



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE
VIA TELECONFERENCE
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Christopher Causton, Oak Bay, President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative
Mayor John Fraser, Tofino, Director at Large
Mayor Darren Inkster, Sechelt, Director at Large
Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard, Courtenay, Director at Large
Mayor Barry Janyk, Gibsons, Past President

REGRETS: Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, First Vice-President
Councillor Barry Avis, Qualicum Beach, Second Vice-President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

President Causton called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

AGENDA

On a motion by Electoral Area Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director at Large Leonard, that the agenda be adopted with the additions of:

- 2 (c) Arts & Culture Funding Resolution
- 2 (d) Island Corridor Foundation
- 5 2010-11 New Executive News Release

was

CARRIED.

FOLLOW-UP FROM RESOLUTIONS IN POWELL RIVER

Derelict Vessels

Mayor Causton advised that he has already requested UBCM to offer a workshop during the UBCM Convention week on this topic inviting the federal and provincial government representatives to be involved.

Mayor Inkster will chair a sub-committee comprised of Adam Olson, Central Saanich, John Rogers, View Royal and Sheila Malcomson, Islands Trust to move this issue forward including drafting wording for a single resolution to go forward to UBCM by the June 30, 2010 Resolutions Deadline; the sub-committee will meet via teleconference; staff will coordinate the teleconferences and communications as necessary.

Gas Franchise Fees

Gas franchise fees/agreement renewal; Chair Stanhope will be asked to work with Councillor Merv Unger to continue to work on that file.

Arts & Culture Funding Resolution

R1 and R2 Arts and Culture Funding were endorsed as joined resolutions. Executive was asked to identify the stronger resolution to send forward to UBCM. Noting the identification of the name of the Standing Committee and the conciseness of R1, it was deemed to be the stronger and will be forwarded to UBCM.

Island Corridor Foundation

See below under Director Marcotte priorities.

3. EXECUTIVE PRIORITIES

Executive were asked to identify their top one or two priorities for the upcoming year. A preliminary plan was identified for most items. They were:

Mayor Janyk

Gas franchise fees/agreement renewal; see above.

Councillor Leonard

Health care on the island and south coast/develop a relationship with VIHA; staff to invite Howard Waldner to the June 11, 2010 AVICC Executive Meeting, 30 minutes to be set aside at the beginning of the meeting.

Councillor Leonard also identified follow-up with the Carbon Tax issue; staff to research response on Resolution B111 and report back to June 11, 2010 meeting.

Director Marcotte

Island Corridor Foundation and follow-up on the coordinated transportation plan; specifically identified was the importance of having a coordinated effort instead of having Island Corridor Foundation working in isolation to ensure a good end result; Mayor Causton to follow-up with this issue.

Director Marcotte also identified follow-up to the Regional District Task Force work; i.e. potential workshop at UBCM or in advance for island participants; Director Marcotte to draft a proposal and bring to June meeting.

Mayor Inkster

Regional cooperation for tourism and economic development; staff to contact Tourism Association of Vancouver Island or Vancouver Island Economic Development Council to request representative to attend the June 11 Executive meeting (if needed, staff to contact Al Baronas with Island Coastal Economic Trust for contact info as members felt TAVI may no longer be operational); 30 minutes to be set aside at the beginning of the meeting. Tourism is primary focus.

Mayor Inkster also identified the work around derelict vessel as per above notes.

Mayor Fraser

Increasing post-secondary student success by seeking post-secondary institutions to establish satellite nodes in small communities; the Vancouver Island University has been proactive in establishing relationships with AVICC members; staff to forward Toni O'Keeffe's name to

Mayor Fraser.

Mayor Causton
Island Corridor Foundation.

Councillor Avis

The following items were forwarded in advance: protection of watersheds and the conservation of sensitive natural areas; open net fish farms; and agriculture promotion methods. These items will be brought forward for discussion when Councillor Avis is available.

CONFIRMING 2010/11 EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule as identified was confirmed. The 2010/11 confirmed meeting dates are:

- 10:00 am, Friday, June 11, 2010 (Nanaimo)
- 3:00 pm, Friday, September 10, 2010 (Teleconference)
- 10:00 am, Friday, October 29, 2010 (Victoria)
- 10:00 am, Friday, January 14, 2011 (Nanaimo)
- 1:00 pm, Thursday, April 7, 2011 (Sidney)

NEWS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION

A news release announcing the new executive has been drafted. Staff will email to Executive for distribution to their local media contacts.

NEXT MEETING

10:00 a.m., Friday, June 11, 2010
Committee Room, Nanaimo Regional District Office

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Mayor Christopher Causton
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator