

**2004-2005 HIGHLIGHTS OF  
REGIONAL GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**POINTS SAILLANTS  
DES ACTIVITÉS DES GROUPES RÉGIONAUX – 20042005**



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Calgary	Activities Activités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Doctor Roger Palmer</b>, former Deputy Minister of Alberta Health and Wellness, was the recipient of <b>2004 Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence in Public Administration</b>. The Award was presented on Dec. 10, 2004, in a ceremony at Government House in Edmonton, on behalf of the Alberta Chapters of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.</li> </ul>
	Program Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Alberta's Tax System and Federal-Provincial Coordination</b> – was the title of the October 14, 2004 event. <b>The Hon. Greg Melchin</b>, P.C., MLA, Minister for Revenue with the Government of Alberta presented an overview of the current provincial tax policy highlighting a variety of policy issues that confront practitioners in this area including federal-provincial aspects.</li> <li>➤ On November 18, 2004, <b>Towards a More Efficient Health Care System</b> was the event held with <b>Dr. Greg Marchildon</b>, Canada Research in Public Policy and Economic History at the University of Regina giving a comprehensive power-point presentation on the Canadian health care system and current policy issues.</li> <li>➤ <b>Understanding Reserves and Their Importance</b> was the title of the February 10, 2005 luncheon meeting. <b>Bob Lang</b>, Chair of the Reserves Committee of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and <b>Stephen Rodrigues</b>, Manager of Research at CAPP gave a presentation on the technical considerations and actual 'mechanics' of estimating oil and natural gas reserves.</li> <li>➤ On March 11, 2005 there was a <b>New Professional Workshop – Policy In The Real World</b>. Two panels involving <b>Wayne Cao</b>, MLA (Calgary Fort); <b>Jackie Chuckrey</b>, President, Students' Association at Mount Royal College; <b>Sara Doruch</b>, Policy Analyst, Canada West Foundation; <b>Jackie Kleiner</b>, Human Resources; Government of Alberta; <b>Neil Levine</b>, Stakeholder Relations, Suncor Energy; <b>Bob McInnis</b>, Canadian Red Cross; <b>Linda Ostergard</b>, Calgary Health Region; and <b>Mandi Sandhu</b>, Calgary Economic Development Authority discussed a variety of 'real world' issues of policy making.</li> <li>➤ <b>Shaping Our City's Future – Imagine Calgary</b> was the event held May 19, 2005. <b>Patricia Gordon</b>, Project Manager, Imagine Calgary gave an insightful presentation on the planning challenges facing Calgary in the coming decades at the annual general meeting. A variety of consultative processes and substantive issues were discussed.</li> </ul>
Edmonton	Activities Activités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The 2004 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration was presented to <b>Roger Palmer</b>, former Deputy Minister of a number of Alberta Government ministries, on December 10 at Government House.</li> </ul>
	Program Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Welcoming Reception for the 2004-2005 program year was held at Government House on September 21, 2005. The special guest was <b>Dave</b></li> </ul>

		<p><b>Redman</b> of Emergency Management Alberta, who included a tour of the EMA facility for the participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On November 15, 2005 <b>Oryssia Lennie</b>, Deputy Minister of Western Economic Diversification Canada, and 2002 Alberta Lieutenant Governor's medal recipient for excellence in public administration, presented on opportunities and challenges associated with the movement to E-Government.</li> <li>➤ An informal reception was held at on December 9, 2004 at the Oliver Square Sawmill Restaurant, providing an opportunity for members to get together before the holiday season.</li> <li>➤ The event held on March 21, 2005 was called <b>Edmonton: Sustaining Alberta's Infrastructure in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>. The Speakers were: <b>Michael Harcourt</b>, Chair, External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities; <b>Jay Ramotar</b>, Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Transportation, Government of Alberta; <b>Melissa Blake</b>, Mayor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; <b>Jack Hayden</b>, Past President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC); Moderator, <b>Ken Chapman</b>, a member of the IPAC Edmonton Regional Group and a partner in Cambridge Strategies Inc.