

## United Way BC Public Policy Institute

### Spring 2024 Kelowna Alumni Event #1

Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:30 – 3 p.m.

UBCO Arts Building – Room 104

1147 Research Road, Kelowna, BC



**United Way**  
British Columbia

Working with communities in  
BC's North, Interior, Lower Mainland,  
Central & Northern Vancouver Island

## WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS EVENT!

The United Way BC Public Policy Institute has been graduating participants since 2011. We have a faculty of six that lead our learning space that runs each year from January to June. It is for staff from non-profit organizations or registered charities and intake for the program takes place in September each year. For more information on this program go to: [Public Policy Institute | United Way British Columbia \(uwbc.ca\)](https://www.uwbc.ca/public-policy-institute). Email us at [ppi@uwbc.ca](mailto:ppi@uwbc.ca) if you work for a non-profit or registered charity and are interested in enrolling in our 6-month Public Policy Institute program or wish to receive the application call out email in September.

Our program takes place at UBC Robson Square each year. This event is happening at the University of British Columbia Okanagan due to a new collaboration with UBC Okanagan. We are pleased to welcome a few staff and students to this event, as well as PPI alumni and other non-profit people who are interested in policy and learning more. Welcome all!

## MEET CAROLE JAMES (she/her) & NIKKI HILL (she/her)



Carole is the lead Faculty of the Public Policy Institute and served as Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier of the Government of BC, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Victoria Beacon Hill. She has been recognized for her work and leadership through her many elected appointments, locally, provincially, and nationally, serving in elected roles for over 25 years. In her retirement from political office, she continues her commitment to public service.



Nikki is one of Canada's most sought-after public affairs advisors having spent over 25 years working in politics, campaigns and public policy. Nikki has a passion for training advocates and leaders and has extensive experience developing and delivering educational programs.

## GRATITUDE

As a way of supporting truth and reconciliation and expressing your gratitude for this event, we invite you to support the capacity of Indigenous youth by making a donation of \$5 or \$10 today.

[Indigenous Youth Roots](https://www.indigenousyouthroots.ca) is an organization that runs various services and programs for Indigenous Youth aged 18-29. Their Policy School is a **tuition-free** program with no academic or professional requirements. Youth can be at any level of learning and understanding about policy. We will be encouraging participants to express their gratitude for the program by going to this link to [donate to this organization](#) or by using the QR code.



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## SHAPE OF THE DAY FOR: “WHAT TO DO IN AN ELECTION YEAR?!”

10:30 a.m. Doors open, snacks/bevvies  
11:00 a.m. Event starts

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement Esther Moreno  
Welcome to the Territory Elder Pamela Barnes  
Welcoming Remarks Nathan Skolski

**11:15 a.m. A bit about our program Esther Moreno**  
Public Policy Institute is a 6-month advocacy training program that United Way BC offers non-profit organization staff to support them in applying the learnings to a public policy project they are currently working on for their organizations.

**11:20 p.m. Testimonials from PPI alumni 2 alumni**  
Two of our PPI alumni have volunteered to share how their participation in the program has impacted their work and/or why they would recommend others apply to participate. Applications open in September.

**11:30 p.m. Networking Activity: Speed dating**  
Say your name, organization and share some why you are joining this event today? What is a pressing question you have or a wondering you have around this event’s theme.

**11:50 a.m. Current State Carole James**  
This piece will be a chance for Carole to set the stage for today’s presentation.

NOON LUNCH Various salads & charcuterie

**12:30 p.m. Activity: Vertical Spaces Nikki/Carole**  
Let’s discuss and consider, “What are the pressing issues heading into the election?”

**12:50 p.m. PRESENTATION: “Pre-Election Advocacy” Nikki/Carole**  
Let’s discuss and consider, “What are the pressing issues heading into the election?” This presentation will include times to discuss items in groups and to dig into specific issues defined by the group in our earlier activities. *(Note: at 1:30 p.m. coffee/tea will be refreshed, and dessert will be set out. Please get up and help yourself when needed.)*

**2:10 p.m. Discussion: Share back as a large group Nikki/Carole**  
Let’s discuss what we learned and where we go from here.

**2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks Esther/Nikki/Carole**  
Time to give a reminder to consider donating to Indigenous Youth Roots to support Indigenous youth interested in learning more about public policy and advocacy. Then, join us for 30 minutes of mingling.

3:00 p.m. Event ends

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