

Sent to AVICC Members: April 20, 2015

Re: **2015 AVICC AGM & Convention Follow-up**

*Please distribute to all AVICC elected officials, the Chief Administrative Officer and their support staff.*

Dear AVICC Member:

**2015 Resolutions Disposition**

Attached is the disposition of resolutions considered at the 2015 AVICC AGM & Convention. It has been posted on the website under Resources for future reference. All of the endorsed resolutions will be forwarded automatically to UBCM by the June 30 deadline.

A draft of the full AGM & Convention minutes will be distributed electronically to all members in late June.

The Power Point Presentations handouts that are available will be posted on <http://avicc.ca/category/resources/agmconvention-minutes/> by April 24.

**2015-16 AVICC Executive**

Councillor Barbara Price, Town of Comox, President  
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley Regional District, 1st Vice President  
Director Edwin Grieve, Comox Valley Regional District, 2nd Vice President  
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Councillor Carl Jensen, District of Central Saanich, Director at Large  
Mayor Josie Osborne, District of Tofino, Director at Large  
Director Noba Andersen, Strathcona Regional District, EA Representative  
Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo Regional District, Past President

Executive will be holding their first meeting April 30 via teleconference to identify priorities and establish the year's meeting schedule.

**2016 AGM & Convention**

April 8-10, 2016  
Nanaimo Convention Centre

Three hotels have already set aside blocks of rooms. Please see <http://avicc.ca/2016-convention-accommodations/> for information. Staff is in the process of finalizing blocks at two other hotels. Information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

**Local Government Leadership Academy**

Attached is an overview of the programs offered by the Local Government Leadership Academy. Many of you have already attended the Elected Officials Seminar Series in January and February. Attendance at the AVICC Convention also counts towards LGLA Certification. For more information on the programs and certification, please see [www.lgla.ca](http://www.lgla.ca) or contact the Program Manager, Errin Morrison at [emorrison@lgla.ca](mailto:emorrison@lgla.ca).

### **Tourism Vancouver Island**

Many delegates took the opportunity to visit Jody Young, Industry & Community Services Manager, with Tourism Vancouver Island at their booth in the AVICC Marketplace and Tradeshow. Jody wanted to share the following for those who did not have a chance to visit the booth or attend Convention.

The tourism industry in the Vancouver Island Region is a vast and interwoven network of tourism businesses, industry organizations, and government agencies all working together to grow and sustain a dynamic industry. Tourism is everyone's business and everyone needs to play their part by applying knowledge, expertise and resources to achieve the best outcomes for a flourishing industry and visitor economy. Watch this video to learn more! (Two different options have been made available so you can choose which works better for you.)

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSqhz73lwL4>

Links to Videos on the Value of Tourism Website: <http://valueoftourism.ca/tourism-videos/>

Jody can be reached at [Jody@tourismvi.ca](mailto:Jody@tourismvi.ca).

# 2015 AVICC RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

## PART SR - SPECIAL RESOLUTION

### SR1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Annual General Meeting and Convention Timing

AVICC Executive

WHEREAS prior to selecting Convention dates for 2017-2019, the AVICC Executive would like the membership to consider whether the Friday to Sunday timing is still the most effective;

AND WHEREAS a number of potential impacts and other background has been provided in Appendix A below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities maintain the present timing of its Annual General Meeting and Convention which is Friday afternoon though to noon on Sunday, allowing for an optional Pre-Convention Program on the Friday morning.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

## PART 1 – REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

There were no referred resolutions in 2015.

## PART 2 – RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE

**Part 2 - Section “A”** – This section contains resolutions that feature new issues of interest to all members.

## LEGISLATIVE

### R1 Candidates for Local Government Elections to Run in One Jurisdiction Only Town of View Royal

WHEREAS the simultaneous running for local government office by a candidate in multiple jurisdictions makes a mockery of the election process;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no mechanism in local government elections-related legislation to prohibit the simultaneous running for local government office by a candidate in multiple jurisdictions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend Part 3 of the *Local Government Act* to add a prohibition on the simultaneous running for local government office by a candidate in multiple jurisdictions.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### R2 ICET Funding City of Campbell River, Strathcona Regional District, Town of Port McNeill

WHEREAS the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has expended nearly all of its original capitalization;

AND WHEREAS the \$50 million fund has been the key factor enabling ICET to leverage significant levels of other government, nongovernment and private sector funding resulting in important gains for the people, businesses and communities in the AVICC region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC petition the Provincial Government to renew the Island Coastal Economic Trust by recapitalizing the Trust to its original level.

***ON MOTION was ENDORSED***

**FINANCE**

**R3 Land Title Fees**

**Regional District of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS local governments rely on land title records and survey plans from the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC (LTSA) in their day to day operations beyond those searches conducted for assessment or taxation purposes;

AND WHEREAS the transition from BC Online to myLTSA has limited the fee exemption to land title register searches conducted for taxation and assessment purposes only, resulting in significant additional costs to local governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Land Title and Survey Authority of BC to charge local governments for accessing records in a consistent manner to that of BC Online;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province to, if necessary to achieve the above, amend the *Land Title Act* to expand the purposes under which a local government can search the records of the land title office without charge.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution be amended to remove the first enactment clause was endorsed.

The motion, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities urge the Province to amend the *Land Title Act* to expand the purposes under which a local government can search the records of the land title office without charge.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**TRANSPORTATION**

**R4 Funding for Road Maintenance**

**Village of Zeballos**

WHEREAS road infrastructure, the lifeline to many coastal communities, is not under the care and control of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, but rather entrusted to profit oriented industry.

AND WHEREAS funding levels driven by stumpage and royalties are no longer adequate to sustain and maintain coastal road infrastructure to "community use" standard as expected by the travelling public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Provincial Government be required to re-evaluate stumpage rates and apply an increased operating budget to support additional maintenance funding to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations who is responsible for many of these coastal community lifelines.

The friendly amendment to add **for forest roads accessing communities** after "additional maintenance funding" was accepted.

The motion, as amended, then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Provincial Government be required to re-evaluate stumpage rates and apply an increased operating budget to support additional maintenance funding for forest roads accessing communities to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations who is responsible for many of these coastal community lifelines.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### R5 Development of an Emergency Response Seismic Mitigation Fund

City of Powell River

WHEREAS in 1921 the Province of British Columbia initiated collection of a tax of 4.4% of gross property and vehicle insurance premiums (Insurance Premium Tax) equal to approximately \$450M per year to offset the cost of administering the Fire Marshalls Act, later the Fire Services Act;

AND WHEREAS the March 2014 Auditor General's Report concluded that British Columbia was not adequately prepared for a catastrophic seismic event and it is anticipated that seismic upgrading will be one of the included recommendations contained in the report of Henry Renteria, Chair of the BC Earthquake Preparedness Consultation that has been received by the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities forward a motion to the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities Conference requesting:

THAT the Provincial Government establish an Emergency Response Seismic Mitigation Fund; and further

THAT the Provincial Government allocate \$190,000,000 annually from the Insurance Premium Tax to the fund; and further

THAT up to \$1,000,000 of the fund be made available annually to each of the 190 local government jurisdictions in British Columbia for the purpose of seismic upgrading of municipal emergency response buildings.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the final enactment clause of the resolution be amended to change "municipal" to "local government" and add "including emergency reception centres" at the end.

The amended resolution then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities forward a motion to the 2015 Union of BC Municipalities Conference requesting:

THAT the Provincial Government establish an Emergency Response Seismic Mitigation Fund; and further

THAT the Provincial Government allocate \$190,000,000 annually from the Insurance Premium Tax to the fund; and further

THAT up to \$1,000,000 of the fund be made available annually to each of the 190 local government jurisdictions in British Columbia for the purpose of seismic upgrading of local government emergency response buildings including emergency reception centres.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

### R6 National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

City of Victoria

WHEREAS Indigenous women and girls in Canada have been murdered or have gone missing at a rate four times higher than non-indigenous women, despite aboriginal women constituting less than five per cent of the Canadian population;

AND WHEREAS the homicide rate in the past decade is roughly seven time higher for Indigenous women and girls than for all other women and girls in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of British Columbia Municipalities requests that the Federal Government convene a national inquiry into the widespread and severe violence faced by Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT AVICC/UBCM encourage member local governments to work together, in collaboration with Indigenous women's organizations, to institute a comprehensive response to the widespread and severe violence faced by Indigenous women and girls.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**TAXATION**

**R7 Increasing Corporate Income Tax Rates**

**Cowichan Valley Regional District**

WHEREAS local governments are heavily reliant on property taxes and need to diversify their revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS income tax sharing arrangements are common between senior and local government in other jurisdictions and British Columbia has the second lowest corporation tax rate of all provinces and territories;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia be urged to increase the corporation tax rate by 1% on large corporations as defined by the Province and transfer any revenue from that tax increase to the local government level.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R8 Vancouver Island Coordinated Solid Waste Strategy**

**City of Campbell River,  
Strathcona Regional District**

WHEREAS regional districts on Vancouver Island are struggling with the financial implications of managing solid waste, and the demand for diversion programs is increasing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities undertake an assessment to determine the feasibility of a Vancouver Island-wide solid waste service.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution be amended to include "Vancouver Island **and Coastal Communities**".

