



ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS PACKAGE

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 74th ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 14 – 16, 2023

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo, BC

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PROGRAM

Friday, April 14th, 2023

74th Annual General Meeting & Convention

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo

PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM

8:00 am	Registration Desk Opens (Newcastle Island Lobby)
8:30 am – 11:30 am	Study Tour: Nanaimo Community Amenity Tour (meet at Registration Desk)
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Study Tour: Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre Tour (meet at Registration Desk)
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Workshop: Legislative Reform Initiative: Building the Case (Shaw Auditorium)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Chiefs, Mayors & Chairs Forum and Lunch (Session at noon) (Nanaimo River Room)
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Electoral Area Directors Forum and Lunch (Session at noon) (Departure Bay Room)
1:00 pm	Trade Show Opens (Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

THE TRADE SHOW IS OPEN FROM 1:00 PM – 7:45 PM TODAY

AGM & CONVENTION MAIN PROGRAM – Mt. Benson Ballroom C/D

2:00 pm	Convention Welcome & Opening Remarks: AVICC President Penny Cote Blessing: Honoured Elder Lolly Good O' Canada Welcome from Snuneymuxw Nation: Chief Michael Wyse Welcome from Hosts: RDN Chair Vanessa Craig and Nanaimo Mayor Leonard Krog Video Greetings from Minister of Municipal Affairs, Anne Kang Convention Program Overview: AVICC President Penny Cote
2:25 pm	Nominating Committee Report: AVICC Past President Ian Morrison
2:30 pm	Keynote Address: Tomson Highway <i>Permanent Astonishment- Lessons in a Life Story</i>
3:30 pm – 3:50 pm	Refreshment Break
3:50 pm	Nominations from the Floor for Table Officers OR Directors at Large
3:55 pm	Island Health Update: Leah Hollins, Chair, Island Health Board of Directors
4:05 pm	Provincial Address: Hon. Sheila Malcolmson, Social Development and Poverty Reduction and MLA Nanaimo
4:15 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Managing Emergencies- the Increasing Impact on our Communities</i>
5:45 pm	Final Comments and Wrap-Up, Adjourn
5:45 pm – 7:45 pm	Welcome Reception (Newcastle Lobby & Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)
5:45 pm	Voting for Table Officers OR Directors at Large begins (voting is online)

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

THE TRADE SHOW IS OPEN FROM 7:15 – 3:00 PM TODAY

7:15 am	Breakfast Service Starts (Newcastle Lobby)
7:30 am – 8:25 am	Working Breakfast – <i>Traditional and Social Media Tips and Tricks for Electeds</i> (Mt Benson Ballroom C/D)
8:30 am	Opening Remarks (Mt Benson Ballroom C/D)
8:35 am	Address: UBCM President Jen Ford, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet RD & Councillor, Whistler
8:50 am	Annual Meeting and President's Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Convention Rules and Procedures○ Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting○ 2022 Annual Report○ 2022 Audited Financial Statements
9:00 am	Consideration of Resolutions, First Session
9:45 am	BC Assessment: <i>Overview of Property Assessment & 2023 Assessment Roll</i>
10:00 am – 10:25 am	Refreshment Break
10:25 am	Municipal Finance Authority Update
10:30 am	UBCM: <i>Canada Community-Building Fund Renewal Update</i>
10:30 am	Voting for Table Officers OR Directors at Large closes (voting is online)
11:00 am	Consideration of Resolutions, Second Session
11:45 am	Nominating Committee Report
	Nominations from the Floor for Directors at Large OR EA Representative
11:55 am	BC Lottery Corporation Address
12:00 pm – 1:25 pm	Delegates Lunch

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	#1 <i>The Evolving Role of Municipalities in Community Health</i> (Nanaimo River)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	#2 <i>Regional Collaboration in the Decade of Climate Action</i> (Dodd Narrows)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	#3 <i>Fully Booked. Why our Libraries are Booming</i> (<i>No Shhh@t – libraries do that?!</i>) (Shaw Auditorium)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break
3:00 pm	Voting for Directors at Large OR EA Representative opens (voting is online if required)
3:00 pm	Trade Show closes
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	#4 <i>Growing Farmers & Food Resilience in Cowichan Valley</i> (Shaw Auditorium)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	#5 <i>Three Emerging Risks Affecting Every Local Government Today</i> (Nanaimo River)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	#6 <i>Attainable Housing Inspiration from Vancouver Island Communities</i> (Dodd Narrows)

BANQUET

6:30 pm – 11:30 pm	Reception and Banquet (Mt. Benson Ballroom)
6:30 pm	Banquet Reception
7:30 pm	Dinner and Remarks
9:00 pm	"Time Well Wasted" Band

PROGRAM

Sunday, April 16th, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Networking Breakfast (Mt. Benson Ballroom)
7:30 am	Voting for Directors at Large OR EA Representative closes (voting is online if required)
8:30 am	Opening Remarks Nominating Committee Report (if required) Nominations from the Floor for Electoral Area Representative (if required)
8:35 am	Municipal Insurance Association of BC Update- President Penny Cote
8:40 am	Green Party Leader, MLA Sonia Furstenau
8:55 am	Plenary Session: <i>RECONCILI-ACTION: Developing Meaningful Relationships in our Communities</i>
9:00 am	Voting for Electoral Area Representative opens (voting is online if required)
10:10 am – 10:35 am	Refreshment Break
10:35 am	Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions, Third Session
11:00 am	Voting for Electoral Area Representative closes (voting is online if required)
11:45 am	Nominating Committee Report (as required) Installation of New AVICC Executive Remarks by President-Elect 2024 Convention Announcement Grand Prize Draw- BC Ferries Prize Package– <i>Must Be Present to Win</i>
12:00 pm	Adjourn & Safe Travels

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Special thanks are extended to the City of Nanaimo and to the Regional District of Nanaimo for hosting the 2023 AGM & Convention. Our hosts helped in so many areas including supplying the facilities, decorating for the banquet, organizing the Friday morning sessions, providing local contacts, and suggesting speaker gifts.

Thank you for making the Convention a great experience!



TRADE SHOW

HOURS

Friday 1:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Saturday 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

EXHIBITORS

BC Lottery Corporation

CUPE BC

Community Health Networks/ Island Health

BC Assessment

ICBC

FortisBC Energy

BC Hydro

Private Forest Landowners Association

BC Dairy Association

Western Forest Products

BC Transit

Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund

Trans Mountain

Rogers Communications

Union of BC Municipalities

Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island Regional Libraries

BC Crisis Line Network/ Vancouver Island Crisis Society

Students/Youth from SD 68

Managed Forest Council

CUPE Local 8911: Emergency Communications Professionals of BC

West Coast Marine Response

City of Victoria/Destination Greater Victoria

Canada Post

Oceans Protection Plan

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Saturday Delegates Lunch

BC Lottery Corporation

Keynote Speaker

Municipal Finance Authority of BC

Banquet Dinner

Young Anderson

Banquet Reception

Fortis BC

Chiefs, Mayors & Chairs Forum

Lidstone & Company Law Corporation

Sunday Morning Breakfast

ICBC

Program

BC Assessment

Speaker Gifts

Ship Source Oil Pollution Fund

Friday Afternoon Refreshment Break

BC Dairy Association

Saturday Morning Refreshment Break

Private Forest Landowners Association

Friday Welcome Reception

CUPE BC

Friday Opening Session

Island Health

Saturday Morning Breakfast

Municipal Insurance Association of BC

Saturday Afternoon Refreshment Break

BC Hydro

Trade Show

Trans Mountain

Friday Morning Session

BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI)

Registration Services

Western Forest Products

Communications

Rogers Communications

Sunday Morning Refreshment Break

CUPE VI

Transportation

BC Transit

Grand Prize

BC Ferry Services

SPEAKER GIFT DONATION

Historically, AVICC has provided gifts to our speakers to thank them for their participation in our convention. Last year, the AVICC Executive determined that rather than purchase gifts, that we make a donation to a local charitable organization that benefits the residents in our region. This practice is being continued for 2023, and a donation will be made by the host communities on behalf of AVICC to Loaves & Fishes Food Bank.



Loaves & Fishes Food Bank works to solve the crisis of food insecurity by using the problem of food waste to benefit people in need across Vancouver Island, serving individuals from Nanaimo to Port Hardy and providing food to over 100 other charities, food banks, schools and Indigenous communities across Vancouver Island. In 2022 over \$6.9 million worth of food was provided for people in need, reaching over 30 communities across Vancouver Island.

Visit <https://nanaimoloavesandfishes.org/donate> to learn more or to make a donation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TOMSON HIGHWAY

Permanent Astonishment-Lessons in a Life Story

Friday, 2:30 pm

Tomson Highway was born in a snowbank on an island in the sub-Arctic, the eleventh of 12 children in a nomadic, caribou-hunting Cree family. When Tomson was six, he was flown south by float plane to attend a residential school. He lived through the residential school system, faced prejudice, and struggled to have his work recognized. Along the way, he relied on music and art to heal and inspire himself and others around him. He has overcome incredible obstacles to find himself where he is today.



He's an acclaimed artist making international impact as a playwright, author, musician, and multilingual speaker (Cree, French, and English). Highway has also found time to complement these great accomplishments with his work as a social worker, Native artistic director, adjunct professor, and world traveller.

For years he immersed himself in the field of Native social work, working on reserves and in urban centres across Canada. At the age of 30, he decided it was time to put all this extraordinary artistic training and extraordinary Native social work experience together – he started writing music, plays, and, later, novels. He achieved international recognition with his multi-award-winning plays *The Rez Sisters* and *Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing* which was the first Canadian play to receive a full production and extended run at Toronto's legendary Royal Alexandra Theatre.

His artistic groundwork gave birth to a nation-wide Native literary movement that continues to play a fundamental role in the advancement of Aboriginal literacy and education across the country. He's been Writer-in-Residence at many universities, and is author of many bestselling books, including *Permanent Astonishment: Growing Up in the Land of Snow and Sky*, for which he won the Writers' Trust Award for Non-Fiction. Several film and television documentaries on both his work and his background have been produced for the international market over the years.

A member of the Order of Canada and the recipient of at least 10 honorary doctorates, Highway has shaped the development of Aboriginal theatre in both Canada and around the world. He is one of Canada's foremost Aboriginal and creative voices.

FRIDAY PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

Legislative Reform Initiative: Building the Case

Friday, 9:30 am

In June 2021, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), with Don Lidstone, Q.C., hosted a session with regional district Chairs and CAOs to explore the possibility of mobilizing a collaborative effort to modernize the *Local Government Act*. Subsequently, at the April 2022 AVICC convention, the RDN and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) hosted a workshop to continue the conversation and confirm support for this important initiative, hear from local governments about aspects of the legislation in need of reform, and focus forward momentum and interjurisdictional collaboration. An RDN resolution, endorsed at the September 2022 UBCM Convention, proposed that UBCM work with the Ministry and local governments to further this initiative. In September 2022, the RDN and ACRD met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and a subsequent meeting to discuss specifics is anticipated.

Concerns with this dated legislation include restrictions on taxation and revenue sources, complexities in establishing services, and the lack of provisions in comparison with Section 8 of the *Community Charter* which gives municipalities powers to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements by bylaw without provincial approval or establishing bylaws. Regional districts are limited in their legislative authority in comparison with municipalities in several key areas such as business licensing authority, subdivision approval, regulation of fireworks discharge, parking enforcement, tree management, and taxation and funding models. Further, social, political and economic environments that local governments operate within continue to evolve in areas such as climate change, environmental stewardship and a recognition of the importance of First Nations' participation in regional governance. These realities should be reflected in a modernized legislative framework.

This interactive, discussion-based session will build on the momentum and ideas from last year's AVICC workshop. The goal will be to gather from attendees specific examples of areas that need refreshing and modernizing, to build the narrative. The session will be of interest to municipal officials as well as regional district officials, since many aspects of municipal operations are contained in the *Local Government Act*.

PRESENTERS:

Vanessa Craig, was re-elected as the Electoral Area B Director in October 2022 and was elected Chair of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board of Directors in November 2022. She previously served as Vice-Chair and Acting Chair of the Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Board. She is currently Second Vice President on the AVICC Executive.

John Alan Jack, has served as Chair of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) since 2016 and is an elected Member of Council for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN). His community is a party to the Maa-nulth Final Agreement which grants the HFN a seat on the ACRD Board. Chair Jack was first elected to the HFN in 2009 and was re-elected in 2011 shortly after the effective date of the Treaty.

Tyler Brown, was elected Vice-Chair of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board of Directors in November 2022, having served as Chair of the RDN Board for the previous two years. He has also been a Councillor with the City of Nanaimo since 2018, having been re-elected in October 2022.

Don Lidstone, K.C., is Managing Partner of Lidstone & Company. He practices in local government law, focusing on governance, finance and taxation, land use, environmental law, Indigenous law, and legislative drafting. Mr. Lidstone speaks regularly at conferences and has chaired many local government review panels, and the Municipal Law Section of the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS: PLENARY

FRIDAY PLENARY SESSION

Managing Emergencies- The Increasing Impact on our Communities

Friday, 4:20 pm

In 1993, the Emergency Program Act (EPA) was introduced by the Province of BC, requiring local governments to develop and implement emergency management plans and maintain emergency management organizations. No one predicted how many emergencies there would be; some regions of BC have experienced multiple and sometimes overlapping Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) activations in recent years. These escalating emergencies have placed a heavy burden on local government, diverting staff resources away from regular services and even causing occupational burn-out.

Developing strong collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities is paramount to successful emergency planning and management by local governments. Different regions have taken on different models of emergency management. Some regional districts have full responsibility for managing emergencies; in others, the municipalities may take on the majority of the funding and staff support.

The Province has been working towards the repeal and replacement of the EPA over the past 5 years, with the new legislation scheduled to replace the EPA in Spring 2023. The exact impact on local governments is not yet known, but an increase in accountability for delivery of services is anticipated. In Fall of 2022 the Premier announced the creation of a standalone Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR).

MODERATOR: **Donna McMahon**, AVICC EA Representative and Director, Sunshine Coast Regional District

PRESENTERS:

Ryan Wainwright, Senior Manager, Emergency Management Cowichan, formerly Senior Regional Manager, Vancouver Island Coastal Region, Emergency Management BC. Ryan has had the opportunity to work at local, provincial, and federal levels developing his skills as an emergency management practitioner. Prior to joining EMBC in 2019, Ryan enjoyed almost 10 years at the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District as the Emergency Program Coordinator.

Tihmtimut Samuel Schooner, Chief Councillor, Nuxalk Nation, has served eight years as an elected Nuxalk Council member and previously served eight years as a Director with the Central Coast Regional District, three of those as its Chair.

Corey Anderson, A/Senior Regional Manager, Vancouver Island Coastal Region, of the Ministry of EMCR, supports a team of Regional Managers, Emergency Management Technicians and administrative support staff. The VIC team works with First Nations and local authorities to plan for, mitigate against, respond to, and recovery from emergencies. Corey and his partner acknowledge that are visitors upon the traditional territory of the people of the WSÁNEĆ Nations: Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tseycum and Tsawout.

Katie Olthuis, Director of the Policy and Legislation, EMCR, has experience leading climate risk initiatives with the provincial government at the Climate Action Secretariat and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. She was also the lead author of Managing Climate Change Risks, an audit of government's approach to climate adaptation in her 6 years at the Office of the Auditor General of BC.

Mark Brown, Former CAO, Town of Qualicum Beach, currently Acting General Manager, Infrastructure Services at the Sunshine Coast Regional District, after being recently contracted to be the Director of the Emergency Operations Centre during the water shortage State of Local Emergency. He has also worked with several communities in BC and Alberta including High River as the Director of Renewal, aiding in flood recovery and in Zeballos as Recovery Manager during the landslide threat evacuation.

SATURDAY PLENARY SESSIONS

Traditional and Social Media Tips and Tricks for Electeds

Saturday, 7:45 am

This session will provide a breakdown of how to do effective radio, newspaper web, and television interviews, including interview prep, camera and microphone usage and placement, interviewee techniques, traps to avoid, and how to get the message across that you want. We will dive into Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, how to use them effectively, and when to run for your life. Mayor Merlin Blackwell will provide real life examples from his political career, as well as examples from other leaders. Many of these tips will translate to better communication in council chambers and will shape up your skills as a public speaker.

PRESENTER:

Mayor Merlin Blackwell, District of Clearwater, will draw from his diploma in Broadcasting from BCIT, 5+ years as a writer in radio and magazines, 3+ terms on Council, and as one of the most interviewed small-town Mayors in Canada.

Overview of Property Assessment & 2023 Assessment Roll

Saturday, 9:45 am

This session will take a brief look at property assessment in British Columbia, including the products and services BC Assessment offers, and the role BC Assessment plays in supporting the development of vibrant communities in British Columbia. This session will also include area-specific highlights of the 2023 assessment roll.

PRESENTER:

Graham Held, Manager Local Government Relations, BC Assessment, has been with BC Assessment since graduating from UBC with a B.Com. in 1993. Most recently, Graham has been the Manager – Assessment Appeals from 2019 to 2022. Graham has spent over a decade as a member of the Board of Directors of the Appraisal Institute of Canada - British Columbia, including two years as the President.

Canada Community-Building Fund Renewal Update

Saturday, 10:30 am

The current 10-year Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) program – which includes the Community Works Fund and Strategic Priorities Fund programs – is set to expire in March 2024. UBCM, as the administrator of the program in BC will be engaging with local governments in advance of renegotiating a long-term renewed agreement with the Government of Canada and the Province of BC. This session will provide delegates with an overview of the CCBF program and provide an update on the current status of renegotiations, including seeking input on elements of future programming that would best serve local communities in BC. The session will also review a survey UBCM has launched requesting feedback on the CCBF program.

