

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

2016 AGM & CONVENTION



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to this year's Convention hosted by the City of Nanaimo. We last held our Convention in the Harbour City in 2009, just after the new Vancouver Island Conference Centre had been built. It's always a pleasure to come back to this beautiful harbourside facility in the historic downtown core. Thank you to the Nanaimo Council.

We are honoured to have Chief Dr. Robert Joseph from Reconciliation Canada as our keynote speaker on Friday afternoon (see below). Other plenary presentations include

an Update on the AVICC's Special Committee on Solid Waste on Friday afternoon, and Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management on Sunday morning. Delegates will also have an opportunity to choose from seven concurrent workshops on Saturday afternoon. The majority of Saturday morning will be spent debating resolutions. Last year we started including the Resolution Committee's Comments and Recommendations Report in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book. We hope that members find having the resolution comments prior to Convention helpful, and look forward to productive sessions to debate the issues important to our area.

Our program is designed to ensure you have ample opportunity to learn, share your views and network with your colleagues. We don't often get the chance to get away from daily pressures to meet with other local government colleagues who can relate to the issues we each face in our communities. It's not all about work. We hope you enjoy the social events too. We have a Welcome Reception planned for Friday evening, and Saturday's banquet will include a pre-dinner reception in the Nanaimo Museum with plenty of dancing after dinner with the energetic Timebenders band.

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. We also have a full Trade Show with exhibitors who have information and expertise relevant to your roles. Please take the time to visit, and see how they can help your community.

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

Keynote Speaker

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Reconciliation Canada

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph is a Hereditary Chief of the Gwawaenuk First Nation who upholds a life dedicated to bridging the differences brought about by intolerance, lack of understanding, and racism at home and abroad. His insights into the destructive impacts these forces can have on peoples' lives, families and cultures were shaped by his experience with the Canadian Indian Residential School system.

In his talk, Chief Joseph shares his journey of reconciliation, including his childhood experience at St. Michael's Residential School to leading a 70,000-person Walk for Reconciliation during the Year of Reconciliation in the City of Vancouver. He speaks about the important role of reconciliation in moving forward through trauma and will address the work that is being done across Canada to build meaningful relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians. In light of the release of the TRC Findings and Recommendations, it is critical for organizations, communities and local governments to take action and understand the importance of their role in building a new way forward and creating vibrant, resilient and sustainable communities.

See page 5 for more biographical information on Chief Joseph.

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2016 PROGRAM IN BRIEF

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

8:00 am	Registration Opens for Pre-Conference Programs
8:30 am	Pre-Conference Program
12:30 pm	General Registration
2:00 pm	Official Opening, Keynote Address, Minister of CSCD Address & Special Committee on Solid Waste and Youth Council Presentations
5:30 pm	Welcome Reception & Trade Show

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

7:15 am	Networking Hot Breakfast & Trade Show
7:15 am	Working Hot Breakfast Presentation: Agricultural Land Commission - Review of Recent Changes
8:30 am	Election, AGM, Resolutions, UBCM President, Fortis Presentation
Noon	Delegates Luncheon
12:45pm	Dessert/Coffee in the Trade Show
1:10 pm	Activity Break
1:30 pm	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
6:30 pm	Annual Banquet Reception
7:30 pm	Annual Banquet

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

7:15 am	Networking Hot Breakfast
8:30 am	Elections, Green Party's Address, Resolutions, Late Resolutions, Official Opposition's Address, Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management Presentation, Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize
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* delegates receive when registering onsite.

POLITICAL SPEAKERS

The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development will provide the Provincial Address on Friday afternoon. UBCM President, Cariboo RD Chair Al Richmond will speak Saturday morning. Opposition Leader, John Horgan and Green Party Leader, Andrew Weaver will address delegates on Sunday.

