



## YOUR LOCAL ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IN BC

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# CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Asset Management BC Conference

Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel November 4-5, 2026  
Pre-conference training and meetings on November 3, 2026

Our conference theme this year is:  
**WHAT NEXT?**

### About our Conference Theme

Asset owners are all at different stages in their asset management journey and many are asking what comes next as they continue to advance their practice. We understand that they just need a little help filling in the blanks to achieve sustainable service delivery.

Some organizations are still getting started and looking for advice, others have advanced further and are looking for more complex solutions. We are looking for stories about the productive things you are working on, or want to brag about, or something you think would help others?

Help us advance our collective asset management practices by sharing your knowledge, processes, and experience with your colleagues from across the province in this call for presentations.

### Submissions Welcome From:

- Local governments
- First Nation communities
- Not-for-profit, associations, and government agencies that own or control infrastructure assets
- Academic institutions and staff, including student presentations
- Private sector (based on a case study with a local government or First Nations and includes a presenter or author from local government or First Nations)

*Preference will be given to presentations including First Nations and communities in BC.*

### Length of Presentation:

Presentation times for **Plenary Sessions** are **45 minutes** in length with approximately 40 minutes allowed for the introduction and presentation, and 5-10 minutes for questions and a transition to the next presentation.

Presentation times for **Concurrent Sessions** are **35 minutes** in length with approximately 25-30 minutes allowed for the introduction and presentation, and 5-10 minutes for questions and a transition to the next presentation.

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### Subject Matter:

We are looking for presentations that answer the question of **What Next?** Your presentation could cover any of the following topics listed below or you can submit a presentation that you think addresses the advancement of asset management practices in organizations.

### Possible conference streams/tracks:

- Leadership
  - Leading from within
  - Individuals/positions leading asset management in your organization
- Long-term planning
  - Financial
  - Process mapping
  - AM strategies
- Restructuring
  - Staffing
  - Planning for elected officials after the October 2026 election
  - Partnerships
- Innovative processes and procedures
- Change management

### Topics (examples):

- Your council or board has passed a new AM strategy or policy, what does it look like, what are the benefits, how did you convince your elected officials to accept it?
  - What is your plan for bringing your new council up to speed after the recent election?
  - Do you have a communication strategy for your asset management initiatives, specifically with a focus on elected officials and residents?
  - You successfully implemented AM initiatives in your organization. How will you be improving on those processes or where do you go next?
  - Are you using Artificial Intelligence to improve or speed up your workflows?
  - Do you have a change management strategy?
  - Are you reorganizing your staffing or hiring new people to deal with AM in your organization? What do those new positions look like?
  - Are you implementing new long-term financial planning changes or service-based budgeting?
  - You collected and/or improved your asset data, now what are you doing with it? Do you have innovative solutions to make the best use of your data? What value will you be adding to your existing data?
  - Do you have a plan for incorporating climate adaptation and community resilience?
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Please see the “Conference Presentation Guidelines” on the next page prior to submitting a presentation to the 2026 AMBC Conference.

### Written Submission Must Include:

1. **Presentation title**
2. **Presentation length** – (Preference for Plenary or Concurrent Session)
3. **Presentation outline/abstract (max 250 words)**
4. **Presenter(s)** (include full name(s), title(s), and organization(s) of all presenters)
5. **Main contact information (Name / Email / Phone)**

**Submissions are due Friday, May 29, 2026**

**Please send your written submissions to:**

**[info@assetmanagementbc.ca](mailto:info@assetmanagementbc.ca)**

All submissions will be notified by **Monday, July 6, 2026**

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# CONFERENCE PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

### SELECTION

Submissions will be reviewed based on the extent to which they meet the following criteria:

- Relevance to the local government profession and a broad spectrum of communities across BC. If you are part of a local government, First Nations, or public sector asset owner, the preference is to have a representative as a co-presenter;
- Offers diverse perspectives and encourages dialogue;
- Is innovative/shares new concepts or experiences or is informative with a unique application of known information, knowledge, or skills;
- Is solutions focused. If you discuss challenges and barriers, bring ideas to overcome them, as well;
- Provides tangible takeaways that can be applied to the attendee's organization or that they can add to their practice (i.e. case studies, personal/professional examples, templates, resources, tools etc.);
- Is engaging and participatory. Preference for submissions that utilize interactive delivery formats or incorporate engaging components (e.g. workshop style, roundtable discussions, etc.).