</li> <li>➤ IPAC Edmonton Region partnered with the three orders of government hosted the May 31, 2005 <b>Service Excellence Forum "Learning the Language of the Citizens We Serve"</b>. Key note addresses were given by <b>Dr Graham Lowe</b>, <b>Mr. Charles Vincent</b>, and <b>Brigadier-General Stuart Beare</b>. The afternoon was taken up with 6 concurrent sessions which related best practices by various public service organizations. In addition to serving on the organizing committee, IPAC provided a single on-line registration point (an important service for joint ventures by the three orders of government) and IPAC Executive member <b>Les Speakman</b> brought greetings while opening this successful event with close to 300 participants, guests, presenters, and volunteers in attendance.</li> <li>➤ The Annual General Meeting included both recognition of <b>Dr. Rodney Schneck</b> as the 2004 DeCelles Award winner as well as a Colloquium led by Dr. Schneck. The book discussed was <b><i>The Future of Freedom</i></b> by <b>Fareed Zakaria</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fredericton</b></p>	<p><b>Program Programme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In 2001, IPAC and the government of Malawi in Africa, through funding from the Canadian International Development Agency, commenced a project that would see <b>Public Sector Capacity Building for Governance and Social Development in Malawi</b>. On September 8, 2004 IPAC hosted an informal event to meet and greet the officials from Malawi and hear more about the project. There were two brief presentations – an overview of the various international projects that different IPAC groups in Canada are involved with and a brief overview on the status of the Malawi project.</li> <li>➤ On January 26, 2005 at the Point Lepreau Generating Station there was a lunch conference with <b>Mr. Rod White</b>, Vice President, NB Power Nuclear Corporation. Mr. White provided some general background on how the Point Lepreau Generating Station links into one of North America's most diverse generating systems. He also talked about its benefits, the rationale for refurbishment, key milestones and the Dr. Robin Jeffrey Review.</li> <li>➤ <b>Citizen Engagement: Minimizing Bureaucracy, Maximizing Input</b> (Workshop) was held on February 23, 2005. There were approximately 50 participants in attendance (civil servants from all levels of government and academics from the local universities and research centres). Conference participants were treated to</li> </ul>

		<p>such speakers as: <b>David Townsend</b>, National Antenna Tower Policy Review, <b>Lisa Hrabluk</b>, Director, Next NB, <b>David McLaughlin</b>, Chair, Commission on Legislative Democracy.</p> <p>April 28, 2005: <b>IPAC Hour of Power</b> with Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Honourable <b>Andy Scott</b>. "Fun" event in the style of a TV Talk Show. One-hour interview with the Minister on his role as Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, his political career.</p> <p>"Talk Show host" also took question from the floor.</p>
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Activities Activités</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The IPAC Hamilton, National Capital Region and Toronto Regional Groups celebrated the <b>2004 Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence in Public Administration</b>. It was awarded to <b>Robert Gillett</b>, President and CEO of Algonquin College, Ottawa by The Honourable <b>James K. Bartleman</b>, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on November 29, 2004. It took place at Haydon Hall, Ottawa City Hall. Reception following the Medal Presentation was generously supported by IBM Canada Ltd.</li> </ul>
	<b>Program Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ September/04: <b>Smart Growth/Green Belt Task Force</b> Coordinator – <b>Jason Schmidt-Soukri</b></li> <li>➤ October/04: <b>Change and Evolution: Ontario's Cabinet System under Premier McGuinty</b>, Coordinator – <b>Rick Loreto</b> Presenter – <b>Rick Loreto</b>, President of RAL Consulting Ltd.</li> <li>➤ November/04: <b>Public Administration Overseas – Personal Reflections</b> (CIDA opportunity in Jordan) Coordinator – <b>David Martin</b> Presenter – <b>Gord Lalonde</b>, Director of IT (Town of Oakville)</li> <li>➤ January/05: <b>Getting In: Routes to Employment in the Public Sector</b> Coordinator - <b>Julie Simmons</b>, Presenters – <b>Elizabeth Bourns</b> – Director of Human Resources, Town of Oakville, <b>Aaron Dobbin</b> – Office of the Premier, <b>Dawn Murray</b> – Office of the Premier, <b>Audrey Lemieux</b> and <b>Nicola Hepburn</b> – Ontario Legislative Interns</li> <li>➤ April/05: <b>Public Health vs Public Policy: Local response to a worldwide problem</b>, Coordinator – <b>Kathryn Karcz</b>, Presenters – <b>Mary-Anne Carson</b>, Manager of Communicable, Disease (Region of Halton) and <b>Wayne Gould</b>, Emergency Management Coordinator (Region of Halton)</li> <li>➤ May/05: <b>The Port of Hamilton: Past, Present and Future</b>, Coordinator – <b>Mary Lou Tanner</b>, Presenter – <b>Jeff Bookfield</b>, VP Operations and Harbour Master – Port of Hamilton</li> </ul>
<b>Manitoba</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The IPAC Manitoba Regional Groups Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 with a wine and cheese reception.</li> </ul>
