

# 2017 AVICC RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

## PART SR - SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

### SR1) Special Resolution to Amend AVICC's Constitution and Bylaws Respecting Membership

AVICC Executive

WHEREAS the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) and the Village of Queen Charlotte within the NCRD have applied to join the AVICC as local government members while also retaining membership within the NCLGA; and

WHEREAS the AVICC's Constitution and Bylaws define members in part by geographic area through a listing of regional districts eligible for membership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities be amended in general terms as follows, and in specific terms as set out in Schedule A attached to this resolution:

- The opening paragraph of section 2 Purposes in the Constitution be amended to add North Coast to the listing of regional districts;
- Section 3(2) be amended to add North Coast to the listing of regional districts.

#### Schedule A

#### Original and Proposed Amendments to AVICC's Constitution and Bylaws Regarding Membership

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The section now reads:

##### 2. PURPOSES

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities is a body formed for the purpose of representing in one organization the various municipalities, regional districts and other local governments on Vancouver Island, and within the Islands Trust, the Central Coast, Sunshine Coast and Powell River Regional Districts.

The amended section would read:

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##### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS:

The section now reads:

Part 2 – Membership

3. The members of the Society are

(2) the cities, districts, townships, towns, villages and regional districts located within or partly within the following Regional Districts: Alberni-Clayoquot, Capital Regional, Central Coast, Comox Valley, Cowichan Valley, Mount Waddington, Nanaimo, Powell River, Strathcona and Sunshine Coast, that have been accepted by the directors to join the Society as local government members; and

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***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**PART AE – AVICC EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

**AE1) AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management**

**AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention on this mandated service;

AND WHEREAS the Special Committee reported out to the AVICC membership at the 2016 convention, the membership endorsed the 2016 action plan and further directed the Special Committee to report back to the 2017 convention with outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the continuation of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management with areas of work being: Partnership; Advocacy; Long-term Disposal; Regulations and Enforcement, and the 2017 action plan being:

Partnership – Develop a shared communication campaign for participating members.

Advocacy – engage the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and industry groups to review and expand waste reduction and diversion policies.

Long-term Disposal – conduct an assessment to forecast future solid waste disposal demand of AVICC member populations in twenty, forty and sixty years time.

Regulations and Enforcement – ensure that, where practicable, disposal bans and bylaws are consistent across regions to reduce leakage across borders.

AND FINALLY THAT the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management report back to the 2018 convention with outcomes.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**AE2) Role of AVICC in Advancing Social Procurement Practices**

**AVICC Executive**

WHEREAS in 2016 the AVICC and UBCM membership passed a resolution to "advance the use of social procurement practices"; and

WHEREAS the AVICC Executive has discussed the issue of Social Procurement at length on six occasions in the past year including receiving a delegation from a working group of volunteer elected officials requesting funding and support for establishing a "Community Benefit Procurement Hub" and establishing an AVICC Committee; and

WHEREAS the AVICC has received a 2017 resolution from four municipalities requesting AVICC appoint a liaison to the working group that is planning to undertake a feasibility assessment of a "Community Benefit Procurement Hub"; and

WHEREAS the AVICC Executive requested the working group to develop a resolution to present through the resolution process at the 2017 AVICC Convention for a decision on clear direction to the Executive;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership clarify direction on the role of the AVICC and social procurement practices by endorsing the following:

- Advancing social procurement practices by implementing a Community Benefit Procurement Hub is beyond the current resources of the AVICC and is primarily a provincial issue;
- The AVICC support the advancement of social procurement practices by disseminating information about the resources available to those members interested in pursuing social procurement in their communities;
- The AVICC appoint a liaison to the working group of volunteer elected officials; and
- That the AVICC membership invite the Ad Hoc Working Group to undertake, at no cost to AVICC members, a feasibility assessment of a "Community Benefit Hub" and report back at the AVICC 2018 AGM.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

## **PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

The following are resolutions that were referred to the Association by UBCM.

