



**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE  
9:00 AM, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President  
Councillor Barry Avis, Qualicum Beach, First Vice-President  
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative  
Mayor Darren Inkster, Sechelt, Director at Large  
Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large  
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, Director at Large

**REGRETS** Mayor Christopher Causton, Oak Bay, Past President  
Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, Second Vice-President

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

President Stanhope called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

**1. AGENDA**

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the agenda with the addition of 2 (e) BC Ferries Fare Increases be adopted was  
CARRIED

**2. FOLLOW-UP ON RESOLUTIONS**

Vancouver Island Labour Dispute

Staff reported that the letter as included in the documentation was prepared and faxed to Premier Clark Sunday following adjournment of the 2011 AGM & Convention. As the labour dispute was resolved that evening, no other follow-up was required.

Island Corridor Foundation Federal/Provincial Funding Application

A meeting with Minister Lekstrom is scheduled for 4:00 pm, May 2, 2011. Seven AVICC and 3 Island Corridor Foundation representatives plan to attend. Other Provincial representatives attending include Minister Chong, MLA Coell, Minister McRae's Executive Assistant and MLA Cantelon.

### Forestry Practices on Private Managed Forest Lands

All endorsed resolutions are forwarded to UBCM. UBCM may consider this a local issue and in light of that possibility, Executive proposed that Chair Stanhope forward a letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations advising of the endorsement of the resolution and seeking a response.

### 2010 Resolution on Derelict & Abandoned Vessels, Barges and Docks

As included in the documentation, a response from the Province has been received. Staff further reported that the Working Group has not met since March. Brenda Gibson, UBCM's policy analyst assigned to the file, will be requesting a meeting in May after giving the federal staff members an opportunity to get a sense of direction following the federal election. Staff also noted that there had been preliminary support for a federal survey and that the Provincial staff had been hopeful that there might have been some year-end funds available to conduct some pilot projects, but none materialized. Mayor Inkster reiterated the importance of this issue for him, that Mayor Causton had asked him to take a leadership role with it to which he had dedicated considerable energy and hoped that he could see it concluded. The issue will be brought forward to the June Executive meeting.

### 2011 BC Ferries Fare Increases

President Stanhope referred Executive to the National Post's April 22, 2011 news article noting that he had quite a number of calls from concerned members. Staff advised that the UBCM Ad Hoc Committee on the issue was scheduled to meet with Minister Lekstrom the afternoon of May 4. Mayor Janyk, Mayor Causton and Tony Law, Chair, BC Ferries Advisory Committee Chairs Committee serve on this Committee and will be speaking from the UBCM policy perspective that ferries are a part of the provincial road system. Following the meeting, UBCM will be preparing a submission to the Ferry Fares Commissioner by the June 30 deadline. The submission will be distributed to all UBCM members for information. Staff to forward a link to the National Post article and statistical data on the proposed increases.

With the discussion of the last two topics, Executive identified the issue of a communication gap between AVICC and UBCM now that Mayor Janyk has completed his term with the AVICC Board and in light of Mayor Causton's leave of absence from his office. Staff will raise the issue with Gary MacIsaac, UBCM Executive Director, and advise. Director Marcotte indicated her willingness to fill in as may be required.

### **3. BOARD MEMBER PRIORITIES**

- EA Marcotte – transportation issues, i.e. Island Corridor Foundation; and derelict vessels.
- Director Moglove – Improvement in the AVICC resolution process including potentially grouping resolutions into a block as UBCM has moved toward and the inclusion of panels in the Convention program. Water, sewer and forestry/land development issues.

- First Vice-President Avis – Water, forestry/land development, sustainability.
- Director Inkster – Derelict vessels, economic development/tourism.
- Director Solda – Coal mine, rail, VIHA’s 4321 Water Objective, continuation of downloading to communities.
- Chair Stanhope – Forestry/land development particularly in light of the pressure of pension funds looking toward land development for investment purposes.

Staff to arrange to have a resource person on the VIHA 4321 Water Objective to attend the June meeting.

#### 4. CONFIRMING 2011/12 EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

The schedule as distributed was approved with the change from June 10 to June 17 pending staff confirming Second Vice President Cross’s and Past President Causton’s availability. The June, October and January in-person meetings will take place in Nanaimo. The meeting schedule as amended is:

- 9-10 am, Friday, April 29, 2011 (Teleconference)
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, June 17, 2011 (Nanaimo Regional District Office)
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, September 9, 2011 (Teleconference)
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, October 14, 2011 (Nanaimo Regional District Office)
- 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Friday, January 13, 2012 (Nanaimo Regional District Office)
- 9-10 am, Friday, March 16, 2012 (Teleconference)
- 12:30 – 3:30 pm, Thursday, April 12, 2012 (Ucluelet Community Centre)

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 am.

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Chair Joe Stanhope  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator