

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to this year’s Convention being held in my own neighboring community, the City of Courtenay. Courtenay is the largest community in the Comox Valley. Set in beautiful scenery, it offers a rich history and numerous recreational and cultural opportunities. Sample internationally award winning wines and cheeses. Shop and dine in an atmosphere of small town hospitality. Visit the museum and art gallery and learn about the past and view the amazing local artistic talent. The City of Courtenay has hosted the Convention three times, coincidentally, exactly 10 years apart (1995,

2005 and now 2015). This year is extra special as it is the City of Courtenay’s centennial year.

We are pleased to have Tonia Winchester as our keynote speaker Friday afternoon. The format of her presentation will allow for approximately 20 minutes of questions. Other plenary presentations include the Future of BC Ferries on Friday afternoon and Who’s Covering Your Assets? on Sunday morning. Delegates will also have an opportunity to choose from five concurrent workshops on Saturday afternoon.

The majority of Saturday morning will be spent debating resolutions. For the first time, the Resolution Committee’s Comments and Recommendations have been published in advance in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book. This has been challenging to implement operationally, but we are hoping that members find it of value and an improvement to the resolutions debate process.

Staff has been working closely with the local organizing committee to ensure you have a full range of activities, providing opportunities to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates. As always sponsors play an important part in our Convention. Without their support, we would not be able to provide such a high quality experience for our delegates. We thank them for their continued participation and look forward to having their representatives in attendance. A dozen will be participating with booths in our Tradeshow. Please take the time to visit. They would love to talk with you.

On behalf of the AVICC Executive, we are looking forward to seeing you in Courtenay.

Keynote Speaker



Tonia S. Winchester, Former Deputy Campaign Director Washington State Initiative 502

Marijuana legalization is an important topic facing Vancouver Island and its surrounding communities. With Washington state just across the border implementing a state-wide recreational marijuana system and the launch of Canada’s nationwide medical marijuana mail-to-order program, MMPR, the issue is even more pressing. What are the challenges of implementing full legalization, and how should communities start addressing the topic? What

worked in Washington State, and how does the current system in Canada actually operate? Tonia will provide an overview of the Washington state campaign, the current MMPR model, and will answer your questions about what your community needs to be thinking about as you approach the Canadian federal elections this year.

See page 5 for biographical information on Tonia.

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2015 PROGRAM IN BRIEF

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

8:00 am	Registration for Pre-Conference Program
8:30 am	Pre-Conference Program
12:30 pm	General Registration
1:45 pm	Official Opening, Keynote Address, Provincial Representative Address & <i>Future of BC Ferries</i> Presentation
*Note Earlier Start Time	
5:30 pm	Welcome Reception & Tradeshow

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

7:15 am	Networking Breakfast & Tradeshow
7:15 am	Working Breakfast Presentation: <i>Regulation of Forest Management Activities on Private Managed Forest Lands</i>
8:30 am	Elections, AGM, Resolutions & Fortis BC Presentation
Noon	Delegates Luncheon
12:45pm	Dessert & Coffee in the Tradeshow
1:10 pm	Activity Break
1:30 pm	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
6:15 pm	Annual Banquet Reception
7:30 pm	Annual Banquet

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

7:15 am	Networking Breakfast
8:30 am	Elections, Resolutions, UBCM President’s Address, Late Resolutions, Official Opposition’s Address, <i>Who’s Covering Your Assets? Presentation</i> , Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
12 noon	Adjournment

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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.

POLITICAL SPEAKERS

Parliamentary Secretary Linda Reimer will provide the Provincial Address on Friday afternoon. UBCM President, Burnaby Councillor Sav Dhaliwal and Opposition Leader Mr. John Horgan will address delegates on Sunday. Minister Oakes and Premier Clark have sent their regrets.

SATURDAY MORNING WORKING BREAKFAST

Regulation of Forest Management Activities on Private Managed Forest Land

The Managed Forest Council will discuss its role as the regulator of forest management practices on private managed forest land. The session will provide delegates with specific knowledge on the Managed Forest Program, its provincial mandate and the effectiveness of its professional reliance model in protecting five key resource areas on private managed forest land. The presentation is designed to answer questions elected officials may have around Council regulatory standards and how an owner's performance around these standards are evaluated through its ongoing inspection and investigation program.

