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Enhancing BC communities through leadership in asset management.

# Special Conference Edition

FALL 2023

## Asset Management BC Annual Conference only weeks away – EXCITING!

We hope to see you at the [Asset Management BC](#) annual conference for 2023 on November 8 and 9, 2023 at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel.

### Collaborating and Converging Toward a Sustainable Future *Fostering Social, Economic, and Environmental Well-being Through Continuous Improvement Processes*

It will be an exciting program with high-quality keynote speakers and a wide variety of topics and case studies on different facets of the asset management journey, including a panel of funding organizations for asset management programs and a big BC issue this year: wildfires. Find out who won the Asset Management awards this year!

Register on CivicInfo BC ([civicinfo.bc.ca](http://civicinfo.bc.ca)). Hotel booking info is on the AMBC website; the conference rate of \$179 expires October 7.

The exciting keynote speakers to start each day are:

- › Wed November 8: [Isaiah Robinson](#) of Kitsoo Xai'Xais Nation
- › Thu November 9: [Jenniffer Sheel](#) of UBC on equity, diversity, and inclusion

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A preconference workshop on Long-term Financial Planning is available on Tuesday, November 7 with separate registration. There is limited capacity, so register early. The detailed program is on the AMBC website and will be updated as further information becomes available.

**Keynote Speaker November 8**

Isaiah Robinson



I am Isaiah Robinson, a proud member of the Kitsoo Xai'xais Nation. Born and raised in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest, I later moved to Hope, where I spent my formative years. Over the years, I have amassed invaluable management experience, which became particularly crucial during my tenure as the Housing and Public Works Department Manager. In that role, the emphasis on asset management was paramount due to our aging infrastructure, which faced significant wear and tear given our location in the very heart of the Great Bear Rainforest.

Having served my community for five years in the aforementioned capacity, I currently hold the position of General Manager for the Kitsoo Development Corporation. In this role, I am responsible for spearheading various projects aimed at enhancing both economic and social development. My commitment to my Nation also extends to governance; I am now in my third term as an elected councillor.

In addition to my primary responsibilities, I'm honoured to serve on the boards of the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group and the Aboriginal Capital Committee. Each of these roles reflects my enduring commitment to fostering positive change and ensuring sustainable growth for our communities.

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Registration on [civicinfo.bc.ca](https://civicinfo.bc.ca) website

**Keynote Speaker November 9**

Jenniffer Sheel, P.Eng., PMP



Jen is part of a diverse team of professionals, trades, and skilled staff providing critical services to the University of British Columbia. This Municipal Services team is responsible for urban and natural asset management, extreme weather response, waste management, materials management, and fleet management. As the Director of Municipal Services in the Facilities group, Jen believes deeply in giving back to her community and volunteers on the VP Finance and Operations Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, UBC United Way Campaign Executive, Applied Science and EGBC mentoring programs, and convocations for graduates.

Jen believes inclusion is necessary for individual and team resiliency, and we each have a role to play. Before working at UBC, Jen worked in the Engineering Department at the City of Vancouver for over 20 years, where she is most proud of the work she led with her team and community on creating inclusive public spaces.

She recently completed a certificate in Intercultural Communications from UBC, is a Professional Engineer registered in BC, a Project Management Professional (PMP) and a passionate learner and outdoor enthusiast.

Jen has entitled her presentation, Survival of the Fittest. Working in a polarized environment is challenging, to begin with, but have you ever entered a work environment where you felt that you didn't belong? The demographics of Jen's workforce is predominantly unionized men, older than 45 years of age, long-term seniority of about 20 years... in walks their first female leader ... Week three – a boycott; Month two an uprising; Month five name-calling; the pandemic; ... Our survival as a team meant commitment to a cultural shift, and we all knew that this was going to be a journey. Jen will share her approach, learnings, and the difference between true inclusion versus tolerance.

## Pre-Conference Workshop

### Tuesday November 7, 2023

## How to Write a Long-Term Financial Plan for Asset Management

### 2023 Edition

Back by popular demand!

Join **Christopher Paine**, Director of Finance and Asset Management for the District of Oak Bay and Principal of FIT Local Government Finance Consulting, for the successful Long-term Financial Planning course piloted at the 2022 AMBC Conference. The 2023 version has been expanded and upgraded based on feedback from 2022.

**Part one:** is comprised of general concepts and calculations, and

**Part two:** is diversified into different streams with content that is varied depending on the audience (Local Government, First Nations).

From data collection, through core calculations to developing funding options and communicating findings, this **hands-on course** is a must for anyone involved in creating a long-term sustainability plan for asset management and having to prove their case with solid calculations.

#### Optional Preparatory Webinar:

Delegates registering may attend an optional preparatory webinar prior to in-class instruction:

- Fri Oct 13 @ 08:30-12:00: LTFP for AM for First Nations Webinar (optional)
- Fri Oct 13 @ 13:00-16:30: LTFP for AM for Local Governments Webinar (optional)
- Thu Oct 19 @ 10:00-12:00: Unique Funding Challenges for First Nations Webinar (optional)

Once registered, FIT Consulting will contact registrants to confirm webinar logistics.

- Tue Nov 7 @ 09:30-16:00: Long-term Financial Planning for Asset Management – in-person

The **in-class, full day session** will be held at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel. Breakfast, Coffee and Lunch will be provided to participants.

Cost: **\$675 per person + GST**

**Registration subsidies** are available through the UBCM Asset Management Planning Program (local governments) and Indigenous Service Canada (First Nations).

For further information contact [gvindisch@ubcm.ca](mailto:gvindisch@ubcm.ca)

Local governments please register through CivicInfo BC. First Nations please register by contacting Gabi Vindisch at [gvindisch@ubcm.ca](mailto:gvindisch@ubcm.ca).



## Upcoming Events

### [Asset Management BC](#)

November 8-9, 2023

Annual Asset Management Conference

Radisson Hotel, Richmond BC

[assetmanagementbc.ca](http://assetmanagementbc.ca)

Registration on CivicInfo: [civicinfo.bc.ca](http://civicinfo.bc.ca)

### [Union of British Columbia Municipalities \(UBCM\)](#)

September 18-22, 2023

Annual Convention and Trade Show

Vancouver Convention Centre

Vancouver BC

[ubcm.ca](http://ubcm.ca)

### [Public Works Association of BC](#)

September 26 -27, 2023

Joint annual conference and trade show

Penticton Convention Centre

Penticton BC

[pwabc.ca](http://pwabc.ca)

### [Canadian Network of Asset Managers \(CNAM\)](#)

October 4-5, 2023

National Fall Summit

Virtual: 8:00am - 12:00pm PST (12:00pm– 3:00pm EST)

Registration available soon on CNAM Website

[cnam.ca](http://cnam.ca)






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