

Subject: AVICC February Update - Convention, Survey, Tsunami Debris, Abandoned Vessels

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Please forward to elected officials, CAO and Corporate Officer:

1. Convention Registration Open

Registration is now available on-line for the AVICC Convention in Nanaimo from April 8-10 at [Registration](#). Information about the sessions, tours, networking and social events is available in the [Program Brochure](#). More information is available at the AVICC website at www.avicc.ca

2. UBCM Membership Survey - 2016

The UBCM is looking for feedback regarding member satisfaction as well as input on how to improve for the future. The survey is designed to tell three things:

- 1 Level of member awareness of UBCM activities;
- 2 How members rate the level of importance of specific activities; and
- 3 How members rate UBCM's performance.

The survey is available at <http://www.surveys.civicinfo.ca/s/ubcm-membership-2016/>

3. Tsunami Debris Funding Available

The provincial government is currently accepting applications from local governments to support tsunami debris clean up activities. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2016. This funding was made available by the Government of Japan following the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami of March 6, 2011, which resulted in debris transiting the Pacific Ocean and depositing on North American shores. Although there is no responsibility to be borne by Japan for the impact of this devastating natural disaster, the Japanese people, through the Government of Japan graciously offered to assist British Columbians with their cleanup effort. The Government of Canada accepted those funds and has provided them to the Province of British Columbia to be administered by the Ministry of Environment.

These funds have been made available to assist coastal communities, through local

governments, First Nations and non-profit organizations with tsunami debris cleanup activities. Several agreements for cleanup activities were entered into in 2013-14 with most being extended to March 2016.

Further information and how to apply can be found [here](#).

4. Abandoned Vessels Bill Tabled

Sheila Malcolmson, Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Ladysmith, tabled a Private Member's Bill in the House of Commons with the goal of reducing the environmental, economic and navigational hazards to Canadian waterways and coastlines posed by abandoned vessels. The full bill and its progress in the House is available at [Bill](#).