SATURDAY MORNING WORKING HOT BREAKFAST

Agricultural Land Commission - Recent Changes

This session will involve a review of recent changes to the ALC Act and the ALR Use, Subdivision, and Procedure Regulation, and the impacts these changes have or haven't had on application considerations and processing in the ALR. ALC Chair Frank Leonard and ALC CEO Kim Grout will also talk about their new roles and the ALC's direction moving forward following recent announcements from the Provincial Government of increased funding for the ALC to better support the regional panel decision-making process, the planning work that the ALC pursues in partnership with local governments, and the compliance and enforcement work that the ALC does across the province.

Presenters: Frank Leonard, ALC Chair; Kim Grout, ALC CEO; Jennifer Dyson, ALC Vice Chair and Chair of the ALC Vancouver Island

PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Youth Councils; AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management; Moosehide Campaign (Friday)

Representatives from the Youth Councils of Duncan, Nanaimo and Victoria will meet on Friday afternoon and then report back to the delegates with recommendations for involving youth in local government.

Edwin Grieve, Chair of the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management will update delegates on the work of the committee, the long-term strategy and the immediate, short-term and long-term priorities. The next step will be meeting with the province to discuss their involvement and support.

Howard Houle, Nanaimo Regional Director will give a briefing on the Moosehide Campaign that encourages everyone to stand up to violence against women and children.

Moving Forward with Integrated Asset Management (Sunday)

Local infrastructure provides the foundation for the health, well-being, and economic prosperity of communities across the country. Dependable core services, such as water, sewer, transportation networks, fire halls, recreation amenities, and more, make up the built environment and exist to provide these basic necessities of life that residents rely on every day. Historically, local governments have built infrastructure and acquired assets with insufficient consideration for depletion, depreciation, and amortization. As a result, politicians and citizens lack a clear understanding of the cost implications of maintaining and renewing existing infrastructure. The long-time practice of short-term decisions about investment, maintenance, and renewal is not sustainable. Managing public assets in a formalized process is no longer a luxury for local governments who have time and resources to put toward the process; it is an absolute necessity. The time has come to quantify the true cost to provide, maintain, and renew, community-owned capital assets, and balance it against the community's willingness to pay for those services and assets.

Presenters: Christina Benty, former Mayor of Golden; Glen Brown, UBCM; Wally Wells, Asset Management BC

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- Private Forest Landowners
- Steelhead LNG
- Trans Mountain
- Western Forest Products
- KPMG
- CUPE VI
- Truck Loggers Association
- Lidstone & Company
- Shaw Communications
- BC Transit and Nanaimo RD
- BC Ferry Services
- Great Canadian Gaming

ADDITIONAL TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS

- Coast Forest Products
- Coasts That Work
- Gateway Casino
- Island Corridor Foundation
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training
- Tourism Vancouver Island
- Western Canada Marine Response Corporation





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm Conflict Engagement and Communications - Skills & Tools Workshop

Conversations, from friendly to heated, are the stock and trade of every elected local official. Whether it is with local citizens, individually or in groups, staff, or colleagues around the Board Table our capacity to have productive conversations is a necessary ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships and to successfully engage "conflict" in various settings. This workshop will focus on skills and tools that will help you do just that. The workshop will be interactive and participants will receive take-away materials they can use to hone their skills on an ongoing basis. With thanks to the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA)

Presenter: Michael Shoop, PhD, Principal at The Shoop Group Consulting Ltd.

1:30 pm Local Government and First Nations: Some Foundational Legal Principles

This presentation will focus on providing an overview of some of the foundational legal principles which local government needs to know (s.35(1) Constitution Act; Aboriginal title cases; duty to consult cases) in its important and evolving relations with First Nations. It will then examine the implications and opportunities for local government resulting from the Tsilhqot'in decision. Last, an overview discussion of legal and practical principles will be examined with a focus on reconciliation and how local government can play an important role.

Presenter: Reece Harding, Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors

1:30 pm Open-Space Workshop

Open Space is an interactive opportunity for convention 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." Topics to be chosen by delegates.

Facilitator: Jessie Hemphill, AVICC Director and Port Hardy Councillor

3:00 pm TOUR - City of Nanaimo Water Treatment Plant

Two groups of 10 delegates each will be taken on a tour through the City's new water treatment plant with transportation provided by BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District. Please sign up at the Convention registration desk.

