

**Association of  
Vancouver Island and  
Coastal Communities**



# **MINUTES OF THE 67<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

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# **ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

## **MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION NANAIMO, BC APRIL 8-10, 2016**

### **PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

The Friday morning pre-conference program began at 8:30 a.m. with three programs being offered:

- Understanding the Village (64 registrants)
- Tour Tilray Marijuana Production Facility (26 registrants)
- Mayors Council (24 registrants)

### **CONVENTION OPENING SESSION – FRIDAY, 2:00 PM**

Pipe Major Gordon Webb led the parade of AVICC Executive and honoured guests (Eleanor White, Elder of the Snuneymuxw First Nation; Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo; and Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) onto the stage in the main ballroom of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. President Barbara Price called the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to order at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016 with 208 voting delegates; 21 non-voting delegates including 5 life members; 7 MLAs and MPs; and 36 sponsor delegates in attendance.

Ms Kate Krynowsky led the assembly in singing the National Anthem. President Price thanked Ms Krynowsky and recognized the RCMP's Red Serge Honor Guard for participating in the ceremony and for service to communities across the region. President Price acknowledged that AVICC members are meeting in the traditional territories of the Snuneymuxw First Nation, and thanked Elder Eleanor White for being in attendance.

President Price then introduced the AVICC Executive Committee members. Mayor Bill McKay welcomed delegates on behalf of the host community. President Price recognized Minister Fassbender and thanked him for joining MLAs Gary Holman, John Horgan, Leonard Krog, Selina Robinson, Minister Michelle Stilwell and Andrew Weaver who were expected to attend segments of the Convention and further noted that Dr. Weaver and Mr. Horgan would both be speaking on Sunday morning.

President Price drew delegates' attention to the *Supplementary Materials Package* they received at registration, recognized the importance of the sponsors, and advised of the Trade Show timing and location where tonight's Welcome Reception will be held. President Price announced that it was time to get started on the business of the Convention and asked Executive and distinguished guests to move to the reserved seats at the front of the hall.

President Price then invited AVICC Director at Large Jessie Hemphill to facilitate a short networking activity. Following the networking activity, Director Hemphill introduced Elder Eleanor White who gave a welcome blessing and a prayer song to the AVICC members.

### **FIRST REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

President Price invited Past President Joe Stanhope, Chair of the Nominating Committee to present the first report from the Nominating Committee. Past President Stanhope brought delegates' attention to the Nominating

Committee Report included in their *Supplementary Materials Package* reporting that nominations received in advance of the February 22, 2016 deadline were as follows:

For President:	Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox
For First Vice-President:	Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District
For Director at Large:	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
	Director Ian Morrison, Comox Valley Regional District
For Electoral Area Representative:	Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona Regional District

Delegates were directed to the Convention program for times of nominations and elections, that elections when required would take place in the Upper Foyer, and advised that there would be a call for nominations from the floor for the Table Officer positions at 4:20 p.m.

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

At 2:35 p.m. President Price introduced Chief Doctor Robert Joseph from Reconciliation Canada. Chief Joseph spoke for approximately 45 minutes followed by delegate questions and answers. See Appendix C for a description of the session. Director Hemphill thanked Chief Joseph.

The Convention adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for a refreshment break sponsored by KPMG, and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

### **PROVINCIAL ADDRESS BY MINISTER PETER FASSBENDER**

Director Carl Jensen introduced Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. Minister Fassbender addressed delegates focussing on financial support for planning and building communities. Director Noba Anderson thanked Minister Fassbender.

### **SECOND REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR TABLE OFFICERS**

At 4:20 p.m., Past President Stanhope, Chair of the Nominating Committee called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Table Officers in addition to those already placed in nomination. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Table Officers were:

For President:	Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox
For First Vice-President:	Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District
For Second Vice-President:	Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District

Past President Stanhope declared the positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President were elected by acclamation.

### **YOUTH COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Director Hemphill introduced representatives from the Nanaimo, Victoria and Duncan youth councils. The youth council members each spoke about themselves and how youth voices are important in local government. Councillor Jerry Hong from the City of Nanaimo thanked the youth, and advised the members that the Nanaimo youth would be attending throughout the convention and available for conversations.

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Director Hemphill introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Edwin Grieve. As Chair of the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve recapped the background and purpose of the Special

Committee, reviewed the current state of solid waste in each regional district, and spoke to the proposed resolution drafted by the Special Committee for consideration of the membership.

## **MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve introduced Director Howard Houle of the Regional District of Nanaimo. Director Houle explained the history and intent behind the Moosehide Campaign to the members, and advised there would be a table in the lobby for those interested to sign up. President Price thanked Director Houle.

## **END OF DAY WRAP-UP**

President Price wrapped up the business of the day by recognizing three representatives from Vancouver Island University: Dave Hurley, Executive Director of University Relations; Ralph Nilson, President and Vice Chancellor; and William Litchfield, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, and thanking them for sponsoring the Welcome Reception. President Price advised that the Trade Show was open during the Welcome Reception, reviewed the timing for Saturday's breakfast sessions and advised that the main program would begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Annual Meeting followed by the first Resolutions Session.

## **WELCOME RECEPTION**

The Welcome Reception sponsored by Vancouver Island University was held in the Newcastle Island Lobby of the Conference Centre. Approximately 300 delegates, sponsors, youth council representatives and other guests attended with opportunities to network and visit the 17 Trade Show exhibits.

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016**

## **AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Marcotte welcomed approximately 80 delegates to the session and introduced Chair Frank Leonard of the Agricultural Land Commission. Mr. Leonard introduced Kim Grout, the new CAO of the ALC as well as the Vancouver Island panel comprised of Jennifer Dyson (Chair), Honey Forbes, and Clarke Gourlay. The presentation covered the ALC's governance, legislative structure, recent changes, and the future of the ALC. It was followed by an opportunity for delegates to ask questions. The PowerPoint presentation is posted on the [avicc.ca](http://avicc.ca) website and a detailed description of the session is available in Appendix C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve thanked the Panel, and thanked the breakfast sponsor, ICBC.

The Convention re-convened at 8:30 a.m. with President Price welcoming delegates to a new day; recognizing and thanking the following sponsors for supporting the Convention: Municipal Finance Authority, BC Assessment, Private Forest Landowners Association, Steelhead LNG, Trans Mountain, Western Forest Products and WoodWorks BC. President Price also thanked local businesses for donating door prizes and Mayor McKay for his help in arranging the support of the local businesses.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At 8:35 a.m., President Barbara Price opened the Annual Meeting.

## **ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE RULES AND PROCEDURES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Conference Rules and Procedures as printed in the *Supplementary Materials Package* were adopted.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities held in the City of Courtenay, April 10-12, 2015, as electronically posted and distributed, were adopted.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the *Annual Report* was adopted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Price presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for the year ending December 31, 2015 (Appendix B).

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, the statements were adopted.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Executive be authorized to appoint auditors for the year commencing January 1, 2016, was adopted.

## **2016 BUDGET**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the 2016 budget be received and that the membership approve a 2% dues increase was adopted.

## **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the following be appointed as Scrutineers:

- Ms. Darla Blake, CAO, Central Coast Regional District
- Mr. Brian Carruthers, CAO, Cowichan Valley Regional District
- Ms. Allison McCarrick, CAO, District of Port Hardy
- Mr. Al Radke, CAO, Powell River Regional District
- Mr. Gary Maclsaac, UBCM Executive Director

was adopted.

## **APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that Ian IZARD, QC be appointed as Parliamentarian, was adopted.

## **2017 AGM & CONVENTION LOCATION**

On regular motion, duly moved and seconded, that the City of Campbell River be awarded host community for the 2017 AGM & Convention, was adopted.