Presenter: Rod Davis, Chair, Managed Forest Council

PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Future of Coastal Ferry Services (Friday)

For decades, local governments have been concerned about the negative impacts of coastal ferry fare increases on their communities. In 2014, concerns intensified with fare increases, the implementation of provincially-mandated service cuts to lifeline ferry routes, and the release of the UBCM report *Boatswains to the Bollards: A Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of BC Ferries* that documented the serious socioeconomic impacts caused by high ferry fares. This session will provide an overview of the BC Ferry Commissioner's preliminary decision for price caps that will apply to coastal ferry fares for 2016-2020 and resulting potential implications. It will also provide background on the Coastal Regional District Chairs Group's work and recent meetings with the Minister and the Ferry Commissioner. This session is intended to stimulate a lively discussion about visions for the coastal ferry service from 2016 forward, and next steps for local government to consider as the provincial government reviews the Commissioners Report and the Coastal Ferry Services Contract with BC Ferries from April to June 30.

Presenters: Colin Palmer, AVICC Director, Chair of the Regional District Coastal Ferry Group and Powell River RD Director; and Alison Morse, Bowen Island Municipal Councillor, Islands Trust Council Trustee and Co-chair of Ferry Advisory Committee

Who's Covering Your Assets? (Sunday)

Local governments' linear assets are the foundation on which our communities are built. The immediate and long-term successful recovery and rebuilding efforts following a natural catastrophe are critical to health, safety and community wellbeing. There is no insurance to cover the cost of repairs, so reliance is currently placed on funding from senior levels of government. Yet funding gaps in disaster programs will produce significant unfunded liabilities at the local government level. These gaps can be addressed with measured funding and established risk financing techniques. This session will focus on identifying those funding gaps, assessing their magnitude, and implementing mitigation techniques.

Presenter: Tom Barnes, CEO and General Counsel, Municipal Insurance Association



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- FortisBC Energy Inc.
- BC Hydro
- BC Lottery Corporation
- Municipal Finance Authority
- Vancouver Island University
- BC Assessment
- Municipal Insurance Association
- Island Health
- Association for Mineral Exploration BC and GeoScience BC
- ICBC
- Private Forest Landowners Association
- Western Forest Products
- KPMG
- Shaw Communications
- BC Transit & Comox Valley Regional District
- BC Ferry Services Inc.
- Lorena P.D. Staples Law Corporation

ADDITIONAL TRADESHOW EXHIBITORS

- Tourism Vancouver Island
- Trans Mountain Expansion Project – Kinder Morgan Canada
- Western Canada Marine Response Corporation





SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Why Municipal Support is Necessary: Building Strong Communities Through Affordable Housing

With greater proportions of our population living in core housing need (221,470 of British Columbia households in Core Housing Need in 2006 and 23% of all British Columbia households are paying more than 50% of their income on rent in 2014), compounded by limited funds and shrinking federal government support for housing, non-profit organizations are experiencing increased pressure to service our vulnerable sector with inadequate support. This session is a push for action by local governments to positively utilize their planning power to advance affordable housing initiatives. This session will provide an overview of why effective collaboration between municipal governments and non-profits is necessary, and will highlight specific ways municipal governments can support non-profits in developing affordable housing.

Presenters: Kevin Albers, CEO and Kaela Schramm, Director of Projects and Planning, M'akola Development Services

Wastewater Treatment/Resource Recovery Advances

An advanced wastewater treatment facility, Sechelt's Water Resource Centre (WRC) is designed to process wastewater into dewatered biosolids suitable for composting and high quality effluent water suitable for a wide range of reuses. State of the art technology and innovation in design reduce both pollutant discharge and operating costs. With noise and odour minimization, a compact footprint and appealing design, the WRC is integrated into a park space that complements the adjacent nature reserve and residential community. Removal of hormones and pharmaceuticals from effluent water using biochar made from the biosolids is slated to be tested at the WRC in 2015.

Presenter: Paul Nash, Project Coordinator, Sechelt Water Resource Centre

Planning for Island-wide Intermodal Transportation

Whether the focus is rapid transit in Greater Victoria, container shipping in Nanaimo, LNG in Port Alberni, passenger/cargo rail, export capacity, BC Ferry schedules, new road proposals, airport expansions, public transit efficiencies, foot passenger ferries, peak session shipping capacity, or barging solid waste, it is time for a comprehensive intermodal transportation plan to turn what is widely viewed as an 'Island liability' into an economic advantage. Our panel of experts will engage your ideas as we work toward a prioritized plan to improve connectiveness, efficiency and accessibility.

