



**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE  
HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016  
BY TELECONFERENCE**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Barbara Price, Comox, President  
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, First Vice President  
Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley RD, Second Vice President  
Director Noba Anderson, Strathcona RD, EA Representative  
Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot RD, Director at Large  
Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley RD, Director at Large  
Director Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, Past President

**REGRETS:** Councillor Carl Jensen, Central Saanich, Director at Large

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Liz Cookson, Executive Coordinator

President Price called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed Committee members and staff.

**MINUTES**

On motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte,  
THAT the minutes of the October 28, 2016 Executive Committee meeting be adopted was CARRIED

**CONVENTION**

**Keynote Speaker**

President Price noted the importance of a keynote speaker to set the tone for the convention. She requested feedback on the proposed keynote speakers distributed to the Executive Committee members on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee discussed the options, and several members expressed support for Chris Turner, Sustainability Speaker and Author. Liz Cookson advised that his fee would be \$5,000 plus travel expenses from Calgary to be confirmed with the agency.

On motion by Director Morrison, second by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte,  
THAT the Executive Coordinator be authorized to retain Chris Turner as the keynote speaker at the 2017 Convention was CARRIED

On motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve, seconded by Director Cote,  
That Dr. Dean Kreillars, one of the other keynote speakers considered, be selected for the Sunday morning plenary address was TABLED

EA Representative Anderson suggested a fuller review of the session proposals before selecting sessions for specific times. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve agreed to the friendly change to the motion and the motion was tabled for the January 12<sup>th</sup> face to face workshop in Nanaimo.

**Proposals for Convention Program**

On motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve, seconded by EA Representative Anderson,  
THAT the report on session proposals for the 2017 Convention be received was CARRIED

Liz Cookson advised that the purpose of today's session was to discuss the session proposals received, and see if any further clarification was required in order to make decisions. She advised that, similar to the process for the 2016 Convention, she would email out a survey requesting each Executive Committee member's preferences. The responses will be used to put together a draft convention program to be reviewed at the face to face workshop on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Cookson also reviewed the available time slots for presentations at the 2017 Convention – Friday pre-convention, Saturday breakfast, concurrent sessions on Saturday afternoon, and a time for a plenary session on both Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. There was support for having the Mayors Caucus, the EA Forum, and a tour to BC Hydro's new dam as pre-convention sessions on Friday morning. Direction was to have an additional session on Friday morning as well.

Friday afternoon will have the keynote speaker and a representative from the Province. The AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste would like to report back to the members on Friday afternoon prior to the Saturday morning resolution sessions. The UBCM president is invited to speak on Saturday morning followed by the AGM, nominations report and resolutions session. Sunday morning the resolutions continue, and the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the BC Green party are invited to speak. It is hard to predict how long the resolutions sessions will go on Sunday morning.

There was general discussion about how a session on forestry could be structured as several proposals were received related to forestry issues. The intent of the session would be to increase understanding of different points of view, with opportunities for discussion and a panel representing different interests. The Executive confirmed that it would be best not to schedule this session on Friday morning as that would conflict with the Mayors Caucus; and that it could possibly be scheduled for all Saturday afternoon in the 1:30 to 2:30 slot, and then continuing in the 3:00 to 4:00 slot. Discussed having this session as a panel with an impartial moderator, and also discussed the importance of having first nations representatives involved. Liz Cookson noted that this session will require a high level of coordination to ensure its success, and requested assistance from Executive Committee members if it was selected.

A session related to mental health issues and addiction was also discussed, including the fentanyl crisis affecting communities. EA Representative Anderson offered to help organize a panel/workshop on this topic, and will contact Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer as well as a representative from Mental Health. Director Cote advised she will contact Marcie DeWitt, ACHN Coordinator for suggestions on presenting on Island wide health networks. Director Cote will work with EA Representative Anderson to coordinate a proposal for the Convention. The session could possibly include or be adjacent to a certification training session on how to administer Naloxene in conjunction with the health session.

A session for the Island Corridor Foundation was considered. The ICF would be invited to involve its Board members in the session, including having them lead round table discussions after the update of the ICF's work and business plan.

The possibility of a session on pipelines was also considered, no proposals on the topic had been submitted. There was some concern that this topic was outside of local government jurisdiction, and possibly spill response to pipeline related traffic could be incorporated into the session requested by the District of Sechelt from Western Canada Marine Spill Response.

Liz Cookson advised that the LGLA had proposed a session with a representative from CAMA to present on the new CAO Performance Evaluation Toolkit they are releasing to the public in June 2017. Leading up to the public release, CAMA is doing occasional presentations and hoping to target elected officials.

Liz Cookson will gather more information from Western Canada Marine Spill Response on whether they are willing to put on a session; and find out from the Eden Group what type of session they are proposing regarding rental housing.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

On motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte, seconded by Past President Stanhope,  
THAT the correspondence dated November 18, 2016 from the Honourable Steve Thompson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations re: Protection of Old Growth Forests be received;

AND THAT the AVICC write a follow up letter to the Minister requesting an explanation of the points in his letter, specifically:

- what are the strategies he advises the Ministry is considering for the management of old-growth forests on Crown lands;
- what will be involved in the proposed proactive community engagement, and how can local governments and the AVICC be involved; and
- what are the implications for private managed forest lands

was

CARRIED

On motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve, seconded by EA Representative Anderson,  
THAT the correspondence dated November 2, 2016 from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District re: Island Corridor Foundation and aKd report be received was

CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Liz Cookson advised that there had been enquiries from the North Coast Regional District (formerly Skeena-Queen Charlotte) and the Village of Queen Charlotte about becoming members of the AVICC. Both local governments are currently members of the NCLGA, and may continue that membership as well. She advised that the AVICC's bylaws would need to be amended by a vote of the members at the AGM in April, and that advance notification of the proposal would need to be sent to the members.

On motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte, seconded by Director Morrison,  
That the Executive Coordinator prepare a report on membership requests with implications for presentation at the AGM was

CARRIED

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 10:30 am, on motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Marcotte, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve,

That the meeting be adjourned was

CARRIED

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Councillor Barbara Price  
President

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Liz Cookson  
Executive Coordinator