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ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 58th
ANNUAL MEETING
CIVIC CENTRE
QUALICUM BEACH, B.C.

APRIL 13 – 15, 2007

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REPORT WITH YOU

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES
2007 ANNUAL REPORT & RESOLUTIONS BOOK**

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ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO AVICC MEMBERS

We are pleased to convey this sixteenth AVICC Annual Report and Resolutions Book. It was the wish of your Executive to provide to all members in advance of the Annual Meeting a record of the year's activities and advance notice of the matters that will be placed before you at the April 13 – 15, 2007 Annual Meeting.

We have divided this publication into two parts:

- Annual Report.
- Resolutions.

1. ANNUAL REPORT

In the first part of this publication you will find the:

- President's Report.
- Responses to AVICC's 2006 resolutions - responses that are still awaited will be circulated at the Annual Meeting if available.

2. RESOLUTIONS

The second part of this publication contains materials to be considered at the 2007 Annual Meeting. In this section you will also find the Nomination/Election procedures. Under this process, the Nominating Committee issues a call for nominations, manages that process, but does not make recommendations. Information on those nominated for the 2007/2008 AVICC Executive is contained in the March, 2007 AVICC Supplemental Newsletter. The main item in this section is the resolutions to be considered at the 2007 Annual Meeting. The __ resolutions received before the deadline are printed.

Late Resolutions along with:

- comments/recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on all resolutions
- financial statements
- final convention program

will be available at the time of registration.

Councillor Bea Holland
President

Eydie Fraser
Executive Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We will soon be welcoming you to the 58th Annual Meeting in Qualicum Beach. I look forward to meeting again with all of our members from the Island, Sunshine Coast and the Central Coast.

At the first UBCM Executive meeting following at the UBCM convention in Victoria I was appointed to the Aboriginal Committee and the Community Safety Committee. To date two Executive meetings have been held and plans are underway for 2007 UBCM Convention in September.

AVICC provided administrative support to the Interim Board of the North Island Coast Trust until August, 2006 when Mr. Al Baronas was hired full time as the Executive Director. The Trust is now known as the Island Coast Economic Trust. Local government members of the Board are Mayor Sandy Herle, Mayor Ken McRae, Mayor Jack Peake, Mayor Barry Janyk, Mayor Robert Hutchins, Mayor Gerry Furney and Mayor Gary Korpan. There are four provincial appointees to the Board. Mayor Starr Winchester is Chair of the North Island RAC and Mayor Jon Lefebure chairs the South Island RAC

Some of our other activities include:

EXECUTIVE/COMMITTEES

- 3 meetings of the Executive (at the September Executive meeting the Executive met with representatives of BC Hydro, BC Ferries and the Vancouver Island Health Authority. A report was circulated to all members.)
- 1 meeting held by Conference Call

The Executive will be meeting with Martin Segger from UVic to discuss building a working relationship with the University and I will be able to report to you at Convention.

MEMBERSHIP/FINANCIAL

- 100% membership
- there is no dues increase recommended for 2007

CONVENTION

- the 2006 Convention in Oak Bay was very successful and received very high approval for the workshops held at the University of Victoria. A draft program was circulated to all members along with the registration forms. Please check the website for details as they are finalized.
- 20 resolutions were presented with 18 being endorsed, 1 withdrawn and 1 not endorsed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- one issue of the AVICC Newsletter was produced and distributed.
- various circulars and member updates
- AVICC website – please check frequently. – www.avicc.ca

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to extend a thank you to the Executive for their continued support and involvement with AVICC over the past year. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation on behalf of the Executive and myself to Eydie Fraser, Executive Coordinator and Richard Taylor of UBCM for their dedication and assistance.

I look forward to seeing you in Qualicum Beach and your continued involvement with AVICC in the year ahead.

*Councillor Bea Holland
President*

SUMMARY OF 2006 AVICC RESOLUTION RESPONSES

This report summarizes the responses from the provincial government to the resolutions endorsed at the 2006 AVICC Annual General Meeting, submitted to UBCM and endorsed by UBCM:

A3 APPROVING OFFICER

Sunshine Coast RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province to ensure that regional district boards and the Island Trust are granted the authority to appoint a person as an approving officer for the rural area of the regional district when and if requested.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Transportation

The Ministry of Transportation is focusing on improving the subdivision approval process through policy, procedure, technology and inter-agency relationships. Cooperation and collaboration with relevant agencies, including local governments, is part of that. The intent is to work together to best serve the interests of applicants, agencies and the general public.

Transfer of approval authority would involve a change of roles but would still involve the Ministry and other agencies. Transfer of authority could be disruptive for applicants, at least temporarily, and could have a deleterious effect on this sector of the economy. This would be undesirable, especially at a time when development activity is high. The Province of British Columbia is therefore not considering transfer of authority at this time.

B17 FUNDING FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANIZATION

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to provide adequate, predictable funding for Search and Rescue organizations.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is considering a number of strategies to address the ongoing funding concerns of volunteer Search and Rescue (SAR) organizations.

The Ministry currently provides \$1.7 million towards the operational costs incurred through SAR responses and contributes \$345,000 annually towards SAR training. The Ministry is also assisting SAR groups with accessing federal funding through the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program and the New Initiatives Fund.

Within the Province of British Columbia, many volunteer SAR organizations have entered into service agreements with local authorities including regional districts. Some of these agreements include the establishment of a regional district SAR function to ensure a secure source of funding is available for the local SAR volunteer group.

B23 FUNDING ATTAINABLE HOUSING IN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tofino

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Finance be requested to make a portion of the British Columbia Property Transfer Tax available to the communities in which it is raised for the purpose of providing funding for attainable housing for working people in the Province of British Columbia.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Finance

Tax revenues are generally not dedicated to fund specific programs because tax revenues fluctuate in ways that do not necessarily match changes in the funding needs of programs.

Furthermore, any potential changes to the tax system or new expenditure programs must be evaluated carefully within the balanced budget context and against competing requests for funding.

The Province of British Columbia (Province) has made housing for the most vulnerable a priority:

- The annual provincial budget for social housing has increased by \$90 million since 2001.
- During that same period the Government of British Columbia (Government) committed to build over 10,250 social housing units. There were 1,583 new units created in fiscal 2005/06. That brings the total number of units completed since 2001 to over 6,189; work continues on over 4,000 more.
- With the federal government, the Province continues to subsidize the existing portfolio of 41,500 units, managed by BC Housing and non-profit housing providers.
- The Government also provides rent assistance to about 14,200 households renting in the private market.