3:00 pm Social Procurement – a New Approach to Economic Development

In November 2015, Prime Minister Trudeau included Social Procurement in his mandate letter to the Minister of Procurement. Social Procurement is law across Europe. Quebec and Ontario have legislation in place to support Social Procurement strategies; Nova Scotia is about to follow. Sandra Hamilton developed British Columbia and Alberta's first Social Procurement frameworks, both for municipal governments. Showcasing her work with Cumberland, BC, Canada's First Buy Social municipality, the presentation will provide an overview of the concept and explain why Social Procurement is a powerful economic development tool for Vancouver Island. How we buy and how we invest, drives our economy, which shapes our communities. In this session we take a look at how municipalities are taking a more strategic approach to procurement; better leveraging existing spend to increase supply chain diversity and achieve positive community outcomes.

Presenter: Sandra Hamilton, Business Consultant & Marketing Specialist

3:00 pm Electoral Area Directors Forum (90 minutes)

This year AVICC is hosting for the first time an Electoral Area Forum where rural area directors will be able to freely speak about issues of immediate relevance to them. Discussion topics will be sought at the beginning of the forum and an open-space format will allow multiple discussions to happen simultaneously where self-selecting groups form. Come with an issue and a curious mind.

Hosted by Noba Anderson, AVICC EA Representative, Strathcona RD and Brian Carruthers, CVRD CAO

3:00 pm Open-Space Workshop - continued

Topics to be chosen by delegates.

NETWORKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Providing delegates with the opportunity to connect with colleagues and develop new relationships are key program objectives.

In addition to hot breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday morning, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks and Saturday's Delegate Lunch, two networking and social highlights of the 2016 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet.

The Island Corridor Foundation has also arranged a short train ride for delegates prior to the Convention start on Friday at noon.

Friday Island Explorer Excursion Train 12:00-1:30 pm

Train tickets for the 'Island Explorer Excursion Train', 12 noon Friday, April 8th are available by reservation. Please reserve your ticket at annekebruce@shaw.ca

Bus transportation to the Nanaimo Train Station is provided from the lower entrance to the convention centre on Gordon Street. Tickets can be claimed at the Nanaimo Train Station on Selby Street in the waiting room. A light box lunch is provided on board the train. Please indicate if you would like a gluten free lunch. The train will depart the Nanaimo Station at 12:30 pm sharp and return at 1:30 pm.

Friday Welcome Reception 5:30-7:30 pm

The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm on Friday evening in the Newcastle Island Lobby of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. You will be able to walk straight out of the business sessions to enjoy food and drink with your colleagues. A drink ticket is provided in your name badge holder.

Saturday Reception 6:30 pm and Annual Banquet 7:30 pm

The pre-banquet reception will be held in the Nanaimo Museum, on the ground floor of the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Enjoy a drink on the AVICC while you have the opportunity to look at the displays. The banquet itself will be back upstairs in the ballroom of the Conference Centre.

We are very excited to have secured the Timebenders to entertain us after dinner. The Timebenders' experience is just that, an experience. It is a musical romp through the ages featuring the best dance music and outrageous impersonations of the greatest stars over the last 60 years.

A very fast-paced and high-energy presentation makes this show irresistible to dancers – and with amazing costume changes and up-beat choreography, an exciting show to watch! It's a 6-piece group of today's most talented young musicians who present songs, costumes and personalities from the 50's right up to today.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

BANQUET SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Thank you to BC Transit and the Nanaimo Regional District for providing the complimentary shuttle service between the convention hotels and the Vancouver Island Conference Centre for the night of the Annual Banquet.

Pick up schedule departure times:

Ramada: 6:10 pm, 6:35 pm

Travelodge: 6:15 pm, 6:40 pm

Howard Johnson: 6:20 pm, 6:45 pm

Departing from VICC back to hotels after the Banquet:

- 9:45 pm
- 10:15 pm
- 10:45 pm



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PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Partners and other guests are encouraged to accompany delegates. In addition to joining delegates for the Friday Welcome Reception and the Saturday Reception and Banquet, the City of Nanaimo is offering three special tours for partners. Please see the Convention Brochure for more information.