PRESENTERS:

Glen Brown, General Manager, Union of BC Municipalities

Brant Felker, Canada Community-Building Fund Manager, Union of BC Municipalities

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS: PLENARY

SUNDAY PLENARY SESSION

RECONCILI-ACTION:

Developing Meaningful Relationships in our Communities

Sunday, 8:55 am

The Province of BC passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) into law in November 2019, to establish the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as the Province's framework for reconciliation, as called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) recently endorsed a resolution resolving that the provincial and federal governments legislate requirements for municipalities to implement the UN Declaration, to strengthen relationships between municipalities. Relationships are central to reconciliation. Building trust requires time and patience.

In this session, we will provide a brief background on First Nations governance, the UN Declaration, and DRIPA. Our panelists will provide their insights on how local governments should start the conversation with their Indigenous neighbours on the subject of reconciliation and UNDRIP/DRIPA implementation, and advance relationship building within their communities. We will speak about options on how reconciliation can be financed, and how smaller communities can offer services to the Indigenous communities within their region. Our panelists will provide examples of positive relationships between municipal governments and Indigenous communities, to inspire local governments to create these opportunities for collaboration to advance and action DRIPA within their own communities.

MODERATOR: Gundaynuxv Travis Hall, AVICC Director at Large, Director, Central Coast Regional District

PRESENTERS:

Tlhmtimut Samuel Schooner, Chief Councillor, Nuxalk Nation, has served eight years as an elected Nuxalk Council member and previously served eight years as a Director with the Central Coast Regional District, three of those as its Chair.

John Jack, Chair, Alberni-Clayoquot RD, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) is in his fourth term for HFN, and has served as HFN's representative to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors since 2012, and has been its Chair since December, 2016. He has served as Director for HFN for the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, has extensive experience in tribal government and has helped set up and govern Huu-ay-aht's economic development wing.

Brent Mueller, Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, was born, and has been fortunate to have lived, worked, and played on various traditional territories, in British Columbia. Last year he celebrated over 25-years working for the Province in areas including regional planning, intergovernmental relations, rural community development, dispute resolution, climate change and for the last several years Local Government-First Nation relations. He has a BA from SFU and an MA from UVIC both in political science. His interests include soccer, gardening, and spending quality time with his wonderful daughter Mackenzie, who is studying marine biology at UVIC, and his dog Koda.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

The Evolving Role of Municipalities in Community Health

Saturday, 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm

Community Health Networks (CHN) across Vancouver Island work with local communities to identify and address complex social issues. CHN's convene and facilitate multidisciplinary networks, identify and translate data associated with community health, and assist in the implementation of initiatives targeted at improving health and equity for all community members. This work is most effective when done in collaboration with local government. As our societal issues become more pressing local government is faced with more responsibility to address these complex social issues.

Join a team of Community Health Network facilitators to learn how municipalities have supported efforts to address transportation, housing, service access and poverty reduction through the health network model. Our CHN facilitators will provide a brief intro into the basics of our shared collective impact framework, highlight case studies of success and the great municipal partnerships that moved initiatives forward. We will then work with participants to host open-space discussions to explore ways local government can support social development initiatives and partnerships in their region.

PRESENTERS:

Marcie DeWitt is the Coordinator for the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network. For more than a decade, Marcie has worked with collaborative, multi-stakeholder networks to address the social determinants of health in the Alberni-Clayoquot region. Housing, transportation, poverty reduction, food security and healthy community development have been focuses of Marcie's work.

Cindy Lise has been working in community development for over 18 years and for the past 11 years Cowichan Communities Health Network. Her expertise in bringing together diverse partners to resolve complex challenges have resulted in numerous collective impact initiatives for the Cowichan Region. Working with local governments on key initiatives such as the Airshed Roundtable, The Village Housing project and Physical Literacy (Play Cowichan) has had great success.

Angela Smith has had the honour of working as the coordinator of the Mount Waddington Health Network (MWHN) since 2018. In coordination of the Network, Angela has been able to draw on the knowledge and experience of Vancouver Island's oldest health network and couple it with the power of digital communication. She continues to explore avenues to better represent the membership and the underserved in community.

Kirsten Mah stepped into her role with the Capital Regional Community Health Network in January 2022, and has worked to expand the network to include more diverse groups and has implemented structures that strengthen the backbone of the network. She has spent the past seven years working in social services within government and non-profit sectors. Her work has largely focused on program evaluation.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

Regional Collaboration in the Decade of Climate Action

Saturday, 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm

In this 'decade of climate action', visionary local climate leadership is more essential than ever. Local governments are working hard to implement strategies to meet ambitious emissions reductions targets and build resilient communities, yet climate projects and impacts don't end at community borders. For this reason, regional-scale climate mitigation and adaptation planning is not only possible, but also critical.

In 2019, over 50 local elected officials met to discuss the threat of climate change to our local governments, communities, and First Nations, asking the question "What would it take to create a climate action plan for our entire region?". From this initial meeting, the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan (VICC-CLP) Steering Committee was launched. At the same time as planning has emerged at the broader regional scale, existing cross community partnerships continue to demonstrate the benefits of regional collaboration. Staff from the Comox Valley and Nanaimo regional districts will showcase an example of collaboration on coastal flood mitigation and climate resiliency, describing how intergovernmental coordination can empower and enable local adaptation.

This interactive session will provide an opportunity for participants to get an update on VICC-CLP and the work completed to date. Participants will hear from those involved in collaborative climate planning work in the region and learn from the panel and each other about the opportunities and challenges involved in regional collaboration.

PRESENTERS:

Michelle Staples is the co-chair of the VICC-CLP Steering Committee and Mayor of Duncan. She was first elected as a Councillor 2011. After two terms on Council, in 2018, Michelle Staples became the first female Mayor for the City of Duncan.

Maya Chorobik is the Director of Climate Leadership with the Community Energy Association (CEA), where she leads CEA's Capacity Building and Leadership Development service area. Maya is the facilitator for the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC), which provides education, coaching and peer learning to locally elected officials committed to climate action in their communities.

Katherine Pearce works as a Climate Collaboration Coordinator with the CEA, supporting networks of staff and elected officials to enable collaborative implementation of climate action at the regional level. Her graduate work explores the potential for regional scale collaboration to catalyze local government climate action, with a focus on VICC-CLP as a case study.

Jamai Schile is a Senior Planner with the Regional District of Nanaimo. She has 10-years' experience in planning for and creating sustainable and resilient communities, with special expertise in growth management, risk-based planning and project management.

Robyn Holme is the Manager of Long-Range Planning and Sustainability at the Comox Valley Regional District. She has been a professional planner for 15 years, with experience in both municipal and regional government. Robyn is passionate about collaborative and innovative approaches to tackling complex regional planning.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

Fully Booked. Why our Libraries are Booming (No Shhh@t –libraries do that?!)

Saturday, 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm

While many are nostalgic about the role of public libraries, and the services they offer, new library board trustees are often surprised to learn about the diverse and dynamic services offered, and the nature of the work performed in libraries today.

This Q&A style session will be co-convened by two AVICC library Board Chairs, interviewing three public library leaders. In this session, you will learn how public libraries within the AVICC region are responding to traditional and changing expectations, and the opportunities and challenges ahead.

PRESENTERS:

Co-Convenors

Erin Hemmens is Chair of the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL), and a second-term Councillor with the City of Nanaimo.

Andrew Appleton is Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL), and a second-term Councillor with the District of Oak Bay.

Panelists

Ben Hyman is the Executive Director, Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL). He was previously the University Librarian at Vancouver Island University, the founding Executive Director of BC Libraries Cooperative, and he held a variety of portfolios within the BC Public Service. An award-winning community infrastructure architect, digital strategist and library leader, Ben's work strengthens collaborative, innovative communities.

Rebecca Burbank is the Chief Librarian of the Powell River Public Library (PRPL). With a background in community development (University of Vermont) she is interested in how libraries can be a space and force for connection, growth and encouraging curious minds. She took her Masters in Library and Information Studies at McGill University and has worked in special libraries as well as public. She proudly supported PRPL to develop and transition into a new municipal facility in 2017 and has worked to grow the visibility of library services as well as share the stories that make her coastal community unique.

Maureen Sawa is the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) which serves more than 380,000 residents in 10 member municipalities. Throughout her career, Maureen has been recognized for her collaborative and non-traditional approach to library service and cross-sector partnerships. A recipient of the United Way of Greater Victoria Award for Collaboration & Partnership, she is a past Chair of the Canadian Urban Libraries Council and the Association of B.C. Public Library Directors. Maureen continues to represent public library interests on a variety of national, provincial and local working and advisory groups.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

Growing Farmers & Food Resilience in Cowichan Valley

Saturday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has been working to grow local food resilience through partnership with organizations to increase farming in the region and food distribution. Young Agrarians and Cowichan Green work to strengthen the region's access to local foods. Food systems are a cornerstone of our local communities and are essential for economic development and resilience.

Young Agrarians provides land matching services in the CVRD and Vancouver Island through the B.C. Land Matching Program. By bringing together partnerships between landholders and land seekers, this program provides a pathway to agricultural succession and rural revitalization. Cowichan Green runs a number of initiatives to increase local food access including the Cow-Op, which allows customers to purchase local foods that are then delivered or can be picked up. This helps to increase the local food economy, creating a food hub that distributes products from the region out to customers.

PRESENTERS:

Sara Dent, Executive Director, Young Agrarians has worked over the past decade to grow a farmer2farmer educational resource network for new and young farmers in B.C. and Canada. Young Agrarians supports the next generation to access land, mentorship, business supports, on-farm training in regenerative agriculture, peer networks, and online resources. Sara has 20 years of experience in agriculture and food systems in the charitable sector developing programs, fundraising, farming, building community, and acting as an agent for change.

Barry O’Riordan, Manager, Economic Development, Cowichan Valley RD, has lived in the Cowichan Valley since 2016, and began in the role of Manager with Economic Development Cowichan (CVRD) in 2019. Barry has a broad base of experience in local government, industry, and non-profit sectors. Barry is responsible for the implementation of the Economic Development Cowichan (EDC) Strategic Plan, which includes sector development in Tech, Film, and Agriculture.

Judy Stafford, Executive Director, Cowichan Green Community (CGC) was born in Vancouver, and has lived in a variety of places, before locating in Cowichan in 2006. Judy acquired over 25 years’ experience in financial institutions, managing several bank branches and back-office administration functions. Judy joined CGC in September 2007, and has been involved in a wide range of environmental sustainability and agricultural initiatives. She has strong ties with local business and social organizations, and draws on decades of experience in facilitation, collaboration and communication to make good things happen in the Cowichan Region.

Darcy Smith, B.C. Land Matching Program (BCLMP) Manager, Young Agrarians, has spent the last decade working to support farmers and food systems. As the first Land Matcher in B.C. and now as BCLMP Manager, she’s worked with many new entrants, seasoned farmers and farmland holders across the province, who all share a vision to help the next generation of farmers get on the land and to see the land producing food into the future.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

Attainable Housing Inspiration from Vancouver Island Communities

Saturday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Wiser Projects, in collaboration with BC Housing and CMHC, will present examples of innovative affordable and attainable housing projects from across Vancouver Island. This session will cover both the relationship- and community-building that organizations are working on to build capacity within the sector and cover three project examples on Vancouver Island that brought all levels of government to the table. The focus will be on key opportunities for municipalities to participate in and collaborate on projects with the public, non-profit and private sectors.

PRESENTERS:

Kaeley Wiseman, Director, Wiser Projects has supported clients in environmental, social, and financial planning and approvals for their development projects for over a decade. She has formal partnerships with a number of local and regional organizations who provide additional technical expertise when needed, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous project work. She has worked for and with multinational organizations and small, local non-profits to create their vision and design a plan of implementation. Specifically, Kaeley's background in Project Management has allowed her to share and apply cross-sector learnings with her partners, especially adding financial, governance and project development perspectives to the non-profit and charitable realm.

Jordan Brietzke, Planner and Project Lead, Wiser Projects, holds a master's degree in Community Planning from VIU and a bachelor's degree in Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership. He has worked as a development consultant with public, private non-profit and Indigenous clients. Jordan also has experience working in local government and policy development. Jordan has a keen professional interest in affordable housing, climate change adaptation, sustainable practices and writing meaningful policy to help support these strategies.

Sarah Smith, Director, Regional Development | Vancouver Island Development & Asset Strategies, BC Housing has over 13 years' experience in various roles at BC Housing, most recently leading the Vancouver Island Development team. Previously she was a Senior Development Manager at the HousingHub and brings this experience of collaborating between public, private and non-profit sectors to her Director role.

Elizabeth Tang, Specialist, Outreach and Project Development, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is focused on engaging with professionals in the housing industry, academics and provincial and municipal governments to ensure access to the latest and most relevant housing information from CMHC. She has been with CMHC since 2006. Prior to working at CMHC, Elizabeth was Trade Commissioner, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. She is a LEED Green Associate, and holds a MBA from University of British Columbia with a specialization in sustainability and business strategic management.

SATURDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOP

Three Emerging Risks Affecting Every Local Government Today

Saturday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

At its core, risk management is people coming together to respond to a crisis and resolve a problem, which is precisely what community leaders do. It is crucial for effective decision making, establishing policy, and accomplishing the goals and objectives set out in the strategic plans for each community.

In this session, the MIABC will provide an overview of three emerging risks affecting every local government. Elected officials will have the opportunity to discuss these risks and participate in problem solving activities, allowing them to learn practical and sustainable strategies that can help their local governments successfully plan for, prevent, and manage these risks.

This presentation is designed to help elected officials gain a basic understanding the role risk management plays in effective decision making. Being aware of new and emerging risks helps elected officials make informed decisions when it comes to establishing policy and achieving strategic and operational goals.

PRESENTER:

Sandra Mayo, Manager of Risk Management Services at the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia (MIABC) joined the MIABC in March 2020 bringing experience in local government from her previous risk management roles with a large B.C. city and well-established non-profit association. Sandra has several professional designations including the Canadian Risk Management (CRM) and the RIMS-Certified Risk Management Professional (RIMS-CRMP) designations along with Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP) designation. Sandra uses her skills to assist members with a variety of risk management, education, and loss control challenges. She also provides our members with specialized support in the areas of business continuity.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal
Communities**

2022-2023

Welcome to the 2023 AVICC AGM & Convention in Nanaimo on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation Peoples.

Your AVICC Executive respectfully invites you all to join us in celebrating our coming together this weekend. Last year, we celebrated our first in-person convention since the COVID-19 pandemic, and the members in attendance truly appreciated the opportunity to network and collaborate face-to-face again. This year, I am happy that we can continue meeting in-person, without any of the pandemic-related restrictions that we all faced.

In welcoming all the returning and newly elected Mayors, Chairs, Councilors, Regional District Directors, and First Nations members resulting from the 2022 local government elections, I encourage you to use this convention as an opportunity to meet and network with your colleagues. It is helpful to realize that you are not alone, and that if you have an issue to deal with, or a success to celebrate, that there is someone else that you can reach out to who understands and empathizes with your situation.

Elected to the AVICC Executive in 2016 and having had the honorable privilege of being your elected President for the past year, I reflect on the many valuable friendships and knowledge gained. Attending our members' convention over the past 18 years of local government service has benefited and broadened my personal skillsets to work for my community and yours.

I give many thanks to your 2022-23 Executive who are a skilled, passionate, and hard-working group of individuals with whom I have had the honor to serve with on your AVICC Executive:

- 1st Vice President: Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo
- 2nd Vice President: Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo
- Director at Large: Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis
- Director at Large: Tony St-Pierre, District of Sooke
- Director at Large: Travis Hall, Central Coast Regional District
- Electoral Area Representative: Donna McMahon, Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Past President: Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley Regional District

I want to make special mention of my colleague, Ian Morrison. Ian has been a steady and insightful member of the Executive for several terms and has been a most valuable mentor and friend to me as President.

It is expected that the members of AVICC will benefit from the productivity of the 2022/23 Executive for many years to come through advocacy plans and networking opportunities. At last year's convention, a workshop took place to define the role that AVICC should take with respect

to advocacy. By resolution, AVICC members confirmed that AVICC should continue with its current core advocacy initiatives such as holding an annual convention, providing resolution assistance, letter writing on policy issues on behalf of members, and meeting with ministers and ministry staff on behalf of the membership. In addition, that we continue to provide and expand our role in acting as a 'facilitator' for initiatives that would benefit from more dialogue and education as informed by the membership's requests. It was also determined that AVICC would not take on the roles of lead/organizer for committee work and initiatives, of developing policy papers or managing programs. The AVICC Executive are all very approachable if you would like to hear more about what we do and how we support the organization please pull us aside we would gladly to talk to you.

In June of 2022 our previous employee, Liz Cookson, left AVICC for another employment opportunity with UBCM. At that same time UBCM gave notice to AVICC that they would no longer be holding the AVICC Executive Coordinator's service contract effective August 1st, 2023. AVICC staff has historically been contracted through UBCM as one part time position, but the Executive have identified the growing need to expand to a full-time position. We appreciate the assistance past and in the future that we have received from UBCM, and we would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, the great contribution made by Liz Cookson throughout her time with AVICC.

Theresa Dennison joined the AVICC team as our Executive Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer in November 2022. Her experience in the local Vancouver Island hospitality industry, combined with her experience as a local government administrator makes her a great fit to be our one and only AVICC employee. Her job is to support the AVICC in all manners and she is happy to assist members with any questions you may have about AVICC.

