



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayors and Councils, Chairs and Boards
Chief Administrative Officers, Corporate Officers

FROM: President Barbara Price

DATE: November 10, 2015

**RE: RESOLUTIONS NOTICE/REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AVICC EXECUTIVE**

Attached is the Resolutions Notice/Request for Submissions and the Call for Nominations for the AVICC Executive. Please note that this year's resolution and nomination deadline is **Monday, February 22, 2016**.

Both AVICC and UBCM members strongly believe in the value of resolutions debate and continually seeks ways to improve the process. AVICC strives to mirror and complement UBCM's processes in order to develop efficiency and ease of understanding for delegates. The AVICC Executive continues to review the resolutions process to see if there are any opportunities for improvement.

Debating of Resolutions by the Area Association in Advance of Submission to UBCM

We have asked for members' assistance in bringing forward resolutions for consideration at the Area Association as opposed to submitting them directly to UBCM and have appreciated that you have responded.

Number of Resolutions

We continue to hear from delegates during the AVICC Resolutions Sessions that some of the resolutions being considered are too general, focus on topics that are not under local government purview, and that bringing forward too many resolutions detracted from debate on the most important issues and might not be to the benefit of local government because other levels of government could get side tracked on issues that are of lesser importance. Let's continue to ensure that resolutions that are being brought forward are specific and focus on new issues of provincial or AVICC-wide interest.

Late Resolutions

Last year, AVICC received two resolutions after the regular resolutions deadline with only one recommended that it be admitted for debate as a result of meeting the late resolutions criteria.

Continued Request of Our Members:

All three issues noted above will continue to be improved by adhering to the following two recommendations:

- ✓ Forward your resolutions for debate first to our AVICC AGM & Convention by the regular resolutions deadline of **Monday, February 22, 2016**.
- ✓ Focus resolutions on new issues of provincial or AVICC-wide interest avoiding repeat resolutions by checking the UBCM Resolutions database available through the website at www.ubcm.ca. Click on the Resolutions and Policy tab at the top of the page. It will be possible to enter a search to locate any Resolutions on the same topic that have been considered in the past and what the response has been. Note that the UBCM Resolutions database will be brought up to date to include the 2015 resolutions by **December 1, 2015** though they will not yet include a response.

Included with the Resolutions Notice are guidelines for preparing and submitting resolutions. We appreciate all efforts to expedite and facilitate the debate among members.



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RESOLUTIONS NOTICE

REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions must be received in the AVICC office by: **FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Resolutions submitted to the AVICC for consideration shall be received as follows:

1. One copy of the resolution by regular mail to:
AVICC
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC
V8V 0A8

AND

2. One copy submitted electronically either through the online submission form or by email (submitting the resolution in MS Word is preferred):
 - a) Online http://ubcm.formstack.com/forms/avicc_2016_resolutions_submission_form
 - b) Email to avicc@ubcm.ca (Word version of the resolution itself preferred)
- The resolution should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses; and
 - Background documentation must accompany each resolution submitted.

Sponsors should be prepared to introduce their resolutions on the Convention floor.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution must be forwarded to the AVICC by the Wednesday noon preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting. This year's late resolution deadline is **April 6, 2016**.
- b. Late resolutions shall be available for discussion after all resolutions printed in the Resolutions Book have been debated.
- c. Late resolutions are deemed to be appropriate for discussion only if the topic is such that it has arisen since or was not known prior to the regular deadline date for submission of resolutions.
- d. In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion AVICC shall produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Convention.

UBCM ASKS FOR RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE AREA ASSOCIATIONS FIRST

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions first to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions endorsed at Area Association annual meetings are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration and do not need to be re-submitted to UBCM by the sponsor.

A resolution should be submitted directly to UBCM only if the resolution addresses an issue that arises after the Area Association annual meeting. In this case, local governments may submit council- or board-endorsed resolutions to UBCM prior to June 30 each year. Should this be necessary, detailed instructions are available under the Resolutions tab on <http://www.ubcm.ca>.

UBCM RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

1. Members submit their resolutions to their Area Association for debate.
2. The Area Association submits the endorsed resolutions of provincial interest to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolution Committee reviews the resolutions for submission to the UBCM Convention.
4. Endorsed resolutions at the UBCM Convention are submitted to the appropriate level of government for responses.
5. Once the provincial responses have been conveyed to the UBCM they are forwarded to the sponsor for their review.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING RESOLUTIONS

The Construction of a Resolution:

All resolutions contain a preamble and enactment clause. The preamble describes *the issue and* the enactment clause outlines *the action being* requested. A resolution should answer the following three questions:

- What is the problem?
- What is causing the problem?
- What is the best way to solve the problem?

Preamble:

The preamble commences with a recital, or "WHEREAS", clause. This is a concise paragraph about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It should clearly and briefly outline the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. If explaining the problem requires more than two preliminary clauses, then provide supporting documents to describe the problem more fully. Do not add extra clauses.

Enactment Clause:

The enactment clause begins with the words "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED". It must convey the resolution's intent, and should propose a specific action by AVICC and UBCM.

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action.

How to Draft a Resolution:

1. *Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.*

Since your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. Delegates will not support a resolution if the issues it addresses are too complex for them to understand quickly.

2. Use simple, action-oriented language and avoid ambiguous terms.

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then consider the resolution without having to parse complicated text or vague concepts.

3. Provide factual background information.

Even a carefully constructed resolution may not clearly indicate the problem or the action being requested. Where possible, provide factual background information to ensure that the "intent" of the resolution is understood.

Two types of background information help to clarify the "intent" of a resolution:

i Supplementary Memo:

A brief, one-page memo from the author, that outlines the background that led to the presentation and adoption of the resolution by the local government.

ii Council/Board Report:

A report on the subject matter, presented to council or board in conjunction with the resolution. If it is not possible to send the entire report, then extract the essential background information and submit it with the resolution.

