



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AVICC Members

**FROM:** Councillor Barbara Price, President

**DATE:** June 24, 2015

**RE:** **JUNE 2015 – UPDATE TO MEMBERS**

Executive met in Nanaimo June 18. Following are some highlights.

### **Private Managed Forest Lands and Water and Watershed Protection**

AVICC Executive met with Brian Epps, Source Water Protection Specialist with Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. He advised that his colleagues in his own Ministry and the Ministry of Health and VIHA no longer believe that a working stakeholder group similar to the old Drinking Water Team is a workable option. The proposal coming forward is to develop an inter-jurisdictional contact list to assist local governments to be able to identify the key contacts for the specific problem that they need to resolve. Executive expressed their disappointment with the response, but agreed that development of a contact list would be helpful starting point.

### **AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management**

The AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management was formed in response to the need identified by members to initiate a process to work toward finding a long-term sustainable strategy for solid waste management on Vancouver Island and the coastal communities. The nine regional districts within the AVICC region are committed participants.

The Committee began its work May 1 and has met three times to date—the most recently at a workshop June 19 in Nanaimo facilitated by Tetra Tech EBA which has been contracted by the Comox Valley Regional District as an in-kind contribution to complete the base of research for the project.

The terms of reference, a list of representatives, the meeting schedule and approved minutes are posted on <http://avicc.ca> under the Newsroom tab.

### **Gas Operating Agreement Update**

Executive was pleased to learn that the BC Utilities Commission has approved 13 of 26 operating agreements. It is expected that the remainder will be approved shortly. Because of the timing of the approvals, the implementation timing will be affected. Once all have been approved, an update will be sent out to members with the revised revenue estimates.

### **Minutes of the 2015 AGM & Convention**

The draft Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held April 10-12, 2015 in Courtenay have been attached and will also be available for future reference on the website <http://avicc.ca/category/resources/agmconvention-minutes/> The minutes will be approved at the next Annual General Meeting held as part of the 2016 Convention. A number of presenters at the 2015 Convention used Power Point. Copies of the handouts where available have been posted in the same location.

### **September 23 AVICC Luncheon at UBCM Convention**

The AVICC Luncheon to be held September 23 in conjunction with the UBCM Convention provides another great opportunity to network with your fellow AVICC members. Executive looks forward to seeing you there.

### **2017-2019 Convention Dates/Locations**

Dates have now been identified for the 2017-2019 AVICC AGM & Conventions:

- 2017: April 7-9
- 2018: April 13-15
- 2019: April 12-14

Executive is pleased to award the City of Campbell River as host community for 2017.

The AVICC Executive is seeking expressions of interest from local government members in hosting the 2018 and 2019 Conventions. Please see the separate notice with details of requirements. Expressions of interest will be received until September 30.

### **AVICC's Executive Coordinator is Retiring**

AVICC contracts with UBCM to provide services that support the Association. The majority of this support is provided by UBCM through the position of the AVICC Executive Coordinator. Iris Hesketh-Boles, with the exception of a break in 2013-2014, has served the Association well since 2009. Iris will be retiring from UBCM at the end of June to pursue other opportunities. We'd like to thank her for her professionalism and excellence in service, organization and planning; and wish her the best in her future endeavors. UBCM is in the process of initiating a recruitment process with the expectation that a new AVICC Executive Coordinator will be in place by mid to late August. In the interim, all email should be directed to [avicc@ubcm.ca](mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca) and telephone calls to 250-356-5133.