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PLANNING TO ATTEND

Please mark your calendar to attend the Annual General Meeting and Convention to be held in Qualicum Beach on April 13, 14 and 15, 2007. 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 government 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.

AVICC CONVENTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

STARTS
Friday, April 13, 2007
2:00 p.m.

CONCLUDES
Sunday, April 15, 2007
1:00 Noon

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION
Friday, April 13, 2007
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONVENTION
2:15 p.m. April 13, 2007

QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE

KEYNOTE SESSION
2:20 p.m.

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Weekly updates will be posted online at: www.avicc.ca
as the agenda is confirmed.

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 Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

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

Annual Report and Resolutions Book

We are pleased to advise that the 2007 Annual Report and Resolutions Book was mailed to all members on March 9. If you have not received your copies, please contact Eydie Fraser at (250) 356-5133.

This report contains the 2007 resolutions received by the deadline, responses received to date on endorsed 2006 resolutions, the nominations received by the deadline, resolutions procedures, membership list, a list of Life Members, the AVICC Constitution and bylaws.

FUTURE CONVENTION DATES

LANGFORD
April 10-13, 2008

ACCOMMODATION
The Westin Bear Mountain Resort  391-7160

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Bear Mountain Resort for AVICC delegates. We anticipate that another hotel (currently under construction) in the near vicinity will be open for the 2008 Convention. We will circulate information as details are confirmed. The business sessions and social events will be held at the Bear Mountain Resort.

NANAIMO
April 3 – 5, 2009

ACCOMMODATION
We will be circulating information on accommodation in Nanaimo in the next few months.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Councillor Brenda Binnie, UBCM President will be speaking on Saturday morning.

The Honourable Ida Chung, Minister of Community Services will be addressing the delegates on Sunday morning.

Carol James, Leader of the Official Opposition will be addressing the delegates on Sunday morning.

We are still hoping that the Premier’s schedule might allow him to attend.

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CHANGE TO ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

We are pleased to advise AVICC was registered as a Society on February 26, 2007. This process has been lengthy as it took many attempts to receive the signed documents from every member.

We can now advise that, under the constitution and bylaws as approved by the members, the only delegates voting for the Electoral Area Representative on the AVICC Executive will be Electoral Area Directors. We thank you for your patience in implementing this change to the voting procedures.

Please look for the full resolution in your Annual Report and Resolution Book which will be faxed out to members as they are finalized.

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It has been over a year since the local government elections and you will have settled in to your elected roles. You will see from the resolutions submitted that there are a wide variety of topics to be discussed and debated. Issues affecting local governments are always our major focus.

At the first UBCM Executive meeting following at the UBCM convention in Victoria, I was appointed as Vice Chair to the UBCM First Nations Relations Committee and to the Community Safety Committee. Dates to mark in your calendar are:

- March 28 for the RCMP Contract Discussion Session
- Aboriginal Conference May 23-24
- Provincial Leadership Conference June 13-15
- Environment Conference June 28-29. Please check the UBCM website for details.

AVICC provided administrative support to the Interim Board of the North Island Coast Trust until August 2006 when Mr. Al Baronas was hired full time as the Executive Director. The Trust is now known as the Island Coast Economic Trust. Mayor W.J. (Jack) Peake is Chair and Mayor Barry Jankys is Vice-Chair of the Trust.

Members of the AVICC Executive will be meeting with Martin Segger and the Vice President of UVIc to discuss how we might build on our relationship with the University. I will report to the members at the Convention on the results of our discussions. The opportunity to observe the hard work and commitment of your UBCM Executive and staff is enlightening. The value is evidenced by the effective working partnership between UBCM and the provincial and federal governments. Richard Taylor, UBCM Executive Director and I will spend a few minutes at the Convention to update you on some of these activities.

I know that Edyie has been working closely with staff from the Town of Qualicum Beach and the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre to ensure that you are provided with a full weekend on April 13, 14 and 15 which allows you to learn, discuss topics and also network with your fellow delegates. We would like to extend special thanks to Marie Bonney and her staff at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

The AVICC Executive and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Convention in Qualicum Beach.

KEYNOTE SESSION
Friday, April 13 at 2:20 p.m.

AVICC is pleased to present a panel that will discuss many of the social issues that local government is facing today. While we acknowledge that solving these problems may not fall under the jurisdiction of local governments, these nevertheless are issues impacting our communities.

We are pleased to have the following speakers participate in this panel:
- Reverend Al Tysick, The Open Door
- Inspector John Rucker, Victoria City Police
- Jody Paterson, PEERS

The session is planned so that each of the panelists will make a brief presentation on their experiences and then open the session up to Q and A. We hope that this session may, in some small way, assist our members in dealing with the social issues arising in their communities.

PARTNERS PROGRAMS AT 2007 AVICC

GOLF GOLF GOLF AND LUNCH
Learn to swing with a pro. This package includes a one-hour lesson with golf pro, lunch and nine holes of golf.

Cost: $45.00 GST Included

MILNER GARDENS AND SHOPPING
Buses will leave from the Civic Centre for a shopping scavenger hunt. Lunch will be provided at one of the many restaurants in the Village. Following lunch the bus will leave for Milner Gardens. This will include a tour of the Milner Gardens with tea in the garden. Buses will return you to the Civic Centre at 3:30 p.m.

Cost: $45.00 GST Included

Telephone Number of the Civic Centre is (250) 752-1992.

DIRECTIONS TO QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE

If you are traveling from North of Qualicum Beach on the Inland Island Highway you take Highway 4 exit, Exit 60, towards Qualicum Beach/Coombs/Port Alberni. Turn left onto Provincial Route 4, which becomes Memorial Avenue. Turn left onto Fern Road West. End at 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach.

If traveling from South of Qualicum Beach follow the Trans Canada Highway and north of Nanaimo take the left fork onto the Inland Island Highway North. Then take Highway 4 exit, Exit 60, toward Qualicum Beach/Port Alberni. Take the ramp toward Qualicum Beach. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight to go onto Memorial Avenue. Turn left onto Fern Road West. End at 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach.

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURES

Elections Procedures

The ongoing administration and policy determination of the AVICC is governed by an eight person Executive Board that is determined at the Annual Convention.

THERE ARE SEVEN ELECTED POSITIONS: President First Vice-President Second Vice-President Director at Large (three positions) Electoral Area Representative

THE EIGHTH POSITION IS: Past President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: is chaired by the Past President. This year’s Committee is chaired by Mayor (W.J) Jack Peake, Past President

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee will report on Friday, April 13 at 2:15 p.m. on positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, three Directors at Large and Electoral Area Representative.

The Nominations and Elections Process

The process will then proceed in three steps:

Step 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Friday, April 13, 2007 at 2:15 p.m.

Nominating Committee present the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President. Nominations from the floor for Officer positions (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President).

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Friday, April 13, 2007 at 4:20 p.m.

Elections for Officers positions (as necessary).

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 11:30 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 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee present nominations for Electoral Area Representative.

Nominations from the floor for the above position.

Candidate speeches if necessary.

Election for position (as necessary).
2007 Convention Program

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES
58TH Annual Meeting ~ April 13-15, 2007
Qualicum Beach, BC

All Business Sessions and Social Events will be held at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Friday, April 13, 2007

2:00 p.m. Convention Opening – Councillor Bea Holland, AVICC President

0 Canada – Welcome from Host Municipality

– Mayor Teunis Westbroek

Convention Program: Overview

– Councillor Bea Holland, AVICC President

2:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Report, Mayor W. J. (Jack) Peake, Past President

2:20 p.m. Keynote Session – Panel on Social Issues

3:00 p.m. 2010 Commerce Centre – BC Olympic Games

3:30 p.m. Break – Sponsored by BC Ferries

3:50 p.m. Local Government Management Association of BC – Tom MacDonald

4:10 p.m. Annual Meeting

Adoption of Conference Rules and Procedures

Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting

President’s Address and Annual Report

Financial Report

Appointment of Scrutineers

Appointment of Auditors

4:20 p.m. Nominations from the floor for Officers

Candidate speeches (as necessary)

4:25 p.m. TBA

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

5:15 p.m. Welcome Reception – sponsored by Private Forest Landowners and TimberWest

Saturday, April 14, 2007

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – sponsored by BC Ferries

8:30 a.m. Voting for Table Officers (as required)

9:00 a.m. Review of Resolution Procedures

9:10 a.m. Address by the UBCM President, Councillor Brenda Binnie

9:30 a.m. Consideration of Resolutions

10:10 a.m. Address by the Minister of Community Services, Honourable Ida Chong

10:30 a.m. Break – sponsored by BC Ferries

10:45 a.m. Consideration of Resolutions

11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Report

Nominations from the floor for Directors at Large

Candidate speeches (as necessary)

11:40 a.m. Presentation by Terasen Gas

12:00 noon Adjourn for Delegates Luncheon –

Arrangements are being finalized for your entertainment after the banquet.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS PLEASE CONTACT EYDIE FRASER at efraser@civicnet.bc.ca. NO LATER THAN MARCH 30 or telephone (250) 356-5133 or fax (250) 356-5119.

Sunday, April 15, 2007

8:00 a.m. Hot Breakfast – sponsored by Mining Association of BC

9:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Report

Nominations from the floor for Electoral Area Representative

Candidate speeches (as necessary)

Elections for Electoral Area Representative (as required to 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.)

