MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Soon we will get together for our Annual General Meeting & Convention in the beautiful seaside community of Sidney (like Oak Bay!!).

As always, a wide variety of resolution topics of interest to island and coastal community local governments will be debated. 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 tours for Friday morning. We are thrilled to have Dr. Andrew Weaver provide the keynote presentation and are hoping that Premier-designate Christy Clark's schedule will allow her to take the opportunity to address delegates.

Staff has been working closely with the local organizing committee to ensure you have a full range of activities, providing an opportunity to talk to, learn from and relax with your fellow delegates. The BC Aviation Museum will provide a very unique venue for the annual banquet and much effort has gone into making the experience memorable.

Thank you to our sponsors. 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 in Sidney.

Mayor Christopher Causton
District of Oak Bay

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Andrew J. Weaver, Climate Scientist and Professor, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria
The foundations of the science of global warming will be presented and a discussion of our present climate will be framed within a historical perspective of the Earth’s climate over the last 800,000 years. The range of projections of climate change over the next century will be summarized and the public confusion arising from the media portrayal of the science and its entry into the political arena will be discussed. Finally, how various policy options fit within the framework of necessary actions required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will be reviewed.

Dr. Andrew J. Weaver is a Professor and Canada Research Chair in Climate Modelling and Analysis in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria. He was a Lead Author in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2nd, 3rd and 4th Scientific Assessments and was the Chief Editor of the Journal of Climate from 2005-2009. His book Keeping our Cool: Canada in a Warming World was published by Viking Canada in September 2008. His second book Generation Us: Global Warming and the Path to Its Solution will be published by Orca Books in 2011 and will provide the basis for the keynote presentation.
A number of activities will allow delegates the opportunity to network and relax.

FRIDAY EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION (5:30-7:30 pm)
The Welcome Reception will take place at the new Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, an aquarium and marine education centre focused on the amazing ecosystem of the Salish Sea.

SATURDAY EVENING ANNUAL BANQUET AND RECEPTION (6:00-9:30 pm)
The Saturday evening banquet will be held at the British Columbia Aviation Museum with the pre-banquet reception being held in the main museum hangar. A buffet dinner featuring Chef Carved Canadian AAA Sirloin and Sesame Crusted Salmon will follow at 7:00 pm in the new museum hangar with dinner music provided by the Stelley’s Secondary School Jazz Band. After dinner, join “Bob Hope” and his special guests from Stelley’s Drama Department as they entertain the troops with memorable songs, scenes and dances!!

Guests are encouraged to dress in period attire, but are asked to keep in mind that the event is being held in an airplane hangar that though heated may be more draughty than a typical reception hall. Transportation will be available between the main hotels and the venue.

BREAKFASTS, REFRESHMENT BREAKS, SATURDAY DELEGATES LUNCH
The regular delegates registration fee includes a deluxe continental breakfast on Saturday morning and a full hot breakfast is planned for Sunday morning, as well as mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshment breaks. AVICC will also be continuing with the tradition of the Saturday Delegates Luncheon. Food services will provide healthy options and where available locally produced foods.

MINI MARKETPLACE & TRADESHOW
AVICC will once again host a small marketplace & tradeshow that will be open from 1:00- 5:15 pm on Friday and 7:30 am - 4:15 pm on Saturday.

Many of our sponsors will be staffing information booths (see pg. 8 for a listing of sponsors). Other confirmed participants include:
- AMERESCO
- BiOMAXX Wastewater Solutions Inc.
- Clean Energy Association of BC
- Coastal Community Network
- Integrated Cadastral Information Society (ICIS)
- 2011 Saving Small Towns Conference
- Tourism Vancouver Island

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTNERS
Partners are encouraged to join delegates. In addition to the Friday morning Saanich Peninsula Agricultural Study Tour, the evening Welcome Reception and the Saturday evening banquet and reception, the Town of Sidney offers access to a wide range of great options for those partners who are able to attend. Brochures, maps and other information will be available at Registration.

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS
Friday, April 8, 2011

Saanich Peninsula Agricultural Tour
8:00 am to Noon
The tour will focus on large and small farms and the challenge of local governments and farmers within the urban-rural interface. Discussion topics will cover two local government agricultural area plans, large scale farm composting of municipal yard wastes, direct farm marketing and local government bylaws, agri-tourism, farm labour issues (housing), wildlife crop damage issues and management strategy development, integrated stormwater management planning and water management issues. Please dress for the weather/walking on farms.