Walking Tour – Hudson Bay Bastion, Miner’s Cottage and Nanaimo Museum
Friday, April 8 - 10:00 - noon

A Taste of Nanaimo – Local Food, Craft Beverage & Estate Winery Tour
Friday, April 8 - 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Visit to Newcastle Island
Saturday, April 9 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Delegates must pre-register using the convention registration form. Email avicc@ubcm.ca or check at the Registration Desk to see if last minute spots are available. Tours will proceed rain or shine. Please bring an umbrella and raincoat if the weather is inclement.



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Keynote Speaker Chief Dr. Robert Joseph

In 2003, Chief Joseph received an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree from the University of British Columbia for his distinguished achievements in serving BC and Canada. In 2012, he was presented The Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. In 2014, he received the Jack P. Blaney Award for Dialogue from Simon Fraser University and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Vancouver School of Theology for his work in reconciliation and renewing relationships between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. In 2015, Chief Joseph was presented a Deputy Ministers’ Recognition Award for Collaboration and Partnerships and was appointed to the Order of British Columbia, the Province of British Columbia’s highest honour.

Chief Joseph is currently the Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada and a member of the National Assembly of First Nations Elders Council. He was formerly the Executive Director of the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and is an honorary witness to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As Chairman of the Native American Leadership Alliance for Peace and Reconciliation and Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation with the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IFWP), Chief Joseph has sat with the leaders of South Africa, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia and Washington, DC to learn from and share his understanding of faith, hope, healing and reconciliation.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The City of Nanaimo and neighbouring communities offer a host of activities including golfing, fishing, scuba diving, mountain biking, walking tours, fossil-hunting and exploring the shops in the historic downtown.

See <http://www.tourismnanaimo.com/things-to-do> for information on where to explore, eat, play and special offers.





2016 RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 22, 2016 resolutions deadline:

Part 1 – Referred Resolutions

There are no referred resolutions in 2016.

Part 2 – Section “A” – Resolutions with new issues of interest to all members.

- R1 RCMP Funding – Courtenay
- R2 Amendment to Local Government Act: Municipal Election Process – Victoria
- R3 Island Corridor Foundation: Federal Funding – Port Alberni
- R4 Affordable Homes and Property Transfer Tax – Capital RD
- R5 Vancouver Island Regional Library Costs – Port Alberni
- R6 Social Procurement – Cumberland
- R7 Marijuana Sales & Distribution Tax Sharing for Local Governments – Duncan
- R8 Empowering Local Governments to Pursue Socially Responsible Investing – Victoria
- R9 Rainwater as a Potable Water Source – Nanaimo RD
- R10 Pop for Parks: Establishing a Fund for Nature’s Future – Highlands
- R11 Protection of Old-Growth Forests – Metchosin, Colwood
- R12 Funding for Agricultural Rainwater Harvesting Systems – Alberni-Clayoquot
- R13 RD Review of Professional Reliance Model – Cowichan Valley RD
- R14 Recognition and Regulation of Physician Assistants – Central Coast RD
- R15 New North Island Hospitals Parking Fees – Strathcona RD, Tahsis
- R16 National Pharmacare Program – Victoria
- R17 Medical Marijuana Retail Dispensaries – Cumberland
- R18 Island Corridor Foundation – Langford, Capital RD

Part 2 - Section “B” - Resolutions that support existing UBCM policy.