Resolutions submitted without adequate background information will not be considered until the sponsor has been consulted and has provided documentation outlining the intent of the resolution.

4. Construct a brief, descriptive title.

A title assists to identify the intent of the resolution and eliminates the possibility of misinterpretation. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution.

For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity of intent, a title should be no more than three or four words.

5. Check legislative references for accuracy.

Where necessary, identify:

- The correct jurisdictional responsibility (e.g., ministry or department within the provincial or federal government); and
- The correct legislation, including the name of the Act.

6. Focus on issues that are province-wide.

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments across the Province. This will support proper debate on the issue and assist UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional districts.

7. Avoid repeat resolutions.

In the past, Resolutions have often come back year after year on the same topic. Members and staff are encouraged to search the UBCM Resolutions database available through the website at www.ubcm.ca Click on the Resolutions and Policy tab at the top of the page. It will be possible to locate any Resolutions on the same topic that have been considered in the past and what the response has been.

8. Ensure that your own local government's process for handling/approving of resolutions to AVICC/UBCM is followed.

UBCM GOLD STAR AND HONOURABLE MENTION RESOLUTIONS

The UBCM Gold Star and Honourable Mention resolution recognition initiative was launched at the 2003 UBCM Convention, and is intended to encourage excellence in resolutions drafting and to assist UBCM members in refining their resolutions in preparation for submission to the annual UBCM Convention.

To be awarded the UBCM Gold Star or Honourable Mention recognition, a resolution must meet the standards of excellence established in the following Gold Star Resolutions Criteria, which are based on the resolution:

1. Resolution must be properly titled.
2. Resolution must employ clear, simple language.
3. Resolution must clearly identify problem, reason and solution.
4. Resolution must have two or fewer recital (WHEREAS) clauses.
5. Resolution must have a short, clear, stand-alone enactment (THEREFORE) clause.
6. Resolution must focus on a single subject, must be of local government concern province-wide and must address an issue that constitutes new policy for UBCM.
7. Resolution must include appropriate references to policy, legislation and regulation.
8. Resolution must be submitted to relevant Area Association prior to UBCM.

If you have any questions, please contact Reiko Tagami by email at rtagami@ubcm.ca or by calling 604-270-8226 (extension 115).

MODEL RESOLUTION

SHORT TITLE: _____

Sponsor's Name _____

WHEREAS _____

AND WHEREAS _____

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that _____

(Note: A second resolve clause if it is absolutely required should start as follows:)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____

AVICC
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8
Telephone: 250-356-5122 Fax: 250-356-5119
Email: avicc@ubcm.ca



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AVICC EXECUTIVE

AVICC is the collective voice for local government on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, Powell River and the Central Coast. The membership elects directors during the Convention to ensure the directions set by the general membership are carried forward. The Executive also provides the direction for the Association between Conventions.

This circular is notice of the AVICC Executive positions open for nomination, the process and the procedures for nomination.

1. POSITIONS OPEN TO NOMINATIONS

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Director at Large (3 positions)
- Electoral Area Representative

2. NOMINATION PROCESS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

The candidate must be an elected official of an AVICC member and must be nominated by two elected officials of an AVICC local government member.

Background information that defines the key responsibilities and commitments of an AVICC Executive member is available on request from the AVICC Office and is published on the website at www.avicc.ca under the Bylaws.

A nomination and consent form should be used for all nominations (attached or on the website at [Nominations](#)).

The Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee will be Past President Joe Stanhope, Chair of the Nanaimo Regional District.

3. NEXT STEPS

It is part of the duties of the Nominating Committee to review the credentials of each candidate. A Report on Nominations including, at the candidate's option, a photo and 300-word biography will be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and distributed in the AVICC Convention Newsletter.

**To Be Included In *The Report on Nominations*,
Nominations Must Be Received By
FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

4. FINAL COMMENTS

The nomination process outlined above does not change the process whereby candidates can be nominated off the floor at the Convention. It does allow those that are interested in seeking office to be nominated in advance of the Convention with the "sanction" of a Nominating Committee and to have their biographical information published in the AVICC Convention Newsletter.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Copies of the "consent form" or duties of Executive members are available from the AVICC office or on the website at [Nominations](#)

All other inquiries should be directed to:

**Past President Joe Stanhope, Chair
2015 Nominating Committee
c/o AVICC
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8**

Phone: (250) 356-5122

Fax: (250) 356-5119

Email: avicc@ubcm.ca

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016-17 AVICC EXECUTIVE

We are qualified under the AVICC Constitution to nominate¹ a candidate and we nominate:

Name: _____

Local Gov't Position (Mayor/Councillor/Director): _____

Municipality or Regional District Represented: _____

AVICC Executive Office Nominated For: _____

Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Muni/RD: _____ Muni/RD: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

CONSENT FORM

I consent to this nomination and attest that I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I have been nominated to pursuant to the AVICC Constitution². I also agree to provide the following information to the Chair, AVICC Nominating Committee (c/o AVICC Office) by **Monday, February 22, 2016**.

- 2"x3" Photo in digital format should be sent to avicc@ubcm.ca
- Biographical information. The maximum length of such information shall be 300 words. If the information provided is in excess, the Nominating Committee Chair shall edit as required. A copy in Word format should be emailed to avicc@ubcm.ca

Printed Name: _____

Position: _____

Muni/RD: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

¹ Nominations require two elected officials of members of the Association.

² All nominees of the Executive shall be elected representatives of a member of the Association. Nominees for electoral area representative must hold the appropriate office.

**Return To: Past President Joe Stanhope, Chair, Nominating Committee, AVICC
525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8 or Fax: 250-356-5119**