No resolutions were referred for AVICC consideration in 2017.

## **PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE**

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

### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **R1) Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan**

**RD of Nanaimo**

WHEAREAS a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan would outline Inter-Regional necessary improvement to the Islands transportation network;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has the ultimate responsibility for transportation planning on Vancouver Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia prepare a Vancouver Island Transportation Master Plan.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

#### **R2a) Creating a Fair Market Approach to the Lease Rates for Marinas**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS under the Canada *Marine Act* the federally governed Port Authority is required to set the lease rate structure for water lots at market value and Nanaimo Marina Owners contest that the Nanaimo Port Authority lease rates structure does not represent a fair market approach;

WHEREAS the Nanaimo Marina Owners recommend a fair market model based on a business owners' income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities advocate for a lease fee model that is based on a fair market approach for all port authorities.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

#### **R2b) Creating a Fair Market Approach to the Lease Rates for Marinas**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS under the Canada *Marine Act* the federally governed Port Authority is required to set the lease rate structure for water lots at market value and Nanaimo Marina Owners contest that the Nanaimo Port Authority lease rates structure does not represent a fair market approach;

WHEREAS the Nanaimo Marina Owners recommend a fair market model based on a business owners' income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities work with the City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Port Authority to develop a lease fee model that is based on a fair market approach.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was REFERRED to the AVICC Executive***

## **TAXATION**

### **R3) Extension of Taxation Authority for Vacant and Derelict Buildings to Local Government City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia and Legislative Assembly responded to a housing affordability crisis in July 2016 by proceeding with legislation that empowered the City of Vancouver to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties;

AND WHEREAS communities across British Columbia face housing affordability pressures, while a portion of the housing supply in all communities remains vacant, including properties that have remained derelict for years or decades, noting that vacant and derelict buildings pose substantial risks in terms of public safety in communities, as well as livability and desirability for nearby and adjoining neighbourhoods and properties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia extend the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant and derelict residential properties to local governments across British Columbia, and encourage the occupancy, maintenance, and improvement of buildings to address housing affordability and public safety.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **FINANCE**

### **R4) Bill C-15 Federal Banking "Bail-in" Legislation RD of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Canada Economic Plan (2014) and Bill C-15 (2016) enact legislation for a Bail-in regime for "domestic – systemically important" banks (DSIBs) providing power to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation to convert prescribed debt of a non-viable bank into common shares (Bail-in);

AND WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia accumulate large financial reserves through taxation to hold for future infrastructure development both directly with banks and through the Municipal Finance Authority investment program, the loss of which through a Bail-in program would widely harm all local governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government take measures to reduce the risk of local government reserves being used for Bail-in conversion, either by promoting changes to federal legislation to specifically exclude local government reserves from Bail-in or by promoting legislation such as Glass-Steagall rules; or if unable to do this, by creation of a secure repository for reserve funds, and/or by providing advice to local governments to avoid Bail-in risk.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R5) Funding for Fire Equipment**

**District of Port Hardy**

WHEREAS Communities are required to provide essential services including fire safety, and emergency vehicles and equipment for fire safety are costly;

AND WHEREAS grants for emergency equipment have all but disappeared since the early 2000's, with small communities required to fund 100% of emergency equipment through taxation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association for Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request the Province of British Columbia to create grants for emergency vehicles and equipment and make them available to smaller Municipalities, Regional Districts and Improvement Districts at a cost share of no less than 50%.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R6) Community Works Funding – Small Communities**

**Village of Sayward**

WHEREAS many communities are wrestling with increased infrastructure costs for essential services and in finding adequate sources of funding;

AND WHEREAS small communities have very limited funding options for providing basic infrastructure for their residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Province to change the base level of Community Works Funding to \$100,000 for communities under 5,000.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R7) E&N Transportation Corridor Development Cost Charge**

