

## Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities - Victoria BC

### Notes from Electoral Area Regional District Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Session Facilitator: Sunshine Coast Regional District

Director Ian Winn, AVICC Rural Director at Large welcomed everyone and opened the session by providing an overview of the format and objectives. Director Winn provided a recap of the 2017 actions and the positive outcomes in terms of Regional District collaboration.

Session 1 – Gather Input submissions

- 1) Review of the topics which were submitted prior to the convention (see the chart)
- 2) Other topics to add to the list
- 3) Refine the list to focus our efforts
- 4) Discussion on priorities

Break

Session 2 – Opportunities for engagement through discussion and focus groups

- 1) What action the group would like to take
- 2) Opportunities to take as Late Resolution
- 3) Opportunities to take topic/issue to AVICC Executive

#### Summary of Topics / Issues Raised in the Session

##### #1. Federal Revenue gap for local government on First Nations reserves

- Federal Government does not pay taxes on federal land
- Grants in lieu to municipalities
  - o PILT Big \$
  - o Transfer Payments
  - o Equalization
- Desire to have more accountability:
  - 2 paths -> FN
  - ➔ Action – Draft a LRES
  - ➔ Who – Ian M, Edwin G, Travis H, Alison S, Courtney K

##### #2. Governance and Relationship between EA's and Province

- All RDs to revisit EA Reform 2009 Report
- EA Forum request AVICC Executive to request a session EA at UBCM
- All RDs draft the similar res to go to UBCM B4 June 30
- Modernize LGA
  - ➔ Action – write a request
  - ➔ Who – Janette Loveys, Ian Winn

### #3. Funding, roles, responsibilities with Emergency Management

- Do the partner agencies understand the impact of their decisions?
  - o Insurance underwrites
  - o WorkSafe
  - o Volunteer Fire Societies and/or Commissions
  - o Support from Community N. P. societies?
- ➔ Action – AVICC Request a panel at UBCM or AVICC to bring together stakeholders to present information and discussion

### #4. Need for Electoral Reform / Governance

CVRD – Need to revise/modernize the Community Charter

RDN – Desire to have Approving Officer authorities

PRRD – Concerned about the costs related to operating a fire department with all the Provincial regulations in place.

#### **Additional topics added to the list**

- Governance – broader by Electoral Area's roles and responsibilities
- Storm water management in ALR to Regional Districts
- BC Ferries and equity for schedules
- Sensitivity training for Provincial Government staff
- Rename Electoral Area Director
- Identity crisis - does the Province know what/who a Regional District is?
- Need for rebranding of Regional Districts

Conclusion of Session 1 – Break

Session 2 – Opportunities for engagement through discussion and focus groups

Director Ian Winn, SCRD spoke about how we can learn more from listening to one another, our efforts for collaboration and how our collective voices are heard more when we speak as one.

Individual elected officials had an opportunity to join 3 of the identified priority topics and talk about actions and next steps.

Related to #1. Federal Revenue gap for local government on First Nations reserves

A late resolution was brought forward and endorsed at convention.