## **ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES, CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT CHAIR AL RICHMOND**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve then introduced UBCM President Al Richmond who provided an update on the advocacy work of the UBCM. He highlighted work being done on funding agreements with senior levels of government, the inquiry on missing and murdered indigenous women, downloading of costs for DNA analysis,



water issues, forest surveys and assessment appeals of special properties. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte thanked President Richmond for his address.

## **PRINCIPAL POLICY SESSION - RESOLUTIONS**

The first Resolutions session began at 9:05 a.m. with Past President Stanhope introducing the teams who would be managing the resolutions sessions.

Team #1            Past President Joe Stanhope (Chair)  
                         1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Marcotte  
                         EA Representative Noba Anderson  
                         Director Josie Osborne

Team #2            President Barbara Price (Chair)  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Edwin Grieve  
                         Director Jessie Hemphill  
                         Councillor Carl Jensen

Drawing delegates' attention to the conference rules and procedures for handling resolutions as printed in the *Supplementary Materials Package*, Past President Stanhope then very briefly reviewed the rules for the order of business, the resolutions process and the timing of the sessions.

The Convention then commenced with consideration of resolutions with Past President Stanhope in the Chair. He was joined on the stage by the other Team #1 Resolution Committee members: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte, EA Representative Anderson, Director Osborne, and Parliamentarian Ian Izard, QC.

## **PART AE – AVICC EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

### **AE 1    AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management**

### **AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS Regional Districts in British Columbia are mandated by the Provincial Environment Management Act to manage solid waste;

AND WHEREAS communities face challenges providing long term sustainability for waste management on Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast

AND WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) special committee on solid waste management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the special committee on solid waste areas of work being Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; Regulations and Enforcement and the 2016 action plan being:

Partnership - Develop a vision and goals including a communication strategy and a unified education program.

Partnership – continue to meet regularly – identify one solid waste challenge or opportunity to investigate at each meeting, and establish a process to maintain and update the 2015 baseline report.

Advocacy – engage the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and industry groups to review and expand waste reduction and diversion policies.

Long-term Disposal – conduct an assessment to forecast future solid waste disposal demand of AVICC member populations in twenty, forty and sixty years time.

Regulations and Enforcement – ensure that, where practicable, disposal bans and bylaws are consistent across regions to reduce leakage across borders.

AND FINALLY THAT the special committee on solid waste management report back to the 2017 convention on outcomes.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

There were no referred resolutions in 2016.

## **PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

**Part 2 - Section “A”** – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

#### **R1 RCMP Funding**

**City of Courtenay**

Whereas the Comox Valley is served by an integrated detachment of the RCMP and all the jurisdictions in the Comox Valley receive the same level of service from the RCMP regardless of financial commitment or funding contribution;

And whereas the City of Courtenay funds the greatest number of RCMP members in the Comox Valley and pays significantly higher police costs per capita and responsibility of the RCMP funding model for British Columbia rests with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be requested to develop an equitable funding program for all BC municipalities and regional districts including those served by integrated detachments.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **ELECTIONS**

#### **R2 Amendment To *Local Government Act*: Municipal Election Process**

**City of Victoria**

Whereas the British Columbia *Local Government Act* prescribes municipal election processes, including the candidate nomination period and other election timelines;

And whereas local governments endeavour to ensure best practices and operational efficiencies are employed to encourage voter turnout;

And whereas the time period between the end of the nomination period and the beginning of the election period, through advance voting opportunities, is insufficient to enable voters who are absent from the jurisdiction during the voting period, to participate in voting through a mail ballot process:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia amend the *Local Government Act*, prior to the 2018 Local General Elections, to increase the time period between the end of the candidate nomination period and the beginning of the election period, to facilitate the administration of the mail ballot process and provide greater voting opportunities for citizens.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## TRANSPORTATION

### R3 Island Corridor Foundation Federal Funding

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E&N) Railway corridor remains a critical transportation asset for the current and future needs of the people and economy of Vancouver Island;

And whereas AVICC passed a resolution urging action in 2012 and further delay in repairs to the corridor jeopardizes its viability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Government of Canada to approve and release the \$7.5 million for capital works on the Victoria to Courtenay rail line in order for work to begin as soon as possible and ensure the future of rail based freight and passenger transportation between Victoria, Courtenay and Port Alberni.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## TAXATION

### R4 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax

Capital RD

Whereas the issue of affordable housing is one of critical growing concern;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia take action to reduce the negative impacts on housing affordability in our province by reducing the Property Transfer Tax on both new and existing homes.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## FINANCE

### R5 Vancouver Island Regional Library Costs

City of Port Alberni

Whereas the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is a much-valued cooperative regional library system that serves over 400,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and the Central Coast and has a member board comprising thirty-eight representative local governments;

And whereas many local governments are struggling to fund significant annual rate increases imposed to levies:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the Vancouver Island Regional Library to fully consider the ability of local governments to continue to pay for rate increases that impose an increased burden on the already-strained municipal property tax base.

***ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED***

### R6 Social Procurement

Village of Cumberland, City of Victoria

Whereas fostering the social wellbeing of the community is identified as a municipal purpose by the *Community Charter* and a regional district purpose by the *Local Government Act*;

And whereas the widespread adoption of social procurement practices by all local governments in BC will diversify the vendor pool and further leverage tax dollars to better align with community values:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advance the use of social procurement practices by local governments;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to consider the inclusion of social procurement into Part 6 (Financial Management) of the *Community Charter* and Part 11 (Regional District-Financial Management) of the *Local Government Act*.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R7      Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments      City of Duncan**

Whereas the federal government plans to establish a federal/provincial/territorial task force to seek input from experts in public health, substance abuse, and law enforcement to design a new system of strict marijuana sales and distribution with federal and provincial excise taxes applied;

And whereas regulation and enforcement for medicinal marijuana retail dispensaries will likely fall to the local governments once the law changes, thus creating additional burdens on local government resources:  
Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call on the federal government to request that a portion of any future federal or provincial tax collected through marijuana sales and distribution be shared with local governments, and that the concept of tax sharing with local governments be forwarded to the task force looking into the new system of marijuana sales and distribution, for consideration.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R8      Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing      City of Victoria**

Whereas many local governments have committed to climate action and socially responsible investing;

And whereas a central strategy for climate change mitigation is to reduce emissions into the atmosphere relating to the consumption of fossil fuels, which includes divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in renewable sources of energy, employment and revenue;

And whereas local government are empowered in provincial legislation to invest through the Municipal Finance Authority, and the current investment portfolio offered by the Municipal Finance Authority does not include a fossil-fuel free investment option:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Municipal Finance Authority to create a fossil-fuel-free investment fund to provide local governments with an investment choice that aligns with priorities for climate action and social responsibility.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R9      Rainwater as a Potable Water Source      Nanaimo RD**

Whereas small water systems that operate under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* and provide water to the public have the need for alternate potable water supplies in rural, un-serviced communities in BC;

And whereas rainwater has the potential to be a safe additional drinking water source to augment low-yielding groundwater or surface water supplies;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to develop rainwater-specific treatment objectives and standards, source characterization protocols and infrastructure requirements, to enhance the ability of small water system operators to implement and local health authorities to approve rainwater source(s) for potable water.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R10 Pop For Parks: Establishing A Fund For Nature's Future**

**District of Highlands**

Whereas the protection of greenspace is essential to our environmental, social and economic wellbeing and many of BC's most valuable and most threatened ecosystems are found on private lands;

And whereas \$10-15 million could be raised annually for conservation by following the example of several states and recapturing the windfall monies that accrue when consumers fail to redeem container deposits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government redirect unredeemed container deposits into an annual fund for the acquisition and protection of privately owned natural spaces in BC.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**LAND USE**

**R11 Protection of Old-Growth Forests**

**District of Metchosin, City of Colwood**

Whereas old-growth forest is increasingly rare on Vancouver Island, and is gone for centuries once logged;

And whereas old-growth forest has significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resource, carbon sink and much more;

And whereas current plans on provincial Crown land call for logging the remaining old-growth forest, outside of protected areas, Old-Growth Management Areas, and similar reserves, over the next 10-20 years:

Therefore be it resolved that the old-growth forest on provincial Crown Land on Vancouver Island be protected from logging;

And be it further resolved that AVICC send a letter to the provincial government—Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations—as well as relevant government organizations requesting that the *Vancouver Island Land Use Plan* be amended to protect all of Vancouver Island's remaining old growth forest on provincial Crown land.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

The Convention adjourned for a refreshment break sponsored by CUPE Vancouver Island, and reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with Team #2 of the Resolutions Committee managing the resolutions session.