The resolution then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities undertake an assessment to determine the feasibility of a Vancouver Island and coastal communities solid waste service.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R9 Warning Labels for All Fossil Based Liquid Fuels**

**City of Colwood**

WHEREAS there is evidence that combustion of petroleum products such as gas and diesel used in vehicles contribute to greenhouse gas emissions that affect natural systems in ways that area injurious to human health and to the natural environment upon which we all depend for food and life;

AND WHEREAS sea level rise resulting from greenhouse gas emissions will cause significant harm to coastal communities

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities support, and will implement where possible, legislation to require retailers of petroleum products to provide plastic sleeves (nozzle toppers) with warning labels on pump handles for all fossil based liquid fuels.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R10 Environmental Bill of Rights**

**City of Victoria, Town of Ladysmith**

WHEREAS municipalities and regional districts are the governments nearest to people and the natural environment, and therefore share a deep concern for the welfare of the natural environment and understand that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities;

AND WHEREAS fostering the environmental well-being of the community is a municipal purpose under section 7(d) of the Community Charter and a regional district purpose under section 2(d) of the *Local Government Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia enact a provincial environmental bill of rights to fulfill the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment by ensuring access to information, public participation in decision making, and access to effective remedies, and without limitation to allow a resident to:

- comment on environmentally significant government proposals,
- ask a ministry or local government to review an existing law, policy, or program,
- ask a ministry, crown agency, or local government to investigate harm to the natural environment,
- appeal, or ask a ministry or local government to review, a decision under an enactment,
- propose a new law, regulation, policy, or program to protect the natural environment,
- use courts or tribunals to protect the environment, and
- have whistleblower protection.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R11 Declaration Of The Right To A Healthy Environment**

**District of Saanich  
District of Central Saanich**

WHEREAS the David Suzuki Foundation Blue Dot Tour has inspired many Canadians to request that the right to a healthy environment be enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms through support of the following motion;

AND WHEREAS the District of Saanich understands that people are part of the environment and that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the well-being of our community;

AND WHEREAS the Saanich Official Community Plan provides a strong policy foundation to pursue actions and initiatives that contribute toward a healthy environment;

AND WHEREAS Saanich has the opportunity to endorse the Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment, joining other Canadian cities in re-affirming our commitment to social, environmental and economic sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorse the following declaration:

That all people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:

- The right to breathe clean air;
- The right to drink clean water;
- The right to consume safe food;
- The right to access nature;
- The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment;
- The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the endorsed declaration be provided to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration at their 2015 convention.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## HEALTH

### R12 Rural Out-Patient Accommodation

Village of Tahsis

WHEREAS health care services for smaller, rural and remote communities witness the transportation of patients to hospitals in larger urban centres by ambulance and those patients, once discharged, must make other arrangements to return to their communities and therefore require temporary accommodation.

AND WHEREAS a broad spectrum of patients from remote communities undergoing chemotherapy treatment, day surgery, child birth, and the like, are also in need of temporary accommodation; and given that BC Ministry of Health goals include the key action to “work with rural communities, including First Nations, to implement a renewed approach to providing quality health care services across rural and remote areas.”

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities appeal to the provincial government to make every effort in providing support, whether through direct funding, initiatives or policy, to organizations that are undertaking the development of lands and other hard assets in the establishment of rural out-patient accommodation.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## SELECTED ISSUES

### R13 Smart Meters Fire Hazard

Village of Tahsis

WHEREAS smart meters appear to have a significant fire hazard risk as reported from jurisdictions all over North America, particularly in areas susceptible to high precipitation, and for that reason are under moratorium or are even being removed in many places, and also given that a progressive installation and study was overlooked in favour of a blanket rollout installation in British Columbia,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Minister responsible provide statistical evidence proving beyond any doubt that the smart meters currently in use in BC are equal to or superior to analog meters in accuracy, cause no harmful radiation, meet or exceed Canadian Safety Standards, in no way cause or contribute to an increased risk of fire under less than ideal conditions and are in fact, as safe as, or safer than analog meters,

AND FURTHER THAT if the Minister is unable to do so, that BC Hydro be required to provide the option of retrofit with an analog meter, at no cost to the customer, in order to mitigate any safety hazards/concerns, without delay.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution be amended to remove “**proving beyond any doubt**” was endorsed.