Panel Members: George Hanson, President, VIEA; Dave Willie, VIEA Director, Member of VIEA Transportation Committee, and former Qualicum Beach Councillor; Josie Osborne, Tofino Mayor and Alberni-Clayoquot RD Chair; Fred Bigelow, CEO, Comox Airport Commission; and Bernie Dumas, President & CEO, Nanaimo Port Authority

Converting Waste to Energy: How does it work? How does it fit? What does it cost? What are the impacts?

This information session will provide a high-level overview of energy extraction from the residual waste stream after recycling. Firstly, technologies will be discussed, from the conventional burning for heat, through the making of fuel from the waste, to the less conventional conversion of waste into burnable gas. We will see how waste to energy fits into an integrated waste management program, and how it might add value and what it could cost. Potential impacts, such as air pollution and ash disposal will be looked at as well as the greenhouse gas balance. Finally we hope to help you answer the question: Should this be something we believe is good for our community and society?

Presenter: Konrad Fichtner, P. Eng., Morrison Hershfield

Open Space Workshop

Open Space is an interactive opportunity for conference participants to seize control of the agenda and talk about the topics that matter to you - so come armed with ideas, questions, and an open mind, and follow the law of two feet: If you find yourself in a situation where you are not contributing or learning, move somewhere where you can.

Facilitator: AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill

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SOCIAL, NETWORKING AND PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Full descriptions of the pre-conference programs are available on www.AVICC.ca.

Pre-Conference Registration

8:00 – 8:30 am

Upper Foyer, Florence Filberg Centre

Note: Coffee & Tea Service available starting at 8:00 am; light refreshments will be offered midway through the morning.

Building Cultural Bridges: Reconciliation in Action

Friday, 8:30 am – Noon

Florence Filberg Centre, Front of Main Hall

Facilitated by naas?atuk (John Rampanen). John's heritage stems from the Ahousaht First Nation in traditional Nuu-chah-nulth territory. This is a half-day exploration of the history, current status and opportunities for local First Nations. In addition, this workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to explore, design and initiate meaningful cross-cultural dialogue and identify key common ground issues, opportunities for collaboration and respectful relationship building practices.

Study Tour of the North Island Hospitals Project and the Vancouver Island Visitor Centre

Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 am

Florence Filberg Centre, Back of Main Hall

Chief Project Officer Tom Sparrow will begin with an overview including personal insights and lessons learned showcasing some of the unique demands placed on the municipalities and outline the processes to assist municipal leaders and staff to effectively manage those demands when large infrastructure projects of this scope and magnitude are introduced into their communities. Following the overview, delegates will board the bus and will be able to watch construction taking place at the Comox Valley Hospital site from the safety of the bus and see/speak directly with clinical and technical project team representatives about key clinical rooms that are in the final stages of design. Delegates will complete the morning with a tour the award-winning Comox Valley Visitor Centre facility and exhibits with the Centre's manager and representatives from the Comox Valley Economic Development Society highlighting how the centre came to be established and its benefits to the region.



Friday Evening Welcome Reception

Fiddlejam is an eclectic group of musicians, young and not so young, who play old time, celtic, bluegrass, country and swing music, all over the Comox Valley. They will be providing the background music for the Friday evening Welcome Reception.

SOCIAL & NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

Welcome Reception and Tradeshow

Friday: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Native Sons Hall

Music provided by Fiddlejam

Saturday Breakfast

7:15 - 8:15 am

Networking & Tradeshow – Native Sons Hall

Working Breakfast Presentation – Rotary Hall

Delegates Luncheon

Saturday: 12:00 noon – 12:45 pm

Florence Filberg Centre Main Hall

Dessert & Coffee in the Tradeshow

Saturday: 12:45 – 1:30 pm

Native Sons Hall

Activity Break

Saturday: 1:10 - 1:30 pm

Annual Banquet Reception

Saturday, 6:15 – 7:15 pm

Courtenay Museum

Annual Banquet Dinner

Saturday, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Filberg Centre Main Hall

7:30 pm – Buffet Dinner

8:45 pm – Keisja Cox. Musician

9:15 pm – Short Program

9:35 pm – John Reynolds, Musical

Comedian

Sunday Networking Breakfast

7:15 - 8:15 am

Florence Filberg Centre

Rotary Hall & Evergreen Lounge

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

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PARTNERS PROGRAMS

If you have registered your partner or guest for one of the two programs, please note the following dates, times and meeting locations. A Courtenay volunteer will be available during registration to answer any questions.

