

# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

2018 AGM & CONVENTION

Victoria, BC  
April 13-15, 2018



February 2018

We are excited to have our Province's capital – the City of Victoria – as host community for this year's AVICC Convention in April.

Victoria is ready to show AVICC members another side to its tourist and government town image, and to share some of the initiatives the City has been working on. Victoria's tech sector is booming, and new transportation initiatives are being rolled out. The City is also dealing with housing affordability, upcoming cannabis legislation and impacts of the opioid crisis. All these issues will be discussed at the 2018 Convention.

The Convention's business sessions will be held in the Victoria Conference Centre, and the banquet will be right next door at the Fairmont Empress. We'll be sending out further details on the program in the next few weeks, and updates will be posted on the website at [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca)

Delegates can register online at <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2018/AVICC>

## Keynote Speaker

Charles Montgomery

Urban Design Consultant, Award-Winning Journalist, & Author of *Happy City*

Keynote Address: *Happy City - Your City, Your Life*



For years, self-help experts have told us that we need to do inner work in order to improve our lives. But what if our cities themselves had the power to make or break our happiness? Drawing on brain science, psychology, and rich personal stories, Charles Montgomery explains how cities influence how we feel, behave, and treat other people in ways most of us never realize.

Everything from the length of your commute to the depth of your front yard can have an unseen effect on your mind, emotions, and social life. But Montgomery uses fascinating and often funny social experiments

to demonstrate that we are not helpless. We can change our lives by changing our relationship with our cities—and each other. By understanding the effect that design has on our emotions and decisions, we can all share this empowering new vision of city life.

Charles Montgomery is an award-winning author, urbanist, and leader of a consultancy that is building more happiness into cities. He is the author of the book *Happy City*, about which *The New York Times* wrote: "Happy City is not only readable but stimulating. It raises issues most of us have avoided for too long. Do we live in neighborhoods that make us happy? That is not a silly question. Montgomery encourages us to ask it without embarrassment, and to think intelligently about the answer."

## 2018 PROGRAM IN BRIEF

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

9:00 am	Study Tour, Cannabis Workshop
10:00 am	Study Tour, Mayors Caucus
12:00 pm	Ministry of Jobs, Trades and Technology Session
2:00 pm	Official Opening, Keynote Address, Affordable Housing Workshop
5:30 pm	Welcome Reception

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

7:30 am	Networking Breakfast or Working Breakfast Presentation
8:00 am	Elections for Table Officers
8:30 am	AGM, Resolutions, UBCM President's Address
Noon	Delegates Lunch
1:00 pm	ICF Update
1:30 pm	Concurrent Workshop Sessions
2:30 pm	Elections for Director at Large
6:30 pm	Reception
7:30 pm	Dinner & Band

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

7:30 am	Networking Hot Breakfast
8:30 am	Resolutions & Late Resolutions, Elections for EA Representative, Minister's Address, Address by the Leader of the BC Green Party, Presentations, Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award
12 noon	Adjournment

# FRIDAY MORNING PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

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## Study Tour: 'Victoria on the Move'

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Friday, April 13, 2018

Cost: \$40



Victoria is on the move. In order to accommodate new growth and support safer, affordable, and low-carbon transportation options for residents and visitors, the City is transforming the built environment to encourage cycling, walking and public transit. This multi-modal tour will showcase different examples of transportation infrastructure and provide delegates with insights on trends, opportunities, and challenges with managing mobility in the capital city. The tour will feature protected bike lanes, double decker busses, car and bike sharing, harbour ferries, pedestrian paths, parkade art, and much more!

Explanatory note: This tour will be a true multi-modal experience. Participants should expect moderate physical activity and be prepared for the weather. Bicycles and helmets will be provided for the cycling portion of the tour. Maximum 24 participants.

## Legalizing Cannabis - Regulatory Framework and the Role of Local Governments

9:00 am - 11:00 am, Friday, April 13, 2018

Cost: \$30



Last year the federal government introduced the Cannabis Act to legalize non-medical cannabis in Canada. Under the proposed Act, the federal government will regulate production, but the provinces and territories will have the authority to regulate areas such as minimum age, public consumption, personal cultivation, possession limits, distribution and retail.

The B.C. Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat will provide an update on the development of the regulatory framework of non-medical cannabis for B.C.

Sukhbir Manhas from Young Anderson, Barristers & Solicitors will present on the role of local governments within the new legislation. From zoning, to business licensing, to health and safety considerations, he will provide practical insights on how local governments are able to regulate the use, production, and retail sales of cannabis.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 HOST COMMUNITY

The host community for the 2018 AGM & Convention is the City of Victoria. Mayor Lisa Helps and Council are thanked for their generous hospitality.