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) are strong partners of AVICC as they advocate with senior levels of government on your behalf. As President of the AVICC I have the privilege this year of being your representative on the UBCM Executive serving on the Health and Social Development Committee, and the Indigenous Relations Committee. The 2022/2023 UBCM elected Executive also include AVICC Executive members, Ian Morrison, Travis Hall and Sarah Fowler serving on various UBCM Executive Committees. There are also elected AVICC members Maja Tait and Will Cole-Hamilton appointed to the UBCM Executive, giving our membership a strong voice at UBCM.

Another of my AVICC appointments is to the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) as the AVICC representative. I look forward to reporting out to the membership on MIA 2022/ 2023 activity.

Director Daniel Arbour from the Comox Valley Regional District has represented AVICC on the DFO's Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (AMAC) for Shellfish. Thanks to Daniel for keeping the Executive and membership apprised of this group's work.

In your package, you will find the annual audited financial statements, the 2023 budget and member dues, a report from the Nominating Committee for the 2023/24 Term, and the resolutions for consideration at this year's convention.

For the 2023/24 AVICC Election, we will repeat elections being held electronically, and candidate speeches being available online. This year, candidates nominated from the floor will have the opportunity to work with AVICC staff to have their speech posted online while on-site at the convention.

Your Executive has reviewed the revenues and expenses of AVICC during these uncertain and changeable times. AVICC continues to be a low cost and high value area association, with

member dues and convention registrations remaining among the lowest when compared to the other area associations. We have considered our transition away from UBCM in August 2023, and have confirmed that we have the necessary resources already incorporated in our modest budget to ensure a seamless transition.

We are looking forward to a productive, educational, and thought-provoking convention, including the resolutions debate, political speakers, keynote, elections, and perhaps most importantly, networking with colleagues. Your Executive did seriously consider the possibility of a hybrid convention for 2023. When all factors were considered, we decided on the in-person format we have today due to the additional costs and logistical requirements of holding a hybrid convention, as well as the potential impact a hybrid convention would have on the networking opportunities at the convention. The new Executive will revisit the options for hosting a hybrid convention for next year.

The Executive is supporting all members by offering attendance to the Legislative Reform session Friday morning at this convention free to members, both staff and elected officials and Indigenous neighbours within our limited attendance.

On Sunday, you will be asked to complete an annual survey, giving feedback on the various aspects of this convention. I want to strongly encourage you to complete the survey in full. The new Executive reviews your responses to improve next year's convention, and the forms are required to qualify for the grand prize draw. This year's survey includes a question about AVICC's Sponsorship Policy; we appreciate any feedback that you provide.

It has been my great honour to serve you and AVICC as President for 2022-23. I trust you will greatly benefit from the convention lineup for the weekend ahead. I am most looking forward to speaking with you in the meeting rooms and hallways of the conference centre, in person.

I acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous Peoples of the Coast Salish, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Kwak-Waka'wakw Peoples where our local governments are located. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work, live and play on these beautiful lands, and believe we are all one.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Cote". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a stylized "Cote".

Penny Cote, AVICC President

2023 AVICC CONVENTION RULES & PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. Sessions will begin and end promptly at the scheduled hours.
2. Delegates will use the floor microphones when speaking.
3. All elected officials of members attending the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be entitled to participate in debates and to vote on any matter before the Meeting. [Bylaws s. 4.17] Other delegates shall not be entitled to the privilege of the floor unless authorized by the Meeting. [Bylaws s. 4.10] Guest speakers may be permitted at the direction of the Executive.
4. At all business sessions of the Meeting, twenty voting members (elected officials) shall constitute a quorum. [Bylaws s. 4.2]

VOTING RULES

5. Only elected officials of members are entitled to vote. [Bylaws s. 4.17]
6. Voting on ordinary resolutions normally shall be by a show of hands (holding the voting card) and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost is final unless, immediately upon the decision of the Chair being declared, ten or more voting delegates then present, by standing, demand a standing vote, whereupon the Chair shall again put the same question to the Meeting to be decided by a count of those standing in favour of and against the motion. The Chair may decide to hold a standing vote if the show of hands does not, in their discretion, give a clear indication of the vote. In the event that the result of the standing vote is questioned by twenty-five or more voting delegates present, or at any time in the discretion of the Chair, the Chair shall order that the matter before the Meeting be determined by ballot, and the result of such ballot shall be final.
7. Where voting is by ballot, scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chair to distribute the ballot, collect the same, and to count and report the vote.
8. In all cases, where the votes of delegates then present, including the vote of the Chair, are equal for and against a question, the question shall be negatived, and it shall be the duty of the Chair to so declare.
9. Voting by proxy is not permitted. [Bylaws s. 4.22]
10. When voting by show of hands all delegates shall hold their voting card. [Bylaws 4.18] In the case of a ballot, the voting card must be presented and initialed by the scrutineers before a ballot is issued.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

11. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Association, its Executive and Committees, so far as they may be applicable without coming into conflict with the Constitution or rules adopted by the Association. [Bylaws s. 14.1]

12. The Presiding Officer shall enforce order and strict observance of the Constitution and Rules and Procedures. Subject to an appeal to the meeting sustained by a majority vote of delegates present, the Presiding Officer shall have the right to decide all questions of order and the Officer's rulings in this regard shall be final.
13. A voting delegate wishing to move, second or speak to a motion shall arise and address the Chair and shall wait until he or she is recognized before speaking. Delegates must announce their name, local government office and membership or other qualifications each time they rise to speak.
14. The sponsor of a motion must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of three minutes; other delegates speaking to a resolution are permitted two minutes.
15. No delegate may speak more than once on any one question unless and until all other delegates desiring to speak have been heard.
16. Any amendment, including amendments proposed by the Resolutions Committee, and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting or to refer the same to the AVICC Executive, or to any other committee, and any motion affecting the resolution must be moved and seconded from the Meeting floor.
17. Should debate continue on a resolution for an undue length of time, then in the absolute discretion of the Chair, the resolution may be cleared from the floor by the Chair deciding to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee for further consideration and subsequent report. Any voting member may move without seconder a motion "do members support the Chair's decision to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee?" which motion must be forthwith put to the vote without debate. If members do not support the referral, debate on the resolution shall continue until the question on the resolution is called. There will be no debate on a motion to refer a resolution to the Executive Committee.

HANDLING OF RESOLUTIONS: STEP-BY-STEP RULES

PRECEDENCE OF RESOLUTIONS

18. Resolutions shall be dealt with in numerical order. However, two or more similar resolutions, addressing the same subject matter may be dealt with by a single resolution. [i.e. if resolution #14 covers resolution #15 and #16 then only resolution #14 will be considered by the Meeting.]
19. Resolutions will be grouped into five sections:
 - Part SR** – Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act
 - Part ER** – Executive Resolutions from the AVICC Executive
 - Part 1** – Regional Resolutions
 - Section "A" – Resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse, and resolutions that offer the recommendation of Endorse with Proposed Amendment
 - Section "B" – Resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse, and are grouped into "the Block" and
 - Part 2** – Resolutions received by the deadline.
 - Section "A" – Resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse, and resolutions that offer the recommendation of Endorse with Proposed Amendment.
 - Section "B" – Resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse, and are grouped into "the Block" and
 - Part 3** – Resolutions received after the deadline

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN PART 1, SECTION “A” & PART 2, SECTION “A”

20. The Chair will cause the title and the "enactment" clause(s) of the resolution to be read.
21. The resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and will not require a mover or a seconder.
22. A spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee will give the Resolutions Committee's recommendation.
23. The Chair shall then call on a delegate from the sponsoring member to introduce the resolution.
24. The sponsor is permitted three minutes to introduce the resolution.
25. The Chair will then call for discussion from the floor.
26. If there are no speakers opposed to the motion the Chair may call the question.
Discussion shall proceed in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure" (steps 11 to 17)
Delegates must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of two minutes.
Voting on the resolution shall proceed in accordance with the "Voting Rules" (steps 5 to 10).
Voting is on the resolution, **NOT** on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN PART 1, SECTION “B” & PART 2, SECTION “B”

27. After Part 1, Section “A” resolutions have been considered, Part 1, Section “B” resolutions will be entered for discussion as a block with the approval of the Convention. After Part 2, Section “A” resolutions have been considered, Part 2, Section “B” resolutions will be entered for discussion as a block with the approval of the Convention.
28. The Chair will introduce a motion to adopt the recommendations for Section “B” resolutions and move the endorsement of the resolutions as a block.
 - i) A voting delegate who wishes to have a Part 1, Section “B” or a Part 2, Section “B” resolution entered for individual discussion shall, after being recognized by the Chair, put forward a motion to remove the resolution from the block and have the resolution entered for discussion.
 - ii) Members may only move to remove a resolution from the block if they wish to speak in opposition or propose an amendment to the resolution.
 - iii) If the motion meets criteria (ii) and is duly seconded, the Chair shall put the question – “Shall the resolution be removed from the block and admitted for discussion?” – and such question shall require a simple majority vote before the motion can be put forward for discussion.
 - iv) If the motion passes, then the Chair will remove the resolution from the block and it will be considered immediately following the Part 1, Section “B” or Part 2, Section “B” resolutions.
 - v) The Chair will ask for the endorsement of the Part 1, Section “B” or Part 2, Section “B” block as amended – and such question shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
 - vi) After the Part 1, Section “B” or Part 2, Section “B” block has been considered, those resolutions removed for individual consideration will be entered for consideration and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

PROCEDURES FOR LATE RESOLUTIONS

29. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to the AVICC Secretary-Treasurer by the Wednesday noon preceding the date of the Annual Meeting. Beyond that deadline, additional resolutions may be introduced as off the floor resolutions.
30. Late Resolutions may be debated after the resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered but not before the time printed in the Convention Program for consideration of Late Resolutions. Late Resolutions shall be dealt with only if the Meeting so decides.
31. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions. Late Resolutions will only be recommended for debate if they relate to issues that are emergency in nature or were unknown at the time of the resolutions deadline.
32. Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and separated into the following categories in a Late Resolutions Report:
 - i) Emergency resolutions and resolutions on issues not known at the time of the resolutions deadline that are recommended to be placed before the Convention for debate.
 - ii) Resolutions not recommended to be admitted for debate.
33. The Chair shall put forward a motion that contains the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on entering late resolutions for discussion which, if duly seconded, will be dealt with as follows: The Chair shall put the question – "Shall the Report of the Resolutions Committee and the recommendations therein be adopted?" – and such question shall require a simple majority vote to pass.
34. If the Resolutions Committee has recommended against a late resolution being admitted for debate, the sponsor may come forward to the microphone prior to the vote on the Late Resolutions Report, identify which late resolution they wish to have admitted, and make a motion to have it considered for debate. The motion shall require a seconder, and a 60% majority vote to pass. If the resolution is accepted for debate, the resolution will then require a simple majority to pass.
35. Late Resolutions admitted for debate shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions Report.
36. The Chair will cause the title and "enactment" clause(s) of each Late Resolution to be read by a spokesperson for the Resolutions Committee.
37. The Late Resolution will after reading be properly before the Meeting and the procedures for handling resolutions will apply (Steps 20 to 26).

FOR OFF THE FLOOR RESOLUTIONS

38. A voting member may put forward a motion to accept an off the floor resolution for debate, and if seconded, such motion will require a 60% majority vote to pass. Off the floor resolutions will only be accepted for debate following the debate on Late Resolutions. If accepted for debate, the resolution will require a simple majority to pass.

Off the Floor resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Resolutions Session, and printed copies must have been made available to all delegates no later than 9 am on Sunday morning.

39. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Executive may submit any matters not requiring a Special Resolution to any Meeting for consideration or action at any time.

FOR SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

40. Any amendments to the Constitution or the Bylaws may only be made through a Special Resolution with notice and voting requirements as set out in the Societies Act.

RESOLUTIONS NOT ADMITTED

41. The sponsors of resolutions that are not admitted for debate at the AVICC Convention due to time considerations, and the sponsors of late resolutions that are not deemed eligible and admitted by the members should submit those resolutions directly to UBCM.

2023 RESOLUTIONS

PART SR – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate any Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act

PART ER – EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate resolutions from the AVICC Executive at this time

PART 1 – REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 9, 2023 resolutions deadline, that are regional in nature. Should any of these regionally focused resolutions be endorsed, they will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention. Rather these resolutions will remain with AVICC where they may be actioned.

Part 1 - Section “A”

This section contains regional resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse

HOUSING

R1 Vancouver Island Housing Plan - Responding to the Homelessness Crisis City of Courtenay

ENVIRONMENT

R2 Provision of Energy for Commercial Agriculture City of Parksville

Part 1 - Section “B”

This section contains regional resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse.

ENVIRONMENT

R3 Watershed Security Strategy and Fund Village of Cumberland

LAND USE

R4 E&N Land Grant Biodiversity and Restoration Regional District of Nanaimo

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R5 Recapitalization of Island Coastal Economic Trust Capital Regional District

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 9, 2023 resolutions deadline. Should any of these resolutions be endorsed, they will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention.

Part 2 - Section “A”

This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse, and resolutions that offer the recommendation of Endorse with Proposed Amendment

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R6 BC Emergency Health Services/Demands on Local Governments City of Port Alberni

R7 BC Health Attraction and Retention Village of Zeballos

HOUSING

R8 Annual Adjustment of Provincial Home Owner Grant City of Parksville

R9 Review of the Homeowner Protection Act District of Port Hardy

R10 Extreme Weather Response City of Nanaimo

R11 Planning Tools for Habitat Protection City of Parksville

ENVIRONMENT

- R12 New Contribution Model to Finance Local Governments in the Climate Transition
Comox Valley Regional District
- R13 Managed Forest Council Representation
Village of Cumberland
- R14 Control of Scotch Broom
Town of Qualicum Beach
- R15 Protection of Old-Growth Forests
District of Metchosin
- R16 Call for Improvements for Provincial Water Licencing Approvals
District of Sechelt

LAND USE

- R17 Flexibility for Agriculture Land Reserve Housing Rules
City of Nanaimo

TAXATION

- R18 Deferment Program for Local Government Parcel Taxes and Utility Fees
District of Sechelt

LEGISLATIVE

- R19 Long-Term Vacant Buildings
District of Port Hardy

SELECTED ISSUES

- R20 Fossil Fuel Corporate Sponsorship of UBCM and AVICC
City of Courtenay
- R21 Enable Electronic Attendance at Conventions
Town of View Royal

Part 2 - Section "B"

This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- R22 Safe Drug Supply
City of Victoria
- R23 Rural, Remote Paramedic Sustainability
Village of Zeballos

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- R24 Empowering Local Governments to use Traffic Enforcement Cameras
District of Saanich

ENVIRONMENT

- R25 Enhanced Access to Extended Producer Responsibility Programs
Comox Valley Regional District
- R26 Expansion of the Recycling Regulation to Include Industrial, Commercial,
and Institutional Packaging and Printed Paper Recyclables
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- R27 Moving the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Forward
City of Courtenay
- R28 New Legislation for Protection of Biodiversity, Ecosystem Health and Species at Risk
Islands Trust
- R29 Regional Water Supply Strategies
Regional District of Nanaimo
- R30 Reducing Anchorages Outside the Port of Vancouver
District of Metchosin

TRANSPORTATION

- R31 Parking on Ministry of Transportation Rights-of-Way
Regional District of Nanaimo
- R32 Public Safety and Speed Limits
Cowichan Valley Regional District
- R33 Economic Investments and Rural Roads State of Infrastructure
Cowichan Valley Regional District

FINANCE

- R34 Downtown Revitalization Grant Program
District of Port Hardy
- R35 Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries
City of Powell River and qathet Regional District
- R36 Property Transfer Tax Sharing for Local Governments
District of Sechelt

LAND USE

- R37 Removal of Racist and Discriminatory Clauses from BC Land Titles
City of Courtenay
- R38 Call for Support to Meet Provincial Archeological Requirements
District of Sechelt

LEGISLATIVE

- R39 Modernization of the Local Government Act
Sunshine Coast Regional District

PART SR – SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate any Special Resolutions as defined under the Societies Act

PART ER – EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

We do not anticipate resolutions from the Executive at this time.

PART 1 – REGIONAL RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 9, 2023 resolutions deadline, but are resolutions that are considered regional in nature. Should any of these regionally focused resolutions be endorsed, they will not be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention. Rather these resolutions will remain with AVICC where they may be actioned.

Part 1 - Section “A” – This section contains regionally focused resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse.

HOUSING

R1) Vancouver Island Housing Plan - Responding to the Homelessness Crisis City of Courtenay

Whereas the historical gap between the supply and demand for social and supportive housing in Vancouver Island communities has been further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in a homelessness crisis;

And whereas in the absence of an overall provincial housing strategy, clear funding guidelines, accessible application processes, and adequate funding, the homelessness crisis continues to increase illness and death amongst our vulnerable homeless population and social disorder throughout Vancouver Island Communities:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM executive facilitate a meeting between Vancouver Island Mayors and the Premier, the Minister of Housing, and BC Housing officials to demand an immediate action plan to address the homelessness crisis and its impacts on Vancouver Island communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action on the part of the provincial and federal governments to fund, provide and facilitate affordable and adequate housing in communities, to in part, address homelessness (2022-EB27, 2022-NR64, 2021-EB71, 2021-LR5, 2020-SR10, 2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2015-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B94, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64).

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of addressing homelessness across the province. The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, focusing only on Vancouver Island communities, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

The Committee notes that the enactment clause does not make reference to Regional District Chairs. It should be noted that if the resolution be endorsed as written, AVICC cannot direct UBCM

to take action. In addition, the UBCM Housing Summit has been scheduled to take place prior to the AVICC convention, and the outcome of this conference is unknown at this time.