Historic Walking Tour of Cumberland Village

2:15 – 4:15 pm , Friday April 10

Time/Location to Meet: 2:10 pm - Upper Foyer of the Florence Filberg Centre

Comox Valley Wine Tour and Lunch

10:30 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday April 11

Time/Location to Meet: 10:25 am - Upper Foyer of the Florence Filberg Centre

Note: Tours will proceed rain or shine. Guests are encouraged to bring an umbrella and/or raincoat if the weather is inclement.



Biographical Information on Keynote Speaker Tonia S. Winchester

Tonia is a former Seattle Prosecutor who worked as Deputy Campaign Director, Washington State Initiative 502 that successfully legalized marijuana in Washington State by a 56-44 margin in November of 2012. Her role included forging alliances and getting endorsements from many groups traditionally seen as hostile to marijuana reform, as well as speaking across the state advocating for a new approach to Washington State's marijuana laws.

Most recently Tonia led the initial operational team that established and managed the Tilray medical marijuana production facility in Nanaimo, British Columbia - one of the largest medical marijuana production facilities in all of Canada. Tonia continues to speak across both the US and Canada advocating for the responsible and regulated legalization of cannabis, as well as working to help ethical and progressive businesses get established within the cannabis industry. Tonia received her B.A. from the University of Washington and graduated cum laude from Seattle University School of Law.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

BANQUET SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Thank you to BC Transit and the Comox Valley Regional District for providing the complimentary shuttle service between the three main hotels and Courtenay Museum/Filberg Centre. Following is the schedule:

Pick-up schedule departure times:

Old House: 6:10 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:50 pm

Holiday Inn: 6:05 pm, 6:25 pm, 6:45 pm

Best Western: 6:10 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:50 pm

Departing from Florence Filberg Centre back to hotels:

9:40 pm, 10:05 pm, 10:35 pm,

10:50 pm (if required)

For those staying at the King Fisher Resort & Spa, the resort can provide a shuttle service for a fee of \$10 per person/per direction. Reservations must be made one week in advance. Please call the King Fisher Resort at 250-338-1323.



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2015 RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 23, 2015 resolutions deadline:

Special Resolution

SR1 AVICC AGM & Convention Timing - AVICC Executive

Part 1 – Referred Resolutions

There are no referred resolutions in 2015.

Part 2 – Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

- R1 Candidates for Local Government Elections to Run in One Jurisdiction Only - View Royal
- R2 ICET Funding - Campbell River, Strathcona RD, Port McNeill
- R3 Land Title Fees – Nanaimo RD
- R4 Funding for Road Maintenance - Zeballos
- R5 Development of an Emergency Response Seismic Mitigation Fund - Powell River City
- R6 National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women - Victoria
- R7 Increasing Corporate Income Tax Rates - Cowichan Valley RD
- R8 Vancouver Island Coordinated Solid Waste Strategy - Campbell River, Strathcona RD
- R9 Warning Labels for All Fossil Based Liquid Fuels - Colwood
- R10 Environmental Bill of Rights - Victoria, Ladysmith
- R11 Declaration Of The Right To A Healthy Environment - Saanich, Central Saanich
- R12 Rural Out-Patient Accommodation - Tahsis
- R13 Smart Meters Fire Hazard - Tahsis
- R14 Proposed Site C Hydroelectric Dam - Victoria

Part 2 - Section “B” - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy.

- R15 Regional District Charter – Nanaimo RD
- R16 Modernization of Local Government Act - Cowichan Valley RD
- R17 Provincial Government – Re-examine Log Export Policy - Alberni-Clayoquot RD
- R18 Provincial Sales Tax Revenue Rebates For Local Governments - Lake Cowichan
- R19 Establishment of a Provincial Fund to Support Search and Rescue - Alberni-Clayoquot RD
- R20 Provincial Funding for Police-Based Victim Services - Alberni-Clayoquot RD
- R21 Tree Protection Bylaws in Identified Urban Expansion Areas - Courtenay
- R22 Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic in Coastal BC Waters - Sooke
- R23 Trans Mountain Expansion Project - Esquimalt
- R24 Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP) Funding - Islands Trust
- R25 Management of Ungulate Populations - Oak Bay
- R26 Rural Tier Two Hydro Rates - Mount Waddington RD, Port Hardy

PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

Delegates will receive a *Supplementary Information Package* when they register onsite in Courtenay that will contain the Resolutions Committee Report on Resolutions Received after the Deadline.