**Town of View Royal**

WHEREAS the Esquimalt & Nanaimo (E&N) Corridor is publicly owned; a critical transportation and utility corridor for Vancouver Island intended to help alleviate congestion on our major roads; and where 90% of the Island's population lives, works and recreates within a 5km distance from the Corridor;

AND WHEREAS Island municipalities would need to supplement the costs of a transportation service in this corridor given that it would not be fully sustained solely by taxes, grants, passenger fares and/or railway revenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities petition the Province of British Columbia to amend legislation enabling Vancouver Island municipalities and regional districts to collect Development Cost Charges for the purpose of constructing/altering transportation service on the E&N Corridor.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **R8) Comprehensive Reporting of Community Energy & Emissions Inventory      District of Highlands**

WHEREAS the Province of BC provides Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) numbers to BC municipalities, but the Province omits or has inconsistent reporting of emissions from:

- Manufactured goods (Embodies emissions in vehicles, building materials, and all consumer goods)
- Aviation for individuals and commercial transport
- Loss of soil carbon from agriculture
- Deforestation (loss of sequestered CO<sub>2</sub>);

AND WHEREAS these emissions account for a significant amount of total emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial government to improve the CEEI to account for these significant sources and where not possible, fully acknowledge these sources of emissions when reporting to local governments.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R9) Preventing Polystyrene Foam Pollution in the Marine Environment      Islands Trust**

WHEREAS foam from marine infrastructure is an increasing source of pollution on British Columbia's beaches;

AND WHEREAS there is concern that plastic-associated chemicals from polystyrene and other types of rigid foam are harming the marine environment and contaminating food webs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the provincial and federal governments to implement measures that prevent rigid foam pollution in the marine environment.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R10) Ending the Inhumane Use of Animal Traps**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Province has indicated a review of wildlife trapping regulations is underway and the use of body and leg hold traps within urban areas continues to pose an unacceptable risk of injuries to humans and pets, and the unrestricted sale of traps to unlicensed individuals continues;

AND WHEREAS since 2012, the Province has not provided the required ministerial approval for wildlife trapping bylaws submitted from the City of Vernon, City of Surrey, District of Sechelt and City of Nanaimo;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Province provide ministerial approval to local government bylaws in a timely manner, until such time that the Province completes a review of the trapping regulations.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R11) Redirecting of Container Deposits to Municipalities to Enhance Recycling Initiatives**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS in the Province of British Columbia somewhere between 10 to 15 million dollars annually is collected on containers but is not redeemed;

WHEREAS communities and regional districts are implementing innovative and valuable recycling programs including social enterprise participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the provincial government redirect unredeemed container deposits to communities and regional districts for the express purpose of funding recycling initiatives, including social enterprise participation.

***ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED***

**LAND USE**

**R12) ALC Policy on Breweries, Distilleries and Meaderies**

**Sunshine Coast RD**

WHEREAS an inequity exists between Agricultural Land Commission rules that apply to breweries, distilleries and meaderies under Policy L-21 vs. wineries and cideries under Policy L-03 which impede the economic growth, agricultural production and agri-tourism opportunities in rural communities;

AND WHEREAS Agricultural Land Commission Policy L-21 requires that at least 50% of products for breweries, distilleries and meaderies be grown on site;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Land Commission be requested to revise the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation to



allow breweries, distilleries and meaderies to contract with another BC grower to meet the 50% farm product requirement.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **REGIONAL DISTRICTS**

### **R13) Hazardous Properties Remediation Costs**

**RD of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS regional districts exercise their legislated authority to remediate properties of hazardous conditions and/or environmental contamination, the cost of which may be recovered from the property owners or added to taxes in arrears if unpaid on December 31st in the year in which the work is done;

AND WHEREAS if the taxes and debts remain unpaid, pursuant to the Taxation (Rural Area) Act a property may be forfeited to the Province and the Province is under no obligation to reimburse a regional district for the cost of remediating properties of hazardous conditions and/or environmental contamination;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM urges the Province to enact legislation or provisions that enable regional districts and municipalities to be reimbursed for the costs of remediating properties of hazardous conditions and/or environmental contamination that are subsequently forfeited to the Province on default of payment of the costs by the property owner.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

