



# ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## 2010 AGM & CONVENTION NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

In April we will be getting together for our Annual General Meeting and Convention in Powell River. I hope you are planning to attend and if by chance you were not, it's not too late to change your mind. This will be a great opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. In the past the AGM & Convention has attracted over 200 delegates and we are anticipating that 2010 will be very well attended.

A wide variety of resolution topics will be discussed and debated (see page 3 for resolution titles sorted by their topical areas). Executive have had the opportunity to discuss a number of these same issues during the past year. Delegates will also have an opportunity to provide input into options being considered to improve the UBCM Resolutions Process in a session facilitated by Gary MacIsaac, UBCM Executive Director and myself Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the regular business of the AGM, a number of presentations and workshops on topical issues have been scheduled throughout the three days including two pre-conference sessions on Friday morning. See page 3 for titles, brief descriptors and presenters/facilitators.

I am delighted to report that ten of our members have allowed their names to be put forward for election to the 2010-11 AVICC Executive including all of the current Executive members. See pages 6-8 for background information on each of these 10 candidates. As indicated under the Nomination and Election Procedures on page 5, this does not prevent members being nominated from the floor.

Iris has been working closely with the AVICC Executive and the very enthusiastic local organizing committee from the City of Powell River to ensure you have a full range of activities, providing an opportunity to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates. Some of the non-business highlights include the Sliammon First Nation Spirit Singers and dancers, a musical montage performed by entertainer CaroleAnne Leishman and a wide variety of local talent from the Academy of Music performing during the Saturday banquet.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors (see page 2 for a listing). Without their support, we would not be able to provide delegates with the same value added Convention experience.

On behalf of the AVICC Executive, we look forward to seeing you at the 2010 AGM & Convention in Powell River.

*Mayor Christopher Causton*  
President



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### BRIEF PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### Friday, April 9, 2010

8:15 am Registration Opens  
9:00 am Pre-Conference Sessions  
2:00 pm Official Opening, Keynote Address, AGM & Presentations  
5:30 pm Welcome Reception

#### Saturday, April 10, 2010

7:45 am Continental Breakfast  
8:30 am Elections, Resolutions, Presentations, UBCM President  
Noon Delegate Luncheon  
2:00 pm UBCM Resolution Process Review  
3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions  
6:15pm Reception, Dinner, Entertainment & Dance

#### Sunday, April 11, 2010

7:30 am Hot Breakfast  
8:00 am Elections, Presentations, Address by the Leader of the Opposition Resolutions & Late Resolutions  
10:30 am Closing Session, Installation of New Executive & Grand Prize Award  
10:45 am Adjournment

The most recent version of the full program is available on [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca)



# SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENTS

## WELCOME RECEPTION AND ANNUAL BANQUET

Two networking and social highlights of the 2010 AGM & Convention will be the Friday evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening Annual Banquet.

Executive Chef/Owner, David Bowes of the highly recommended Laughing Oyster Restaurant, has planned exquisite menus for both events and will be transforming the upper foyer/theatre stage of the Recreation Centre on Friday evening and the Dwight Hall on Saturday evening to create warm and memorable evenings.

Saturday evening, guests will enjoy classical piano music performed by either Walter Martello or Michael McMaster during the pre-banquet reception. Following a sumptuous buffet meal, Vancouver Island wine and great conversation, the Powell River local organizing committee in collaboration with Don James, founder and artistic director of the Powell River Academy of Music have arranged an amazing variety of local talent including jazz musician, Walter Martella, soprano Megan Skidmore and pianist Maryna Gray; the Academy Chamber Choir performing Broadway Tunes and the Powell River Trad Band (who are preparing for their Scotland Tour) performing upbeat Celtic music. Bios for all the performers are available on [www.AVICC.ca](http://www.AVICC.ca). For those who like to dance, the evening will continue until approximately 11:30 p.m. with taped music.

The Sliammon First Nations dancers and Spirit Singers have been invited to perform at the Welcome Reception Friday evening. Local entertainer CaroleAnn Leishman will perform a musical montage.

## MINI MARKETPLACE AND TRADESHOW

As in past years, AVICC will host a small marketplace and tradeshow. It will be open from noon to 7:30 pm on Friday and 7:45 am - 4:15 pm on Saturday.

Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths. Other confirmed participants include:

- Government of Canada Rural Exhibits Program
- Independent Power Producers of British Columbia
- Sliammon First Nation
- Powell River Heritage Society

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERS

Partners are encouraged to join delegates. The Powell River local organizing committee has planned two great activities for partners. A minimum number of participants are required for these activities to proceed. Registrations for these activities must be received by **March 25, 2010**.

*Friday, April 9th - Heritage Tour*

*Cost: \$35.00/person*

*Saturday, April 10th - Cruise of Desolation Sound*

*Cost: \$150/person*

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON GOLF

For those that can stay and catch a later ferry, the local organizing committee has organized an afternoon of golf at the Myrtle Point Golf Course which guarantees a great golfing experience for all levels of ability. Arrangements include lunch at the Orca Grill. Playing 9 holes will allow delegates time to catch the 5:15 pm ferry to Vancouver Island while playing 18 holes will allow time to catch the 8:45 pm ferry.

Costs are:

Lunch: \$15.00

9 Holes: \$20.00

18 Holes: \$40.00

Golf carts available at an extra charge.

Register by **March 31, 2010** by

contacting:

Lori Blackman

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## OUR SPONSORS

The AVICC AGM & Convention benefits from the significant contributions of our sponsors—some who have been sponsoring this event for many years. The following are this year's list of committed sponsors:

### **Terassen Gas**

*Keynote Speaker and Delegate Luncheon*

### **BC Hydro**

*Delegates Kits*

### **Association for Mineral ExplorationBC/ Mining Association of BC**

*Co-sponsors of the Annual Banquet*

### **BC Lottery Corporation**

*Annual Banquet Entertainment*

### **Vancouver Island University**

*Welcome Reception*

### **BC Ferries**

*Pre-Conference Session/Friday Refreshment  
Break / Grand Prize*

### **Municipal Insurance Association**

*Sunday Morning Hot Breakfast*

### **Meyers Norris Penny**

*Annual Banquet Wine*

### **Powell River Regional District**

*Pre-Banquet Reception*

### **BC Transmission Corporation**

*Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast*

### **ICBC**

*Bus Transportation/Shuttle Service*

### **Private Forest Landowners, Timberwest & Island Timberlands**

*Saturday Morning Refreshment Break*

### **Shaw Communications**

*Internet Services*

### **Staples McDannold Stewart**

*Services of Parliamentarian*



# PROGRAM

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Les Leyne, Victoria Times Colonist, Legislature Bureau



Born in Rivers, Manitoba, Les Leyne lived in Winnipeg and Whitehorse as a child before his family moved to Qualicum Beach, where he was raised. Leyne attended Carleton University and UVic, where he graduated after working at the university newspaper. He worked at weekly newspapers in Duncan, where he covered the incineration of 13 tons of marijuana, and the west shore before joining the Times Colonist.

Leyne was banished from the newsroom to the legislature bureau in 1985 and has been there ever since. He's covered eight premiers, and is still on speaking terms with most of them. His budget scoop in 1995 got him nominated for a Jack Webster Award and he claimed a share of the TC's 2003 Webster Award for political coverage. He writes four days a week on provincial affairs and was nominated for a National Newspaper Award for column writing in 2008. He won a Jack Webster Award for Commentary in 2009.

## CONFIRMED POLITICAL ADDRESSES

- The Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development (Friday)
- UBCM President Harry Nyce, Chair, Kitimat-Stikine Regional District (Saturday)
- Ms. Carole James, MLA and Leader of the Official Opposition (Sunday)

## FRIDAY MORNING PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

### 9-11 am – Where have all the buffalo gone?

The giant palm trees of Easter Island are no more, the great buffalo herds have disappeared and the abundant Coho runs of Cowichan Bay are only a memory. 'They' didn't pay attention then, maybe we should now?

Today our world is challenged with two great issues that are inherently related and coming at us with catastrophic proportions far greater than any tsunami or earthquake will bring.

