



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE
HELD AT THE NANAIMO REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES
6300 HAMMOND BAY ROAD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Christopher Causton, Oak Bay, President
Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, First Vice-President
Councillor Barry Avis, Qualicum Beach, Second Vice-President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative
Mayor John Fraser, Tofino, Director at Large
Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard, Courtenay, Director at Large
Mayor Darren Inkster, Sechelt, Director at Large
Mayor Barry Janyk, Gibsons, Past President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

GUESTS:

President Causton sent his regrets that he would be unavoidably detained, but could be expected to arrive at approximately 11:30 am. First Vice-President Stanhope called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with 6 members in attendance. Director Inkster joined the meeting at approximately 10:10 am.

DELEGATIONS:

10:00 a.m. – Councillors Brent Edwards and Tom Bob, Nanoose First Nations

Chair Stanhope welcomed the Nanoose First Nation's Band Administrator and Councillor Brent Edwards. Mr. Edwards introduced his Uncle and Councillor Tom Bob followed by board members introducing themselves. Mr. Edwards thanked members for the opportunity to dialogue on the DL33 logging issue advising of the First Nation's desire to establish working relationships with all levels of government. He noted that it is unlikely that full agreement on the issue is likely to be achieved, but asked for mutual respect to be able to hear others opinions and that if issues arise, that they be given the opportunity to respond. Nanoose First Nation's primary objective in pursuing this project was to be able to participate in the resource economy, not only as individuals, but as an organizational entity in order to benefit their community.

Mr. Edwards provided background on the issue as it related to the area, location and community opposition. Director Leonard clarified that the AVICC resolution was one that was endorsed by the full membership, not just the Executive. Consensus by members was that the Nanoose First Nation has been placed in a very difficult situation. In light of the limited areas of Coastal Douglas Fir left on the island and the importance of such resources for ecotourism, etc., Councillor Avis asked if there wasn't another way to meet the objective? Although the Band is fully participating in the treaty negotiation process and are expecting an offer in January, to date funding has not increased and they need to find ways immediately to get involved in the local economy. The following data was provided in response to an

inquiry about the Nanoose First Nations community: located 8 km from Nanaimo toward Lantzville, covers 164 acres, there are 60 children under 7, 250 live on the reserve of which 150 are members with 40-50 unemployed adults.

In wrapping up, Mr. Edward thanked Executive for the opportunity to engage in this dialogue, expressed hope that it would not be the last time and that in future the dialogue might be on the successes. Chair Stanhope offered to set up a meeting with area mayors if it was felt to be useful.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

1. MINUTES

On a motion by Second Vice President Avis, seconded by Director Fraser,
That the minutes of the October 29, 2010 regular Executive meeting be adopted was
CARRIED

2. REPORTS

President's Report

President Causton was unavailable to report.

Executive Coordinator's Report

Staff provided a brief overview of the report that was distributed and responded to questions arising. Staff noted the challenge with program planning for the current year's Convention in terms of securing presenters for identified topics and suggested that in future, consideration be given to publicizing more widely the request for proposals in order that program choices can be made from presenters who are ready and able to present a specific session.

On a motion by Director Leonard, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That the report be adopted was
CARRIED

3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

Financials to December 2010, Proposed 2011 Budget and Dues Increase

On a motion by Second Vice President Avis, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,
That the December 31, 2010 financial statement be received was
CARRIED

On a motion by Director Leonard, seconded by Second Vice-President Avis,
That a 2% increase in dues be recommended to the membership was
DEFEATED

On a motion by Second Vice-President Avis, seconded by Director Fraser,
That a 3% increase in dues be recommended to the membership and the proposed budget be approved with staff making the slight adjustments to expenses as needed in order for the budget to balance with the reduction in membership dues revenue was
CARRIED

4. CONVENTION

2011 AGM & Convention Planning

Staff provided an overview of the plans to date and sought member's input on a number of key areas including:

- Mayor Larry Cross and spouse be invited to the Executive Recognition Dinner.
- Priorities for Concurrent Sessions: #1 – Fisheries Issues, #2 – Agricultural Outlook Project, #3 – BC Hydro, #4 – Pacific Carbon Trust.
- No resolutions from Executive to be brought forward.

On a motion by Second Vice President Avis, seconded by Director Fraser,
That \$1,000 be set as the honorarium for Stelly's School in recognition of their contribution to the Saturday evening banquet and reception entertainment was CARRIED

2011 AGM & Convention Budget and Registration Fees

Staff reviewed the proposed budget noting that the sponsorship by BC Hydro would be an in-kind arrangement this year as they were arranging for the delegate gift purchase; therefore, the proposed budget as distributed should include a decrease in the sponsorship revenue by \$4,000 with a complimentary reduction of \$4,000 to the expense item for the delegate gift. The projected profit of \$6,700 would remain unchanged.

On a motion by Second Vice President Avis, seconded by Past President Janyk,
That the 2011 AGM and Convention registration fees be set as follows:

- Delegate Fees \$121 early; \$145 late
- Banquet \$42 early; \$50 late
- Reception \$26 early; \$32 late

That a separate registration fee be charged for the Agricultural Study Tour registrants to cover the cost of the lunch if one will be incorporated into the itinerary, and
That the proposed 2011 AGM & Convention budget with the above noted changes to sponsorships and delegate gift expenses be approved was CARRIED

5. POLICY

Derelict Vessels

Members were updated on the formation of a Joint Working Group for Removal of Derelict Vessels in BC. Membership includes staff policy analysts on behalf of local government: Clare Frater, Islands Trust and Brenda Gibson, UBCM plus Bob Gowe, federal government, and Duncan Williams and Melinda Nagy-Surdu from the provincial government.

Brenda Gibson joined the meeting by teleconference at 11:30 am to provide an update from the first meeting held January 13. Key points included:

- The federal government has now responded to the letter from provincial government
- Significant time was spent identifying the problem and identifying funding options: no indication of funding being available; need to seek partnerships for stable funding and look at creative and innovative ways of reducing costs; likely to be a range of solutions; and consideration may be given to doing something on a pilot basis
- Need to sort out jurisdiction and regulatory framework issues; require a better understanding of what local government wants which was partly received through the current conversation; survey may be used; Executive reiterated that this was not only an

AVICC member issue

- Federal priorities are navigation and environment and indicated that most dangerous situations are being dealt with; Executive disagreed
- Executive clarified that the primary concerns are for the environment affecting aquaculture, tourism and safety; that there are gaps in the regulations with the Federal Government being responsible when vessel is afloat while Provincial Government is responsible when it is aground; that because local government doesn't have regulatory authority or jurisdiction (product stewardship, licencing), the responsibility is not theirs although if funding were available, they would be willing to deal with the issue, but costs including removal, storage and legal fees would need to be covered; local governments may be willing to look at options such as reduced tipping fees at the landfills
- Past President Janyk shared a December 17, 2010 News Release which referenced a 2008 MOA between BC, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and California to work collaboratively on shared regional concerns such as energy, transportation, and ocean health and stated that the "premier of B.C. also announced a \$30,000 allocation to support action on marine debris in B.C." Brenda Gibson agreed to locate a copy of the MOA and try to determine where the \$30,000 funding resides.
- Director Fraser also highlighted the cultural aspect of the issue relating to First Nations tradition of being buried with their boats (already 250 in Clayoquot Sound).

In wrapping up, Brenda Gibson advised that the process is not likely to be as quick as hoped. Executive noted that this issue would probably arise again at Convention and that perhaps increased political involvement may be necessary if things don't progress in a timely fashion. Consideration may be given to requesting to have an elected official serve in an ex-officio capacity.

President Causton joined the group at approximately 12:15 pm.

UBCM BC Ferries Fares Ad Hoc Committee

President Causton and Past President Janyk reported that the UBCM President had appointed a committee that, working with staff, will communicate with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about BC Ferries fare increases, prior to the contract renewal scheduled for 2012. The first meeting is scheduled for January 19.

Gas Franchise Fees

Members were advised that a meeting with Terasen Gas representatives has been scheduled to take place following today's Executive meeting to discuss issues arising from the operational agreements and the process to renew the Gas Franchise Agreement. Local government representatives will include Mayor Causton, Chair Stanhope, Mayor Ruttan, Doug Holmes (Nanaimo CAO) and Tim Wood (Central Saanich CAO).

Agricultural Outlook Project – Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast

Past President Janyk distributed a brief summary of the project noting that it is a collaborative effort of the Provincial Government and Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET). As previously agreed, the request to present at the AVICC Convention will be accommodated as a Saturday afternoon concurrent session.

Provincial and Federal Economic Development Initiatives for 2011

Director Inkster sought input on the role of AVICC as it relates to determining what has been done and where the funding has been allocated. Feedback indicated that other organizations

such as VIEA would already have this information and President Causton agreed to follow-up to determine who the right contact would be.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

On a motion by Past President Janyk, seconded by Second Vice President Avis,
That the following correspondence be received was CARRIED

- a) November 12, 2010 – EM from Scott Henley
Re: VI SPINE Progress Report
- b) November 16, 2010 – Minister Shirley Bond
Re: Public Transportation Access
- c) December 1, 2010 –LMLGA Letter to Minister Stephanie Cadieux
Re: Four-Year Term
- d) December 10, 2010 – Minister Stephanie Cadieux
Re: Acknowledging Request to Speak at AVICC AGM & Convention
- e) January 4, 2011 – Kevin Richter, Ministry of Transportation
Re: BC Ferry Commissioner

7. INFORMATION

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING

- April 7, 2011 – Sidney, Lebbetter Boardroom, Mary Winspear Centre
- 12:30 p.m. – Lunch
 - 1:00 p.m. – Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 pm.

Mayor Christopher Causton
President

Iris Hesketh-Boles
Executive Coordinator