Hartland Landfill Tour
9:15-11:45 am
Owned and operated by the CRD, the Hartland Landfill receives about 140,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste per year. The operation is a multi-purpose facility providing collection for recycling, household hazardous waste, salvageable items as well as yard and garden waste collection and processing, controlled waste disposal and landfill service to commercial and residential customers.

The 90 minute tour will include a brief overview of the history of the landfill and the difference between a “dump” and an engineered sanitary landfill, an explanation of the environmental controls built into the landfill to minimize our impact on the environment, a visit to the working part of the landfill (active face) to observe the operation and will finish in the recycle/hazardous waste facility to celebrate all the diversion initiatives that are in place.
Workshops & Presentations

FRIDAY AFTERNOON
- The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has been invited to speak, but has not yet confirmed availability.
- Robert P. Clarke, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, BC Ferries will be providing an update on BC Ferries' rate setting process for the next performance term of 2012 until 2016.

SATURDAY MORNING
- BC Hydro is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2011. Dave Cobb, President and CEO will speak to the delegates about initiatives forthcoming that may impact local communities, such as the Smart Meters Initiative, potential rate increases and planned improvements to infrastructure.
- UBCM President Barbara Steele, Councillor, City of Surrey
- Gord Schoberg, Senior Manager, Municipal Relations with FortisBC Energy Inc. will provide an update on Operating Agreement negotiations with AVICC member municipalities.

SUNDAY MORNING
- VISTA representatives Andrew Pape-Salmon, Board Member and Scott Henley, Executive Director will provide an overview of the "Vancouver Island Spine Trail," highlight the input received from the various stakeholders including local governments, discuss the benefits that will result from the trail, and briefly outline the plans for the 2011 "Vancouver Island Spine Trail Series" - a number of activities in late summer that will bring people into the communities along the trail and increase awareness of the proposed trail.
- Graham Bruce, Executive Director, Island Corridor Foundation will update delegates on the Foundation’s activities since his brief report last September at the UBCM Convention.
- Wayne Bourque, Gulf Islands National Park Reserve, will provide an overview of the Parks Canada Agency, the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and the proposed reserves for Bowen Island and the National Marine Conservation Area in the southern Strait of Georgia.
- Dan Thompson, Director for the Sidney Lab - Centre for Plant Health, will give a brief introduction to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency followed by an explanation of the work going on at the Sidney Lab - Centre for Plant Health. Issues such as globalization, climate change, and the increased mobility of people and their affects on the CFIA in the future will be discussed.
- Mr. Scott Fraser, MLA, Alberni-Pacific Rim, Official Opposition Critic for Community and Rural Development

More in depth session descriptions are available at www.AVICC.ca

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Two concurrent workshops are planned and will repeated in order that delegates will be able to attend both. Smaller grouping will allow sessions to be interactive.

Vancouver Island-Coast Regional Agricultural Outlook Project

The Island Coastal Economic Trust, Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development, and Ministry of Agriculture have partnered to support regional agriculture development through the creation of a Vancouver Island-Coast Regional Agricultural Outlook and a Strategic Framework for Action. This session will discuss the Vancouver Island-Coast Regional Agricultural Outlook, the Strategic Framework for Action and how your community can get involved moving forward.

Fisheries Issues Panel

Presentation and discussion on what is affecting the salmon populations, what has changed with the aquaculture regulations shifting between the provincial and federal governments, and issues related to the halibut allocations. Panelists will include Dr. Brian Riddell, CEO/President of the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF); Andrew Thomson, Director of Aquaculture Management for Fisheries and Oceans; and Mike Hicks, Port Renfrew fishing lodge owner and Regional Director, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.
2011 Resolutions

Finance
R1 Treaty Advisory Committee Funding (Sunshine Coast RD)
R2 Provincial Housing Trust Funds (North Saanich)
R3 Funding for Visitor Centres (North Saanich)
R4 Public Library Funding (Nanaimo City)
R5 Funding for Public Libraries (North Saanich)
R6 Heritage Funding (Victoria)

Transportation
R7 Bike Lane Sweeping (Sunshine Coast RD)
R8 ORV Licensing & Safety (Powell River RD)
R9 Greyhound Canada Proposed Service Reductions (Strathcona RD)

Taxation
R10 Varying Tax Rates (Lake Cowichan)
R11 University Property Tax Payments (Port Alberni)
R12 Delinquent Tax on Crown Land (Alert Bay)
R13 BC Hydro Fair Compensation (Nanaimo RD & Sunshine Coast RD)

Community Safety
R14 Homicide Investigation Costs (North Saanich & Sidney)

Environment
R15 Pacific Aquaculture Regulations (Strathcona RD)
R16 Aquaculture Agreement (AVICC Executive)
R17 Consultation with Local Government Regarding Resource Management (Alberni-Clayoquot RD)
R18 DFO Referral Times (Alert Bay)
R19 Annual Halibut Quota (Capital Regional District)
R20 Glass Sponge Reef Protection (Sunshine Coast RD)
R21 Illegal Dumping (Sunshine Coast RD)
R22 Control of Canada Geese (Metchosin)
R23 Bee Importation (North Saanich)
R24 Natural Area Tax Exemption Program (Sunshine Coast RD)
R25 Development of a Nature & Climate Conservation Strategy (Tofino)
R26 Endangered Species & Ecosystems Protection Act (North Saanich)

Health
R27 Food Safety at Community Events (Alert Bay)
R28 Elimination of MSP Premiums for Seniors (Victoria)
R29 Elimination of MSP Premiums for Seniors (North Saanich)
R30 Restore Funding to Hospitals (Sechelt)
R31 For-profit Clinics (Victoria)
R32 Tax on Selected Processed Foods (Tofino)
R33 Age Restrictions on Indoor Tanning (Esquimalt)

Elections
R34 Lowering the Voting Age (Tofino)
R35 Allow Voters More Choice (Tofino)

Selected Issues
R36 Charitable Status of Canadian Environmental Organizations (Port McNeill)
R37 Animal Abuse (Victoria)

Delegates will receive a Supplementary Information Package when they register onsite that will contain comments and the Resolutions Committee’s recommendations on the 2011 resolutions and a report on resolutions received after the deadline.
President – CHAIR JOE STANHOPE, Nanaimo Regional District

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 logging engineer 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.

1st 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 were in senior Management positions of Operations Control for two Pharmaceutical and Technology companies.

I am seeking my fifth term with the AVICC board, currently 2nd Vice President this time as 1st Vice President. I am also currently serving my third term as Councillor in Qualicum Beach. My Town primary responsibilities are Finance, Planning, Water, Environment, and Community events.

- Chair Town Finance Committee
- Chair Town Environment 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 seven 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, Financial controls 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 43 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.

2011-12 EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

An 8 person Executive Board is elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting & Convention to provide the ongoing administration and policy determination for the Association. To be eligible, a candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC local government member and then must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A two person nominating committee appointed by the President is responsible for overseeing the nomination and election process. The Chair of the 2011 Nominating Committee is Mayor Barry Janyk, Past President.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

As a result of the Call for Nominations, the Nominating Committee has received and will be placing the following names forward for consideration during the 2011 AGM & Convention:

- President
  - Chair Joe Stanhope, Regional District of Nanaimo
- First Vice-President
  - Councillor Barry Avis, Town of Qualicum Beach
- Second Vice-President
  - Director at Large (three to be elected)
  - Councillor Bob K. Day, Town of Lake Cowichan
  - Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard, City of Courtenay
  - Councillor Al Siebring, District of North Cowichan
- Electoral Area Representative
  - Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the AGM & Convention.
Candidates for Election

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

I have been a resident on Vancouver Island for 49 years, during which time I have had the privilege of living in Victoria, Sooke, Courtenay, Comox, Gabriola and Lake Cowichan. During that time I have been in the retail grocery business that has given me a great opportunity to engage the public on a day-to-day basis and become a good ear to people’s issues and concerns. For that matter I would suggest that anyone running in the next municipal elections get a job at your local grocery store. It makes a great campaign headquarters!

During my time as a Town Councillor in Lake Cowichan, I have served as chair of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee as well as Chair of Public Relations and Tourism. I am also the Chair of the Lake Days Committee that hosts the largest festival in our area yearly. I have also been Council’s ex-officio member on the advisory planning commission for the past two years and have played a role in bringing our town’s OCP to near completion. Other committees that I serve on are, Communities in Bloom, Cowichan Lake Economic Advisory Committee and the Cowichan Lake Neighborhood of Learning Committee.

During my time as an elected official I have grown to appreciate the opinion of every person from any walk of life and I believe I have represented my community as a whole, with the upmost respect for the people and our natural environment.

At this time I would like to ask for your support in being elected as a director at large of AVICC. I believe that having resided in many communities within AVICC and the passion I have for accomplishing what is for the greater good, that I will represent you well.

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 their first post-secondary school experience.

Ronna-Rae has felt privileged to be a representative on the AVICC executive for the past two years, 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 AL SIEBRING, District of North Cowichan

Al Siebring is in the final year of his first term as a councillor in the District of North Cowichan, but enjoys the community interaction so much that he’s already decided to run for re-election in November. He currently serves on various North Cowichan Committees; Technical Planning, Police Services, Economic Development, and Forest Advisory. He also chairs the Lands Management and Fire Services committees. Al’s campaign theme in 2008 was “Common Sense for Community”, a theme that’s echoed through his first time on Council. His top priorities include affordability in RCMP costs and a balanced approach to climate change issues.

At the 2010 UBCM Convention, Al spearheaded one of the only successful attempts to move a resolution out of the “non-debatable” roster. The resolution - which he first wrote for North Cowichan’s Police Services Committee - called on the Province to discontinue the practice of billing municipalities for “major investigations” where an outside major crimes task force had to be called in. It passed unanimously.

Al is also well known in the Cowichan region for his insistence on a balanced approach to climate change issues. “It’s not that I don’t believe the climate is changing,” he says, “but the Province’s climate change policies place arbitrary and unfair burdens on local
governments. For example, North Cowichan was one of the first municipalities to institute kerbside recycling and an anti-idling bylaw, but because we did these things before 2007, we don’t get any credit for them in our carbon reduction strategy. But other communities who are just starting to get active on these things now get full credit. This just shows how capricious and ideologically-driven the Province is on this issue.”

Al is married with 3 children and 2 grandchildren, and resides in Maple Bay.

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 BC 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 and have been re-elected twice; and
- I am dedicated to serving you and committed to addressing Electoral Area issues by working through AVICC and UBCM.

ELECTIONS PROCESS

STEP 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2:15 PM*
- Nominating Committee presents the nominations for positions of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President
- Nominations from the floor are received

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, 4:20 PM*
- Candidate speeches, if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 8:00-8:30 AM*
- Elections for Officers, if necessary

STEP 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT LARGE
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 11:20 AM*
- Nominating Committee presents nominations for 3 Directors at Large
- Nominations from the floor are received
- Candidate speeches, if necessary

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 1:15-1:45 PM*
- Elections for Directors at Large, if necessary

STEP 3 - ELECTION OF ELECTORAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE
SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 8:30 AM*
- Nominating Committee presents nominations for EA Rep
- Nominations from the floor are received
- Candidate speeches, if necessary

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 10:05-10:25 AM*
- Elections for EA Rep, if necessary

The new Executive will be introduced and installed at 11:45 am, Sunday, April 10th.

*Note: Times are based on the draft AGM & Convention Program as known at the time of publishing this newsletter.
Sidney, this year’s host community, features terrific meeting facilities and community amenities. Delegates will be treated to a great experience. The majority of the hotels and motels in Sidney are within walking distance of the main Convention facilities and the venue for the Welcome Reception. Bus transportation will be provided between the BC Aviation Museum where the annual banquet and reception is being held and the main hotels and motels.

Venue Locations
Welcome Reception – Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, 9811 Seaport Pl
Business Meetings and Marketplace – Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave
Delegates Luncheon – Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Ave
Annual Banquet – BC Aviation Museum, 1910 Norseman Rd

Registration Desk Hours
Friday, April 8th
7:30-9:15 am
Noon-5:00 pm
Saturday, April 10th
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. No other business services will be available.

Special Dietary Requests
If you have any special dietary requests, please contact Iris Hesketh-Boles by email at 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 website or by emailing iheskethboles@ubcm.ca.

Future Years AGM & Convention Plans
2012 – April 13, 14 and 15 - Ucluelet, BC
2013 – April 12, 13 and 14 - Sooke, BC

An accommodations list for Ucluelet is expected to be available shortly after the 2011 Convention. It will be posted on www.AVICC.ca and distributed via email to member organizations as soon as it becomes available.

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