



Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

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Island Corridor Funding Tops AVICC Agenda

(Victoria, British Columbia) The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) will be seeking \$15 million in capital funding from the federal and provincial governments to improve the rail line between Victoria and Courtenay.

“The continued development of the island corridor is a high priority for communities in our area,” said Joe Stanhope, AVICC President. “We need to increase, rather than decrease, transportation options for our residents. The AVICC will be speaking with the federal and provincial governments to seek the improvements necessary to restore daily rail service.”

A resolution calling for additional funding was endorsed at the 2011 AVICC annual meeting that was held in Sidney. The AVICC is an association of local elected officials drawn from 51 communities on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. Other resolutions of note from the meeting included calls for the provincial government to:

- Restrict the use of indoor tanning beds by youth under 18 year of age;
- Restore library funding to 2009 levels and index this funding parallel to the Consumer Price Index; and
- Allow property taxation on BC Hydro properties and develop a method of compensation for local governments that provide services to BC Hydro.

The meeting approved the composition of its 2011-12 Executive as follows:

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The event's keynote speaker was Dr. Andrew J. Weaver, Professor and Canada Research Chair in climate modeling and analysis in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria.

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