B35 LOCAL AUTHORITY

Sunshine Coast RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments are assured of their authority to regulate in accordance with established bylaws without challenge from the provincial government

RESPONSE: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

The Province will soon be releasing a new energy plan. At that time, a response to this resolution will be available.

B46 RESOURCE BASED COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS

Port Alice

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the BC government to reject any softwood lumber agreement with the US that does not include:

- Full repayment to Canadian producers of all of the illegal duties imposed by the US government on Canadian lumber since May 2002.
- Legislative action by the BC government to require that a significant portion of the duties paid by BC firms since May 2002 be collected and dedicated to a fund that will ensure investments in new plants and equipment in BC; worker training, retraining and skills development; adjustment programs such as early retirement, pension bridging and apprenticeship programs; infrastructure development and community adjustment programs in British Columbia;
- Clearly stated protection against any future US attempts to direct Canadian forest policy through trade measures, taxation or legislative oversight.
- Clearly stated protection against US incursion or interference in British Columbia forest policy, including but not limited to, annual allowable cut determinations, conservation objectives and raw log export restrictions.'

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that action by the BC government to reduce raw log exports and to ensure that all forest production provides clear and demonstrable benefits to the people of BC and to BC;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BC government put in place a comprehensive transition program to deal with the short and long-term implications of the Mountain Pine Beetle Infestation and other merging forest health issues on the industry, workers and communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government review all its programs, policies, legislation and regulations with an eye to ensuring that there be clear and demonstrable benefits to the people of BC and to BC communities from all resource extraction, resource-based processing and other resource-development initiatives.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The resolution was endorsed and referred to the UBCM Executive.

B59 FLOODPLAIN BYLAW FEE

Nanaimo RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the *Local Government Act* so that regional districts can charge a fee for processing an application for a site specific exemption to a floodplain bylaw.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Community Services

Section 363 of the *Local Government Act* provides regional districts with the general authority to charge fees in relation to a service. As land use planning is a regulatory service, the Act, section 363 would provide regional districts with the authority to charge an application fee in relation to applications for exemptions under section 910, unless another provision specifically authorizes the imposition of a fee.

Section 931 of the Act provides for the imposition of specific application fees under Division 7 of Part 26, but does not include a specific power to impose an application fee in respect of an exemption to a requirement in relation to flood plain areas contained in section 910. Section 4(2) of the Act clarifies that where a specific power is conferred on a regional district and that specific power can be read as coming within a general power conferred by the Act, "the general power must not be interpreted as being limited by that specific power, but that aspect of the general power that encompasses the specific power may only be exercised subject to any conditions and restrictions established in relation to the specific power".

The lack of a specific power within section 931 to charge an application fee in respect of a section 910 exemption would not, in our view, limit a regional district from exercising its general fee setting authority provided under the Act, section 363. We believe this interpretation would be consistent with the overall spirit of the legislation.

B71 ANTI-BUNKER BYLAW

Cumberland

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the provincial government adopt legislation similar to the *Fortified Buildings Act* in Manitoba, that would prevent the fortification of buildings that would prevent emergency response personnel and law enforcement officials from gaining access to those buildings in an emergency.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

The Province of British Columbia believes that local governments best know the needs of their community on public safety issues related to building construction. We will support local government if they decide to implement bylaws or zoning restrictions on the prohibition of certain aspects of a building construction and/or modifications in the overall context of local government's land use development authority.

The Province notes that any perceived shortcomings of implementation of such a bylaw by local governments could be overcome by the development of a model "anti-bunker bylaw" by the UBCM. Such a "model bylaw" could be used by an individual municipality or adopted by a number of municipalities on a regional basis.

B81 PROPERTY PURCHASE TAX

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that non-profit housing entities be exempt from the property purchase tax in support of their role in providing affordable housing in BC communities.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Finance

The Province of British Columbia, through BC Housing, supports the efforts of organizations that provide safe and affordable housing for British Columbians in need in a variety of ways including helping to arrange:

- financing
- interim construction financing
- development advice;
- one-time grants; and
- funding to bridge the gap between what residents can afford to pay and the operating costs of the non-profit and charitable housing providers.

On balance, the Government of British Columbia believes that its support of organizations that work to provide housing for those in need, through BC Housing, is the most effective approach.

B88 GRANTS-IN-LIEU AND NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST NATIONS

Metchosin

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, should any existing provincial or federal lands for which municipalities receive grants-in-aid become part of any negotiated First Nations Agreement, senior governments should consider treaty adjustment funding and/or compensation for local government.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation recognizes that local governments are concerned about this issue. However, local governments have the ability to generate revenue by providing First Nations with services like water, sewer and fire services.

To make those service arrangements successful, local governments and First Nations need to build trust and respect to make their relationships last. The Ministry will continue to be instrumental in supporting these relationships by funding treaty advisory committees and supporting local governments.

Around the Province of British Columbia there are many success stories among First Nations and local governments. One such example is among the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, the City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George.

B90 FERRY TERMINAL PROPERTY TAXATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of British Columbia consult with affected local governments before considering statutory changes in relation to assessment and taxation of ferry terminals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local governments be consulted through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in advance of any such legislative changes being brought forward for consideration.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Small Business and Revenue

No legislative changes were required to deal with assessment issues related to the British Columbia Ferry Services (BCF'S).

BCFS was formed in 2004 as an independent authority and BCFS facilities must now be assessed and are subject to property taxes on most of their properties including the marine facilities (docks), terminals and maintenance depots. BC Ferry Services challenged the valuation of their properties and filed appeals to the Property Assessment Appeal Board for their 2004 and 2005 assessments, taking an initial position that restrictions in their leases with the Government of British Columbia make the properties valueless.

BCFS and BC Assessment (BCA) agreed to settle the appeals, resulting in reductions to the value of the marine facilities of about 42% for 2004 and 48% for 2005. The Municipalities of West Vancouver, Port Hardy, North Saanich and Prince Rupert were interveners in the appeals, but did not challenge the agreement to settle. The Municipality of Delta separately appealed the BCFS assessments for 2006 to the Property Assessment Review Panel but was unsuccessful and did not pursue the appeal further.

BCFS will be paying about \$5 million in annual property taxes. Previously when BC Ferries was a Crown Corporation, the Government paid grants in lieu of about \$2 million to municipalities in which the ferry facilities were located.

