

*Please forward to elected officials, CAO and Corporate Officer:*

## **1. Convention Registration – Early Bird Deadline**

The early bird deadline for our convention in April is coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available on-line at [Registration](#). Information about the sessions, tours, networking and social events is available in the [Program Brochure](#). More information is available at the AVICC website at [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca)

## **2. Convention Hotels**

If you are holding reservations at our convention hotels that you no longer need, could you please cancel these ASAP. We have delegates that are keen to book a room close by the Conference Centre.

## **3. Water Sustainability Act - Update**

On February 29, 2016, the provincial government brought the [Water Sustainability Act](#) (WSA) into force along with the [first phase of regulations](#). The *Water Sustainability Act* updates and replaces the old *Water Act*. The WSA and new regulations are intended to protect water flows for ecosystems and fish and include new and improved requirements for groundwater use and licensing, well construction and maintenance, dam safety, and compliance.

More information about the *Water Sustainability Act* and the new regulations can be found here on the [Province's water website](#).

## **4. Community Energy Association – Session after Convention**

Communities are engaged in saving energy, emissions, and money in their own operations and helping their residents and businesses to do the same but there is no specific manual for local government elected officials. The **BC Mayors Climate Leadership Council (BC MCLC)** wants to help **GET ANSWERS**:

1. How are neighboring communities saving energy, emissions, and money in their operations?
2. What about community-wide?
3. What are your neighboring governments doing to recirculate money in the local economy rather than send it away?
4. What has your local government committed to?

**BC MCLC** is hosting a workshop April 10<sup>th</sup> (following the AVICC AGM). Those attending this half day workshop facilitated by the **Community Energy Association (CEA)** will walk away with increased knowledge of what your peers are doing, identification of opportunities for your community, an appreciation of the challenges and discuss ways to overcome, and a network of peers in your region. Those with experience will share it

with colleagues. For more information or to register contact David Dubois at [ddubois@communityenergy.bc.ca](mailto:ddubois@communityenergy.bc.ca) or call 250-457-7319.”