The following criteria are also considered:

- A dynamic speaker with a proven ability to connect with large audiences of local government staff in a meaningful way;
- Understands local government roles and unique challenges, and is familiar with BC context;
- Is prepared to offer innovative ideas and creative, tangible solutions that will resonate, energize thinking, and help attendees support their organizations to thrive.

Proposals that best meet the criteria above and contribute to a balanced and comprehensive conference program will be recommended, with final selections to be made by members of the AMBC Steering Committee.

Selected speakers will be notified by **Monday, July 6, 2026**, by email. Due to the number of submissions and limited session slots, even submissions that meet all criteria may not be selected.

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### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING PRESENTATIONS**

*With the submission of a presentation proposal, the speaker accepts the following:*

#### **SUBMISSION**

Submitters may be contacted to refine their proposals, and session titles and descriptions may be edited by AMBC. As only a limited number of proposals can be accommodated, submission of a proposal does not guarantee participation.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

As sessions may be scheduled during any of the planned conference time slots, please do not submit proposals unless each speaker is available to present during the conference dates. If selected, speakers agree to respect that timelines and requirements should be adhered to (these include agreement to allow delegates to access presentations or other resources, and to have the session video recorded).

Each of the session speakers proposed commits to delivering the presentation in person. Should a speaker be prevented for any reason (e.g. due to illness), AMBC shall be contacted as soon as possible and the speaker will make every effort to support the search for a substitute or have the presentation cancelled.

#### **SPEAKER BENEFITS**

AMBC is confident that presenting at the conference serves as a platform for exposure to a wide group of local government practitioners. As such, AMBC seeks contributors who are willing to share their expertise without expectation of payment and in the spirit of networking. In addition to the exposure to an influential group of local government practitioners, speakers increase their personal and professional visibility and credibility.

#### **SPEAKER TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES**

AMBC does not pay speakers of conference professional education sessions or workshops.

Speakers attending the full conference are required to register and pay the appropriate registration fee.

Speakers are responsible for making arrangements and paying for travel and other expenses associated with attending the conference, except if mutually agreed upon otherwise or if AMBC requests a speaker's attendance.

For speakers solicited by AMBC, it is the policy of AMBC to encourage a spirit of volunteerism to participate in the delivery of training programs. In doing so, however, speakers will be reimbursed for travel and accommodation expenses\* incurred, where such participation has not already been funded by the speaker's employer (\*i.e. mileage or reimbursement at economy class airfare if less expensive than driving; out-of-town presenters will have suitable hotel nights provided at the official conference hotel).

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If an individual who is presenting at a session would otherwise already attend the session as a delegate or sponsor, then expenses will not be reimbursed except in exceptional circumstances.

### **PROMOTION**

Once confirmed, AMBC may promote the conference workshop, including the session title, description, and presenter information, through the AMBC website, **Our Assets Matter** eNewsletter, and AMBC social media channels. Presenters are encouraged to share their participation and workshop details through their own social media and professional networks as part of helping promote the conference.

### **NON-COMMERCIAL**

AMBC education events are non-commercial learning experiences. Speakers are to present the respective subject objectively, in a vendor- and product-neutral way (i.e. not used for direct promotion of a product, service, or other self-interest). Our audience appreciates learning about technologies, services, concepts, and new approaches, but is sensitive to the sales promotion approach. Failure to comply will impact future consideration.

### **POST EVENT EVALUATION**

The speaker agrees to be part of an evaluation process that asks conference attendees to evaluate their overall experience. Such feedback is solely for AMBC information and will not be shared.

### **EVENT CANCELLATION**

AMBC is entitled to cancel or postpone a conference due to serious reasons (e.g. venue closure, disaster, emergency, etc.). If this is found to be necessary, the organizers shall not be liable for refunds of any expenses.

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