If any need for legislative amendment is identified in the future, affected parties and the UBCM will be consulted as is the usual practice in developing new policies.

**B102 LOGGING PRACTICES ON PRIVATE FOREST
LANDS AND WATERSHED PROTECTION**

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petitions the provincial government to change the legislation and policies to enable a local government to establish a Community Watershed Bylaw that extends over any public or private lands within the watershed.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

The Private Managed Forest Land Act establishes the Private Managed Forest Land Council, which consists of the Government of British Columbia and landowner-appointed members. Anyone, including representatives from municipalities, regional districts and First Nations, can apply to become a Government-appointed member through a competitive process. The Council regulates forest practices on private managed forest land to ensure public values, such as the protection of drinking water, are upheld. The Act and Regulations protect water values and require the retention of sufficient streamside vegetation to maintain water quality.

The rate of harvest on private managed forest land is a function of the landowners' business model, the availability of harvestable timber and the market for logs. Harvest rates are higher now than recent history due largely to the forests developing from an immature (too small to harvest) state into a mature state (appropriate size for current markets). In addition, markets for the type and size of the private land timber have been strong stimulating the harvest.

Neither the legislation nor the Council seeks to manage the rights of private land holders in respect of harvest rate, rather focus their attention on environmentally sound forest practices. The Council takes action to investigate complaints regarding these matters. The Council investigates all formal complaints filed about forest practices on private managed forest land and has the authority to take appropriate action following the outcome of an investigation. The Council recently investigated a complaint that harvesting in the Beaufort Range impacted the local water supply. The investigation found harvesting had no significant impact on the Beaver Creek water supply.

Under the *Drinking Water Protection Act*, it is an offense to contaminate drinking water. Drinking water officers work throughout British Columbia to ensure risks to drinking water are minimized and can take legal action to protect drinking water. We encourage the UBCM membership to work with the Council to monitor the implementation of the Act and determine if there are any significant issues that need to be addressed.

This government is committed to maintaining drinking water supplies so that British Columbians can enjoy good health and the best possible quality of life. Never before in the history of our Province has legislation to protect drinking water for future generations been so strong. Since 2001, in partnership with the federal and local governments, over \$600 million has been invested in water-related projects. Our goals for the Province include leading the way in North America in healthy living and leading the world in sustainable environmental management with the best air and water quality, bar none.

B104 ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS Alberni-Clayoquot RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province of British Columbia to amend the on-site sewage disposal regulations to require a person increasing the size of a house connected to an existing on-site sewage disposal system to have the capacity and condition of the existing system certified by a professional as being adequate for the intended use.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The resolution was endorsed and referred to the UBCM Executive.

B121 PROTECTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES Islands Trust

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request that the provincial government amend the *Local Government Act* to enable local governments to designate Development Permit Areas for the protection of archaeological resources.

This resolution was withdrawn.

B123 CLOSED CONTAINMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS FOR SALMON FARMING Comox-Strathcona RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the Government of Canada to secure further research and development funds to operate a closed containment demonstration project on Vancouver Island, which could thoroughly research the environmental and economic benefits of closed containment fish farming.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The resolution was endorsed. UBCM is awaiting a response from the Federal government on the resolutions.

B133 UBCM TO COORDINATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION STUDIES Courtenay

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities investigates the feasibility of coordinating a service to provide cost effective, professional remuneration studies, available to all local governments.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The Convention decided On Motion, No Action was Required.

R140 BICYCLE LANES Sunshine Coast RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Ministry of Transportation to amend the Cycling Policy to provide for the construction of bicycle lanes or other provisions for bicycle traffic whenever works compatible with such construction are taking place adjacent to roadways.

RESPONSE: Ministry of Transportation

The Ministry of Transportation realized the need for cycling infrastructure and does its best to provide cycling improvements whenever it is feasible. Pat Bay highway resurfacing included the expansion of the shoulder to better accommodate cyclists.

However, there are circumstances that prevent the Ministry from providing cycling infrastructure during a project. These include safety, if the cost is excessively disproportionate to the need, a provincial act or municipal bylaw prohibits cycling or cycling is not in the greater public interest.

The proposed inclusion to the Minister's cycling policy would create a situation where the Ministry would be required to justify its actions for not including cycling infrastructure on every minor project it undertakes throughout the Province of British Columbia. This would create a large burden in terms of staff time. That is why the ministry has limited its policy to the larger projects that include new and upgrade highways.

B157 HEALTH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Mt. Waddington RD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to extend the Health Connections Program to subsidize travel for medical care for any rural residents outside their home community, regardless of distance.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The resolution was referred to the UBCM Executive.

B163 KELOWNA ACCORD

Powell River City

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the federal government to identify long-term funding to ensure the objectives of the Kelowna Accord are met.

This resolution was referred to UBCM. The resolution was endorsed. UBCM is awaiting a response from the Federal government.

LR4 PAY BEFORE YOU PUMP LEGISLATION

North Cowichan

RESPONSE: Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services

In October 2006 the Honourable Olga Illich, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services, joined the DePatie and Crellin families to announce "Grant's Law" – a mandatory pre-payment system at service stations in urban areas that will be implemented to help protect employees who work at night.

Government has called upon WorkSafeBC to address this issue through regulation and also accelerate plans for regulations that specifically address the orientation and training needs of new workers, including those at service stations.

Government is constantly striving to ensure safe workplace for all workers and this pre-payment law, combined with new training and education for service station workers, is a positive step toward that goal.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES AND REPORT FOR THE AVICC EXECUTIVE

The ongoing administration and policy determination of the AVICC is governed by an 8-person Executive Board that is elected and appointed at the Annual Convention.

THERE ARE SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

THERE IS ONE APPOINTED POSITION:

- Immediate Past President

NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The Executive have introduced a process whereby a notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination, the process and the procedures for nomination was circulated to all members. [See Appendix C]

That notice stated that a candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. The candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC member.

Background information for Candidates was made available on request that set out the main responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member.

A nomination and consent form is available and was to be used for all nominations in advance of the AGM. [Also see Appendix C]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - is appointed under the provisions of the AVICC Constitution and is appointed by the President.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for overseeing the nominating and election process and is appointed by the AVICC President and is composed of two members of the Executive. This year's Committee is composed of:
Past President, Mayor W. J. (Jack) Peake, Chair

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including, at the candidate's option, a photo and 300-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed in the Pre Convention Newsletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is responsible for reporting to the full Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee does not make recommendations.