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**R12 Funding For Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems**

**Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

Whereas the cost of water conservation, sustainability, and drought management are currently high profile issues, and developing a policy framework and funding program to support rainwater harvesting systems is vital to supporting the agricultural industry and enhance vibrant local food systems across the province with safe, consistent and affordable access to water;

And whereas the establishment of a fund for the rebate portion for agricultural rainwater harvesting systems will:

- Reduce the draw on regional, municipal and ground water systems,
- Lead to an increase in the amount of irrigated land,
- Increase overall agricultural production,
- Increase water availability for trending urban agricultural initiatives,
- Promote conservation strategies, and
- Showcase simple and effective solutions for increased water system sustainability:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to establish immediately the development of policy and procedures for a rainwater harvesting system rebate program for agricultural users, which includes both above ground (cistern) and in-ground systems province-wide.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R13 Review of Professional Reliance Model**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas the provincial government is increasingly utilizing professional reliance regimes where industry proponents employ professionals to meet the public interest in natural resource management and environmental protection associated with their projects;

And whereas recent reports and audits suggest serious deficiencies in monitoring and compliance on the part of qualified professionals and a lack of oversight on the part of provincial regulating agencies:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province assess the effectiveness of current professional reliance regimes in order to reduce potential for conflicts of interest, ensure appropriate checks and balances, improve environmental performance and restore government approval authority where necessary.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**HEALTH**

**R14 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants**

**Central Coast RD**

Whereas the BC Ministry of Health has undertaken operational reforms in an attempt to revitalize the primary care system, but communities across the province still experience physician shortages and other significant primary care challenges;

And whereas physician assistants (PAs) are qualified health professionals whose role is to provide a broad range of medical services under physician supervision; who are licensed to practice in many provinces across Canada, as well as in the Canadian Armed Forces; and who are recognized by the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants and the British Columbia Medical Association (Doctors of BC);

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM strongly encourage the provincial Ministry of Health to recognize and regulate physician assistants so that they may practice in BC, with establishment of an appropriate system for liability coverage, and regulatory oversight by an organization similar to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, as one of the steps toward meeting health care demands and alleviating physician shortages in all areas of the province.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R15 New North Island Hospitals Parking Fees**

**Strathcona RD, Village of Tahsis**

Whereas the Minister of Health has advised that he is supporting the imposition of parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals in Campbell River and Courtenay,

And whereas our geographic service area is vast and requires many patients and families to travel hundreds of miles, across multiple ferries, etc.,

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC support the North Island in requesting that the Ministry of Health eliminate parking fees at the new North Island Hospitals.

***ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED***

## **R16 National Pharmacare Program**

**City of Victoria**

Whereas the City of Victoria has been recognized and demonstrated its commitment to the importance of healthy citizens as the foundation of a healthy, engaged and economically vibrant community; and Canada is currently the only country with a national medicare program that does not have a national pharmacare program, with over 3 million Canadians unable to afford the cost of medicines prescribed by doctors, and the risk of having no insurance for medicines particularly high among lower income Canadians, including many workers with precarious and seasonal employment;

And whereas research suggests that adding a national pharmacare program to our national health care system is sound policy, both economically and socially; would lower costs to businesses by as much as \$8 billion per year, with a corresponding competitive advantage for Canadian companies; and could produce substantial cost savings for local government expenditures on employee benefits;

And whereas a national prescription drug formulary would support better quality prescribing, including reducing dangerous and inappropriate prescribing to Canadian seniors:

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of British Columbia work with all provinces and the federal government to develop and implement a national pharmacare program as an extension of Canadian Medicare, to improve the health outcomes of citizens, ensure fairness in access to medicine, and provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness in Canada's health care system.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **SELECTED ISSUES**

### **R17 Medical Marijuana Retail Dispensaries**

**Village of Cumberland**

Whereas the federal Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulation authorizes Health Canada to approve access to marijuana for medical use to help treat the symptoms of certain medical conditions;

And whereas the legalization of storefront medical marijuana dispensaries and regulation by local governments would benefit local communities through legitimate contributions to economic development and vibrancy in commercial areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the federal Minister of Health and the Minister of Justice proceed with the legalization of medical marijuana dispensaries without delay.

A standing vote was held on this resolution.

***ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED***

The Second Resolution Session was then adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

## **THIRD REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

Past President Stanhope, Chair of the Nominating Committee called for nominations from the floor for the positions of Director at Large in addition to those already placed in nomination. Councillor Sue Powell, District of Saanich was nominated. Those nominated at the close of the nominations for Director at Large were:

Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
Director Fred Haynes, District of Saanich  
Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich  
Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Past President Stanhope declared that there would be an election and invited candidates to come forward to briefly address delegates. Each candidate then spoke for approximately two minutes. Past President Stanhope then advised that the polls would be available and balloting would occur from 12:45-1:30 p.m. in the Newcastle Island Lobby noting that results would be communicated at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

## **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

Past President Stanhope noted that on behalf of the AVICC he serves as a director on the Municipal Insurance Association of BC. He introduced Mayor Teunis Westbroek of Qualicum Beach, Chair of the MIA. Past President Stanhope spoke on the role of the association as a member owned and operated risk pool, and how it has assisted local governments for 30 plus years with insurance requirements.

Director Hemphill facilitated a short networking activity.

## **PRESENTATION BY FORTIS BC**

Past President Stanhope introduced Carmen Driechel, Community & Aboriginal Relations Manager and Siraz Dalmir, Key Account Manager for Municipalities of Fortis BC. The Fortis representatives presented information on Fortis's activities in the AVICC communities including the new operating agreements that AVICC was instrumental in implementing.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte thanked Ms. Driechel and Mr. Dalmir. The Convention adjourned for lunch sponsored by Fortis BC.

The polling station for election of the positions of Directors-at-Large opened from 12:45–1:30 p.m. in the Newcastle Island lobby.

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Seven one hour concurrent workshops were held between 1:30-4:30 p.m. with a refreshment break sponsored by the Truck Loggers Association scheduled from 2:30-3:00 p.m.:

- #1 Conflict Engagement and Communications – Skills & Tools Workshop
- #2 Local Government and First Nations: Foundational Legal Principles
- #3 Open Space Workshop
- #4 Off-site Tour – City of Nanaimo new Water Treatment Plant
- #5 Social Procurement – a new Approach to Economic Development
- #6 Electoral Area Forum
- #7 Open Space Workshop

The handouts from the PowerPoint presentations can be downloaded from [Presentations](#). The afternoon sessions adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

## **ANNUAL BANQUET**

The Annual Banquet for delegates and guests was held in the Ballroom of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Delegates and their guests, gathered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Nanaimo Museum for the pre-banquet reception sponsored by Island Health.

Shortly before 7:30 p.m., approximately 210 delegates and guests took their seats. Pipe Major Gordon Webb led the parade of AVICC Executive and honoured guests into the Ballroom where delegates and guests were gathered. President Price welcomed delegates and guests, and thanked the sponsors for the evening – Island Health for the pre-banquet reception, Young Anderson for the Banquet Dinner, and the Association for Mineral Exploration BC and Geoscience BC as co-sponsors of the Banquet Wine.