9:15 a.m. Vancouver Island Film Commission

9:45 a.m. Corrections Canada

10:15 a.m. Break – sponsored by BC Ferries

10:30 a.m. Carole James, Leader of the Official Opposition

11:00 a.m. Consideration of Resolutions and Late Resolutions

11:45 a.m. Final Business Session

Installation of New Executive

Remarks by President Elect

12 Noon Adjourn

2007 MAJOR SPONSORS

Delegates Kits

MIA

Delegate Portfolios

BC Hydro

Coffee Services

BC Ferry Corporation

Contemporary Breakfast

BC Transmission Corporation

Hot Breakfast

BC Mining Association

Welcome Reception

Private Forest Landowners and TimberWest

Delegate Luncheon

Terasen

Annual Banquet

BC Lottery Corporation and AVICC

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.
As a result of the call for nominations, the Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2007 Convention.

**PRESIDENT**
- Director Rod Sherrell, Mount Waddington RD

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**
- Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**
- No nominations received

**DIRECTOR AT LARGE (three to be elected)**
- Mayor Christopher Causton, District of Oak Bay
- Mayor John Fraser, District of Tofino
- Councillor Rob Johnson, Town of Ladysmith

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

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**Director at Large**

**Mayor Christopher M. Causton**

**District of Oak Bay**

Born in Cobham, Surrey (England)
Attended Marlborough College in Wiltshire, England, and the Scottish Hotel School, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (Scotland), taking courses in hotel and restaurant management.

Worked in Denmark, Switzerland, and Canada before receiving a permanent position with Beaver Foods in London, Ontario.

Subsequently moved to the west coast and purchased a restaurant in Victoria.

Two years later was employed by the Keg Restaurants in Canada and the United States.

Returned to Canada in 1980 and built Rattenbury’s Restaurant which was sold in 1996.
- was elected a Councillor for the District of Oak Bay in 1987;
- has served as Mayor since 1996;
- Chair of the Capital Regional District Board and the Capital Regional Hospital Board from December 1999 to January 2002;
- Chair of the Oak Bay Police Board;
- Director of the Victoria Transit Commission and also BC Transit;
- member of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for Vancouver Island;
- member of the Advisory Board of the Greater Victoria Hospital Foundation;
- member of the Harbourside Rotary Club since 1984;
- former Director of the Friends of Royal BC Museum.

Interests include food and wine (naturally), tennis and ping-pong.

Married to Elizabeth (Counsellor with Victoria Hospice), and has two children: Sarah (24 years old) and Jennifer (21 years old).

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**First Vice-President**

**Mayor Barry Janyk, Town of Gibsons**

On Council for 4 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 Harbour Heliport, he continues to work as a heliport design and operations consultant in Canada and the U.S. Instrumental in teaming 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 Kohlby is a certified welder employed on the Sunshine Coast and daughter Roen attends Acadia University in Nova Scotia. His wife Jane is an award-winning Lower Mainland journalist.

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**Director at Large**

**Mayor John Fraser, District of Tofino**

- John has lived in Tofino for 38 years
- Currently serving his first term as Mayor and 4th non consecutive term on council
- Owned a construction company and custom West Coast homes
- Commercial Crab Fisherman for over 20 years
- Owner/operator of a Fish Processing plant with retail outlet for 7 years
- Oregon State University Graduate with 2 years post grad work in Organizational Communications
- Director Alberni Valley Regional District
- 4 years on the Coop Board (2 as president)
- West Coast Crab Fisherman’s Assoc. Rep
- 4 Years on Long Beach Recreation Coop Board (Golf Course) including 2 as President
- Actor in over 7 Clayoquot Sound Community Theatre Productions

John is currently retired with his wife Donna. They are celebrating their 17th Anniversary this year.

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**Electoral Area Representative**

**Director Barbara Price, Comox-Strathcona RD**

Barbara Price is the present Electoral Area representative on the AVICC Executive and has served in this position for 2 years. In her fourth term as an Electoral Area Director on the Comox Strathcona Regional District (CSRD), she is very aware of the challenges, especially of growth, facing rural areas. At the Regional District she is Chair of the CSRD Community Planning Committee. It is a committee made up solely of Electoral Area Directors, which deals with all Part 26 planning matters in the CSRD Electoral Areas.

Barbara brings a wealth of experience from her many years in local government and variety of responsibilities. At present she is the CSRD Board representative on the Comox Valley Environmental Council, the Comox Valley Social Planning Council, the Northern Sunshine Coast BC Ferry Advisory Committee and the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board (of which she is the Vice Chair).

Barbara has a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning and was a Regional Planner in England.

She is a hardworking advocate for her community. Barbara wants to continue bringing her knowledge of local government, her rural leadership experience and her strong voice to the challenges facing all Vancouver Island and our mainland coastal communities.