



ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

MEMBER UPDATE – FALL 2010

Disposition of the AVICC Resolutions from the April 2010 AVICC AGM & Convention

17 resolutions endorsed at the AVICC's 2010 AGM & Convention will be coming forward to the upcoming UBCM Convention for consideration during the regular resolutions sessions including the revised resolution on **Derelict & Abandoned Vessels, Barges and Docks** (see Resolution B30, pg 30 in the *UBCM Annual Report and Resolutions* book) which incorporated the salient points of RR1, R4, R5 and R6 sponsored by Sooke, North Saanich, Islands Trust and Sechelt respectively.

Two resolutions, **LR 12 – Rail Terminus in Nanaimo** and **LR 13 – Coastal Douglas Fir Moist Maritime Land Use** are regionally focussed and as a result have been disposed of by AVICC Executive. The letters are posted on the website. The responses will be posted when they have been received.

The **LR2 - B.C. Ferries Fare Increases** resolution asks UBCM to form a task force with the provincial government. The UBCM Resolutions Coordinator advises that this resolution will be forwarded directly to the UBCM Executive for action.

The City of Parksville chose to provide UBCM with a revised resolution replacing **LR11 – Physical Access for Disabled Passengers**. AVICC acted on the original resolution by forwarding a letter to Ministers Baird and Bond.

Derelict Vessels Workshop at the UBCM Convention

A further outcome of the discussions held by the Derelict Vessels Sub-Committee to draft the revised resolution was a proposal for a clinic or workshop to be scheduled at this fall's UBCM Convention. The proposal was accepted and has resulted in being one of four concurrent workshop sessions offered Thursday afternoon.

Finding Solutions to the Management of Derelict Vessels
2:00 - 4:00 pm Thursday, September 30, 2010
Fitzsimmons Room Whistler Conference Centre

The session will highlight local government concerns regarding derelict vessels; profile a successful approach to managing derelict vessels in Washington State; and examine the feasibility of enacting changes in legislation and policy to prevent and manage the proliferation of derelict vessels, barges and docks in British Columbia and Canada.

AVICC LUNCHEON AT THE UBCM CONVENTION

The AVICC Executive is looking forward to hosting the annual AVICC luncheon at the upcoming UBCM Convention.

12 noon to 1:30 pm
Wednesday, September 29
Mount Currie Room
Hilton Whistler Resort

The main purpose of the luncheon is to allow members to network with one another so the program is kept very short.

Program Highlights

- Update from Graham Bruce with the Island Corridor Foundation
- WoodWorks presentation of the Community Recognition Award, and
- Candidates' speeches from AVICC nominees to the UBCM board (Mayor Barry Janyk, Gibsons for Third Vice-President; Councillor Bob Day, Lake Cowichan for Director at Large; and Mayor Corrine Dahling, Tahsis for Small Community Representative)

Derelict Vessels Workshop at the UBCM Convention, Con't

The workshop will open with experiences from a local government perspective, followed by a presentation from a representative of the Washington State Derelict Vessel Removal Program to overview their successes and challenges. A Transport Canada representative will then provide a brief summary of the current status of Canadian policy and legislation in this area and a representative from the BC Integrated Land Management Bureau will provide the provincial perspective. These presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

Mayor Causton, AVICC President, will moderate the session. Presenters will include:

- Sheila Malcolmson, Chair, Island Trust Council
- Melissa Ferris, Program Manager, Derelict Vessel Removal Program, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Bob Gowe, Manager, Navigable Waters Protection, Transport Canada
- Duncan Williams, Executive Director, Regional Operations, Integrated Land Management Bureau, Province of BC

The session will hold 140 participants. AVICC members are encouraged to attend as this issue is expected to require a collaborative effort on behalf of members to advocate for solutions and find a resolution to an issue that is ongoing and anticipated to become an even larger issue in the future.

Planning for the 2011 AVICC AGM & Convention April 8-10, 2011 – Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, BC

AVICC staff has been working with the town of Sidney's local organizing committee to begin planning the 2011 AGM & Convention. Mayor Larry Cross and the many participants serving on the local organizing committee are an enthusiastic and inspired group.

Preliminary work indicates that delegates attending the April, 2011 event will be treated to some terrific opportunities including hosting of the Friday evening Welcome Reception at the recently completed Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre and Saturday's Annual Banquet at the British Columbia Aviation Museum. In addition, the Town of Sidney provides access to a wide range of great options for those who are able to bring their partners or a guest with them.