The motion then read:

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Minister responsible provide statistical evidence proving that the smart meters currently in use in BC are equal to or superior to analog meters in accuracy, cause no harmful radiation, meet or exceed Canadian Safety Standards, in no way cause or contribute to an increased risk of fire under less than ideal conditions and are in fact, as safe as, or safer than analog meters,

AND FURTHER THAT if the Minister is unable to do so, that BC Hydro be required to provide the option of retrofit with an analog meter, at no cost to the customer, in order to mitigate any safety hazards/concerns, without delay.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was DEFEATED***

**R14 Proposed Site C Hydroelectric Dam**

**City of Victoria**

WHEREAS the proposed Site C hydroelectric dam project on the Peace River has raised issues including the potential impact on BC Hydro ratepayers and provincial taxpayers, as well as the potential impacts on agricultural, environmental, aboriginal and municipal interests;

AND WHEREAS the District of Hudson's Hope and Peace River Regional District have requested a proper review of the project before any construction or development activities proceed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia refer the proposed Site C hydroelectric dam project to the BC Utilities Commission for review and consultation prior to any construction and development activities proceeding.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**Part 2 - Section "B"** - This section contains resolutions that support existing UBCM policy including:

- Previously considered and endorsed resolutions; or
- Resolutions in keeping with the UBCM policy, including previously approved policy papers or other documents.

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that all of the resolutions be removed from the block was endorsed.

**LEGISLATIVE**

**R15 Regional District Charter**

**Regional District of Nanaimo**

WHEREAS the Final Report from the Regional District Task Force entitled "Enhancing the Tools for Problem Solving in Regions" was presented to the members of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and to the Province in January 2010;

AND WHEREAS one of the recommendations of the Task Force was "that the Province consider the Task Force consultation finding that a number of RD elected officials are requesting an "RD Charter";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province be urged to continue the work started with the enactment of the *Community Charter* and proceed with a full review of Regional District legislation with a goal to enact a Regional District Charter or incorporate Regional District legislation fully within the *Community Charter*.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R16 Modernization of *Local Government Act***

**Cowichan Valley Regional District**

WHEREAS enactment of the *Community Charter* in 2003 has created an imbalance of powers and authorities between municipalities and the regional districts in which they participate; and

WHEREAS many of the regional district powers and authorities provided by the *Local Government Act* do not adequately address the current realities and complexities of regional governance in BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC and Union of BC Municipalities strongly encourage the Province to act upon its commitment to modernize and harmonize the legislation governing regional districts.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**R17 Provincial Government – Re-examine Log Export Policy Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

WHEREAS Coastal log exports increased 65% by volume from 2010 levels to 6,348,674 m3 in 2013 and the Coast represents 90.6% of total log export volume in the province of BC;

AND WHEREAS the coastal forest industry has grown dependent upon log exports with unintended consequences to the manufacturing sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Provincial Government re-examine the Log Export Policy and the impact this policy has on the Coastal Forest Industry, and that the Provincial Government investigate options for modifying the Log Export Policy in light of the increased Coastal Log Exports over the last several years.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**FINANCE**

**R18 Provincial Sales Tax Revenue Rebates For Local Governments Town Of Lake Cowichan**

WHEREAS local governments depend almost wholly on property taxation to fund municipal services and are currently facing infrastructure deficits of enormous proportions;

AND WHEREAS local governments and their taxpayers are unnecessarily burdened with sales tax charges on the purchase of all goods and services that include emergency equipment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province be petitioned to provide local governments full rebates of sales taxes on all purchases made as are provided by the Federal Government for the goods and services taxes(GST) paid by local governments with no commensurate reduction of current revenue sharing programs.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**R19 Establishment of a Provincial Fund to Support Search and Rescue Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