## **SELECTED ISSUES**

### **R14) Exam Requirements for Owner Builder Certification**

**RD of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Province of BC through the *Homeowner Protection Act* establishes the requirements for property owners to be authorized as Owner Builders by BC Housing to build and occupy a new home for their personal use;

AND WHEREAS due to recent amendments to the *Act*, BC Housing requires that Owner Builders write and pass an Owner Builder Authorization Exam prior to authorization under the legislation and has not produced a study guide or hosted educational sessions to allow property owners to prepare for the required examination which has resulted in an extremely high failure rate for applicants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in support of the ability for property owners to reasonably receive authorization as Owner Builders, that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province to prepare study materials and host education sessions designed to assist applicants through the required examination process.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R15) Open Government at Area Associations**

**Town of Port McNeill**

WHEREAS the *Community Charter* mandates that meetings of councils “must be open to the public” and that councils “must not vote on the reading or adoption of a bylaw when its meeting is closed to the public,” except in narrow circumstances involving land, legal, labour and other confidential matters;

AND WHEREAS Area Associations are the central bodies of local governments in British Columbia, with annual meetings serving as the forum where non-confidential matters relating to the functioning of local government and its relation to other levels of government are considered, debated and decided upon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC calls on the executive and staff of AVICC to ensure that future AVICC Conventions are open to the public, by eliminating entrance fees for observers, and by making good-faith efforts to convene meetings in facilities that have adequate space to provide a reasonable level of access for members of the public, beginning with webcasting of plenary meetings;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be referred to the 2017 annual meeting of UBCM, requesting favourable consideration and the adoption of an Open Meetings policy for those meetings, to ensure free and reasonable access for members of the public.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was REFERRED to the AVICC Executive***

**R16) BC Federation of Students' Campaign Don't Close the Doors on Adult Education**

**City of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Ministry has abolished funding for Adult Basic Education programs and instituted tuition fees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Federation of Students' campaign Don't Close the Doors be endorsed by requesting the Ministry reinstate funding for Adult Basic Education programs and abolish tuition fees.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

Part 2 – Section “B” – This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy, including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **R17) Highway Maintenance**

**Comox Valley RD**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for highway maintenance and provides service delivery performance requirements within their maintenance contracts and no independent process is provided to ensure the timely delivery of those services and communication of when those services will be delivered;

AND WHEREAS community and neighbourhood concerns in electoral areas suggests that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure needs to fund its highways and road maintenance programs in a more effective manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

- a) review how it provides performance measures to its public and how it keeps its public informed as to when it can expect the remediation of a maintenance deficiency so that it can devise a process that will assure the public that it is delivering its highway maintenance obligations, and;
- b) ensure adequate resourcing is available to administer and monitor highways and road maintenance contracts such that public safety and traveling conditions are enhanced on rural roads.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R18) Highway Lane Markings**

**Village of Sayward**

WHEREAS in many driving areas, driving is made unsafe for the public due to faded line markings both on the shoulder and the centre of highways;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Transportation has contractor line painting guidelines which do not respond adequately to the adverse weather conditions faced by drivers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to increase public safety on roads the Department of Transportation be requested to change the guidelines to increase the frequency and visibility of shoulder and centre line painting on all Provincial roads.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **TAXATION**

### **R19) Restoration of Land Value Tax**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS, concern around housing affordability is widespread in British Columbia communities, and the Land Value Tax provides a fiscal mechanism to incentivize improvements to property for housing and other purposes, and creates a disincentive to holding vacant property for speculative purposes;

AND WHEREAS local governments in British Columbia previously had the authority to introduce Land Value Taxes—taxing land at a higher rate than improvements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia restore the authority of local governments to introduce a Land Value Tax, to incentivize improvements to property for housing and other purposes, and create a disincentive to holding vacant property for speculative purposes.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **FINANCE**