ENVIRONMENT

R2) Provision of Energy for Commercial Agriculture

City of Parksville

Whereas many communities are currently using and/or reliant on environmentally harmful forms of energy production such as diesel, propane or coal which produce comparatively high greenhouse gas levels;

And whereas commercial food agriculture and other industries such as aquaculture would benefit significantly from the availability of natural gas and other sustainable energy sources as an economical and more environmentally friendly source of energy for local food production:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the Province of BC partner with FortisBC, other natural gas and alternative energy providers to create a coordinated infrastructure plan and dedicated subsidies for AVICC members to establish a sufficient supply of alternative cleaner energy sources for increased commercial agricultural opportunities dedicated to growing food on Vancouver Island and in coastal communities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to partner with FortisBC, other natural gas and alternative energy providers to create a coordinated infrastructure plan and dedicated subsidies for AVICC members to establish a sufficient supply of alternative cleaner energy sources for increased commercial agricultural opportunities dedicated to growing food on Vancouver Island and in coastal communities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking the production of green energy (or clean energy) research, development and implementation (2013-B42, 2008-B41, 2007-B129).

More generally, the UBCM membership has also endorsed resolutions calling for greenhouse gas reductions (2022-NR42, 2020-NR38, 2014-B26).

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of addressing cleaner energy sources for agricultural production. The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, focusing only on AVICC members and on Vancouver Island and coastal communities, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

Part 1 - Section "B" – This section contains regionally focused resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse.

ENVIRONMENT

R3) Watershed Security Strategy and Fund

Village of Cumberland

Whereas achieving watershed security on eastern Vancouver Island is made even more complex by the historic land ownership context resulting from the 1884 *Settlement Act* which saw over 2 million acres of unceded land on south eastern Vancouver Island granted by the crown to private owners;

And whereas the legacy of this historic land grant means that rapidly growing communities on eastern Vancouver Island are responsible for providing safe, sustainable drinking water for our communities from privately owned lands, where active forestry is taking place, and over which we have no authority:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request that the Province of BC and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Management acknowledge this unique context and fund the critical work required to achieve watershed security on eastern Vancouver Island.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds (2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to establish standards and funding around drinking water, including:

- Province to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner (2022-EB81);
- Province to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging drinking water infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia (2011-B107);
- Province to standardize water quality and treatment regulations across BC and develop a funding strategy for their implementation (2009-B51);
- Province to establish province-wide standards on potable water to be applied universally and implemented consistently in order to protect public health and public confidence in local and regional potable water systems (2007-B123); and
- Province to ensure that funding is available to develop the infrastructure required to meet the Province's drinking water standards (2006-B90).

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of addressing watershed security across the province. The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, focusing only on eastern Vancouver Island, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

LAND USE

R4) E&N Land Grant Biodiversity and Restoration

Nanaimo Regional District

Whereas in 1883, 8,000 sq kilometers of south-east Vancouver Island representing 20% of the island land base was granted to Robert Dunsmuir in exchange for the construction of the E&N Railway, and the E&N Land Grant has impacted Indigenous rights and title, community drinking watersheds, and the ability to protect and conserve biodiversity and sensitive ecosystems;

And whereas the federal and provincial governments have committed to the protection of 30% of the land base by 2030 as part of the provincial, national and international commitments to protect biodiversity:

Therefore be it resolved that on this 140th anniversary of the E&N Land Grant, the AVICC call upon the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to identify areas within the E&N Land Grant as a priority for the protection and conservation of biodiversity for their 2030 targets, and engage with impacted First Nations, local governments and land owners in a process to protect and restore the biodiversity of the southeast region of Vancouver Island with a focus on community watershed catchment areas, riparian areas along fish-bearing rivers and streams, sensitive ecosystems and habitats, and culturally significant areas.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution asking the provincial and federal governments to identify areas within the E&N Land Grant as a priority for the protection and conservation of biodiversity for their 2030 targets, and engage with impacted First Nations, local governments and land owners in a process to protect and restore the biodiversity of the southeast region of Vancouver Island with a focus on community watershed catchment areas, riparian areas along fish-bearing rivers and streams, sensitive ecosystems and habitats, and culturally significant areas.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking protection and restoration of biodiversity, in watershed areas, riparian areas and sensitive ecosystems and habitats, including:

- local governments to protect and manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds (2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122);
- protection of riparian areas throughout the province (2016-B110, 2010-B26, 2007-B42, 2004-B78, 2001-B82; and
- protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health (2022-NR38, 2010-B35, 2008-B87).

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of addressing biodiversity and watershed security across the province. The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, focusing only on southeast Vancouver Island, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

R5) Recapitalization of Island Coastal Economic Trust

Capital Regional District

Whereas at the January 11, 2023, Capital Regional District (CRD) Board meeting a motion was passed to urge the province to recapitalize the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) with a generational investment of \$150 million;

And whereas ICET has been a vital partner in our efforts to promote economic development and diversification in the rural, electoral areas of the CRD and its contributions have been instrumental in creating jobs, boosting local businesses, and improving the quality of life for our residents:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM urge the Province to recapitalize the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) with a generational investment of \$150 million.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2022-RR38 which asked the provincial government to make a generational investment in the renewal and transformation of Island Coastal Economic Trust into a permanent, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) focused, First Nations- and local government-led, fund focused on building sustainable, resilient communities for generations to come.

However, the Committee advises that an earlier resolution, 2015-C37, which asked the Province to provide further funding for the Island Coastal Economic Trust, was deemed too regional in nature and therefore not admitted for debate. Resolution 2022-RR38 was originally categorized as being too regional in nature, but the membership agreed to consider the resolution and endorsed it.

The Committee would suggest that this resolution is regional in nature, and advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association.

PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS

The following are the resolutions received by the February 9, 2023 resolutions deadline. Should any of these resolutions be endorsed, they will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration at their Annual Convention.

Part 2 - Section “A” – This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation or Not Endorse and resolutions that offer the recommendation of Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R6) BC Emergency Health Services/Demands on Local Governments

City of Port Alberni

Whereas medical first responder call volume data taken locally and provincially reflects an upward trajectory year over year;

And whereas this increased trajectory of medical first responder call volume is disproportionately higher for municipal emergency responders than those reported by British Columbia Emergency Health Services [BCEHS];

And whereas BCEHS is responsible for the delivery, co-ordination and governance of emergency health services and can and does consent to other organizations, primarily fire departments, providing these services as part of a co-ordinated response;

And whereas a number of challenges are present in achieving a coordinated approach to the access and provision of emergency health services including that of increased service demands congruent to the varied capacity for fire departments to provide first responder services across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC urge the Ministry of Health to work with local governments and BCEHS to ensure that BCEHS can implement an improved coordinated approach to emergency health services that results in adequate funding and staffing levels so as to not overburden local governments [fire departments].

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

*Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC **and UBCM** urge the Ministry of Health to work with local governments and BCEHS to ~~ensure that BCEHS can implement an improved~~ **improve the** coordinated approach to emergency health services that results in adequate funding and staffing levels so as to not overburden local governments [fire departments].*

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed two similar resolutions which asked for better coordination between BCEHS and local governments, whose fire departments may be called upon to provide pre-hospital emergency care (2022-EB3, 2019-SR3).

Resolution 2022-EB3 asked the Province to require BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) to report regularly to local government prior to the initiation of a policy where that policy may have an impact on local government resources or the safety of our mutual constituents.

Resolution 2019-SR3 asks the Province, BCEHS and BC local governments to work together to implement a co-ordinated approach to pre-hospital care, including outlining the roles and

responsibilities of fire departments based on local need; and confirming that first responders are being notified of events where they can best contribute to patient care.

R7) BC Health Attraction and Retention

Village of Zeballos

Whereas the Ministry of Health has overall responsibility for ensuring that quality, appropriate, cost-effective, and timely health services are available for all British Columbians;

And whereas rural, remote communities are subject to a loss of services due to position vacancies:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of BC continue to support Vancouver Island Health by increasing the health budget for nursing and physicians attraction and retention, as well as including opportunities for all other emerging health care providers, such as physician assistants.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment**

*Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Province of BC continue to support ~~Vancouver Island Health~~ **Regional Health Authorities** by increasing the health budget for nursing and physicians attraction and retention, as well as including opportunities for all other emerging health care providers, such as physician assistants.*

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions supporting the resourcing and strengthening of primary care as part of the health care system (2022-SR1, 2022-EB17, 2017-B42, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2015-B70, 2015-B68, 2008-B162).

Resolution 2022-SR1 in particular proposed, in part, that the provincial government increase funding and training opportunities for health care professionals so that all residents of British Columbia can access an appropriate and necessary level of care.

As well, resolution 2016-B44 proposed that the provincial government should “allocate long-term fixed funding to Divisions of Family Practice to support ... ongoing recruitment and retention of family physicians,” as well as collaborate with the regional health authorities towards the goal of “attaching every citizen to patient-centered and community base primary care homes.”

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of attracting and retaining medical professionals across the province.

The Committee would suggest that this resolution is too regional in nature as written, focusing only on the Vancouver Island Health region, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association. The Committee has updated the title and proposed amendments to the enactment clause to make the resolution non-regional in nature.

HOUSING

R8) Annual Adjustment of Provincial Home Owner Grant

City of Parksville

Whereas municipal taxes on home owners are expected to increase across the province due to inflation and increased need for services;

And whereas the BC *Home Owner Grant Act* offsets a modest amount of these increasing property taxes for BC residents using provincial revenue sources, some of which increase with inflation:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to establish a method by which eligible homeowner grant amounts are adjusted on an annual basis to account for inflation.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: No Recommendation

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution that asked the Province to adjusted the Home Owners Grant (HOG) on an annual basis to account for inflation.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported other resolutions seeking amendments to the HOG including:

- 2022-NR20 which asked for an increase to the additional home owner grant to reflect the actual school tax charged on the property where the school tax is higher than the home owner grant;
- 2008-B98 which asked to amend the *Home Owner Grant Act* to allow all senior property owners to claim the full additional Home Owner Grant;
- 2008-B99 which asked to amend the HOG program to include criteria for the next two years (up from one year) following a fire or natural disaster; and
- 2007-B111 and 2004-A9 which asked to adjust or remove the upper limit assessed value ceiling for HOG.

The Resolutions Committee also notes that the Home Owner Grant has been subject of some critique as being regressive, because it benefits homeowners while excluding renters. As such, both the Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, and the MSP Task Force recommended its elimination.

R9) Review of the *Homeowner Protection Act*

District of Port Hardy

Whereas the *Homeowner Protection Act* requires that testing requirements be met as part of the application process for building contractors to obtain continuing education units annually to maintain their license, and communities are seeing a reduction in capacity to provide for housing development in rural and remote communities;

And whereas many rural BC communities provide construction oversight through building inspection services to ensure that Owner Builders and Building Contractors are meeting the minimum BC Building Code Part 9 requirements:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request UBCM to lobby the Province of British Columbia to review the residential *Homeowner Protection Act* regulation to ensure that there are no barriers to stimulating housing development in rural communities.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to review the residential *Homeowner Protection Act* regulation to ensure that there are no barriers to stimulating housing development in rural communities.

The Committee would note that such an approach, while potentially increasing housing supply, could increase regulatory risk for local governments responsible for building inspections.

R10) Extreme Weather Response

City of Nanaimo

Whereas the Province, through BC Housing and the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), supports year round emergency shelters and temporary winter shelters (operational from November 1st to March 31st);

And whereas since 2022 extreme weather response warming/cooling centres to support vulnerable populations which often tend to be for those with acute mental health and substance use disorders:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that BC Housing, EMCR and Island Health enter into an agreement with UBCM to ensure that they support local governments with commitments to provide resourcing for dedicated predetermined long-term locations for warming/cooling centres as well as appropriately qualified professionals experienced in managing community members with high health needs including mental health and substance use disorders.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment***

*Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that BC Housing, EMCR and ~~Island Health~~ **health authorities** enter into an agreement with UBCM to ensure that they support local governments with commitments to provide resourcing for dedicated predetermined long-term locations for warming/cooling centres as well as appropriately qualified professionals experienced in managing community members with high health needs including mental health and substance use disorders.*

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions that asked the Province to provide funding for, and work with local governments, to open extreme weather response shelters and warming and cooling centers (2022-EB11, 2021-EB73, 2012-B94).

R11) Planning Tools for Habitat Protection

City of Parksville

Whereas Vancouver Island communities are facing loss of irreplaceable natural habitat that is crucial to the survival of delicate coastal and land ecosystems, including wildlife and plant life;

And whereas in December 2022, the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the “Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” (GBF), including four goals and 23 targets for achievement by 2030:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the provincial government establish a working committee, with local government representation to establish a comprehensive set of urban planning and development guidelines that align with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's goals and targets, and recommendations to implement this framework to regulate development at the local level in AVICC member communities and combat the loss of natural habitat on Vancouver Island, with a goal of protecting 30% of natural environment and coastline.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment***

*Therefore be it resolved that ~~AVICC~~ **UBCM** request the provincial government establish a working committee, with local government representation to establish a comprehensive set of urban planning and development guidelines that align with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's goals and targets, and recommendations to implement this framework to regulate development at the local level in ~~AVICC~~ **UBCM** member communities and combat the loss of natural habitat ~~on Vancouver Island in BC~~, with a goal of protecting 30% of natural environment and coastline.*

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions, including:

- 2022-NR38 which asked the Province to develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, scientists, and members of the public;
- 2010-B35 which asked the Province to develop a Species and Ecosystems Protection Act for BC; and
- 2008-B87 which asked the Province to enact a strong Species and Ecosystem Protection Act to safeguard British Columbia's exceptional biological richness - in particular, against the threats posed by habitat loss and climate change - recognizing the critical importance of conserving biodiversity to maintaining ecosystem integrity and human well-being.

The comments provided above reflect the broader issue of addressing habitat protection across the province. The Committee would suggest that this resolution is too regional in nature as written, focusing only on AVICC member communities and Vancouver Island, and that advocacy would best be undertaken by the Area Association. As such, the Committee has proposed an amendment to the enactment clause to make the resolution non-regional in nature. If the resolution is endorsed as originally written, the requested meeting facilitation is beyond the scope of AVICC's advocacy objectives, and AVICC staff's capacity, other than making a written request to the Province. If the resolution is endorsed as amended, the resolution would be forwarded to UBCM for consideration by UBCM membership.

ENVIRONMENT

R12) New Contribution Model to Finance Local Governments in the Climate Transition

Comox Valley Regional District

Whereas significant costs for climate mitigation and adaptation are and increasingly will be shouldered by local governments;

And whereas local governments are severely limited to property taxes and grants to fund climate-related costs:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and BC Cabinet to establish a new contribution model similar in size and structure to the Canada Community Building Fund in order to accelerate local government climate-related investments.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to establish a new contribution model similar in size and structure to the Canada Community Building Fund in order to accelerate local government climate-related investments.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed numerous resolutions proposing policies and actions to mitigate the effects of climate change, as well as requesting funding for local governments to continue undertaking climate action plans and projects. These resolutions include: 2022-EB45, 2021-SR1, 2021-EB39, 2019-B135, 2019-B138, 2019-B139, 2019-B141, 2016-B58, 2015-A5, 2015-B38, 2015-B75, 2014-B26, 2014-B27, 2014-B95, 2014-B96, 2013-B75, 2012-B25, 2012-B35, 2012-B63, 2012-B79, 2012-B121, 2011-B22, 2011-B79, 2011-B91, 2011-B98, 2010-B15, 2010-B18, 2010-B31, 2010-B32, 2010-B40, 2010-B47, 2010-B83, 2010-B101 and 2010-B140.

The Committee also notes that the UBCM Special Committee on Climate Action called for a wide range of local government funding and capacity supports in the areas of land-use planning, resiliency, transportation, buildings, solid waste, governance and social mobilization. UBCM has been advocating for the implementation of those recommendations.

R13) Managed Forest Council Representation

Village of Cumberland

Whereas local governments are required to provide drinking water services to their communities;

And whereas many community watersheds are included in or affected by forest management activities occurring on private managed forests:

Therefore be it resolved that the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* be amended such that the Managed Forest Council must include one member that is knowledgeable in matters relating to source protection of local government drinking water systems

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking for the amendment of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* such that the Managed Forest Council must include one member that is knowledgeable in matters relating to source protection of local government drinking water systems.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to regulate private land logging in the same manner as crown land and to ensure that local governments are consulted in advance of harvesting to prevent damage to watersheds and other infrastructure (2021-EB29, 2020-EB48, 2020-EB65, 2019-B38, 2019-B46, 2019-B48, 2019-B49, 2018-B42, 2011-B50, 2010-B26, 2008-B34, 2006-B102, 2005-B27).

In particular, 2021-EB29 titled Drinking Water Protection and Private Managed Forest Land, submitted by the same sponsor, asked the Province to establish programs for local governments to work with private managed forest landowners to assess risks to drinking water systems and priority land acquisition for lands where harvesting is identified as a significant risk to the provision of safe drinking water.

R14) Control of Scotch Broom

Town of Qualicum Beach

Whereas climate change brings us longer periods of drought and hotter temperatures in which Scotch Broom (*Cytisus Scoparius*), a highly flammable invasive species with high oil content and dry branches, will thrive and act as a volatile flash fuel, increasing the risk of wildfires and specifically Urban Interface Fires;

And whereas Scotch Broom spreads densely and rapidly, inhibiting forests regrowth, and negatively impacting agricultural production and native species, with a 2021 study for the Invasive Species Council of BC (ISCBC) designating Scotch broom as the Top Worse Offender - the invasive species doing the greatest harm to species at risk in BC:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM work with the Province to establish and implement actionable steps to control the aggressive spread of Scotch Broom all across BC, including implementing Broom-free fire breaks along long stretches of broom;

And be it further resolved that local governments are encouraged to use bylaws and policies to control and manage Scotch Broom near and within urban boundaries.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to control the spread of Scotch Broom as a fire safety measure, nor has the membership considered the use of bylaws and policies to control and manage Scotch Broom.

