



**MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE  
HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Christopher Causton, Oak Bay, President  
Councillor Barry Avis, Qualicum Beach, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Merv Unger, Nanaimo, Director at Large  
Councillor Kenn Whiteman, Port Alberni, Director at Large  
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative  
Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard, Courtenay, Director at Large  
Mayor Barry Janyk, Gibsons, Past President

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, First Vice-President

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

**GUEST:** Gary MacIsaac, UBCM Executive Director (In attendance for Item #2)

President Christopher Causton called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**1. AGENDA**

On a motion by Second Vice President, Councillor Barry Avis, seconded by Director Mary Marcotte, that the agenda be adopted was

CARRIED

**2. RECOGNITION FOR EYDIE FRASER**

On a motion by Second Vice President, Councillor Barry Avis, seconded by Director Mary Marcotte, that an Honourary Executive Life Membership Award that provides all the entitlements of life membership except the ability to vote be given to Eydie Fraser at the AVICC Area Association Lunch at UBCM Convention was

CARRIED

On a motion by Second Vice President, Councillor Barry Avis, seconded by Mayor Barry Janyk, that AVICC contribute \$300 towards a shared gift from UBCM, LMLGA and AVICC that be presented at the President's Dinner on Sunday, September 27 was

CARRIED

Mayor Barry Janyk volunteered to contact Past President who had not yet responded to the lunch invitation and to act as host to those who are able to attend.

**3. HOSTS FOR AVICC CONVENTION FOR 2011, 2012, 2013**

By consensus, the Executive agreed to award Ucluelet as host community for 2012 and Sooke for 2013. If Campbell River can confirm availability for 2011 before UBCM Convention, they would be given the opportunity for that year. If Campbell River cannot confirm, then a further call for interested communities would be announced at the AVICC Area Association

luncheon at the time of announcing the awards to Ucluelet and Sooke. The City of Courtenay would be thanked for their interest noting that they would be contacted should either Ucluelet or Sooke be unable to follow through.

**4. AVICC LUNCHEON AT UBCM CONVENTION**

The proposed program for the luncheon was agreed to with the removal of Item #2. *Brief Update on Issues Under Consideration by Executive.* It was noted that Councillor Chris McNaughton who has the Tourism Portfolio for Powell River would be the representative under Item #6. *Update from Powell River, Host of 2010 Convention.* Missed on the list of candidates was Mayor Inkster from Sechelt and Mayor Corrine Dahling from Tahsis.

**5. OTHER EMERGENT BUSINESS ARISING**

- Councillor Kenn Whiteman provided a short update on the SPINE Trail
- Director Mary Marcotte raised the issue of derelict vessels and advised that a meeting is scheduled by Saanich with consideration of a task force being developed; she will report at the next meeting; staff to look into the possibility of inviting a federal government staff member to come to the next meeting to speak to the topic
- Councillor Barry Avis raised the issue of funding reductions that does away with staffing of lighthouses and moves forward with automated lighthouse operation seeking support of developing an Executive position on the issue; staff to research whether there have been any previous resolutions on the issue
- Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard requested clarification on Executive's interest in the focus John Watson, Comox Valley Economics Society could provide; Councillor Leonard to request Mr. Watson to bring forward a proposal for session to be held at the 2010 AVICC Convention for consideration at the January Executive meeting (requested to be received in the office by January 8); the focus of "feeding ourselves locally" was discussed briefly
- Graham Bruce, Island Corridor Foundation, to be invited to the October 29 meeting for an update on the first three months in new position followed by Q&A
- The issue of library funding cuts was raised; AVICC has supported libraries in the past; it was noted that UBCM Convention provides an opportunity to bend the ear of Ministers
- On the issue of Gas Franchise Fees, Councillor Merv Unger advised of scheduled meeting during the week of UBCM Convention with the Minister of Energy and Mines; the meeting time/location to be forwarded through staff to all Executive members

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2009 in Nanaimo. President Christopher Causton requested permission of members without opposition to start the meeting one hour earlier than scheduled. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Second Vice President, Councillor Barry Avis, seconded by Director Mary Marcotte, that the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Mayor Christopher Causton  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator