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PROGRAM IN BRIEF

Friday, April 13, 2012

10:30 am Pre-Conference Study Tours
2:00 pm Official Opening, Keynote
Address, Provincial
Representatives Addresses,
AGM & Presentations
5:30 pm Welcome Reception

Saturday, April 14, 2012

7:00 am Deluxe Continental
Breakfast
8:30 am Elections, UBCM President's
Address, Resolutions &
Presentations
Noon Delegates Luncheon
1:15 pm Concurrent Workshop
Sessions
6:00 pm Reception, Dinner &
Entertainment

Sunday, April 15, 2012

7:00 am Hot Breakfast
8:30 am Elections, Presentations,
Resolutions & Late
Resolutions, Closing
Session, Installation of New
Executive & Grand Prize
Award
Noon Adjournment

The most recent version of the program and detailed session descriptions are available on www.AVICC.ca

Soon we will get together for our Annual General Meeting & Convention in the tranquil community of Ucluelet whose motto is "Living on the Edge."

As always, a wide variety of resolution topics of interest to island and coastal community local governments will be debated. In addition to the regular business of the AGM, a number of presentations and workshops on topical issues have been scheduled throughout the three days including two pre-conference tours for Friday morning. We are pleased to have Dr. Kate Moran, Director of NEPTUNE Canada as our keynote speaker Friday afternoon and Richard Bullock, Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission Sunday morning.

Staff has been working closely with the local organizing committee to ensure you have a full range of activities, providing an opportunity to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates.

Thank you to our sponsors. Without their support, we would not be able to provide delegates with the same value added Convention experience.

On behalf of the AVICC Executive, we look forward to seeing you in Ucluelet.

*President Joe Stanhope
Chair of the Nanaimo Regional District*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dr. Kate Moran

Dr. Moran will present NEPTUNE Canada, an 800 km long, regional cabled ocean network that spans the northern Juan de Fuca tectonic plate offshore Vancouver Island. She will describe this technically advanced system, which provides continuous power and high bandwidth for enabling the collection of real-time physical, chemical, geological, and biological oceanographic data at resolutions relevant for furthering our understanding of the dynamics of the earth-ocean system. Examples of applications of NEPTUNE data will be highlighted, including understanding fish and marine mammals, monitoring the venting of seafloor methane hydrate, studying life in extreme environments, and understanding earthquakes and tsunamis.

Dr. Kate Moran joined NEPTUNE Canada as Director in September 2011. NEPTUNE Canada is the world's first regional-scale cabled observatory network, located off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Dr. Moran was previously Assistant Director in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in Washington, DC.



PLEASE BRING YOUR REUSABLE COFFEE CUP AND WATER BOTTLE!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU!

To Our Sponsors and Tradeshow Exhibitors

- FortisBC Energy Inc.
- University of Victoria
- BC Hydro
- Association of Mineral Exploration BC & Mining Association of BC
- BC Lottery Corporation
- Vancouver Island University
- Municipal Insurance Association
- ICBC
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Private Forest Landowners, Timberwest and Islands Timberland
- Shaw Communications
- BC Ferry Services Inc.
- Lorena P.D. Staples Law Corporation
- Biomaxx Wastewater Solutions Inc.
- VI Spine Trail Association
- BC Transit
- Coastal Invasive Plant Committee
- Tourism Ucluelet
- Tourism Vancouver Island
- Forever Green Electric Cars
- District of Sooke

To Our Hosts and Their Community Partners



Special thanks are extended to the District of Ucluelet for hosting the 2012 AGM & Convention. We appreciate your local organizing committee's enthusiasm, leadership and contribution in making the 2012 AGM & Convention a terrific experience. Thank you as well to all of the community partners for your contributions.

A draft of the detailed program is available on www.AVICC.ca and has been included in the *Annual Report and Resolutions Book*. The final program will be included in the *Supplementary Materials Package* that delegates receive when they register onsite.

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- Keynote Address - Dr. Kate Moran, Director of NEPTUNE Canada
- The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
- Island Corridor Foundation Update

SATURDAY MORNING

- Island Corridor Foundation Rail Corridor Land-Use Planning Clinic
- Green Jobs, Affordable Housing, and Energy Conservation Presentation
- UBCM President Heath Slee, Director, East Kootenay RD
- FortisBC Presentation

SATURDAY AFTERNOON concurrent workshops

- Role of Local Governments During Oil Spill Response
- Jobs Plan Update
- BC Aquaculture Regulatory Program
- Shared Jurisdictional Roles for Managing Aquaculture
- Coastal Community Network Update

SUNDAY MORNING

- Municipal Insurance Association Presentation
- Implementation of Maa-nulth Treaty Within the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District
- Agricultural Land Commission Presentation

For session descriptions and biographical information on presenters, please go to www.AVICC.ca.

MINI-MARKETPLACE AND TRADESHOW HOURS

FRIDAY, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM



SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENTS, PRE-CONFERENCE AND PARTNERS PROGRAMS

SOCIAL AND NETWORKING EVENTS

A number of activities will allow delegates the opportunity to network and relax.

Welcome Reception

Friday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Black Rock Resort
Lobby/Lounge/Mezzanine & Cellar
Local area displays will be located on the Lobby and Mezzanine Levels

Annual Banquet And Reception

Saturday, 6:00-10:30 pm
Dinner - UCC Main Hall
Reception – UCC Lobby, Rooms 1/2/3 & Fitness Studio.

Saturday Breakfast

7:00-8:15 am
Black Rock Resort
Dining Room & Cellar (Non-programmed)
Rainforest Ballroom (ICF Corridor
Planning Clinic)

Delegates Luncheon

12:00 noon – 1:15 pm
UCC Main Hall/Activity Rm 1/2/3
Coffee/Dessert in the Marketplace Tent

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00-8:15 am
Black Rock Resort Dining Room & Ballroom

Refreshment Breaks

Marketplace Tent / Lobby

Food services will provide healthy options and where available locally produced ingredients.

Full descriptions of the pre-conference tours and partner programs is available on www.AVICC.ca and was published in the Program Brochure distributed in January.

PRE-CONFERENCE STUDY TOURS

If you have registered for one of the two pre-conference study tours, please note the following times/dates and meeting locations:

Study Tour of the New Ucluelet Aquarium

10:30 – 11:30 am, Friday, April 13th
Meet at the Ucluelet Aquarium, Main Street Waterfront Promenade

Study Tour of the Wild Pacific Trail with “Oyster Jim” Martin

10:30 – 11:30 am, Friday, April 13th
Meet at the Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive. Reminder to wear proper footwear and clothing for a light hike and bring an umbrella and raincoat.

PARTNERS PROGRAM

If you have registered your partner or guest for one of the three Partner Programs, please note the following times/dates and meeting locations:

Ucluelet Heritage Tour

10:00 am – noon, Saturday, April 14th
Meet at the front doors of the Ucluelet Community Centre

Wild Pacific Trail Guided Walks

#1 - 2:00 – approx.. 3:30 pm, Friday, April 13th - Meet at Brown’s Beach Parking Lot
#2 - 2:00 – approx.. 3:30 pm, Saturday, April 14th - Meet at Coast Guard Road Parking Lot
Pick up map at the Registration Desk at time of registration. Reminder to wear proper footwear and clothing for a light hike and bring an umbrella and raincoat.

Partners and guests may also be interested in other activities that Ucluelet offers; go to www.ucluelet.ca and click on 2012 AVICC Partners Program for special offers for Convention partners and guests.



ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS BOOK

The 2012 Annual Report and Resolutions Book was distributed to members by regular mail in mid March. If you have not received your copy, please contact the AVICC office by calling 250-356-5122 or by email at avicc@ubcm.ca, or obtain a pdf from www.AVICC.ca.

The report contains the following key pieces of information:

- President Stanhope's report to members on the year's activities;
- Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011 and the 2012 proposed budget;
- The draft program for the 2012 AGM & Convention;
- Responses received to the 2011 AVICC endorsed resolutions;
- The 2012 resolutions and nominations received prior to the February 24, 2012 deadline;
- The Conference Rules, the Procedures for Handling Resolutions and the Nominations and Elections Procedures; and
- The 2011-12 Executive List, the Membership List and a list of Life Members.

Please bring your copy with you to the AGM & Convention.

Delegates will receive a *Supplementary Information Package* when they register onsite that will contain comments and the Resolutions Committee's recommendations on resolutions and a report on resolutions received after the deadline.

The following are the resolutions received by the February 24, 2012 resolutions deadline:

Part 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

- RR1 Equity In Funding For Municipal Police Services (Victoria)
- RR2 Stormwater Management In Electoral Areas (Comox Valley Rd)
- RR3 Hydro Smart Meters (Gibsons)

Part 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

- R1 Declared Nuisances (Cowichan Valley RD)
- R2 Reductions To Coast Guard Marine Radio/Traffic Control Centres (Gold River, Sayward, Strathcona RD)
- R3 Decriminalization Of Marijuana (Metchosin)
- R4 Bamfield Road Safety Issues (Alberni-Clayoquot RD)
- R5 Permissive Taxation Exemption (Parksville)
- R6 Taxable Occupiers Of Hospitals (View Royal)
- R7 Creation Of Participatory Budgeting Software (Victoria)
- R8 Qualified Environmental Professionals (Cowichan Valley RD)
- R9 Exterior Full Cut-Off Lighting (Sunshine Coast RD)
- R10 Removal Of Derelict & Abandoned Vessels From Coastal Waters (Ladysmith)
- R11 Tsunami Debris To Hit West Coast In 2014 (Alberni-Clayoquot RD)
- R12 Blue Carbon Credits (Comox Valley RD)
- R13 Vancouver Island Spine Trail (AVICC Executive)
- R14 Reinstatement Of Farm Funding For Deer Fencing (Central Saanich)
- R15 Farm Mentorship Programs (AVICC Executive)
- R16 Increased Quota Levels To Support Regional Food Self-Sufficiency (Alberni-Clayoquot RD)
- R17 BC Hydro Rate Increases (Parksville)
- R18 Development Cost Charges For Fire Suppression (Sunshine Coast RD)
- R19 Generating Sustainable Funding For Rural Fire Departments (Cowichan Valley RD)
- R20 Funding For BC Conservation Service (Sunshine Coast RD)
- R21 School Based Youth Mental Health Services (Colwood)
- R22 Housing For Adults With Development Disabilities (Duncan, Nanaimo City)



CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE

2012-12 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

An 8 person Executive Board is elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting & Convention to provide the ongoing administration and policy determination for the Association. To be eligible, a candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC local government member and then must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A two person nominating committee appointed by the President is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process. The Chair of the 2012 Nominating Committee is Courtenay Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2012 AGM & Convention:

President

- Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD

First Vice-President

- Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney

Second Vice-President

- Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni

Director at Large (three to be elected*)

- Councillor Marianne Alto, Victoria
- Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt
- Mayor Graham Hill, View Royal
- Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River
- Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD
- Councillor Barbara Price, Comox
- Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust

*A fourth Director at Large may be required in place of the Past President should Chair Joe Stanhope be re-elected as President for 2012-13.

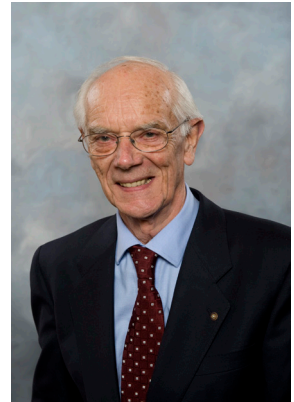
Electoral Area Representative

- Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the AGM & Convention.

President: Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo Regional District

Currently Joe Stanhope is serving his tenth year as Chairperson for the Regional District of Nanaimo. He has been the Director for the RDN's Electoral Area "G" for six terms. Joe is also Trustee for BC's Municipal Finance Authority and is currently President of the Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities (AVICC). He is a Director on the Island Coastal Economic Trust. His early career in politics began in Port Alberni when he was elected as a Councillor for the City of Port Alberni and a Municipal Director on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.



Joe's employment experience includes 24 years in management for BC's forest industry, in both the logging and pulp & paper sectors. He spent 18 years as a manager with the Provincial Government's Ministry of Finance and other Ministries.

First Vice President: Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney

Family:

- Married to Dianne Cross, 49 years
- Two children, a daughter in Vancouver and a son in Dublin, both attended Sidney/North Saanich Schools and the University of Victoria
- Lived in Sidney/North Saanich since 1973

Education:

- Victoria High School
- University of Victoria (Bachelor of Education, Secondary School)
- University of British Columbia (Graduate Studies in English Literature)
- University of Washington School of Business (Certificate in Bargaining/Negotiations)
- B.C. Justice Institute (Certificate in Investigation)
- B.C. Business Council (Certificate in Grievance Administration)

Work History:

- Teacher in Fernie, Sooke and Saanich School Districts
- Curriculum Coordinator, Parkland Secondary School
- District Curriculum Coordinator, Saanich School District
- Vice-Principal, Parkland Secondary School
- Principal, North Saanich Middle School
- Director of Instruction, Saanich School District
- Member, BC Public Schools Employers' Association bargaining team for Adult Education
- Private Consultant in K-12 Education Sector specializing in Human Resources/Labour Relations issues (negotiations, mediations, investigations, collective agreement management, organizational analysis, management training)

Professional Leadership:

- President, Education Undergraduate Society, UVic
- President, Saanich Teachers' Association





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ELECTIONS PROCESS

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, 2:15 PM*

- Nominating Committee presents the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President
Nominations from the floor are received

FRIDAY, APRIL 13th, 4:10 PM*

- Candidate speeches, if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 8:00-8:30 AM*

- Elections for Officers, if necessary

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 11:15 AM*

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for 3 Directors at Large
Nominations from the floor are received
Candidate speeches, if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 1:00-1:30 PM*

- Elections for Directors at Large, if necessary

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 8:30 AM*

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for EA Rep
Nominations from the floor are received
Candidate speeches, if necessary

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 9:55-10:15 AM*

- Elections for EA Rep, if necessary

The new Executive will be introduced and installed at 11:45 am, Sunday, April 15th.

*Note: Times are based on the draft AGM & Convention Program as known at the time of publishing this newsletter.

Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney Cont'd

- President, Saanich School District Administrators' Association
Chair, Vancouver Island Chapter, BC School Personnel Administrators' Association
Workshop presenter on K-12 educational issues

Community Service:

- Founding President, UVic Education Undergraduate Society
North Saanich Recycle Coordinator
Chair, Deep Cove Ratepayers' Association
Member, North Saanich Environmental Commission
Member of Friends of Pat Bay (instrumental in the creation of the Pat Bay Park)
Chair, Friends of the Sidney/North Saanich Regional Library
Chair, Memorial Park Society
Chair, Sidney Police Advisory Committee
Member, Mary Winspear Centre Management Committee
Infrastructure Grant Administrator, SANSCHA Foundation
Chair, Communications Committee, Alumni Association, UVic
President, Alumni Association, UVic
Senator, the University of Victoria (Provincial Government Order-in-Council Appointment)
Senator, the University of Victoria (elected by the Convocation)
Councillor, Town of Sidney, 2006-2008
Volunteer for many community activities
Mayor, Town of Sidney 2009 - Present

Second Vice President: Councillor Cindy N. Solda, Port Alberni

In 2011 Cindy Solda was elected to the AVICC Executive and is now seeking re-election for 2012 for the position of Second Vice-President.

A Councillor of the City of Port Alberni since September 2001, Cindy's work on behalf of the community has led to her re-election through five consecutive elections. Although Cindy has been assigned to many local and regional initiatives throughout her time on Council she is most noted for her more recent responsibilities with the following committees: Planning, Health and Protective Services (Fire, Police, Animal Control, Building Inspection, Planning)

- I. Member of Exemption, Grants and Aides Committee
II. Liaison with Advisory Planning Commission
III. Liaison with the Emergency Program
IV. Liaison to Continuing Care Societies (seniors)
V. Liaison with Community Stakeholders Initiative on Homelessness
VI. Member of Personnel Committee
VII. Court of Revision
VIII. Regional Emergency Planning Committee



Cindy is currently the Vice-Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Chair of the Regional Hospital District. In December of 2011 Cindy was also appointed by the UBCM for a three year term to the RCMP Contract Management Committee.



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Councillor Cindy N. Solda Cont'd

Prior to entering politics Cindy attended the theatre program at Malaspina College and the University of Victoria. This experience led to roles as a director, producer and actress in numerous artistic productions. Since marrying her husband Gianni, Cindy has also worked in his family restaurant business for the past 20 years. A strong supporter of local arts, Cindy has also started a promotional company bringing high profile entertainers and music acts to Port Alberni with all proceeds benefiting local non-profit societies.

Cindy has three grown children, Pietro, Carlo and Natasha who have all completed or are nearing completion of post-secondary programs in health and psychology related fields.

Director at Large: Councillor Marianne Alto, Victoria

Re-elected to Victoria City Council in 2011, Marianne Alto is a small businesswoman and facilitator, active in the community for 23 years.

Graduating from Dalhousie Law School in 1988, Marianne returned home to Victoria to work. Marianne was Coordinator of the city's only broad-based centre providing educational, advocacy, and support services for women, then served as senior assistant to the Health Minister and as a senior analyst in the office of the Premier. Since 1996, Marianne has been principal in Azimuth Research and Consulting, a firm specializing in outcome-based organizational change, facilitation, strategic planning, project management and research, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.



Marianne is currently a Director of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, and a long-time host-parent for international students at Lester Pearson College. Marianne has been a director of the Oaklands Community Association, Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, Victoria Conservatory of Music, and hosted news and music programming on CFUV Community Radio. In addition to her law degree, Marianne has a Bachelor of Science in Geography from University of Victoria.

Marianne thinks local government can balance – and build – limited financial resources with the obligation to provide quality public services. Marianne values effective public engagement and uses her experience as a facilitator to include residents in decisions that affect their quality of life.

Marianne serves on Victoria's Planning and Land Use, Finance, Conference Centre, and 150th Anniversary Committees. She is Council liaison to Downtown Victoria Business Association and

University of Victoria, a member of Victoria Regional Transit Commission, and neighbourhood liaison for Oaklands, where she facilitates biweekly Open Door sessions. Marianne is an elected Director of the Capital Regional District, and a member of CRD Hospital Board and CRD Planning and Transportation Committee. Marianne is Treasurer of Capital Regional Housing Corporation.

Director at Large: Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt

Meagan Brame is a wife and mother of two boys. She is an Esquimalt business owner and has started her second term on council. Meagan has always been a strong supporter for children, youth and families in the Greater Victoria area and is actively involved in many community events and committees. Meagan feels she is a hard worker; she participates and works hard for her community in everything she does and will take that energy forward to the Executive of the AVICC. Meagan has served on the Capital Regional District Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Alternate), Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce, Local Government Treaty Committee (Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee) (Alternate), Esquimalt's Celebration of Lights Committee, Local Grant Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Advisory Planning Commission, Arts, Culture and Special Events Committee and the Access Awareness Advisory Committee. As you can see Meagan will bring a diverse background of knowledge and skills to the table as well as a strong work ethic.



Director at Large: Mayor Graham Hill, View Royal

Born in Staffordshire, England, Graham trained as a metallurgist and moved to Canada to work at his profession in the laboratories of Cominco. An industrial accident led to a career change and for the next 35 years, he held senior positions in computing in the private sector and in the provincial and federal governments. He has been a systems consultant, manager and executive for many public service organizations including the RCMP, Revenue Canada and Public Works Canada.



In the British Columbia government he was a director of information systems for the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.



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Mayor Graham Hill, View Royal Cont'd

He has owned a busy consulting practice and worked in the coal and steel industry.

Graham Hill became the third Mayor of the Town of View Royal on Dec. 2, 2002. Operating with an open door policy, the Mayor works purposefully to ensure that Council is open and listening to resident-based interests and concerns. Graham also works to raise the profile and awareness of View Royal interests throughout the region and at the Capital Regional District.

A respected leader and innovator, Graham has lived in different regions of BC and Canada, and has been on the boards of the several charitable and sports organizations including junior and senior hockey leagues. Professionally, he has been the recipient of numerous technical and business awards. He was a member of the steering committee of the first View Royal Official Community Plan. His outside interests include a passion for projects at his retirement property on the Sunshine Coast where large trees, big water and working a mountainside offer all the challenges and pleasures that one could want. His credo in all that he does is to "make a lasting difference".

Director at Large: Councilor Claire Moglove, Campbell River

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, I graduated from the University of Manitoba Law School in 1979, at which time I moved to Vancouver, BC to article. After twelve years in Vancouver, I relocated my law practice to Campbell River in October of 1992, focusing on Family Law, Mediation and Collaborative Law. In 1998 I chose to eliminate litigation from my law practice and to devote my time and skills to mediation, negotiation and collaborative law.



My background and skill as a lawyer and mediator will continue to serve me well at the AVICC executive level.

Council Experience

- First elected to Campbell River City Council 2008, re-elected 2011;
- Elected to the executive of AVICC in 2011;
- City of Campbell River representative at the Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital Board (2008 to present) and elected Chair in January 2012;
- Appointed to fill a vacancy on the UBCM Executive in January 2012;
- City of Campbell River representative at the Strathcona Regional

- District (2008 – present);
- City of Campbell River representative at the Strathcona Gardens Commission (2008 – 2011) and the Comox-Strathcona Regional Solid Waste Board (2008 – present); and
- Past Council Liaison to the Community Advisory Committee, Culture and Heritage Sub-Committee, Task Force on Homelessness and the Homelessness Coalition.

Community Involvement:

- Volunteer coordinator for the Campbell River Relay for Life and the Terry Fox Run;
- Past Board member for the Campbell River Museum;
- Organizing committees for various sporting events (XTC Off-Road Triathlon, Merville 15K run, and Miracle Beach run);
- Past President of the Strathcona Triathlon Club; and
- Past Member of the Business and Professional Women's Network.

Director at Large: Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD

I have served in local government for 20 years as an Alderman, Mayor, Regional Director and Chair of the Powell River Regional Board for 13 years.



As a Director on the North Island 9-1-1 Corporation and representative on the North Island Sunshine Coast Advisory Committee of ICET, I have a good sense of the issues on the Coast and Vancouver Island. At the present time I am heading up a group of 12 Regional District Chairs and the Islands Trust Chair which is tackling the flaws in the Coastal Ferry Act which governs BC Ferries.

I have attended AVICC and UBCM Conventions for many years and feel I can work for all the members of AVICC as a Director at Large.



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Director at Large: Councillor Barbara Price, Comox

Barbara Price currently serves on the AVICC Executive as an interim Director at Large. Previous to this, she was elected for three successive years to the AVICC Executive.



Barbara is a Comox Councillor with a broad background. She started as a Comox councillor in 1990 followed by four terms as an Electoral Area Director on the Comox Valley Regional District Board. Before raising a family, she worked as a Town Planner and has a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning.

Barbara Price is a hardworking advocate for her community. She wants to bring her knowledge of local government, her leadership experience and her strong voice to the challenges facing all Vancouver Island and our mainland coastal communities. She would be honoured to continue serving as one of your Directors at Large on the AVICC Executive.

Director At Large – Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust

Gary was first elected as Trustee for North Pender Island in a 2004 by-election. He has subsequently been re-elected in 2005, 2008 and 2011. In 2005, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust Council as Vice-Chair, serving two terms in that role.



During the 2005 and 2008 terms of office, Gary served on the Local Planning Committee and Financial Planning Committee of the Trust Council. He also served as Chair of the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) for six years, the Mayne Island LTC for six years, the Galiano LTC for four years, the South Pender LTC for four years and the Saturna Island LTC for three years.

Following the 2011 local elections, Gary did not stand for re-election to the Executive Committee of the Trust. He was, however, elected Chair of the Financial Planning Committee of the Trust. Gary was born and educated in New Brunswick, subsequently worked in a number of different industries as well as the House of Commons, the Canadian Labour Congress and the BCGEU. He retired in 2004 after a 25 year career with the BCGEU as Director of Organizing and Field Services. He served on a number of boards and commissions

including BC Labour Force Development Board and the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission.

Gary is married to Marina Horvath and resides on Pender Island.

Electoral Area Director: 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 BC 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 and have been re-elected twice; and
- I am dedicated to serving you and committed to addressing Electoral Area issues by working through AVICC and UBCM.





TRAVELLING TO UCLUELET

- From Port McNeill – 440 km, 5.25 hours driving
- From Comox – 210 km, 3 hours driving
- From Nanaimo – 180 km, 2.5 hours driving
- From Victoria – 288 km, 4 hours driving
- From Vancouver – 196 km, 2.75 hours driving and 1.5 hours ferry

When traveling north from Nanaimo, exit west on Provincial Highway 4 towards Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet. Eventually, you will arrive at the junction of Highway 4 and the Pacific Rim Highway, which runs south 8 kilometres to Ucluelet or north through the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve to Tofino. Turn left at the junction.

Although unlikely, delegates should be prepared for the possibility of a late winter storm that can affect driving conditions on the Pacific Rim Highway. Updated driving conditions are available on <http://www.drivebc.ca> including a web cam on the Sutton Pass.

PREPARING FOR THE WEATHER

Ucluelet is dominated by its weather. Its location on the Estevan Coastal Plain, wedged between the sea and the mountains, creates a maritime climate unique to Canada. Delegates should expect an average high temperature of 12°C with a low of 4°C and the possibility of heavy precipitation (the average for Ucluelet in April is 244mm).

Delegates and their guests are asked to ensure that they bring suitable clothing, footwear and an umbrella as it will be necessary to move between the Ucluelet Community Centre and the Black Rock Resort (a short 5-7 min walk).

Venue Locations

Business Meetings, Mini Marketplace, Delegate's Lunch, Saturday Evening Banquet – Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive
Welcome Reception – Black Rock Resort, 596 Marine Drive
Ucluelet Aquarium – Main Street Waterfront Promenade

Parking

Sufficient parking for all delegates is not available at the Ucluelet Community Centre. Delegates staying at the Black Rock Resort are asked to park and leave their vehicles at the hotel for the duration of the Convention. Delegates staying at other locations are asked to carpool to the Ucluelet Community Centre. A shuttle bus will be available to transport delegates and their guests to and from the Saturday evening reception and banquet.

Registration Desk Hours

Friday, April 13th

10:00-10:45 am
12:30-4:00 pm

Saturday, April 14th

7:45-9:00 am and then as needed in the AVICC Office

Delegate Services

Wireless internet access will be available at the Ucluelet Community Centre. No other business services will be provided.

Planning for Meals Not Included in the Conference Program

Delegates are on their own for dinner Thursday evening; and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday (the Friday Welcome Reception will be held 5:30-7:30 pm with appies provided). Ucluelet offers many small eateries that will be advised to expect increased numbers; however, delegates are strongly encouraged to make advance reservations especially for the Friday evening to avoid disappointment. A list of eateries, locations, contact information and links to menus is available on our website and will also be available at the onsite registration desk.

Next Year's AGM & Convention Plans

2013 – April 12, 13 and 14 - Sooke, BC

An accommodations list for Sooke is expected to be available shortly after the 2012 Convention. It will be posted on www.AVICC.ca and distributed via email to members as soon as it becomes available.

For More Information

See www.AVICC.ca

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