### **R20) Victim Services Program Funding**

**RD of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS Victim Services Programs provide support and assistance to victims of crime;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Public Safety has the ultimate responsibility for the Victim Services Programs and yet does not fully fund these programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia fully fund all Victim Services Programs.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R21) Future Federal/Provincial/Local Government Infrastructure Funding Programs**

**Village of Sayward**

WHEREAS many communities are wrestling with increased infrastructure costs for essential services and in finding adequate sources of funding;

AND WHEREAS small communities have very limited funding options for providing basic infrastructure for their residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM work with the Province and Federal Government to develop future infrastructure funding programs that provide for a lower cost-share threshold for communities under 5,000.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **ASSESSMENT**

### **R22) Split Classification for Short Term Commercial Accommodation**

**District of Tofino**

WHEREAS B.C. Reg. 438/81 'Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation' enables BC Assessment to split-classify two specific Short Term Overnight Commercial Accommodation Properties (strata accommodation properties and 'bed and breakfast' residential properties) between Class 1 and Class 6 to reflect the dual residential and commercial use of these properties; and

WHEREAS the regulation does not capture residential properties that are also used commercially for short-term overnight accommodation (known as "short term rentals" or "vacation rentals"), creating a tax fairness issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province amend legislation so that all residential properties used for short-term overnight accommodation be eligible to be split-classified between Class 1 and Class 6, and that classification methodology for short-term rentals be developed in consultation with stakeholders.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **R23) Canada Goose Population Management**

**City of Parksville**

WHEREAS in the 1950s wildlife managers began relocating Canada Geese to the east coast of Vancouver Island, leading to the over abundant goose population which has devastated agricultural lands, estuaries, wildlife and critical fish habitat across Vancouver Island, bringing some of these vital ecosystems to the brink of extinction;

AND WHEREAS the City of Parksville, Regional District of Nanaimo and Guardians of the Mid Island Estuaries Society have employed sound science and a series of management actions designed to reduce resident geese numbers to levels consistent with estuary recovery in 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities fully supports a regional coordinated approach to resident Canada Goose management, including population controls needed to protect natural assets and promote sustained recovery of vital estuary habitats.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **R24) Removal of Scotch Broom**

**Town of Qualicum Beach**

WHEREAS invasive Scotch broom has spread from an initial infestation in Sooke to become ubiquitous across Vancouver Island, creating a significant fire hazard and choking out native species;

AND WHEREAS cooperative effort by local government and a local volunteer community group—Broombusters Invasive Plant Society—in the Qualicum Beach area has shown that concerted action can prove effective against invasive Scotch broom;

AND WHEREAS increased resources are needed to expand this project Island-wide:

THEREFORE be it resolved that the AVICC call on the Province to work with Vancouver Island local governments and community groups to effectively clear Scotch broom from highways, rail lines and power line rights-of-way over the next three years.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **LAND USE**

### **R25) Development Permits for Private Institutional Developments**

**District of Sechelt**

WHEREAS, historically, institutional developments were funded and built by senior levels of government and so legislation that would allow local government development permit oversight for the form and character of these developments was not contemplated in the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS institutional developments are now being funded and built by private providers in the Province of BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC be requested to amend the appropriate sections of the *Local Government Act* regarding the designation of development permit areas for form and character to include privately owned institutional development in a manner consistent with that of commercial, industrial, or multi-family residential developments.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **R26) Non-Tenured Value-Added Wood Processors**