President Price then introduced the following life members in attendance:

- Mary Ashley, past president in 2003-2005
- Christopher Causton, past president from 2009-2011
- Anne Fiddick, past president from 1981-1982
- Barry Janyk, past president from 2008-2009
- Frank Leonard, past president in 2000-2001
- Norma Sealey, past president in 1983-1984

Strathcona Director Jim Abram was also recognized as a UBCM Life Member.

President Price again thanked Mayor McKay and Nanaimo Council for hosting the 2016 AVICC AGM & Convention. President Price then thanked the BC Lottery Corporation for their continued sponsorship of the Annual Banquet Entertainment. BCLC Director of Public Affairs Greg Walker was introduced. He then took a moment to say a few words on behalf of BCLC before introducing The Timebenders. The evening program wrapped up at approximately 12:30 a.m. and BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District provided a shuttle service for delegates not staying at the nearby hotels.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

The Convention reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with President Price noting that evaluation forms had been placed on the tables asking for delegates' feedback on the Convention and that the completed evaluation forms would be used for the Grand Prize Award draw just prior to adjournment. President Price thanked the Municipal Insurance Association of BC for sponsoring the breakfast.

### **FOURTH REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR**

Past President Stanhope, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the elections results for Director at Large:

Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich  
Director Ian Morrison, Comox Valley Regional District

Past President Stanhope then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Electoral Area Representative. Nominated at the close of nominations for Electoral Area Representative was:

Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona Regional District

At the conclusion of nominations, Past President Stanhope declared the position of Electoral Area Representative was elected by acclamation.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that the ballots for Director-at-Large and Electoral Area Representative be destroyed, was endorsed.

### **ADDRESS BY LEADER OF THE GREEN PARTY – DR. ANDREW WEAVER**

Director Josie Osborne introduced Dr. Andrew Weaver, Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA and Leader of the Official Opposition. Dr. Weaver addressed delegates, and Electoral Area Representative Anderson thanked Dr. Weaver.

### **FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS SESSION**

Resolutions resumed at 8:50 a.m. with Team #1 of the Resolutions Committee with Past President Stanhope in the Chair.

## **R18 Island Corridor Foundation**

**City of Langford, Capital RD**

Whereas the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) was established in 2003 to oversee the management and operations of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo (E&N) rail line which has a direct impact on many municipalities on Vancouver Island but these same municipalities have no direct representation on the ICF board;

And whereas although the rail service has not been operating for the past several years, and the services provided to municipalities along the corridor by the management of ICF have not met the standard expected, the costs to local governments to support the ICF continue to be significant:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC work with impacted local governments and the ICF board to conduct a financial and governance review of the Island Corridor Foundation.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**Part 2 - Section "B"** - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with the UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.

A motion, duly moved and seconded, that all the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee for Part 2, Section "B" Resolutions be adopted, was endorsed.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **R19 Establishing Local Public Notice Policies**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas newspaper closures in communities throughout British Columbia are affecting local governments' ability to publish mandatory public notification advertisements in local newspapers especially in regional districts which already have unique geographical challenges due to local newspaper circulation areas not aligning with regional district boundaries;

And whereas the *Municipalities Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan enables local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice that suits their communities;

Therefore be it resolved that both the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter* be amended to replace the mandatory requirement to advertise in newspapers with the requirement for local governments to adopt a public notice policy based on local criteria that would enable local governments to choose their own manner of providing public notice tailored to best serve their communities.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R20 No Forced Amalgamations**

**District of Metchosin**

Whereas local governments in Canada have traditionally been viewed as "creatures of the Province" and do not enjoy separate distinct legislative status, but rather are subject to the wishes and will of provincial authority;

And whereas In British Columbia, local governments enjoy the highest level of autonomy among Canada's local governments and the nation's most equitable relationship with provincial authority, as laid out in the *Community Charter*;

And whereas the practice of the current provincial government has been to recognize and respect the local autonomy of local governments over matters of local jurisdiction including on matters of local government amalgamation;

And whereas more specifically, Section 279 of the *Community Charter* titled "No Forced Amalgamations", legally ensures and reinforces that municipal autonomy is the highest value in the relationship with the provincial government:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC seek confirmation from the provincial government and all provincial political parties within the British Columbia legislature with respect to their position on maintaining and respecting Section 279 of the *Community Charter*.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

### **R21 Reversal of Recent Amendments to RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program      Town of View Royal**

Whereas in January 2016 amendments to the RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program came into effect, including the immediate elimination of ride-alongs with RCMP members in police cars and firearms familiarization training, as well as the review of duties that could eliminate auxiliary constable participation in special events and crowd/traffic control;

And whereas public safety is a critical objective of BC local governments, RCMP detachments and municipal police departments with auxiliary constables serving an important role in assisting and complementing an already overburdened police force in the provision of public safety programs and in the delivery of basic police services:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia be requested to exert pressure on both the Government of Canada and the RCMP's "E" Division for the immediate reinstatement of the Auxiliary Constable Program in British Columbia to its pre-January 2016 role complete with the ride-along and firearms familiarization training programs as well as continued participation in special events and crowd or traffic control.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R22 BC Child Protection Services      City of Colwood**

Whereas the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee has recommended improvements to the delivery of BC child protection services, and for the Province of BC to adhere to the principles enunciated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;

And whereas the Sooke School District (No. 62) has also called for these improvements and for the province to fully fund the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth:

Therefore be it resolved that the BC government be asked to take action to improve the delivery of BC child protection services, fully fund the office of the BC Representative for Children and Youth, and follow the provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **R23 Pedestrian/Cycling Pathways Along Rural Road Rights-Of-Way      Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has formally recognized the importance of mobility alternatives in achieving transportation goals pertaining to reduced greenhouse-gas emissions and promotion of healthy lifestyles;

And whereas rural communities are experiencing growing populations that rely on road infrastructure not suited to mobility options:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to demonstrate the Province's commitment to mobility alternatives in rural areas by introducing regional government authority in the planning and development of regional off-road transportation networks and infrastructure within Ministry road rights-of-way.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R24 Priority for Construction of Bicycle Lanes**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas the provision of safe cycling infrastructure is a costly but critical component of improving transportation options;

And whereas the construction of bicycle lanes on provincial highways within regional districts would alleviate safety concerns for cyclists, support growth in bicycle tourism and promote alternative transportation options that would reduce local greenhouse gas emissions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government review the "BC on the Move Transportation Plan" to prioritize the construction of new bicycle lanes within regional districts limited by a single highway and where bicycle usage is a prominent form of transportation and economic driver for tourism.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R25 Federal Government Cooperation for Oil Spill Response in BC**

**Alberni-Clayoquot RD**

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has declared that Canada should become a world leader in marine spill prevention, preparedness and response and has stated its concern about the current level of marine protection and potential spill response available on Canada's West Coast;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is acting on the development and implementation of such protection and response but requires cooperation and support from the federal government in order to implement most of the recommendations it has identified to strengthen Canadian capacity for marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response on Canada's West Coast;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and FCM support the Province of British Columbia's position with respect to the need for world-class marine oil spill prevention, preparedness and response, and lobby the federal government to support and co-operate with BC to the fullest extent, committing sufficient resources, to achieve the highest level of spill prevention, preparedness and response capacity on Canada's West Coast.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R26 Assessment and Mitigation of Marine Shipping Risks and Impacts  
in the Salish Sea**

**Islands Trust**

Whereas numerous projects are proposed that would increase marine traffic and anchorage use in the confined waterways of the Salish Sea;

And whereas the Salish Sea is among the most productive marine ecosystems in the world, and presents challenging conditions for oil spill response:

Therefore be it resolved that Transport Canada assess the cumulative risks and impacts associated with projected vessel traffic increases in the Salish Sea and develop an innovative 20-year mitigation plan.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R27 Limit or Ban Burning on Forest Lands in Community Airsheds**

**City of Port Alberni**

Whereas data from the BC Ministries of Environment and Health indicate that seasonal air quality concerns from outdoor wood burning combined with common air ‘inversion’ events greatly impact the health of residents, and noting that municipalities and regional districts have taken strong measures to limit or ban outdoor burning by residents;

And whereas the BC *Wildfire Act* and *Environmental Management Act* permit the burning of woody debris (“slash”) from forestry operations on private and Crown land within community air-sheds that often contribute to poor seasonal air quality:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Ministry of Environment to bring forward new regulations to further limit or ban the burning of wood debris piles on private and crown forest lands within community airsheds in order to ensure communities and industry are synchronized in working toward the same goal of a safe and healthy environment for all.