They will report on Friday, April 13th, 2:15 p.m. on nominations received for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, three Directors at Large and Electoral Area Representative.

While the nomination process has been expanded, it will not change the process where candidates can be nominated off the floor at the Convention. That process remains in place. The changes outlined above provide for those that are interested in seeking office to be directly nominated prior to the Convention without the "sanction" of a Nominating Committee.

ELECTIONS PROCESS

The process will then proceed in three steps:

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, April 13th, 2:15 p.m.

Nominating Committee present the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President.

Nominations from floor for Officer positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President)

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Friday, April 13th 4:20 p.m.

Elections for Officers positions (as necessary).

Saturday, April 14th, 8:30 a.m.

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Saturday, April 13th, 11:30 a.m.

Nominating Committee present nominations for three Directors at Large.

Nominations from the floor for the above positions.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Elections for remaining Executive positions (as necessary).

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

Sunday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee present nominations for Electoral Area Representative
Nominations from the floor for the above position.

Candidate speeches if necessary.
Election for position (as necessary).

THE 2007 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2007 Convention:

President

- Director Rod Sherrell, Regional District of Mount Waddington

First Vice-President

- Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons

Second Vice-President

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Director at Large (three to be elected)

- Mayor Christopher Causton, District of Oak Bay
- Mayor John Fraser, District of Tofino
- Councillor Rob Johnson, Town of Ladysmith

Electoral Area Representative

- Director Barbara Price, Comox-Strathcona Regional District

For further information on the nomination and election process contact:

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AVICC CONFERENCE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Sessions will begin and end promptly at the scheduled hours.
 2. Delegates will use the floor microphones when speaking.
 3. All elected officials of members attending the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be delegates entitled to participate in debates and to vote on any matter before the Meeting. [Constitution s. 7] Other delegates shall not be entitled to the privilege of the floor unless authorized by the Meeting. Guest speakers may be permitted at the direction of the Executive.
 4. At all business sessions of the Meeting, twenty five delegates shall constitute a quorum. [Constitution s. 8g]
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VOTING RULES

5. Only elected officials of members are entitled to vote. [Constitution s. 7]
6. Voting on ordinary resolutions normally shall be by a show of hands (holding the voting card) and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost is final unless, immediately upon the decision of the Chair being declared, ten or more voting delegates then present, by standing, demand a standing vote, whereupon the Chair shall again put the same question to the Meeting to be decided by a count of those standing in favour of and against the motion. In the event that the result of the standing vote is questioned by twenty-five or more voting delegates then present, or at any time in the discretion of the Chair, the Chair shall order that the matter before the Meeting be determined by ballot, and the result of such ballot shall be final.
7. Where voting is by ballot, scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chair to distribute the ballot, collect the same, and to count and report the vote.
8. In all cases, where the votes of delegates then present, including the vote of the Chair, are equal for and against a question, the question shall be negatived, and it shall be the duty of the Chair to so declare.
9. No vote by proxy shall be recognized or allowed.

10. When voting by show of hands all delegates shall hold their voting card. In the case of a ballot, the voting card must be presented and initialed by the scrutineers before a ballot is issued.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

11. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Association, its Executive and Committees, so far as they may be applicable without coming into conflict with the Constitution or rules adopted by the Association. [Constitution s.13]
12. The Presiding Officer shall enforce order and strict observance of the Constitution and Rules and Procedures. Subject to an appeal to the meeting sustained by a majority vote of delegates present, the Presiding Officer shall have the right to decide all questions of order and the Officer's rulings in this regard shall be final.
13. A delegate wishing to move, second or speak to a motion shall arise and address the Chair and shall wait until he or she is recognized before speaking. Delegates must announce their name, local government office and membership or other qualifications each time they rise to speak.
14. Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes; including the introducer of a motion.
15. No delegate may speak more than once on any one question unless and until all other delegates desiring to speak have been heard.
16. Any amendment and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting or to refer the same to the Resolutions Committee, or to any other committee, and any motion affecting the resolution must be moved and seconded from the Meeting Floor.
17. Should discussion continue on any resolution for an undue length of time without reasonable agreement being reached, the resolution may be cleared from the floor by a favourable vote to refer the resolution to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration and report.

(Note: Because the time factor does not allow the Resolutions Committee to properly reconsider resolutions, a motion to refer to the Committee will only be accepted in the event adjournment is imminent and there are regular resolutions which have not been dealt with.)

HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS STEP-BY-STEP RULES

PRECEDENCE OF RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolutions shall be dealt with in numerical order. However, two or more similar resolutions, addressing the same subject matter may be dealt with by a single resolution. [i.e. Resolution #14 covers resolution #15 and #16 then only resolution #14 will be considered by the Meeting.]
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PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS PRINTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

19. The Chair will cause the title and the "enactment" clause of the resolution to be read.
20. The resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and will not require a mover or a seconder.
21. A spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee will then give the views of the Resolutions Committee together with any suggestions and reasons therefore.
22. The Chair shall then call on a delegate from the sponsoring member to introduce the resolution.
23. The sponsor is permitted three minutes to introduce the resolution.
24. The Chair will then call for discussion from the floor.
25. If there are not speakers opposed to the motion the Chair may call the question.

Discussion shall proceed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure" (steps 11 to 17)

Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes.

Voting on the resolution shall proceed in accordance with the "Voting Rules" (steps 5 to 10).

Voting is on the resolution, **NOT** on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR LATE RESOLUTIONS

26. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to the AVICC by the Wednesday noon preceding the date of the Annual Meeting.
 27. Late Resolutions shall be available for discussion after resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered but not before the time printed in the Meeting Program for consideration of Late Resolutions. Late Resolutions shall be dealt with only if the Meeting so decides.
 28. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions.
 29. Late Resolutions admitted for plenary discussion shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions report.
 30. In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion the sponsor shall produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Convention.
 31. The Chair will cause the title and "enactment" clause of the Late Resolution to be read by a spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee.
 32. The Late Resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 25).
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FOR RESOLUTIONS NOT PRINTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS BOOK

33. Any delegate may, during a Meeting, put forward any motion which, if duly seconded, shall be dealt with as follows: The Chair shall put the question - "Shall the motion before the meeting be admitted for discussion?" - and such question shall require a three-fifths majority vote before the motion can be put forward for discussion by the Meeting.

