PLAN TO ATTEND

Please mark your calendar to attend the Annual General Meeting and Convention to be held in Oak Bay on April 7, 8 and 9, 2006. Registrations were sent out in January. The Executive and staff have been busy working on a program which they feel will address issues that local governments are involved in at this time.

Special sessions are being confirmed for Friday morning. Updates will be posted on the AVICC website at www.avicc.ca and will be faxed out to members as they are finalized.

There will be a Welcome Reception on Friday evening, which is an excellent opportunity for networking with your fellow local government politicians and those provincial politicians who will be attending. The Welcome Reception is to be held at the Victoria Golf Course Clubhouse.

The Delegate’s Luncheon will be held at the University Club at the University of Victoria. The University is providing break out rooms for the afternoon sessions when the Convention reconvenes at 1:30 p.m. The Annual Banquet will be held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

If you have any questions, please contact Elyse Fraser, Executive Coordinator at (250) 356-5133 (telephone) or (250) 356-5119 (fax) or email efraser@avicc.net.bc.ca.

FUTURE CONVENTION DATES
QUALICUM BEACH
April 13 - 15, 2007

ACCOMMODATION
The Ben Bow Inn 752-5666
Buena Vista Motel 752-6666
Ocean Crest Motel 752-5518
Old Dutch Inn 752-6914
Qualicum Heritage Inn 752-9292
Sand Pebbles Inn 752-6974
The Shorewater 752-6801
St. Andrew’s Lodge 752-6652
Westerlea Motel 752-9292

As a result of the call for nominations, the Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2006 Convention.

PRESIDENT
• Councillor Bea Holland, City of Victoria

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
• Director Rod Sherrell, Mount-Waddington RD

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
• Mayor Barry Janusky, Town of Gibsons

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (three to be elected)
• Mayor Christopher Causton, District of Oak Bay
• Councillor Hy Freedman, Township of Esquimalt
• Mayor Ken MacRae, City of Port Alberni

ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE
• Director Barbara Price, Comox-Strathcona RD

AVICC on UBCM Executive

AVICC currently has Councillor Bea Holland as your representative on the UBCM Executive.

Councillor Holland sits on the UBCM Convention Committee and the Community Economic Development Committee.
CONGRATULATIONS – ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

On Monday, February 27, the Island Corridor Foundation announced an historic agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Island Corridor Foundation is a partnership between five regional governments and the 13 First Nations within the corridor area. Many of the AVICC members were involved back in 2001 when E & N Roundtable was formed. From that group came the Island Corridor Foundation that we see today. However, we must emphasize: not without a lot of hard work and a lot of setbacks.

The deal with CP, which was announced on Monday, will help preserve rail service on Vancouver Island and keep the E & N corridor available for other uses. The Foundation is looking at things like pipelines, power lines and hiking trails. The change in ownership allows for more flexibility, which, it is anticipated, will help to deal with local concerns.

One of the often-discussed uses for the rail line has been a commuter service into Victoria. This ownership change will allow the Foundation to look at changing the schedule and the direction of the train travel. As the Mayor of Langford was quoted as saying “I’m looking forward to the train going in the right direction for a change.”

Congratulations to the Island Corridor Foundation Co-Chairs, Lake Cowichan Mayor Jack Peake and Judith Sayers, Chief of the Hupacasath First Nations and to all the members. What a great job you have done.

The process will then proceed in three steps:

Step 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Friday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. Nominating Committee present the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Friday, April 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Elections for Officers positions (as necessary).

Step 2 – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 11:20 a.m. Nominating Committee present nominations for three Directors at Large.

Nominations from the floor for the above positions.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Elections for remaining Executive positions (as necessary).

Step 3 – ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. Nominating Committee present nominations for three Electoral Area Representatives.

Nominations from the floor for the above position.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Election for position (as necessary).
2006 Convention Program

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

57th Annual Meeting ~ April 7-9, 2006
Oak Bay, BC

Friday and Sunday Business Sessions will be held at the Monterey Centre Saturday Lunch and Break Out Sessions will be held at UVic

Featured Speakers

Councillor Marvin Hunt, UVIC President, will speak on Saturday morning. The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services will address the delegates on Saturday morning. Carol James, Leader of the Opposition will address the delegates on Sunday morning. We have been informed that the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier, will not be addressing the Association this year.