And be it further resolved that the Province encourage industry to chip wood debris for biofuel or sell it for heating homes in energy efficient woodstoves.

***ON MOTION, with amendment as recommended, was ENDORSED***

**R28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

Whereas the use of thin film plastic shopping bags continues to impose a variety of negative impacts on our natural and human environments;

And whereas bans have been proven in many countries to be the single most effective method of controlling the volume of plastic bags entering the waste stream and our environment:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government enact legislation to prohibit the distribution of thin film plastic shopping bags by businesses.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R29 Climate Change Recommendations**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

Whereas communities are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and local governments are seeking ways to strengthen their resiliency;

And whereas the provincial government has committed to developing a Climate Leadership Plan that supports mutually beneficial climate actions:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government be urged to implement all 32 policy action recommendations set out in the “Climate Leadership Team Recommendations to Government” report and work collaboratively with local governments in order to develop policies and programs to mitigate the impacts of climate change on BC communities.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R30 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs**

**District of Saanich**

Whereas the November 2012 Transport Canada Study recommends the establishment of an inter-jurisdictional working group that would address and provide recommendations on issues related to abandoned and derelict vessels, including potential sources of funding to remove abandoned and derelict vessels;

And whereas the incidents of vessels left abandoned or derelict by owners through neglect or lack of financial resources to dispose of the vessel cause municipalities serious concerns for public safety and the potential harm to the environment and have significant financial impact to taxpayers for removal and cleanup:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC, UBCM and FCM urge the federal and provincial governments to proceed with recommendations of the 2012 Transport Canada Study to establish an “Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program” funded through reasonable fees sourced from vessel purchases, registration, insurance and moorage, and that such funds be available for disposition costs;

And be it further resolved that the federal and provincial governments further establish an “End of Life” Vessel Disposal Program that is sustainable and protects the environment, including appropriate facilities and coordination with local landfills and private sector for proper disposal methods.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **LAND USE**

### **R31 Site C Dam Project**

**District of North Saanich**

Whereas the proposed 60 meter high dam project at Site C on the Peace River will flood over approximately 12,000 hectares of high quality agricultural land between Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope in creating an 83 kilometer long reservoir, while pre-empting the Agricultural Land Reserve status of the land;

And whereas the flooding will devastate a major portion of ungulate winter range, will impact migratory bird flyways, and will destroy a major heritage site and countless First Nations' burial grounds and hunting, gathering, and trapping areas on their recognized traditional territories:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC petition the BC Government to call on BC Hydro and its contractors to immediately suspend all work until the project can be reviewed by the BC Utilities Commission and proceed through a public hearing and consultation process.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **R32 Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme**

**Town of Lake Cowichan**

Whereas the smaller local governments are looking at ways and means of encouraging the revitalization of their downtowns through incentives that would encourage small businesses to undertake much needed improvements to building facades, signage and siding;

And whereas the Province had previously instituted a grant programme that provided financial assistance to businesses so they may undertake improvements through application to their respective local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be petitioned to re-implement the Business Improvement Grant Programme that will provide each local government an annual intake to a maximum of \$20,000 so local businesses may participate in a programme that would see the rejuvenation of business areas with the end goal of enhancing community appearance and pride which are integral to economic activity and growth.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **SELECTED ISSUES**

### **R33 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC**

**City of Victoria**

Whereas British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory and technological barriers as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes and many others on a daily basis;

And whereas the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory, non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024" in 2014 with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024;

And whereas both the Province of Ontario and the Province of Manitoba have enacted disability legislation with the Province of Nova Scotia working toward the introduction and enactment of disability legislation in 2016:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC believe it is important to achieve a barrier-free province for all persons with disabilities and calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R34 Home Renovation Tax Credits**

**District of Saanich**

Whereas the Quebec government has recently announced a new tax credit to encourage home renovations, and the Official Community Plan of Saanich and of municipalities across British Columbia and Canada recognize the importance of home renovations, housing variety, affordability and adaptability in their communities' quality of life, health, sustainability and economy;

And whereas housing renovations are recognized to help seniors stay at home, help the special needs of a family member or convert a house to an intergenerational home, and create skilled employment for young people, and the use of refundable tax credits for renovations is known to boost energy efficiency, local economies and reduce off-permit renovations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the governments of the Province of British Columbia and Canada to create new tax credit programs for consumers to help encourage home renovations that focus on energy efficiency, improved mobility and aging in place projects, that are over \$1,000.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R35 Review of "Down-loaded" Building Codes**

**District of Saanich**

Whereas after much debate about the accuracy and effectiveness of the code revision process, under recent changes to the BC Building Code, national building regulations now apply to smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, while previously these regulations applied only to larger buildings;

And whereas the Victoria Residential Builders Association has expressed concern to local governments that applying additional new regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet will drive construction costs upwards, thereby triggering extinction of affordable housing for the average BC family;

And whereas the affordability of new housing, particularly work-force housing such as smaller two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet, is a key component to local government economic vibrancy and sustainability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC urge the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to engage a qualified, independent third party to undertake a cost-benefit review of the impacts on affordability, as well as on safety and energy efficiency, of applying future new national building regulations to two-storey homes under 2,000 square feet.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report be received was endorsed.

#### **AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

**A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE**

LR1 Respect for Local Government City of Victoria

**B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE**

LR2 Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles Township of Esquimalt  
LR3 “Safe Soils” to Control the Spread of Invasive Species District of Highlands  
LR4 Basic Income Guarantee City of Victoria  
LR5 Eligibility Criteria for Community Gaming Grants Town of Ladysmith  
LR6 Commercial Herring Fishing – West Coast Herring Recovery Plan City of Powell River

**LR1 Respect for Local Government**

**City of Victoria**

Whereas the BC Supreme Court upheld local government land use authority with respect to the disposal of contaminated soils in the case of Cowichan Valley (Regional District) v. Cobble Hill Holdings Ltd., 2016 BCSC 489;

And whereas the risk remains that local government land use regulations relating to disposal of contaminated soils may be overridden by provincial Order-in-Council:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC call on the Province of British Columbia to respect local government land use authority and provide for thorough and appropriate consideration of local government input and land use regulations in the contaminated soils permitting process.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “Parental Rights for Elected Officials” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

**OF1 Parental Rights for Elected Officials**

**District of Oak Bay**

Whereas the BC Employment Standards Act guarantees the rights of parents to maternity and parental leave;

And whereas the Local Government Act and Community Charter fail to protect parental rights of local government elected officials, requiring council or regional district board approval of leave for elected officials who become parents;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the provincial government amend the Local Government Act and the Community Charter to guarantee maternity and parental leave for elected officials to be consistent with the Employment Standards Act provisions following the birth or adoption of a child;

And be it further resolved that the legislation be amended to permit the elected official to return to work on the same terms that were in place at the start of their leave, and that any changes in the elected official's appointments to committees, boards or commissions will not be made as a result of the maternity or parental leave.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***



Past President Stanhope thanked Parliamentarian, Ian Izard for his advice and assistance; the scrutineers for their service; and delegates for their enthusiasm. The Third Resolutions Session was adjourned with time for a short networking break.

