



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE HELD
AT THE NANAIMO REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, President
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, First Vice-President
Councillor Barbara Price, Comox, Second Vice-President
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative
Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt, Director at Large
Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large
Councillor Andrew Mostad, Lantzville, Director at Large
Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, Past President

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator

GUESTS: Gord Schoberg and Jerry Berry, Fortis BC
Brian Clemens, CFO, Nanaimo City

President Larry Cross called the meeting to order at 10:36 am with the agenda being adopted by consensus with the addition of two items being added by First Vice-President Solda (Tsunami Debris Funding and Changes Required to Watersheds Legislation).

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On motion by Past President Joe Stanhope, seconded by EA Rep Mary Marcotte,
That the minutes of April 11, 14 and 24, 2013 be adopted and that the April 12-14 AGM & Convention
Minutes be received was CARRIED

2. REPORTS

President's Report

President Cross provided brief highlights from his attendance at the LMLGA Convention noting that an email network has been initiated to begin building an ongoing relationship and that there is consideration of getting together during the UBCM Convention to discuss common issues.

Staff Report

Staff provided a brief overview of the written report and responded to questions arising.

Director Moglove's Report on Attendance at the May 30 Law Workshop

Director Moglove provided a brief overview of issues covered in the workshop and distributed a written report on the topic of Conflict of Interest. Attention was drawn to Minister Bennett's response to AVICC's letter included under Correspondence Item 6 (b).

On motion by Director Claire Moglove, seconded by Director Meagan Brame,
That an email go out to members requesting them to provide examples of problems and the
resulting impacts on operations that have arisen since this decision by July 15 followed by AVICC
forwarding a letter with the examples to the Ministry reiterating the significance of the issue and
asking them to move as quickly as possible to find resolution was CARRIED

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

Financials to May 31, 2013

On motion by Past President Joe Stanhope, seconded by EA Representative Mary Marcotte,
That the interim financial statements to May 31, 2013 be received was CARRIED

Dues Status Report

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by Past President Joe Stanhope,
That the Dues Status Report be received was CARRIED

Appointment of Auditors for 2013

On motion by Director Claire Moglove, seconded by Director Meagan Brame,
That KPMG be appointed as auditors for the 2013 financial year was CARRIED

Vancouver Island Conference Centre Contract for 2016

On motion by Director Claire Moglove, seconded by Second Vice-President Barbara Price,
That President Cross be authorized to sign the Vancouver Island Conference Centre License
Agreement on behalf of AVICC upon satisfactory resolution of the identified issues was CARRIED

Director Andrew Mostad joined the meeting at this point expressing regret at his late arrival.

CONVENTION

2013 AGM & Convention Delegate Feedback

On motion by Past President Joe Stanhope, seconded by First Vice-President Cindy Solda,
That the Host Communities Responsibilities be revised to reflect that venues for all Convention
activities must be of a permanent nature as reliance on a tent or other temporary structures due to
the weather risk related to the timing of Convention is unacceptable, and that the email from VIEA be
received and that they be given a discounted rate at 50% for an exhibitor table at the 2014 AGM &
Convention was CARRIED

On motion by Director Meagan Brame, seconded by Director Claire Moglove,
That staff prepare a report on the logistics and cost of being able to provide delegates with a booklet
similar to LMLGA's "Conference Navigator" including, if necessary, consideration of hiring some
temporary help was CARRIED

On motion by Second Vice-President Price, seconded by Director Meagan Brame,
That the report be received and the following feedback be incorporated into next year's planning:
use of pro/con microphone; bottled water not to served, notice on door to enter quietly,
incorporating an EA Directors session if constructive, entertainment to be shorter allowing
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networking, more healthy options on the Continental Breakfast, incorporating panel discussion on resolutions, fewer speakers with more time to allow interactive session was CARRIED

2014 AGM & Convention Planning

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by Second Vice-President Barbara Price, That the report be received and staff initiate contact the following potential keynote speakers in order of priority: Trevor Greene, Deb Gray and Ralph Nilson was CARRIED

AVICC Luncheon at the UBCM Convention

On motion by Second Vice-President Barbara Price, seconded by Director Meagan Brame, That the proposed agenda be approved was CARRIED

President Cross to obtain feedback from the newly established area association email network as to whether there is appetite for all members of the boards to get together during the UBCM Convention.

