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Self-Facilitated Table Discussions

Participants are invited to engage in a conversation focused on one of 7 different asset management topics. Participants are encouraged to bring their personal experiences, knowledge and any information presented today as context to these discussions.



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The Activity

Tables are numbered 1 to 7. Each topic is numbered as well. Choose a table based on the topic that interests you the most. Within the individual groups, select a note taker and a facilitator. There is 30 minutes to discuss issues/challenges and possible solutions for the topic. We will have 15 minutes to report back from each table.



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The Results

The results will be shared with all conference participants. In addition, results will be utilized by Asset Management BC, and the Partners that make up Asset Management BC, in looking at opportunities to better support local government in improving the implementation of asset management practices and enhancing the asset management culture in BC.



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Discussion Topic #1

According to the State of Asset Management in BC Report, Local Governments reported that 29% have developed AM policies, 29% have developed AM strategies, 19% have developed at least one AM Plan, and 30% have developed long-term financial plans. ***Are these planning activities critical for beginning, intermediate or advanced AM success? What are the barriers to moving these planning activities forward? Which of these is critical in gaining the support of elected officials in developing an AM Program?***



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Discussion Topic #2

According to the State of Asset Management in BC Report, Local Governments reported that only 42% of staff understand the benefits of AM and only 24% of staff work plans include AM activities. ***What is needed to improve corporate culture and organizational buy-in at the staff level?***



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Discussion Topic #3

According to the State of Asset Management in BC Report, Local Governments reported that 44% of elected officials endorse AM activities. ***What is needed to improve AM understanding and recognition of importance/value by elected officials?***

Discussion Topic #4

Climate change is a significant risk that can impact the delivery of core local government services. ***What should be done to improve the integration of climate change with AM activities?***



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Discussion Topic #5

According to the State of Asset Management in BC Report, Local Governments reported that 62% have not incorporated risk into their AM activities. ***What risk management activities are currently being done in your local government? What are your next steps to identify, understand, and mitigate risk?***



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Discussion Topic #6

Levels of Service to provide maximum customer value is good business practice and fundamental to good performance management. Unlike businesses that compete for customers, within a local government competition is generally absent from the equation. For local governments, local conditions matter, and finding the right balance between levels of service, assets and available resources and communicating outcomes/results continues to be a challenge. ***What is needed in your community to ensure that services are optimized to meet regulatory requirements, and the willingness to pay for a given service?***



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Discussion Topic #7

AM BC and Partners have endorsed a 'BC Approach' that is non-prescriptive, non-regulatory, scalable, flexible and incremental. The approach focuses on education and awareness, recognizing that AM is a continuous improvement process that supports each local government understanding their specific needs, capacity and ultimately improve their AM. ***Is this approach the most effective way to move AM forward in BC?***