At the discretion of the Chair any such motion shall be submitted in writing and copies may be required to be provided to all delegates present before consideration thereof.
34. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Executive may submit any matters not requiring Extraordinary Resolution to any Meeting for consideration or action at any time.

FOR EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

35. All resolutions originating at a Meeting workshop or seminar that is not held as a regular plenary session shall be referred to the Executive unless handled pursuant to Steps 33 or 34.
36. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION: Any amendments to the Constitution may only be made pursuant to Extraordinary Resolution duly adopted by the Association. [Constitution s. 11].
37. EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS: Notice of Extraordinary Resolutions intended to be submitted for consideration shall be given in writing to the Secretary not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual meeting, and shall be included in the printed material sent to members by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting. A favourable three-fifths majority vote at an Annual Meeting of the delegates then present shall be necessary to adopt an Extraordinary Resolution. [Constitution s. 11].

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REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

RR1 LOG EXPORT CRISIS IN BC

Alberni-Clayoquot RD

WHEREAS logs exported from British Columbia create forest jobs in other countries at the expense of Canadian jobs;

AND WHEREAS raw log exports increased by 1,000 percent from 1996 to 2005:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) A moratorium be placed on the closure of any mills in British Columbia until a full and comprehensive plan for a revitalized manufacturing sector is created;
- 2) Cabinet cease to issue any permits for log exports and place a moratorium on exports from all Crown lands;
- 3) The government reverse its earlier decision to allow Weyerhaeuser to remove its private lands from Tree Farm Licence (TFL);
- 4) The government ensure full public consultation on any future proposal to remove land from any TFL;
- 5) The government increase the export tax on raw logs from private lands to ensure there is no economic incentive to export, rather than process locally;
- 6) The provincial government re-introduce measures that will once again make clear the connection between companies logging British Columbia trees and their commitment to manufacturing capacity in the province;
- 7) The federal government retain legislation restricting raw log exports and align federal and provincial forest policies; and
- 8) The federal and provincial governments vigorously oppose the legal challenge to federal legislation restricting raw log exports, which would further erode rights to protect Canadian jobs.

Conference Decision: _____

RR2 HOME OWNER GRANT PROGRAM

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS property values continue to increase at a rapid rate in the Province of BC;

AND WHEREAS many long-term property owners continue to suffer a loss of the Home Owner Grant due to market forces beyond their control;

AND WHEREAS there is a general societal benefit to assisting all property owners to be able to afford to live on the properties they have chosen:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be requested to reinstate a Home Owner Grant for properties in excess of the current limit of \$894,000.

Conference Decision: _____

LEGISLATION

R1 GLASS SPONGE REEFS

Comox-Strathcona RD

WHEREAS reef forming glass sponges were thought to have gone extinct during the age of dinosaurs millions of year ago, recent discoveries show that reefs of these living rare glass sponges exist in nine places along the coast of BC;

AND WHEREAS these are the only known glass sponge reefs in the world, and 50% of the reefs in Hecate Strait have been destroyed by trawling activities and research indicates that those sections of the reefs may never regenerate;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has closed the reefs to bottom trawling in 2002 by implementing fishing closures, these closures must be renewed annually and do not provide permanent legislated protection:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities urge the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to implement permanent legislated protection to protect the glass sponge reefs along the coast of BC.

Conference Decision: _____

R2 DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES

View Royal

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* currently restricts the imposition of Development Cost Charges to areas of sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and park land;

AND WHEREAS new development creates capital cost burdens on municipalities in other areas, such as emergency services and transportation (other than highways):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the provincial government to amend the *Local Government Act* to allow for the imposition of Development Cost Charges in areas other than sewage, water, drainage, highway facilities and parkland.

Conference Decision: _____

R3 ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT MADE UNCUMBERSOME

Lake Cowichan

WHEREAS the Community Charter and the *Local Government Act* now require a local government to seek the assent of its electors through a vote of the alternative approval process where liabilities incurred under agreement or long-term debt exceeds 5 years since the *Community Charter* was enacted;

AND WHEREAS the protection of the lives and properties of the citizens of a local government and the fire service agreement areas are of paramount importance to those given the responsibility for fire protection:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *Community Charter* be amended to permit the purchase of replacement emergency fire fighting equipment that is mandated under the United Laboratories of Canada (ULC) and the National Fire Protection Standards without the process of seeking the assent of the voters either through a vote or the alternative approval process.

Conference Decision: _____

R4 AMENDMENT TO WILDFIRE ACT

Capital RD

WHEREAS municipalities in British Columbia have, for many years, had bylaws in place that relate to the lighting, fueling or use of open fires in order to reduce nuisance from smoke and to reduce the risk of fire hazard;

AND WHEREAS within regional districts, fire regulation bylaws do not apply throughout the entire extent of electoral areas as local volunteer fire departments do not have the authority to enforce against a breach of such bylaws over extensive areas of land outside their local jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS section 4 of the *Wildfire Act* (British Columbia) and section 3 of the *Wildfire Act Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 34/2005, provide that certain key sections of the *Wildfire Act* and the *Wildfire Act Regulation* do not apply inside the boundaries of a local government that has a bylaw that relates to the lighting, fueling or use of open fires;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the *Wildfire Act* should continue to apply and be enforceable by the Province even if a local government has its own bylaw that relates to the lighting, fueling or use of open fires as a local government bylaw may not cover the same matters as the *Wildfire Act* and the *Wildfire Act Regulation* and, in any event, regional districts do not have the jurisdiction to enact for themselves all provisions of the *Wildfire Act* and the *Wildfire Act Regulation* that would not apply within local government boundaries:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities be asked to request that the Province enact an amendment to the *Wildfire Act* to make it clear that the *Wildfire Act* and the *Wildfire Act Regulation*:

- (a) remain in force within the boundaries of a local government jurisdiction even where the local government may have enacted its own bylaw relating to the lighting, fueling or use of open fires, and

(b) permit local bylaws relating to the lighting, fueling or use of open fires to be enacted provided that they are not in conflict with the *Wildfire Act* and *Wildfire Act Regulation*.