However, the Resolutions Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolution 2013-B31 which asked the Province to designate Scotch Broom as a noxious weed under the *BC Weed Control Act*.

Additionally, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions addressing invasive species, including other types of plants:

- Plants (2014-B22, 2013-B108, 2013-B66, 2011-B44, 2011-B135, 2010-B29, 2008-B71, 2007-B30, 2007-B31, 2005-B25, 2004-B72, 2003-B81);
- Quagga and zebra mussels (2020-EB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2);
- Asian clams (2021-EB27);
- Soils free of invasive pests (2106-B113);
- Ban on sale of invasive species (2017-B28);
- Rat reduction strategy (2017-B108);
- Request for an Invasive Species Act which was endorsed by the UBCM Executive (2020-NR57); and
- Request for Province to budget for long-term, stable funding for invasive species management (2020-EB49); and
- Protection of waterways from invasive aquatic species (2021-EB26).

R15) Protection of Old-Growth Forests

District of Metchosin

Whereas climate change and the planetary biodiversity crisis are real and, old-growth forests have significant economic, social and environmental value as wildlife habitat, tourism resources, carbon sinks and are vital sites for biodiversity in British Columbia and becoming increasingly rare in the province;

And whereas the Province’s independent panel on old growth forests called on government to “Declare conservation of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia’s forests as an overarching priority and enact legislation that legally establishes this priority for all sectors.” (A New Future for Old Forests: A Strategic Review of How British Columbia Manages for Old Forests Within its Ancient Ecosystems):

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM urge the Government of BC protect from logging all remaining old growth forest areas in the province.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with Proposed Amendment***

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM urge the Government of BC protect from logging all remaining old growth forest areas in the province;

And be it further resolved that the Province engage and consult with local governments as it moves forward to implement the 14 recommendations within the Old Growth Review, recognizing that there will be significant impacts and implications for workers and communities that will require economic transition support.

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking protection of old growth forest areas in BC (2021-SR2, 2019-B36, 2017-B66, 2016-C27).

However, recognizing the significant economic impact that this shift in how old growth and other land, water and resources are to be managed; UBCM has asked that the Province engage and consult with local governments as it implements the Old Growth recommendations specifically noting recommendations 13 and 14 speak to orderly transition planning at the provincial and local level; as well as transition support for communities. An amendment is being proposed that requests that this consultation and support be provided to local governments as part of this process.

Whereas the changing climate conditions are creating prolonged water restrictions that impact businesses, limit or stop food production and create other issues for many communities;

And whereas licencing for community drinking water systems may take the Province of British Columbia over two years to approve, even when a state of local emergency is in effect for the applicant:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government to:

1. Substantially increase the resources allocated for the processing of water licence applications; and
2. Prioritize water licence applications to give urgency based on health and safety, particularly in light of the current climate conditions.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to 1. Substantially increase the resources allocated for the processing of water licence applications; and 2. Prioritize water licence applications to give urgency based on health and safety, particularly in light of the current climate conditions.

However, the Committee notes that the membership did endorse resolution 2021-NR30 which asked the Province to provide clarity on what is causing delays in the issuance of water licenses.

LAND USE

R17) Flexibility for Agriculture Land Reserve Housing Rules

City of Nanaimo

Whereas the current Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) housing rules limit permitted housing to three residential dwelling units on a farm;

And whereas increased flexibility in the Agriculture Land Reserve's rules would permit increased food production and training for future farmers:

Therefore be it resolved that the Agricultural Land Commission be requested to seek ways to permit more housing on Agriculture Land Reserve land linked to increased farm activity and food production, subject to control by regulations to guarantee that any new housing could only be occupied by farmers working on the land.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions in support of farm family residences on ALR land, including:

- 2020-EB64 which asked the Agricultural Land Commission that the January 28, 2020 signed amendment to section 32 (3) (c) and (d) of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation, BC Reg. 30/2019 remain permanently in effect and not expire on December 31, 2020, which would have limited land parameters and inhibit construction of additional residences does not fit the agricultural need of most BC rural communities;

- 2019-B168 which asked the Province to reinstate the previous provisions of the legislation which facilitated the construction of additional dwellings for farm help, manufactured homes for immediate family members, accommodation above an existing farm building, or a second single family dwelling;
- 2017-B139 which asked, in part, that the ALC allow the siting of other moveable dwellings on ALR land; and
- 2014-B115 which asked the ALC to allow permanent secondary residences to be built on ALR land.

The Committee notes that in July 2021, options for a small secondary home were added to the Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation. The changes allow ALR landowners to have both a principal residence and small secondary residence on their property with a streamlined approval process. Only permissions from local government or First Nations government will be required, and there will be no application to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). The change came into effect on December 31, 2021.

In addition, the Commission may approve an application for an additional residence if necessary for farm use: ALCA, s. 25(1.1) and/or land owners can submit an application to the ALC for non-adhering residential use for other residential uses.

The Committee is offering no recommendation as it is not clear if the 2021 regulatory changes address the request of the sponsor which appears to be seeking permission for more than three housing units on ALR land subject to that housing being used by farmers working on the land.

TAXATION

R18) Deferment Program for Local Government Parcel Taxes and Utility Fees District of Sechelt

Whereas parcel taxes and utility fees have risen substantially in recent years, adding to the increased cost of living for British Columbians;

And whereas eligible property owners can defer their property taxes under a provincial deferment program:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government to expand the existing property tax deferment program to include local government parcel taxes and utility bills.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to expand the existing property tax deferment program to include local government parcel taxes and utility bills.

The Committee also advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse three resolutions (2000-LR1, 1996-B50, 1997-B45) that called for the deferment of water and sewer utility charges to be deferred. However, in 1990, resolution LR2 was endorsed and it called for the deferral of garbage, water and sewer charges.

The Committee acknowledges that these are dated references.

LEGISLATIVE

R19) Long-Term Vacant Buildings

District of Port Hardy

Whereas long-term vacant buildings generate negative impacts on the vibrancy and safety of businesses and residents, which discourages investment in the municipality, results in decreased property values, negatively affects livability and desirability for nearby and adjoining neighbourhoods and properties, a strain on the capacity of the local governments to manage, and reduced local government property tax revenues;

And whereas current municipal statutory authorities regarding vacant buildings are limited to matters of health, safety, and protection of persons and property, unsightly conditions, and tax incentives, and do not provide specific authority to require the re-use of long-term vacant buildings when other statutory authorities prove ineffective:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request UBCM to lobby the Province of British Columbia to grant local government broader authority to incentivize or compel long-term vacant buildings to be functionally utilized in accordance with the zoning.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee has advised that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to grant local government broader authority to incentivize or compel long-term vacant buildings to be functionally utilized in accordance with the zoning.

However, Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions which asks the Province to empower local governments to collect a levy on vacant residential properties (2020-EB33, 2020-NR69, 2019-B19, 2019-B181, 2018-A3, 2017-B91).

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2022-NR64 which asked the Province to develop and fund an incentive for more readily and rapidly repurposing vacant land as temporary Class 3 Supportive Housing, to support the creation of emergency or ad-hoc housing or shelter with on-site supports as a short-term use, and including tiny homes, navigation centres, portables, and/or modular housing.

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for action on the part of the provincial and federal governments to fund, provide and facilitate affordable and adequate housing in communities, to in part, address homelessness (2022-EB27, 2022-NR64, 2021-EB71, 2021-LR5, 2020-SR10, 2020-NR70, 2019-B68, 2019-B183, 2015-B46, 2013-B54, 2012-B94, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B24, 2006-B81, 2004-B2, 2004-B30, 2003-LR21, 2002-A21, 2002-B64).

The Committee notes that the sponsor's request is seeking to "incentivize or compel" an owner to functionally utilize their building. However, depending on what that authority entails, it is not known what the potential impacts might be of that change and if there would be any other unintended consequences to properties and businesses.

R20) Fossil Fuel Corporate Sponsorship of UBCM and AVICC

City of Courtenay

Whereas the operations of fossil fuel producers have a direct impact on, and significantly contribute to the ongoing climate crisis;

And whereas climate change is creating local effects that are having negative impacts on our infrastructure, buildings, crops, health, and ecosystems increasingly effecting our communities' stability:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM not solicit/accept support or corporate sponsorship from fossil fuel producers in acknowledgment of the inherent contradiction between fossil fuel sponsorship of local government associations and the role local governments play responding to and combating climate change.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking UBCM to not solicit/accept support or corporate sponsorship from fossil fuel producers in acknowledgment of the inherent contradiction between fossil fuel sponsorship of local government associations and the role local governments play responding to and combating climate change.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive referred resolution 2019-LR3 which asked UBCM to end its practice of accepting financial sponsorship and facilitating receptions from foreign governments, to a special Review Panel on Finance & Sponsorship. That Panel recommended that UBCM stop accepting sponsorship from foreign governments.

The matter of corporate sponsorship from fossil fuel companies is currently being reviewed by the UBCM Executive. At the February 2023 Executive meeting, board members reviewed the current Convention Finance and Sponsorship policy, received information on current sponsorships noting that fossil fuel companies currently represent 13% or \$41,500 of the overall sponsorship funds in 2022. It was noted that sponsorships contribute approximately 20% towards convention revenue and offsets the fees charged for registration, meals, etc. Deliberations on this matter are continuing, with a further report to the April UBCM Executive meeting.

Corporate sponsorship from fossil fuel companies at the AVICC convention amounted to 12% of total sponsorship funds (or \$9,500) in 2022 and 8% of total sponsorship funds (or \$6000) in 2023. The Committee also notes that revisions to the AVICC Sponsorship Policy were made in October 2022, removing speaking opportunities from all sponsoring non-government organizations, which impacted total sponsorship funds by \$7500 from 2022 to 2023.

Whereas attendance is critical for participation yet it is increasingly difficult for municipalities and regional districts to meet the in-person requirements at the AVICC and UBCM Conventions due to funding, time, and/or accessibility limitations;

And whereas electronic participation is now commonplace for AVICC, UBCM, and council/regional district meetings, yet electronic participation at AVICC and UBCM conventions is not available but would facilitate remote communities, persons with accessibility issues, and support the collective credibility of attendance, particularly during resolutions debate:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM amend the Convention attendance requirements to enable both in-person and electronic access.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse resolution 2022-NEB3 entitled Hybrid UBCM Conventions which asked UBCM to provide the option of electronic attendance at Convention.

Following two virtual Conventions in 2020 and 2021, UBCM explored the potential of a hybrid Convention, but determined that over and above the usual \$1.5 million in expenses for an in-person Convention, costs to hold a hybrid event would be at least an additional \$350,000. UBCM would need to increase registration fees to cover these additional costs. Besides the costs, the Committee would also note the logistical challenges of a hybrid event. How would Executive elections be conducted both on line and virtually? If so, how would we do a call for nominations from the floor for virtual participants? Would UBCM need to conduct both in person and virtual elections? What happens if a delegate attending in person does not have access to a device to vote on line? There is the potential to inadvertently disenfranchise an elected official.

On June 24, 2022, the AVICC Executive received a report and high-level quote to consider moving the 2023 AVICC AGM & Convention to a hybrid format. The total additional audio-visual cost quoted was at least \$75,000 (or \$300 per paid delegate) to offer a similar inclusive experience to all delegates, whether they attended virtually or in-person. Additional implications may include a loss of registration revenue as a result of potentially shared virtual registrations, the inability to commit to hotel room blocks due to unpredictable in-person attendance, a potential loss of sponsorship and tradeshow revenue, loss of economic benefit to the host-communities resulting in higher venue rental rates, and connectivity issues, as experienced during the 2020 and 2021 virtual conventions for delegates in remote communities. The Committee would also like to note that AVICC only has one employee, and that additional staff resources would be required to successfully execute a hybrid convention.

The Committee would flag the challenges with conducting a resolutions session both virtually and in person. It is not clear how votes in person and virtually could be synced and tallied during a resolutions session to provide definitive results. We know from our virtual convention experiences, there are time lags in internet service for some members so a resolutions session could potentially take twice as long if conducted both virtually and in person simultaneously. Currently, UBCM struggles to get through all the resolutions within the allocated timeframe, so under a more time-consuming process, fewer resolutions would likely be considered under a hybrid model.

Part 2 - Section “B” – This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

R22) Safe Drug Supply

City of Victoria

Whereas the British Columbia Provincial Government declared a public health emergency on April 14, 2016, in response to rapidly escalating fatalities caused by the unregulated and toxic drug supply;

And whereas despite some action by the Provincial Government to mitigate harm linked to the unregulated drug supply, interventions to-date have not been proportionate to the scale and scope of the crisis, with over 11,390 preventable deaths of British Columbians due to accidental overdose linked back to the toxic drug supply between April 2016 and December 31, 2022;

And whereas offering a safe, predictable, and regulated supply of drugs (“safe supply”) is widely recognized by health officials, policy makers, academic researchers, and advocates as a key intervention for addressing the drug poisoning crisis, and structural, policy and legal impediments to a “safe supply” are yet to be resolved:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial and federal governments for increased access to accessible, culturally safe, and reliable safe supply in collaboration with its affiliated members, health and drug policy experts, and other relevant stakeholders;

And be it further resolved that AVICC and UBCM ask the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with its affiliated members, health and drug policy experts, and other relevant stakeholders to create an educational resource for engaging civic actors on the benefits of safe supply services as part of a continuum of critical health interventions including harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery, enforcement, and housing with the objective of reducing unregulated drug poisoning deaths.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed two recent resolutions that sought a safe drug supply, 2021-EB56 and 2021-NR44. In particular, 2021-NR44 asked that the safe drug supply be free.

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed other resolutions seeking harm reduction measures to address the on-going toxic drug crisis, including:

- 2022-SR2, which called for funding and staff for security, clean-up, and social services at harm reduction locations and surrounding neighbourhoods in BC communities, as well as a share of the \$150 million settlement from Purdue Pharma Canada to local governments to help cover the costs associated with the opioid and overdose crisis, such as police, fire and bylaw departments;
- 2019-B142, which called for a federally supported comprehensive and culturally safe public health approach to the opioid crisis including policy frameworks governing illegal drugs; and
- 2020-SR8, which called for ongoing, sustained funding to address the overdose public health emergency.

Whereas the Ministry of Health has overall responsibility for ensuring that quality, appropriate, cost-effective, and timely health services are available for all British Columbians;

And whereas not all rural, remote communities are provided with budgetary means to sustain full-time paramedic positions:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Ministry of Health invest in full-time paid paramedic positions for small, rural, remote communities across British Columbia to enhance these communities' ability to sustain permanent employment for their skilled residents.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking to improve and increase ambulance staffing and service in BC, including in small, rural communities, most recently:

- review rural BC Ambulance resourcing models to ensure that adequate resources are available to properly service rural communities (2022-EB5);
- undertake a review of the BC Ambulance Service, specifically in the rural areas, to find a solution and systematic way of managing recruitment and retention of paramedics and delivery of service in rural communities 2022-EB6);
- provide funding for increased wages and training opportunities to assist with recruiting and retention of workers in the BCEHS (2022-EB7);
- establish a staffing model that ensures adequate staffing levels are in place and remain within rural community boundary (2021-EB61);
- undertake a review to find solutions and a systematic way of managing recruitment and retention of paramedics and delivery of service in rural communities (2021-EB62);
- more resources and a commitment to find a long-term solution for staff shortages for small rural community ambulance services (2020-EB74);
- better coordination for pre-hospital health care (2019-SR3);
- more solutions to ensure medical specialists and services are available in rural BC (2019-B63);
- more advanced care and critical care paramedics in rural ambulance stations (2017-B133); and
- better and more equitable standby pay for paramedics (2017-B134, 2006-B48).

However, the membership has not specifically considered a resolution requesting full time paid paramedic positions for small, rural and remote communities.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Whereas local governments, with limited and competing resources, must address traffic safety challenges to ensure the well-being of our residents;

And whereas the enforcement of traffic regulations, such as speed regulations in residential areas, playgrounds, and school zones, is labour intensive and the ability to use traffic enforcement cameras as a deterrent has proven to be effective and efficient in the management of speed and other traffic regulations:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM lobby the provincial government to permit local governments to independently implement traffic enforcement cameras, with the focus on changing driver behaviour, on local roads at the local government's request and expense.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership previously endorsed two resolutions with very similarly worded enactment clauses, 2019-B8 and 2017-B90, that requested the authority for local governments to implement photo radar at their own expense.

Resolution 2019-B8 specifically asked for "the provincial government to permit local governments to independently implement photo radar, with the focus on changing driver behaviour, on local roads at the local government's request and expense." In response, the Province did not directly respond to the request, only noting that the Intersection Safety Camera (ISC) program is not available to local governments, and that the provincial focus is on implementing ISC speed activation cameras at 35 high priority sites.

The Resolutions Committee also notes that the membership endorsed other related resolutions, including:

- 2013-B91, which asked the Province to amend legislation to permit the use of speed cameras in school and playground traffic zones, with fine revenue to be shared on a negotiated basis between local governments; and
- 2011-B84, which asked the Province to allow for intersection safety cameras to be installed at crash-prone locations where marked crosswalks are absent.

ENVIRONMENT

R25) Enhanced Access to Extended Producer Responsibility Programs

Comox Valley Regional District

Whereas reasonable and free consumer access to recycling collection facilities or collection services is the cornerstone of British Columbia's recycling framework;

And whereas the 2021 Accessibility Framework within the Stewardship Agencies of British Columbia's Guidance on Accessibility of Stewardship Programs will not provide for the service levels expected within many remote communities in British Columbia, as Extended Producer Responsibility programs are only provided "where practical";

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government for improved access to recycling for rural and remote communities with tiered and funded solutions based on the remoteness index and developed in collaboration with local governments.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed other resolutions requesting financial support and recycling services for smaller and rural communities (2022-EB55, 2019-B43, 2018-B69, 2017-B109, 2014-A6).