City of Victoria staff are involved in the planning of the 2018 Convention. Special thanks to Leanna Hayes, Event Manager, Conference Centre and Kerri Moore, Manager, Strategic Relations & Business Development for their enthusiasm and assistance.

All local contributors are thanked for their contribution in making the 2018 AGM & Convention a terrific experience for all.



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### Study Tour: 'Discover Tectoria'

10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Friday, April 13, 2018

Cost: \$30



others who work in tech jobs within larger firms and government. This sector is growing so fast that VIATEC has set a bold new goal that more than doubles revenues to \$10 Billion by 2030.

Your walking tour will visit a few of the tech co-working incubator centres, such as Fort Tectoria and The Summit. You will have an introduction to each location and an office tour to follow that will provide a brief overview of some of the start-ups and more established companies and their innovation that is not only marketed locally, but internationally. Maximum of 24 participants.

Victoria, known as 'Tectoria', generates \$4 Billion in annual revenue as reported by the Victoria Innovation, Advanced Technology and Entrepreneurship Council (VIATEC). The Technology sector in Victoria has surpassed Tourism as the City's leading economic driver with more than 900 businesses that employ more than 15,000 directly. It also counts another 3,000 consultants and 5,000

**VIATEC<sup>BETA</sup>**



### Mayors Caucus 10:00 am - noon, Friday, April 13, 2018 Cost: \$30

The AVICC Mayors Caucus was first held at our 2016 Convention in Nanaimo. Based on positive feedback from the members, we have scheduled this again as a pre-convention offering.

The Caucus is an opportunity for AVICC Mayors to get together and discuss common issues and concerns. This session is open to all Mayors.

### ELECTIONS PROCESS

The membership elects directors during the AGM & Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides direction to AVICC between Conventions.

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

To be included in *The Report on Nominations*, nominations must be received by **February 14, 2018**. If not received by the deadline, nominations may be received from the Convention floor.

For further information on the elections process or to submit a nomination, please contact:

Past President Barbara Price  
Chair, 2018 Nominating Committee  
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Victoria, BC V8V 0A8  
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## CONVENTION PROGRAM



### The Program Format

The 2018 program will integrate the regular business of the annual general meeting, debate on resolutions and holding of elections with a variety of presentations and workshops on topical issues, addresses by key political speakers and opportunities for networking.

A draft of the detailed program is expected to be available by late-February on the AVICC website. In order to accommodate emergent issues the program does not become final until just prior to the AGM & Convention.

Some program highlights that have been confirmed include:

- Unlocking Housing Affordability Together – Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- Community Level, Cross-Organization Response to the Opioid Overdose Emergency – Island Health
- Shoreline Development Permit Area Tools – Green Shores, District of Oak Bay
- Social Procurement Hub Proposal – ad hoc working group
- Island Corridor Foundation Update
- National Strategy on Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels – Transport Canada
- Electoral Area Directors Forum
- Open Space Workshop
- BC Ideas – The Possibilities of Tech & Innovation – Ministry of Jobs, Trades and Technology
- BC211 Expansion to Vancouver Island and Powell River
- AVICC Bylaws Update

### Political Speakers

Invitations have been extended to BC Premier John Horgan; Leader of the Official Opposition, Andrew Wilkinson; Leader of the BC Green Party, Andrew Weaver; Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, Selina Robinson; and UBCM President, Wendy Booth.

### Trade Show

As in past years, AVICC will host a Trade Show adjacent to the main meeting room. Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths – please thank them for supporting our Convention and allowing us to keep our fees the lowest of all the area associations.

The Trade Show will be open Friday afternoon from 1 pm, during the Saturday morning hot breakfast, and in conjunction with the Saturday lunch dessert and morning and afternoon networking breaks.

### RESOLUTIONS

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions received prior to the **February 14, 2018** deadline will be processed and included in the Annual Report and Resolutions book that will be emailed to members in late-March.

#### *Late Resolutions:*

Resolutions received after the deadline are considered “late” but will be accepted by the Executive Coordinator up until noon, **Wednesday, April 11, 2018.**

Members are reminded that, to be admitted for debate, a resolution must be deemed to be of an urgent or emergency nature and should address an issue that has arisen after the February 14 deadline date.

The Resolutions Committee will review all late resolutions and prepare a report to the Convention including a recommendation as to whether the resolution meets the criteria and should be admitted for debate.

Members can also propose a resolution from the floor of the Convention.

#### Reminder

*Resolutions and Nominations  
Deadline  
February 14, 2018*

See [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca) for submission requirements and nomination forms.



# 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 Delegates Lunch, two networking and social highlights of the 2018 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet.