Conference Decision: _____

R6 MOTOR FUEL TAX

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* provides for a tax to be applied to gasoline and motive fuel purchased within the Victoria Regional Transit Service Area for the raising of revenue for the purposes of the *British Columbia Transit Act*;

AND WHEREAS Transit Service Areas in all parts of the province are in need of additional revenue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to amend the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* to expand the ability for a tax on gasoline and motive fuel to be insituted by local governments in all Transit Service Areas in order to raise additional revenue for the purposes of the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

Conference Decision: _____

HEALTH

R7 HEALTH AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE

Nanaimo RD

WHEREAS Regional Hospital Districts provide a major source of funding for capital equipment and projects for health care services in the Province of BC;

AND WHEREAS the Province has established regional Health Authorities managed by appointed Boards to determine health care capital priorities and capital budgets;

AND WHEREAS all Regional Hospital Districts are facing significant pressures to meet their own local costs as well as ever increasing Health Authority capital costs, with a limited tax base:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities urge the Province to consider the appointment of local government elected representatives from each Regional Hospital District to the Boards of Health Authorities to enable direct decision making on capital priorities and budgets.

Conference Decision: _____

R8 APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL
HEALTH AUTHORITIES BOARD

Parksville

WHEREAS in 2001 the Provincial Government created regional health authorities to direct the delivery of health care services to the Province;

AND WHEREAS each of the Health Authorities is governed by a government-appointed Board of Directors who may not be familiar with the local communities' needs and concerns in the regions they service;

AND WHEREAS elected officials from local government councils are knowledgeable about their local communities' needs and concerns;

AND WHEREAS these local communities' needs and concerns should be considered when decisions are made by the Health Authorities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Provincial legislation be changed to require that the government appointments to the Board of Directors of the Regional Health Authorities include appointments from a list of nominees provided by the local government councils within each regional health area.

Conference Decision: _____

TRANSPORTATION

R9 MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Sayward

WHEREAS the Provincial Government of BC awarded a ten year contract to the private sector in 2003 for maintenance of public highways throughout the Province of BC;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Sayward is dissatisfied with the deterioration of road surfaces and driving conditions on these highways;

AND WHEREAS the number of vehicular accidents and fatalities have increased significantly over the past five years:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities request the Ministry of Transportation to revisit the contract to determine if all the terms, conditions, specifications and standards with regard to Public Safety as contained in the contract are being met by the contractors.

Conference Decision: _____

R10 BC FERRIES SERVICE FEE

Alert Bay

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is entering a process to establish the service fee which it will contribute to the operation of BC Ferries for the second performance term (2008 – 2012) of the Coastal Ferry Services Contract;

AND WHEREAS the Province finances the creation of transportation infrastructure, including roads, bridges, tunnels, fresh water ferries, Skytrains and buses, for other communities in British Columbia, and pays a higher proportion of the operational costs of urban public transit than BC Ferries receives:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities requests that the Minister of Transportation recognize the importance of reliable and affordable ferry service to coastal communities by:

- 1) Increasing the service fee the Province will pay BC Ferries for the next performance term sufficiently to ensure that fare increases do not exceed increases in the Consumer Price Index;
- 2) Contributing to BC Ferries' capital costs in a similar proportion to the support given for highway construction and other public transportation infrastructure;
- 3) Paying a share of extraordinary expenses, such as higher than predicted fuel costs, at least equal to the percentage of operating costs covered by the service fee; and
- 4) Recognizing the need to regularly assess the impact of the Province's ferry policies on coastal communities by establishing ongoing consultation with elected municipal, regional and Islands Trust representatives and with the Ferry Advisory Committees whose members are appointed by BC Ferries through local government.

Conference Decision: _____

R11 COASTAL FERRY ACT

Islands Trust

WHEREAS the provincial government will shortly enter negotiations with BC Ferries to establish service levels and the government contribution (service fees) that will determine service and fares for BC Ferries' Performance Term 2 that commences April 1, 2008;

AND WHEREAS coastal ferries are an essential part of the provincial transportation network, crucial to the economic and social health of the coastal region and to the province-wide tourism industry:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities request the provincial government to undertake a comprehensive and consultative review of the effects of ferry fares and service levels on coastal communities, prior to signing the contract for Performance

AND WHEREAS drivers calling for assistance are unable to describe their location:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation be requested to reconsider its policy with a view to spacing highway location markers closer together.

Conference Decision: _____

R15 HIGHWAY 19 DESIGN REVIEW

Campbell River

WHEREAS Highway 19 north of Nanaimo has a high number of hydroplaning accidents;

AND WHEREAS the statistics supplied by the RCMP North Island Traffic Services Unit support the concern:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation be requested to undertake a design review of Highway 19 with a view to initiating repairs to the Highway as required, particularly in the following areas identified by the RCMP:

- 1) Northbound lane – McNaughton Creek Bridge to Buckley Bay turnoff
- 2) Southbound lane – Buckley Bay turnoff to McNaughton Creek Bridge
- 3) Northbound Lane – Comox Valley Parkway to Mt. Washington/Dove Creek turnoff

Conference Decision: _____

R16 BIKE LANE FUNDING

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the Cycling Infrastructure Partnerships Program administrators have indicated that projects would not be eligible for funding for 1.5 metre (shoulder) bike lanes located on only one side of the road;

AND WHEREAS terrain, property ownership or cost may make it impractical or impossible to provide bike lanes on both sides of a road:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities urge the Provincial Government to amend their grant application criteria to include consideration of funding for 1.5 metre (shoulder) bike lanes located on only one side of a road.

Conference Decision: _____

LAND USE

R17 PARKLAND DEDICATION

Parksville

WHEREAS Section 941 of the *Local Government Act* requires that owners of land being subdivided must, at their option, provide parkland in an amount and location suitable to the local government, or pay to the local government an amount equal to the market value of the land required for parkland purposes;

AND WHEREAS the amount of land that may be required for parkland, or used for establishing the amount of cash in lieu payable, may not exceed 5% of the land being proposed for subdivision;

AND WHEREAS the need for public park space is increasing and a local government's ability to acquire land for park is impacted by the increase in land values:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial legislation be changed to increase the amount of land that may be required for parkland dedication to 10%.

Conference Decision: _____

R18 WOODLOT PROGRAM EXPANSION

Comox-Strathcona RD

WHEREAS the long-planned expansion of the woodlot program has been suspended by the Ministry of Forests and Range for an indefinite period;

AND WHEREAS Comox-Strathcona Regional District recognizes woodlot licences as effective tools for community-based forest stewardship:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities encourage the Minister of Forests and Range to give priority effort to resolving any administrative obstacles that might be inhibiting expansion of the woodlot program.

