



# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES 2010 AGM & CONVENTION



**Powell River, BC**  
April 9-11, 2010

## THE PROGRAM FORMAT

Building on successes of past years, this year's program integrates the regular business of the annual general meeting, debate on resolutions and holding of elections with a variety of presentations and workshops on topical issues, addresses by key political speakers and networking opportunities. Two engaging pre-conference sessions are planned for Friday morning. The Welcome Reception, Delegates Luncheon and Annual Banquet provide great networking opportunities as well as time to relax and have fun.

Adapting to the ferry schedule to facilitate delegates' ability to get home at a reasonable time on Sunday, adjournment has been set for 10:45 am.

For those that can stay and catch a later ferry, the local organizing committee is planning to host a golf tournament. If you are interested, please check the box on the registration form and staff will ensure that you receive the follow-up information.

A draft of the long program will be available by mid-February on the [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) website. Just a reminder in order to accommodate emergent issues the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Les Leyne, Victoria Times Colonist, Legislature Bureau

Born in Rivers, Manitoba, Les Leyne lived in Winnipeg and Whitehorse as a child before his family moved to Qualicum Beach, where he was raised. Leyne attended Carleton University and UVic, where he graduated after working at the university newspaper. He worked at weekly newspapers in Duncan, where he covered the incineration of 13 tons of marijuana, and the west shore before joining the Times Colonist.



Leyne was banished from the newsroom to the legislature bureau in 1985 and has been there ever since. He's covered eight premiers, and is still on speaking terms with most of them. His budget scoop in 1995 got him nominated for a Jack Webster Award and he claimed a share of the TC's 2003 Webster Award for political coverage. He writes four days a week on provincial affairs and was nominated for a National Newspaper Award for column writing in 2008. He won a Jack Webster Award for Commentary in 2009.

## THE VENUES

Welcome Reception – Recreation Centre, 5001 Joyce Avenue  
Business Meetings and Mini Marketplace – Recreation Centre, 5001 Joyce Avenue  
Delegates Luncheon – Town Centre Hotel, 4660 Joyce Avenue  
Annual Banquet – Dwight Hall, 6274 Walnut Street

Reminder that the Resolutions and Nominations deadline is **February 26, 2010**. The notices and nominations form are located on the website at [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca).

## BRIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Friday, April 9, 2010

8:15 am	Registration Opens
9:00 am	Pre-Conference Sessions
2:00 pm	Official Opening Keynote Address, AGM & Presentations
5:30 pm	Welcome Reception

### Saturday, April 10, 2010

7:45 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am	Elections, Resolutions, Presentations, UBCM President and Provincial Representative Addresses
Noon	Delegate Luncheon
2:00 pm	UBCM Resolution Process Review
3:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions
6:30 pm	Reception, Dinner, Entertainment & Dance

### Sunday, April 11, 2010

7:30 am	Hot Breakfast
8:30 am	Elections, Presentations, Address by the Leader of the Opposition Resolutions & Late Resolutions
10:30 am	Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
10:45 am	Adjournment



# PRE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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**Friday, April 9, 2010**  
**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

### **WHERE HAVE ALL THE BUFFALO GONE?**

The giant palm trees of Easter Island are no more, the great buffalo herds have disappeared and the abundant Coho runs of Cowichan Bay are only a memory. 'They' didn't pay attention then, maybe we should now?

Today our world is challenged with two great issues that are inherently related and coming at us with catastrophic proportions far greater than any tsunami or earthquake will bring.

Climate change we have heard much about, Peak oil we would rather ignore. The world economy of today is based on cheap oil. What happens if there is no longer cheap oil? Are there things we can do today that would help to build a resilient Island economy regardless of the price of oil?

Perhaps and it may very well be that Island rail will be more important tomorrow than it ever was yesterday if we are to attempt to build a resilient Island economy.

Graham Bruce, Executive Director of the Island Corridor Foundation, will provide an overview of the various activities and initiatives being pursued under the auspices of the Foundation including the following key areas:

- the Nanaimo train station restoration project;
- the new passenger service plan;
- the excursion train plan;
- tourist feature train;
- coal train;
- aggregate train;
- the Annacis Island rail barge terminal;
- the Ministry of Transportation study;
- the trails program; and
- land-use forums.

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

### **ELECTIONS TASK FORCE UPDATE**

The format and content for this session has not been determined. Check back at [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) for more information as it becomes available.



### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**



Graham Bruce was appointed Minister of Skills Development and Labour on June 5, 2001 and on December 15, 2004 was appointed as Government

House Leader. Mr. Bruce previously served as Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture in 1991. He was first elected in 1986 to represent the riding of Cowichan-Malahat. He was elected to represent Cowichan-Ladysmith in 2001. Prior to that he served on North Cowichan Municipal Council for 11 years, eight of them as mayor.

Mr. Bruce was instrumental in the rejuvenation of Chemainus and is a past director of the Chemainus and District Credit Union. He was made an honorary member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry for his work on Vancouver Island's Strategy for Survival forestry program. Mr. Bruce is currently the Executive Director of the Island Corridor Foundation. Graham and Anneke Bruce live in Crofton and have four children and seven grandchildren.



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### POLITICAL SPEAKERS

Premier Campbell has been invited to provide an address. Carole James, MLA and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Honourable Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development have already confirmed their participation as has UBCM President Harry Nyce, Chair of the Kitimat-Stikine Regional District. Local MP, John Weston and MLA, Nicholas Simons have been invited to welcome delegates to Powell River.

### WELCOME RECEPTION AND ANNUAL BANQUET

Two networking and social highlights of the 2010 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet.

Executive Chef/Owner, David Bowes of the highly recommended Laughing Oyster Restaurant, has planned exquisite menus for both events and will be transforming the upper foyer/theatre stage of the Recreation Centre on Friday evening and the Dwight Hall on Saturday evening to create warm and memorable evenings.

Saturday evening, guests will enjoy classical piano music performed by either Walter Martello or Michael McMaster during the pre-banquet reception. Following a sumptuous buffet meal, Vancouver Island wine and great conversation, the Powell River local organizing committee in collaboration with Don James, founder and artistic director of the Powell River Academy of Music have arranged an amazing variety of local talent including jazz musician, Walter Martella, soprano Megan Skidmore and pianist Maryna Gray; the Academy Chamber Choir performing Broadway Tunes and the Powell River Trad Band (who are preparing for their Scotland Tour) performing upbeat Celtic music. Bios for all the performers are available on [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca). For those who like to dance, the evening will continue until approximately 11:30 p.m. with taped music.

The Sliammon First Nations dancers have been invited to perform at the Welcome Reception Friday evening.

### MINI MARKETPLACE/TRADESHOW

As in past years, AVICC will host a small tradeshow. Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths. As well, a number of other organizations have been invited to participate.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The most current information will be posted on the [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) website. Please check back regularly for updates.

For specific questions, please contact:  
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### WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **HST and the Impact on Local Governments and Their Communities** presented by Randy Decksheimer, KPMG
- **Comox Valley's Agricultural Strategy and How It Was Implemented** presented by John Watson, Executive Director, Invest Comox Valley
- **Conserving Natural Areas for Climate and Community Health** presented by Dr. Briony Penn, Climate and Conservation Coordinator, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia
- **Resolutions Process Review** facilitated by UBCM staff
- **New Energy Technology** presented by Helen Whittaker, Senior Strategic Technology Specialist, BC Hydro
- **An Update From BC Ferries** by Mark Stefanson, VP, Public Affairs
- Updates from Terasen Gas and the Municipal Insurance Authority
- **Carbon Neutral Local Governments** presented by Ben Finkelstein, Manager of Green Communities, Carbon Neutral Local Government and Climate Action Outreach





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### ACCOMMODATIONS

A variety of different types of accommodations are available in Powell River. Obtain listings from [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca)

### GETTING TO POWELL RIVER

Delegates are encouraged to car pool or leave their vehicles at the ferry terminal and walk-on. Shuttle service for key arrival times is being planned to move delegates from the ferries to the centrally located accommodations and between the Convention venues. Completing the transportation planning section on the registration form for those who plan to use this service will assist organizers in making appropriate arrangements. A caution to those who plan to “park and ride” is to leave adequate time for parking and for security reasons ensure that vehicles are parked in the designated parking areas. Regrettably, there is limited parking available at the Comox Little River Ferry Terminal and the overflow parking is the side of the highway.