## **ADDRESS BY LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve introduced Mr. John Horgan, Juan de Fuca MLA and Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Horgan then addressed delegates followed by a brief opportunity for delegates to ask questions. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte thanked Mr. Horgan for his presentation.

The Convention adjourned at 10:15 a.m. for a refreshment break sponsored by Lidstone & Company, and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

## **MOVING FORWARD WITH INTEGRATED ASSET MANAGEMENT**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte introduced Mr. Wally Wells of Asset Management BC who spoke about the organization. Mr. Wells introduced Ms. Christina Benty, former Mayor of Golden and Mr. Glen Brown, UBCM who spoke about the importance of asset management for local governments, and opportunities for funding. Delegates had the opportunity to pose some questions. Appendix C provides more information on the content of the session. President Price thanked the presenters.

## **PRESIDENT ELECT'S REMARKS**

President Barbara Price thanked the assembly for electing her for a second term, saying she was very honoured and was excited to work with her fellow executive. She gave a special thanks to the two members of the past executive that had chosen not to run again due to work commitments – Mayor Josie Osborne and Councillor Jessie Hemphill – noting they will be missed. President Price commented that she was very proud of AVICC and the relationship with UBCM and some great successes in reducing gas rates, compensation for municipalities for gas installations, BC Ferry rates, and the work of the Special Committee on solid waste. The Executive will take on the direction from the members coming out of this convention, including working on the review of the Island Corridor Foundation. President Price extended a final thank you to all the sponsors and to the host community for supporting this convention.

## **2017 CONVENTION**

President Price invited Mayor Andy Adams of the City of Campbell River to the podium to speak about the 2017 Convention. Mayor Adams thanked Mayor Bill McKay of the City of Nanaimo for being such a gracious host. He noted it was 14 years since Campbell River had had the honour of hosting the convention and encouraged delegates to attend and see the significant changes. A short video presentation highlighting the City of Campbell River was played for delegates.

## **INSTALLATION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE**

Past President Joe Stanhope introduced the 2016-17 Executive and extended congratulations to them:

President	Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox
First Vice President	Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Second Vice President	Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District
Electoral Area Representative	Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona Regional District
Directors at Large	Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
	Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
	Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District
Past President	Director Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD

He thanked the Executive Coordinator on behalf of the AVICC Executive Committee.

## **CONVENTION CLOSING**

Past President Stanhope thanked BC Ferries for their sponsorship in providing the Grand Prize Award. This year the winner had a choice of one of three options: 10 Assured Loading Passes, Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver Retreat with return ferry fares and parking, or a Trip for Two for the Inside Passage Cruise Aboard BC Ferries. Mayor Bill McKay drew the grand prize winner – Mayor Brad Unger, Village of Gold River.

Mayor McKay thanked delegates for coming to Nanaimo to attend the Convention. He thanked the Convention organizers, sponsors, presenters, rail employees and City of Nanaimo employees. Mayor McKay drew the winner of the gift basket prize from the City of Campbell River – Councillor Bill Luchtmeijer, Town of Qualicum Beach.

President Barbara Price then closed the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. The Convention adjourned at noon.

Liz Cookson  
AVICC Executive Coordinator

## **APPENDIX A – ADDRESS BY UBCM PRESIDENT AL RICHMOND**

### **Greetings**

Thank you Director Grieve and good morning delegates.

Nanaimo is a beautiful site for the 2016 Convention. The conference centre is first rate and a great resource for the City. Hosting an Area Association meeting always requires local resources, and I want to offer my thanks to the City of Nanaimo for its contributions to this year's event.

AVICC has three members on our Executive currently: Councillor Barbara Price; Director Alison Sayers; and Director Jim Abram (who is also a life member). Each of them participates on our committees and contributes at the Executive table, so AVICC is well represented in the ongoing work of UBCM.

This morning I will provide an update on our federal and provincial governmental relations. As you will hear, there is much that is working well. But there are also a couple of spots where we expect better of our provincial colleagues. My aim this morning is to give credit where it is due and provide some constructive comments in areas where we seek improvement.

### **Federal Budget**

There was considerable anticipation amongst local governments in advance of 2016 Federal Budget. During the election campaign, one of the key planks in the Liberal platform called for significant new infrastructure investments over the next decade. Quite naturally, local government hopes were high.

Anticipation was also primed by the way the Liberal government has been engaging with local government since the election. I attended the FCM Board meeting in Ottawa in November, and the enthusiasm shown by federal representatives for our issues was an eye opener. The federal government clearly believes that local government infrastructure serves a vital role in the fabric of our country.

Now that the budget has come down, I think we can all agree that the Government followed through on its promises. What we saw was the first phase of the commitments set out in the Liberal platform, amounting to nearly \$12 billion in new spending. As expected, the funding will go toward programs for housing, transit, water and wastewater infrastructure.

I was particularly pleased to see that the federal share of the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund will provide up to 50% of funding for projects. In some communities, finding one-third of the cost of a major project is onerous, so UBCM and FCM were on record seeking additional flexibility in this area.

I was also glad to hear Minister Fassbender say in an interview that the Province is committed to paying its one-third share of infrastructure funding. I will say more on this later, but we will be following up on this point with the Minister at our Executive meeting next week.

While things look positive on the infrastructure front, I also want to point out that \$48 billion from the Liberal election platform is not yet committed to programs, so we need to keep our eye on the ball. Our advocacy on the design of the future federal infrastructure program will remain vital in the coming year.

### **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

At last year's convention, the membership endorsed a City of Victoria resolution calling for a national inquiry into the violence faced by Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Although

Indigenous women make up 4% of Canada's female population, 16% of all women murdered in Canada between 1980 and 2012 were Indigenous. BC local government was one voice among many in calling for action, and we were pleased when the federal Government launched a National Inquiry in December.

In January, Canada began to seek input on the design of the National Inquiry. Minister Anton's office reached out to UBCM at this time, and we provided a policy package to ensure that local government input was reflected her comments when she met with federal and provincial ministers.

A follow-up meeting was held with Minister Anton, which I was part of, along with UBCM 1st VP Murry Krause. We shared UBCM's perspective on pre-inquiry design, focusing on inquiry leadership and participation, key issues, and how best to ensure practical recommendations.

It was an encouraging meeting, with all representatives expressing interest in continued dialogue on how best to support the inquiry moving forward. Upon the recommendation of Minister Anton, UBCM also conveyed its submission directly to the federal Secretariat.

This is a large file, and it will take many years of careful consideration to sort through the factors that have contributed to the level of violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls in Canada. We are in it, though, for the long haul, and glad to be part of the work. UBCM's submissions and further details on the inquiry have been highlighted in the Compass and are available on our website.

### **Policing Costs**

We have spent quite a bit of time this past year expressing concerns on behalf of our membership about the downloading of DNA Laboratory costs to local governments.

You have heard from us on numerous occasions on this issue, so I won't go through the whole history beyond saying that the vast majority of provincial governments chose *not* to transfer these costs onto local governments.

What has also become apparent throughout these discussions and the work of our RCMP Contract Management Committee is that there are several additional new policing costs on the horizon.

I am not suggesting that the needs represented by these additional costs are not valid. What I am saying though is that I am concerned over who will be footing the bill.

I would also bring to your attention that UBCM has received correspondence from Minister Morris advising of the Province's intent to consult regarding alternative funding ideas for policing in unincorporated areas and municipalities with a population of fewer than 5000 people.

I have written to Minister Morris seeking clarification of the origin of this initiative. Our staff has been advised that some local governments had requested such a review in meetings with Minister Anton at the UBCM Convention last year.

This will be a subject of discussion at the UBCM Executive meetings in April. While it seems reasonable to occasionally review funding models, our experience with DNA costs raises some immediate questions for UBCM.