	<b>Program Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Client Services in the Public Sector: Strategies, Challenges and Opportunities</b> was the Working Lunch Event on Thursday, April 28, 2005. The speakers were: <b>Rosa Walker</b>, Executive Director, <b>Aboriginal Leadership Institute</b> a member of Peguis First Nation and Executive Director of <i>Taking Charge!</i> She is a past recipient of the YM-YWCA Women of Distinction Award.</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Diane Redsky</b>, Director of Programming, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata. She is a member of the Winnipeg Aboriginal community and band member of Shoal Lake First Nation. <b>Cynthia Foreman</b>, Western Economic Diversification, Director of the Urban Aboriginal Strategy.</p>
Moncton	Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Moncton held a two-day event called <b>Forging Links - Investing in New Brunswick Communities - 2004 Provincial Forum</b> on October 20-21, 2004. The Forum offered a wide range of workshops, learning circles and numerous networking opportunities with people from New Brunswick, Atlantic Canada and beyond. The forum brought together a diverse range of participants to explore, share and learn. Support for this project was received under the National Crime Prevention Strategy of the Government of Canada and the New Brunswick Local Network of the Canadian Volunteerism Initiative.</li> <li>➤ On December 8, 2004 <b>Nicholas d'Ombrain</b> shared with the participants his <b>Perspectives on Governance</b> and the many challenges the public organizations have to face. He initiated an open discussion with the participants on current issues of concern.</li> <li>➤ <b>Une journée de réflexion en mai sur l'équilibre dans la vie professionnelle et personnelle</b> en compagnie du conférencier et consultant organisationnel, <b>Dr. Leigh Quesnel</b>. Il a traité du stress lié au manque de temps et d'une charge de travail accrue, les choix personnels à faire, le rythme accéléré de notre société ainsi que de reconnaître les indices de stress et de leur donner suite. En autres mots, l'importance d'une bonne prise de conscience chez les participants.</li> <li>➤ Une conférence de deux jours intitulée <b>La diversité à dessein</b> traitant d'un ensemble de présentations autour du thème qui apportent de nouvelles perspectives originales et actuelles touchant des questions sociales, les communautés et les milieux de travail. Il faut noter le rôle du comité de l'IAPC qui a traité un cas d'équité qui a eu lieu au Nouveau-Brunswick en juin 2004 et une conférence prononcée par la présidente nationale de l'IAPC, <b>Madame Jocelyne Soulière sur Meilleures pratiques en matière de recrutement</b>. Les participants ont bénéficié d'une occasion d'apprentissage durable; ils ont pu réfléchir à leurs propres valeurs et à leurs ouvertures dans leurs propres milieux de travail ainsi qu'acquérir des outils pour devenir des agents de changement.</li> </ul>
Montréal	Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Le colloque annuel 2005 tenu le Vendredi 29 avril avait pour thème <b>Les rapports entre le centre et les régions: à la recherche de l'équilibre et de la concertation pour Montréal</b>. Les participants ont discuté de l'évolution récente des rapports entre les centres décisionnels politiques et les régions, des défis actuels de ces relations et des perspectives de leur développement.</li> </ul>
National Capital Region/ Région de la capitale nationale	Activities/ Activités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The IPAC National Capital Region, Hamilton, and Toronto Regional Groups celebrated the <b>2004 Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence in Public Administration</b>. It was awarded to <b>Robert Gillett</b>, President and CEO of Algonquin College, Ottawa by The Honourable <b>James K. Bartleman</b>, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on November 29, 2004. It took place at Haydon Hall, Ottawa City Hall. Reception following the Medal Presentation was generously supported by IBM Canada Ltd.</li> </ul>
	Program/ Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ottawa: Democratization and Development in Africa: Current Challenges and Future Options</b> was the title of the event held on <b>Feb 1, 05</b> The Speakers were <b>The Hon. David Kilgour</b> (former Secretary of State for Latin America and</li> </ul>

		Africa, MP Edmonton – Mill Woods-Beaumont), <b>Mr. Kashimoto Ngoy</b> (former Attaché for the Embassy of Zaire to Canada), <b>Mr. Richard Beattie</b> (International Development Consultant), <b>Mr. Bhupinder Liddar</b> (International Affairs Columnist). The session was moderated by <b>Mr. Isaac Goodine</b> , International Development Consultant and senior member of Transparency International. The panel discussed the present challenges facing democratization, good governance and development in Africa, and explored how both governments and civil society can work towards addressing these challenges now and in the future.