**Municipality of North Cowichan**

WHEREAS British Columbia's non-tenured value-added wood processors find it increasingly difficult to access a share of public wood resources for further processing in British Columbia due to the consolidation and control of the non-competitive harvest into very few hands;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia's non-tenured value-added wood processors have had their access to the U.S. market impeded by the dispute between the U.S. Lumber Coalition and the tenured companies that have exclusive access to B.C.'s non-competitive and administratively-priced wood resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that B.C.'s non-tenured value-added wood processors have access to a share of the B.C.'s non-competitive wood resource for the purpose of processing it in B.C. and that B.C.'s non-tenured value-added wood processors have unimpeded access to the U.S. market for their products;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of a quota based Softwood Lumber Agreement with the United States that the Province of British Columbia allocate quota in such a way that it does not impede the survival and growth of B.C.'s non-tenured value added wood processors.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R27) Creation of a Panel focused on Management and Preservation of Old Growth Forests**

**Town of Port McNeill**

WHEREAS:

- The preservation and management of old growth forests is clearly an important issue;
- Currently, there are a number of plans to manage and preserve old growth forests that include parks, old growth management areas and areas identified as critical habitat;
- Industry continues to harvest old growth forests and many communities depend on the economy generated from forests—from harvesting and other forest uses;
- First Nations have many forestry interests and concerns in their traditional territories; and
- A balance between healthy forests and healthy communities is essential and achievable;

AND WHEREAS a broad-based advisory group could help formulate a coordinated strategy with respect to the management and preservation of old growth forests:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC support the formation of an advisory committee focused on the management and preservation of old growth forests, and that this advisory group consist of First Nations groups, local government representatives from forest communities, industry, and environmental representation.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**SELECTED ISSUES**

**R28) Aboriginal Day**

**District of Metchosin**

WHEREAS number 80 of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada calls for a national statutory holiday for Truth and Reconciliation,

AND WHEREAS National Aboriginal Day recognizes and celebrates the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada, but is not a national statutory holiday,

AND WHEREAS a statutory holiday would allow all Canadians to be able to participate in the recognition and celebration of First Nations' cultures and histories,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government, working with Aboriginal leaders, designate a national statutory holiday that celebrates the cultures and histories of the First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples of Canada.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R29) Rental Housing**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS Lower investment in rental housing stock over the past 30 years have resulted in a low vacancy rate and steadily increasing rental costs in many communities;

AND WHEREAS Market conditions have led to increased appetite for rental building owners to invest in upgrades to their buildings which provide improved unit quality, safety, and energy efficiency, but this creates the impetus for existing tenants to be evicted and subsequently experience challenges finding suitable and affordable replacement housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Esquimalt, and the member communities of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, call upon the Province to provide a funding model and regulatory framework to assist local governments in reducing the impact of "renovictions" on tenants while continuing to encourage investment in upgrading older rental housing;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Esquimalt, and the member communities of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, call upon the Province to increase the housing allowance portion of Income Assistance and Disability Assistance, as well as housing subsidies through BC Housing, to mitigate the impact of rising rental costs on low-income and vulnerable British Columbians.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***



### **PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report be received was endorsed.

#### **AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

##### **A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE**

- L1 Restriction on Single Wide Mobile Homes as Second Dwellings on ALR Properties  
Regional District of Nanaimo
- L3 Restoration of Previous Provincial Funding Levels for Vancouver Island Regional Library  
Town of Ladysmith
- L4 Provincial Assistance to Attract Doctors to BC  
City of Colwood

##### **B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE**

- L2 On-road Transportation Sector Required in the Community Energy and Emissions  
Inventory  
Capital Regional District
- L5 Endorsement of Resolution from AVICC Social Procurement Working Group  
City of Powell River

##### **L1) Restriction on Single Wide Mobile Homes as Second Dwellings on ALR Properties**

**Regional District of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation has established the standards for a second dwelling on ALR land and the Agricultural Land Commission's Policies L-08 and L-18 specify that manufactured homes must normally conform to the CSA Z240 series standards unless a property owner makes a non-farm application to the Commission;

AND WHEREAS construction of factory built, movable dwellings has progressed significantly with technology and the CSA Standard is not flexible enough to accommodate the needs of farmers to provide accommodation on their properties without an application;