Conference Decision: _____

R19 NOISE ON PRIVATE MANAGED FOREST LANDS

Comox-Strathcona RD

WHEREAS forestry operations may take place on private managed forestlands adjacent to residential areas;

AND WHEREAS noise resulting from such operations often occurs seven days a week at early and late hours, creating stressful and upsetting situations for nearby residents;

AND WHEREAS provincial legislation prohibits local government from enforcing bylaws when they would interfere with forestry operations (*Private Managed Forest Land Act*):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government allows local government noise bylaws to apply and to be enforced on private managed forest lands adjacent to residential areas.

Conference Decision: _____

R20 CROWN LEASES WITHIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION Alert Bay

WHEREAS the Integrated Land Management Bureau administers Crown foreshore leases that fall within the taxation jurisdictions of coastal communities within British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS improvements on foreshore leases falling within those taxation boundaries enjoy municipal services and are subject to municipal taxation;

AND WHEREAS in the event of delinquent taxes, local governments cannot put those improvements to tax sale to recover those taxes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities requests that the Minister of Agriculture instruct the Integrated Land Management Bureau as follows:

That all new and renewed Crown leases located within local government jurisdictions contain a requirement that the tenant must be in compliance with all local government regulations and that all taxes, fees and charges levied by local governments must be kept up to date.

Conference Decision: _____

R21 GEODUCK FARMING

Sunshine Coast RD

WHEREAS the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture, which was established to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to Sustainable Aquaculture in British Columbia, including the economic and environmental impacts of the aquaculture industry in B.C., has not yet reported back to government with its findings;

AND WHEREAS the Province has approved commercial geoduck farms without the benefit of the findings of the Committee;

AND WHEREAS the environmental impact of geoduck farming is still unknown:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide local governments with the scientific information that would provide the rationale for the Provincial Governments decision to proceed with commercial geoduck farming.

Conference Decision: _____

ENVIRONMENT

R22 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Comox-Strathcona RD

WHEREAS greenhouse gas induced climate change due to global warming is causing difficulties for local governments in BC in terms of long-range sustainability planning;

AND WHEREAS coal-burning for electrical generation is a significant source of greenhouse gases worldwide;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government is considering applications for coal-fired electrical generation operations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government not give approval to coal-fired electrical generation operations until technologically advanced methods of generating electricity have developed that do not result in greenhouse gas productions.

Conference Decision: _____

FINANCE

R23 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX REVENUES

Courtenay

WHEREAS the BC Real Estate Association (BCREA) has proposed to the provincial government that the unexpected property transfer tax revenues from increased Property Transfer Tax revenue due to an unexpected rise in the housing market be directed toward affordable housing initiatives:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities support the BCREA recommendation to direct excess Property Transfer Tax revenues to address the affordable housing infrastructure deficit, and further, that the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to provide a unified supporting voice.

Conference Decision: _____

R24 CAPITAL FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY PROGRAMMES Lake Cowichan

WHEREAS UBCM provides funding for emergency preparedness planning on a continual basis to allow local governments to undertake a variety of studies on emergency planning;

AND WHEREAS no provision has been made to make available capital dollars for implementing the results of those studies or to enable communities to respond to fire or disaster situations through construction or purchase of required emergency infrastructure or equipment:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding is made available to local governments so they may make appropriate infrastructure or capital acquisitions improvements to deal with forest fires, floods, windstorms, and the breakdown in utility systems and earthquakes.

Conference Decision: _____

R25 STREAMLINING FUNDING APPLICATIONS Gibsons

WHEREAS the length and complexity of provincial and federal grant applications has become patently onerous and unreasonably time consuming for all local governments;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural communities especially suffer from significant budget, staff and workload constraints:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal and provincial governments immediately undertake an overhaul of their Infrastructure Grants application forms to realistically accommodate for the capacities of all communities so all may have reasonable and equitable opportunity to access these vital funds.

Conference Decision: _____

TOURISM

R26 NORTHERN VANCOUVER ISLAND
TOURISM MARKETING CAMPAIGN Alert Bay

WHEREAS the tourism marketing campaign sponsored by the North Island Recovery program was an effective and successful tourism initiative;

AND WHEREAS the tourism industry in the North Island continues to suffer due to the loss of the Queen of the North ferry;

AND WHEREAS tourism is an important developing industry in the North Island:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities requests that the 2006 tourism marketing campaign for the communities of northern Vancouver Island, as administered by Tourism Vancouver Island, be continued in 2007 and on an on-going basis.

Conference Decision: _____

SELECTED ISSUES

R27 TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BC AND ALBERTA

Courtenay

WHEREAS the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between BC and Alberta will have a significant effect on local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities be requested to review the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between BC and Alberta and consult with the provincial government and local government with the intent of making required changes, or exempting municipalities from the agreement.

Conference Decision: _____

R28 UBCM PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

Powell River RD

WHEREAS Rule 26 of UBCM's Procedures for Handling Resolutions is clearly intended to provide for the greatest possible discussion of resolutions by grouping those covering matters not considered as greatly controversial into a block;

AND WHEREAS Rule 27(i) allows the sponsor of a resolution included for consideration as a block to request that it be removed and entered for discussion, thus defeating the intended purpose of Rule 26:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Union of BC Municipalities to amend Rule 27(i) to provide that only those who would speak in opposition to a resolution may request that it be removed and entered for discussion.

Conference Decision: _____

R29 PARTICIPATION OF FIRST NATIONS AT AVICC

Powell River City

WHEREAS all municipalities and regional districts in British Columbia are situated within the traditional territories of First Nations, and First Nations are in integral part of society; economically, culturally and socially;

AND WHEREAS in order to achieve a sustainable future for British Columbia it is imperative that the three governing bodies, Regional Districts, Municipalities and First Nations move forward together;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities is constantly having discussions, forming committees and passing resolutions regarding First Nations issues without meaningful participation of First Nations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities enables full participation of First Nations in meaningful discussions and the opportunity to have full membership on all standing and select committees of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Committees.

Conference Decision: _____

R30 PARTICIPATION OF FIRST NATIONS AT UBCM

WHEREAS all municipalities and regional districts in British Columbia are situated within the traditional territories of First Nations, and First Nations are in integral part of society; economically, culturally and socially;

AND WHEREAS in order to achieve a sustainable future for British Columbia it is imperative that the three governing bodies, Regional Districts, Municipalities and First Nations move forward together;

AND WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities is constantly having discussions, forming committees and passing resolutions regarding First Nations issues without meaningful participation of First Nations:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities enables full participation of First Nations in meaningful discussions and the opportunity to have full membership on all standing and select committees of the Union of BC Municipalities.