<b>Newfoundland &amp; Labrador Terre-Neuve et Labrador</b>	<b>Activities Activités</b>	➤ <b>The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Public Service</b> in the province was awarded to <b>Ms Vivian Randell</b> . The event took place November 25, 2004.
	<b>Program/ Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Funding for Higher Education vs. Health Care: Are Other Canadian Priorities Being Considered?</b> was the title of the October luncheon event. The speaker was <b>Mr. Jeffery Simpson</b>, a political columnist with the Globe and Mail.</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Shane Mahoney</b>, Executive Director, Science Division, Department of Environment and Conservation was the speaker for the December luncheon. Mr. Mahoney is a biologist and a writer, and is known internationally as a lecturer on the issues of environment, resource and conservation. He has advised numerous international panels on the environmental and economic impact of forestry and marine fishery practices and on the role major corporations play in conservation and wildlife partnerships. The topic was <b>St. John's: Re-uniting Economy, Culture and Ecology</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Nova Scotia Nouvelle-Écosse</b>	<b>Activities Activités</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In September 2004, the Lt. Governor Awards of Excellence in Public Administration were presented to <b>Gordon Gillis</b>, who served in the provincial government for 25 years, retiring in 2003 as Deputy Minister to the Premier, and Deputy Minister responsible for Treasury and Policy Board and Communications Nova Scotia and <b>Wynne Potter</b>, whose career spanned 30 years in the provincial and federal government, retiring as Vice President of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in 2000.</li> <li>➤ In September 2004, IPAC co-hosted a luncheon with Dalhousie University School of Public Administration to welcome new students. <b>Mr. Howard Windsor</b>, Deputy Minister of Treasury and Policy Board and Communications spoke as did NS Regional Chair <b>Mr. Bill Greenlaw</b>.</li> </ul>
	<b>Program Programme</b>	<p>Four luncheon sessions were held throughout the year. Speakers and topic included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Peter Aucoin</b>, Professor Dalhousie University, <b>Independent foundations, public money and public accountability: Whither ministerial responsibility as democratic governance?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Jim Stanley</b> (SCI Provincial Co-Chair) and <b>Mr. Jim Ellsworth</b> (SCI Federal Co-Chair) <b>The Nova Scotia Sustainable Cities Initiative: Innovative Solutions for a Changing World</b>.</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Rick Nurse</b>, Commissioner, Nova Scotia Public Service Commission, <b>The Nova Scotia HR Strategy</b>.</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Margaret MacDonald</b>, ADM Policy and Treasury Board, <b>Career pathing within the Nova Scotia Government</b>.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In May the Regional Group hosted its first ever workshop with the assistance of IPAC National on <b>Building Commitment for Public Sector Managers</b>. The workshop was limited to 20 people, and focused on the essential managerial skills and strategies required to build a highly committed, performing workforce.</li> </ul>
Québec	Program/ Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Une conférence sur les <b>transformations de la société Québécoise et l'Etat</b> a eu lieu le 30 Septembre 2004. <b>M. Gérard Bouchard</b>, professeur et directeur du projet Balsac, Université Laval était le conférencier principal.</li> <li>➤ Le 16 Novembre 2004, <b>M. Louis Côté</b>, professeur et directeur de l'Observatoire de l'administration publique à l'ÉNAP a parlé de <b>la modernisation du secteur public</b>. Ses commentaires sur le plan de modernisation déposé par le gouvernement en mai 2004 ont incité les participants à s'engager dans une discussion animée.</li> <li>➤ Une <b>conférence sur le leadership</b> a eu lieu le 3 février 2005. <b>M. Laurent Lapierre</b>, professeur et titulaire de la Chaire de leadership Pierre Péladeau, HEC Montréal, soutenait qu'au-delà des qualités, des habiletés et des compétences, le leadership et la direction responsables relèvent essentiellement du jugement ordinaire, du sens commun, de l'intelligence pratique du fonctionnement des organisations; bref, de ce qu'on peut appeler l'intelligence de l'action.</li> <li>➤ <b>La transformation des organisations de santé : l'implantation de réseaux locaux de services</b> était le sujet de la conférence du 3 mars 2005. <b>M. Léonard Aucoin</b>, Président de Infoveille Santé a offert ses commentaires sur la façon qu'un gestionnaire peut gérer localement, la transformation de son organisation dans un contexte global de complexité et d'incertitude.</li> <li>➤ <b>M. Michel Audet</b>, professeur au département de relations industrielles de l'université Laval était le conférencier principal à la conférence du 21 avril 2005 dont le thème était <b>La transformation par les technologies : Les aspects humains du changement</b>.</li> </ul>
