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REGISTRATION

The Registration Desk will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd and again on Saturday in the AVICC office.

Internet Access will once again be offered by Shaw.

There will be no direct telephone line for the AVICC Convention.

PLAN TO ATTEND

Please mark your calendar to attend the Annual General Meeting and Convention to be held in Nanaimo at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre on April 3, 4 and 5, 2009. Registrations were sent out in January. Deadline for Early Registrations is March 13, 2009.

The Executive and staff have been busy working on a program which they feel will address issues that local government are involved in at this time.

Details for Friday morning session are being finalized. Updates will be posted on the AVICC website at www.avicc.ca and will be faxed out to

members as they are finalized.

There will be a Welcome Reception on Friday evening, which is an excellent opportunity for networking with your fellow local government politicians and those provincial politicians who will be attending. The Welcome Reception is to be held at the Nanaimo Museum located in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

If you have any questions please contact Eydie Fraser, Executive Coordinator at 356-5133 (telephone) or 356-5119 (fax) or email efraser@civicnet.bc.ca

AVICC CONVENTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

STARTS

Friday, April 3, 2009
 2:00 p.m.

CONCLUDES

Sunday, April 5, 2009
 12:00 Noon

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Friday, April 3, 2009
 9:00 – 12 Noon
 Forestry Forum

LOCATION

Vancouver Island Conference Centre

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONVENTION

2:00 p.m. April 3, 2009
 Vancouver Island Conference Centre

KEYNOTE SESSIONS

2:20 p.m.

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Future Convention Dates

NANAIMO ~ April 9 – 11, 2010

The convention will be held in the Powell River Community Centre. The City of Powell River, Sliammon First Nation and the Powell River Regional District will be co-hosting the 2010 AVICC Convention.

ACCOMMODATION

Powell River staff will be block booking some hotel rooms and information on accommodation will be circulated soon.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS – LOCATIONS

We will be calling for expressions of interest in hosting the 2011 and 2012 conventions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. RALPH NILSON, President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University.

AVICC is pleased to announce that Dr. Ralph Nilson will be featured as the Keynote Speaker on Friday, April 3rd. Dr. Nilson brings years of experience that has taken him to many locations across Canada.

AVICC is very excited about this opportunity to build a relationship with the University of Vancouver Island. We look forward to Dr. Nilson's presentation.

Annual Report and Resolutions Book

We are pleased to advise that the 2009 Annual Report and Resolutions Book was mailed to all members on March 6th. If you have not received your copies, please contact Eydie Fraser at (250) 356-5133. This report contains the 2009 resolutions received by the deadline, responses received to date to endorsed 2008 resolutions, the nominations received by the deadline, resolutions procedures, membership list, a list of Life Members, the AVICC Constitution and bylaws.

VAGUELY VEGAS – SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Tom Watson seamlessly takes you on a fast-paced journey through time parodying some of the memorable entertainers from the 50's – 70's. Roy Orbison, Neil Diamond, Sonny & Cher, Tom Jones, Elvis, Tina Turner and the Village People – all performed by Watson – each appear in full costume singing one or two of their most famous hits..... a tribute aimed at the funnybone.

The deluxe option includes two real girls that brings Marilyn, Aretha Franklin, Nancy Sinatra, ABBA, Cyndi Lauper and the Blue Brothers to the show. Every character is high energy and interactive. You'll see Marillyn audition an audience member for her new movie, Aretha finally get the Respect she deserves, Nancy's boots are walkin', the girls from ABBA fight over a "victim", of course Cyndi Lauper just wants to have fun, and the Blue Brothers are looking for "soul-mates".

Vaguely Vegas packs a lot of entertainment and laughter into one show.

The evening will conclude with a DJ spinning tunes for those who want to stay and dance the evening away.

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In April we'll be getting together in Nanaimo. This will be an opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. It's a genuine pleasure to welcome all the welcome to all the newly elected folks.



Mayor Barry Janyk
AVICC President

You will see from the resolutions submitted that there are a wide variety of topics to be discussed and debated. Issues affecting local government, in particular are always our major focus.