R26) Expansion of the Recycling Regulation to Include Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Packaging and Printed Paper Recyclables

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Whereas the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's (BCMOECCS) Recycling Regulation regulates the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program for residential packaging and printed paper (PPP), which is managed by Recycle BC;

And whereas PPP recyclables from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sources, is not currently part of the Recycling Regulation, which is allowing the financial burden of diverting this recycling stream from landfilling onto the ICI sector and local governments;

And whereas the Provincial Government has instituted a phased study of ICI PPP recyclables as part of the EPR 5-year Action Plan which will not be completed until 2025:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province expedite the inclusion of ICI PPP recyclables into the Recycling Regulations much sooner than 2025.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking to include the ICI sectors in the Packaging and Paper Products Extended Producer Responsibility programs (2021-EB33, 2020-EB54, 2020-NR57, 2019-B146, 2018-B68).

UBCM received this resolution after the June 30 submission deadline and included it in the Report on Resolutions Received After the Deadline. Upon consideration of the report at our Convention, UBCM members did not deem LR2 to be emergency in nature and therefore it was not admitted for debate. In accordance with UBCM procedures for handling resolutions, with permission of the sponsor, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, UBCM referred this resolution to AVICC for consideration as a part of the 2023 resolutions cycle.

R27) Moving the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Forward

City of Courtenay

Whereas in 2021, 37 local governments from across BC, as well as UBCM, passed resolutions supporting Help Cities Lead, a campaign advocating for the implementation of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program for residential and commercial buildings;

And whereas the Province has not met its commitment to move forward with next steps on a PACE program in the RoadMap to 2030 climate strategy, which is a form of financing for energy retrofits designed to help building owners save on energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and has yet to advance the program:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately introduce legislation to support a province-wide PACE program for residential and commercial buildings.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions in support of PACE, including:

- 2022-EB48 which asked the Province to prioritize the PACE initiative enabling legislation and include consideration for participation by electoral area residents of regional districts;
- 2021-EB36 which asked the Province to support BC legislation enabling PACE by third-party administration; and
- 2019-B140 which asked the Province to develop PACE enabling legislation for BC municipalities.

**R28) New Legislation for Protection of Biodiversity, Ecosystem Health and Islands Trust
Species at Risk**

Whereas in 2022 UBCM endorsed resolutions calling on the Province of BC to work in cooperation with First Nations to enact species at risk legislation and to work towards new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health;

And whereas in November 2022 the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council released the Wild Species 2020: The General Status of Species in Canada Report which documents an increased risk of extinction for 700 species in British Columbia in the last five years;

And whereas in December 2022, Canada joined 195 countries in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework which aims to halt and reverse global biodiversity loss by 2030:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to urgently proceed with legislation, informed by new agreements and reports, co-developed with First Nations, that enables legal and financial mechanisms for the protection of biodiversity, ecosystem health, and species at risk in British Columbia.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions, including:

- 2022-NR38 which asked the Province to develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous Knowledge Holders, scientists, and members of the public;
- 2010-B35 which asked the Province to develop a Species and Ecosystems Protection Act for BC; and
- 2008-B87 which asked the Province to enact a strong Species and Ecosystem Protection Act to safeguard British Columbia's exceptional biological richness - in particular, against the threats posed by habitat loss and climate change - recognizing the critical importance of conserving biodiversity to maintaining ecosystem integrity and human well-being.

Whereas in the face of climate change and a rapidly increasing population; fresh water for human consumption, agriculture, industry, and ecological needs has become a precious commodity on Vancouver Island and across British Columbia;

And whereas there are many different purveyors involved in the supply of drinking water including governments and private companies, as well as many agencies responsible for development planning for the growing population;

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship to provide leadership and functional involvement in the creation and management of consistent regional water supply strategies following the watershed map of the province and divided by regional district, with the aim of ensuring that resilient and sustainable drinking water supplies are in place now and for the future.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to provide leadership and functional involvement in the creation and management of consistent regional water supply strategies following the watershed map of the province and divided by regional district, with the aim of ensuring that resilient and sustainable drinking water supplies are in place now and for the future.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to establish standards and funding around drinking water, including:

- Province to assist regional districts by developing a means by which sustainable funding can be provided for very small water systems, so as to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner (2022-EB81);
- Province to provide funding opportunities that reflect the true cost of the upgrades to aging drinking water infrastructure particularly in the rural areas of the province of British Columbia (2011-B107);
- Province to standardize water quality and treatment regulations across BC and develop a funding strategy for their implementation (2009-B51);
- Province to establish province-wide standards on potable water to be applied universally and implemented consistently in order to protect public health and public confidence in local and regional potable water systems (2007-B123); and
- Province to ensure that funding is available to develop the infrastructure required to meet the Province's drinking water standards (2006-B90).

The Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds (2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

Whereas the Salish Sea is a sensitive marine ecosystem and critical habitat for many species including endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, and the use of freighter anchorages outside the Port of Vancouver for ships waiting to be loaded in the Port of Vancouver is extremely detrimental to the marine ecosystem;

And whereas ports in other parts of the world have reduced or eliminated the need for freighter anchorages by upgrading infrastructure, increasing efficiencies, and implementing port call optimization systems:

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the federal government and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority take all available actions to immediately reduce the use of freighter anchorages along southern Vancouver Island and the Southern Gulf Islands;

And be it further resolved that Transport Canada expand monitoring and inspection of freighters anchored outside the limits of the Port of Vancouver.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution asking the federal government and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to take all available actions to immediately reduce the use of freighter anchorages along southern Vancouver Island and the Southern Gulf Islands. Nor has the membership considered a request that Transport Canada expand monitoring and inspection of freighters anchored outside the limits of the Port of Vancouver.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions expressing concerns about potential negative impacts of increased marine traffic in the Salish Sea and other BC coastal waters—especially increased tanker traffic (2016-B21, 2012-A8, 2011-LR6, 2010-B139, 2008-B143, 2003-B23).

The Committee further notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2020-NR45 which sought a Coastal Protection Strategy and law to leverage and coordinate the work of provincial ministries, First Nations, local communities, and stakeholder groups to preserve coastal and ocean health, halt coastal habitat loss, accelerate the completion of a network of marine protected areas to benefit fisheries, biodiversity and the economy, set marine environmental quality objectives from upland activities, and help communities adopt ecosystem-based approaches to manage risks from flooding due to extreme weather events, sea level rise, climate change, and ocean acidification.

TRANSPORTATION

R31) Parking on Ministry of Transportation Rights-of-Way

Regional District of Nanaimo

Whereas regional districts have not been granted the authority to regulate vehicle parking on roadways in rural areas;

And whereas the Province and the RCMP have limited resources to regulate and enforce the increased volume of vehicles parked illegally on roads and rights-of-way that cause congestion and unsafe conditions for other vehicles, pedestrians and emergency first responders:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia grant regional districts the authority under the *BC Motor Vehicle Act* to regulate and enforce vehicle parking on provincial roads and rights of-way with the same authority as municipalities.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed a nearly identical resolution, 2019-B56, that sought authority for regional districts to regulate and enforce vehicle parking on provincial roads and right-of-ways.

The Provincial response to 2019-B56 indicated that the government was supportive of exploring the current parking and enforcement regulations on provincial roads within regional districts.

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolution 2014-B102, which called for regional districts to be granted the authority to enforce parking regulations within their boundaries.

FINANCE

R32) Downtown Revitalization Grant Program

District of Port Hardy

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has historically administered a downtown revitalization program that generated incredible long-term benefits and returns to those communities who participated in the program and to the Province through increased commerce, tourism, and tax revenues;

And whereas forestry, fishing, and mining-oriented rural communities have been significantly economically impacted in relation to the economic vitality of these industry sectors:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC request the UBCM to lobby the Province of British Columbia to re-establish a downtown revitalization grant program and to provide adequate financial resources to enable rural resource communities to improve their downtowns for the benefit of residents, businesses, and tourism.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to re-establish a downtown revitalization grant program (2009-B22, 2006-B36), and to fund a revitalization program for resource communities (2007-B114).

The Committee also notes that membership more recently endorsed B37 in 2016 asking the Province to re-implement the Business Façade Improvement Grant Programme that will provide each local government an annual intake to a maximum of \$20,000 so local businesses may participate in a programme that would see the rejuvenation of business areas with the end goal of enhancing community appearance and pride which are integral to economic activity and growth. The resolution being considered for 2023 does not specify a dollar amount or indicate what would be considered adequate financial resources.

The Province's response to previous resolutions has noted that section 226 of the *Community Charter* provides a revitalization tax exemption tool that allows councils to encourage economic, social or environmental revitalization within a community. However, this tool does not provide any provincial funding to the community, and reduces the municipality's tax revenue for the duration of the exemption.

R33) Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries

**City of Powell River,
qathet Regional District**

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources including Internet, computers, digital tools and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province ensure that BC libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.

*Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to maintain and increase its funding for public libraries (2022-EB59, 2020-EB41, 2019-B28, 2019-B29, 2018-B24, 2017-B60, 2016-B95, 2014-B17, 2012-B71, 2011-B27, 2010-B46, 2008-B57, 2007-B56, 2006-B55, 2006-B56).

Whereas the cost of infrastructure renewal is increasing in British Columbia due to the prevalence of aging municipal assets, inflation and increased community growth in many areas;

And whereas the revenue from property transfer tax is due in large part to the attractiveness of the local community to homebuyers which is in part the result of local government efforts, as such local governments should benefit from this tax:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government to share property transfer tax revenue with local governments in British Columbia for expansion and renewal of community infrastructure.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership previously endorsed a resolution asking the Province to share a portion of the Property Transfer Tax revenue with local governments for expansion and renewal of community infrastructure. 2012-B18 requested the provincial government to grant an equitable share of BC Property Transfer Tax revenues to local governments, both to diversify their revenue sources and support the increasing levels of community-based services, aging infrastructure maintenance and replacement they are required to provide. 2005-B87 also requests the provincial government to share the proceeds from the property transfer tax with local governments.

Further, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions that call on the Province to share a portion of the Property Transfer Tax with local governments to address affordable housing and homelessness (2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).

In 2013 the UBCM membership endorsed expansion of local government revenue tools as a foundational concept of the Strong Fiscal Futures report on strengthening the BC local government finance system. Sharing a portion of the property transfer tax with local government was specifically identified as a way to expand revenue tools for local government.

In 2021 the UBCM membership endorsed the Ensuring Local Government Financial Resiliency report that included a working partnership between the Province and UBCM to strengthen the local government finance system. UBCM signed an MOU with the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs in 2022 that led to the formation of the Local Government Finance Working Group. This group has representatives from UBCM and both ministries with a work plan that includes reviewing opportunities for sharing taxation/revenues.

LAND USE

R35) Removal of Racist and Discriminatory Clauses from BC Land Titles

City of Courtenay

Whereas there are documents and covenants attached to parcels of land throughout the province that are rooted in racism and discrimination;

And whereas the cost to remove racist documents and covenants from land titles is born by the property owners:

Therefore be it resolved be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request that the Province instruct the Land Titles Office to eliminate any charges to landowners wishing to remove these offensive clauses and restrictions from their titles, and further request the Land Titles Office conduct an audit of land titles and systematically remove racist and discriminatory covenants and documents.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolution 2022-NR51 which made a similar request of the Province to instruct the Land Titles Survey Authority to search for and identify discriminatory language contained in registered covenants; and for them to have the ability to delete and/or redact any occurrences of discriminatory language identified.

R36) Call for Support to Meet Provincial Archeological Requirements

District of Sechelt

Whereas local governments acknowledge the critical importance of archaeology to reclaim the history and heritage of the Indigenous Peoples particularly while undertaking critical local government infrastructure renewal;

And whereas the cost of infrastructure renewal is increasing in British Columbia due to the prevalence of aging municipal assets, inflation and increased archaeological costs, including the cost of project delays:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM advocate to the provincial government to:

1. Considerably increase the provincial government resources for the processing of site alteration permit applications at the BC Archaeology Branch; and
2. Provide local governments with funding to offset archaeological costs, including costs related to project delays due to extended permit processing times.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not considered a resolution asking the Province to 1. Considerably increase the provincial government resources for the processing of site alteration permit applications at the BC Archaeology Branch; and 2. Provide local

governments with funding to offset archaeological costs, including costs related to project delays due to extended permit processing times.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions addressing archaeological costs, including:

- 2019-B52 which asked the BC Government to fund additional expenditures borne by local governments to record and document archaeological findings in accordance with the provincial Heritage Conservation Act;
- 2007-B139 which asked the Province to consider providing funding equal to 100% of the total expenditures borne by local governments to record and document archaeological findings in accordance with the provincial Heritage Conservation Act; and
- 2013-LR1 which sought funding from the Province for individual property owners are impacted by unregistered and undiscovered archaeological sites on their property.

TRANSPORTATION

R37) Public Safety and Speed Limits

Cowichan Valley Regional District

Whereas rural community roads are managed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, who oversee the maintenance, service and safety standards, including the setting and adjustment of speed limits;

And whereas rural areas are experiencing traffic management issues including increasing speeding as development and populations increase in areas shared by vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; this requires a greater attention to community public safety concerns and necessary safety improvements:

Therefore it be resolved that AVICC and UBCM request that the Ministry of Transportation review rural speed limits in developing residential areas and commercial or village centers, and direct design improvements to make highways safer in these environments, including speed limit reduction.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to review rural speed limits in developing residential areas and commercial or village centers, and direct design improvements to make highways safer in these environments, including speed limit reduction.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to improve safety on provincial roads in rural and remote areas, including:

- basing safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria (2022-EB70);
- traffic calming measures in areas designated for growth in electoral areas (2019-B115);
- increased resources for regulation and enforcement of traffic regulations on rural roads (2019-B116); and

- a process for regional district boards to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to lower the speed limit on highways that pass through rural communities and neighbourhoods (2015-B12).

R38) Economic Investments and Rural Roads State of Infrastructure

Cowichan Valley Regional District

Whereas rural community roads are managed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, who oversee the maintenance, service and safety standards and there is continued concern regarding the state of roads in rural communities including poor road surfaces and drainage;

And whereas the provincial government periodically makes economic investment announcements and it is understood that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure may require assessment of impacts to transportation infrastructure resulting from proposed development, and which may direct improvements to transportation infrastructure resulting from proposed development:

Therefore it be resolved that, AVICC and UBCM request that the Province direct enhanced investment into rural road network improvements in areas where provincial economic investments are made.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions seeking to improve safety on provincial roads in rural and remote areas that are experiencing economic growth, including:

- base safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria (2022-EB70);
- implement traffic calming measures in areas designated for growth in electoral areas (2019-B115); and
- increase resources for regulation and enforcement of traffic regulations on rural roads (2019-B116).

More generally, the Committee notes that membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to improve service level standards and increase funding for maintenance of secondary roads in the provincial road network (2020-EB18, 2017-B10, 2015-B74, 2014-B54, 2010-B19, 2009-B16, 2008-B17, 2003-B7).

The membership has also endorsed resolutions supportive of highway improvements throughout BC, or on routes that have a significant impact on the provincial economy (2022-EB69, 2020-EB25, 2017-B12, 2014-B54, 2013-B13, 2008-B110).

LEGISLATIVE

R39) Modernization of the *Local Government Act*

Sunshine Coast Regional District

Whereas a comprehensive review of the legislation governing regional districts has not been done; however, the social, political and economic environments in which local governments operate has dramatically evolved in areas including increased populations living in unincorporated areas, response to climate change, and First Nations' participation in regional governance;

And whereas the accountabilities of regional districts continue to increase, most recently with updates to emergency management legislation, but regional districts lack the tools and authority needed to meet these expanded responsibilities;

And whereas UBCM has endorsed multiple resolutions asking for a review of the *Local Government Act* as it relates to the legislative authority of regional districts; most recently in 2015, 2018, and 2022, and the province has been promising these urgently needed legislative updates for over twenty years:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and regional districts to ensure that a comprehensive review and modernization of the *Local Government Act* is prioritized during the current municipal term of office.

Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions calling for the review and modernization of the *Local Government Act* (2022-EB80, 2018-B4, 2015-B1).

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking to clarify the authorities assigned to, and improve the relationship between, regional districts and municipalities as well as First Nations (2021-EB53, 2014-B68, 2007-A4, 2007-LR9, 2006-B47).

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

An 8 person Executive Board is elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting & Convention to provide the ongoing administration and policy determination for the Association.

THERE ARE SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS:

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

THERE IS ONE APPOINTED POSITION:

- Immediate Past President

NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The Executive has identified a process whereby a notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination and the process and the procedures for nomination was circulated to all members.

The notice states that the nominee must be an elected official of an AVICC member and must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. A nomination and consent form was distributed by email and posted on the AVICC website. The form is to be used for all nominations in advance of the AGM & Convention.

Background information that sets out the main responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member was included with the notice and nomination and consent form.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A candidate may also be nominated from the floor at the AGM & Convention for a position on the Executive Committee. This requires a motion moved and seconded by two elected officials of an AVICC member local government. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination.

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process, and is composed of two people.

This year's Committee is composed of:

- Chair, Past President Ian Morrison, (Director, Cowichan Valley Regional District)
- AVICC Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Dennison

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including a photo and biography is prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee, and is distributed to the members in the Annual Report and Resolutions Package.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is responsible for reporting to the full Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee does not make recommendations.