## Constructive Work with the Province

I would like to shift gears at this point, and highlight several areas where we are seeing constructive, positive work in provincial and local government relations.

- An ongoing issue that has affected Councils and Board decision-making is the uncertainty with regard to Conflict of Interest rules in the wake of the Schlenker v. Torgrimson decision.

A 2013 resolution called upon the Province to work with UBCM to find a remedy that clarifies responsibilities. That resolution, combined with some persuasive requests from the Capital Regional District, has resulted in the province providing excellent staff resources to tackle this issue. Our advocacy is continuing on this file, and we have confidence the process is on track and will produce results.

- At the end of February the *Water Sustainability Act* came into effect following nearly a decade of thorough consultation by the Ministry of Environment. The *Act* and new regulations aim to help protect water flows for ecosystems and fish and include new requirements for groundwater use and licensing; well construction and maintenance; dam safety, and compliance.

Due to its complexity, the *Act* will be implemented in phases. Work on the next phase of regulations and policies will be initiated later this year and includes measuring and reporting, livestock watering, water objectives, planning and governance. While the new *Act* does not achieve every objective of local government, it is a considerable improvement over the prior outdated legislation.

- An issue that impacts several AVICC communities is the matter of assessment appeal for special use properties. Several years ago, the Property Assessment Appeal Board ruled that properties owned by BC Ferries and other quasi-government operations have a nominal value since the properties were limited to a specific purpose.

The government was instrumental back in 2011 in finding an interim fix and committed to finding a long-term legislative solution. Securing legislative change remains a priority for UBCM and we are encouraged by the Province's recent work on this file.

- In March, UBCM released the results from our forest survey. One of the key findings of that report was that 85% of local governments felt that they are not adequately consulted or engaged when tenure holders make forestry decisions that will impact their communities.

The results of the survey have been conveyed to the *Minister's Advisory Council on Forest and Range Practices*. Minister Thomson has been very receptive to the input provided by UBCM and we are hopeful that the survey data will shape discussions with regard to consultation and forest decision making.

I could offer other examples as well where the province and UBCM are engaged in effective processes to secure gains that will benefit communities. I want to share these examples though because this is our preferred way of doing business, and in our view it leads to results that serve provincial as well as local government interests.

## **Advocacy Days**

To close this morning, I would like to tell you about UBCM's Advocacy Days which gets underway in Victoria next week.

For the past few years, we have held our April meeting in the Capital to maximize the capacity of our twenty-one member Executive to reach out to MLAs from all parties.

In some cases we will meet with Ministers with regard to ongoing collaborative work - similar to the issues I have outline today. In addition, though, we will be delivering some key messages that we want all parties to hear.

## ***Provincial Share of Funding***

With the Federal Government beginning to roll out new infrastructure funding, one of the things we will talk about is the need for the province to solidify its commitment to provide a one-third share toward funded projects.

As we have seen from previous programs, if funding is directed primarily to provincial assets, or if provincial contributions are not on the table, the programs have limited benefit for local government. We have been bringing this message to Minister Sohi at the federal level, and we want to make sure that it understood at the provincial level as well.

## ***Downloaded DNA Costs***

I spoke earlier about the government's handling of the DNA testing costs. This is a textbook case of downloading, and it is something that we will raise again in our meetings next week.

We need to hammer home the point that when the province is considering transferring costs off its books onto our, that's something we need to talk about before a decision is made.

We hear a lot about the province's commitment to the principle of "one taxpayer". When costs are being shifted to us without consultation, we need to ask how serious the province's commitment to "one taxpayer" is. There are some very basic principles at stake here, and we want to continue to raise this issue.

## ***Arbitrated Settlements***

Finally, we also want to begin a conversation to take look at the impact of arbitrated settlements for essential services and the way those settlements impact local government finance. Members have endorsed resolutions saying it is time to take a look at this issue. We are asking the province to sit down with local government to do some assessment, and then begin a process to consider some solutions.

Advocacy Days are a whirlwind, with about 30 meetings taking place over two days. Our previous experience though has shown that is an effective way to get out our message, and learn more about the perspective of the legislative members. I look forward to reporting back to you at Convention this fall.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, thank you for the opportunity to share this update. I am interested in your thoughts and perspectives, and I will be available through the morning if you would like to talk. If we don't connect this morning, please contact me through the UBCM office.

Thank you for your attention and may the remainder of your Convention be rewarding.

Financial Statements of

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

Year ended December 31, 2015



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015, the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities as at December 31, 2015, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.





### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

As required by the Society Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities in preparing and presenting the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP' in a cursive, slanted font. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

Chartered Professional Accountants

March 11, 2016

Victoria, Canada

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014


	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 213,095	\$ 195,934
Accounts receivable	1,351	1,024
	<u>\$ 214,446</u>	<u>\$ 196,958</u>

## Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,452	\$ 8,010
Deferred contributions (note 3)	44,665	50,415
	<u>61,117</u>	<u>58,425</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	153,329	138,533
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
	<u>\$ 214,446</u>	<u>\$ 196,958</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Revenue:		
Annual meeting - sponsorships	\$ 44,850	\$ 44,001
Annual meeting - registration	56,581	46,477
Association dues	77,104	74,979
Interest	1,956	2,231
Other	722	6,175
	<u>181,213</u>	<u>173,863</u>
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	64,696	67,139
Communication and staff travel	1,845	2,452
Executive meetings	8,348	8,154
Other meetings	4,726	2,693
Postage, office and miscellaneous	4,067	4,535
Professional fees	6,090	6,090
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	76,545	53,850
Consulting fees	100	14,222
	<u>166,417</u>	<u>159,135</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	14,796	14,728
Net assets, beginning of year	138,533	123,805
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 153,329</u>	<u>\$ 138,533</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 14,796	\$ 14,728
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease in prepaid expenses	-	2,250
Increase in accounts receivable	(327)	(566)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,442	(1,774)
Decrease in deferred contributions	(5,750)	(417)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	17,161	14,221
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	195,934	181,713
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 213,095</b>	<b>\$ 195,934</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2015

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## **Nature of operations:**

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is incorporated under the Society Act (British Columbia) and is exempt from the requirement to pay income taxes. Its purpose is to promote autonomy within local government and to advance the principles of local government. The Association represents the various municipalities and regional districts of Vancouver Island, Powell River and the Sunshine and Central Coasts.

## **1. Significant accounting policies:**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations ("ASNPO") in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Association's significant accounting policies are as follows:

### **(a) Basis of presentation:**

These financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in net assets of the Association and, as such, do not include all the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the members of the Association.

There is no provision in the accounts for income taxes as the activities of the Association are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

### **(b) Cash and cash equivalents:**

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and highly liquid investments consisting of term deposits with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less.

### **(c) Revenue recognition:**

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Annual meeting sponsorships, registration and exhibit revenues are recognized as revenue when the conference takes place.

Association dues are recognized as revenue in the year they are earned and collection is reasonably assured.

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2015

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## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Contributed materials and services:

Due to the difficulty in determining fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment.

(f) Capital assets:

In accordance with the ASNPO Handbook section 4431, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, the Association has not capitalized any expenditures during the year. In 2015 expenditures of \$2,547 for the purchase of a laptop computer (2014 - nil) were recorded as expense in the statement of operations. Capital assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this policy include computer hardware.

(g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2015		2014	
Cash	\$	45,926	\$	30,181
MFA Money Market Funds		167,169		165,753
	\$	213,095	\$	195,934

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2015

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### **3. Deferred contributions:**

Deferred contributions consist of \$44,665 (2014 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the treaty advisory committee. In 2014 deferred contributions also included \$5,750 of sponsorship revenues received in advance for the 2015 conference.

### **4. Contractual commitments:**

The Association has a contract with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for secretarial and office services and has committed to pay \$72,180 in 2016 in respect of this contract by way of quarterly payments. The amounts are subject to adjustment each January.

