Subject: AVICC May Update - COVID-19 Health Survey, UBCM Excellence Awards, AVICC Zoom Happy

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Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer:

1. COVID-19 Health Survey

Island Health has asked AVICC to help distribute a new survey from the BC Center for Disease Control. The *BC COVID-19 Survey: Your story, our future* is a BC-wide population health survey to gather individual experience, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. As BC continues to respond to the pandemic, the Province would like to understand more about how communities are affected. A good response will mean more insight into how COVID19 has affected Island Communities and will be valuable for ongoing decision making. Feedback will help guide decision makers & strengthen our action plan. How has COVID-19 impacted you?

Take the survey at http://ow.ly/LdQt50zEz9V by May 31st. Or those who can't complete the survey online or need assistance in another language can call 1-833-707-1900, seven days a week, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., to take the survey over the phone.

2. UBCM Excellence Awards

Applications are now being accepted for UBCM's <u>2020 Community Excellence Awards</u>. The application deadline is July 10, 2020. The awards recognize and celebrate UBCM members that have implemented projects or programs that demonstrate excellence in meeting the purposes of local government in B.C.

UBCM recognizes the unique circumstances and challenges faced by BC local governments during the COVID-18 pandemic. This includes reduced staff and financial capacity in order to address the impacts caused by the pandemic. However, the pandemic, through the Community Excellence Awards, also provides for the opportunity to celebrate and showcase the leadership and innovation that local governments are providing in their communities. Applicants are encouraged to include any COVID-19 pandemic response actions and/or activities in their applications.

The program guide with the award categories and the application form are available on the UBCM website at 2020 Community Excellence Awards.

3. AVICC Zoom Happy Hour

On April 18, on the weekend that we would have been gathered in Nanaimo for our annual convention, we held an AVICC Happy Hour via Zoom. Thanks to the 20+ attendees who joined us including MLAs Malcolmson and Simons, and MP Bacharach. It was a great event complete with mingling in virtual breakout rooms. Thank you to Councillor McLean from Sechelt for the idea and his assistance in running the session. All in attendance agreed that we should do this again in the summer! Take care everybody and I hope you are staying healthy and safe!