The Nominating Committee will report on Friday, April 14th, at approximately 2:25 pm on nominations received by the deadline for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, three Directors at Large and Electoral Area Representative. Following the report, nominations from the floor will be requested as follows.

ELECTIONS PROCESS:

The Nominations and Elections Process will then proceed in three steps:

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF TABLE OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th, 3:50 PM

- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Table Officer Positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President)
- Nominations from the floor for Table Officer positions may be received
- If all Table Officer positions are acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results

On-line voting for Table Officers will open April 14 at 5:45 PM and close April 15 at 10:30 AM (if necessary)

IF TABLE OFFICER POSITIONS ARE ACCLAIMED:

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 3:50 PM

- Nominating Chair announces nominations for three Directors at Large
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the positions of Director at Large

On-line voting for Directors at Large will open April 14 at 5:45 pm and close on April 15 at 10:30 AM

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will open April 15 at 3:00 PM and close on April 16 at 7:30 AM (if necessary)

IF TABLE OFFICER ELECTION IS REQUIRED:

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for Table Officers
- Nominating Chair announces nominations for three Directors at Large
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the positions of Director at Large

On-line voting for Directors at Large will open April 15 at 3:00 PM and close on April 16 at 7:30 AM

STEP 3 – ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th, 8:30 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for three Directors at Large
- Nominating Chair announces nominations for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor may be received for the Electoral Area Representative
- If the Electoral Area Representative Position is acclaimed, the Nominating Chair will present the results

On-line voting for Electoral Area Representative will be open April 16 from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM (if necessary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th, 11:45 AM

- Nominating Chair presents the results of the election for Electoral Area representative (if necessary)
- The 2023/24 AVICC Executive are introduced and installed

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

2023-24 AVICC EXECUTIVE

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2023 AGM and Convention:

President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (incumbent)

First Vice-President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Councillor Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo (incumbent)

Second Vice-President *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Director Vanessa Craig, Regional District of Nanaimo (incumbent)

Director at Large *(three to be elected)*

- Councillor Janet Dorward, District of Port Hardy
- Councillor Sarah Fowler, Village of Tahsis (incumbent)
- Director Travis Hall, Central Coast Regional District (incumbent)
- Councillor Evan Jolicoeur, City of Courtenay
- Councillor Tony St-Pierre, District of Sooke (incumbent)
- Councillor Sean Wood, City of Parksville

Electoral Area Representative *(one to be elected/ acclaimed)*

- Director Donna McMahon, Sunshine Coast Regional District (incumbent)

For further information on the nomination and election process contact:

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PENNY COTE

Electoral Area Director, Sproat Lake
Director, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Nomination for President (incumbent)



Penny Cote has had the privilege and support of members to be elected to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) over the last 7 years in addition to being elected as AVICC President for 2022.

Ms. Cote has held a seat on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board consecutively for the past 18 years representing the electoral area of Sproat Lake. Historically in that time the ACRD Board of Directors welcomed the addition of four treaty First Nations to their Board. In her roles, she has gained considerable knowledge with local government services, operations, collaborations, and the challenges facing the urban, rural, and remote communities. Penny sits as the Executive Board, Members Committee Chair on the Municipal Insurance Association MIA and elected to the Executive Board of the Vancouver Island Regional Library VIRL.

Her learned perspectives and attributes have supported community partnerships to address the communities' unique needs. Serving as co-chair on the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network, Ms. Cote is committed to the health and wellbeing of her community as she continually advocates for improved health services with senior levels of government.

Ms. Cote also owns a heritage commercial, residential property in Port Alberni and partners with her husband in their construction company. Family is important to Penny as she helps to navigate an aging parent and her son's family childcare needs.

"Participating on the AVICC Board of Directors over the past 7 years has given me an opportunity to work with our diverse membership to engage and share learned experiences at our AVICC conventions and resolutely bring forward our collective values and issues to UBCM and the Province as we stand strong together through these ever-challenging times.

2023 brings on new change as AVICC transitions our only employee, the Executive Coordinator, from UBCM to an AVICC contract. There will be many challenges and openings for this repositioning. This next AVICC Executive will have the new opportunity to collectively advance supported members advocacy through shared learning. I would be honoured to the represent this membership as your AVICC President for a second term."

BEN GESELBRACHT

Councillor, City of Nanaimo
Director, Regional District of Nanaimo

Nomination for 1st Vice President (incumbent)



After serving last term as your 1st Vice President, I am running for re-election as 1st Vice President to continue to support Island and coastal local governments build strong communities with resilient local economies that are environmentally sustainable and able to meet the needs of all residents.

I am a proud resident of the City of Nanaimo and privileged to live in Snuneymuxw First Nation territory. I work hard as an elected official, both at the municipal and regional level, and demonstrate leadership on responsible governance, climate action, circular economy, social equity and effective advocacy. A sample of my formal advocacy effort and collaborative spirit are reflected in my participation on the following bodies:

- 2022-2023 AVICC Executive 1st Vice President
- 2021-2022 AVICC Executive 2nd Vice President
- 2019-2020 UBCM Executive Director at Large; on both the environment and community economic development committees
- The Vancouver Island and Coastal Community Climate Leadership Plan Steering Committee
- Co-chair of the Climate Caucus Working group on Zero-Waste and the Circular Economy

AVICC is a connecting force that can help local governments come together to discuss important issues, share resources and bring a unified voice to the issues that are of significance to our unique Island and Coastal region. This year the Executive worked to increase AVICC's ability to act as an advocate for regional issues and facilitator for regional information sharing and initiatives. Re-elected as 1st Vice President I hope to continue this work of enhancing AVICC's ability to support regional collaboration and advance the needs of our residents. Thank you.

VANESSA CRAIG

Electoral Area Director, Gabriola, Mudge, and DeCourcy Islands
Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo

Nomination for 2nd Vice President (incumbent)



I am in my second term as an Electoral Area Director on the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board, where I am privileged to represent Gabriola, Mudge, and DeCourcy Islands, which are within the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. This year I am also serving as the Chair of the RDN. I have served on the AVICC Executive since December 2018; I was the Electoral Area representative for three years and the 2nd Vice President for one. I am also currently the AVICC representative on the Southern Resident Killer Whale Indigenous and Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group. I am seeking your support to serve again as the 2nd Vice President.

I am a long-term resident of coastal communities, having lived and worked in different areas along the coast. For 22 years my husband Steve and I have called Gabriola Island home, and we are raising our two daughters here. I hold a PhD in biology, am a Registered Professional Biologist, and continue to work (very) occasionally as a small mammal and bat biologist with a focus on species at risk recovery and environmental assessment. In 2021 I completed 12 years of volunteer service on the Council of the College of Applied Biology, the regulator of professional biologists in the province, most recently serving as Past President.

Of particular interest to me as an EA Director are the issues of emergency preparedness, housing accessibility, meaningful engagement with First Nations communities, potable water, positive working relationships with other elected officials including the Islands Trust, and the ecological health of our coastal communities. AVICC offers important opportunities for us to connect to discuss our common concerns, and I've benefited from speaking with the many knowledgeable people in the coastal communities.

This year is a transition year for AVICC as we take the responsibility for managing our Executive Coordinator from UBCM; I thank our UBCM colleagues for our excellent working relationship for many years and look forward to it continuing. Our new Executive Coordinator Theresa Dennison is well placed to work with the Executive as we finalize the structure of AVICC holding the contract with our employee. I would appreciate your support to continue serving as your 2nd Vice President during this transition, and so that I can continue bringing my collaborative, engaged approach to these essential conversations.

JANET DORWARD

Councillor, District of Port Hardy

Nomination for Director at Large



Now in my third term as Councillor for the District of Port Hardy, I am seen as a sound decision maker, a thoughtful communicator and importantly – a team player. These are all attributes that I can bring to the AVICC table, along with member communities' concerns and recommendations.

Proudly born and raised a North Islander, I have also lived in Victoria, Parksville, and Campbell River and these experiences have provided a well-rounded understanding of both the similarities and differences in our Vancouver Island and Coastal communities.

I believe that a strong economy, where industries also address the resulting environmental impacts, provides the capacity to deliver excellent opportunities, services, health, recreation, and livelihoods for all.

My work career includes 32 years in the insurance industry. I have worked in nearly all retail insurance brokerage roles, from the mailroom to management. I continue to work as a commercial insurance broker and am certified as both a Chartered Insurance Professional and Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker.

When I can get away, you'll usually find me hiking or tenting on a West Coast beach. I am also enthusiastic about keeping fit and hope to join some of you at Port Hardy's first half marathon on June 4 – the Hardy Hustle!

I am excited about this opportunity to serve on the AVICC executive team and would appreciate your vote of support.

SARAH FOWLER

Councillor, Village of Tahsis

Nomination for Director at Large (Incumbent)



My name is Sarah Fowler and I live in the village of Tahsis with my family. We have a homestead with backyard hens, and volunteer in our community.

First elected in 2018, I have now entered my second term of council as Deputy Mayor. Over this time, I have had many experiences to better build my understanding of local government, as it operates with provincial and federal jurisdiction. Most recently I worked with local residents to provide interviews for BCCDC's food cost & climate impacts stories project. This was insightful as its focus was on people with accessibility needs, their social determinants to health and the financially insecure households that need a more equitable system.

On 2020, I was successful in my bid to become small community representative on the UBCM executive. This opportunity has been a chance to bring a remote perspective to convention, environment, community safety, health and social in addition to being acting chair of economic development committee. It wasn't until 2022, that she joined the AVICC, as a director at large. By working regionally, it has offered exposure to many mentors and best practices.

- Vancouver Island climate leaders & caucus
- Nootka sound watershed society
- Unity 4 Community trail society
- Tahsis age-friendly accessible committee
- Good food box, local buyers club orders
- Tamarack Institute climate transitions

A goal for this term is to complete level 2 Local Government Leadership Academy and build support for an integrity commissioner, so that elected officials in BC can have safer working conditions.

TRAVIS HALL

Electoral Area Director, Bella Bella
Director, Central Coast Regional District

Nomination for Director at Large (Incumbent)



I was born and raised in Heiltsuk territory, in the village of Waglisla (known as Bella Bella) and maintain an active cultural role in my community. My Heiltsuk name, Gundaynuxv, was given to me in a potlatch; the name was passed down from my grandfather. The name carries many responsibilities, including advisor to a high-ranking Chief, Yimas Qai'ait and cultural leader. I remain active in these duties now.

I am passionate about Heiltsuk culture, language, harvesting and processing traditional foods. Spending time with our cultural leaders and advising on cultural traditions and practices remains a high priority of mine.

I began my education in earth sciences and anthropology but soon moved to finance. I spent a great deal of my working life in financial management and I currently am working on completing a Certified Management Accountant designation.

I hold several positions within the Heiltsuk community in addition to my responsibilities with the CCRD and UBCM, including Interim Manager for Heiltsuk Fisheries Management Ltd., and Licence Coordinator for the Heiltsuk Nation. Previously, I worked as the Marine Use Planning Coordinator, I have held a seat on Heiltsuk Tribal Council and the Heiltsuk Health Board and I have worked on our Marine portfolio.

I also harvest traditional food from my territory. This means I spend much of my free time on the water. Having such a strong connection to the ocean as a Nation means we will do everything we can to protect it. This led me to be involved with the clean up of the Nathan E. Steward as a first responder. My position in the clean up was with on water ops. I still feel more needs to be done in that clean up.

I strongly believe that developing and maintaining relationships between the Nations and local governments is key to building strong communities; this is my motivation for joining the CCRD and continues to drive my interest on the Board.

EVAN JOLICOEUR

Councillor, City of Courtenay

Nomination for Director at Large



I hope to have your support to join the AVICC executive. As a young person, I have personal lived experience, both as a member of the LGBTQIA+ and the disability communities that would be supportive of ensuring that the AVICC executive is representative of the diversity in our communities, while adding important perspectives and ideas to the work of the association.

As a passionate and optimistic fighter for our collective potential to be in harmony with ourselves, each other, and our natural environment. As a Registered Nurse, policy strategist and mental health and addictions clinician with over sixteen years of experience in political advocacy, not-for-profit, government, project management, program development, change management and strategy – I bring a wide range of experience to my work. My previous work experience includes supporting Indigenous policy, social services, and substance use policy in provincial governments, in addition to overseeing program service delivery for nonprofits and various First Nations.

Throughout my personal and professional life, I have been a tireless voice for advocating for change within the institutions of our society, including public policy, to address ongoing issues of inequities and discrimination across communities. Over the years, I have worked with and alongside First Nations on various projects and programs and have an intimate knowledge of the ongoing systemic, institutional and interpersonal racism that continues to this day. As a leader, I am an influencer with partners in supporting understanding of how processes, protocols and policies, including service delivery, continue to perpetuate colonial standards. I have been an advocate for addressing inequities experienced by First Nations and Indigenous people across spaces, organizations and including in service delivery planning, implementation and evaluation.

As AVICC, and our communities continue to experience ongoing challenges related to economic, environmental and social challenges that continue to be disproportionate to our municipalities. I hope to have your support as your representative to advance the priorities, issues and opportunities for Vancouver Island & Coastal communities.

TONY ST-PIERRE

Councillor, District of Sooke



Nomination for Director at Large (Incumbent)

Tony St-Pierre was elected to District of Sooke Council in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.

Tony lives and works in the community as a small business owner and brings a vast wealth of knowledge from varying fields of experience, including being a permaculture farmer. With over 20 years of experience in the trades alongside master's degrees in both Planning and Adult Education & Community Development, he provides a unique combination of practical experience with a strong academic background. Tony is committed to social justice and the healthy growth of individuals and the community. He cares passionately about affordable housing, local economic development, good design, efficiency that elevates quality, and participatory planning.

Family is an integral part of Tony's life here in Sooke, he and his wife Christiana choose to plant their roots here with their children to create a long-term legacy.

Areas of expertise include:

- Rural Planning & Development
- Community Development
- Organizational Development
- Systems Analysis
- Participatory Planning

Council appointments:

- Capital Regional District Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force
- CRD-Regional Housing Trust Fund Commission
- Te'Mexw Treaty Advisory Committee (Alternate)
- Capital Regional District Water Supply Commission (2021)
- Climate Caucus (2020-2021)
- Edward Milne Community School – Liaison (2021)

SEAN WOOD

Councillor, City of Parksville
Director, Regional District of Nanaimo

Nomination for Director at Large



Sean Wood is a dedicated husband of 25 years to Teresa, who is an RN. They have two boys, who are 7 and 9 years old. In addition to being a devoted family man, Wood is also a small business owner. He runs Pacific Logo, a successful logo design company.

Wood has also been involved in politics, having been a federal candidate in the 2019 election for the Green Party of Canada. Currently, he serves as a Councillor with the City of Parksville and a Director with the Regional District of Nanaimo. He approaches his political work with the belief that working in a non-partisan manner is essential, and he always promises to work well with any board or group of decision-makers. He feels that respectful collaboration, even in disagreement, is often lacking in politics, and he strives to make that the foundation of being a good elected representative.

Aside from his business and political pursuits, Wood is also a dedicated volunteer. He has spent 5 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Parksville Fire Department with an exemplary attendance record. He has built good working relationships with the MLA and MP and has been an advocate for a better tax break with his MP for Canada's 180,000+ volunteer firefighters and search and rescue personnel. It's important to note that 82% of firefighters in Canada are volunteers.

In addition to his volunteer work, Wood has a passion for giving away freshly baked bread. He has been experimenting with his own custom craft organic bread recipe for three years and has been consistently delivering fresh bread every week for months to two local social support centers in Parksville. He has been praised for his contributions to the community, and his bread is a staple at the local centers. He prefers to deliver his salt-flake-topped loaves immediately after coming out of the oven.

Lastly, Wood would like to thank Councillors Mary Beil and Paul Manly for their nominations to the board of the AVICC. He looks forward to working with the rest of the AVICC board toward positive decisions moving forward. Wood's dedication to serving his community and working towards the betterment of society is apparent in all of his pursuits. He is a respected member of his community, and his contributions are valued by many.

DONNA McMAHON

Electoral Area Director, Elphinstone
Director, Sunshine Coast Regional District

Nomination for Electoral Area Representative (Incumbent)



I'm running for the EA Representative position again because I feel my work isn't done. AVICC had a disruptive year in 2022, what with moving our office, hiring a new coordinator, and, of course, local elections. There wasn't much opportunity to focus on advocacy for electoral areas.

And there is no lack of issues for regional districts, especially for those of who represent unincorporated areas.

About me. I arrived on the Sunshine Coast in 1996, settling on the outskirts of the Town of Gibsons. As I became involved in community groups, I found myself on a slow but inevitable trajectory towards local government. My involvements include the Gibsons Public Library (past Chair), Transportation Choices, Community Futures, the Self-Employed Women's Network, the Coast Car Co-op, the Sunshine Coast Trails Society, and Streamkeepers.

I have been writing all my life: newsletters, articles, novels, short fiction, business plans, plain language materials, websites, you name it. I have a BA in History from SFU and have worked in corporate communications as well as journalism.

That inevitable collision with local government occurred in 2018, when I was elected Area E Director for the SCRD. In 2022 I was acclaimed for a second term. I am currently SCRD Vice Chair, Electoral Area Services Committee Chair, and Regional Hospital District Vice Chair. I maintain an extensive constituency website (EverythingElphinstone.ca), publish a monthly newsletter, and support the advocacy efforts of community associations and other grassroots groups.

Tired of answering basic questions about regional districts, I created and offered an online course in 2021 and 2022. Amazingly, 115 people enrolled in A Highly Opinionated Introduction to Regional Districts (with Divers Digressions into the Nature of Grassroots Democracy, Rural Idiosyncrasies, and the Property Tax Apocalypse).