ANNUAL REPORT & RESOLUTIONS BOOK

The *2015 Annual Report and Resolutions Book* was distributed to members by email 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 Price’s report to members on the year’s activities;
- Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 and the 2015 proposed budget;
- The draft program for the 2015 AGM & Convention;
- Summary disposition of the 2014 resolutions submitted by AVICC members;
- The 2015 Resolutions, Resolutions Committee Comments & Recommendations;
- The Conference Rules and the Procedures for Handling Resolutions:
- Nominations received prior to the February 23, 2015 deadline;
- The Nominations and Elections Procedures; and
- The 2014-15 Executive List, the Membership List and a list of Life Members.

Delegates will receive a *Supplementary Information Package* when they register onsite or electronically from the website that will contain a copy of the audited financial statement, the conference rules, and the 2015 Resolutions with the Resolutions Committee’s Comments and Recommendations and a Report on Resolutions received after the deadline.

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CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE



FOR PRESIDENT

Comox Councillor Barbara Price



Barbara Price is a long time resident of the Comox Valley where she has served as an elected official for over 18 years, both as a municipal councillor and an electoral area director. She currently represents the Town of Comox on the Comox Valley Regional Board.

Before raising a family, Barbara worked as a town planner in the UK and has a Masters Degree in town and regional planning. Barbara has two grown children.

She has always worked effectively with others in a meaningful and respectful

manner and has served on many boards including health, transportation, environment, food security, affordable housing and the economy.

Barbara has six years experience on the AVICC executive and participated in the successful appeal to the BC Utilities Commission for lower natural gas rates for Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities. She was a member of the UBCM/AVICC Special Committee on BC Ferries resulting in the Policy Paper and the four recommendations presented to the 2014 UBCM Convention which were approved unanimously.

Since the November 2014 local government elections, Barbara has served as your President and your representative on UBCM. She offers her knowledge of local government, her leadership experience, and her understanding of the many opportunities and challenges facing Vancouver Island and mainland coastal communities. Barbara would be honoured to continue representing you for a full term as your President.

Saturday Evening Annual Banquet Entertainment



Executive is delighted that singer, songwriter and comedian John Reynolds will be singing and storytelling for delegates at the 2015 Convention Annual Banquet.

Also performing is 16 year old Keisja Cox, an accomplished singer/songwriter from the Comox Valley.



2015-16 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 is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process. The Chair of the 2015 Nominating Committee is Past President Joe Stanhope.

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 2015 AGM & Convention:

President

- Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox

First Vice-President

- Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Second Vice-President

- Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District

Director at Large

(three to be elected*)

- Councillor Jessie Hemphill, District of Port Hardy
- Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
- Mayor Josie Osborne, District of Tofino and Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Director Colin Palmer, Powell River Regional District

Electoral Area Representative

- No Nominations Received

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

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CONTINUED



FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Cowichan Valley Regional District Director Mary Marcotte



Mary Marcotte was first elected as Director of Electoral Area H (North Oyster/ Diamond) in the Cowichan Valley Regional District in 1996, and she has continued to serve in this position until the present. During her mandate, she has served three years as the Chair of the CVRD Board, and well as serving on numerous other regional committees. She is well known in her area as a person who participates whole-heartedly in local projects, notably the refurbishment of the old North Oyster School which is being reincarnated as a community centre.

Currently she is the Chair of the Regional Services Committee, Chair of the Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission and a member of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Executive Committee. She has gained extensive knowledge of the issues and challenges of Electoral Area governance, and would work diligently to bring your interests to the forefront.

In 2008 Mary was elected to the AVICC executive as the Electoral Area Representative and has continued to serve in that capacity since then. She is now seeking your support for the position of First Vice President. Mary's solid record and performance, coupled with her knowledge regarding which areas of local government concerns AVICC can positively impact, makes her a proven choice for the leadership role of First Vice President.

FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Comox Valley Regional District Director Edwin Grieve



Edwin has been an elected official of the Comox Valley Regional District for the Puntledge-Black Creek area (Electoral Area C) since 2008, and was chair of the board from 2011-2014. As the CVRD chair, Edwin presided over the Comox Strathcona waste management board of directors. He is committed to representing all the areas and aspects of the Comox Valley and to the principles of regionalism.

Director Grieve served on the:

- Committee of the Whole
- Electoral areas services committee
- Black Creek-Oyster Bays services committee
- Comox Valley sports centre commission
- Comox Valley water committee
- Comox Valley water supply commission
- South sewer select committee

As a volunteer, Edwin chairs the annual July 1st Canada Day Celebrations, was a Musicfest director, organizes the Simms Park Summer Music Program, and helps produce the Child Development Telethon. Edwin has organized numerous fundraisers and benefits over the years and has worked with many service clubs and non-profit societies on projects that make the Comox Valley a better place. For these efforts he

was awarded the "Freeman of the City of Courtenay" in 2007 and was twice nominated for Citizen of the Year.

Edwin believes that in order to move forward on the issues and projects facing the region elected officials need access to the best information, and also be willing to talk openly and honestly with one another in an atmosphere of respect and decorum.

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FOR DIRECTORS AT LARGE (3 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

Port Hardy Councillor Jessie Hemphill



Jessie Hemphill has strong connections to Vancouver Island, having grown up in Port Hardy, attended the University of Victoria, and then returned to Port Hardy where she was first elected to council in 2011. Jessie was the first person from a local First Nation (the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw) to be elected to Port Hardy's council, and the youngest woman. She comes to politics with a background as a community planner, working with communities across the country to implement their vision and goals.

Jessie has been involved with countless volunteer efforts and organizations, including her current role as a board member for the Canadian Women's Foundation Girl's Fund, which supports projects for women and girls across the country. She is also a board member for the 'Kawatsi Economic Development Corporation. She has a B.A. in Linguistics (with distinction) and a minor in Indigenous Studies, and served as the aboriginal student representative on the University of Victoria Students' Society.

Working as a professional facilitator, communications director, and community planner has given Jessie a powerful skill set which will continue to benefit the AVICC if she is re-elected as a Director at Large. She believes strongly in the power of our communities to come together in forums like the AVICC and collaboratively work through our challenges and share out-of-the-box solutions, and she's thrilled to have introduced some interactive elements to the agenda for this year's convention. Please re-elect Jessie Hemphill as AVICC Director-at-large in 2015!

Central Saanich Councillor Carl Jensen



Carl Jensen is a second-term Councillor in the District of Central Saanich, which is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. He was appointed to the AVICC Executive in December 2015 as an Acting Director at Large. He is married, with three children aged 9, 12 and 15. Carl is employed by the Province and currently works as a Supervisor with the Receivables Management Office in the Ministry of Finance. He has an MBA from Royal Roads University and a BA from the University of Victoria. Carl is also a Coach with Peninsula Soccer and Peninsula Track and Field Clubs.

Carl has sat on the Peninsula Recreation Commission from 2005 – 2014, and was the Chair for the last four years. He has been the Municipal Liaison from Central Saanich on the Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board from 2012 – 2014 and he sat on the Central Saanich Advisory Planning Commission from 2007 – 2011.

Prior to that Carl was the Athletic Director for the Victoria Highland Games Association from 2006 -2011. In that role, he transformed the Heavy Events competition from a one-day event featuring 10-12 local/ lower mainland athletes to a multi-day internationally-recognized competition that now draws 80+ novice to professional athletes from across North America. In 2010, he hosted the IHGF World Heavy Events Championships in Victoria.

Carl Jensen brings a wealth of experience, education and an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to everything he does in his life, Council role, workplace, coaching, social media, and his current role with the AVICC Executive! Carl has the enthusiasm and the energy to represent each and every one of you at the AVICC Executive table! At the AVICC Convention in April, please vote Carl Jensen for Director at Large!

Twitter: #carl4avicc2015

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CONTINUED



Tofino Mayor and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Chair Josie Osborne

Josie Osborne became mayor of Tofino in January 2013 and was elected chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District in December 2014. A self-described community builder and a strong advocate for local government communication and public engagement, Josie strives to build respectful and productive working relationships within and between communities, businesses, and governments.