Climate change we have heard much about, Peak oil we would rather ignore. The world economy of today is based on cheap oil. What happens if there is no longer cheap oil? Are there things we can do today that would help to build a resilient Island economy regardless of the price of oil?

Perhaps and it may very well be that Island rail will be more important tomorrow than it ever was yesterday if we are to attempt to build a resilient Island economy.

Graham Bruce, Executive Director of the Island Corridor Foundation and AVICC Life Member and Island Corridor Foundation Board Member, Mary Ashley will provide an overview of the various activities and initiatives being pursued under the auspices of the Foundation.

### 11-Noon – Elections Task Force Update

Session presenters are the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development and UBCM President Harry Nyce.

There is no charge for the pre-conference programs. Delegates can register for these sessions on the regular AVICC AGM & Convention registration form.



## WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

**HST and the Impact on Local Governments and Their Communities** presented by Randy Decksheimer, KPMG

**Comox Valley's Agricultural Strategy and How It Was Implemented** presented by John Watson, Executive Director, Invest Comox Valley

**Carbon Neutral Local Governments** presented by Ben Finkelstein, Manager of Green Communities, Carbon Neutral Local Government and Climate Action Outreach

**Conserving Natural Areas for Climate and Community Health** presented by Dr. Briony Penn, Climate and Conservation Coordinator, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia

**Resolutions Process Review** facilitated by Mayor Christopher Causton, AVICC Rep on the UBCM Executive and Gary Maclsaac, Executive Director

**New Energy Technology** presented by Helen Whittaker, Senior Strategic Technology Specialist, BC Hydro

**An Update From BC Ferries** by Mark Stefanson, VP, Public Affairs

Presentation by David Bodnar, Director, Community Government and Aboriginal Relations, Terason Gas

Presentation by Keith Gibsons, Risk Manager, Municipal Insurance Association



# 2010 RESOLUTIONS

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PART 1 – The following resolution was submitted as a late resolution to the 2009 UBCM Convention. It was determined at that time not to meet the criteria for admission as an Emergency Resolution and was referred to AVICC to consider as part of their regular resolutions process in 2010.

RR1 DERELICT VESSELS (Sooke)

PART 2 - The following are the resolutions received by the February 26, 2010 resolutions deadline:

### SELECTED ISSUES

- R1 ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING (Powell River City and Powell River RD)
- R2 SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL FUNDING (North Saanich)
- R3 MEAT REGULATIONS (North Saanich)

### ENVIRONMENT

- R4 DERELICT VESSELS (North Saanich)
- R5 DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS, BARGES, AND DOCKS (Islands Trust)
- R6 DERELICT VESSELS (Sechelt)
- R7 CANADA GEESE POPULATIONS (North Saanich)
- R8 RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION ON PRIVATE FOREST LANDS (Parksville)
- R9 SOUTHERN STRAIT OF GEORGIA NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE (Islands Trust)

### LAND USE

- R10 PARKLAND DEDICATION (Metchosin)

### FINANCE

- R11 COMMUNITY FARM MARKETS (North Saanich)
- R12 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING (Sunshine Coast RD)
- R13 EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE MAJOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES (Central Saanich)
- R14 INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND (Sunshine Coast RD)
- R15 TREATY SETTLEMENT COSTS (Colwood)

### JUSTICE

- R16 JUSTICE SYSTEM LEGISLATION (Parksville)
- R17 PRIME BC (North Cowichan)
- R18 RCMP INVESTIGATION COST SHARING (Campbell River)
- R19 RELEASE OF LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA SITES INFORMATION (Sooke)
- R20 SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM (Sechelt)

### HEALTH

- R21 BC FERRIES SUBSIDY (Metchosin)
- R22 SUPPORT FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES (Sechelt)

## COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS

Delegates will receive a Supplementary Information Package when they register onsite at Powell River that will contain:

- The final AGM & Convention Program;
- Comments and the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee on all resolutions plus any Late Resolutions; and
- The audited financial statements and proposed budget.



## ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS BOOK

The **2010 Annual Report and Resolutions Book** was distributed to members by regular mail on March 10th. If you have not received your copy, please contact the AVICC office by calling 250-356-5122 or by email at [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca).

This report contains the following key pieces of information:

- President Causton's report to members on the year's activities;
- The draft program for the 2010 AGM & Convention;
- Responses received to the AVICC resolutions endorsed at the 2009 UBCM Convention;
- The 2010 resolutions and nominations received prior to the February 26, 2010 deadline;
- The Conference Rules, the Procedures for Handling Resolutions and the Nominations and Elections Procedures; and
- The 2009-10 Executive List, the Membership List and a list of Life Members.

Please bring your copy with you to the AGM & Convention.



# CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE

## President - 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 1979 and built Rattenbury's Restaurant, which was sold in 1996.

Local Government experience has included:

- was elected a Councillor for the District of Oak Bay in 1987,
- has served as Mayor since 1996, and is:
- Vice Chair on the Board of BC Transit,
- Chair of the Capital Regional District Parks,
- Chair of the Oak Bay Police Board,
- Chair of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities,
- Director, Capital Regional District,
- Chair of the Victoria Transit Commission,
- Director, Union of British Columbia Municipalities,
- Director, Municipal Insurance Association,
- Director, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority,
- Director Victoria Homelessness Coalition
- and a Rotarian with the Harbourside Club for over 25 years.

Interests include food and wine (naturally!), tennis and pingpong. Married to Elizabeth and has two children, Sarah, a social worker, living in Toronto and Jennifer, who works for the United States Government in Rwanda.

## 1st Vice-President - CHAIR JOE STANHOPE, Regional District of Nanaimo



Joe was born in Vancouver and when he was 12 years old his family moved to Parksville. He worked as an Engineer for the Ministry of Highways in the 1950's. In 1960 he moved to Port Alberni where he worked in the forest industry and began to raise a family. He later was employed by MacMillan Bloedel for 23-years in the forest industry as a woods foreman and most notably as their personnel manager. He was a Director for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for four years, and an Alderman for the City of Port Alberni for five years. In 1986 he became the Government Agent in Port Alberni, where he worked until his retirement in 1996.

Upon retirement he moved back to the family property at French Creek in Parksville and in the same year he was elected as an Electoral Area Director to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board.

As a Regional District of Nanaimo director Joe has served as the Board representative for the Municipal Finance Authority of BC since 1996 and has been the Chairperson of the Regional District of Nanaimo since 2002.

## 2nd Vice-President - COUNCILLOR BARRY AVIS, Town of Qualicum Beach



Educated at York University and Seneca College Ontario, in Business Administration and also received first class honours in Industrial Engineering (The study of developing the best practices and most efficient means of operating). 39 years working in Manufacturing Companies of which 35 where in senior Management positions of Operations Control for two Pharmaceutical and Technology companies.

I am seeking my fourth term with the AVICC board. I am also currently serving my third term as Councillor in Qualicum Beach. My Town primary responsibilities are Finance, Planning, Water, and Community events.



## ELECTIONS PROCESS

### STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2:30 P.M.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 4:30 P.M.

- Candidate speeches if necessary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 8:15 A.M.

- Elections for Officers positions (as necessary)

### STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 11:30 A.M.

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for three Directors at Large
- Nominations from the floor for Director at Large
- Candidate speeches if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1:45 PM

- Elections for remaining Executive positions (as necessary)

### STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH, 8:00 A.M.

- Nominating Committee presents nominations for Electoral Area Representative
- Nominations from the floor for the Electoral Area Representative
- Candidate speeches if necessary
- Election for position (as necessary)

*See page 22-24 of the 2010 Annual Report & Resolution Book for the Nomination and Elections Procedure and the Nominations Report.*



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## Councillor Barry Avis Continued

- Chair Town Finance Committee
- Member and past Chair Arrowsmith Water Services
- Advisory Planning Commission liaison
- Family Resources Association liaison
- Qualicum Beach Residents Association liaison
- Arrowsmith Water Coalition Society liaison
- Heritage Forest Commission member
- Community Events Organization (s) liaison

Trustee with the Vancouver Island Library Board for six years also part of the Executive and past Chair the Planning Committee. I stay keenly involved with Nature Trust, Brant Festival activities and Community special events. I am passionate about Sustainability and the Environment. I dedicate considerable time to Environmental issues and I am a hard working advocate for "Community". Truly enjoy our way of life here on the coast. Local government has become my life's second career.

Hilary and I have been married for 42 years; we have one son Richard who is a contract employee with the Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario. Enjoy for recreation playing hockey, baseball and golf.

## Director at Large - COUNCILLOR BOB K. DAY, Town of Lake Cowichan



Bob Day was elected Councillor of the Town of Lake Cowichan in 2008. A resident of Lake Cowichan for 14 years, Bob believes community engagement results in better Council and local decisions, which is why he was appointed as Chair of Council's Public Relations Committee. He is also the Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee, because of his strong belief that the utilization of the outdoors and recreation activities is crucial to the physical and social health and well-being of any community.

Bob through his committee work has undertaken an ambitious plan to see the development of a system of trails in the Lake Cowichan area that will accommodate all user groups. He believes these efforts will also help enhance the economy in the Cowichan Lake and beyond. Bob's role as a Councillor does not limit him to civic duties and responsibilities. He is also involved with the Lake Cowichan Senior Secondary Leadership Class and works closely with our young community leaders, finding ways to engage them in the local decision making process.

Friends of Cowichan Kids, Cowichan Lake Minor Hockey, and Chair of the Lake Days Celebration Society are some of the other community committees, Bob is actively involved with. Since being elected, Bob has thrown all his spare time into serving his community diligently and faithfully and does so with the full support of his wife Elaine and his three daughters and one son. Bob believes in a proactive rather than a reactive approach to decision making.

Elect Bob Day as your Director of Large if you want a director who will give his all to making the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities the effective and useful body that we want it to be.

## Director at Large - MAYOR JOHN FRASER, District of Tofino

John Fraser has a long and varied history on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Arriving in Tofino after graduate school in New York State, John decided to leave the city life and make Tofino his home. He has worked as a deckhand, built custom homes and worked 20 years as a crab fisherman.



Together with his wife Donna, John has owned a restaurant and a fish processing plant. While working at these occupations, John also served 3 terms as a Councillor for Tofino. John is now standing for the position of Director at Large for the AVICC. John is representing Tofino for his second term as Mayor. During this time he has expanded his knowledge and experience that will be a valuable contribution to the business of AVICC.

As a representative of a small rural community he has an acute awareness of the challenges associated with lack of capacity due to funding and staffing levels. With your support, John will work together with the other Island and Sunshine Coast communities to overcome some of these issues. John is also serving a second term as Director of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. This appointment gives him first hand insight into the unique challenges associated with Regional Districts and their lack of a proper Charter.

Working closely with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in their treaty process has been rewarding for John. He is instrumental in developing a strong working relationship between the TFN and the District of Tofino. With your support, John will use his experience for the benefit of Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast communities.

## Director at Large - MAYOR DARREN INKSTER, District of Sechelt



Darren Inkster was born in 1968 and since his youth, has been a resident of Sechelt. A graduate of Chatelech Secondary in Sechelt, he completed Bachelor Degrees in History and Criminology, with minors in Communications and Political Science at Simon Fraser University. In the 1980's, Darren returned to Sechelt to manage a small business. He has been active with business and community service associations, such as the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International.

First elected to District of Sechelt Council in 1999, he served three terms as a Councillor and was elected as the youngest Mayor in the history of the District, in November, 2008. Darren has a strong interest in promoting healthy lifestyles. He has been active as a player, coach and organizer in local soccer leagues, and has been a champion for park space, trail development and environmental issues throughout his time with Sechelt Council. Literacy, youth programming and community economic development are also high priorities for Mayor Darren Inkster.

## Director at Large - COUNCILLOR RONNA-RAE LEONARD, City of Courtenay



Ronna-Rae Leonard lives in Courtenay with her husband, Ron Eby, where she designed their home and where they raised their two fine children. True Island kids, they both chose the University of Victoria for post-secondary school.