Regina	Activités Activités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Managing Beyond Borders - The Power of Connection</b> was the Forum held April 17 - 20, 2005. The Managers' National Professional Development Forum was one of the most informative and exciting events for Public Service Managers in 2005. It featured a variety of presentations, workshops, kiosks and social events. The Forum focused on using the Power of Connection to help managers meet the challenges of constantly changing environments. Managers examined connecting at a personal level, their connection to the community of federal managers and their connection to the public sector.</li> <li>➤ On February 28, 2005 the event held was called <b>Ethics and Values in the Public Service</b>. The speakers were <b>Brent Cotter</b>, Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs, <b>David Malloy</b>, University of Regina, <b>Elaine Wass</b>, Western Economic Diversification, Government of Canada.</li> </ul>
Toronto	Activities/ Activités	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The IPAC Toronto, Hamilton Regional and National Capital Regional Groups celebrated the <b>2004 Lieutenant Governor's Award For Excellence</b> in Public Administration. It was awarded to <b>Robert Gillett</b>, President and CEO of Algonquin College, Ottawa by The Honourable <b>James K. Bartleman</b>, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on November 29, 2004.</li> </ul>
	Program/ Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The September 24 event was titled the <b>How – and How well – Are City Hall and Queen's Park Listening?</b> <b>John Schaffter</b>, Management Consultant, moderated</li> </ul>

a discussion with distinguished panelists: - **Lee Allison Howe**, Associate Deputy Minister, Consultation Projects Office, Province of Ontario; - **Meg Shields**, Corporate Management & Policy Consultant, City of Toronto; -**John Honderich**, Special Ambassador to the Mayor of Toronto & Former Publisher, Toronto Star.

**Improved Policy Management** was the title of the November 5, 2004 event. The speaker was **Gord Evans**, Co-author, *Helping Governments Keep Their Promises: Making Ministers and Governments More Reliable Through Improved Policy Management*. The moderator was **Bryan Evans**, Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, Ryerson University.

- An event for New Professionals titled **Surviving and Thriving in the Public Service: Preparing Your Personal Learning Plan** was held on November 16, 2004. The speakers were **Michelle DiEmanuele**, Deputy Minister & Associate Secretary of the Ontario Cabinet, Centre for Leadership & Human Resources Management, and **Judy Harasti**, Regional Manager, Learning & Development, for Public Works & Government Services Canada.
- **Highway 407: An (Unfinished) Public Policy Drama in Four Acts** was the event of January 14, 2005. The speakers were **Sandford Borins**, Professor of Public Management, University of Toronto; **Chandran Mylvaganam**, Consultant in transportation and public policy; **George Davies**, Consultant and former Ontario Deputy Minister of Transportation; **John Barber**, Urban affairs columnist, The Globe and Mail.
- **The Hon. Bob Rae** was the speaker for the event held on February 24, 2005 titled **Higher Expectations For Higher Education Ontario Review of Postsecondary Education**. Bob Rae spoke on his findings and recommendations for the future of postsecondary education in Ontario.
- The March 10 event was titled **Tackling the Democratic Deficit – Is the Government of Ontario on the Right Track?** The speakers were **Matthew Mendelsohn**, Deputy Minister, Democratic Renewal Secretariat, Government of Ontario; **Judy Rebick**, CAW-Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice & Democracy, Ryerson University; **Robert MacDermid**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, York University; **Phillip Abrahams** (moderator), Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Toronto.