POLICY

2013 Resolutions Disposition

On motion by Director Claire Moglove, seconded by Director Meagan Brame, That the proposed amendment to R10-Genetically Engineered Plants and Animals be referred back to Metchosin to bring forward to UBCM FAILED

On motion by Second Vice-President Barbara Price, seconded by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, That

- AVICC Executive propose an amendment to R10 - GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PLANTS & ANIMALS to revise the enactment clause to:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM ask the British Columbia government to legislate the prohibition of importing, exporting and growing plants and seeds containing genetically engineered DNA, and raising GE animals within BC, and to declare, through legislation that the province of BC is a GE Free area in respect to all plant and animal species.”

- legal counsel be engaged to register the AVICC Constitution and Bylaw changes with the Corporate Registry Office;
- a new section be added to the Executive Policies;

10.1 MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Pursuant to Section 4(1) of the Bylaws, the criteria established by the Executive for other local governments to be eligible for UBCM membership are:

- (a) elected representation;*
- (b) ability to tax;*
- (c) ability to exercise regulatory power or provide local services.*

With one opposed was CARRIED

Provincial Election Implications for AVICC on Priority Topics

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by EA Representative Mary Marcotte, That a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; and a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources requesting a meeting on the issue of derelict vessels during the UBCM Convention was CARRIED

Representation on DFO Finfish and Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committees (AMACs)

On motion by EA Representative Mary Marcotte, seconded by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, That the report be received was CARRIED

On motion by Past President Joe Stanhope, seconded by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, That Nanaimo Director Bill Veenhof be recommended as the Shellfish AMAC representative and Strathcona Director Jim Abram as the Finfish AMAC representative was CARRIED

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by Director Claire Moglove, That Tofino Councillor Dorothy Baert be recommended as the Shellfish AMAC alternate and Port Hardy Mayor Bev Parnham as the Finfish AMAC alternate was CARRIED

Request from Spine Trail Association

On motion by Second Vice-President Barbara Price, seconded by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, That a letter be sent to VISTA advising that due to its limited staff resources and identified priorities that AVICC regrets that it is unable to provide in-kind staff support as requested, but that we would be pleased to contribute by disseminating communication materials to our regional district members was CARRIED

Spill Preparedness

Consensus was to bring in a delegation on the topic to the October meeting. Director Brame to provide contacts.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following item was added:

6 (d) June 12, 2013 – J. McLeman and D. Deluca, Alberni-Clayoquot Transportation Committee
Re: Highway link between the Alberni Valley and Highway 19

On motion by Past President Joe Stanhope, seconded by EA Representative Mary Marcotte, That the correspondence be received was CARRIED

Tsunami Debris Funding

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by EA Representative Mary Marcotte, That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Environment to determine how the funds received from Japan for managing tsunami debris are being distributed was CARRIED

FortisBC Gas Operating Agreement Negotiations and BCUC Application for Reconsideration

At approximately 1:25 pm, Jerry Berry and Gord Schoberg from FortisBC and Brian Clemens, Nanaimo City CFO joined the group for the discussion. Jerry and Gord updated the members on the current status of the Application for Reconsideration through BCUC which is in Phase 1 with Fort Nelson being taken out of the affected areas; the near completion of the pro-forma operating agreement; and Saanich CAO Paul Murray replacing Doug Holmes as senior staff representative on the file. It was noted that if the Application for Reconsideration fails, the option of an appeal through the civil process remains. Brian Clemens distributed a one-page briefing note that they had developed to support advocacy on the issue and noted that they were willing to share a template to prepare locally relevant statistics. It was clarified that there are two separate issues: common rates which affects all natural gas consumers and will the ability to implement operating fees which is specific to local governments who might qualify.

Next steps:

- Jerry Berry and Brian Clemens to support Working Group Members to help them develop their own locally relevant information.
- Brief BCUC staff on the pro-forma operating agreement seeking their support followed by bringing a pilot signed pro-forma agreement for approval. Consensus was that it would be appropriate to have City of Nanaimo be the pilot organization if they were willing.
- Jerry Berry and Paul Murray to meet with Ministry staff to provide an update and confirm steps needed to update legislation to allow operating fees.
- AVICC to request a meeting through one of our members (potential: Nanaimo RD, Saanich or Nanaimo City) with appropriate Ministers during the UBCM Convention to reiterate the importance of the Application for Reconsideration and support needed for changing the legislation to allow operating fees.

Changes Required to Watersheds Legislation

On motion by First Vice-President Cindy Solda, seconded by EA Representative Mary Marcotte, That a request be made to the appropriate UBCM Sub-Committee to seek an avenue or forum to discuss what changes are required to watersheds legislation in light of issues arising from recent developments in Private Managed Forest Lands was CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Larry Cross
President

Shelley Webber
Executive Coordinator