She is in her second term as a city Councillor. Throughout that time, she has been Courtenay's representative on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board and is in her second year as vice-chair. This has given her an opportunity to get to know many of the communities up and down Vancouver Island.

She is appointed to the Comox Valley Regional District's Water Supply Strategy and Sewer Commissions. She also sat as an elected trustee on a water improvement district board for 12 years. In the work force, she has worked with families and seniors in their homes, trained as a legal assistant and worked for the BC Ombudsman. She currently works in public education, research, and



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project management for environmental non-profit organizations, which brings a knowledgeable perspective to local government issues such as water conservation, septic system management, low impact stormwater management, and integrated resource management.

Ronna-Rae has felt privileged to be a representative on the AVICC executive for the 2009/2010 term, bringing the flavour of the Comox Valley to regional discussions. She sees how our common interests create a firm foundation and our diversity makes us strong. Ronna-Rae's vision: "As we face uncertain times or enjoy good times, working together, we will ensure a bright future for all our Island and Coastal Communities."

### Director at Large - COUNCILLOR MERV UNGER, City of Nanaimo

Merv Unger is serving his second term on Nanaimo City Council. He has an extensive history with civic government prior to being elected, having spent his working life in the news media, reporting on civic government. He was elected to Nanaimo city council in November, 2005 and re-elected in 2008. His record of civic services includes:



- Nanaimo City Councillor, 2005 to present
- Chairman of Nanaimo Athletic Commission since 2000
- Co-chair of the Safer Nanaimo Working Group on community safety and affordable housing.
- City liaison to Nanaimo Airport Commission
- City liaison to Nanaimo Port Authority
- City liaison to Snuneymuxw First Nation and Port Authority tripartite protocol
- Former Director, Regional District of Nanaimo, now serving as alternate Director
- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Liquid Waste Committee
- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Sustainability Committee
- Served on Regional District of Nanaimo Hospital Board
- Member of the Mayor's Task Force on crystal meth addiction

#### Community Service:

- Past President, Nanaimo Addiction Foundation
- Past Director Nanaimo Regional General Hospital Board
- Founding member and Chairman of Nanaimo Crime Stoppers
- Member of Nanaimo Community Policing Advisory Board
- Mayor's Task Force on hotel/motel taxation
- Past Vice President of Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, Director for five years
- Past President of Rotary Club of Lantzville, July 2005-2006
- Member of the Executive Committee, St. John Ambulance
- Director of the BC Summer Games 2002 in Nanaimo
- Director of BC Disability Games 2005 in Nanaimo
- Founding member of Nanaimo Canada Day Committee

Merv is prepared to continue to serve the broader community of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities if given the opportunity by members.

### Director at Large - COUNCILLOR KEN WHITEMAN, City of Port Alberni

Kenn is serving his 2nd term as a Councillor for the City of Port Alberni. He has lived in the community for 32 years and for the most part raised his family there. He has worked at all levels of government and chaired numerous non-profit organizations. At present he is finishing his first term as a Director-at-large on the AVICC Board. He has a track record of over 40 years of volunteer community service in Alberta and British Columbia.

All the experiences he has gained throughout his career including a Masters Degree in Community Development from the University of Alberta, his diplomas as a Registered Nurse and a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, Business Partner/Owner of Pinnacle Youth Works Inc., Interim Manager of Pacific Rim Tourism, a three time Past President of the local Rotary Clubs and Past President of the Port Alberni Tall Ships Society come to bear on his decision making skills as a City Councillor. As well, Kenn is Past President of the BC Council for Families, a past board member of the Vancouver Foundation Youth Committee and a Past President of the Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society.



At present, his portfolio as a City Councillor in Port Alberni includes, First Nations, Tourism, Children and Youth, Recreation, and Economic Development. On a personal note he is married to Linda, they have five grand children between them and when they're not out riding motorcycles, they're out kayaking on the west coast.

With the support of the AVICC membership those same skills of consensus building, cooperation and commitment to "Service Above Self" will continue to be applied to the AVICC Executive.

