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Growing concern with Bill M216

The bill aiming to limit local government peer review of developer submissions faces opposition. More organizations are publicly sharing their concerns about the harms the bill could cause if passed. The bill has passed 2nd reading, and is moving into the committee stage for review. [Read more.](#)

LGLA 2026 Leadership Forum

The 2026 Local Government Leadership Academy Leadership Forum will be held March 11-13 at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. [Registration is now open.](#)

2026 Electoral Area Directors' Forum

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UBCM analysis of Canada's bail reform legislation

On October 23, the federal government introduced the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*, which includes more than 80 proposed amendments to the *Criminal Code*. Many changes broadly respond to local government concerns, including resolutions and correspondence seeking stricter bail conditions for repeat offenders. [A UBCM analysis follows.](#)

Province publishes BC risk assessment

The Province has released a Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment that provides updated information on key hazards affecting communities across BC. The assessment, alongside a new geospatial Hazard Insights Tool, aims to support local governments, infrastructure owners and others to better understand disaster and mitigate climate and disaster risks. [Read more.](#)



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