during various discussions and negotiations between the Province and UBCM." Moglove says.

"For instance, the way local governments are financed is an issue for all of us in British Columbia. One discussion which I hope to contribute to is around grant programs, revenue sharing and other possible financing arrangements between local government and senior levels of government."

Moglove was appointed to two UBCM committees: Public Safety and First Nations.

"Creating a unified approach across the province is helpful for everyone, and I'm looking forward to being part of creating better ways to address areas of mutual concern," Moglove says.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) has served and represented the interests of local governments in BC since 1905.

The UBCM executive meets five times a year, including during its annual convention. The next meeting will be in May of this year in Victoria.

Moglove was appointed by members of the UBCM executive, and her appointment will last until the UBCM annual convention in September, when she plans to stand for election.

Mary Ashley was the last Campbell River representative to serve on the UBCM executive, from 2002-2003. Prior to that, Jim Lornie served for two terms, 1996-1997 and 1997-1998.

Earlier this year, Moglove was also elected Chair of the Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital Board. Last April, Councillor Moglove was among the municipal representatives elected to the executive of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC), an association of local elected officials drawn from 51 communities on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. Moglove's AVICC term ends in April, and she plans to stand for re-election.

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