Financial Statements of

**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER
ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the Entity), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022
- the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2022 and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting policies applied in preparing and presenting financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a single horizontal line that starts under the 'K' and ends under the 'P'.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada

March 17, 2023

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021


	2022	2021
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 431,306	\$ 361,666
Prepaid expenses	5,828	2,000
Accounts receivable	1,210	69
	\$ 438,344	\$ 363,735

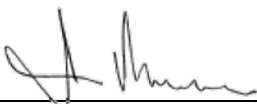
Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 69,703	\$ 36,239
Deferred revenue	-	1,680
Deferred contributions (note 3)	57,039	57,039
	126,742	94,958
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	311,602	268,777
Contractual commitments (note 4)		
	\$ 438,344	\$ 363,735

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:


 Penny Cote, AVICC President


 Ian Morrison, AVICC Past-President

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	2022	2021
Revenue:		
Association dues	\$ 104,857	\$ 97,597
Annual meeting - registration	103,337	16,159
Annual meeting - sponsorships	83,580	58,800
Annual meeting - exhibits	12,600	-
Interest	8,940	947
	<u>313,314</u>	<u>173,503</u>
Expenses:		
Annual meeting	146,935	11,700
Union of BC Municipalities contract fees	83,416	90,124
Executive meetings	24,160	14,297
Professional fees	10,000	6,955
Postage, office and miscellaneous	4,211	395
Communication and staff travel (note 1(f))	1,601	1,223
Consulting fees	-	6,667
Salaries and benefits	166	-
	<u>270,489</u>	<u>131,361</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	42,825	42,142
Net assets, beginning of year	268,777	226,635
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 311,602</u>	<u>\$ 268,777</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2022, with comparative information for 2021

	2022	2021
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 42,825	\$ 42,142
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(3,828)	2,625
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(1,141)	842
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	33,464	26,153
Decrease in deferred revenue	(1,680)	(18,800)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	69,640	52,962
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	361,666	308,704
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 431,306	\$ 361,666

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2022

Nature of operations:

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (the "Association") is registered under the Societies Act (British Columbia) and is exempt from the requirement to pay income taxes. Its purpose is to promote autonomy within local government and to advance the principles of local government. The Association represents the various municipalities and regional districts of Vancouver Island, Powell River and the Sunshine and Central Coasts.

1. Significant accounting policies:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations ("ASNPO") in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. The Association's significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Basis of presentation:

These financial statements present the financial position, results of operations and changes in net assets of the Association and, as such, do not include all the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the members of the Association.

There is no provision in the accounts for income taxes as the activities of the Association are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash and highly liquid investments consisting of term deposits with original maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less.

(c) Revenue recognition:

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Annual meeting sponsorships, registration and exhibit revenues are recognized as revenue when the conference takes place.

Association dues are recognized as revenue in the year they are earned and collection is reasonably assured.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2022

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Contributed materials and services:

Due to the difficulty in determining fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

(e) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Association has not elected to carry any such financial instruments at fair value.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment.

(f) Capital assets:

In accordance with the ASNPO Handbook section 4433, *Tangible Capital Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, and section 4434, *Intangible Assets held by Not-for-profit Organizations*, the Association has met the criteria to be considered a small organization and as such has not capitalized any expenditures. Capital assets and intangible assets owned by the Association but which have not been capitalized under this accounting policy include computer hardware and website costs. During the year, there were no acquisitions of capital assets (2021 - no acquisitions of capital assets or intangible assets).

(g) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2022

2. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2022	2021
Cash	\$ 217,482	\$ 151,902
MFA Money Market Funds	213,824	209,764
	<u>\$ 431,306</u>	<u>\$ 361,666</u>

3. Deferred contributions:

Deferred contributions include \$44,665 (2021 - \$44,665) of provincial grants restricted for the facilitation of the activities of the Treaty Advisory Committee. The remaining balance will be used for the purposes of continuing and offsetting costs of future reconciliation initiatives.

Also included in deferred contributions is \$12,374 (2021 - \$12,374) in contributions restricted for the activities of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management.

4. Contractual commitments:

The Association has a contract with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for administrative and various support services and has committed to pay a minimum of \$64,894 in 2023 in respect of this contract. The contract term ends on August 1, 2023.

5. Financial risks and concentration of risk:

The Association's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Association believes that it is not exposed to significant interest rate or cash flow risk arising from its financial instruments.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will be unable to fulfil its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Association manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. It prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfil its obligations.

There has been no change to the risk exposures from 2021.

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2022

6. Employee and director remuneration:

The BC Societies Act has a requirement for the disclosure in the financial statements of the remuneration of directors, employees and contractors. For the period ending December 31, 2022, eleven directors received remuneration totaling \$15,375, with amounts ranging from \$525 to \$3,000 per director (2021 - nine directors received remuneration totaling \$11,475, with amounts ranging from \$675 to \$1,725 per director).

AVICC 2023 DUES REPORT

Member	Pop 2022	Pop 2023	Ind. Pop % Δ	Dues 2022	Dues 2023	Overall change	Ind. \$\$ % Δ
1. Alberni-Clayoquot	8,484	8,629	1.71%	\$1,126.35	\$1,201.15	\$74.80	6.64%
2. Alert Bay	434	466	7.37%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
3. Campbell River	36,623	37,185	1.53%	\$4,043.51	\$4,298.47	\$254.96	6.31%
4. Capital	23,947	23,719	(0.95%)	\$2,832.02	\$2,949.14	\$117.12	4.14%
5. Central Coast	1,708	1,772	3.75%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
6. Central Saanich	18,522	18,689	0.90%	\$2,277.32	\$2,409.11	\$131.79	5.79%
7. Colwood	19,693	20,766	5.45%	\$2,397.05	\$2,632.10	\$235.05	9.81%
8. Comox	15,211	15,378	1.10%	\$1,938.77	\$2,053.64	\$114.87	5.92%
9. Comox Valley	25,704	25,297	(1.58%)	\$3,011.67	\$3,118.56	\$106.89	3.55%
10. Courtenay	28,902	29,883	3.39%	\$3,338.67	\$3,610.91	\$272.24	8.15%
11. Cowichan Valley	37,053	37,024	(0.08%)	\$4,081.98	\$4,283.34	\$201.36	4.93%
12. Cumberland	4,688	4,704	0.34%	\$659.60	\$694.95	\$35.35	5.36%
13. Duncan	5,121	5,363	4.73%	\$718.19	\$784.94	\$66.75	9.29%
14. Esquimalt	18,764	19,155	2.08%	\$2,302.07	\$2,459.14	\$157.07	6.82%
15. Gibsons	4,968	4,917	(1.03%)	\$699.00	\$726.41	\$27.41	3.92%
16. Gold River	1,257	1,269	0.95%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
17. Highlands	2,582	2,599	0.66%	\$363.29	\$383.96	\$20.67	5.69%
18. Islands Trust	1,708	1,772	3.75%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
19. Ladysmith	9,213	9,334	1.31%	\$1,214.83	\$1,291.00	\$76.17	6.27%
20. Lake Cowichan	3,600	3,612	0.33%	\$506.52	\$533.62	\$27.10	5.35%
21. Langford	47,313	49,345	4.29%	\$4,999.95	\$5,440.83	\$440.88	8.82%
22. Lantzville	3,874	3,969	2.45%	\$545.07	\$586.36	\$41.29	7.58%
23. Metchosin	5,186	5,142	(0.85%)	\$726.07	\$756.78	\$30.71	4.23%
24. Mount Waddington	2,261	2,304	1.90%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
25. Nanaimo City	101,987	104,064	2.04%	\$9,891.69	\$10,581.35	\$689.66	6.97%
26. Nanaimo RD	43,567	43,753	0.43%	\$4,664.79	\$4,915.49	\$250.70	5.37%
27. North Coast	1,397	1,346	(3.65%)	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
28. North Cowichan	32,850	33,347	1.51%	\$3,705.93	\$3,937.91	\$231.98	6.26%
29. North Saanich	12,500	12,671	1.37%	\$1,613.78	\$1,716.26	\$102.48	6.35%
30. Oak Bay	18,930	19,211	1.48%	\$2,319.04	\$2,465.16	\$146.12	6.30%
31. Parksville	13,871	14,164	2.11%	\$1,780.17	\$1,906.52	\$126.35	7.10%
32. Port Alberni	19,101	19,526	2.23%	\$2,336.52	\$2,498.98	\$162.46	6.95%
33. Port Alice	707	695	(1.70%)	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
34. Port Hardy	4,351	4,426	1.72%	\$612.19	\$653.88	\$41.69	6.81%
35. Port McNeill	2,441	2,518	3.15%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
36. Powell River	14,024	14,148	0.88%	\$1,798.74	\$1,904.48	\$105.74	5.88%
37. qathet	6,668	6,771	1.54%	\$905.95	\$964.37	\$58.42	6.45%
38. Qualicum Beach	9,387	9,397	0.11%	\$1,235.95	\$1,299.02	\$63.07	5.10%
39. Daajing Giids	931	1,004	7.84%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%

AVICC 2023 DUES REPORT (Cont'd)

Member	Pop 2022	Pop 2023	Ind. Pop % Δ	Dues 2022	Dues 2023	Overall change	Ind. \$\$ % Δ
40. Saanich	124,639	125,853	0.97%	\$11,918.39	\$12,628.29	\$709.90	5.96%
41. Sayward	326	302	(7.36%)	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
42. Sechelt	10,971	11,238	2.43%	\$1,428.20	\$1,533.64	\$105.44	7.38%
43. shísháhlh Nation	709	748	5.50%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
44. Sidney	12,279	12,569	2.36%	\$1,586.95	\$1,703.26	\$116.31	7.33%
45. Sooke	15,539	15,991	2.91%	\$1,972.31	\$2,119.45	\$147.14	7.46%
46. Strathcona	9,965	10,058	0.93%	\$1,306.10	\$1,383.26	\$77.16	5.91%
47. Sunshine Coast	14,988	15,291	2.02%	\$1,915.74	\$2,044.30	\$128.56	6.71%
48. Tahsis	296	292	(1.35%)	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
49. Tofino	2,618	2,522	(3.67%)	\$368.35	\$375.00	\$6.65	1.81%
50. Ucluelet	2,055	2,204	7.25%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
51. Victoria	94,890	96,390	1.58%	\$9,256.71	\$9,860.42	\$603.71	6.52%
52. View Royal	12,034	12,606	4.75%	\$1,557.22	\$1,707.97	\$150.75	9.68%
53. Zeballos	120	122	1.67%	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$25.00	7.14%
	910,957	925,520	1.5986%	\$104,856.65	\$111,663.42	\$6,806.77	6.4915%
			Average Pop % Δ				Average \$\$ % Δ
			1.5963%				6.5447%

2023 AVICC BUDGET	2023 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL
GENERAL BUDGET						
Revenues						
Dues ¹	111,666	104,860	104,857	97,597	96,544	93,823
Interest ²	3,000	1,200	8,940	947	2,584	5,993
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub-Total General Revenues</i>	114,666	106,060	113,797	98,544	99,128	99,816
Expenditures						
UBCM Contract ⁴	110,880	94,500	83,416	90,124	89,474	83,542
Executive Meetings ⁵	21,120	15,000	24,160	14,297	9,270	14,530
Other Meetings ⁶	1,000	1,000	-	-	62	1,458
Communication and Staff Travel ^{7, 8}	2,800	1,500	1,601	1,223	10,690	2,391
Postage, office and miscellaneous ⁹	5,000	1,500	4,211	395	2,689	260
Audit ¹⁰	10,000	7,000	10,000	6,955	5,500	5,450
Advocacy ¹¹	5,000	5,000	-	6,667	-	-
Other ¹²	2,500	5,000	166	-	-	75
<i>Sub-Total General Expenditures</i>	158,300	130,500	123,554	119,661	117,685	107,706
Revenues Less Expenses - General	(43,634)	(24,440)	(9,757)	(21,117)	(18,557)	(7,890)
AGM & CONVENTION BUDGET						
AGM & Convention Revenue ³	196,150	170,000	199,517	74,959	5,500	167,100
AGM & Convention Expenses ¹³	152,516	145,560	146,935	11,700	5,192	100,473
Revenues Less Expenses - Convention	43,634	24,440	52,582	63,259	308	66,627
TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS	0	0	42,825	42,142	(18,249)	58,737

REVENUES

- Dues** - The dues are based on the prior year's population figures on a sliding scale
Source for population figures is BC Stats, a division of the Ministry of Citizens' Services as received from UBCM
- Interest** - Funds are invested with the Municipal Finance Authority
- AGM & Convention** - Includes both sponsorship and registration income

EXPENDITURES

- UBCM Service Contract** - cost of full-time staff wages & benefits for 2023 including pre-and-post transition (previously part-time)
- Executive Meetings** - covers expenses for the in-person and teleconference meetings- 2023 budgeted for 2 in-person and 5 virtual
- Other Meetings** - includes costs for meetings of AVICC representatives to external groups
- Staff Travel** - covers staff travel, convention travel is included under convention expenses
- Communications** - covers the costs of AVICC communications tools and software
- Postage, Office, Miscellaneous** - includes items post- transition for 2023 that were previously included in UBCM Contract
- Audit** - annual expense
- Advocacy**
- Other** - covers miscellaneous expenses not budgetted in other lines
- AGM & Convention** - covers all the costs of the AGM & Convention except AVICC regular staffing

AVICC MEMBERS

CITIES

Campbell River
Colwood
Courtenay
Duncan
Langford
Nanaimo
Parksville
Port Alberni
Powell River
Victoria

DISTRICTS

Central Saanich
Esquimalt
Highlands
Lantzville
Metchosin
North Cowichan
North Saanich
Oak Bay
Port Hardy
Saanich
Sechelt
Shíshálh Nation
Sooke
Tofino
Ucluelet

TOWNS

Comox
Gibsons
Lake Cowichan
Ladysmith
Port McNeil
Qualicum Beach
Sidney
View Royal

VILLAGES

Alert Bay
Cumberland
Daajing Giids
Gold River
Port Alice
Sayward
Tahsis
Zeballos

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

Alberni-Clayoquot
Capital
Central Coast
Comox Valley
Cowichan Valley
Mount Waddington
Nanaimo
North Coast
qathet
Strathcona
Sunshine Coast
Islands Trust

AVICC LIFE MEMBERS

1949-1950	Lorne Jordan	Port Alberni
1951-1952	Earl Westwood	Nanaimo
1953	Bert Beasley	North Cowichan
1954	Bill Henderson	Cumberland
1955-1956	C.A.P. Murson	North Cowichan
1957	Alf Wurtele	Esquimalt
1958	Jack Dobson	Duncan
1959	Bill Moore	Courtenay
1960	George Chatterton	Saanich
1962	John Cook	Nanaimo
1963	Don Morton	North Cowichan
1964	Reeve Lee	Central Saanich
1965	Fred Bishop	Port Alberni
1966	Doug Watts	Oak Bay
1967	Les Hammer	Port Alberni
1968	Rob Baird	Victoria
1969	Kay Grouhel	Ladysmith
1970	S.A.D. Pike	Powell River
1971-1972	Archie Galbraith	Central Saanich
1973-1974	G.H.A. MacKay	Nanaimo
1974-1975	William (Bronco) Moncrief	Cumberland
1975-1976	Ed Lum	Victoria
1976-1977	George McKnight	Port Alberni
1977-1978	K. Paskin	Duncan
1978-1979	Ken Hill	Esquimalt
1979-1980	George Piercy	Comox
1980-1981	Mel Couvelier	Saanich
1981-1982	Anne Fiddick	Gold River
1982-1983	Dick Winkleman	Nanaimo
1983-1984	Norma Sealey	Sidney
1984-1985	Robert Ostler	Campbell River
1985-1986	Gillian Trumper	Port Alberni
1986-1987	William (Bill) Kinley	Port McNeill
1987-1988	Tom McCrae	Tahsis
1989-1990	Frank Ney	Nanaimo
	George Borza	Nanaimo RD
	George Cochrane	Courtenay
	Walter Behn	Port Alberni
	Eric Simmons	Victoria
1990-1991	Bill Cox	Ladysmith

1992-1993	Ron Webber	Courtenay
1993-1994	Al Huddleston	Port Hardy
1994-1995	Martin Segger	Victoria
1995-1996	Maxine Williams Jim	Alert Bay
1996-1997	Gurney	Sunshine Coast RD
1998-1999	James Lornie	Campbell River
1999-2000	John Crook	Langford
2000-2001	Frank Leonard Pearl	Saanich
2001-2003	Myhres	Zeballos
2003-2005	Mary Ashley	Campbell River
2005-2007	W. J. (Jack) Peake	Lake Cowichan
2007-2008	Bea Holland	Victoria
2008	Gerry Furney	40 Years Service
2008-2009	Rod Sherrell	Mt. Waddington RD
2009	Eydie Fraser	AVICC Executive Coordinator
2009-2011	Barry Janyk	Gibsons
2011	Christopher Causton	Oak Bay
2014	Larry Cross	Sidney
2017	Joe Stanhope	Nanaimo RD
2018	Barbara Price	Comox
2019	Mary Marcotte	Cowichan Valley RD
2020	Edwin Grieve	Comox Valley RD
2022	Carl Jensen	Central Saanich

2022-23 AVICC EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Director Penny Cote Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Councillor Ben Geselbracht City of Nanaimo
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Director Vanessa Craig Regional District of Nanaimo
ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE	Director Donna McMahon Sunshine Coast Regional District
DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE	Councillor Sarah Fowler Village of Tahsis Director Travis Hall Central Coast Regional District Councillor Tony St-Pierre District of Sooke
PAST PRESIDENT	Director Ian Morrison Cowichan Valley Regional District