Born in Richmond BC and raised in Central Saanich, Courtenay and Nanaimo, Josie moved to Tofino in 1998 to work as a fisheries biologist for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council after completing a

masters degree in resource and environmental management at Simon Fraser University. In 2007, she transitioned into non-profit administration as the first executive director for a growing environmental education organization, the Raincoast Education Society. She left the society in 2011 to focus on her own consulting business and the tourism-based businesses that she and her husband own and operate, which include a café, two accommodation businesses, and the Tofino Botanical Gardens.

Josie served as chair of the board of Tourism Tofino from late 2011 until she became mayor, and has served as a director on the boards of the Ucluelet Aquarium Society, the Pacific Rim Arts Society, the Pacific Rim Whale Festival and the Clayoquot Oyster Festival. She currently serves as a board member for the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET).

Twitter https://twitter.com/Josie_Osborne

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/josie.osborne.tofino>



Powell River Regional District Director Colin Palmer

I have served in local government for 23 years as an Alderman, Mayor, Regional Director and Chair. I chaired the Powell River Regional District for 15 years.

As a former 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 Coastal Regional District Chairs and the Islands Trust Chair that is tackling the flaws in the Coastal Ferry Act which governs BC Ferries.

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

ELECTIONS PROCESS

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 4:20 PM*

- Nominating Committee Chair presents the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President
- Nominations from the floor are received
- Candidate speeches, if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 8:00-8:30 AM*

- Elections for Officers, if necessary

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 11:20 AM*

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 12:45-1:30 PM*

- Elections for Directors at Large, if necessary

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, 8:30 AM*

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, 10:15-10:45 AM*

- Elections for EA Rep, if necessary

The new Executive will be introduced and installed at 11:45 am, Sunday, April 12th.

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

2015 AVICC AGM & CONVENTION

Courtenay, BC
April 10-12, 2015

LOGISTICS

Accommodations

Three hotels have been identified as the main accommodation providers for Convention delegates. Visit www.avicc.ca for rates and booking information.

Conference Venues

Business Sessions: Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue
Welcome Reception: Native Sons Hall, 360 Cliff Avenue
Saturday Annual Banquet Reception: Courtenay Museum, 207 Fourth Street
Saturday Annual Banquet: Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Avenue

Travelling to Courtenay

- From Nanaimo – 110 km, 1 hour, 15 minutes driving
- From Victoria – 220 km, 2 hours, 40 minutes driving

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

Parking

Ample parking is available between the Florence Filberg Centre and Native Sons Hall. The two facilities are across from one another. For those that like to walk, the Best Western Westerly Hotel and the Old House Village Hotel are about a 1 km walk following the scenic Courtenay Riverway to the Filberg Centre.

Registration Desk Hours

Friday, April 10th

8:00 - 8:30 am
12:30 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 11th

7:00 am - 1:30 pm and then as needed in
the AVICC Office

Delegate Services

Wireless internet access will be available. 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. Some restaurant options are available here

<http://www.discovercomoxvalley.com>. Dinner reservations are recommended.

Registration Concerns

For changes, cancellations or other registration issues, email avicc@ubcm.ca.

For More Information

The most current information will be posted on the www.AVICC.ca website. Please check back regularly for updates. For specific questions, please contact:

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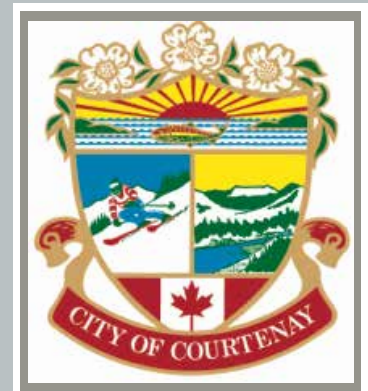


HOST COMMUNITY

The host community for the 2015 AGM & Convention is the City of Courtenay. Mayor Larry Jangula and Council are thanked for their generous hospitality.

The local host planning committee includes Susan Karvalics, Legislative Services Executive Assistant; Randy Wiwchar, Director of Community Services; and John Ward, Corporate Administrator.

All local contributors are thanked for their contribution in making the 2015 AGM & Convention a terrific experience for all.



2016 AGM & Convention Plans

April 8, 9, 10, 2016
Nanaimo Convention Centre
Our hosts will be the City of Nanaimo

An accommodations list will be posted on www.AVICC.ca and distributed via email to members as soon as it becomes available.