AND WHEREAS these new movable dwellings incorporate innovative energy-efficient, green building technology and can be sited to reinforce the farmland protection objectives of the ALC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requests that the Ministry of Agriculture amend the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation to provide more certainty for types of manufactured homes that are permitted as residential uses and request that the Agricultural Land Commission amend their policies to allow for the siting of other types of factory built, movable dwellings outside of the CSA Z240 series standards.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **L3) Restoration of Previous Provincial Funding Levels for Vancouver Island Regional Library**

**Town of Ladysmith**

WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Regional Library is the fifth largest library system in British Columbia, serving over 430,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii and the Central Coast (Bella Coola) through 39 branch libraries, an e-Library and books by mail service;

AND WHEREAS the Vancouver Island Regional Library's focus has dramatically changed as our society has changed through technological advances in order to remain relevant, while the level of provincial funding has decreased from 21 per cent of total revenue in 1986 to five per cent of total revenue in 2016, leaving its member municipalities and regional districts to bear the increases through increased contributions while their capacity to continue to do so is severely limited;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities call upon the Provincial Government to restore funding for the public library system to a level of 21 per cent of the core annual budget required to operate the library system in an efficient, effective and equitable manner for the municipal taxpayer.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

### **L4) Provincial Assistance to Attract Doctors to BC**

**City of Colwood**

WHEREAS British Columbians are facing a critical shortage of primary care physicians in BC communities and unable to provide vital services to residents because BC is not competitive for a number of reasons, such as trained physicians choosing to practice in other provinces where opportunities are more economically attractive, the average gross clinical payments to BC physicians being one of the lowest in Canada and almost \$100,000 less than Ontario, and new graduates with substantial student debt accepting positions in other provinces, such as Alberta, where the average physician salary is the highest in the country at \$366,000 from billings;

AND WHEREAS too many highly qualified undergraduates are denied admission to UBC's 288 seat four-year medical degree program where only about 15% of the applicants are accepted compared to Alberta's 332 seats for first year medical students in a province with a population 12% smaller than BC's, forcing students to look elsewhere for their medical training, compounded by BC doctors who go abroad to get their medical education and must annually compete with up to 160 graduates from foreign medical schools for the handful of international residency training spots because there is no preferential treatment for BC born applicants who want to set up practices in BC in order to be closer to family and friends;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the communities of British Columbia—a strong and flourishing Province, who want BC to be the greatest Province in Canada by providing the full, holistic and complete communities that our residents expect and deserve—work together to open the doors for communities to attract doctors back to BC communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities send a letter to the Minister of Health and Premier of British Columbia requesting that the Province of British Columbia take definitive action to put in place the necessary framework, tools, and incentives to make us competitive with the other Provinces and attract physicians back into BC communities.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## **RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR**

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “Regional Level Input” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

### **OF1) Regional Level Input**

**Cowichan Valley RD**

WHEREAS the establishment of provincial road maintenance contract standards and asset management strategies directly impact rural residents; and

WHEREAS regional district elected officials are well-positioned to convey the expectations and concerns of communities in relation to road maintenance and upkeep;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to establish a formal process for a select committee of AVICC elected officials to provide regional level input during the establishment of highway maintenance contract standards and asset management strategies.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “National Strategy for Abandoned Vessels” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

### **OF2) National Strategy for Abandoned Vessels**

**City of Victoria,  
District of Oak Bay, Town of Ladysmith**

WHEREAS the AVICC and UBCM have passed a number of motions with regard to the removal of derelict vessels;

AND WHEREAS in Parliament this coming week an Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 and to provide for the development of a national strategy (abandonment of vessels) is being introduced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC membership endorse the Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 and to provide for the development of a national strategy for abandoned vessels.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled "Health Services Planning" distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

**OF3) Health Services Planning**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS the social determinants of health include housing, transportation, and built environment, which are directly influenced by local government decision making;

AND WHEREAS there is no mandated direct process for coordination of integrated planning between health authorities and local government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM petition the provincial government to establish formal mechanisms for including local government consultation in health services planning by health authorities.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***