Directions to Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel, The Laurel Point Inn and the Monterey Centre

When arriving in Victoria, stay on Douglas Street, turn right at the Parliament Buildings on Bellevue Street and continue down to Kingston. The Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel is located at 146 Kingston Street and the Laurel Point Inn is located at 600 Montreal Street (just half a block to the right of the Coast Harbourside).

If you are driving from the hotel to the Monterey Centre, proceed down Bellevue, which turns into Blanchard. Turn right on Fort Street and turn right on Oak Bay Avenue. Follow Oak Bay Avenue through the Village and turn right on Monterey Street. There is limited parking.

Social and Networking Events at AVICC

The WELCOME RECEPTION will be held on Friday at 6:30 p.m. We are sure you will enjoy the Welcome Reception, which is co-sponsored by the Private Forest Landowners Association and TimberWest.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will be available for all delegates at Monterey Centre on Saturday and Sunday mornings. This is your opportunity to have breakfast and network with your fellow delegates before the business sessions begin.

The DELEGATE’S LUNCHEON will be held at the University Club on Saturday, April 7 at 12:00 Noon. The University of Victoria is sponsoring the delegates lunch this year and we wish to thank them for that sponsorship.

The ANNUAL BANQUET will be held on Saturday, April 8 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom. This event is co-sponsored by Terasen and AVICC. Terasen has been one of our major sponsors and we wish to express our appreciation for their willingness to change the sponsorship to the banquet for this year. The reception will begin at 7:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. The menu is as follows:

Herb Infused Pistachio Mushroom Soup with Crispy Parmalee
Lemon and Garlic Marinated Chicken Breast with Yakitori Sauce
Chef’s Choice of Vegetables
Dessert Buffet with an assortment of Cheesecake, Pastries and Scones, Coffee, Tea and Dehydrated Coffee

This will be plated service.

Friday, April 7, 2006

2:00 p.m. Convention Opening – Councillor Bea Holland
UVIC President
2:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Report, Mayor W.L. (Jack) Peake Jr., Past President
2:20 p.m. Keynote Address – Mike Harcourt
3:00 p.m. Break
3:20 p.m. WoodWorks
3:50 p.m. Annual Meeting
Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures
Adoption of Minutes of 2005 Annual Meeting
President’s Address and Annual Report
Financial Report
Appointment of Scrutineers
Appointment of Auditors
4:05 p.m. Nominations from the floor for Officers
4:15 p.m. Adjourn
4:30 p.m. Welcome Reception – sponsored by Private Forest Landowners Association and TimberWest
Victoria Golf Club

Saturday, April 8, 2006

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Monterey Centre
8:30 a.m. Voting for Directors at Large (as required)
8:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the floor for the Executive Officer
Elections to the Executive Officer (as required)
8:50 a.m. Review of Resolution Procedures
9:00 a.m. Address by the UVIC President, Councillor Marvin Hunt
9:20 a.m. Consideration of Resolutions
10:00 a.m. Address by the Minister of Community Services, Honourable Ida Chong
10:30 a.m. Break – Evergreen Lounge
10:45 a.m. Consideration of Resolutions
11:20 a.m. Nominating Committee Report
11:30 a.m. Presentation by Terasen Inc.
12:00 noon Adjourn for Delegate Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Welcome Remarks – David Turpin, President, University Club, UVIC
Delegates Luncheon sponsored by
University of Victoria

Sunday, April 9, 2006

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – Monterey Centre
8:30 a.m. Voting for Directors at Large (as required)
8:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the floor for the Executive Officer
Elections to the Executive Officer (as required)
9:00 a.m. Safety Initiatives – RCMP Inspector Norm Gaunt & City of Courtney
9:45 a.m. 211 – Community Connections
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Carol James, Leader of the Official Opposition
11:00 Consideration of Resolutions and Laten Resolutions
11:45 a.m. Final Business Session
Installation of New Executive
Remarks by President Elect
12:00 Noon Adjourn

2006 MAJOR SPONSORS

Delegate Packages
BC Hydro
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Keynote Speaker
BC Transmission Corporation
Welcome Reception
Private Forest Landowners and
TimberWest
Delegate Luncheon
University of Victoria
Annual Banquet
Terasen

We have received gift certificates from many people in the business community with more coming in daily. These will be acknowledged in the Delegate kits and with signage at the Convention.

2:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops – UVIC
· Climate Change
· Sustainability
· Economic and Community Development from a First Nations Perspective
3:00 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops – UVIC
· Climate Change
· Sustainability
· Economic and Community Development from a First Nations Perspective
4:15 p.m. Adjourn
7:00 p.m. Reception (no host) – Fairmont Empress
7:30 p.m. Annual Banquet and Dance sponsored by Terasen Gas
AVICC Nominations

President

Councillor Bea Holland, City of Victoria

- Council, Member of City of Victoria Council since 1996;
- Chair – Greater Victoria Health Authority;
- President – AVICC;
- AVICC Representative on the UBCM Executive;
- Member of Royal Oak Cemetary Board; Victoria Transit Commission; and Greater Victoria Regional Library Association;
- Former Council Member – City of Port Alberni;
- Director – Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association;
- (Retired) – Executive Director, Silver Threads Service and Meals on Wheels;
- Past Chair, Greater Victoria Hospital Foundation;
- Advisory Committee Member, Victoria Cancer Research Centre.

As issues arise, I try to focus on the solutions based on the needs of community as a whole rather than "single issues" - also good for debate rather than debate. On a personal note, my observation is being a grandmother is: "There are few people in the world who think I'm perfect!" I have recently received the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Previous awards include: The Canada 125 Medal, Canadian Association of Community Care for Outstanding Contribution to Community Care, CIAX Community Leader and VCCC Women of Distinction.

Second Vice-President

Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons

On Council for four terms - third term as Mayor - local government is just another life career. Formerly a forestry services contractor, a helicopter owner and licensed commercial operator who initiated and managed Vancouver's Harbor Heliport. Barry continues to work as a pilot, developer and operations consultant in Canada and the United States.

Instrumental in teaming with other professionals to develop and promote the "Smart Growth" agenda, Barry is recognized as one of the "new breed" of locally elected representatives, challenging traditional development practices where they appear to conflict with common sense. His son Kelby is a certified welder employed on the Sunshine Coast and daughter Robin attends Acadia University in Nova Scotia. His wife Janie is an award-winning author/multimedia journalist.

Director at Large

Ken Mae RaCe, City of Port Alberni

Ken McRae was elected as Mayor of the City of Port Alberni in September 2001. He had previously served as Councillor for ten years.


Ken is currently a Director of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and a Director at Large on the Executive of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

His past involvements include:
- President of the Port Alberni and Oyster River Labour Council (five years);
- Negotiation with Canadian Pulpworkers Union (12 years);
- Member of the Canadian Pulpworkers Union (seven years);
- Co-chair of the Committee on Environmental Awareness for Vancouver Island and Comox (representing AVICC/AVICCC);
- Director on the Clayoquot压缩性 Process;
- Director on Model Forest and Canada’s representative at the World Forest Conference in Malapaco.

Ken was named Port Alberni’s Citizen of the year 2003. He resides in the Alberni Valley with his partner of 20 years, Dolly Vants.

Director at Large

Barbara Price, Comox-Strathcona RD

Barbara Price is currently the Electoral Area representative on the AVICC Executive. She was elected for a fourth term as Electoral Area Director in the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, therefore Barbara is very aware of the challenges, especially of growth, facility and rural areas.

She has also been a municipal councillor and worked as a Town Planner. She has a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning.

Barbara is a hardworking advocate for her community and would like to continue to bring her knowledge of local government and her strong voice to the wider challenges of Vancouver Island coastal communities.