## 2018 Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm Friday evening in the Victoria Conference Centre. The Trade Show will be open for delegates to peruse while enjoying refreshments. Admission for delegates is already included in the delegate registration fee. Additional tickets may be purchased for guests through the on-line registration form on CivicInfo.

## Annual Banquet

The banquet will be held in the beautiful Fairmont Empress. The pre-banquet reception will start off in the Palm Court, and the banquet will be in the adjacent Crystal Ballroom.



We are very excited to welcome back an AVICC favourite and local Victoria band – The Timebenders!

This 6-piece group of talented young musicians will get us up and dancing again with songs, costumes and personalities from the 50's right up to today. They've added some new characters and routines to their fast-paced and high-energy performance.

Bring your dancing shoes, and see if you can keep up with Joe Stanhope!

## PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Partners and other guests are encouraged to accompany delegates to our Convention.

In addition to joining delegates for the Friday Welcome Reception and the Saturday Reception and Banquet, the City of Victoria has organized three special tours for partners.

The delegate tours and the Convention business sessions are exclusively for delegates, and are not open to partners or guests. The tours below are designed exclusively for partners or guests of Convention delegates.



### **City of Victoria Hanging Baskets** **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm** **Cost: \$15.00 per person** **Maximum of 20 participants**

The City of Victoria's hanging baskets are a sign that spring has sprung! Introduced in 1937, the hanging baskets are now a trademark recognized around the world. The baskets are placed on downtown lamp posts every June, signalling the start of summer.

Supervisor of Parks Operations, Mike Creighton, will lead the demonstration on the construction of a moss hanging basket. Nine different varieties of plants are used to make the basket, with a total of 25 plants included in each.

Included is a tour of the greenhouses, the park facilities (where you will be shown the Orca Whales 3D sculpture that is displayed annually in downtown Victoria), as well as a tour of the composting facilities.

Transportation to and from the Victoria Conference Centre is provided, please dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable footwear.

### **Indian Cooking Class with Chef Heidi Fink** **Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm** **Cost: \$125.00 per person** **Based on a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 participants**

Chef Heidi Fink has been teaching top-quality cooking classes since 1999. Her approachable teaching style, clear instructions and easy-to-follow recipes have earned her a loyal following. Inspired by Heidi's travels in India, this class is devoted to cooking delicious Indian specialties, with a special emphasis on the techniques that bring maximum flavour from a whole range of spices.

The menu includes Butter Chicken, Homemade Naan bread, Spiced Coconut Vegetables, homemade chutneys and more.

The class will be held at "The London Chef" location. Designed to look and feel like you are cooking in your own home, using Viking Pro ranges, sinks, aprons and cookware. The layout of the kitchen encourages socializing and provides a great opportunity to meet new people, or spend time with old acquaintances.

Transportation to and from the Victoria Conference Centre is provided.





## PARTNER ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

**Walking Tour - Ross Bay Cemetery**  
**Saturday April 14th - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**  
**Cost: \$16.00 per person**  
**Minimum of 6 and maximum of 25 participants.**

Victoria's Ross Bay Cemetery opened in 1873 to serve the burial needs of the growing City of Victoria. Overlooking Ross Bay and steps away from the Dallas Road waterfront, it is 11 hectares in size (27.5 acres) and has almost 28,000 interments. Not just a burial ground, it serves as a park and restful get-away for many people.

Ross Bay Cemetery has become the final resting place of many famous BC residents, including the Dunsmuirs, Douglasses, Helmckens and probably the most famous, Emily Carr.

Your tour guide from the Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria will provide an overview of the history of the cemetery. Learn about the famous, the infamous, the cruel, the gentle, the rich and the poor. The characters of Victoria's past come alive when their stories are retold.

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## LOGISTICS

### Accommodations

Several hotels have been identified as accommodation providers for Convention delegates. Visit [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca) for rates and booking information.

### Convention Venues

All business sessions will be held on the 2nd floor of the Victoria Conference Centre at 720 Douglas Street, Victoria.

### Parking

Parking is available for a fee at the Victoria Conference Centre or nearby at City of Victoria parkades.

### Internet

The City of Victoria will be providing complimentary internet access at the Victoria Conference Centre. The password will be provided at the Convention.

### How to Register

Online registration is available through CivicInfo at:

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2018/AVICC>

There is an early bird and cancellation deadline of Friday, March 23, 2018.

### Convention Registration Fees

	Early (By March 23)	Late (After March 23, 2018)
Member Delegate Fees	\$275	\$330
Non-Member Delegate Fees	\$330	\$395
Banquet	\$70	\$84
Welcome Reception	Included for Delegates	Included for Delegates
	\$40 Partners and Guests	\$48 Partners and Guests

### For More Information

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

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