- R19 Establishing Local Public Notice Policies – Cowichan Valley RD
- R20 No Forced Amalgamations – Metchosin
- R21 Reversal of Recent Amendments to RCMP Auxiliary Constable Program – View Royal
- R22 BC Child Protection Services – Colwood
- R23 Pedestrian/Cycling Pathways Along Rural Road Rights-of-Way – Cowichan Valley RD
- R24 Priority for Construction of Bicycle Lanes – Sunshine Coast RD
- R25 Federal Government Cooperation for Oil Spill Response in BC – Alberni-Clayoquot RD
- R26 Assessment and Mitigation of Marine Shipping Risks and Impacts in the Salish Sea – Islands Trust
- R27 Limit or Ban Burning on Forest Lands in Community Airsheds – Port Alberni
- R28 Ban on Single Use Shopping Bags – Cowichan Valley RD
- R29 Climate Change Recommendations – Sunshine Coast RD
- R30 Abandoned or Derelict Vessels Programs – Saanich
- R31 Site C Dam Project – North Saanich
- R32 Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme – Lake Cowichan
- R33 Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC – Victoria
- R34 Home Renovation Tax Credits – Saanich
- R35 Review of “Down-loaded” Building Codes – Saanich

ANNUAL REPORT & RESOLUTIONS BOOK

The *2016 Annual Report and Resolutions Book* was distributed to members by email in March. If you have not received your copy, please contact the AVICC office by email at avicc@ubcm.ca, or download the report 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, 2015 and the 2016 budget;
- The draft program for the 2016 AGM & Convention;
- Summary disposition of the 2015 resolutions submitted by AVICC members;
- The 2016 Resolutions, and the Resolutions Committee’s Comments & Recommendations;
- The Conference Rules and the Procedures for Handling Resolutions;
- Nominations received prior to the February 22, 2016 deadline;
- The Nominations and Elections Procedures; and
- The 2015-16 Executive List, the Membership List and a list of Life Members.

Delegates will receive a **Supplementary Information Package** when they register onsite that will contain a copy of the audited financial statements, conference rules, the 2016 Resolutions with the Resolutions Committee’s Comments and Recommendations, and Resolutions received after the deadline.



CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE

FOR PRESIDENT

Town of 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 19 years, both as a municipal councillor and an electoral area director. She currently represents the Town of Comox on the Comox Valley Regional District's 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 seven 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. She is currently serving on the AVICC Solid Waste Committee which brings together the nine Regional Districts in AVICC to look for solutions for our solid waste challenges.

Barbara was elected as your President and representative on UBCM in 2015. She offers her knowledge of local government, her leadership experience, and her understanding of the many opportunities and challenges facing Vancouver Island and our coastal communities. Barbara would be honoured to continue representing you for a second term as your President.



2016-17 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 2016 Nominating Committee is Past President Joe Stanhope.

Report on Nomination

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 2016 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)

- Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich
- Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Electoral Area Representative

- Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona Regional District

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 wholeheartedly in local projects, notably the refurbishment of the old North Oyster School which is being reincarnated as a community centre.

Currently Mary is the Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional Agricultural Advisory Commission, and Vice Chair of the Corporate Services Committee. She has gained extensive first-hand knowledge of local government issues and will work diligently to bring your interests to the forefront.

In 2008 Mary was elected to the AVICC executive as the Electoral Area representative and continued to serve in that capacity until 2015 when she became First Vice President. She very much appreciates your past support and looks forward to the 2016 convention.

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.

- 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
- Chair, AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste

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.



CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE, CONTINUED

FOR DIRECTORS AT LARGE (3 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Director Penny Cote



Penny Cote is a long time resident of the Alberni Valley where she, along with her husband of 35 years, are business owners and managers of a Heritage Commercial/Residential building and a Stucco construction company. They have one grown son living in Victoria.

Penny was first elected as the Sproat Lake Electoral Area Director on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) in 2005 after years of volunteering with the Sproat Lake Community Association on community safety and water quality issues.

Now into her 4th consecutive term on the ACRD with many appointed positions served, including the ACRD Vice-Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Chair, and the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network Chair. Penny is an active participant working for positive local government decision-making and action through local partnerships, including the inaugurated 3 Treaty First Nations to the ACRD.

Penny believes that respectful collaboration within all our individual communities with every level of government is vital to improve the outcomes for the challenges we all face.

Finding and connecting those affordable and sustainable opportunities to address the health and related needs, in a safe and supported environment, that thread through all services is work that is rewarding and is making a difference.

District of Central Saanich Councillor Carl Jensen



Carl Jensen is a second-term Councillor in Central Saanich, which is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, home of the WORLD FAMOUS Butchart Gardens. He has been a member of the AVICC Executive as a Director at Large since December 2014. Carl is married, with three children: 10, 13 and 16. He is employed by the Province and currently works as a Supervisor in the Ministry of Finance. Carl has an MBA from Royal Roads University and a BA from the University of Victoria. He is the President of the Peninsula Track and Field Club where he also coaches young throwers and competes as a Master himself.

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 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. Yes, Carl is a kilt-wearing caber tosser!

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! Please vote Carl Jensen for Director at Large!

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Cowichan Valley Regional District Director Ian Morrison

My name is Ian Morrison. I'm married to Brenda and we are proud parents of Rhianon, who attends Lake Cowichan School in grade eleven. We moved to Victoria in 1982 and then to Mill Bay, before making Honeymoon Bay our home, some twenty years ago.

My career, prior to Local Government, was in financial services. I advanced to become a Branch Manager and was involved in volunteering and

serving my community. Today I continue to serve clients as a Licensed Mutual Fund Representative. In the summer of 2008 a community member from Mesachie Lake phoned to inform me our CVRD Director was retiring that fall, and he asked me to consider putting my name on the ballot. I made the decision to run and comfortably won a three candidate race. I've been acclaimed twice since.

As a Director on the Cowichan Valley Regional District, I've served or chaired committees responsible for services from Treaty to Transit and Watersheds to Waste.

In 2015, I was Chair of the CVRD's Regional Engineering Services Committee, and was appointed as our Regional District's representative on the AVICC's Special Committee on Solid Waste Management. I believe the report we produced for this convention's consideration is an excellent example of the solid benefits I can bring to AVICC's executive, as a Member at Large for 2016. I respectfully ask for your support.

ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE



Strathcona Regional District Director Noba Anderson

I am a local politician out of love of place, this land and my community. Local governance is made up of societies, boards and committees and I see my job as largely one of facilitating community conversations, supporting collaboration and innovation. Working closely with community groups is the main reason I find my job so compelling and gratifying. After having studied community development and worked abroad, it became clear to me that coastal BC had always been home and that my energy would be better suited serving my community and the part of the world to which I am most deeply connected.

After working for some years in the field of community forestry, connecting local communities with rights and responsibilities for the land surrounding them, I was elected from Cortes Island to the Strathcona Regional District in 2008 and have served since that time. I live on a shared piece of land and have built my house from the wood there. I have served on the executive of the AVICC for one year as the Electoral Area Representative and am proud to have helped bring you a 2016 conference program that has such strong First Nations relations content. This is simply the work of our time. We are a solid group and I would be honoured to serve in this capacity for another year.

ELECTIONS PROCESS

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, 4:20 PM*

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 8:00-8:30 AM*

- Elections for Officers, if necessary

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 11:20 AM*

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th, 12:45-1:30 PM*

- Elections for Directors at Large, if necessary

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 8:30 AM*

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 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 10th.

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

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LOGISTICS

Accommodations

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

Conference Venues

All business and social sessions will be held at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre at 101 Gordon Street. The centre is in downtown Nanaimo across from the Bastion.

Parking

Pay parking is available under the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

Registration Desk Hours

The registration desk will be in the Newcastle Island Lobby of the VICC, and staffed as follows:

Friday, April 8th
8:00 - 10:30 am
12:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 9th
7:00 am - 9:30 am 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 lunch and dinner on Friday. Some restaurant options are available here:

<http://www.tourismnanaimo.com/downtown-nanaimo>

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 2016 AGM & Convention is the City of Nanaimo.

Mayor Bill McKay and Council and staff of the City of Nanaimo are thanked for their generous hospitality.

All local contributors are thanked for their contribution in making the 2016 AGM & Convention a terrific experience for all.



2017 AGM & Convention

April 7, 8, 9, 2017

Our hosts in 2017 will be the City of Campbell River.

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