## APPENDIX C

### AVAILABLE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION HANDOUTS

A number of session presenters used Power Point presentations. The handouts for these presentations are available to download from <http://avicc.ca/2016-minutes/>

[Agricultural Land Commission](#)

[Asset Management](#)

[Conflict Engagement and Communications](#)

[Local Government and First Nations](#)

[Social Procurement](#)

[Solid Waste Special Committee](#)

### PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Keynote Speaker – Chief Doctor Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada**

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph is a Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation who upholds a life dedicated to bridging the differences brought about by intolerance, lack of understanding, and racism at home and abroad. His insights into the destructive impacts these forces can have on peoples' lives, families and cultures were shaped by his experience with the Canadian Indian Residential School system. In his talk, Chief Joseph shares his journey of reconciliation, including his childhood experience at St. Michael's Residential School to leading a 70,000-person Walk for Reconciliation during the Year of Reconciliation in the City of Vancouver. He speaks about the important role of reconciliation in moving forward through trauma and will address the work that is being done across Canada to build meaningful relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians. In light of the release of the TRC Findings and Recommendations, it is critical for organizations, communities and local governments to take action and understand the importance of their role in building a new way forward and creating vibrant, resilient and sustainable communities.

#### **Plenary Presentations**

##### **Agricultural Land Commission**

This session will involve a review of recent changes to the ALC Act and the ALR Use, Subdivision, and Procedure Regulation, and the impacts these changes have or haven't had on application considerations and processing in the ALR. ALC Chair Frank Leonard and ALC CEO Kim Grout will also talk about their new roles and the ALC's direction moving forward following recent announcements from the Provincial Government of increased funding for the ALC to better support the regional panel decision-making process, the planning work that the ALC pursues in partnership with local governments, and the compliance and enforcement work that the ALC does across the province.

Presenters: Frank Leonard, ALC Chair; Kim Grout, ALC CEO; Jennifer Dyson, ALC Vice Chair and Chair of the ALC Vancouver Island

##### **Youth Council; AVICC Solid Waste Committee; Moosehide Campaign**

Representatives from the Youth Councils of Duncan, Nanaimo and Victoria will meet on Friday afternoon and then report back to the delegates with recommendations for involving youth in local government.

Edwin Grieve, Chair of the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management will update delegates on the work of the committee, the long-term strategy and the immediate, short-term and long-term priorities. The next step will be meeting with the province to discuss their involvement and support.

Howard Houle, Nanaimo Regional Director will give a briefing on the Moosehide Campaign that encourages everyone to stand up to violence against women and children. Moosehide pins will be available for those willing to make the commitment.



## APPENDIX C

### **Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management**

Local infrastructure provides the foundation for the health, well-being, and economic prosperity of communities across the country. Dependable core services, such as water, sewer, transportation networks, fire halls, recreation amenities, and more, make up the built environment and exist to provide these basic necessities of life that residents rely on every day. Historically, local governments have built infrastructure and acquired assets with insufficient consideration for depletion, depreciation, and amortization. As a result, politicians and citizens lack a clear understanding of the cost implications of maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure. The long-time practice of short-term decisions about investment, maintenance, and renewal is not sustainable. Managing public assets in a formalized process is no longer a luxury for local governments who have time and resources to put toward the process; it is an absolute necessity. The time has come to quantify the true cost to provide, maintain, and renew, community-owned capital assets, and balance it against the community's willingness to pay for those services and assets.

Presenters: Christina Benty, former Mayor of Golden; Glen Brown, UBCM; Wally Wells, Asset Management BC

### **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

#### **Conflict Engagement and Communications - Skills & Tools Workshop**

Conversations, from friendly to heated, are the stock and trade of every elected local official. Whether it is with local citizens, individually or in groups, staff, or colleagues around the Board Table our capacity to have productive conversations is a necessary ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships and to successfully engage "conflict" in various settings. This workshop will focus on skills and tools that will help you do just that. The workshop will be interactive and participants will receive take-away materials they can use to hone their skills on an ongoing basis.

Facilitator: Michael Shoop, PhD, Principal at The Shoop Group Consulting Ltd.

#### **Local Government and First Nations: Some Foundational Legal Principles**

This presentation will focus on providing an overview of some of the foundational legal principles which local government needs to know (s.35(1) Constitution Act; Aboriginal title cases; duty to consult cases) in its important and evolving relations with First Nations. It will then examine the implications and opportunities for local government resulting from the Tsilhqot'in decision. Last, an overview discussion of legal and practical principles will be examined with a focus on reconciliation and how local government can play an important role.

Presenter: Reece Harding, Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors

#### **Open Space Workshop**

Open Space is an interactive opportunity for conference participants to seize control of the agenda and talk about the topics that matter to you - so come armed with ideas, questions, and an open mind, and follow the law of two feet: If you find yourself in a situation where you are not contributing or learning, move somewhere where you can." Topics chosen by delegates.

Facilitator: AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill

#### **Social Procurement – a New Approach to Economic Development**

In November 2015, Prime Minister Trudeau included Social Procurement in his mandate letter to the Minister of Procurement. Social Procurement is law across Europe. Quebec and Ontario have legislation in place to support Social Procurement strategies; Nova Scotia is about to follow. Sandra Hamilton developed British Columbia and Alberta's first Social Procurement frameworks, both for municipal governments. Showcasing her work with Cumberland, BC, Canada's First Buy Social municipality, Hamilton's presentation will provide an overview of the concept and explain why Social Procurement is a powerful economic development tool for Vancouver Island. How we buy and how we invest, drives our economy, which shapes our communities. In this session we take a look at how municipalities are taking a more strategic approach to procurement; better leveraging existing spend to increase supply chain diversity and achieve positive community outcomes.

Presenter: Sandra Hamilton, Business Consultant & Marketing Specialist

Panellists for Q&A Session: Cumberland Councillor Jesse Ketler; Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Electoral Area Directors Forum (90 minutes)**

This year AVICC is hosting for the first time an Electoral Area Forum where rural area directors will be able to freely speak about issues of immediate relevance to them. Discussion topics will be sought at the beginning of the forum and an open-space format will allow multiple discussions to happen simultaneously where self-selecting groups form. Come with an issue and a curious mind.

Hosted by Noba Anderson, AVICC EA Representative and Brian Carruthers, CVRD CAO

### **Off Site Tour – City of Nanaimo Water Treatment Facility (90 minutes)**

Two groups of 20 delegates will receive a tour of the City's new water treatment facility. Transportation to and from the facility provided by BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District.

## APPENDIX D

### PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS – FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

#### SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

##### **Understanding the Village (8:30 am to noon)**

This is an experiential workshop that takes participants through the process of creating a pre-contact village before introducing the rationale, actions and effects of colonization. It then looks at how to integrate this knowledge into our work, families, community, and how we move forward from a place of deeper understanding.

Participants who choose to come to this workshop often comment that when they arrived they believed they understood a bit about the issues facing Aboriginal communities on a cognitive level. But, after participating in the workshop, their level of understanding deepened along with their awareness.

This workshop is geared towards solutions rather than recrimination and can provoke emotional responses in participants. The facilitators of this workshop will be supported and guided by several Cowichan Elders. 63 delegates were registered for this session.

##### **Mayors Caucus (10:00 am to noon)**

This is an opportunity for AVICC mayors to meet together to discuss issues of mutual interest and share current initiatives. 24 delegates were registered for this session.

##### **Off-site Tour: Tilray Medical Marijuana Production Facility (9:30 to noon)**

This is an opportunity to tour the production facilities at one of Vancouver Island's largest marijuana growing facilities. Participants are asked to fill out a waiver and a non-disclosure agreement.

There will be bus transportation provided to the facility for a tour of approximately 90 minutes. Flat shoes and comfortable dress are recommended. 25 delegates were registered for this session.

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