WHEREAS capital and non-operational funding for Search and Rescue in BC is not consistent, equitable, or rationally allocated and SAR organizations bear the large administrative burden of applying to myriad sources, including local governments, on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS a 2012 Coroner’s Inquest jury recommended that Emergency Management BC review and evaluate funding models to better support SAR operations, and in 2013 the BC Search and Rescue Association recommended a new funding model to EMBC that would provide adequate, predictable and sustainable funding through the establishment and management of a provincial fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province to support BCSARA’s proposal for the development of a provincial SAR fund and that the Province undertake necessary consultation with local governments and other stakeholders to develop, establish, and implement the fund as soon as possible.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R20 Provincial Funding for Police-Based Victim Services**

**Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

WHEREAS the Province does not fully fund police-based victim service programs due to its position that programs should be cost-shared with local governments in communities that contribute to their policing costs;

AND WHEREAS the property taxation system does not provide an equitable method of funding victim services and local governments have no funding formula to allocate funds in a coordinated manner that is responsive to demand for victim services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM continue to lobby the Province to fully fund police-based victim service programs, using a model that equitably and fairly distributes funding across the province.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**REGIONAL DISTRICTS**

**R21 Tree Protection Bylaws in Identified Urban Expansion Areas**

**City of Courtenay**

WHEREAS Regional Districts are prohibited by law from creating Tree Protection Bylaws;

AND WHEREAS unincorporated areas of Regional Districts include working forests, which are regulated provincially both on public and private land, precluding local/regional regulation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities lobby the Province to permit Regional Districts to institute Tree Protections Bylaws in identified urban expansion areas.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**ENVIRONMENT**

**R22 Expansion of Oil Tanker Traffic in Coastal BC Waters**

**District of Sooke**

WHEREAS the result of the District of Sooke assent voting opportunity (community opinion) on November 15, 2014 was in the affirmative that the District of Sooke should join other municipalities in renewing and restating its opposition to the expansion of oil tanker traffic through British Columbia’s coastal waters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that District of Sooke renew and restate its opposition to the expansion of oil tanker traffic through British Columbia's coastal waters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities to continue to petition the provincial and federal governments to stop the expansion of oil tanker traffic through British Columbia's coastal waters.

The friendly amendment to change “**District of Sooke**” to “**the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities**” was accepted.

The motion then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities renew and restate its opposition to the expansion of oil tanker traffic through British Columbia's coastal waters;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and Federation of Canadian Municipalities to continue to petition the provincial and federal governments to stop the expansion of oil tanker traffic through British Columbia's coastal waters.

***ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED***

**R23 Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

**Township of Esquimalt**

WHEREAS the Union of BC Municipalities endorsed Victoria's emergency resolution (LR2) in September 2014 calling on the Environmental Assessment Office of the Province of British Columbia to undertake its own Environmental Assessment process of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project and withdraw from the 2010 Equivalency Agreement with the National Energy Board (NEB), but no response has been received to date from the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Esquimalt Municipal Council affirms support for the 2014 UBCM resolution (LR2) calling on the Province of British Columbia to withdraw from the 2010 Equivalency Agreement with the NEB and undertake its own Environmental Assessment process of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, with meaningful participation by First Nations, municipalities and all interested British Columbians;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities endorse UBCM motion LR2 and call for a prompt response and action by the Province.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R24 Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP) Funding**

**Islands Trust**

WHEREAS the UBCM members previously endorsed resolution 2013-B104 requesting that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations adequately resource the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership; and

WHEREAS in 2015 the Partnership will issue a 30-year Conservation Strategy for the Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone, the most at risk zone in British Columbia, but has insufficient resources to implement the Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AVICC and the UBCM petition the provincial government to provide core, multi-year funding to the Partnership to assist its members to implement the Conservation Strategy with the Province, First Nations, local governments, the federal government, stakeholders, and the general public.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

**R25 Management of Ungulate Populations**

**District of Oak Bay**

WHEREAS the resources, authority and responsibility to manage ungulate populations is with the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the combination of favourable habitats, no natural predators, and the inability to allow hunting have contributed to expanding urban deer populations and exacerbated the problem of human-deer conflict in urban areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Province of British Columbia provide resources, including Conservation Officers and Urban Wildlife Biologists, and build the necessary partnerships with Health Canada and local governments to address deer over population.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## SELECTED ISSUES

### R26 Rural Tier Two Hydro Rates

### Regional District of Mount Waddington, District of Port Hardy

WHEREAS BC Hydro has adopted a two tiered rate structure to encourage energy consideration with the lower rate threshold based on approximately 90% of the provincial median household consumption of electricity and this average is weighted from the consumption patterns of two-thirds of BC households that are able to use natural gas for their heating, hot water and cooking energy requirements;

AND WHEREAS the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) reduced the upper price threshold charged by BC Hydro from the requested 1600 kilowatt hours to 1350 kilowatt hours for the bi-monthly billing period and most households in rural and remote communities do not have access to natural gas and cannot reduce their consumption by conservation measures sufficiently to avoid the higher tiered rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request the BC Utilities Commission to review the BC Hydro residential electrical tariff structure and increase the amount of kilowatt hours that qualify for the lower rate in all areas that do not have natural gas service.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## PART 3 – LATE RESOLUTIONS

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the Late Resolutions Report be received was endorsed.