Following at the UBCM convention in Penticton I was appointed to the First Nations Relations Committee and Vice Chair of the Community Economic Development Committee. The 2008 local government election results left UBCM with six vacancies on the Executive and I am pleased to advise that Mayor Christopher Causton has been appointed to the Resolutions Committee and the Community Safety Committee. Greater AVICC presence on the Board of UBCM is critical and I encourage our membership to support AVICC nominees in the upcoming UBCM elections.

In the fall of 2008 the Executive met with

the Minister of Forests to discuss the deep concerns of our forest dependent communities and the impact of the demise of the forest industry on every one of our communities. As a result AVICC is hosting a Forestry Forum just prior to the convention to further consider the findings of the Provinces' Roundtable on Forestry. I urge everyone to attend and work together to find the answers we need to thrive once again.

Eydie has been working closely with staff from the City of Nanaimo and the Vancouver Island Conference Centre staff to ensure that you are provided with a full weekend on April 3, 4 and 5th, which will allow you to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates.

The full AVICC Executive looks forward to seeing you at the 2009 convention in Nanaimo.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES AND REPORT FOR THE AVICC EXECUTIVE

The ongoing administration and policy determination of the AVICC is governed by an 8-person Executive Board that is elected and appointed at the Annual Convention.

THERE ARE SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

The Nominating Committee is responsible for reporting to the full Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee does not make recommendations.

They will report on Friday, April 3rd 2:15 p.m. on nominations received for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, three Directors at Large and Electoral Area Representative.

While the nomination process has been expanded, it will not change the process where candidates can be nominated off the floor at the Convention. That process remains in place. The changes outlined above provide for those that are interested in seeking office to be directly nominated prior to the Convention without the "sanction" of a Nominating Committee.

THERE IS ONE APPOINTED POSITION:

- Immediate Past President

NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The Executive has introduced a process whereby a notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination. The process and the procedures for nomination was circulated to all members.

That notice stated that a candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. The candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC member.

Background information for Candidates was made available on request and set out the main responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member.

A nomination and consent form was available and was to be used for all nominations in advance of the AGM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - is appointed under the provisions of the AVICC Constitution and is appointed by the President.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for overseeing the nominating and election process and is appointed by the AVICC President and is composed of two members of the Executive. This year's Committee is composed of:

- Past President, Rod Sherrell, Chair
- AVICC Executive Coordinator, Eydie Fraser

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including, at the candidate's option, a photo and 300-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed in the Pre Convention Newsletter.

ELECTIONS PROCESS

The process will then proceed in three steps:

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, April 3rd, 2:15 p.m.

Nominating Committee present the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President.

Nominations from floor for Officer positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President)

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Friday, April 3rd 4:20 p.m.

Elections for Officers positions (as necessary).

Saturday, April 4th, 8:30 a.m.

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, April 4th, 11:30 a.m.

Nominating Committee present nominations for three Directors at Large.

Nominations from the floor for the above positions.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Elections for remaining Executive positions (as necessary).

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, April 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee present nominations for Electoral Area Representative

Nominations from the floor for the above position.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Election for position (as necessary).

Directions to Vancouver Island Conference Centre (driving from Up Island)

Follow the Trans Canada Highway/Highway #1 south through Nanaimo City. Turn left onto Gordon Street. VICC is located at 101 Gordon Street. There is parking at the adjacent Port Theatre.

Directions to Vancouver Island Conference Centre (driving from the City of Victoria)

Follow the Trans-Canada Highway/Highway #1 through Nanaimo City. Turn right onto Gordon Street. VICC is located at 101 Gordon Street. There is parking at the adjacent Port Theatre.



2009 Convention

President



Mayor Christopher Causton
District of Oak Bay

Christopher M. Causton, District of Oak Bay

Born in Cobham, Surrey (England)
Attended Marlborough College in Wiltshire, England, and the Scottish Hotel School, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (Scotland), taking courses in hotel and restaurant management.

Worked in Denmark, Switzerland, and Canada before receiving a permanent position with Beaver Foods in London, Ontario.

Subsequently moved to the west coast and purchased a restaurant in Victoria.

Two years later was employed by the Keg Restaurants in Canada and the United States.

Returned to Canada in 1980 and built Rattenbury's Restaurant which was sold in 1996.