- On Friday, May 20, 2005 the title of the event was **Ten Key Issues for Public Sector Managers as reported by Deputy Ministers and Chief Administrative Officers**. The speaker was **Brian Marson**, Senior Advisor, Treasury Board of Canada, and past president of IPAC. IPAC conducted a cross-Canada survey to identify common issues and priorities facing senior public sector managers. This session provided fresh survey data and insights on various issues. **Brian Marson** provided an overview of the survey data and its key findings. **Carol Layton** and **Rosanna Scotti**, discussed how this important survey data can inform public sector management practice.
- **Accountability, Paralysis and the Democratic Process** was the title of the June 9, 2005 event. The speaker was **Hugh Segal**, President, Institute for Research on Public Policy, Professor of Public Policy, Queen's University, Former Ontario Associate Cabinet Secretary and Chief of Staff to federal Prime Minister. Hugh Segal, spoke on the perils of value-for-money auditing and on the role of public administration in addressing accountability issues.

Vancouver	Program Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>New Deal for Cities</b> was the Tuesday, December 7, 2004 event with insights from <b>Mike Harcourt</b>, former British Columbia premier.</li> <li>➤ On Wednesday, February 23, 2005 the event <b>The New Public Sector Leader</b> took place with speakers, <b>Judy Rogers</b>, City Manager, City of Vancouver and <b>Terry Beech</b>, former member Nanaimo City Council.</li> <li>➤ On Tuesday, April 19, 2005 the title of the event was <b>Safe Neighbourhoods Shared Accountability</b>. The Keynote Speaker was <b>Mr. Justice Wallace T. Oppal</b>, Court of Appeal for British Columbia. The Panel - <b>Murray Day</b>, Director, Emergency Management Division, Justice Institute of British Columbia; <b>Michael Geller</b>, President, Simon Fraser University Community Trust; <b>Alan Duncan</b>, Environmental Planner, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.</li> <li>➤ <b>The Media and Public Policy</b> was the title of the Thursday, June 23, 2005 luncheon. The Keynote Speaker was <b>Angus Reid</b>, Angus Reid Consultants; The <b>Media Panel</b> consisted of Moderator – <b>Judy Kirk</b>, Judy Kirk Consulting; <b>Frances Bula</b>, Vancouver Sun; <b>Allen Garr</b>, Vancouver Courier; and <b>Mary Lynn Young</b>, UBC. Other speakers were <b>Fazil Mihar</b>, Editorial Board, Vancouver Sun; <b>David Good</b>, UVIC School of Public Administration; and <b>Christy Clark</b>, Former MLA and Cabinet Minister.</li> </ul>
Victoria	Program Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Practical Tips for Dealing with the Media</b> was the title of the March 22, 2005 event. <b>Sean Holman</b>, editor of Public Eye Online was the speaker. At one time government managers performed their jobs in relative anonymity; that is no longer the case in 2005. Increasingly public servants find themselves in the spotlight, fielding questions from the media that traditionally would have been handled only by elected officials. Sean Holman gave participants some tips on dealing with the media.</li> <li>➤ A two-day event on bridging cultures took place on April 9-10, 2005. The sharing of Coast Salish culture and customs were discussed. Also, a wide variety of subjects were addressed during this workshop, including Aboriginal values, territory, family and community, leadership, games and spirituality. Coast Salish Speaker <b>Greg Sam</b> was pleased to offer a facilitated workshop to meet the requests for Aboriginal Awareness.</li> <li>➤ On April 22, 2005 <b>Tamara Vrooman</b>, Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to Treasury Board spoke on <b>The Challenges Facing New Professionals in the Workforce</b>. Tamara Vrooman shared her perspectives about the issues and challenges facing new public servants in contemporary government and about strategies to overcome these challenges.</li> </ul>
Yukon	Activities/ Activites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Yukon Regional Group was reactivated in the fall of 2004 to participate in the planning of a two-day policy conference which it co-sponsored with the Yukon Government</li> </ul>
	Program Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On January 27-28, 2005 the two-day event held in Whitehorse was entitled, <b>“Complexity and Policy Development: New Ways of Thinking About Policy.”</b> The conference drew over 100 participants from territorial, federal, municipal and First Nation governments. The conference featured international policy consultant <b>Carl Taylor</b>, CYFN Grand Chief Ed Schultz, and <b>Marianne Farag</b> of the Manitoba Office of the Auditor General.</li> </ul>

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