### Electoral Area Representative - DIRECTOR MARY MARCOTTE, Cowichan Valley Regional District

- I am married with two adult children;
- My husband and I own and operate a small home based business;
- The family has resided in Yellow Point area, north of Ladysmith, for thirty years;
- I have been active in the community as a volunteer for almost thirty years;
- I was first introduced to local politics and planning issues when I was asked to serve on the local Advisory Planning Commission in 1980s;
- In 1996, I was elected as the Electoral Area Director for Area H, North Oyster/Diamond in the Cowichan Valley Regional District;
- I was acclaimed as the CVRD Area H Director in 1999, 2002 and 2005 and re-elected in 2008;
- Over the years, I have served on of most of the Cowichan Valley Regional District committees and served as Chairperson of the Electoral Area Services Committee as well as other CVRD committees;
- In 2003, I was elected Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board and Chair of the Hospital Board - I served as Chair for three years;
- As Chair, I traveled to Kumasi, Ghana to head a Municipal Partnership Mission between Canadian International Development Agency, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Cowichan Valley Regional District and African Local Government Associations;
- Through my travels among the Islands and along other B.C. coastal areas, I have acquired first hand knowledge about Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and what matters to them;
- I have always been a strong advocate for rural directors
- At the 2008 Convention, I was elected as your AVICC Electoral Area Representative at 2008; and
- I am dedicated to serving you and committed to addressing Electoral Area issues by working through AVICC and UBCM .





# LOGISTICS

## GETTING TO POWELL RIVER

**By Car From Vancouver:** Drive up Highway 1 along the Sunshine Coast. Take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Langdale. Continue up the coast on Highway 101 and take a second ferry from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay. The entire trip from downtown Vancouver to Powell River takes about 5.5 hours.

**By Car From Vancouver Island:** Take the ferry at Little River in Comox. The Little River Ferry Terminal is a 15-minute drive from Courtenay and Comox and is serviced by the municipal bus service [www.busonline.ca]. The passage takes one hour and 15 minutes and the ferry dock is only a few seconds from the downtown core of Powell River.

**By Air:** Pacific Coastal Airlines flies directly from the South Terminal in Vancouver to the Powell River Municipal Airport. Pacific Coastal Link: [www.pacific-coastal.com](http://www.pacific-coastal.com)

**BC Ferries Schedule:** [www.bcferrries.bc.ca](http://www.bcferrries.bc.ca)

## Venue Locations

Business Meetings and Mini Marketplace – Recreation Centre, 5001 Joyce Avenue  
Welcome Reception – Recreation Centre, 5001 Joyce Avenue  
Delegates Luncheon – Town Centre Hotel, 4660 Joyce Avenue  
Annual Banquet – Dwight Hall, 6274 Walnut Street

## Registration Hours

### Friday, April 9

8:15-9:15 am  
10:30-11:15 am  
Noon-6:00 pm

### Saturday, April 10

7:45-9:00 am and then as needed in the AVICC Office.

## Delegate Services

Internet access will once again be provided by Shaw Communications. As in the past, no other business services will be provided.

## Special Dietary Requests

If you are vegetarian or have any special dietary requests, please contact Iris Hesketh-Boles by email at [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca) or by telephone at 250-356-5122 no later than **March 31st**.

## Still Need to Register?

Registration forms are available on the [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca) website or by emailing [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca).

## For More Information

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## FUTURE YEARS AGM & CONVENTION PLANS

### 2011 – April 8, 9 and 10

Three communities have identified their interest in hosting the 2011 AGM & Convention. They are the City of Campbell River, the City of Parksville and Town of Sidney. Because the Town of Sidney has not had a chance to host recently, Executive will be recommending that it be named host community for 2011. Members will make a decision on Friday, April 9.

Accommodations details for the 2011 AGM & Convention should be available by mid-May 2010. It will be posted on [www.avicc.ca](http://www.avicc.ca) and distributed via email to member organizations as soon as it becomes available.

2012 – April 13, 14 and 15 - Ucluelet, BC

2013 – April 12, 13 and 14 - Sooke, BC

## Map of Powell River