- was elected a Councillor for the District of Oak Bay in 1987;
- has served as Mayor since 1996;
- Chair of the Capital Regional District Board and the Capital Regional Hospital Board from December 1999 to January 2002;
- Chair of the Oak Bay Police Board;
- Director of the Victoria Transit Commission and also BC Transit;
- member of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for Vancouver Island;
- member of the Advisory Board of the Greater Victoria Hospital Foundation;
- member of the Harbourside Rotary Club since 1984;
- former Director of the Friends of Royal BC Museum
- member of the Municipal Insurance Association Board

Interests include food and wine (naturally), tennis and ping-pong.

Married to Elizabeth, and has two children: Sarah (26 years old) and Jennifer (23 years old).

SOCIAL AND NETWORKING EVENTS AT AVICC

– ALL FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE
Vancouver Island Conference Centre

The WELCOME RECEPTION will be held on Friday, April 3rd immediately following the adjournment of the business sessions. The Welcome Reception is being held in the Nanaimo Museum located within the VICC.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will be available for all delegates on Saturday morning. This is your opportunity to have breakfast and network with your fellow delegates before the business sessions begin.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST – we are pleased to advise that on Sunday you will be served a full hot breakfast. The breakfast menu will be as follows:

Assortment of freshly baked muffins, Danish pastries and croissants, scrambled eggs, bacon, Maple pork sausage and Yukon Gold and Yam fried potatoes, selection of chilled apple, cranberry, grapefruit and orange juices, assortment of fruit yoghurts, seasonal fresh fruit and berries, regular and decaffeinated coffee, selection of traditional and herbal teas.

The DELEGATE'S LUNCHEON on Saturday, April 12th at 12 Noon. The menu is as follows:

- Brushetta
- Caesar Salad
- Baked Beef Lasagne
- Ratatouille
- Penne Pasta with Tomato and Basil Sauce
- Assorted Italian Pastries
- Coffee and Tea

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held on Saturday, April 12 at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort. This event is co-sponsored by the Mining Association of BC, Association for Mineral Exploration BC and AVICC. The reception is at 7:00 p.m. with dinner to be at 7:30 p.m. The menu is as follows:

- Yukon Gold Potato Salad
- Mediterranean Salad
- Thai Noodle Salad
- Build Your Own Caesar Salad
- Medley of Seasonal Greens
- Roasted and Marinated Vegetables and Dips
- Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
- Lemon Pepper Crusted Baked Wild BC Salmon
- Oven Baked 3 Cheese Penne Pasta
- Medley of Garden Fresh Vegetables
- Rosemary Garlic and Olive Oil Roasted Potatoes
- Variety of Breads and Rolls
- Medley of Fresh Seasonal Diced Fruit
- Canadian and Continental Cheese Board
- Selection of Assorted Cakes, Pastries and Desserts
- Coffee and Tea

PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS PLEASE CONTACT EYDIE FRASER at efraser@civicnet.bc.ca NO LATER THAN MARCH 30TH or telephone (250) 356-5133 or fax (250) 356-5119.

First Vice-President

Councillor Barry Avis, Town of Qualicum Beach



Councillor Barry Avis
Qualicum Beach

Educated at York University and Seneca College Ontario, in Business Administration and also received first class honours in Industrial Engineering (The study of developing the best practices and most efficient means of operating).

39 years working in Manufacturing Companies of which 35 where in senior Management positions of Operations Control for two Pharmaceutical and Technology companies.

I am seeking my third term with AVICC this time as Vice President. I was also recently re-elected in Qualicum Beach to serve my third term as Councillor.

My Town primary responsibilities are Finance, Planning, Water, and Community events.

- Chair Town Finance Committee
- Chair Arrowsmith Water Services
- Advisory Planning Commission liaison
- Family Resources Association liaison
- Qualicum Beach Residents Association liaison
- Arrowsmith Water Coalition Society liaison
- Heritage Forest Commission member
- Community Events Organization (s) liaison

Trustee with the Vancouver Island Library Board for five years also part of the Executive and Chair the Planning Committee.

I stay keenly involved with Nature Trust, Brant Festival activities and Community special events.

I am passionate about Sustainability and the Environment. I dedicate considerable time to Environmental issues and I am a hard working advocate for "Community". Truly enjoy our way of live here on the coast.

Local government has become my lives second career.

Hilary and I have been married for 41 years; we have one son Richard who is a contract employee with the Town of Richmond Hill Ontario.

Enjoy for recreation playing hockey, baseball and golf.

2009 MAJOR SPONSORS

Delegate Kits
BC Hydro

Coffee Services
Private Forest Landowners and TimberWest

Saturday Breakfast
BC Transmission Corporation

Sunday Hot Breakfast
MIA

Welcome Reception
Vancouver Island University

Keynote Speaker and Delegate Luncheon
Terasen

Annual Banquet
Mining Association of BC, Association for Mineral Exploration and AVICC

We have received gift certificates from many people in the business community with more coming in daily. These will be acknowledged in the Delegate kits and with signage at the Convention.

Director at Large

Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard, City of Courtenay



*Councillor Ronna-Rae
City of Courtenay*

Elected to Courtenay City Council in 2005, Ronna-Rae Leonard is serving her second term of office. Her first appointment in 2005 was to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board, where she has been introduced to most of the communities up and down Vancouver Island. She now serves as VIRL's vice-chair. In 2006, as Councillor, she helped create and chair the Comox Valley Cycling Task Force, bringing together the municipalities and electoral areas in a new way, to improve cycling infrastructure and promote cycling. In 2008, she was appointed to the Regional District Sewage Commission and a provincially mandated Comox Valley Water Supply Commission.

Leonard has long advocated for improved public dialogue for healthy communities. With more than two decades of community involvement, she was active on the executives of

a community centre and various residents associations, both on the Island and in Vancouver. Leonard also served 12 years as an elected trustee of the Sandwick Waterworks Improvement District (serving 650 ratepayers).

Before moving to Courtenay in 1990, she worked with families and seniors in their homes, trained as a legal assistant and worked for the BC Ombudsman in Vancouver.

Leonard works in public education, research and project management for environmental non-profit organizations. Projects have varied from water conservation and on-site septic system education to working with communities on exploration of community sewage treatment using wetlands. Other initiatives include piloting greywater systems and on-site septic system management programs. Presently, she is involved in developing tools and delivering alternative development education with a watershed stewardship group. Her pet project is using goats to control invasive alien plants.

Ronna-Rae and her husband, Ron, are proud to have raised a son and daughter in the Comox Valley. True Island kids, both children chose the University of Victoria for their first post-secondary education experience.

Director at Large

Councillor Merv Unger, City of Nanaimo



*Councillor Merv Unger
City of Nanaimo*

Merv Unger is serving his second term on Nanaimo City Council. He has an extensive history with civic government prior to being elected, having spent his working life in the news media, reporting on civic government. He was elected to Nanaimo city council in November, 2005 and re-elected in 2008.

His record of civic services includes:

- Nanaimo City Councillor, 2005 to present
- Chairman of Nanaimo Athletic Commission since 2000
- Co-chair of the Safer Nanaimo Working Group on community safety and affordable housing.
- City liaison to Nanaimo Airport Commission
- City liaison to Nanaimo Port Authority
- City liaison to Snuneymuxw First Nation and Port Authority tripartite protocol
- Former Director,

Regional District of Nanaimo, now serving as alternate Director

- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Liquid Waste Committee
- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Sustainability Committee
- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Hospital Board
- Member of the Mayor's Task Force on crystal meth addiction

Community Service:

- Past President, Nanaimo Addiction Foundation
- Past Director Nanaimo Regional General Hospital Board
- Founding member and Chairman of Nanaimo Crime Stoppers
- Member of Nanaimo Community Policing Advisory Board
- Mayor's Task Force on hotel/motel taxation
- Past Vice President of Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, Director for five years
- Past President of Rotary Club of Lantzville, July 2005-2006
- Member of the Executive Committee, St. John Ambulance
- Director of the BC Summer Games 2002 in Nanaimo
- Director of BC Disability Games 2005 in Nanaimo
- Founding member of Nanaimo Canada Day Committee

Merv is prepared to serve the broader community of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities if given the opportunity by members.