Members will have an opportunity to identify topics and potential facilitators through a ballot type response form to be distributed at the AVICC Luncheon at the UBCM Convention. A Presentation Proposals Form is also available at www.avicc.ca. Proposals are due by December 24, 2010.

If you have not already booked your accommodation, you are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible. A list of options is available at www.avicc.ca.

AVICC 2010 SUMMER MEMBER VISITS

The first week of July, Mayor Causton travelled up island and across to the Sunshine Coast to meet with the mayors of the following communities: Lake Cowichan (including councillors), Ladysmith, Parksville, Campbell River, Gold River, Port Alice, Port McNeil, Powell River, and Gibsons (including councillors). He also met with the Sunshine Coast Regional District board and had a telephone conversation with the Mayor of Sechelt.

The trip provided an opportunity to engage members and discuss the different concerns of the island and coastal communities. For a summary of the topics discussed and issues raised, please see Mayor Causton's report on the website at www.avicc.ca under Newsroom.

APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF BC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Representatives from all five UBCM area associations serve on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Insurance Association. At its September meeting, AVICC Executive extended Mayor Causton's appointment for a further three years.

AVICC Executive considered the following two requests to communicate their initiatives to AVICC members at its September 10, 2010 meeting and decided that the information was valuable and that it should be forwarded on to members for their consideration.

Canadian Blood Services' Partner for Life Program and the Transplant Society's Give Life at Work Programs

The following is an excerpt from an email received by Mayor Causton, President:

"I am Serge Vaillancourt a five-year post-liver transplant recipient. I became aware of the significant amount of blood required for my operations and the continuous demand for blood in order to save lives on a daily basis.

Canadian Blood Service's "Workplace Partner for Life Program" and "BC Transplant Society's Give Life at Work Program" do save lives. Some municipalities and major employers are participants in these programs. My goal is providing the contact information and urging those in receipt of this information to consider participating either individually or collectively.

Having staff contact these agencies on behalf of their residents in order to see what is involved could make participation become a reality and can only result in saving lives. I am requesting that you forward this information throughout your Association."

Here are the links and phone numbers:

www.transplant.bc.ca - 1-800-663-6189
www.blood.ca - 1-888-236-6283

Right to Know Week

September 27 - October 1, 2010 has been proclaimed "**Right to Know Week**" across Canada.

Attached is a letter and "proclamation" template received from the Office of the Information & Privacy Commission for BC asking municipalities to support the initiative by making proclamations in their communities.

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITIES

Executive meets in person 3-4 times per year and additional meetings by teleconference as required. Upcoming in-person meetings are scheduled for:

October 29, 2010 – Sidney
January 14, 2011 – Nanaimo

Minutes are posted on www.avicc.ca as soon as they are available. Contact information for Executive is also available on the website.

Members can also keep abreast of the topics under discussion and actions taken at www.avicc.ca under Newsroom.



September 2, 2010

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
c/o Mayor Christopher Causton
525 Government St., Local Government House
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

Dear Mayor Causton:

Right To Know Week Proclamation

The week of September 27 to October 1, 2010 is Right to Know Week across Canada. The purpose of Right To Know Week is to promote awareness of the rights of British Columbian citizens to access documents held by public bodies. Information and Privacy Commissioners across Canada and internationally will be holding events to celebrate the week.

We hope that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") will take a lead role by proclaiming this important event. Our office has sent individual letters and draft proclamations to fifty municipalities in BC, but to spread the message further, we were hoping that you would be able to send an email attaching our template proclamation to your members for their consideration.

British Columbia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is described as being a pioneering piece of legislation. Right to Know Week offers an excellent opportunity for the member municipalities of the Association to emphasize this and to affirm the importance of the access rights of citizens.

I therefore write to ask that the various municipalities in your Association proclaim September 27 to October 1, 2010 as "Right To Know Week". A draft template of such a proclamation is enclosed. I look forward to hearing from you about this request. You can reach me at (250) 387-0035 or via email at jhodkinson@oipc.bc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Hodkinson
Enclosure

“Right to Know Week” Proclamation

WHEREAS the **[NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]** has adopted the principles of open, accountable and transparent government, and

WHEREAS the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* grants British Columbians a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of municipalities, and

WHEREAS the access to municipal government information ensures that citizens of the **[NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]** have an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of British Columbians to access information will promote citizen participation in the processes of governance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor, **[NAME OF MAYOR]**, for the **[NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]** DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that September 27 to October 1, 2010, inclusive, shall be known as

“RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK”

In the **[NAME OF MUNICIPALITY]**.

[NAME OF MAYOR]

Mayor