BC Ferries Link: [www.bcferrries.bc.ca](http://www.bcferrries.bc.ca)

**By Car From Vancouver:** Take a beautiful scenic drive up Highway 1 along the Sunshine Coast. Take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale. Continue up the coast on Highway 101 and take a second ferry from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay. The entire trip from downtown Vancouver to Powell River takes about 5.5 hours.

**By Car From Vancouver Island:** Take the ferry at Little River in Comox. The Little River Ferry Terminal is a 15-minute drive from Courtenay and Comox and is serviced by the municipal bus service [[www.busonline.ca](http://www.busonline.ca)]. The passage takes one hour and 15 minutes and the ferry dock is only a few seconds from the downtown core of Powell River.

**By Air:** Pacific Coastal Airlines flies directly from the South Terminal in Vancouver to the Powell River Municipal Airport. Pacific Coastal Link: [www.pacific-coastal.com](http://www.pacific-coastal.com)

### HOW TO REGISTER

Registration forms are available on the [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) website or by emailing [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca). As in the past, there is an early bird and cancellation deadline of **March 19, 2010**.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, registration fees have been maintained at the 2009 level:

	Early (Before March 19)	Late (After March 20)
Delegate Fees	\$115	\$132
Banquet	\$40	\$50
Reception	\$25	\$31

### THE LOCAL HOSTS AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Hosts for the 2010 AVICC AGM & Convention are the City of Powell River, the Powell River Regional District and the Sliammon First Nation. The City of Powell River has taken the primary role of the local host. Special thanks to Mayor Alsgard and the local planning committee led by Lori Blackman for their enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile!

### OUR SPONSORS

The AVICC AGM & Convention benefits from the significant contributions of our sponsors—some who have been sponsoring this event for many years. The following are this year’s list of committed sponsors:

#### **Terasen Gas**

*Keynote Speaker and Delegate Luncheon*

#### **BC Hydro**

*Delegates Kits*

#### **Association for Mineral ExplorationBC/ Mining Association of BC**

*Co-sponsors of the Annual Banquet*

#### **BC Lottery Corporation**

*Annual Banquet Entertainment*

#### **Vancouver Island University**

*Welcome Reception*

#### **BC Ferries**

*Pre-Conference Session/Friday Refreshment  
Break / Grand Prize*

#### **Municipal Insurance Association**

*Sunday Morning Hot Breakfast*

#### **Meyers Norris Penny**

*Annual Banquet Wine*

#### **Powell River Regional District**

*Pre-Banquet Reception*

#### **BC Transmission Corporation**

*Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast*

#### **ICBC**

*Bus Transportation/Shuttle Service*

#### **Shaw Communications**

*Internet Services*

#### **Staples McDannold Stewart**

*Services of Parliamentarian*



# PARTNERS PROGRAM

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Partners are encouraged to join delegates. The Powell River local organizing committee has planned two great activities especially for partners. A minimum number of participants are required for these activities to proceed. Registrations must be received by **March 25th**.

### **HERITAGE TOUR** **FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH AFTERNOON** **COST: \$35/PERSON**

Join local guide Anne Nelson for a 2 1/2 hour Heritage Tour. Included is an overview of Powell River District history, the evolution of the 4 original villages till amalgamation in 1955; the history of development and achievements of the National Historic District and its continuing influence on the City of Powell River; and tours of the most significant buildings in the District such as Dwight Hall, the Manager's House, the Courthouse and the Patricia Theatre.

### **CRUISE OF DESOLATION SOUND** **SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH MID-DAY** **COST: \$150/PERSON**

Leave from the historic fishing village of Lund and board the 58-foot Swan Spirit (or smaller vessel should numbers be less than anticipated) for a four-hour cruise. Enjoy a great meal and unforgettable scenery as the boat meanders amongst the bays, islands and inlets of Desolation Sound. Binoculars are supplied but cameras are recommended for the many photo ops including sightings of eagles, seals, porpoises and other birds and wildlife. The crew will be happy to share info on the history and geography of the area. Return transportation to Lund is provided. Lunch includes 2 salads, 3 entrees (hot – seafood, chicken, beef), rice, potatoes, buns and beverage; alcoholic beverages will be offered at bar prices.

### **WELCOME RECEPTION AND ANNUAL BANQUET**

In addition to these two special offerings, partners can look forward to attending the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening. See the Program page for more information.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Delegates can register their partners and guests for all events and activities on the standard Delegate Registration Form available at [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca) or by emailing [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca)