Director at Large

Councillor Stan McLennan, City of Port Hardy



*Councillor Stan McLennan
City of Port Hardy*

My name is Stan McLennan and I have a Councillor in Port Hardy for the past 18 years. I have also served as a Director on the Regional District of Mount Waddington board and was Chairman for five years.

I have attended the AVICC annual meeting and convention since I became a Councillor. I greatly appreciate the work of our Association and feel that I can contribute to the current and future activities of our organization.

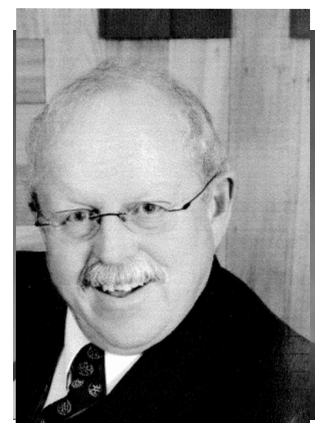
AVICC has developed a strong relationship with the provincial Ministries that can be so helpful to the resource industries on which we depend.

I have served on all the Committees of our Council and on most of the Committees of the Regional District. I can bring a lot of experience and common sense as a Director to our Association.

I would greatly appreciate your support in this election for AVICC Director at Large and thank you for considering my candidacy.

Director at Large

Kenn Whiteman – City of Port Alberni



*Councillor Kenn Whiteman
City of Port Alberni*

Kenn is serving his 2nd term as a Councillor for the City of Port Alberni. He has lived in the community for thirty years and for the most part raised his family there. Kenn has worked at all levels of government and chaired numerous non-profit organizations. His innovative style has found him on a variety of roles from nursing to teaching, clowning to recreation programming, entrepreneurship to writing. As well, he has been an international speaker on youth issues, a western dance instructor and a Toughlove Facilitator. He has a track record of over 40 years of volunteer community service in Alberta and British Columbia.

All the experiences he has gained throughout his career including a Masters Degree in Community Development from the University of Alberta, his diploma's as a Registered Nurse and a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, Business Partner/Owner of Pinnacle Youth Works Inc., Interim Manager of Pacific Rim Tourism, President of the Arrowsmith Rotary Club and Past President of the Port Alberni Tall Ships Society come to bear on his decision making skills as a City Councillor. As well, Kenn is Past President of the BC Council for Families and was once member of the Vancouver Foundation Youth Committee.

At present, his portfolio as a City Councillor in Port Alberni includes First Nations, Tourism, Children and Youth, Recreation and Economic Development. On a personal note he is married to Linda, they have five grand children between them and when they're not out riding motorcycles they're out kayaking on the west coast.

With the support of the AVICC membership those same skills of consensus building, cooperation and commitment to "Service Above Self" can be immediately applied to the AVICC Executive.

Electoral Area Representative

Director Mary Marcotte – Cowichan Valley RD



*Director Mary Marcotte
Cowichan Valley RD*

- I am married with two adult children;
- My husband and I own and operate a small home based business;
- The family has resided in Yellow Point area, north of Ladysmith, for thirty years;
- I have been active in the community as a volunteer for almost thirty years
- I was first introduced to local politics and planning issues when I was asked to serve on the local Advisory Planning Commission in 1980s;
- In 1996, I was elected as the Electoral Area Director for Area H, North Oyster/Diamond in the Cowichan Valley Regional District;
- I was acclaimed as the CVRD Area H Director in 1999, 2002 and 2005, and re-elected in 2008;
- Over the years, I have served on of most of the Cowichan Valley Regional District committees and served as Chairperson of the Electoral Area Services Committee as well as other CVRD committees;
- In 2003, I was elected Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board and Chair of the Hospital Board - I served as Chair for three years;
- As Chair, I traveled to Kumasi, Ghana to head a Municipal Partnership Mission between Canadian International Development Agency, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Cowichan Valley Regional District and African Local Government Associations
- Through my travels among the Islands and along other B.C. coastal areas, I have acquired first hand knowledge about Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and what matters to them
- I have always been a strong advocate for rural directors
- At the 2008 Convention, I was elected as your AVICC Electoral Area Representative at 2008
- I am dedicated to serving you and committed to addressing Electoral Area issues by working through AVICC and UBCM