### AVICC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE

#### A. LATE RESOLUTIONS: ADMIT FOR PLENARY DEBATE

LR1 Ministry of Energy and Mines Permitting

#### B. LATE RESOLUTIONS: NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DEBATE

None

### LR1 Ministry of Energy and Mines Permitting

### Cowichan Valley Regional District

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and Mines considers and approves applications for the purpose of 'EXTRACTING' sand and gravel resources;

AND WHEREAS local governments regulate land uses, such as 'PROCESSING' of resources, as authorized by the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Minister of Energy and Mines direct the Ministry to require compliance with local government zoning bylaws as a permit condition, and order Ministry staff to cancel any permits and deny any applications that contravene duly authorized local government zoning bylaws.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

## RESOLUTIONS OFF THE FLOOR

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled "Oil Spill Preparedness – English Bay Response" distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

**OF1 Oil Spill Preparedness – English Bay Response**

**District of Sechelt**

Whereas the oil spill event of April 8 2015, into English Bay, and the Salish Sea, demonstrated a clear lack of capacity to respond to oil spill events in British Columbia.

Whereas the long-term viability and economies of BC coastal communities are dependent, in part, upon the protection and preservation of the local marine environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the AVICC request that the Province of British Columbia order an independent audit of the current state of oil spill preparedness in BC.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***

On motion, duly moved and seconded, that the resolution titled “Increase Community Health Supports for Mental Health” distributed to all members in attendance be admitted for discussion was endorsed.

**OF2 Increase Community Health Supports for Mental Health**

WHEREAS support for community health services, such as integrated mental health diagnoses and treatment, have failed to keep pace with the needs of our communities; and

WHEREAS intervening and responding to mental health crises places a growing demand on policing services, which are funded by local governments in many communities, and which are not structured or intended to be used as health care providers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia increase the funding to health organizations to provide additional community health resources, and work with policing bodies to implement integrated response plans for mental health crises.

***ON MOTION, was ENDORSED***



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Local Government Leadership Academy is a leadership development initiative that serves local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators throughout the Province of British Columbia by improving the competencies needed to effectively lead BC's communities.

## Certificate Program

The LGLA Certificate Program is designed to support and encourage elected officials who want to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge. To qualify for a certificate, elected officials are required to document their learning activities and to submit a record of the learning events they have attended. Course work can be a mix of LGLA and other partner agency programming, such as UBCM and Area Association conferences and seminars. Two levels of certification are offered: Level 1 – Certificate in Local Government Leadership, and Level 2 – Advanced Certificate in Local Government Leadership. Please visit [lgl.ca/programs](http://lgl.ca/programs) for application forms and full details.

## Elected Officials Seminar Series

Following local government elections, the LGLA holds a series of seminars around the province for newly elected and returning elected officials. The program covers the basics of local governance (e.g., meeting procedures, law, planning, finance, etc.) as well as current topics of importance (e.g., local government-First Nations relations, citizen engagement, decision making, media relations, etc.). Our 2015 EOS series was held in January and February 2015 in Richmond (3 events), Kelowna, Parksville (2 events), Prince George and Kimberley. The seminars were a great success, with a total of 721 elected officials and staff participating. Materials and resources from the 2015 seminars – including audio recordings of the proceedings of the Richmond events – are now available online at [lgl.ca/events/2015-eos](http://lgl.ca/events/2015-eos). Our next EOS series will be held following the October 2018 local government elections.

## Annual Leadership Forum

LGLA offers an annual Leadership Forum in between election years. This is a three-day learning and networking event held in the Lower Mainland, which brings together local government and First Nations elected officials and senior administrators from around the province. Join us in 2016 for our next province-wide event. Details will be posted to the LGLA website over the coming months at [lgl.ca/events](http://lgl.ca/events).