Conference Decision: _____

R31 PLACEMENT OF NEW POWER UTILITY LINES

Lake Cowichan

WHEREAS wind, rain, ice and snow have caused power outages in parts of the Province with residents being subjected to unreasonable deprivation of what they are normally accustomed to for extended periods;

AND WHEREAS a major cause of power outages is the damage to surface power lines and poles caused by extreme weather conditions:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government and BC Hydro take remedial measures to ensure that future power outages are minimized, if not eliminated by taking immediate measures to protect transformers, hydro poles and power lines and to place power lines underground in areas where they are especially susceptible to damage by weather.

Conference Decision: _____

APPENDIX B(1)

2005 AVICC MEMBERS

CITIES

Colwood
Courtenay
Duncan
Langford
Nanaimo
Parksville
Port Alberni
Victoria

VILLAGES

Alert Bay
Cumberland
Gold River
Port Alice
Sayward
Tahsis
Zeballos

DISTRICTS

Campbell River
Central Saanich
Esquimalt
Highlands
Lantzville
Metchosin
North Cowichan
North Saanich
Oak Bay
Port Hardy
Powell River
Saanich
Sechelt
Sechelt Indian Government District
Sooke
Tofino
Ucluelet

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Alberni-Clayoquot
Capital
Central Coast
Comox-Strathcona
Cowichan Valley
Mount Waddington
Nanaimo
Powell River
Sunshine Coast
Islands Trust

TOWNS

Comox
Gibsons
Ladysmith
Lake Cowichan
Port McNeill
Qualicum Beach
Sidney
View Royal

APPENDIX B(2)

AVICC LIFE MEMBERS

DATE	POSITION/NAME	PLACE
1949-1950	Lorne Jordan	Port Alberni
1951-1952	Earl Westwood	Nanaimo
1953	Bert Beasley	North Cowichan
1954	Bill Henderson	Cumberland
1955-1956	C.A.P. Murson	North Cowichan
1957	Alf Wurtele	Esquimalt
1958	Jack Dobson	Duncan
1959	Bill Moore	Courtenay
1960	George Chatterton	Saanich
1962	John Cook	Nanaimo
1963	Don Morton	North Cowichan
1964	Reeve Lee	Central Saanich
1965	Fred Bishop	Port Alberni
1966	Doug Watts	Oak Bay
1967	Les Hammer	Port Alberni
1968	Rob Baird	Victoria
1969	Kay Grouhel	Ladysmith
1970	S.A.D. Pike	Powell River
1971-1972	Archie Galbraith	Central Saanich
1973-1974	G.H.A. MacKay	Nanaimo

1974-1975	William (Bronco) Moncrief	Cumberland
1975-1976	Ed Lum	Victoria
1976-1977	George McKnight	Port Alberni
1977--1978	K. Paskin	Duncan
1978-1979	Ken Hill	Esquimalt
1979-1980	Mayor George Piercy	Comox
1980-1981	Mel Couvelier	Saanich
1981-1982	Mayor Anne Fiddick	Gold River
1982-1983	Alderman Dick Winkleman	Nanaimo
1983-1984	Mayor Norma Sealey	Sidney
1984-1985	Mayor Robert Ostler	Campbell River
1985-1986	Mayor Gillian Trumper	Port Alberni
1986-1987	Alderman William (Bill) Kinley	Port McNeill
1987-1988	Mayor Tom McCrae	Tahsis
1989-1990	Mayor Frank Ney	Nanaimo
	Director George Borza	Nanaimo R.D.
	Mayor George Cochrane	Courtenay
	Alderman Walter Behn	Port Alberni
	Alderman Eric Simmons	Victoria
1990-1991	Alderman Bill Cox	Ladysmith
1992-1993	Mayor Ron Webber	Courtenay
1993-1994	Mayor Al Huddleston	Port Hardy
1994-1995	Councillor Martin Segger	Victoria

1995-1996	Councillor Maxine Williams	Alert Bay
1996-1997	Director Jim Gurney	Sunshine Coast R.D.
1998-1999	Mayor James Lornie	Campbell River
1999-2000	Councillor John Crook	Langford
2000-2001	Mayor Frank Leonard	Saanich
2001-2003	Mrs. Pearl Myhres	Zeballos
2004-2005	Councillor Mary Ashley	Campbell River

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AVICC EXECUTIVE

AVICC is the collective voice for local government on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, Powell River and the Central Coast. The membership elects directors during the Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides the direction to the AVICC between Conventions.

This circular is notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination, the process and the procedures for nomination.

1. POSITIONS OPEN TO NOMINATIONS

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

2. NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member. The candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC member.

Background information for Candidates is available on request that sets the main responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member.

A nomination and consent form is available and should be used for all nominations.

The Chair of the 2006 Nominating Committee is:

- Mayor W. J. (Jack) Peake, President

3. NEXT STEPS

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including, at the candidate's option, a photo and 300-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed in the March Supplemental AVICC Newsletter.

To Be Included In This Report, Nominations Must Be Received By February 24, 2006.

4. FINAL COMMENTS

The nomination process does not change the process where candidates can be nominated off the floor at the Convention. That process remains in place. The process outlined above provides for those that are interested in seeking office to be directly nominated prior to the Convention without the "sanction" of a Nominating Committee.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Copies of the "consent form" or duties of Executive members are available from the AVICC office.

All other inquiries should be directed to:

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006 AVICC EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the AVICC Constitution to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

Name: _____

Position in local government (Mayor/Councillor/Director): _____

Municipality or Regional District represented: _____

AVICC Executive Office Nominated for: _____

Signed:

Name _____

Name _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Mun/RD _____

Mun/RD _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

CONSENT FORM

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I have been nominated to pursuant to the AVICC Constitution². I also agree to provide the following information to the Chair, AVICC Nominating Committee (c/o AVICC Office) by February 24, 2006.

- photo (to size set by Nominating Committee Chair)
- biographical information. The maximum length of such information shall be 300 words. If the information provided is in excess, the Nominating Committee Chair shall edit as required.

Signed Name: _____

Position: _____

Mun/RD: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of members of the Association.

² All nominees of the Executive shall be elected representatives of a member of the Association. Nominee for electoral area representative must hold the appropriate office.